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Fair Edition
2023

Ellis County 4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!

The Countdown to County Fair is ON! This is the “Official Fair Edition” of the 4-H Newsletter. **Please read this edition in entirety and carefully**, there is a lot of information about what’s happening for this year’s Ellis County Fair.

The FairEntry website will become active on June 15th. You will be entering ALL livestock or showmanship information into Fairentry.com! This includes entering all Rabbit and Poultry, indoor exhibit (both 4-H and Open Class) and contest participation (ie: livestock judging, skillathon, etc) into this system by July 10th. You will log in using your 4-H Online username and password.

There is a help guide posted on the Ellis Co. 4-H Fair page. Call if you have questions about this! **The FairEntry.com system will open on June 15th.**

We will be signing up for 4-H interview judging times ahead of the Fair. That SignUp’s are open now.

4-H Foodstand will have club blocks of time. **Each family is asked to volunteer or find help for working at the Foodstand during the week.**

Please don’t hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions concerning these upcoming events & deadlines. Remember in Ellis Co. “Deadlines are deadlines”. Be sure to plan ahead so that your 4-H’er doesn’t miss out on any educational opportunity.

Come join the fun & learning!

Yours in 4-H,

Tamara Robertson

Ways to Contact Us

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- www.cottonwood.ksu.edu



Meetings Coming Your Way

Council Meeting - June 13th, 7:00 p.m., Back meeting room of the Ext. Office

4-H Ag Livestock – July 12, 7:00 p.m., Bleachers of the Show Arena

Fair Superintendent Meeting – July 12, 7:00 p.m. Fairgrounds – **RSVP by July 1**



Remember, **DEADLINES** are **DEADLINES** in **Ellis Co. 4-H**. Please pay attention to and respect those deadlines so that your child doesn’t miss out on an opportunity!



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IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

June 15–Youth Quality Care of Livestock Required On-line Training Due for KS Fair and KJLS

June 15–All Commercial Heifer, Sheep, Swine & Meat Goat nominations for KSF and KJLS are due in State Office

June 30–Herdsman Award preferences to the Ext. Office

June 30–**County Fair Entry Deadline for Livestock, Horse, Small Animal Projects, Fashion Revue and Fashion Revue Scripts by 5pm**

July 1–Sign Up for Fairgrounds Work Night

July 7– Any updates to the Stall Assignment to Ext. Office by 5 pm

July 10–**4-H Exhibits Entries for Ellis Co. Fair Close at Midnight**

July 10 – **Select your times to visit with the 4-H Judges – ALL AREAS**

July 15 –KSF Livestock Entries Postmarked

July 15 –Enroll in the KS 4-H Wheat Variety Plot Project

July 25–Register for KS 4-H Wheat Expo in Pratt

July 28 –Entries for 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes due in Ext. Office

July 28 – **KSF Small Animal and Indoor Exhibits Pre-entered with Ext. Office**

First Call for Help Food Drive

Our office is participating in the “Battle of the Businesses” to fill a donation box for the First Call for Help of Ellis County. We have set a goal of 500 food items to be donated with the help from our 4-Her’s. This will look good as another community service project for everyone. View the flyer on the last page to see some items they are asking for. **Bring any food donations into the office by June 16th.**

Quick Breads Class

Monique Koerner is hosting a Quick Breads class to help anyone prepare for the fair. It will be on June 22nd from 3 to 5 pm in the Schenk Building at the Fairgrounds. View flyer for more information. **RSVP by calling the office by NOON on June 21st.**

Livestock Pre-entry for Ellis Co. Fair

Stall #'s, picture forms and insurance forms are due on June 30. At this time all animals must be designated to a 4-H’ers name. The letter will be mailed out soon, sent via email and will also be posted on our website, be on the lookout!

The 4-H Ag Livestock Stall Committee will be meeting with the Livestock Superintendents to set Stall Assignments early July. Watch for an email with the DRAFT barn maps for the Fair after that meeting. **You will have until 5 pm on July 7th to let the Extension Office know if we have missed something or you need additional stalling.** The 4-H Ag Livestock committee will meet that week to finalize the barn stall plans. **No changes will be made after the Final barn map is set!**

Be sure you go on-line and enter ALL of your participation by July 10th.

ELLIS COUNTY FAIR 2023 will be July 17 - 22, 2023
The Theme is “Saddle up for fun!”

Check the [Ellis Co. 4-H website](#) for the final 4-H events schedule for the 2023 Ellis Co. Fair.



Entering the Fair

The FairEntry system will open on JUNE 15th.

You will pre-enter ALL exhibits including livestock entries and participations (showmanship, livestock judging, etc.) through an on-line entry system by July 10. It works with your 4-HOn-line account. The system will print out entry cards, so you won’t have to hand write out the cards! There’s a [help sheet available](#) to help walk you through the process. You will be able to pick up your entry cards to attach them to exhibits at July 12th fair cleanup night or at the Extension Office on July 13th. **(PS – if you misplace these entry tags, you WILL get to hand write the replacements!)**

Volunteers Needed

You know that “Many hands make light work”. We are asking for 4-H members, parents and community members to join us in carrying out the activities of the Fair. Here’s where you can sign up to help:

Indoor Exhibits – Monday, Tuesday and Sunday

<https://signup.com/go/SWFLExs>

This includes assisting with check in, judging, displaying, take down and release of all indoor exhibits.

Livestock Shows & Activities – Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

<https://signup.com/go/zuZRGvz>

This includes show announcers, ring & holding area assistance, and watering the show arena.

Fairgrounds Clean Up Night

A fun way to get involved and start the week off in a good way is the Fairground Clean Up Night held on Wednesday, July 12, 6:00 p.m. – finish. Commerce Bank provides a pizza break for families and volunteers to enjoy as we gather to get everything set up for the week ahead. If you would like to come and out and join the fun, give the Ext. Office a call at 785-628-9430 **by July 1 to RSVP for the meal.** Hope to see YOU there!

Exhibitor Breakfast Is Back!

Bank of Hays is once again sponsoring an exhibitor's breakfast. **The breakfast will be served at the 4-H Foodstand.** All 4-H families and volunteers are welcome to stop by the 4-H Foodstand Tuesday morning from 7 – 9 a.m. to enjoy a delicious meal to start your day out right. **Thanks, Bank of Hays!**

Herdsmanship Award

Commerce Bank has agreed to sponsor cash awards for Herdsmanship in livestock & small animal barns again this year. **Be sure to thank them when you see a bank representative.** Herdsmanship includes keeping your stalls, tie outs and tack areas clean, making sure your animals are fed & watered during the fair. It also includes decorating your club's area, posting stall cards for all exhibits and helping to educate the visitors to the barn about livestock projects.

This year's fair theme is "Saddle Up for Fun at the Ellis County Fair!". What creative ways can your club use this theme in making your barn area look great during the fair?

If your club won in 2022, your club's project leader will receive a barn map. Please mark your preferences on the map and return it to the Extension Office with your club's preferred location in the barn **by the June 30 fair entry deadline.** **Remember the stall committee will try to accommodate but the club's preference is not guaranteed.**

Barn Clean Up & Manure Wagon Unloading During the Fair

The Ellis Co. Fairboard is asking that each club take a turn **removing trash from containers** around the 3 barns during the week of the Fair and **emptying the manure wagon.** We ask that the club leader complete this sign up for your club. Thanks for your help with this in keeping our grounds looking great for the visitors who come on out to the Fair.

2023 4-H Barn Trash Removal- <https://signup.com/go/WEtuuKX>

2023 Manure Trailer Club Duty- <https://signup.com/go/tuwgQNo>

Livestock Photos are Tuesday

You will sign up to have your livestock photos taken early Tuesday morning or right after lunch. Go to the on-line link to schedule for morning or afternoon. **You must get your photo taken during these times if you intend to sell an animal in the sale.**

2023 Livestock Photo Sign Up- <https://signup.com/go/bkkPgPA>



Cat Proof of Vaccination for County Fair

Cats & kittens (over 2 months of age) shown at the Ellis Co. Fair must be current on rabies and distemper vaccinations. Be prepared to provide proof of vaccination at show check in.

Fashion Revue Paperwork

New this year, there has been an update made to the Fashion Revue judging forms and the scripts used for the public fashion revue. This paperwork will be mailed out soon, sent via email and will also be posted on our website, be on the lookout! **Complete the Fashion Revue Judging Form. Failure to do so will result in a drop of one ribbon placing. These are due with pre-entry forms for buymanship. Photos must be submitted with paperwork and taped on. The public fashion revue script must also be submitted TYPED.** If you are needing assistance please come into the Extension Office and we will help you! **All paperwork is due by 5 pm on June 30th.**

Judging Schedules – All Indoor Exhibits

You will be scheduling your interview times with 4-H judges for ALL indoor areas ahead of the Fair. Those [sign up links](#) are available now. **You will need to complete this by Monday, July 10th.**

Families Camping @ the Fair

If you plan to camp on the fairgrounds during the fair, you will need to reserve camper space and electrical needs with Tom & Melinda Fross at 785-628-8820 **prior to July 1.** Spaces are available on a first come, first served basis. There is a camping fee of \$25 PER DAY. **Payment should be made to the Ellis Co. Fairboard prior to July 10th.**

Parking at the Fair

NO PARKING is allowed on the East side of the Schenk & Unrein Family buildings. This is VIP parking. It can be used for 15-minute loading and unloading. Please respect and observe all NO PARKING SIGNS. Access to certain lots is available only by approved hang tags. Tags will be sent out with final fair mailing to livestock & small animal families & Superintendents/Asst. Superintendents.

4-H Food Bake Sale – Freewill Donation

The 4-H Bake Sale has been changed to a freewill donation for this year's fair. The table will be set up outside the judging area and any items not being sold will be in the Schenk Building Office. Please let the person at check in know if you want your item back after judging and they will put a DO NOT SELL sticker on it.

Foods Judges Resources

If you are interested in what judges look for when evaluating your products, check out these resources from K-State - <http://www.rrc.k-state.edu/judging/> A previous FCS agent created a video several years ago about how to prepare your foods exhibits for the County Fair. [Watch it here!](#)

4-H Food Challenge

This year the Food Challenge is scheduled for Saturday, July 22nd with registration starting at 8:30 am. The first group will begin at 9am. Please bear with the group of people running the event as they are still trying to iron out the fine details. **Pre-register your team by calling the Extension Office by the July 10th entry deadline.**

Foodstand Scheduling

The 2023 Foodstand Work Schedule is as follows. Please work with your club to ensure adequate staffing during your club time!!

The 4-H Foodstand is open 7 am -10 pm July 18-22, 2023
Tuesday, July 18th – Big Creek, Shooting Sports, Ellis Sunflowers
Wednesday, July 19th – Buckeye Jr. Farmers
Thursday, July 20th – Gemini Jrs.
Friday, July 21st – Victoria Vikings
Saturday, July 22nd – Good Hope and Growing Leaders

4-H Foodstand profits provide the operating funds to pay for officer training, project workshops, Achievement Banquet, leadership scholarships for 4-H'ers and other committee projects that benefit ALL Ellis Co. 4-H members.

4-H Fair Books

A special printed copy of the Ellis Co. fair book is provided to each 4-H family by the Fairboard. **They will be picked up and dispersed by club leaders.** Check with your club leaders if you have not already been contacted. You can also view the books online at <https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/ellis-county4h/4-hevents/EllisCountyFair.html>

Fair Supplies

Fair stall cards and photo matte board are available for pick-up at the Extension Office. Photo Matte Boards are available for \$1.50 per sheet.



Hey Graduating Senior & Camp Scholarship Recipients. . . 4-H SCHOLARSHIP &

DEVELOPMENT is offering a foodstand in the Deutschfest Hall this year. They are asking each **graduating senior to give 4 hours** of volunteer time back to help at the Scholarship Foodstand and each **camp scholarship recipient to give back 2 hours** to the Scholarship Foodstand during the Fair. We are still working out details on the signup process.

4-H Scholarship & Development raises funds to give graduating seniors and camp scholarships. To date they've given over \$59,000 to Ellis Co. 4-H'ers. They will recognize graduating seniors at this year's 4-H Fashion Revue.

After Fair Clean Up

Schenk Building **cleanup is set for Sunday, July 22, 10am— finish.** All exhibits must be picked up between 8:00 & 9:00 a.m. If you can't be present for check out, please ask someone to check out exhibits for you. **We ask that two families from each club are asked to help with cleanup.** Please sign up on the [4-H Schenk Building volunteers](#) link. Thank you!

Lifeskills Judging Contests

There are 2 remaining lifeskills judging contests this year. One will be held on Thursday afternoon July 13th, during Fashion Revue judging pre-fair and the other, Tuesday morning July 18th 10 – 11:30 am.

There are two separate contests with different classes at each. You don't have to be enrolled in any specific projects to participate. Participating in two contests is required for consideration for team selection for Kansas State Fair. If you participated in life skills judging at 4-H Day and participate in the 2 contests held in July, your two best scores are used to make selections.

Exhibit Building Early Release Policy

Complete & file an [Early Release Form](#) at Fair check in to request early release of 4-H & Open exhibits for exhibit at other area fairs. Early release will be allowed only from 7:30 – 8:00 on Sunday, July 23th and with this written prior approval. Forms are available on-line or at the Ellis County Extension Office. They will also be available at the fairgrounds during check in. **Those choosing to remove exhibits early without an early release form on file will forfeit ALL fair premiums.**

Special Classes

Get your exhibits ready for these special classes and enter them on-line at faireentry.com by the July 10th entry deadline.

"Saddle Up" is the theme for the special category in open class photography. Look at the fairbook for more details!

King Arthur Baking Contest

Bake your favorite quick bread using King Arthur flour for a chance at some great prizes. You must bring the UPC label from the flour bag with you as you bring the product to the Fair. Check out the Open Class section of the Fairbook for complete rules and prize listing. This is open to both youth and adults.

Open Special Foods Class

"9in whole fruit pie" is the theme for the special open class foods entry this year. Put on your creative hat and think about ways to enter this class. Judging takes place after lunch on July 18. Join us in this fun after the foods judging event and taste some fun create.

Scarecrow

Build a scarecrow according to the rules in the Ellis County Fairbook. All entries must incorporate sunflowers!

Youth Livestock Sweepstakes

The 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes is set for August 19-20 on KSU campus. This all-around event will feature contests in Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Livestock Skill-a-thon, and Livestock Quiz Bowl.

Ellis County's team consideration will be based on your scores from the Animal Management Skillathon and Livestock Judging Contest. All intermediate and senior 4-H'ers are welcome to sign up and pay to participate. **Entries are due to the Extension Office by 5 pm on Friday, July 28. Be aware that the number of participants may be limited by the KS 4-H program. Let us know if you are interested in being considered for the team.**

4-H Wheat Variety Plot Program

It's almost wheat harvest and it's time to think about enrolling in the 2023 Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot program. The program begins fall of 2023 and goes through September 2024. **Members should contact the Ext. Office by July 15 for enrollment.** Participants receive a large plot sign, and five individual variety signs. There will be no cost for the program in 2023-24 since the five varieties are again being sponsored by commercial companies.

Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo is August 8 in Pratt, Kansas

Registration for the Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo opens June 1! Join us in Pratt to learn about wheat and how it's used. Sign up to have your favorite wheat recipe judged, enter your wheat photos in the photo judging, or participate in the wheat judging. All participants also have the opportunity to participate in the tours. This year, we'll be touring the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks and the local ethanol plant, Pratt Energy, LLC.

All youth and adults attending should register by July 25 at <https://bit.ly/wheatexpo>. Cost to attend is \$10/person, payable at the door.

Complete information is located at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/index.html>.

Eligibility for State Fair

If you receive a purple on indoor exhibits or blue on livestock exhibits at County Fair, your item may be eligible for the State Fair. Any demonstration illustrated or project talk receiving a purple or superior blue rating in a county or district contest may be entered unless it has previously been entered in this contest or does not meet the guidelines. Any poetry or prose receiving a purple or superior blue rating in a county or district contest may be entered unless it has previously been entered in this contest or does not meet the guidelines.

Check with the Extension Office to review State Fair rules. You must be 9 years of age by January 1, 2023 to show at the State Fair. **Come to the Extension Office the week following the Ellis County fair to enter before the deadline.** Those important pre-entry dates are:

Livestock – July 15
All Other Projects – July 28

The **Kansas State Fairbook** and an entry collection sheet is available to help you with your entry process. First, fill out the necessary information on the entry collection sheet, using the Kansas State Fairbook. **Submit your entry collection sheet to the Extension Office by 5 pm on Friday, July 28.** You will pick up your exhibits at the end of the Ellis County Fair and return them to the Extension Office (dates to be determined)

You may enter **1 item per project area** that you qualified in. (Areas such as Visual Arts, Posters, Notebooks, Displays may not have a category for entry at the Kansas State Fair.) Refer to the Kansas State Fair 4-H Fairbook for specific details about exhibiting in each project.



KSF Livestock Entries

Entries for the Kansas State Fair are due, **postmarked July 15.**

Office Summer Intern



Happy Spring everybody! It is so exciting to be back in the Ellis County Extension office again! I can't wait to see everyone and I'm looking forward to working with 4-Her's and their families to help show off their amazing hard work at the County Fair this summer! For those of you I haven't met, here is a little bit about me: I grew up in Garden Plain, Kansas, where I was very active in sports and FFA. I currently go to school at Fort Hays State and will graduate this next May with my Bachelor's degree in Animal Science. In my free time I like to be outside, cook, play my guitar, and spend time with my friends! I love cheesy jokes, trying new things, and learning about other people's passions. Which is why I am so happy that I get to come back for another summer of working with and getting to know the Ellis County community, it's been a pleasure meeting everyone and learning all about KSRE! Here's to another great summer!

See YOU at the Ellis County Fair, July 17-22!



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The KSRE Cottonwood District is participating in the **First Call for Help Battle of the Businesses Food Drive** to earn the traveling trophy and welcomes your donation of items!

WHEN: JUNE 5TH TO JUNE 16TH
WHERE: 601 MAIN ST, HAYS, KS 67601

ACCEPTING DONATIONS OF NON-EXPIRED & NON-PERISHABLE FOOD!

Encouraging healthy donation ideas
Canned fruits in 100% fruit juice or water
Canned Vegetables, no salt added
Dry Milk
Soups, Stews, or Chili with low sodium
Whole grain pasta, rice, or cereal
Canned meats in water, low sodium



This class will highlight:

- Healthy ingredient substitutions
- For those interested in submitting a quick bread in the fair: King Arthur
- Category-Quick Bread Requirements
- Insight on how the bread will be judged

Please bring your own bread pan. all other materials will be provided

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June 22 3-5 p.m.

located in the back meeting room 601 Main St. Hays, KS

Interested in improving your bread making game?
Join us for an afternoon filled with helpful tips and tricks!! ****Please RSVP at 785-628-9430 by 12 p.m on June 21st****

Quick Bread Class



2023 ELLIS COUNTY FAIR
4-H Livestock Sale

ELLIS COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS

SATURDAY JULY 22ND, 2023

BUYER REGISTRATION & MEAL AT 5PM

SPONSORED BY ASTRA BANK

AUCTION TO FOLLOW AT 6PM

MARKET BEEF, SWINE, LAMB, MEAT GOATS, POULTRY, & RABBITS. OVERALL GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPION FOOD PROJECTS

ANIMALS AVAILABLE FOR PREVIEW AT THE GROUNDS STARTING JULY 18TH.



What is the 4-H livestock auction?

The Ellis County 4-H livestock auction is when the animals the 4-Hers have raised and cared for are sold to the public. This is the final step in their projects where the educational aspects come to life. This is also where the grand champion and reserve champion food projects are sold. The sale will be Saturday, July 22, 2023 6 p.m. at the Ellis County Fairgrounds.

Why should I purchase an animal or food project?

You will receive personal satisfaction through:

- *Helping promote 4-H youth "Learn by Doing" programs.
- *Obtaining meat for your freezer or locker, if you so desire.
- *Free advertising as a buyer in a support sign to hang in your business.
- *May be tax deductible premium contribution. Contact your income tax preparer to determine if this is a tax-deductible contribution.

4-H motto - "To Make the Best Better"

What types of projects will be sold?

Animals: Market Beef, Market Swine, Market Lamb, Meat Goats, Poultry and Rabbits

Food: The overall grand and reserve champion food projects which could be anything ranging from breads to cookies.

The payment is due the day of the sale, made payable to Ellis Co. Fair. There are two plans the buyer may choose from:

Plan 1:

Buy an animal through the sale for the market price, plus the premium price, and keep the project for a butcher animal. You must make arrangements with 4-Her in regard to transportation to locker. If the animal is reserved to show, it will be delivered at a later date.

Plan 2:

Buy the animal and pay only the premium price. The animal will remain the responsibility of the 4-H member. Please note: Anyone may add on additional premium to a 4-Her's check by informing the clerk of the additional amount, with payment at the close of the sale.

What do I do after I purchase an animal for consumption?

Processing arrangements are the buyer and 4-Her's responsibility. 4-H family provides transportation to processor, FREE of charge. Discuss arrangements with the 4-Her.

Contact Justin Scheck with any other questions: 785-650-9969 for a schedule of all 4-H shows, visit ellisco.net