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February 2023

Ellis County 4-H Happenings

It's time for 4-H Day! Good Luck to every 4-H member who is planning to give a presentation at this year's event!!

There are some video examples of various kinds of talks and some helpful hints handouts to prepare you for the big event. [Check these videos out on our YouTube channel.](#) The [registration packet for 4-H Day](#) is posted on our website. You can print off and return a hard copy OR you can go on-line and register with a simple form. Either way, **entries are due in the Extension Office by Friday, February 17.**

After we have the entries in the office, we will send out a SignUp link so that everyone can schedule themselves and ahead of time. These schedules will then be posted outside of the rooms.

As always, if you have questions, don't hesitate to give us a call!

*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

4-H Council – TBA

4-H Home Ec., BBQ, Food stand - TBA

4-H Scholarship & Development – TBA



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IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

February 10 – Enroll in Market Beef Project by Tomorrow

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

February 17 – Ellis Co. 4-H Day Entries Due

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

March 1 – Sign up to sponsor a County Fair Award

March 1 – State 4-H Scholarships On-line

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.

4-H Enrollments

You can now update your own 4-H project enrollments! You can 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.

Out of County 4-H Enrollment

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

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 11th from 9 – 11 a.m. at the 4-H Fairgrounds. **You need to be enrolled in the Market Beef project by the February weigh-in date.** (Check your on-line enrollments) **Be sure to purchase tags & tag your animals prior to the weigh-in.**



Growing Leaders invites you

Growing Leaders 4-H Club would like to invite all 4-Her's to their 4-H meeting on February 13th 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.

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.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

All youth who plan to exhibit in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS should complete the training at their earliest convenience. It is required for all exhibitors at both state shows. This is an annual training, so youth need to complete it each year. Families with youth who had already received their certification when the transition occurred last year will need to go to the new YQCA website, create an account for their family, add children to the family, and sign up for their 2022-2023 training. Visit yqcaprogram.org to get your training completed for 2023. For this year, you will have the option to do the training on line at \$12 per member.

4-H Council

At the February meeting 4-H Council will be working to finalize the 4-H Fair Schedule. It is important that you attend club meetings to give your input and to stay informed.

4-H Scholarships Due in March

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 app will be available soon.

4-H Day is Coming—Sunday, March 5 – North Oak Community Church - Hays

4-H Day is a chance for 4-H members to showcase their project learning through public presentations. ***If you ask 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. Mark Sunday, March 6 on your calendar and make plans now to participate in 4-H Day. Some clubs have already started working on skits, project talks, talent, etc. [Check out the website](#) for the latest information, rules, entry

form, 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. Clubs will tape their own meetings this year and submit to the Extension Office. This year all clubs will include the motion "to amend a motion" into your clubs meeting. The club receiving the top ribbon placing will represent Ellis Co. at Regional 4-H Day in March

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

Jr. Swine Producer Day is March 11 with Registration due February 15th and Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day is March 18 with registration due on February 22nd. Both cost \$20 per person 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.

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



Ellis County Fair Volunteers Needed

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. Watch for that listing coming your way soon.

Fair Award Sponsors Needed

The Ellis Co. Fairboard is seeking award sponsors. In order for a special award to be awarded in any given area, there must be a sponsor. **Contact Norleen Knoll by March 1** if you'd like to sponsor a special award. Sponsorships are listed in the Ellis Co. Fairbook and in several news releases/ads. The sponsorship form is posted on our website. Check out the areas that are listed and think about helping sponsor a special award for the Fair.



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