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March 2022

Ellis County 4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!

Looking forward to seeing many of you at this weekend's 4-H Day events. **Remember—You will sign up for a judging time as you arrive at the event, except for the skits which are scheduled at 1:30 pm and 2 pm.**

Clubs are responsible for room monitor duties (see 4-H Day info on next page of this newsletter.)

We have a great group of 4-H'ers participating in this year's event! Way to go! Thanks to the parents and leaders who helped 4-Hers take advantage of this opportunity to grow in their skills. Event results will be posted on the 4-H website. Those who receive Top Blues will represent Ellis Co. at 4-H Regional Club Day in Wakeeney. Good Luck!

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

Stacy and Theresa and Tamara



Meetings Coming Your Way

4-H Ag Livestock – watch for doodle poll

Home Ec, BBQ, Foodstand – watch for doodle poll

4-H Council – watch for doodle poll



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Ways to Contact Us

- We make a drop box available in the front of the Extension Office for your convenience.
- You can reach the Office at (785) 628-9430
- Extension Office fax # is (785) 621-2002
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IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

March 1 – Sign up to sponsor a [County Fair Award](#)

March 1 – State 4-H Scholarships Due On-line

March 4 - [Ellis Co. 4-H Scholarships Due](#)

March 11 – Water Poster Contest Entries Due

March 15 – Sign up for **Regional 4-H Day**

May 1 – Last Day to Make Changes to Your 4-H Enrollment for 2022

May 1 – [4-H Horse ID Papers](#) Due in Ext. Office

May 1 – Registered Breeding Livestock in name of 4-H'er

May 11 – Small Animal Weigh-in

May 11 – [Bucket Calf](#) & [Commercial Breeding Heifer](#) forms due in Ext. Office **by 5PM**

WINTER WEATHER & 4-H ACTIVITIES

Our policy is that if school cancels for weather related events, 4-H events are canceled, too. Please check our website or contact the person in charge before traveling in, if you are in doubt about the status of an event.

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Please welcome Tamara Robertson to the Cottonwood District Team. Tamara will be serving as our 4-H assistant and will be helping with all things 4-H and Extension! She is from Dodge City and graduated from FHSU with a Bachelor's degree in Animal Science. Some of you may remember her, as she was our Barton County intern last summer.



4-H Cookie Thank You Project is Back

The 4-H Ambassadors will once again be conducting the 4-H Cookie Thank You project this year!

We are asking each club to donate 14 dozen individual wrapped cookies for this project.

They will be assembling the cookie boxes on Sunday March 13 at 3:00pm, so cookies can be dropped off at the Extension Office shortly before that date. Or you can drop them by on that Sunday.

4-H Enrollments

You can now update your own 4-H project enrollments! You can add projects or delete them from your list of enrollments until May 1 for all areas, **except Livestock projects**. Those need to be enrolled prior to the weigh-in and identification date set for each specie. To learn more about how to do the updates, [click here](#).

2022 Ellis Co. 4-H Scholarship Aps Due – March 4

If you are graduating from High School in May and are enrolled in 4-H for this year, you should have received a copy of the Ellis Co. 4-H Scholarship application in the mail. It is available as a [form-fillable document](#) on the 4-H Forms page. These applications are **due in the Extension Office on March 4**. Interviews will be scheduled soon after.

4-H Day is Coming—Sunday, March 6 – North Oak Community Church - Hays

4-H Day is a chance for 4-H members to showcase their project learning through public presentations. If you ask 4-H alumni what one of the most important things they gained through their 4-H experience, they'll most likely tell you it is their public speaking ability. [Check out the website](#) for the latest information, rules, entry form, etc. **Due to limited staffing at the Extension Office, we will be posting sign up sheets outside the door of each judging room. You will sign up for a time as you arrive at the event. First come, first served. Please do not wait until late in the day to arrive. Come as soon as it is possible for you to participate. We will plan to begin judging at 1 p.m.**

Room Monitor Duties

Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks - 1:00 – 3:00 – GH

3:00 – End - ES

Talent (Skits, Dance & Other Talent) & Readings – Sanctuary - 1:00 – End - BJJ

Project Talks, Show & Tell, Public Speaking – 1:00 – 3:00 – BCA

3:00 – End - GJ

Music – Sanctuary – 1:00 – End – BJJ

Warm Up Room – 1:00 – End – VV

Home Room - 1:00 – 3:00 – SS

3:00 – End – GJ

Rest Room Monitors – Everyone's responsible to make sure the restrooms are kept in good order during the event. Thanks for doing your share to keep the facility clean!

SUPER 4-H SATURDAY Coming to Hays – March 26, 2022

The Annual Super 4-H Saturday NW Judging Contest, which includes Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Photography and Livestock will be held at Fort Hays State University (FHSU), Hays, Kansas on Saturday, March 26, 2022. Indoor Judging will start at 9:30am and run until noon. You can judge one or all five contests. The Livestock judging registration will start at 12:30pm with contest starting at 1:30pm. The day

will also include a Volunteer Gathering/Training in conjunction with the indoor contests. There will be project opportunities offered in conjunction with the Livestock Contest. Mark your calendars and watch for the final details to be announced soon. Any questions contact Robyn Trussel, Walnut Creek District Extension 4-H Agent at rdeines@ksu.edu

Small Livestock Weigh-in Date Set for May 11th, 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. **New this year, all market animals have the option to weigh their animals. Tags must be verified at weigh-in.** The Ellis Co. Spring Livestock Show has been set as an alternate weigh-in date on Sunday, May 22, 7 – 9 a.m. **Please call our office to let us know if you plan to use the alternate date. Remember, you need to be enrolled in the Market livestock project by May 1.** (Check your on-line enrollments)

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA—March 13th , 5pm—Ellis County Fairgrounds Mandatory Livestock Sale meeting will follow this training

State level livestock shows in Kansas require youth to have YQCA certification. March 13th, Alicia Boor from Barton County will be conducting the YQCA training. **Please visit YQCA.org to register for this class and pay the \$3.00 fee. NO money will be collected at the door that evening....You MUST be enrolled BEFORE the class!!** If you are planning on selling any livestock at the county fair, there will be a MANDATORY Livestock sale meeting following the YQCA training.



Livestock Nominations Transitioning to an online format

Detailed Information on this process will be posted soon on the K-State Youth Livestock page <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/>

Main thing is to plan ahead as DNA envelopes will need to be ordered directly through ShoWorks (Old DNA envelopes will not be accepted) and families will enter their animal and exhibitor data online through ShoWorks. Cost per animal has increased to \$12.00. DNA envelope orders will close 1 week prior to the nomination deadline for each specie. (April 24th for market beef and June 8th for small livestock). You will still need to mail the signed DNA samples by the following deadlines:

May 1 Market beef/heifer nominations due for KS State fair and KJLS

June 15 commercial heifer/market/commercial swine, market goat and market/commercial lamb nominations for KS State fair and KJLS are due



4-H Horse Level Testing

The Level 1 Achievement test is required for all youth to participate in District and State Horse Shows. Online/video levels testing will be accepted again this year. Learn more and prepare for the Level 1 tests, visit the [4-H Horse Project page](#).

4-H HORSE ID PAPERS DUE MAY 1

Horse ID papers are available at the Extension Office or on line at 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.**



ELLIS COUNTY FAIR 2022 is set for July 16-23, 2022 The Theme is “Barnyard Mardi Gras”

Ellis County Fair Volunteers Needed

Fill out the [on-line Volunteer form](#) 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. Watch for that listing coming your way soon.

Fair Pride Project Day

Instead of individual club pride projects we are going to do one pride project day. **Saturday, April 9 at 1:00pm** There are plenty of things that need painted, concrete needs poured, and lots more! 4-Hers please join us and public is welcome as well. 4-Her's signed in and helping will be entered to win prizes for the fair! Fair tickets, carnival armbands.

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days is planning to be in-person on KSU campus June 1-3, 2022. Watch for more information as it becomes available.

Water Fun Fest



Looking for something to do over Spring Break? Check out the Water Fun Fest at Big Creek Crossing on **Thursday, March 17, 10am – 2pm**. **Free** event sharing hands on activities about our precious water resource. Fun for all ages! Door Prizes! Meet WaterSmart Wally!

Water Poster Contest

“**Make Every Drop Count**” is the theme of this year's contest. This contest is open to all ages Pre-K – Adult. There are some great prizes. Water conservation, Stormwater, Water Quality are the key concepts to share in the poster. For rules, visit the [City of Hays website](#). **Posters are due to school offices, City Hall or Hays Public Works by Friday, March 11**. Prize winners will be announced by March 31.



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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