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February 2022

Ellis County 4-H Happenings

Now that Susan is retired, we will do our very best in our office to keep the flow of information current on upcoming 4-H events, happenings & deadlines. It will be important for all of us to stay alert and read the newsletter, be at club mtgs., etc. If you have any questions, wonder when something is, etc. Please give us or your club leaders a call. Extension office 628-9430 or email Theresa tam3@ksu.edu or Stacy scampbel@ksu.edu

It's time for 4-H Day! Congrats to every 4-H member who is planning to give a presentation at this year's event! You are all winners!

Thanks to several of our 4-H'ers, we have posted some video examples of various kinds of talks and some helpful hints handouts to prepare you for the big event. [Check these videos out on our YouTube channel.](#) The [registration packet for 4-H Day](#) is posted on our website. You can print off and return a hard copy OR you can go [on-line](#) and register with a simple form. Either way, **entries are due in the Extension Office by Friday, February 23.**

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



Meetings Coming Your Way

- 4-H Council – February 21, 5:30 p.m.
- 4-H Scholarship & Development – TBA
- 4-H Ambassadors – March 13. 3:00 p.m.



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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
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IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

- February 1** – Enroll in Market Beef Project by Weigh-in Date
- February 11** – Sign up for Jr. Beef Producer Day
- February 23** – Ellis Co. 4-H Day Entries Due
- February 25** – Sign up for Jr. Sheep Producer Day
- March 1** – Sign up to sponsor a County Fair Award
- March 1** – State 4-H Scholarships On-line
- March 1** – Fair Award Sponsors Due to Norleen Knoll
- March 4** – Ellis Co. 4-H Scholarships Due

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.

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](#).

Out of County 4-H Enrollment

If you live outside the Ellis County boundaries, you are required to file an “[Out of County 4-H Membership](#)” form annually. Please take time to complete and return this form to the local Extension Office now.

Parents will go through the 4-H Volunteer screening process, families will sign a form agreeing to be positive participants in the program. If currently in another county's program, families must provide a letter of release from the current board stating that they are a family in good standing in their 4-H program. Families will complete and sign the Out of County form and keep their KS 4-H Volunteer Screening file updated annually.

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. Consider building that powerful skill in your children through their involvement in 4-H Day activities. Mark Sunday, March 6 on your calendar and make plans now to participate in 4-H Day. Some clubs have already started working on skits, projecttalks, talent, etc. [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.

4-H Day 101

New to 4-H Day?? We've posted a series of informational handouts and videos on the website to help you get started planning talks. https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/ellis-county4h/4-hevents/ellis_4HDay.html Check out the series of “how to” video presentations by our Ellis Co. 4-H'ers.

Model Meetings

Model Meetings are a great way to test your club's parliamentary procedure skills. It's not too late to sign up if you'd like to give it a try. Clubs will tape their own meetings this year and submit to the Extension Office. The club receiving the top ribbon placing will represent Ellis Co. at Regional 4-H Day in March



4-H Horse Project Club Reorganizing

If you are interested in the 4-H Horse project, contact Tatum Kimzey at tatumkimzey@gmail.com They are looking to get a group together again. If you know of anyone who is not currently in 4-H, but has an interest in learning more about care and riding their horse, please share Tatum's contact information with them, as well.

4-H Beef Weigh-in Set

If you're planning to show Market Steers & Heifers at this year's Ellis County Fair, make plans now to attend the Beef Weigh-in on Saturday, February 12th from 9 – 11 a.m. at the 4-H Fairgrounds. **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.**

Livestock ID Procedures

Large and Small animal ID procedures for 2022 have been revised. They are posted on the [4-H website](#). New in '22 - All livestock species will have the option of bringing their animals to the weigh-in site and having the tag verified, rather than taking the animals across the scale. Remember that weighing the animals is a good "bench mark" tool as to the progress of the project animal.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

State level livestock shows in Kansas require youth to have YQCA certification. For this year, you will have the option to do the training on line at \$12 per member. Visit YQCA.org to get your training completed for 2022.

JR Producer Day for Beef & Sheep Goats

This year the junior producer days will be hosted in person. Junior Beef Producer Day is scheduled for March 5, 2022. The Junior Sheep Producer Day is scheduled for March 19, 2022 . All ages and knowledge levels are invited for both events! K-State faculty members, graduate students and guest speakers will cover topics including selection, nutrition and feeding, showmanship, fitting, reproduction and disease control.

Advanced online registration is \$15.00 (Feb 11th for Beef, Feb 25th for Sheep) After those dates, registration increases to \$20.00. The link for both Junior Beef Producer Day and Junior Sheep Producer day is <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>. For more information, contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu or 785-532-1264.

4-H Council Update

At the February 23rd meeting 4-H Council will be working to finalize the 4-H Fair Schedule. It is important that you attend club meetings to give your input and to stay informed. 4-H Council and committee agendas and minutes are posted on the website. Cottonwood.ksu.edu

Food Stand Committee Recommendations

The 4-H Home Ec, Food Stand, BBQ Committee met on January 24th. The committee is proposing several changes for the food stand this year.

The proposal includes that each club will be assigned to one day during the fair to staff and operate the food stand. Club names were drawn and the results were:

Tuesday – Buckeye Jr. Farmers

Wednesday – Gemini Jrs.

Thursday – Victoria Vikings

Friday – Good Hope and Growing Leaders

Saturday – Big Creek, Shooting Sports, Ellis Sunflowers

The clubs will rotate to the next day for 2023, and each following year.

This proposal will be voted on by council members at the February Ellis County 4-H Council meeting.

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.

Kansas 4-H Scholarships are due online by March 1.

All information can be found here: [Scholarships | Awards and Recognition | Resources | Kansas 4-H Youth Development](#)



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

Ellis County Fair Volunteers Needed

Volunteer postcards have been sent to ask for help with the County Fair. 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 Award Sponsors Needed

The Ellis Co. Fairboard is seeking award sponsors. In order for a special award to be awarded in any given area, there must be a sponsor. **Contact Norleen Knoll by March 1** if you'd like to sponsor a special award. Sponsorships are listed in the Ellis Co. Fairbook and in several news releases/ads. The sponsorship form is posted on our website. Check out the areas that are listed and think about helping sponsor a special award for the Fair.

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.



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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