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Ellis County 4-H Happenings

May 2023

Hey 4-H Families!

Summer is almost upon us. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at events this summer!

May 1 is an important date in the 4-H year. It's the date that you need to be enrolled in any and all projects you plan to take to the Ellis Co. Fair. Be sure to take time now to review the projects you are enrolled in and make sure it reflects those areas you are working on project learning in at this time. **Your projects don't just "roll over" from year to year,** you have to make the selections. This is especially important if you are moving from being a Cloverbud where you don't declare projects to becoming a regular member. **You must have those projects selected by May 1.**

May 3rd, during small livestock weigh-in, we will be helping to clean for the Spring Show. We ask that people bring shovels and brooms. More hands mean less work!

As always, if you have questions, don't hesitate to give us a call!

Join our private Facebook group - *Ellis County Kansas 4-H* for more update information and for deadline reminders!

Yours in 4-H,

Tamara Robertson



Meetings Coming Your Way

Ag Livestock - May 3rd, after weigh-in

Home Ec, BBQ, Foodstand – Watch for a Doodle Poll Coming Soon



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IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

- May 1** – Last Day to Make Changes to Your 4-H Enrollment for 2023
- May 1** – 4-H Horse ID Papers Due in Ext. Office
- May 1** – Registered Breeding Livestock in name of 4-H'er
- May 3** – Livestock tags purchased and animals tagged before weigh-in at 6 pm
- May 3** – Bucket Calf, Feeder Calf & Commercial Breeding Heifer forms due in Ext. Office **By 5pm**
- May 5** – RSVP for Growing Leaders meeting
- May 12** – Camp Scholarship Due to Ext. Office **by 5pm**
- May 15** – Registration for Discovery Days Closes
- May 17** – Clubs RSVP for Wheat Plot Tour Meal Opportunity
- June 15** – Small Livestock & Commercial Breeding Heifer Nominations due in State Office



Congrats to . . .

Graduating Seniors . . . Harlee Dannar, Taylor Depenbusch, Nicole Dreiling, Wyatt Grabbe, Amelia Jaeger, Devlyn Jochum, Sheena Klaus, Callie Lane, Dakota Metzler, Karli Neher, Cyrus Vajnar and Chase Wittman.

A Special Congratulations to those 4-H Seniors receiving 4-H scholarships in 2023!

Wyatt Grabbe, Devlyn Jochum, Sheena Klaus, Callie Lane, Dakota Metzler, Karli Neher and Cyrus Vajnar. It is our plan to honor these scholarship recipients at their school academic award programs and at the 4-H Fashion Revue during the fair this summer.

Club Fundraising Opportunity – Wheat Plot Tour Meal

Each year we hold and conduct a county wheat plot tour/field day. This year it will be held on Thursday, June 1st, beginning at 6 p.m. a few miles S. of Hays. After the field day we come into Hays to the Municipal Park, 1st and Main Street. Any 4-H club in the county can throw their club's name in the hat to prepare and serve the meal. Stacy will go out and get the donations and the 4-H club will receive the donated money after the event. The meal has generally consisted of grilled hamburgers and brats with the condiments, pickles, onions, chips, baked beans or potato salad, a dessert, water, tea, and lemonade (optional). We are encouraging people to RSVP, so we will give the club an estimated head count by 5 pm on Friday, June 26.

If your club is interested in doing this for a fundraiser, **please let Theresa know by May 17th**. If you have any questions feel free to ask Stacy or Theresa.

4-H Enrollments

Hopefully by now, you have gone on and completed your family profile and enrolled your members on-line. Remember, **you can make changes to your enrollments until May 1**. **Your enrollment is not final until you have successfully paid the \$15 fee.**



4-H HORSE ID PAPERS ARE DUE MAY 1

Horse ID papers are available at the Extension Office or on line at [kansas4-h.org](https://www.kansas4-h.org). You have to have these papers completed and on **file with our office by May 1** in order to show at 4-H sanctioned horse shows. Now's the time to get the photos taken and the forms filed with the Extension Office. ***If you have an old form, you should transition to the form linked above it is updated for 2023.***

Small Livestock Weigh-in Date Set for May 3rd, 6 – 8 p.m.

If you're planning to show Feeder Calves, Meat Goats, Sheep or Swine at this year's Ellis County Fair, make plans now to **get your official 4-H tags and tag your project animals before the weigh-in** at the Fairgrounds. All market animals have the option to weigh their animals. **Tags must be verified at weigh-in. Remember, you need to be enrolled in the Market livestock project by May 1. (Check your on-line enrollments)** During small livestock weigh-in, we will be helping to clean for the Spring Show. **We ask that people bring shovels and brooms.** More hands mean less work!

The Ellis Co. Spring Livestock Show has been set as an alternate weigh-in date on Sunday, May 7, 7 –11 a.m. ***Please call our office to let us know if you plan to use the alternate date.***

Bucket Calf and Commercial Breeding Heifer Photo ID

Remember, [Commercial Heifers](#) and [Bucket Calves](#) need to be tagged and a photo submitted to the Extension Office by **5 p.m. the day of the Spring Weigh-in, May 11th**.

Purchase your official 4-H EID tag from the office and snap several photos of the project animal – 1 - with the tag visible in its ear, 2 – with the 4-H member, 3 – full view of animal with any special identifying marks.

District Horse Shows in 2023

The North Central District Horse Show is set for June 28th in Salina, KS. Registration deadline is June 1. For more information: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/districthorseshow.html>



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.

State Livestock Nominations

Detailed Information on this process will be posted soon on the [K-State Youth Livestock webpage](#).

Now that we are using an online system, families are encouraged to plan ahead, use the resources posted, and check out the Rookie Guide. **Significant changes from last year are highlighted in the 2023 Updates document.** Cost per animal has increased to \$12.00. Exhibitors who nominated animals last year (in 2022) need to use their existing ShoWorks account. Those who need help accessing their account may request a password reset through ShoWorks or contact the Youth Livestock Program for assistance. Returning exhibitors should not create a new account. All market animals and commercial breeding females that families would like to be eligible to show at the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS must be nominated.

There will be one more Zoom sessions this spring over the state livestock nomination process.

Tuesday, May 16 - Small Livestock

Registration Link: https://ksu.zoom.us/j/911deGurTopG9ORQ_gN1XQOOj-5y3qRxYeF

Nomination Deadlines:

May 1 - Market Beef

June 5 - Deadline to order DNA envelopes for Small Livestock & Commercial Heifers

June 15 - Small Livestock & Commercial Heifers



Growing Leaders invites you

The Growing Leaders 4-H club will have special guest speaker, Cheryl Rohleder, at their next meeting (May 8th at 5:30 at the Extension Office) to teach 4-Hers about arranging flowers. We would like to invite any Ellis County 4-Her that might be interested in learning this skill to join us! Bring your own small to medium sized vase if possible so you can create your own flower arrangement. **Please RSVP to 785-628-9430 by May 5th to ensure we have the supplies we need.**

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days

This year it will be the 100th Anniversary of Discovery Days! Put June 7-9, 2023 on your calendar to be in Manhattan on the K-State campus. Discovery Days is open to all youth who are 13 to 18 years old by January 1, 2023. 4-H membership prior to Discovery Days is not required.

Registration is open now and closes May 15th, but some of the classes will be limited in size, so make sure they don't wait if there is a class they really want. All the information that is available, will be found on our Discovery Days webpage found at [Kansas4-h.org](https://www.kansas4-h.org)

4-H Camp

Details can be found here: <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/4-h-camp/>

4-H Camp Scholarship Application

Everyone should have received a copy of the 4-H Camp Scholarship Application in their email the last part of April. [2023 4-H Camp Scholarship App](#) **Remember it must be completed in the 4-Her's own hand writing or it will not be accepted by the Scholarship and Development committee! Submit it to the Extension Office by 5 pm, May 12, 2023.**



Fairgrounds Painting Day

Instead of individual club pride projects, we will do a paint day at the fairgrounds for all 4-H'ers on June 3 at 9 am. Wear old clothes and bring brushes, socks, and small containers to put paint in.

Please join us, as it is important to keep our fairgrounds looking the best!

ELLIS COUNTY FAIR 2023 will be July 15 - 22, 2023
The Theme is "Saddle up for fun!"



Ellis County Fair Volunteers Needed

Call the office at 785-628-9430 to let us know how you'd like to help. Older 4-H'ers and interested adults are encouraged to join our "team" in getting things ready for this year's Fair. Once again, **all clubs will be asked to recruit volunteers to help with a variety of jobs at the Fair**, as well.



4-H Shutterbug Events

Are you a 4-H Photography member? The state 4-H Action team is planning several great events.

Shutterbug at the Zoo will be held in Garden City on Saturday, May 6. Shutterbugs at the Lee Richardson Zoo in Garden City will open for registration on 8:30am. Admission is \$5.00 per family member age 6 and up. RSVP & Contact – Pansy Fryman at 620-272-3012

Shutterbug at Big Creek is held in Hays on Saturday, October 29, at the Ag Research Center. Registration begins at 8:30am. RSVP to clixbychristy@gbt.net or 785-635-4368

LAST CHANCE – Mandatory Sale Meeting

The Ellis Co. Fairboard will be hosting a second/last chance MANDATORY sale meeting on **Tuesday, May 30 at 5:30 pm at the Extension Office back meeting room. In order to sell a market animal at the county fair, 4-H members must attend this meeting.**

Scholarship and Development Committee Members Needed

The committee is looking to add new members! For more information on responsibilities and qualifications, visit [4-HSDCommitteeMembers](#) If interested please call 785-628-9430 and let Tamara know you would like to join!



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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