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Dear Rabbit & Poultry 4-H Members,

Please read on to learn more about county fair details. Call the Extension Office if you have any questions.

### **CHECKING ANIMALS IN**

The Fairboard has set the small animal check in for Monday evening, July 16, 7 – 8 p.m. 4-H and 8 – 8:30 p.m. for Open Class exhibits.

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### **HERDSMANSHIP**

Showcasing your 4-H small animal project work – making it look its best as the community comes out to take a look – that’s what herdsmanship is all about! This year’s theme for the Ellis Co. Fair is “Summer Days ~ Country Ways”. You might think about ways to incorporate the theme in the barn areas – that should be easy this year! Clubs work together and are judged by “silent judges” throughout the fair. So be ready at all times!

Judges score on the following:

- ✓ Cleanliness of Alleys, Stalls & Pens
- ✓ Arrangement of Exhibits
- ✓ Appearance of Animals
- ✓ Stall Cards & Educational Exhibits

Commerce Bank is sponsoring special cash awards for Herdsmanship recognition again this year. The winners will be announced at the beginning of the Champion Fitting and Showing and prizes awarded at 4-H Achievement Banquet in October. Please do your 4-H best and take time to thank Commerce Bank for their generous sponsorship.

There will be a wheelbarrow & shovel available in the barn to clean up. Remember to scoop up manure and spilled feed and take it to the manure trailer. The Fairboard is providing 5 gallon buckets to help with moving litter to the manure trailer.

### **STATE FAIR DEADLINE**

Poultry, Rabbit, Dog entries are **due on July 21**. You can complete the needed forms at the Ellis County Fair. Please visit with Extension Staff to complete this process. Watch for signs on times for getting registered.

### **INTENT TO SELL**

**If you plan to sell your meat pens, you are required to file an Intent to Sell form at check – in Monday evening.** They are available to print from the Ellis Co. 4-H County Fair website or you can pick them up from the Superintendent.

### **LIVESTOCK CLEANUP / STALL DEPOSITS**

All small animal project members must be present on Saturday, July 21 in the morning to clean out stalls and pens. In the small animal barn, **this is a team effort. Please plan to arrive at 8 a.m. to help with this project.** If you cannot be there, you must find someone from your club to be there for you. During the fair, the manure wagon will sit at the end of the beef barn. On Saturday morning, it will be moved to the Small Animal barn area for ease of clean up.

If your area has to be taken care of by the superintendent, your stall deposit will not be returned. Superintendents will be on hand to check you out as soon as the barn is cleaned out.

**Be sure to review the livestock rules found on pages 54 – 57 & for your specific specie in the Ellis County Fairbook!**

## **PARKING**

Livestock Parking Hangtags are enclosed in this letter. Make sure the tag is hanging from your rear view mirror upon entry to the fairgrounds. **Parking on the West side of the Small Animal barn will be limited to loading and unloading.** No double parking is allowed along the road east of the cattle barn. However, on the west side of the road where there is grass, single parking is allowed. Please use the livestock lot, as much as possible. The livestock lot is on Enersys property. They remind us that you are parking on this lot at your own risk. Also, remember to keep the road open north of the fence for emergency purposes.

## **PHOTO SCHEDULE**

Please be respectful of the photographer and be ready during the designated times. Pictures will be taken at the following times:

**Rabbit & Poultry Meat Pens** – Tuesday, 8:00 am

**Please have your animals ready to go at the starting time.**

## **AT THE FAIR**

It will no doubt be a warm week at the fair. **Be sure to check your animals often and provide them with the needed water and cooling to keep them as comfortable as possible.**

Thanks for all the hard work that each of you have done to help get the Small Animal barn ready for the Ellis Co. Fair! It shows the great pride you have in your projects and demonstrates great teamwork that we can all learn from!

**Be ready to show at your appointed times.** Parents are welcome to come and watch. Remember that this is the 4-H'er's opportunity to show their skills. Please respect this and quietly watch during the judging process.

## **EXHIBITOR BREAKFAST IS BACK!**

Start the day out right on Tuesday, July 17 with a breakfast for 4-H families sponsored by Bank of Hays. A special breakfast menu will be served from 7:30 – 9:00 a.m. at the 4-H Foodstand on the fairgrounds. Be sure to take time to stop and enjoy this great breakfast option and thank Bank of Hays for supporting 4-H families!

## **SCHENK BUILDING EXHIBIT RELEASE IS SATURDAY 9 – 10 A.M.**

The release of indoor exhibits is on Saturday morning. This will allow you to make one trip to town to pick up your entries.

Let us know if you have any questions. See **YOU** at the Ellis Co. Fair!

Yours in 4-H,



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