

July 2, 2020



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.

As we write this, we are waiting to hear guidance from Ellis Co. on health requirements. Know that as things change we may need to change how we do things. Help encourage “human health”, during Fair week. Use precautions of social distancing, while in the barns and around the grounds. Wash hands after being in the barns working with the animals, not eating foods in the barns, and encourage our “visitors” to the barns to wash up after visiting the barns, too. There will be sanitizing stations around the grounds for your use. But it’s no substitute for washing your hands with good old soap and water for 20 seconds!

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**CHECKING ANIMALS IN**

The Fairboard has set the small animal check in for Monday evening, July 13, 7 – 8 p.m. 4-H and 8 – 8:30 p.m. for Open Class exhibits. Due to a highly contagious Rabbit disease in the region, a vet will be on hand to check all rabbits in as they come to the barn. Please see the vet BEFORE you bring your animal into the barn!

**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 “Affordable Fun”. 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.

**LIVESTOCK CLEANUP / STALL DEPOSITS**

All small animal project members must be present on Saturday, July 18 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 56 – 60 & 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 & Wednesday, 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.**

**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**

The **Bank of Hays** continues to support 4-H'ers and volunteers with a breakfast opportunity during the Fair. This will look different in 2020 with changes brought about by covid-19. 4-H exhibitors and volunteers will receive a coupon good for one breakfast meal during Fair week at the 4-H Foodstand. Be sure to take time to stop and enjoy this great breakfast option and **thank Bank of Hays for supporting 4-H exhibitors!**

### **ANIMAL MANAGEMENT SKILLATHON**

Test your knowledge on all things livestock at this year's Skill-a-thon. There's a Jr. and a Sr. contest. They will be Tuesday, July 21 – Wednesday, July 22 – 10 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. in a virtual format. You can participate in this and other judging contests without being pre-registered in the on-line system. This Cottonwood District wide 4-H event will be used to select teams to participate in the KS 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes in Manhattan in August.

### **SCHEK 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.

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## STATE FAIR DEADLINE

Poultry entries are **due on July 20**. You can complete the needed entry information on-line this year. Watch for details to come on the Ellis Co. 4-H website. 4-H rabbit and dog shows have been canceled at this year's Kansas State Fair.

## ELLIS COUNTY FAIR WEBSITE

The Ellis County Fair is on line at <https://www.elliscounty.net/686/4-H-Events> This is the source for your "online Open Class Fairbook" and full event schedule. Check out All things 4-H at the fair at <https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/ellis-county4h/4-hevents/EllisCountyFair.html>

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

Yours in 4-H,



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4-H Youth Development  
*Enclosures*

### Fair Sign Ups

Indoor Exhibits - <https://signup.com/go/bZwPwxQ>

4-H Foodstand - <https://signup.com/go/hjxVSHC>

Livestock Photo Sign up - <https://signup.com/go/OJupHeh>

Barn Trash Removal - <https://signup.com/go/zVzHvGG>

Manure Trailer Club Duty -

<https://signup.com/go/JROFsro>

Livestock Show Assistance -

<https://signup.com/go/jTqTbnM>

***Volunteers who sign up to help will receive a ticket to the 4-H Foodstand for a FREE breakfast compliments of Bank of Hays, a special 4-H donor and Ellis Co. 4-H Council.***

Come join us  
for Affordable  
Fun at this  
year's  
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