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November 2022

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 1st**.

Now is the time to set your project goals for the year. We hope you will take time to think about what it is that you want to do and learn through your 4-H activities and projects. Write it down! If it's on paper, it's much easier to reach that goal. Here's a link to a [goal worksheet](#) to help you get those goals written down. These can also be added to the project goal section in your record books!

If you set your goals now, you will have a great guide to follow to get to where you want to go. . .by the year's end! Make the most of your 4-H year by planning ahead! And as always, don't hesitate to give our office a call if you have a question. There is a great resource available to help you learn more about all of the learning opportunities available through Ellis County 4-H. Check out the [Project Selection Guide](#).

Join our private Facebook group - *Ellis County Kansas 4-H* for more update information and for deadline reminders!

Yours in 4-H,

Stacy, Theresa, Tamara and Taylor

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Meetings Coming Your Way

4-H Ag Livestock – Watch for a Doodle Poll

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

4-H Achievement Banquet, 4-H Day, Promotion – Watch for a Doodle Poll

Council – December 6th, 7pm – Food Drive

Ways to Contact Us

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

November 1 – 4-H VIP Renewals completed in 4-H Online

November 1 – 4-H Club Financial Reports due

November 18 – Register for 4-H Officer Training by 5pm

November 23 – 4-H Shirt order due

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

December 2 – 4-H Water Ambassador Application 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.

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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CONGRATS TO . . .

. . . All Ellis County 4-Her's who participated at KJLS.

. . . All Shooting Sports participants that qualified and participated at the state competitions. Check out this cool Shooting Sports promo video created by Chase Wittman - [Shooting Sports Promo Video](#)

. . . All honorees at the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet. A special congrats to our Friends of 4-H, Theresa Meis and Schneider Auction Service!

4-H Achievement Banquet – Thank You

Thanks to everyone who served on the planning committee. They did a great job with putting together a fun and engaging event. Thanks to Dave and Linda Woods for preparing and serving a great meal!

Thanks to the 4-H Clubs for donating baskets for this year's auction. And to the many dedicated 4-H supporters who bid on the baskets. **We raised over \$1,000 to benefit the Scholarship Fund!**

Any leftover programs and state fair exhibits were placed into club boxes at the office. Please pick these up soon!

4-H Enrollments

The 4-H Online enrollment system is updated and ready for you to sign on starting October 1 to update your enrollment choices for 2022 -23. **Even if you are enrolling in the same projects, you will still need to log-on and update your profile and make project selections.**

The \$15 fee per member is payable to the KS 4-H program as you enroll. Your enrollment is not considered complete until you make a payment and hit the **SUBMIT** button. You can pay by credit card or by check to the State 4-H Office.

Payments do not come to the local Extension Office. If this fee is a hardship for your family, you can select the "Request a Waiver" button and the State 4-H Office will consider your request.

We ask that you take time this month to complete this process. Reenrollments should be finalized by December 1.

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.**

NEW - 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 **by November 1.**

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!

Decorating Hays Public Library trees for the Holidays

Once again, Gemini Juniors are inviting all clubs to make ornaments for the trees by Hays Public Library. Please bring ornaments to the **Extension Office by 5 pm on Friday, December 2nd,** and put them in the box in the entryway. Ornaments should be able to withstand the Kansas wind and elements.



48 Hours of 4-H

Congratulations to the 4-H clubs who recently participated in Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat service project!

4-H Leaders – Remember to log your club’s project on the [kansas4-h.org](http://www.kansas4-h.org) website so that they can track how many youth and hours went into this statewide effort! <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html>

4-H Officer Training – “Unearthing Possibilities”

Again, this year we’re offering a free Regional 4-H Officer training. Your club can join the fun at a regional 4-H Officer Training held on Tuesday, November 22, 6 – 8:30 p.m. in Russell. You don’t have to be a current officer to participate in the training. This is your chance to learn more about a specific office and meet some other 4-H members, too. There will also be a session for parents & leaders.

To join this fun learning session, **register on-line by 5pm on Friday, November 18th**. [Get registered for this FREE session.](#)

Civil Discourse

The Ellis County 4-H Council is hosting a great workshop for all local high school teens on December 4th. Learn new leadership and communication skills, then enjoy a performance by the Peterson Farm Brothers! See the flyer below for more details and to get signed up! The first 100 people signed up get a t-shirt!

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.

4-H Project Leaders Needed

As members enroll in projects, it is important to provide them with learning experience in those areas. Adults and teens are needed to guide the members in their project earning. If you have a skill to share, visit with you club leader to get involved.

4-H2O Ambassadors applications due on December 2nd

What is a 4-H Water Ambassador? The 4-H Water Ambassador program is a leadership opportunity for all teens 13 and older, focusing on the importance of water quality, water conservation and water careers. It is a project for teens in the Cottonwood Extension District (Barton & Ellis counties.) You do not have to be a 4-Her to apply. Find the application at: [4H Water Ambassador](#)

ELLIS COUNTY FAIR 2023 will be July 15 - 22, 2023
The Theme is “Saddle up for fun!”



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!

UNEARTHING POSSIBILITIES

4-H Officer Training

November 22, 2022
6:00p.m. - 8:30p.m.
4-H Building - Russell, KS
702 Fairway Dr, Russell, KS 67665

If you've been elected to an important office in your 4-H Club.
Come learn your roles and responsibilities for your club.

Collegiate 4-H and other volunteers will be presenting the sessions

RSVP with the link provided by November 18th
https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eVFicdEnJrmQ3gG

Barton County—620-793-1910
Ellis County—785-628-9430
Midway District—785-483-3157

Parents come learn all about your role as a parent, online resources, and helping 4-H'ers identify ways to take project leadership and citizenship to the next level



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Chat, Don't Snap.

Enhance your leadership and communication skills through Civil Discourse and practice your new skills in small group settings! This workshop is hosted by Ellis County 4-H Council for all area high school students.



Event Entertainment:
The Peterson Farm Brothers!
Farmers, Singers, Songwriters.



Event Keynote:
Dr. Lori Kniffin, FHSU!
Assistant Professor of Leadership Studies
Expert in civic leadership & dialogue

-  Free T-Shirts to the first 100 registered
-  Refreshments
-  Prize Drawings

FHSU Memorial Union
Sunday, December 4, 2022
1 PM - 5 PM



Scan the QR code to sign up and see the event schedule!
Registration deadline: November 22

For more information: elliscounty4hcivildiscourse@gmail.com

Sponsors: Dane G Hansen Foundation, Midwest Energy Community Fund, Lang Diesel, eyeSMILE Vision & Dental, Hays Optimist Club, Redeem Designs, Hays Kiwanis Club, Ellis County 4-H Council, FHSU Department of Leadership Studies



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4-H APPAREL

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Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council



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