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August/September 2022

Ellis County 4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to 4-H'ers, your families, and every volunteer who made the 2022 Ellis County Fair a big success. Each member can be proud of the things you've accomplished this year. No matter what color ribbon you received or how much your premium check is, you are ALL winners because you **worked hard** and **learned** many new things along the way.

Please take time to write thank you notes to the sponsors of your awards and others that helped with the fair. We need to let our volunteers and sponsors know that we appreciate their continued support!

Here's your chance to give us feedback about the fair. There's an on-line survey to share your thoughts with the Ellis Co. 4-H Council and the Ellis Co. Fairboard. Please take a few minutes to share your thoughts by **Friday, August 19**. Here's the link: <https://tinyurl.com/jadx67wm>

Hats off to everyone who stepped in and volunteered . . . in the Schenk Building, the Foodstands, in the barns, at the events, during the shows . . . your help was greatly appreciated and it helped to make everything run smoothly. We all know that many hours were given. Thanks everyone for ALL of your efforts to make the Ellis County Fair a special event!

As always, if you have questions, don't hesitate to ask . . . a leader, a 4-H member, or Extension Staff.

Yours in 4-H,

Stacy, Theresa, Tamara & Taylor



Meetings Coming Your Way

Ach. Banquet, 4-H Day, Promotion - TBD

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

- August 27** – Civil Discourse Workshop
- September 2** – Indoor Exhibits for Kansas State Fair to Extension Office
- September 7** – Food & Hort Exhibits for KSF to Ext. Office 7:30 – 8:15 a.m.
- September 30** – 4-H Kansas Award Portfolios & Membership Pin Aps Due
- September 30** – Rosemary Smith 4-H Scholarship & Club Award Entries Due
- September 30** – I Dare You & KS 4-H Key Award Aps Due

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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!



IT'S KANSAS STATE FAIR TIME!

Indoor exhibits are due in the Extension Office by Friday, September 2.

Food and Horticulture exhibits may come in from 7:30—8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, September 7.

Exhibits are returned to the Ext. Office on Monday, September 19 after 1:00 p.m. If you are willing to share your projects for display during 4-H Week in early October, we will keep them until after that time.

Good luck to all 4-H'ers participating at the Kansas State Fair and in the 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes!



ELLIS COUNTY FAIR WRAP UP

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 4-H'ers that participated in the Ellis County Fair!

Here are the top individuals for the various contests held during the Fair.

Life Skills Judging—Fair

Jr./Int. 1st – 3-WAY-TIE – Emma Dickman, GH; Kaylee Schumacher, VV; Kate Pope, BJB; 4th place – Audrey Yarmer, BJB

Sr. 1st place – Mariella Dreiling, GJ; 2nd place – Dustin Rajewski, GJ; 3rd place – Marisa Wasinger, GH; 4th place – Wyatt Grabbe, GH

Livestock Judging

Jr. 1st place – Faith Schmeidler, BJB; 2nd place – Ella Neher, VV; 3rd place – Mark Grabbe, GH; 4th place – Jacob Leiker, GH

Sr. 1st place – Emma Anderson, VV; 2nd place – Grace A. Schmeidler, BJB; 3rd place – Wyatt Grabbe, GH; 4th place – Jaiden Pfannenstiel, GH

Champion Fitting & Showing

Senior Champion – Karli Neher, VV

Senior Reserve Champion – Kylee Pfeifer, ES

Intermediate Champion – Colton Metzler, ES

Intermediate Reserve Champion – Ella Neher, VV

Junior Champion – Maddie Robben, VV

Junior Reserve Champion – Karci Kimzey, BJB

Herdsmanship Winners

Beef – Victoria Vikings

Sheep – Victoria Vikings

Swine – Ellis Sunflowers

Meat Goats – Good Hope

Rabbits – Victoria Vikings

Poultry – Gemini Juniors

Animal Management Skill-a-thon

Jr. – 1st – Levi Schumacher, VV; 2nd place – Faith Schmeidler, BJB

Sr. 1st – Karli Neher, VV; 2nd place – Marisa Wasinger, GH

PREMIUM CHECKS

Fair Premium Checks will be in the Extension Office on THURSDAY (8/18) for you to stop by and pick up. Please have them picked up within a week. If you received a 4-H special award (listed in the back of the fairbook) at this year's fair, you'll need to write your thank you note and bring it in a stamped envelope to the Extension Office to receive your premium check and cash award! ***The Fairboard has asked that you please cash checks within 60 days.***

4-H FOODSTAND

A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to all 4-H families who helped to make this year's 4-H Foodstand a success! It takes a great deal of man power to make that type of operation work. Thanks also to the foodstand supervisor, Diana Staab for all the extra efforts in providing a safe and positive place for 4-H families to come work, learn and serve together.

CIVIL DISCOURSE

Teen leaders from Ellis County 4-H Council, are hosting a workshop for Northwest Kansas teen leaders on Civil Discourse on Saturday, August 27 at the FHSU Memorial Union. This event will help teens (parent/teacher session offered, too!) learn how to engage in dialog with others about tough topics, with respect and open conversation. Dr. Lori Kniffin (Assistant Professor of Leadership Studies, FHSU) will be our keynote speaker and the event will close with a special performance from the Peterson Farm Brothers! FREE and open to all teens. Sign up now; the first 100 registrants will get a free t-shirt!

To register for the event, use the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/2fp3mk8u>

KANSAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

The [Kansas Youth Leadership Forum](#) will be November 19 - 20, 2022 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The Forum is for youth ages 14-18, as of January 1, 2023. **Registration will open Mid October and are due November 1.** KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun.

KS 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 by January 1, 2023 may apply to be a state council member. The duties of the Council members include planning the next Youth Leadership Forum and other events, and may include assisting with State 4-H functions, working with 4-H public relations, and speaking at local achievement programs, forums, and other workshops or conferences. [Applications for the State 4-H Youth Council](#) are **due in the State 4-H Office October 1.**

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

Are you interested in Shooting Sports? Air Rifle, BB Gun and Air Pistol will begin in October. Contact Cory Depenbusch NOW if you'd like to get involved. Cory Depenbusch, County Coordinator 785-639-1652 or e-mail him at cdepenbusch@yahoo.com for more information.

The NEW 4-H Year is Almost Here!

As you already know, 4-H is a network of families that work together to grow great kids! And 4-H has something to offer both city and country families. Now's the time to invite families you know to come and get involved as we get ready to start the new 4-H year in October. Let's work together to encourage more Ellis Co. youth and families to come and join the fun as we learn and work together!

4-H SCHOLARSHIP WRAP UP

If you received a 4-H camp or graduating scholarship, please be sure to tell your club about your camp experience AND bring a thank you note to the Extension Office to share with the 4-H Scholarship committee. They will meet in September. Thank you to everyone for stepping up and filling your shifts in the Scholarship Foodstand at the Fair!

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4-H Awards

It's time to begin thinking about wrapping up the 2021-22 4-H year! While County Fair is still fresh in your mind, and before school gets into full swing, why not take time to complete your KAP and Member Pin Applications. These application forms are found on the [Ellis Co. 4-H Forms page](#) of the Ellis Co. 4-H website www.cottonwood.ksu.edu. If you'd like help in getting your KAP or Pin Ap completed, give the Extension Office a call.

AWARDS CORNER

NEW THIS YEAR EACH AGE GROUP WILL HAVE ASSIGNED COLORS FOR BINDERS FOR THEIR PROJECT AWARD APPLICATION (KAP's).

7-9 years old – BLUE

This age group will fill out the project award application for the 7-9-year olds. There is a specific project award application for animal projects (this includes ALL animal projects). This age group will need to turn in their award application in a **blue** binder. Everyone in the 7-9-year-old group who has turned in a project award application will receive a participation certificate and a "token" of recognition (i.e., 4-H item, such as a pencil, key chain, magnet, etc.). Be sure to complete the 4-H Personal Page and include in the front of the Project Award Application.

10-13 years old – WHITE

This group will need to use the project award application for the 10-13-year olds. There is a specific project award application for animal projects (this includes ALL animal projects). This age group will need to turn in their award

application in a **white** binder. Be sure to complete the 4-H Personal Page and include in the front of the Project Award Application.

14 years and older – BLACK

This group will need to use the project award application for the 14 years and older. There is a specific project award application for animal projects (this includes ALL animal projects). This age group will need to turn in their award application in a **black** binder. Be sure to complete the 4-H Personal Page and include in the front of the Project Award Application

Kansas Award Portfolios & Member Pin Aps Due September 30

Your Kansas Award Portfolios (KAPs) & [Pin Aps](#) are **due in the Extension Office on Friday, September 30**. You will print off your Record Book pages for your KAP through the Z-suite app. You can pick up forms at the Extension Office or print them from our website for the Member Pin Aps. Feel free to contact us if you have questions about this process.

If you would like to schedule an appointment for assistance with this process, give our office a call.

Cloverbud Scrapbooks

4-H participation teaches youth many new skills. Record keeping is one of those skills. We use those skills daily as adults. A Cloverbud & their adult guide will fill out the [Cloverbud Personal Page](#). They can design a cover and add up to 3 additional scrapbook pages. These might include photos, ribbons, or clippings. Be creative. These will not be judged, but those completing the process will receive special recognition at the fall 4-H Achievement Banquet. Submit these to the Extension Office **by Friday, September 30**.

KS 4-H Key Award

The Key Award is a very prestigious award given to only 10% of Kansas 4-H youth. 4-H'ers 16 & over may apply if enrolled in the Leadership project and meet eight requirements. [Applications](#) are available at the Ext. Office and are due **Friday, September 30**.

"I DARE YOU" Leadership Award

Each year, two 4-H'ers in their junior year of HS or older can be recognized for their leadership abilities. This award is given in the hope of encouraging young people to lead purposeful lives. This ap requires a letter of recommendation from the club leader. **Club Leaders can nominate youth for this special award.** [Applications](#) are due to the Extension Office **by Friday, September 30**.

Charter Seal Applications Due

4-H Clubs...it's time for your club's leadership team to meet and see what you've accomplished this past year. Your [Charter Seal applications](#) are completed and turned in **by Friday, September 30**. Let's try for 100% completion in 2022!

Club Officer Notebooks Due

Reporters, secretaries, historians, and treasurers...did you know that you can turn in your notebooks for county judging? Please finish them up and turn them into the Extension Office immediately after your September meeting. Submit officer notebooks **NO LATER THAN Friday, September 30**.

Friend of 4-H

There are many people and businesses who share their time, talents and resources with the local 4-H program. Ellis County 4-H recognizes an outstanding individual and business that goes above and beyond to assist with 4-H activities. Please take time to nominate a business and an individual that your club sees as deserving of this special honor. The application forms are available in the Extension Office and are **due Friday, September 30**.

Rosemary Smith Scholarship

Scholarships available to Ellis Co. 4-H members in their Jr. or Sr. year of HS, currently enrolled in a Higher Ed course or former 4-H members who are currently enrolled in college. [Applications](#) are available at the Extension Office & are **due Friday, September 30**.

MORE ON MEMBER PIN APPLICATIONS

Standard of Excellence Award Categories: Here a "standard" is set and completion of categories is determined by a minimum requirement.

Membership Pin – Complete Ellis Co. Achievement Plan—1 optional requirement AND Personal Page OR 4-H Story
Bronze Pin - Complete Ellis Co. Achievement Plan—3 optional requirements AND 4-H Personal Page, 4-H Story, Photos OR 7-8 year old KAP
Clover Pin - Complete Ellis Co. Achievement Plan—7 optional requirements AND 4-H Personal Page, 4-H Story, Photos OR 9-13 year old KAP
Emerald Pin - Complete Ellis Co. Achievement Plan—9 optional requirements AND 1 Project KAP
Silver Pin - Complete Ellis Co. Achievement Plan—10 optional requirements AND 1 Project KAP
Silver Guard Pin - Complete Ellis Co. Achievement Plan—12 optional requirements AND 1 Project KAP
Jr. Leader Pin - Complete Ellis Co. Achievement Plan—16 optional requirements AND 1 Project KAP
Gold Pin - Complete Ellis Co. Achievement Plan— 19 optional requirements AND 1 Project KAP
Gold Guard - Complete Ellis Co. Achievement Plan—21 optional requirements AND 1 Project KAP
Key Award - State Application Form - Limited to 10% of those 16 and over.

MORE ON KANSAS AWARD PORTFOLIOS

County Champion - Awarded in individual projects. Jr. & Sr. pins awarded. Must complete Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP). 32 project areas available. Seniors advance to the Regional screening held in January each year. Regional winners submit their KAP to the state screening. State screening may include an interview process to select the finalists who are recognized at the Emerald Circle Banquet in Manhattan and who earn a trip to the National 4-H Congress held in Atlanta.

[All forms are available on-line](#), at the Extension Office or visit with your 4-H Club Leader. There are 3 different levels of forms – Jr. 7 – 9 years, Intermediate 10 – 13 years and Senior 14 & up.

KAPs and Pin applications are due to the Extension Office Friday, September 30.

YOUR 4-H STORY

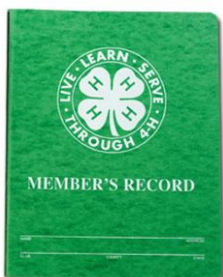
The 4-H Story is a very important part of your KAP. A well-organized story is easiest to read and follow. You may want to try outlining your story before you begin writing. In the new system, the story is included in your project record. It is called a project reflection. So, you don't need to include a separate story. As you get older, there is more to write about. Use the below prompts to help you with the writing.

Introduce yourself - include your age, interests, family, where you live, where you attend school, when and why you joined 4-H.

Tell about your favorite 4-H project. Why did you choose the project; what goals did you set and which ones did you reach; what have you learned in the project; how has the project grown in size and scope; describe the things you have tried and found successful and some that were not so successful; how have you arranged for financing; include profits, losses and savings.

Highlight other 4-H projects and activities. Give information about other project activities you have participated in: include major learning experiences; special interests; usual experiences; and unusual situations that you've encountered.

Describe how 4-H participation has influenced your school and career goals. Tell about your plans for the future and the career you would like to pursue. What do you want to do next year?



Look familiar? If you were a 4-H'er in the 1970s & 1980s, you most likely used this cover to hold your 4-H Record Book. Times have changed! You can place your Kansas Award Portfolio into any type of thin binder that you choose. You can still purchase this style cover through 4-Hmall.org.

The Kansas Award Portfolio process is a **one-year snap shot of your 4-H work in one project area**. It helps 4-H'ers learn record keeping skills. One Ellis Co. 4-H'er recently said "*Why didn't I start doing this a long time ago?*". It's not as difficult and time consuming as you may remember if you did a 4-H Record Book! And having this **information captured in the KAP will help the 4-H'er when it's time to apply for college scholarships or jobs!**