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**January 2023**

# Ellis County 4-H Happenings

Happy New Year 4-H Families!

Hope you all had great holidays and made special family memories! We have many exciting learning opportunities for your family to be involved in, in the year ahead. This 4-H newsletter is one of the best ways to keep in touch with what's coming up. Take a few minutes to review the possibilities and come join us!

One of the best countywide learning opportunities is 4-H Day, it is scheduled for Sunday, March 5. Public Presentation skills are some of the most valuable skills 4-H'ers gain through their 4-H experience. Consider getting your child involved in this great learning activity. The event registration and rules will soon be posted on our website.

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

Yours in 4-H,

**Tamara Robertson**

## Meetings Coming Your Way

**Achievement Banquet/4-H Day/Promo** – Respond to Doodle Poll by January 9

**4-H Ag Livestock** – Respond to Doodle Poll by January 9

**Home Ec, BBQ, Foodstand** – Watch for Email for meeting in Feb.



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## IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

**January 10** – Sign up for 4-H Horse Panorama

**January 18** – Record Books going on to Regional Judging to Office

**February 1** – Register for Ambassador & Communication Training

**February 1** – Sign up for 4-H Citizenship in Action (CIA) in Topeka

**February 10** – Enroll in Market Beef Project by Tomorrow

**February 15** – Sign up for Jr. Swine Producer Day @ KSU

**February 22** – Sign up for Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day @ KSU

## 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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## Growing Leaders invites you

Growing Leaders 4-H Club would like to invite all 4-Her's to their 4-H meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the back-meeting room of the Extension Office. Emergency Manager & Assistant Fire Chief, Lyle Pantle, has prepared a Fire Awareness presentation for the group. There will also be a discussion on Wildland Fire safety tips and mitigation tactics.

## 4-H Enrollments

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.

## Out of County 4-H Enrollment

If you live outside the Ellis County boundaries, please call the Extension office for more information.

## Area Record Book Judging

A reminder if your Project Record was selected for area judging, the record book is due into the Extension Office no later than **Tuesday, January 18, 2023**. Those eligible from Ellis County are:

Dustin Rajewski – Foods & Nutrition, John Weisenborn – Geology, Marisa Wasinger – Leadership, Grace A Schmeidler – Self-Determined, and Karli Neher – Sheep

**If any adult would like to attend the judging and help with the screening of these books, please let us know.**

## National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl

Registration is open for the 2023 National 4-H Shooting Sports Quiz Bowl. Please note the dates for the virtual event are January 16-20, 2023. Questions will cover archery, hunting skills, muzzle loading, pistol, rifle, shotgun, western heritage, general 4-H, and STEM.

Sign up as an individual or team using this link: <https://4-hshootingsports.org/quiz-bowl>

Study materials are also available through the link.



## 4-H Horse Panorama

The 2023 4-H Horse Panorama will be held Saturday, January 28 at the K-State Salina campus. There will be a variety of contests held as well as some educational activities. **Entries are due January 10, 2023**. Good luck Ellis Co. 4-H'ers!

## 4-H Beef Weigh-in Set

If you're planning to show Market Steers & Heifers at this year's Ellis County Fair, make plans now to attend the Beef Weigh-in on **Saturday, February 11 from 9 – 11 a.m.** at the 4-H Fairgrounds. **You need to be enrolled in the Market Beef project before February 11.** (Check your 4-H on-line enrollments) **Be sure to purchase tags & tag your animals prior to the weigh-in.**

## Livestock ID Procedures

Large and Small animal ID procedures for 2023 are mostly unchanged from last year, with the subtraction of the requirement of leg bands on poultry. Please take time to review this.



## Citizenship in Action

**What:** Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. The legislative visit will not only familiarize youth with the capitol building, but will also show them how they can affect the legislative process.

**When:** February 19-20, 2023

**Where:** Topeka, KS

**Who:** Youth 13-18 years old by January 1 of the current year

**Registration Deadline: February 1, 2023**

## 4-H Ambassador Training

4-H Ambassador training will be held February 24-25, 2023 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. We will also offer some Communication Training opportunities during this event for youth not currently serving as 4-H Ambassadors. Be on the watch for more information and registration coming soon! **Registration will be due February 1, 2023.**

## 4-H Day—Sunday, March 5 – North Oak Community Church

4-H Day is a chance for 4-H members to showcase their project learning through public presentations. *If you ask an 4-H alumni what one of the most important things they gained through their 4-H experience, they'll most likely tell you it is their public speaking ability.* Consider building that powerful skill in your children through their involvement in 4-H Day activities; such as skits, project talks, talent, etc. Mark Sunday, March 5 on your calendar and make plans now to participate in 4-H Day. It will begin early afternoon. [Check out the website](#) for the latest information, rules, etc.

## 4-H Day 101

New to 4-H Day?? We've posted a series of informational handouts and videos on the website to help you get started planning talks. [Check out the website to see](#) the series of "how to" video presentations by our Ellis Co. 4-H'ers.

## 4-H Public Service Announcements

Promote 4-H through this fun and creative speaking event. It's easy to get involved. Get a club team together or do this as an individual. Create a 30 second "info-mercial" about why your friends should join 4-H. **Contact the Extension Office to set up a taping time prior to March 1.** Tape your presentation. These will be judged and you will receive a ribbon for your presentation. Entries will be posted on the Ellis Co. 4-H page to help promote 4-H!

## Model Meetings

Model Meetings are a great way to test your club's parliamentary procedure skills. It's not too late to sign up if you'd like to give it a try. Just call the Ext. Office a call to schedule your club's meeting. We come out and film your regular meeting. . . with one twist. You will draw for a special action that you will need to incorporate into the meeting before we start filming. The club receiving the top ribbon placing will represent Ellis Co. at Regional 4-H Day!

## K-State Junior Swine Producer and Junior Meat Goat Producer Days 2023

Jr. Swine Producer Day is March 11 and Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day is March 18. Visit the [Youth Livestock Program website](#) for all the latest information.

## SUPER 4-H SATURDAY in Colby – March 25

March 25 is a day filled with great 4-H activities for the whole family! There will be 6 judging contests—Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Livestock & Photography for 4-H & FFA youth 7 - 18. You can judge at 1 or all of these great contests. There will be several workshops in the afternoon to help 4-H'ers explore project learning. Watch for more info as these activities are finalized.

## 4-H Scholarships Due in Early 2023

Now's the time to start planning. You can apply for KS 4-H Scholarships and Ellis Co. 4-H Scholarships. **State scholarship aps are due March 1, 2023.**

Get an early start on your application for the [2023 Kansas 4-H Scholarship](#). A list of scholarships available to apply for is posted on the site. The KS 4-H Scholarship requires a copy of your grade transcript, resume, several letters of recommendation, an essay and a short video, so plan ahead! Any past 4-H member who is currently in college is eligible to apply for the KS 4-H scholarships. **You are considered for all scholarships that you qualify for with one application.**

The Ellis Co. 4-H scholarship ap will be available soon.

## Dog Judges Training and Re-Certification

New judges are always needed! If you are a parent or someone who wants to help our 4-H youth with the dog project, please consider taking the training. The 2023 Kansas 4-H Dog Judges Training and Recertification will be held in Wichita at the Extension Center on January 27-29. Beginning the training on Friday evening has allowed participants in one weekend to be trained in and certified in the four dog phases of showmanship, obedience, agility and rally obedience of the Dog Care and Training Project.

New judges can be certified and returning judges can get a refresher and be re-certified. This is also a good opportunity for local dog project leaders and older 4-H members to observe the training and better understand how they will be judged at invitational and the Kansas State Fair 4-H Dog Show. Participants must be 16-years-old and up to attend this certification and training.

Emails will be sent to judges needing to recertify and encourage them to become familiar with the new Kansas 4-H Dog Rule Book <https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4H1120.pdf>

All registering should have knowledge of the 4-H Dog Program. [Registration](#) is open! **Registration Deadline is January 15, 2023.** The Certification cost is \$95 and Observing cost is \$50.

Judges will be able to select which areas they would like to certify in: showmanship, obedience, rally obedience and/or agility. Those who received a score of 80% or higher are recertified for the next 5 years. If they received a lower score, they will need to complete an in-person recertification process when it becomes available.

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



## Ellis County Fair Volunteers Needed

We'll soon be sending out SignUp links to ask for help with the County Fair. Older 4-H'ers and interested adults are encouraged to join our "team" in getting things ready for this year's Fair. **Once again, all clubs will be asked to recruit volunteers to help with a variety of jobs at the Fair, as well.**

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