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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 2018 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 **Wednesday, August 15**.

Here's the link: <https://goo.gl/forms/IZHyBFzjVLpoC4BC2>

Hats off to everyone who stepped in and volunteered . . . at the Schenk Building, the Foodstands, the BBQ, in the barns . . . your help was greatly appreciated and it helped to make everything run smoothly. With the new sign up system, we were able to track over 1200 volunteer hours worked during the Fair. We all know that many more hours were given and not specifically tracked. 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,

Susan Schlichting

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Meetings Coming Your Way

4-H Council & Fair Coordination Meeting – August 28, 6 p.m. Council 7 p.m. – Committees & Fairboard

4-H Leader's Supper – August 21, 5:30 p.m. – Ext. Office

4-H PDC – Watch for a Doodle Poll coming soon

4-H Achievement Banquet, 4-H Day, Promo – August 23, 5:15 p.m. – Ext. Office

4-H Ag Livestock – Watch for a Doodle Poll coming soon

Ways to Contact Us

- We make a drop box available in the front of the Extension Office for your convenience.
- You can reach the 4-H Office Voice Mail at (785) 628-9430 ext. 14
- Extension Office fax # is (785) 621-2002
- sschlich@ksu.edu

IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

- September 5** – 4-H Kansas Award Portfolios & Membership Pin Aps Due
- September 5** – 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 28** – Rosemary Smith 4-H Scholarship & Club Award Entries Due

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IT'S KANSAS STATE FAIR TIME!

Indoor exhibits are due in the Extension Office by Wednesday, September 5. Food and Horticulture exhibits may come in from 7:30—8:30 a.m. on Friday, September 7.

Exhibits are returned to the Ext. Office on Monday, September 17. 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 exhibitors participating in this year's Fair.



ELLIS COUNTY FAIR WRAP UP

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL 4-H'ers at the Fair!

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

Healthy Food Challenge

Beginner Team – Big Creek Astros/Victoria Vikings – Kameron Emerson, Esther Neher, Scarlett Herrman, Levi Schumacher
Junior Team— Good Hope – Amelia Jaeger, John Wasinger, Lizzy Vajnar, Marisa Wasinger
Senior Team— Ellis Sunflowers – Breonna North, Abby North, Maggie James, Kaleigh Weber

Life Skills Judging—Fair

Jr./Int. 1st place – Mariella Dreiling, GJ; 2nd place – Aliyah Conner, GJ; 3rd place – Luke Montgomery, BJB; 4th place – Ashlen Lang, BJB

Sr. 1st place – Jacob Schmeidler, BJB; Sr. 2nd place – Emily George, GJ; 3rd place – Dustin Rajewski, GJ; 4th place – Avry George, GJ

Livestock Judging

Jr. 1st place – Grace Schmeidler, BJB; 2nd place – Kyle Huser, B&S; 3rd place – Colton Lane, B&S; 4th place – Karli Neher, VV
Sr. 1st place – Kirk Huser, B&S; 2nd place – Kaleb Neher, VV; 3rd place – Jacob Schmeidler, BJB; 4th place – Collin Werth, VV

Champion Fitting & Showing

Senior Champion – Abigail Dickinson, BJB
Senior Reserve Champion – Kaleb Neher, VV
Junior Champion – Kylee Pfeifer, ES
Junior Reserve Champion – Karli Neher, VV

Herdsmanship Winners

Beef—Good Hope
Sheep—Buckeye Jr. Farmers
Swine—Victoria Vikings
Meat Goats—Victoria Vikings
Rabbits—Big Creek Astros
Poultry—Big Creek Astros

Animal Management Skill-a-thon

Jr. – 1st – Kaden Haas, GH
Sr. 1st – Jacob Schmeidler, BJB

TOP BBQ SALES

Congratulations to the top bbq ticket sellers! They each received a special punch card worth \$10 at the 4-H Foodstand during the Fair! Jacob & Kimberly Sack, BJB; Marisa Wasinger, GH; Dustin Rajewski, GJ.

PREMIUM CHECKS

Fair Premium Checks are in the Extension Office for you to stop by and pick up. 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 BBQ THANK YOU

Ellis County 4-Hers and their families are great supporters with an abundance of cookies, cakes and vegetables that everyone furnished for the 4-H Barbeque.

The 4-H Barbeque tickets were a hot item that night with several individuals waiting to see if we had enough food to serve more people. We sold 550 tickets and served over 500 meals.

We want to thank all Ellis County 4-Hers and their families for helping make this year's 4-H Barbeque a success. We had great help from our extension agents, 4-H families, JD's Chicken, Eagle Communications and the Ellis Co. Fairboard. Thanks for all of your help!

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 managers, Mike and Amy Jensen for all the extra efforts in providing a safe and positive place for 4-H families to come work, learn and serve together.

FUN AT THE FAIR TOURS

Congratulations to the 4-H Ambassadors for hosting successful “Fun at the Fair” tours. They had over 150 youth and Senior Citizens join them on their tours!

Think you'd like to join the 4-H Ambassador team? Watch for an application coming to your mailbox in the near future!

KANSAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM

The [Kansas Youth Leadership Forum](#) will be November 17 - 18, 2018 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The Forum is for youth ages 14-18, as of January 1, 2018. **Registrations are due October 15.** This event includes: speakers, workshops, consulting groups and election of the 17th State 4-H Council. **Congrats to Ellis Co. 4-H teen team who will present a workshop at this year's event!**

KS 4-H YOUTH COUNCIL

Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 by January 1, 2018 may apply to be a 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.**

KS 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS DUE IN EARLY 2019

Get an early start on your application for the [2019 Kansas 4-H Scholarship](#). They are due in the local Extension Office in late January each year. Current college students and graduating seniors are eligible to apply. A list of scholarships available to apply for will come out closer to the end of the year.

4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

Are you interested in Shooting Sports? Air Rifle, BB Gun and Air Pistol will begin in October. Contact Leslie Dexter NOW if you'd like to get involved. Leslie Dexter, County Coordinator 785- 656-3452 (evenings/weekends) or e-mail her at eldext@gmail.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. Let's work together to encourage more Ellis Co. youth and families to come and join the fun as we learn and work together!



KS 4-H Photography Action Team Shutterbug Events 2018-2019

September 29, 2018 - Old Jefferson Town
Osakloosa KS - 9 am-Noon

October 13, 2018 - Shutterbug at Hays
K-State Research Center - 9 am-Noon

TBA – April 2019 - Shutterbugs at Auburn
Auburn Community Center - Registration Required
Registration Fee

April 27, 2019 - Shutterbugs in the Garden
Botanica-Wichita - Fee-Entrance to Botanica (good for all day)

For more information on these events check out our website: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/photography/index.html> or our FaceBook page
Kansas 4-H Photography Action Team Events

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!



4-H Awards

AWARDS CORNER

It's time to begin thinking about wrapping up the 2017-18 4-H year! While County Fair is still fresh in your mind, and before school gets in 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.ellis.ksu.edu. If you'd like help in getting your KAP or Pin Ap completed, give the Extension Office a call.

Kansas Award Portfolios & Member Pin Aps Due September 5

Your [Kansas Award Portfolios](#) (KAPs) & [Pin Aps](#) are **due in the Extension Office on Wednesday, September 6**. You can pick up forms at the Extension Office or print them from our website. Feel free to contact us if you have ?s about this process. Remember, we are using a new form this year. It does require you to work on the KAP and Pin Ap in order to receive your member pins.

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

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 **Wednesday, September 5**.

"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 Wednesday, September 5**.

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 28**. Let's try for 100% completion in 2017!

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 28**.

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 Wednesday, September 5**.

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 28**.

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 28**.

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. 4-H’ers 7 - 8 years old can use a simplified KAP form.

KAPs and Pin applications are due to the Extension Office September 5.

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.

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!