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**December 2023 &  
January 2024**

# Ellis County 4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!

The new 4-H year is underway and it's time to get those 4-H enrollments in! Just a reminder to those who haven't updated enrollments & participation forms on-line, they are due now. Please take time to **update them before DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>** to ensure that you get all 4-H information.

We wish you all safe and wonderful holidays ahead! We have many exciting learning opportunities for your family to be involved in, in the year ahead. This 4-H newsletter is one of the best ways to keep in touch with what's coming up. Take a few minutes to review the possibilities and come join us!

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

**4-H Council** – Reply to Doodle Poll by Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>

**4-H Ag Livestock** – Watch for a Doodle Poll

**4-H Home Ec., BBQ, Foodstand** – Watch for a Doodle Poll in Jan.

**4-H Achievement Banquet, 4-H Day, Promotion** – Watch for a Doodle Poll in Jan.

## Ways to Contact Us

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- [www.cottonwood.ksu.edu](http://www.cottonwood.ksu.edu)

## IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

**December 1** – 4-H Enrollments Updated for new 4-H year in 4-H Online

**December 1** – 4-H Water Ambassador Application Due

**December 18** – Registration due for Dairy Goat Webinar

**January 1** – 4-H Day with KSU Woman's Basketball Registration Due

**January 2** – Horse Panorama Registration Due

**January 12** - Record Books going on to Regional Judging to Office

**February 12** – Sign up for Jr. Beef Producer Day @ KSU

**February 26** - Sign up for Jr. Sheep Producer Day @ KSU

## 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.

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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## 4-H Enrollments

You will be able to 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.** I.e. Market Beef is usually weighed in early February and Small Livestock weighed in in late April.

## VIP (Volunteer Information Profile)

4-H volunteers working directly with youth in the club, as a leader or project leader are required to go through this screening and training process. The application is available as part of the 4-H On-line website. You will complete a profile for yourself under your family account. Take part in the training modules available on that site. Contact the Ext. Office to let us know you've completed these steps and schedule an interview. At that time, we will provide you with a link to the background check process. Aps can be submitted at any time during the next few months, but the screening and training process **must be completed by January 1.**

**National Background Checks**—Kansas 4-H requires national background checks for all volunteers. 1/3 of our 100+ current VIP volunteers will go through this process this year. Your club leader has this list and will be contacting you to complete this process now. **All volunteers will be required to go through this process every 3 years.**

**Current Volunteers** - If you are a current screened volunteer in your 4-H club and plan to continue to do so, please UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION on the 4-H On-line system as your 4-H Volunteer Renewal.

**New & Returning Volunteers** – **will need to add yourself to your family profile in 4-H On-line.** Visit with your club's leader or our office if you need assistance with this!

## 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

At the October meeting we did not have all new club reps present. At the December meeting, we will hold elections and begin setting goals for the new 4-H year. Council representatives can run for office, alternates cannot. We will elect persons to the following offices:

<b>President</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Parliamentarian</b>	<b>Fair Board Representatives</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Reporter</b>	<b>Adult Sponsors</b>

Think about stretching your leadership abilities by running for an office. Be sure that **if you decide to run that you are able to be committed and fully participate** in the 4-H Council meetings. We will also take nominations from the floor at the meeting.

## 4-H Council Canned Food Drive

4-H Council will once again hold a Canned Food Drive at their December meeting. If you would like to donate items to this project, take them to your November 4-H meeting and your 4-H Council reps will bring them to the 4-H Council meeting for distribution to a local food pantry.

## Area Record Book Judging

A reminder if your Project Record was selected for area judging, the record book is due into the Extension Office no later than **Friday, January 12, 2024.** Those eligible from Ellis County are:

Lizzy Vajnar – Communications, Keeli Kimzey – Meat Goats, Sheena Klaus – Poultry, and Grace A Schmeidler – Self-Determined



### Kansas 4-H Horse Panorama

The 4-H Horse Panorama will be held Saturday, January 27, 2024 at the K-State Salina campus. [Horse Panorama Website](#)

\*NEW FOR 2024: A first-timers only, non-competitive hippology experience is available to youth age 7-18. This experience allows youth to discover more about the event prior to competition. The registration for first-timers is \$25. Adults who are willing to volunteer to assist with contests may register for the day at a reduced rate of \$15.

The 2024 4-H Horse Panorama registration is now open and can be found at the website above. Adults and additional youth attending must also register. Registration is due January 2, 2024 to secure a t-shirt. Late registrations will be taken until January 15 with a \$25 late fee. Payment must be made by check to your local Extension Unit.



## 4-H Beef Weigh-in Date is TBD

If you're planning to show Market Steers & Heifers at this year's Ellis County Fair, be sure to watch your email and Facebook for when the Ag. Livestock Committee sets the beef weigh-in date! (Usually in early February)

**You need to be enrolled in the Market Beef project by the February weigh-in date.** (Check your on-line enrollments)  
**Be sure to purchase tags & tag your animals prior to the weigh-in.**

## K-State Junior Beef Producer and Junior Sheep Producer Days 2024

Jr. Beef Producer Day is March 2 and Jr. Sheep Producer Day is March 16. Visit the [Youth Livestock Program website](#) for all the latest information. Registrations are due in February, both youth and adults attending need to register!

## KS 4-H Scholarships Due March 1 2024

Get an early start on your application for the 2024 Kansas 4-H Scholarship. All information is available at [State 4-H Scholarships](#). **The deadline for the Kansas 4-H Scholarship is March 1, 2024 11:59 PM.** A list of scholarships available to apply for is posted on the site. The KS 4-H Scholarship requires a copy of your grade transcript, resume, several letters of recommendation, an essay and a short video, so plan ahead! Any past 4-H member who is currently in college is eligible to apply for the KS 4-H scholarships. **You are considered for all scholarships that you qualify for with one application.**

## 4-H Day—Sunday, March 3 – North Oak Community Church

4-H Day is a chance for 4-H members to showcase their project learning through public presentations. *If you ask any 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.* Consider building that powerful skill in your children through their involvement in 4-H Day activities; such as skits, project talks, talent, etc. Mark Sunday, March 3 on your calendar and make plans now to participate in 4-H Day. It will begin early afternoon. [Check out the website](#) for the latest information, rules, etc.

## SUPER 4-H SATURDAY at FHSU – March 23

March 23 is a day filled with great 4-H activities for the whole family! There will be 6 judging contests—Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Livestock & Photography for 4-H & FFA youth 7 - 18. You can judge at 1 or all of these great contests. There will be several workshops in the afternoon to help 4-H'ers explore project learning. Watch for more info as these activities are finalized.

**ELLIS COUNTY FAIR 2023 will be July 13 - 20, 2024**  
**The Theme is "Moo'in & Groovin'!"**



## MANDATORY YQCA FOR 2024 ELLIS CO. FAIR SALE

The Cottonwood District Extension Board and the Ellis County Fair Board have agreed that the YQCA program is important. **To be able to participate in the 2024 Ellis County 4-H Livestock Auction, all youth must complete the YQCA program and attend the mandatory sale information meeting.** We will be planning to offer both in the springtime, watch for more information to come.

YQCA is designed as an annual education and certification program focused on food safety, animal well-being and character awareness for youth ages 8 to 21 producing and/or showing pigs, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, rabbits, and poultry. The program has been designed by extension specialists and national livestock program managers to ensure it is accurate, current, and relevant to the needs of the animal industry and shows and is appropriate for youth.



## AWARDS CORNER

### Record Books – Calling ALL Ellis 4-H’ers!

Building record keeping skills while documenting all the great things you’ve accomplished through your 4-H career is what it’s all about. Just think, if you work at this a little bit at a time, by the end of the year, you’ll be almost done with your Project Record Book. And by the end of your 4-H career, you’ll have a great documentation of all things that can be used on scholarship and employment applications!

We encourage you to use the goal setting sheet linked in the newsletter opening to get started. Or simply open up your ZSuite site and enter those goals right there. To get started, go to: <https://4h.zsuite.org/> If you haven’t already created a family profile and member profile, now’s the time to do so. Then off you go!

Each club should have a parent and teen trained on how to use the system. Visit with them or give our office a call. There is also a recording of the “Getting Started” training and a quick guide posted on our front webpage.

There were several 4-H’ers who completed multiple Project Records this past year, due to the ease in completing them. See what it’s all about and get started now!



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## DAIRY GOATS COUNTY FAIR & BEYOND

DECEMBER 18TH, 2023 6:30-7:30 P.M.

Join us for an online Zoom workshop to learn all about the Dairy Doe Project. This workshop will be geared towards families interested and enrolled in the Dairy Goat Project and Extension Agents.

Topics that will be covered:

- County vs. State
- State Fair Entry Deadlines
- Registration Tattoos
- Preparing your animal to show



Register by Sunday, December 17th to receive the  
Zoom link: <https://forms.gle/Bh4V8a4UBFeFsLd47>

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 13, 2024



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## KANSAS 4-H DAY WITH K-STATE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

\$30: Ticket, Voucher (\$10 concessions), & Shirt

\$20: Ticket & Voucher (\$10 concessions)

### HOW TO GET TICKETS?

1. Register! Use the QR code or the link below!
2. Pick up ticket packages - location TBD (1/13/24, 11:30 AM-12:30 PM)
3. Doors open for the general public (1/13/24, 12:00 PM)
4. Tip-off! (1/13/24, 1:00 PM)

Online registration for this event will be due **January 1st, 2024**. No paper registrations will be accepted. To register, go to: <https://bit.ly/3N85oPY>

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