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Ellis County 4-H Happenings

May 2024

Hey 4-H Families!

Summer is almost upon us. As of May 1, fair is 75 days away!! Hopefully you have started working on all your projects. We are excited to see everyone and everything they do 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.**

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 1st, after weigh-in

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

Council – June 3rd, 6 PM, back meeting room of the Extension Office

Ways to Contact Us

- You can reach the Office at (785) 628-9430
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IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

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

May 1 – 4-H Horse ID Papers Due in Ext. Office **by 5 pm**

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

May 1 – Livestock tags purchased and animals tagged before weigh-in

May 1 – Bucket Calf, Feeder Calf & Commercial Breeding Heifer forms due in Ext. Office **by 5pm**

May 5 – Registration for Discovery Days Closes

May 9 – Registration for Goats Across Kansas Zoom

May 24 – Registration for State Geology Trip closes

May 24 – Registration for KSU Youth Horse Judging Camp closes

May 30 – Registration for Insect Spectacular closes

June 7 – Registration for NW Dog Conference Closes

June 7 – RSVP for King Arthur Muffin Class

June 15 – Small Livestock & Commercial Breeding Heifer Nominations due in State Office



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Congrats to our Graduating Seniors . . . Dalton Robben, Daniel Maier, Jady Peterson, Jaiden Pfannenstiel, Kimberly Sack, Kylee Pfeifer, Lindsey Scheck, Logan Schmidt, Nathan Ward and Tanner Boxberger

A Special Congratulations to those 4-H Seniors receiving 4-H scholarships in 2024!

It is our plan to honor this year's recipients, Kylee Pfeifer and Lindsey Scheck, at their school academic award programs and at the 4-H Livestock Auction during the fair this summer.

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. 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 need to transition to the form linked above it was updated last year.***

Small Livestock Weigh-in is May 1st, 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 sure 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 specific livestock project by May 1. (Check your on-line enrollments)**

The Ellis Co. Spring Livestock Show has been set as an alternate weigh-in date on Sunday, May 5, 7 –9 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 1st.**

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.



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 whole process are posted 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](#). Cost per animal is \$12.00. Exhibitors who nominated animals last year (in 2023) 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 a Zoom session to go over the state livestock nomination process.

Thursday, May 9 - Small Livestock

Registration Link: [2024 Small Livestock State Livestock Nomination Zoom Session \(qualtrics.com\)](https://qualtrics.com)

Nomination Deadlines:

May 1 - Market Beef

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

June 15 - Small Livestock & Commercial Heifers

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days

Get ready to "Party all Discovery Days", June 5-7, 2024 on the K-State campus. Discovery Days is open to all youth who are 13 to 18 years old by January 1, 2024. **Registration is open now and closes May 5th**, 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)

Goats Across Kansas Series

Join to hear from a Kansas State University Veterinarian and notable show goat expert as they share their tips for daily care and top-notch health! As always, participants will be given many opportunities to ask questions of our speakers. Join virtually on **Monday, May 13th at 6:30 p.m.** for the "Quality Matters" session of the Goats Across Kansas Series! You don't want to miss this opportunity to get information from experts with a chance to ask questions. **Registration closes May 9th**, A Zoom link will be sent prior to the event for those who register.

This program is FREE and OPEN TO ALL! Sign up for the webinar at: [Goats Across Kansas Series](https://www.kansas4-h.org)

To view previous sessions from the Swine, Beef, or Sheep Across Kansas Series sessions visit: <https://www.twincreeks.k-state.edu/youth-ag/index.html>

King Arthur Muffin Class

FCW Agent, Monique Korner will be hosting a Muffin Class to help 4-H members get ready for the King Arthur category at the Ellis County Fair. Join us at the First United Methodist Church kitchen on **June 10, 2024 from 2-4pm**. **Please call our office to register by 5 pm, June 7th**.

KSU Youth Horse Judging Camp

The KSU Horse Judging Team is hosting a one-day advanced horse judging camp **June 13, 2024** on the campus of Kansas State University. Registration is available at on the [KSU Department of Animal Science Camps website](https://www.ksu.edu/animal-science/camps) (scroll down to find the horse judging camp). Cost for first-time campers is \$100, previous attendees is \$75 and chaperone/auditor fee is \$30. **Registration closes May 24th**.

Questions about horse judging camp should be directed to Dr. Celsey Crabtree, KSU Horse Judging coach (celseyb@ksu.edu).

2024 4-H Geology State Field Trip

A variety of workshops and activities are planned for June 14-16th, in WaKeeney. Multiple stops are planned on the Field Trip Saturday and Sunday. Project members are encouraged to participate in judging and quiz bowl. A catered supper will be provided Saturday evening for \$15.00 per person and we will have a variety of educational publications for sale through the Kansas Geological Survey. **Registration is open and will close on May 24th**. More information about this event can be found on the State 4-H website at [2024 State Geology Field Trip](https://www.ksu.edu/4-h/state-geology-field-trip)

2024 Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular

The Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, a two-day state-wide entomology workshop, will be held **June 21-22, 2024 in Hays, Kansas**. The event is open to all youth and adult volunteers interested in 4-H entomology! Classes will include basic pinning, basic and advanced identification, insect photography, and much more. **A parent or legal guardian must attend with their 4-H'er**. Schedule, and full information can be found at [2024 Insect Spectacular](https://www.ksu.edu/4-h/insect-spectacular), **registration closes on May 30th**.

NW Kansas 4-H Dog Conference

The NW Kansas 4-H Dog Conference & Show will be hosted at the Phillips County Fairgrounds on **June 22nd**. It will offer a rotation of three workshops in the morning: Adventures in Agility, Ready for Rally Obedience and Paws Together for Service (a service project for area animal shelters). In the afternoon, there will be a State Fair qualifying dog show for Agility and Rally Obedience ONLY. Lunch is not included, but concessions will be available and exhibitors may also choose to bring in food. Registration and more information can be found at [NW Kansas 4-H Dog Conference](https://www.ksu.edu/4-h/nw-kansas-dog-conference) Entries are due by **Friday, June 7, 2024**



4-H Shutterbug Events

Are you a 4-H Photography member? The State 4-H Photography Committee is planning several great events.

Shutterbug at the Zoo will be held in Garden City on Saturday, May 4. Shutterbugs at the Lee Richardson Zoo in Garden City will open for registration on 8:30am. Admission is FREE. More information can be found at [Shutterbug at the Zoo 2024.pdf \(kansas4-h.org\)](#)

Shutterbug at Big Creek will be held on Saturday, October 26, 2024, with more information to come soon!

4-H Event Scholarship Application

Everyone should have received a copy of the 4-H Event Scholarship Application in their email the last part of April. [2024 4-H Event Scholarship App](#) It must be completed with the 4-H members handwritten signature or it will not be accepted by the Scholarship and Development committee! **Submit it to the Extension Office at least two weeks before the scheduled event.**

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!

ELLIS COUNTY FAIR will be July 15 - 20, 2024
The Theme is "Moo'in & Groovin'!"



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. Watch for that listing coming your way soon.

GOATS ACROSS KANSAS SERIES
Quality Matters

MON., MAY 13
6:30 PM CST

DO YOU KNOW THE BEST HEALTH & DAILY CARE PRACTICES?
Join us as we meet with a veterinarian and goat industry expert to discuss the ins and outs of health and proper daily care practices!

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King Arthur Muffin Class

June 10, 2024
2-4pm
First United Methodist Church, 305 W. 7th Hays, KS

Interested in improving your muffin game?
Join us for an afternoon filled with helpful tips and tricks.

RSVP to 785-628-9430 by 5:00pm June 7, 2024.

This class will highlight:

- Healthy ingredient substitutions
- For those interested in submitting muffins for the Ellis County fair—King Arthur Category Muffin requirements
- Insight on how muffins are judged
- Please bring a regular size (not mini) 12 item muffin tin
- All other ingredients and supplies will be provided

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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!



REGISTER TODAY

JUNE 14-16
WAKEENEY KANSAS
KANSAS 4-H GEOLOGY FIELD TRIP



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JUNE 21-22, 2024
HAYS, KS

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NW KANSAS 4-H DOG Conference & Show



Phillips County Fairgrounds
 1481 Highway 183
 Phillipsburg, KS

Cost \$10 / 4-Her
 Conference + 2 Entries
 + \$5 / Additional Entry

JUNE 22, 2024

- 8:00 AM Check-In Opens
- 9:00 AM Dog Conference
- 12:00 PM Lunch Break
- 1:00 PM Agility and Rally Obedience Show - Kansas State Fair Qualifier

Dog Conference will be a rotation of 3 workshops:
 Adventures in Agility
 Ready for Rally Obedience
 Paws Together for Service

Show Classes:
 Pre-Agility - Agility IV
 Rally Obedience I-III
 Subject to Kansas 4-H Dog Show Rules. Pre-Agility and Rally Obedience I will be on-leash and are not Kansas State Fair eligible.



Scan QR Code to register by June 7, 2024

For Paws Together for Service, please bring t-shirts for recycling or fleece fabric to create toys and blankets that will be donated to area animal shelters. You may also want to bring fabric scissors.

Hosted by:



Concessions will be sold by the Iowa Union 4-H Club

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



We are looking for volunteers to help with the Ellis County Fair!
 July 15 - 20, 2024
 Call 785-628-9430 for more information!

