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May 2022

Ellis County 4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!



Summer is almost upon us. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at events this summer. We are moving forward with plans for the County Fair.

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 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.**

The Ellis Co. Fairbook will be posted soon on-line at www.cottonwood.ksu.edu It's your guide to exhibit categories for each of the project areas. You will receive a printed copy of the fairbook in the near future. Thank the Fairboard for providing these handy references to us!

As always, if you have questions, don't hesitate to give us a call! Come join the fun and learning!

Stacy, Theresa and Tamara

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! We do offer many ways for you to contact our office. See below.



Meetings Coming Your Way

4-H Scholarship & Development – Watch for a Doodle Poll Coming Soon

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

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
- el@listserv.ksu.edu

IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

- 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 6** – RSVP for Market Poultry Project (must be enrolled in Poultry)
- May 11** – Livestock tags purchased and animals tagged before weigh-in
- May 11** – Bucket Calf, Feeder Calf & Commercial Breeding Heifer forms due in Ext. Office **By 5pm**
- May 17** – Clubs RSVP for Wheat Plot Tour Meal Opportunity
- June 15** – Small Livestock & Commercial Breeding Heifer Nominations due in State Office

4-H On-line Enrollment

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.**



Congrats to . . .

Graduating Seniors . . . Cadence Dickey, Kylie Dreiling, Eva Gaschler, Ross Eckroat, Luke Montgomery, Colton Pfannenstiel, Dustin Rajewski

A Special Congratulations to those 4-H Seniors receiving 4-H scholarships in 2022!

Cadence Dickey, Kylie Dreiling, Ross Eckroat, Luke Montgomery, Colton Pfannenstiel, and Dustin Rajewski. 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.

4-H Fundraising Opportunity – Wheat Plot Tour Meal

Each year we hold and conduct a county wheat plot tour/field day. This year it will held on Wednesday, 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 clubs name in the hat to prepare and serve the meal. I 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, brats with the condiments, pickles, onions, chips, beans or potato salad, a dessert, water, tea, and lemonade (optional). We are encouraging people to RSVP, so I will give the club an estimated head count. In past years, we have never run out of food.

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 me or Theresa for any further details.

Community Service Opportunity—Dementia Lap Mats

Angels Care Home Health is looking for donations of yarn and small items for Dementia Lap Mats. Clean out your junk drawers/craft cabinets. Items needed include: beads, bells, larger buttons, key chains, keys, lace and yarn, old game pieces, old jewelry or anything that can be crocheted into a lap mat. Bring your donations to the Extension Office where a box will be provided. Also—If you know of anyone that needs a dementia lap mat...please contact the Extension office and we will get you the contact information.



4-H Camp details can be found here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/camp/rock-springs-camp/index.html>

New this year---4-H Foodstand

The committee has decided to assign/draw names for a day that each 4-H club will be responsible to work in the 4-H Foodstand.

Each year the rotation will move to the following day (i.e. BJF Tuesday 2022, BJF Wednesday 2023)

The 4-H Foodstand is open 7 am-10pm July 19-23 2022

4-H Foodstand Club Assignments for 2022 are listed below!

Tuesday, July 19th – Buckeye Jr. Farmers

Wednesday, July 20th – Gemini Jrs.

Thursday, July 21st – Victoria Vikings

Friday, July 22nd – Good Hope and Growing Leaders

Saturday, July 23rd – Big Creek, Shooting Sports, Ellis Sunflowers

4-H Meat Poultry Project

Thanks to Orscheln's for once again donating chicks for the 4-H meat poultry project. If you'd like to participate in this fun project, you need to do 2 things. Make sure you are **enrolled** in the Poultry project **on-line by May 1 AND call and talk to Theresa** (785-628-9430) to register your participation in this project **by NOON on Friday, May 6**. No emails, text messages, voicemails. You need to talk directly to Theresa to ensure you will receive chicks!

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 –11 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)** 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.**

If you can help with Weigh-in...please let the Extension office know.

Bucket Calf and Commercial Breeding Heifer Photo ID

Don't forget to purchase your official 4-H EID tag 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. These are submitted to the Extension Office **by May 11th By 5pm**

[Bucket Calf Photo ID Form](#)

[Commercial Breeding Heifer Photo ID Form](#)



Livestock Nominations Transitioning to an online format

Detailed Information on this process has been posted 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. (June 8th for small livestock). You will still need to mail the signed DNA samples by the following deadlines:

Livestock Deadlines for Kansas State Fair and Kansas Jr. Livestock Show Participation

May 1—All Market Steer/Heifer nominations for the KSF and KJLS are due in Manhattan.

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

For State Shows, you will need to make an appointment with Stacy to come and visually check the tags in the animal's ear prior to nomination. Please plan ahead!

Ellis County Spring Livestock Show – Sunday, May22nd For more information, go to their Facebook page.

[North Central KS Livestock Circuit:](#)



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.

District Horse Shows in 2022

The Northwest District Horse Show is set for July 7 in Norton, KS. For more information: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/districthorseshow.html>

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 Rule Book Updated

If you are planning to participate in a 4-H Horse Show this year, you'll want to check out the [4-H Horse Show Rule book](#).



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.



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

Ellis County Fair Volunteers Needed

We have posted an on-line form that you can complete 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. [Here's the link to the on-line form](#). Once again, **all clubs will be asked to recruit volunteers to help with a variety of jobs at the Fair**, as well. Click the link above to let us know how you'd like to be involved in this year's Ellis County Fair.

4-H Shutterbug Events

Are you a 4-H Photography member? The state 4-H Action team is planning several great events in the next couple of weekends. More info will be updated...please check the [website](#).

Shutterbugs at the Zoo is held in **Garden City, Saturday, May 7**. 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.

Shutterbugs at Big Creek is held in **Hays on Saturday, October 29**, at the Ag Research Center. Registration begins at 8:30am.

Did you know Cowboy Poetry was a thing?

Some cowboys and cowgirls have a lot of fun writing poems about the western way of life. These might be about riding and roping, horses and cattle, county fairs or rodeos, wide open spaces, or maybe grandpa's farm. We would like you to try earning prizes by writing a cowboy poem.

Kansas 4-H Youth age 18 or younger are invited to enter the Kansas Cowboy Poetry Contest Youth Roundup by writing and presenting a western-themed original poem. There is no charge for youth to enter.

A regional contest will be held at the Hays Public Library, 1205 Main Street in Hays on Friday, May 20 at 6 p.m. Those interested in competing can enter online at www.cowboypoetrycontest.com by May 13. The poems should relate to cowboy life, should be the youth's original work, and can be read or recited by the youth.

The winners at the contest in Hays can advance to the state finals on June 10 in Manhattan, where a trophy buckle and scholarships will be presented to the state champion.

Come join the fun! Go to www.cowboypoetrycontest.com for more info or to enter



Upcoming events – Conducted and sponsored by Ellis County 4-H Council

Civil Discourse Workshop – Let’s Talk: August 27th, 12noon-5pm, in Hays. The Peterson Farm Brothers will be here!!

**Thank you card writing workshop and meaningful cards for nursing home residents – June 20th, 6-pm
601 Main Back meeting room.**

Corn Hole Tournament @ Ellis County Fair – July 19th



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