

# Elk County 4-H News

**November 2024**

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## 4-H Calendar of Events

### November

1 Annual Financial Reports Due  
3 Teen Leaders Meeting -- 6:00 p.m.  
10 4-H Achievement Banquet -- Grenola - 6:00 p.m.  
11 Holiday -- Offices Closed  
17 Livestock Judging/Livestock Skillathon Workshop -- 5:30 p.m.  
20 Resume and Interview Workshop  
28 - 29 Holiday -- Offices Closed

### December

4 4-H Council  
8 4-H Officers Training and Christmas Party -- 3:00 p.m.

### January

20 Holiday -- Offices Closed

### February

5 4-H Council  
16 Beef Weigh In and Tag Day (150 days)

### March

1 KSU Jr Swine Producers Day  
22 KSU Jr Meat Goat Producers Day  
22 Regional 4-H Club Day -- Madison

### April

18 - 19 Small Animal Weigh In and Tag Day  
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## 4HOnline Enrollment

4HOnline is now working for selecting your projects. If you want to participate in the 2025 Elk County 4-H Fair, you must be enrolled by December 1, so get enrolled now.

This year, funds are available to pay for member's enrollment fees. When members start enrolling in October, **you will mark your payment as a check payment.** Once enrollment is completed; it is sent to the Extension Office for approval, we will enter a code and your fees will be paid. If you have any questions about this, please ask before you enroll!

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## Teen Leaders Meeting

**Sunday, November 3 -- 6:00 p.m.**  
**Extension Meeting Room**

All 4-Hers 13 and older are welcome to attend. There will be pizza for supper. We need to discuss plans for the new 4-H year, elect officers, and make plans for the County Christmas Party in December.

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## Achievement Banquet

"Dress Your Best for Sunday Dinner" at the Elk County 4-H Achievement Banquet on Saturday, November 10, 6:00 p.m. at the Grenola Community Building. We will eat at 6:00 p.m. followed by the awards ceremony. Responsibilities for the evening are:

**Master of Ceremonies** -- Rachel Humphrey and Emma Arbuckle

**Flag Salute/4-H Pledge** -- Bella Apsley

**Thank you to Supporters** -- Jaxson Bogdahn

**Help hand out awards** -- Peyton Fechter, Elizabeth Woods

Club Responsibilities:

**Flint Hill Boosters** -- Decorations, Mashed Potatoes, Beef/Noodles, Chicken/Noodles

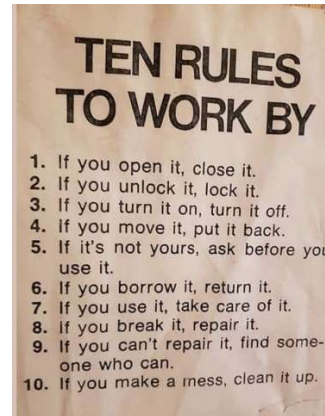
**Moline Shining Star** -- Green Beans, Rolls, Butter

**Grenola Jayhawkers** -- Desserts

**Extension Office** -- Paper products, plates, etc.

Plan for 100 people.

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## 4-H Officers Training and Christmas Party

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, December 8, 3:00 p.m. for County Officers Training, Meeting Exchange and County Christmas Party.** Event will be at West Elk School

This will be a fun event for the whole county to come together for a Christmas Party with a gift exchange, games, and officers training. More details and specifics will be provided closer to the date and at your November 4-H club meetings.

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## Set Personal Goals in Your Record Book

Goal setting and planning should be a part of everyone's 4-H experience. If you haven't set goals, now is a great time to start, as we just began the 2023-2024 4-H year.

By setting goals for the new year you position yourself to succeed. Look ahead and plan what events you want to attend, projects you want to complete, activities you want to lead or participate in, and what awards you want to receive next year.

Goal setting is important for youth to key in on certain events for the year. It helps build confidence and most importantly allows our youth to learn and grow. By setting goals at the beginning of the year, youth can reflect back occasionally to see how far they've come. Reflecting provides the opportunity for our youth to self reflect in a positive way. They can see what they have accomplished, how they accomplished it, and if there is a better or more efficient way they could do it in the future.

Start setting goals for your pin applications, key award, premium sale requirements, and for your 2024-2025 4-H projects.

## Kansas 4-H/FFA Enrollment

There is a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Kansas 4-H and Kansas FFA. If youth are considering joining one or the other, please look over the MOU and take it into consideration in choosing projects that may overlap between the two organizations. Projects might include livestock, horse, rabbit, poultry, crops and agricultural mechanics.

4-H Youth Development and Agriculture Education/FFA promote teaching youth life skills. Both programs exist to maximize the participants' knowledge of agriculture and its value to our communities while educating the young people to become productive citizens. Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H and FFA but shall avoid duplication. Therefore, the following principles are required to be used in delivering the 4-H and FFA programs in Kansas as we strive to educate youth.

1. Agriculture Education teachers, FFA Advisors, Extension staff and local volunteers are encouraged to cooperate in sharing information and resources to provide educational opportunities for youth.

2. When young people are members of both 4-H and FFA, they shall plan and manage separate projects, and/or supervised agriculture experiences (SAE) programs.

3. FFA and 4-H members may enroll in the same area of experience in 4-H and FFA; however, participants cannot identify, nominate, manage, keep records on, or exhibit the same plants, animals, etc. in both organizations. Members must designate exhibits as either FFA or 4-H at weigh-in, registration or similar deadline.

4. Members may participate in judging contests and related events in FFA and 4-H but cannot represent both organizations at a contest, show or event at the same time.

5. When 4-H and FFA are conducting collaborating activities, both the 4-H and FFA organizations should be represented through emblems and information on all signs, print materials and awards.

6. Collaborating FFA and 4-H activities or events are obligated to have supervision representation from both organizations.

The above principles are in agreement with Kansas 4-H and FFA and hereby affirmed by members and professionals in order to participate in either educational program.

**An Elk County Fair FFA Intent to Participate Form will be emailed to both FFA chapters for FFA members to complete if they are planning to participate in the 2025 Elk County Fair. This will allow the Extension Office to make sure FFA members are on email lists and kept informed about details of the county fair.**

## Livestock Judging/Skillathon Meeting

**Sunday, November 17 -- 5:30 p.m.  
Extension Meeting Room**

This meeting is for anyone interested in livestock judging and/or livestock skillathons. We will

discuss livestock judging and have some livestock skillathon activities. Come prepared to discuss previous judging experience and your level of interest in practices and contests.



## Resume and Interview Workshop

Wednesday, November 20 -- 7:00 p.m.  
Extension Meeting Room

It is never too early to start working on your resume. Topics for the meeting are:

- Starting and improving your resume
- Cover letters
- Interviews
- Dress for Success

The workshop is open to anyone irregardless if someone is in 4-H or not.



## What is 4-H Council?

What is 4-H Council? I am sure that some of you are not exactly sure what the Elk County 4-H Council is and what its purpose is. The 4-H Council is the governing body of the Elk County 4-H Program.

Responsibilities of a county 4-H Council are to:

- ✓ Plan and carry out county wide activities and events involving 4-H members such as 4-H Club Day, Supporters Picnic, Achievement Banquet, Fashion Revue, Favorite Food Show, County Fair, and any other events which seem advisable.
- ✓ To coordinate all 4-H activities in the county.
- ✓ The program implementation body for county 4-H activities and events.
- ✓ To set policies for operation of the county 4-H program.
- ✓ Prepare budget of private funds necessary for carrying out the above mentioned activities.

- ✓ Plan and conduct money raising activities necessary for meeting the budget.
- ✓ Serve as a clearing house for 4-H club work and an exchange of ideas.

4-H Council is made up of four representatives from each club in Elk County as well as two club leaders from each club. These members represent their fellow club members. Members need to attend and participate in 4-H Council meetings by expressing opinions of their club, voting as their club would, and then reporting to their club on discussions and decisions made at 4-H Council.

Every 4-H member in Elk County is affected by the decisions made at 4-H Council. Some of you may think that only a few people are affected or just certain clubs, but that is not the case. Every member can reap the benefits of a successful county 4-H Council. We are a county 4-H program, not just individual clubs operating totally independent.

4-H Council is an opportunity to learn to work together and meet other 4-H members from across the county.

The 2024 - 2025 Officers of 4-H Council are:  
President - Rachel Humphrey  
Vice President - Emma Arbuckle  
Secretary - Elizabeth Woods  
Treasurer - Jaxson Bogdahn



## December 4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be **Wednesday, December 4 at the Extension Meeting Room in Howard at 6:30 p.m.**



# Kansas 4-H Projects

## 2024-2025

### Animal Science

- Beef
- Dog
- Horse
- Meat Goats
- Pets
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Sheep
- Swine
- Veterinary Science

### Consumer & Family Science

- Sewing & Textile Design
  - Shopping in Style
  - Family Studies
  - Fiber Arts
- Foods & Nutrition
- Health & Wellness
- Interior Design & Architecture

### Communications & Expressive Arts

- Communications
- Performing Arts
  - Photography
  - Visual Arts

### Plant Sciences

- Entomology
- Agronomy
- Forestry
- Horticulture & Landscape Design

### Natural Resources

- Environmental Science
  - Geology
  - Wildlife
- Shooting Sports

### Leadership & Professional Development

- Civic Engagement
  - Leadership
- Reading Adventures
- Self-Determined

### Engineering & Technology

- Ag Mechanics Welding
- Building Block Engineering
  - Astronomy
  - Computer Science
- Electric & Renewable Energy
  - Robotics
- Aerospace/Rocketry
  - Small Engines
- Uncrewed Aircraft Systems
  - Woodworking





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# 2025 K-State Junior Swine Producer Day

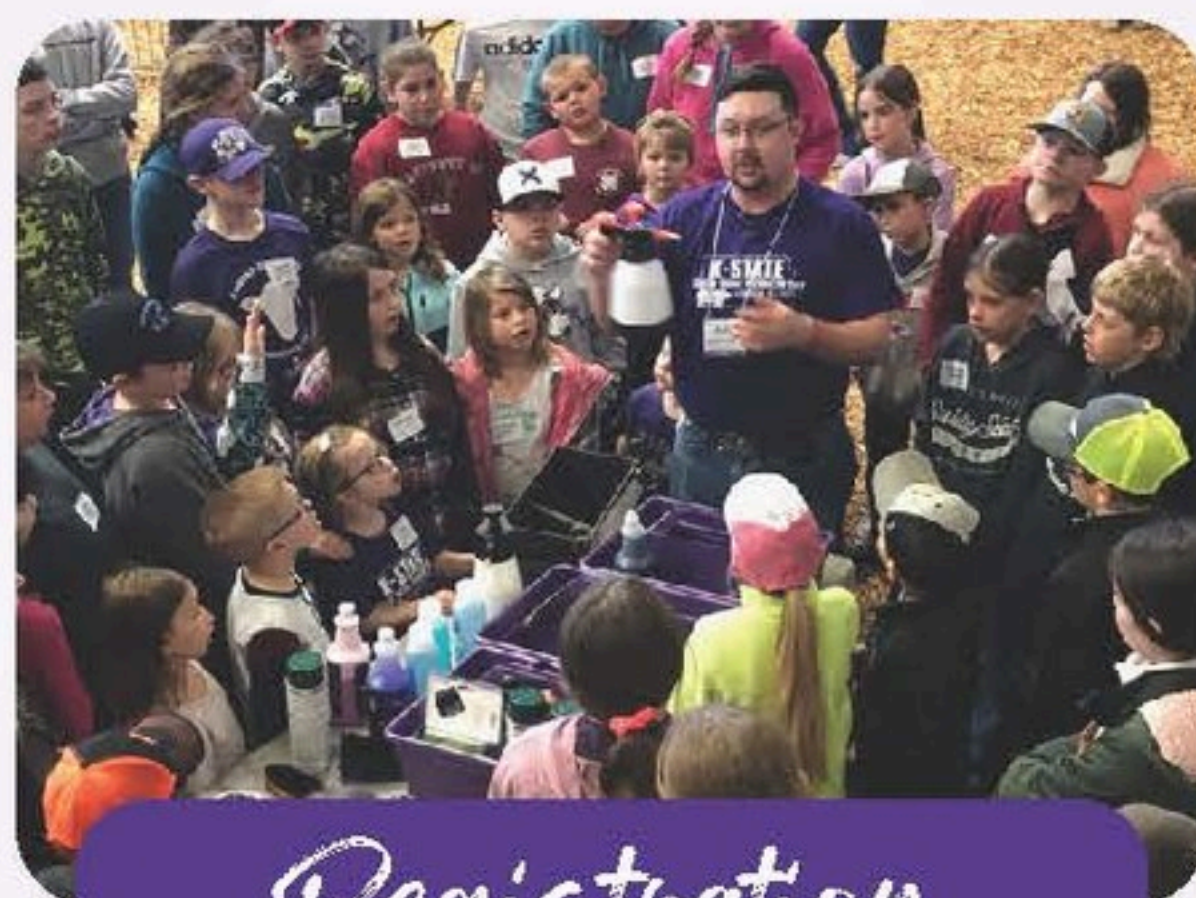


Join us on Saturday, March 1, 2025 for the biennial K-State Junior Swine Producer Day at the Stanley Stout Center in Manhattan. This educational event will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, ag teachers, and swine project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth swine projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited! Participants will receive a K-State Show Pig Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by February 5 will receive a t-shirt. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by the registration deadline, or \$25/person after that date. Registration is limited to 400 attendees, on a first come, first served basis. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth and adults.

*March 1*



## Tentative Schedule



## Registration



## Questions?

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- 8:00AM Registration Opens
- 9:00AM Welcome
- 9:15AM Project Selection
- 10:00AM Breakout Sessions
  - Nutrition, Meats, Facilities & Equipment, Breeds & Ear Notching
- 12:00PM Lunch
- 12:45PM Health
- 1:30PM Breakout Sessions
  - Showmanship, Daily Care & Clipping, Show Day Prep, Resources
- 3:00PM Wrap-up
- 3:30PM YQCA Training (optional)

- ✔ \$20/person by February 5
- ✔ \$25/person after February 5
- ✔ Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.
- ✔ All attendees must register, including youth, parents, and adults.
- ✔ No refunds.
- ✔ Attendance is limited to the first 400 participants to register.

*Register By*  
**February 5**

*\*Limited Attendance\**

*Location*  
Stanley Stout Center

*Register Online*  
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# K-State Junior MEAT GOAT PRODUCER DAY

# 3.22.25

## Event

Join us on Saturday, March 22, 2025 for the biennial K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day at the Stanley Stout Center north of the K-State campus in Manhattan. This educational program will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, ag teachers, project leaders, and volunteers can increase their knowledge of youth meat goat projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited! Participants will receive a K-State Meat Goat Show Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by the deadline on February 26 will receive a t-shirt. The registration fee is \$20/person before February 26 and \$25/person after the deadline. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth, parents, and adults. Registration is limited to 400 participants, filled on a first come, first serve basis.

## Tentative Program

Friday, March 21

5:00-7:00PM *Optional Tour*  
Sheep & Meat Goat Center

Saturday, March 22

8:00AM Check-in  
9:00AM Welcome  
9:15AM Selection  
10:00AM Breakout Sessions

- Nutrition
- Facilities & Equipment
- Doe Management & Kidding







11:15AM Health & Wellness  
12:00PM Lunch  
1:00PM Breakout Sessions

- Showmanship
- Reproduction
- Clipping & Grooming

3:15PM Wrap-up  
3:30PM YQCA Training (*optional*)  
4:00-6:00PM *Optional Tour*  
Sheep & Meat Goat Center

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By  
**February 26**

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