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**January 2019**

# Ellis County 4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!

Hope you are taking time to spend time with your family over the holidays! 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 for those that best fit the needs of your family.

One of the outstanding Countywide learning opportunities is **4-H Day. It is Sunday, March 3.** 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. Several of our older 4-H'ers [created on-line videos](#) to help you navigate through the planning steps for each type of presentation. The event registration and rules will soon be posted on our website.

We look forward to working with you in 2019!

Yours in 4-H,

**Susan Schlichting**

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County Extension Agent – 4-H Youth Development



## Meetings Coming Your Way

**Home Ec, BBQ, Foodstand** – Respond to [Doodle Poll](#) by January 4

**4-H Ag Livestock** – Respond to [Doodle Poll](#) by January 4

**4-H Council** – February 18, 5:30 pm

**4-H Council / Fairboard Coordination Meeting** – February 18, 6:30 pm



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## 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
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## IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

**January 4** – Sign up for ET4H Meeting

**January 15** – Sign up for KS 4-H Dog Judges Training

**January 15** – Sign up for 4-H Horse Panorama

**January 25** – KS 4-H Scholarship Aps Due in Ext. Office

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

**February 1** – Enroll in Market Beef Project by Tomorrow

**February 1** – Sign up for State 4-H Horse Judging

**February 1** – State 4-H Dog Scholarships Due

**February 8** – Sign up for KS 4-H Ambassador Training

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

**February 20** – Ellis Co. 4-H Day Entries Due

## 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.

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## Congrats to . . .

. . . Jacob Schmeidler who competed on the State 4-H Livestock Judging team at National 4-H event recently.

## 4-H Enrollments

This is your last call to get your 4-H on-line updated for 2018 -19. Even if you are enrolling in the same projects, you will still need to log-on and update. **Parents need to update their profiles, too!** *This will be the last month that we will send out the newsletter notification email to both last year and this year's email list.*

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.

## VS (Volunteer Screening)

Each 4-H volunteer working directly with youth in the club, is required to go through this screening and training process. The application is available from your club leader or at the link below. Aps can be submitted at any time during the next few months, but the screening and training process **must be completed by January 31**.

**Current Volunteers** - If you are a current screened volunteer in your 4-H club and plan to continue to do so, please complete and return your **VIP Renewal Form** to the Extension Office. These are available from your club leader or can be found on-line at [www.kansas4-h.org](http://www.kansas4-h.org) and click on the Volunteer link for a form-fillable version.

**New & Returning Volunteers** – will need to add your information to the 4-H On-line enrollment system by creating a member profile within your family's profile. Visit with your club's leader or our office if you need assistance with this!

## 4-H Day is Coming—Sunday, March 3 – Hays

4-H Day is a chance for 4-H members to showcase their project learning through public presentations. If you ask a 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 3 on your calendar and make plans now to participate in 4-H Day. It will begin early afternoon. Some clubs have already started working on skits, project talks, talent, etc. [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. [www.cottonwood.ksu.edu](http://www.cottonwood.ksu.edu) – [Ellis 4-H - Events](#) Check out 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. 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 3**. 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. The club receiving the top ribbon placing will represent Ellis Co. at Regional 4-H Day in **Hays on March 29**.

## 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 2 from 9 – 11 a.m.** at the 4-H Fairgrounds. **You need to be enrolled in the Market Beef project by February 2.** (Check your 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 2019 are mostly unchanged from last year, with the addition of language of scrapie tag requirements. Please take time to review them.

## [K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy](#)

The ninth annual K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy will be held in June 2019 at Kansas State University's campus. This four-day event focuses on increasing knowledge of Kansas's diverse livestock industry, as well as building participant's leadership skills. Twenty high school students will be selected to participate based upon educational, community, and agricultural involvement. The event is sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council. Jacob Schmeidler participated and can tell you all about this awesome opportunity, or visit [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu). **Aps due April 1, 2019.**



### 4-H Horse Panorama

... will be held January 25-27, 2019 at Rock Springs 4-H Camp. There will be a variety of contests held as well as some educational activities. **Entries are due January 15, 2019.** Good luck Ellis Co. 4-H'ers!

### State 4-H Horse Judging

... will be held on Friday, February 22, in conjunction with Equifest. Click the link above to see all the event details.

**Registration is due February 1.**

### **4-H Council Update**

Pictured here are the 2018-19 4-H Council reps. You are well represented!!



Thanks to everyone who shared food items for the 4-H Council canned food drive. The items will be taken to the St. Joe's Food Pantry.

Other 4-H Council items:

⇒ Set Market Beef Weigh in—Feb. 2, 9—11

⇒ Adopted budget for 2019

⇒ **Discussed the Kansas 4-H Dress Code and asked each club to discuss this and bring your thoughts back to the next Council meeting**

⇒ Signed up for committees—*Old Timer's Fitting & Showing, Increase Awareness of 4-H Opportunities and Photo Day Camp*

⇒ Moved to donate \$500 to Ellis Co. Fairboard for replacement tables and chairs for the Schenk building



### **SUPER 4-H SATURDAY Coming to Hays – March 23**

March 23 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 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. There will be an awesome day-long NW leadership opportunity for adult volunteers at the same time. Watch for more info. as these activities are finalized.



### **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 17 – 18, 2019

**Where:** Topeka, KS

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

**Registration Deadline:** February 1, 2019

### **4-H Scholarships Due in Early 2019**

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 January 25, 2019.**

Get an early start on your application for the [2019 Kansas 4-H Scholarship](#). A list of scholarships available to apply for will come out soon. The KS 4-H Scholarship requires a copy of your grade transcript, several letters of recommendation and an essay, 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.

Ellis Co. 4-H scholarship ap will be available soon. This year's process will also include an interview.

### ET4H to Organize January 6, 1:30 p.m., Ext. Office

Come see what the “ET4H” or Ellis Teens have in store for 2019. We’ll be doing some leadership activities, eating some tasty snacks and getting things going for this new year! Call the Ext. Office or respond to the ET4H Facebook event to let us know you’re planning to attend **by Friday, January 4.**



**ELLIS COUNTY FAIR 2019 is set for July 14 - 20, 2019.**

**The Theme is “Follow the Fairground Road”**

### Ellis County Fair Volunteers Needed

We’ll soon be sending out cards to ask for help with the County Fair. We have posted an on-line form that you can complete to let us know how you’d like to help. 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 will soon be posted on our website. Check out the areas that are listed and think about helping sponsor a special award for the Fair.

### IFYE Host Family Applications Due February 1

It’s not too early for families to apply to host 4-H International Exchange students next summer or fall. 4-H age kids from Japan, Norway, and Argentina will be hosted through States’ 4-H International Exchange Programs. Young adults from Australia, Taiwan and several European countries will also need hosts for 2-4 weeks each. To be considered for all options, **applications are due February 1.**



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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