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# Ellis County 4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!

The Countdown to County Fair is ON! This is the "Official Fair Edition" of the 4-H Newsletter. Read on to learn more about what's happening at this year's Ellis County Fair.

**Fair entry deadline for Livestock, Horse, Small Animals and Clothing Buymanship/Fashion Revue project areas is Friday, June 28 this year ALL OTHER entries (and the ones you've submitted via the paper process) in 4-H & Open Class will need to be entered into the new system by JULY 8.** We will be using the same Fair entry process on-line this year. Check out the video and handout about how to make your entries on the Ellis Co. 4-H – Events – Ellis County Fair page.

If you are enrolled in Photography, Visual Arts and Clothing Construction projects, you will find the judging schedule for these projects on the [Fair website](#). If for some reason, you are not able to participate at the scheduled time, please contact our office ASAP. Thanks.

Foods Judging times - you will go [on-line](#) and select your time to visit with a judge about your food projects. Please make your selections **by Monday, July 8**. Look for details on how to do this elsewhere in this letter.

Like last year, each family is asked to go to an [on-line](#) site to select your times to work in the **4-H Foodstand**. **Each family will be asked to fill two slots during the week**. You pick the times and the jobs that work best for your family. **Please take time to sign up by July 8**. Look for details on how to do this elsewhere in this letter.

Please don't hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions concerning these upcoming events & deadlines. Remember in Ellis Co. "Deadlines are deadlines". Be sure to plan ahead so that your 4-H'er doesn't miss out on an educational opportunity.

Come join the fun & learning!

Yours in 4-H,

**Susan Schlichting**

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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
- [sschlich@ksu.edu](mailto:sschlich@ksu.edu)
- [www.cottonwood.ksu.edu](http://www.cottonwood.ksu.edu)



### Meetings Coming Your Way

**4-H Home Ec, BBQ, Foodstand** – Sun, June 30, 1:00 p.m. Professor's – **RSVP by June 28**

**Fair Superintendent Meeting** – July 10, 7:00 p.m. Fairgrounds – **RSVP by Friday, June 28**

**4-H Ag Livestock** – July 10, following clean up – Fairgrounds

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!



### IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

June 28 – County Fair Entry Deadline for Livestock, Fashion Revue, Horse & Small Animal Projects

June 28 – Sign Up for Fairgrounds Work Nite

July 1 – Enter teams for 4-H Food Challenge

July 8 – Submit Club Volunteer info to [signup.com](http://signup.com) site

**July 8 – 4-H and Open Exhibits Entries for Ellis Co. Fair Close**

July 8 – Select your times to visit with the 4-H Foods Judges

July 8 – Sign up to work in the 4-H Foodstand

July 10 – Enroll in the KS 4-H Wheat Variety Plot Project

**July 15 – KSF Livestock Entries Postmarked**

**July 20 – Register KSF Horse entries with Ext. Office**

**July 20 – KSF Small Animal and Indoor Exhibits Pre-entered with Ext. Office**

July 25 – Register for KS 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

**July 29 – Register for KS 4-H Wheat Expo in Kingman**

September 4 – 4-H Kansas Award Portfolios & Membership Pin Aps Due

### Livestock Pre-entry for Ellis Co. Fair

**Pre-entry forms, picture forms, insurance forms will be due on June 28.** At this time all animals must be designated to a 4-H'er's name. The letter was mailed out last week! If you haven't received the mailing or need additional copies of forms, [check here for a copy of the letter and enclosed forms.](#)

**Be sure you go on-line and enter ALL of your participation by July 8.**

### Herdsmanship Award

Commerce Bank has agreed to sponsor cash awards for Herdsmanship in livestock & small animal barns again this year. **Be sure to thank them when you see a bank representative.** Herdsmanship includes keeping your stalls, tie outs and tack areas clean, making sure your animals are fed & watered during the fair. It also includes decorating your club's area, posting stall cards for all exhibits and helping to educate the visitors to the barn about livestock projects.

This year's fair theme is "Follow the Fairground Road". What creative ways can your club use this theme in making your barn area look great during the fair?

If your club won in 2018, your club's project leader will receive a barn map. Please mark your preferences on the map and return it to the Extension Office with your club's preferred location in the barn **by the July 8 fair entry deadline.**

### Barn Clean Up & Manure Wagon Unloading During the Fair

The Ellis Co. Fairboard is asking that each club take a turn removing trash from containers around the 3 barns during the week of the Fair and emptying the manure wagon. A schedule has been posted to the scheduling site. We ask that the [club leader complete this sign up](#) for your club. Thanks for your help with this in keeping our grounds looking great for the visitors who come on out to the Fair.

### Livestock Photos are Tuesday

Something NEW this year. . . you will sign up to have your livestock photos taken early Tuesday morning or right after lunch. [Go to the on-line link](#) to schedule for morning or afternoon. There are limited slots available for both timeframes. **You must get your photo taken during these times if you intend to sell an animal in the sale.**

### Exhibitor Breakfast is Tuesday

Bank of Hays is once again sponsoring an exhibitor's breakfast on Tuesday, July 16 from 7:30—9:00 a.m. **This year, the breakfast will be served at the 4-H Foodstand and the Deutschfest Hall.** 4-H families and volunteers are invited to come by and enjoy a special breakfast menu that morning during the designated hours to get your day started right! Thanks, Bank of Hays!

### Animal Management Skill-A-Thon

This livestock contest is open to all 4-H'ers. You don't need to be enrolled in livestock to participate! There are breed ids, plant ids, feed ids, meat cuts ids and a judging class. It's held on Tuesday, July 16, 10 – 11:30 at the Deutschfest Hall. The champion Senior participant has the chance to represent Ellis Co. at the Kansas State Fair to compete for a great scholarship! Sign up at [fairentree.com](http://fairentree.com) when you enter your other entries **by July 8.**

### Old Timer Fitting and Showing

4-H Council is teaming up with the Fairboard to offer an "Old Timer Fitting and Showing" Contest. If you are a 4-H alum and would like to participate check out the details on the [Fairboard website.](#)

## KSF Livestock Entries Due July 15

Entries for the Kansas State Fair are due, **postmarked July 15.**

## Youth Livestock Sweepstakes

The 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes is set for August 24-25 on KSU campus. This all-around event will feature contests in Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Livestock Skill-a-thon, and Livestock Quiz Bowl. A special prize will be awarded to the county that does the best in all four contests.

Ellis County's team consideration, will be based on your scores from the County Fair judging contest. **Entries are due to the Extension Office by Thursday, July 25.**

**July 3** - District Horse Show – Oakley – Good Luck 4-H'ers!

**Ellis County is required to provide 2 volunteers for the District Horse Show. If you are able to help out, let the Extension Office know.**



## Cat Proof of Vaccination for County Fair

Cats & kittens (over 2 months of age) shown at the Ellis Co. Fair must be current on rabies and distemper vaccinations. Be prepared to provide proof of vaccination at show check in.

## Required Poultry Testing for County Fair Suspended for 2019

Poultry exhibits (4-H & open class) are normally required to have a blood test in order to participate in the County Fair. This year, there is a shortage of the antigen required for this testing. As a result, the testing is suspended for 2019 for all Fairs and Shows. Questions contact Poultry Superintendent, Pam Montgomery.



**ELLIS COUNTY FAIR 2019 is set for July 13 - 20, 2019.**  
**The Theme is "Follow the Fairground Road".**

Check the [Ellis Co. 4-H website](#) for a final 4-H events schedule for the 2019 Ellis Co. Fair.

## Entering the Fair

The Ellis Co. Fair is going electronic! This year you will pre-enter ALL exhibits and participations (showmanship, livestock judging, etc.) through an [on-line entry system](#) by **July 8**. It works with your 4-H On-line account. The system will print out entry cards, so you won't have to hand write out the cards! There's a [help sheet available](#) to help walk you through the process. You will be able to pick up your entry cards to attach them to exhibits ahead of the Fair. Check with the Extension Office by Friday, July 14 to pick up your cards. **(PS – if you misplace these entry tags, you WILL get to hand write the replacements!)**

## Ellis County Fair Volunteers Needed

We need help from ALL clubs in entering, judging, displaying, and exhibit release. We also ask each club to help with the 4-H BBQ. [Here's the link to the on-line sign-ups.](#)

## Food, Visual Arts and Photography Judge Assistants Needed

One of the best ways to learn more about a project area is to assist a judge. We are looking for 4-H members to assist in Foods, Visual Arts and Photography projects at this year's Fair. If you'd like to help out, [sign up on the on-line form.](#)

## BBQ Tickets Available for Pick up by Club Reps

The Ellis Co. 4-H Council approved the bbq bid and price recommendation at their June meeting. Bigge's Country Kitchen will be serving the 4-H BBQ this year. Tickets are available for your club rep to pick up and all \$s and unsold tickets should be **returned to the Extension Office by the club's designated representative by 5 p.m. Wednesday, July 10.**

## Food Judging Schedule

This year, you will go [on-line to schedule](#) your foods judging appointment. **Please do so by July 8** to select your time to meet with the judge.

## Foods Judges Resources

If you're a County Fair Foods Judge or if you are interested in what judges look for when evaluating your products, check out these new resources from K-state - <http://www.rrc.k-state.edu/judging/> We also created a video several years ago about how to prepare your foods exhibits for the County Fair. [Take a look at it here!](#)

## 4-H Food Challenge

Seen Chopped on TV? Here's your chance to give this fun food challenge a try. Jr. and Sr. teams of 3—4 members get a set of ingredients (including 1 very unique ingredient) and are asked to create a certain kind of dish (ie. Snack, salad, etc.) This year's there's a beginner category, too. It's a fun and creative team food prep activity. Get your club's team together and join the fun at this year's Fair. Rules for the Food Challenge and the entry form are posted on the [Ellis Co. 4-H](#) page. [We ask one adult to register all members of a club team.](#) Clubs can have multiple teams or members of several clubs can form a team. **Register your club teams by July 1.**

## Judging Schedules – Photography, Visual Arts and Clothing Construction

You'll find scheduled times for members to visit with judge's about their projects in Photography, Visual Arts and Clothing Construction projects in this newsletter and posted on the [Ellis Co. 4-H website](#). **If you CANNOT meet at the assigned time, please, please, give the Ext. Office a call to change times or cancel the appointment.**

Each club will be assigned a time frame. You can come anytime during your club's assigned hour. Please don't wait until the last 5 minutes to come in! We will leave time open at the end of the schedule for those who absolutely can't make their club's assigned time. Call us if you have ?s about this. Thanks.

### 4-H Photography, Visual Arts & Clothing Construction Judging Schedule

#### Monday, July 15, 2019

2—3 p.m. — Good Hope / Big Creek Astros

3—4 p.m. — Buckeye Jr. Farmers / Ellis Sunflowers

4—5 p.m. — Bits & Spurs / Shooting Sports

5—6 p.m. — Gemini Jrs. / Victoria Vikings

6—7 p.m. — Schedule Open

## Foodstand Scheduling

This year, every family will be scheduling your own hours at the stand, rather than the club doing this. [Here's the link](#) to schedule your participation. **Please take time to schedule your family for 2 shifts during the week. We would like to have the schedule finalized by July 8.** Thanks. 4-H Foodstand profits provide the operating funds to pay for the bus to camp, officer training, project workshops, Achievement Banquet, leadership scholarships for 4-H'ers and other committee projects that benefit ALL Ellis Co. 4-H members.

## Foodstand Updates

Welcome to managers, Mike and Amy Jensen. Mike and Amy have served on the 4-H Foodstand committee in the past and are looking forward to their new role as foodstand managers this summer. Watch for information on some special training videos that the committee is working on to help 4-H'ers prepare to give great service and make tasty treats during their time in the foodstand.

Cookie baking day is set for Sunday, June 30, 1:00 p.m. at Professor's. All 4-H'ers are welcome to join us as we prepare some of the food items for the stand. Please let the Extension Office know if you plan to attend **by Thursday, June 27** so we can have enough prep supplies on hand. Thanks. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409094AABAA2FA2FE3-ellis>

## Foodstand Punch Cards Available for Purchase

Back by popular demand, we will be selling \$10 and \$20 punch cards for use during the Fair again this year. The punch cards are available now for purchase. Unused cards can be cashed in at the end of the Fair at the Foodstand.

## 4-H BBQ Ticket Sales

4-H Fair Punch cards will also be the incentive prize for those getting out and selling 4-H BBQ tickets this year. For every 25 tickets sold, 4-H'ers will receive a \$10 punch card.

## Fun at the Fair Tours

The 4-H Ambassadors are offering special "Fun at the Fair" tours on Thursday, July 19, 10 – Noon. You will need to register your group for this opportunity by calling Rhiannon at 785-432-3495.

**Fair Supplies** Fair stall cards and photo matte board are available for pick-up at the Extension Office. Photo Matte Board are available for \$1.50 per sheet.

## Hey Camp & Graduating Senior Scholarship Recipients. . . 4-H SCHOLARSHIP & DEVELOPMENT NEEDS YOUR HELP!

4-H Scholarship & Development raises funds to give graduating seniors and camp scholarships. **To date they've given over \$45,000 to Ellis Co. 4-H'ers.**

They will again run the foodstand in the Unrein Family Building during the Ellis Co. Fair. They need help to man the booth from 5 – 10 each evening. The schedule is set up in 2 shifts per evening. If you received a camp scholarship, they ask that you give 1 shift to help out at the stand. If you received a graduating scholarship, they ask that you give 2 shifts to help out at the stand. Please visit our [on-line form](#) to select your times to work. Thanks!

*4-H Scholarship & Development Committee*

### Final Building Clean Up

Schenk Building **cleanup is set for Saturday, July 20, 9— 11 a.m.** All exhibits must be picked up between 9:00 & 10:00 a.m. If you can't be present for check out, please ask someone to check out exhibits for you. **Two families from each club are asked to help with cleanup.** Please sign up on the [4-H Schenk Building volunteers](#) link. Thanks.



### #ShareattheFair

County fair season is just around the corner and the Kansas State Fair will be here before you know it! Join us and others around the nation, promoting 4-H through fair season by using and encouraging our 4-H families to use #ShareattheFair when posting fair photos on social media (i.e., Facebook, twitter, Instagram, etc.).

### 4-H Fair Books

A special printed copy of the Ellis Co. fair book is provided to 4-H families by the Fairboard. These are now in the Extension Office and ready for distribution at your June club meetings. Stop by and pick your club's books. You can also view the books [online](#).

### Families Camping @ the Fair

If you plan to camp on the fairgrounds during the fair, you will need to make arrangements for camper space and electrical needs with Tom & Melinda Fross at 628-8820 **prior to July 1.** Spaces are available on a first come, first served basis. There is a camping fee of \$75 for the week. **Payment should be made to the Ellis Co. Fairboard prior to July 10th.**

### Parking @ the Fair

NO PARKING is allowed on the East side of the Schenk & Unrein Family buildings. This is VIP parking. It can be used for 15-minute loading and unloading. Please respect and observe all NO PARKING SIGNS. Access to certain lots is available only by approved hang tags. Tags will be sent out with final fair mailing to livestock & small animal families & Superintendents/Asst. Superintendents.

### Lifeskills Judging Contests

All 4-H'ers are encouraged to take part in the judging contests Thursday, July 12, 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. and Tuesday, July 16, 10 – 11:30 at the Deutschfest Hall. These are two separate contests with different classes at each. You don't have to be enrolled in any specific projects to participate.

### Exhibit Building Early Release Policy

Complete & file an [Early Release Form](#) at Fair check in to request early release of 4-H & Open exhibits for exhibit at other area fairs. Early release will be allowed only from 8:00 – 9:00 on Saturday, July 20 and with this written prior approval. Forms are available on-line or at the Ellis County Extension Office. They will also be available at the fairgrounds during check in. **Those choosing to remove exhibits early without an early release form on file will forfeit ALL fair premiums.**

### Rocket Kits for Sale

If you're not able to participate in the Rocketry class this summer, you may be interested in purchasing a kit from our office. They range from \$7.50-\$12 each and are suitable for beginner to intermediate rocketeers. We do have a few rocket engines available for purchase, as well, for a small fee. You can also check out the rocket launch systems from our office to complete your rocket launch prior to the Fair.



**Special Classes - Get your exhibits ready for these special classes and enter them on-line at [faireentry.com](http://faireentry.com) by the July 8 entry deadline.**



**Barn Quilts** – They’re popping up all over the countryside. . . and not just on barns! What exactly is a Barn Quilt? Did you see them at last year's ECF? Come join the fun and paint one for entry into this year’s open class division. The winning exhibit may advance to the Kansas State Fair!

**Harvest photos** is the new special category in open class photography.

#### **King Arthur Baking Contest**

New this year – Bake your favorite cake using King Arthur flour for a chance at some great prizes. You must bring the UPC label from the flour bag with you as you bring the product to the Fair. Check out the Open Class section of the Fairbook for complete rules and prize listing.

#### **Open Special Foods Class**

Family Favorites is the theme for the special open class foods entry this year. Put on your creative hat and think about ways to enter this class. Judging takes place after lunch on July 16.

#### **4-H Wheat Variety Plot Program**

It’s wheat harvest and it’s time to think about enrolling in the 2019 Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot program. The program begins fall of 2019 and goes through September 2020. The enrollment form is on the [Kansas 4-H website](http://www.kansas4-h.org).

**Contact the Ext. Office by July 10.** Participants receive a large plot sign, and five individual variety signs.

#### **Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo is August 8 in Kingman**

The Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo is a wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat. Join us for the annual event on Thursday, August 8 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. It is open to all 4-H family members, 4-H leaders and Extension staff. There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. There will be tours. There is a \$6.00 per person registration cost. Registration is currently open. Visit: <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html>.

**Pre-registration will be required by Friday, July 29** to ensure an accurate meal count and tour divisions. For more information about the wheat expo, visit: <http://www.cvent.com/events/2019-kansas-4-h-wheat-expo/event-summary-e6838605089b47dcb9806822e4b4970b.aspx>. For additional questions or to get involved with the wheat expo planning committee, contact Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281 or e-mail him at: [dwaldren@ksu.edu](mailto:dwaldren@ksu.edu).

#### **Kansas Youth Leadership Forum Presenters Needed**

The 17th Annual Kansas Youth Leadership Forum is November 23 —24 at Rock Springs. This conference, for 14-18-year-old 4-Hers, will include speakers, workshops, consulting groups and the election of the 2020 Kansas State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. If you would like to join the Ellis Co. 4-H leadership team to plan and present a workshop for KYLF, **contact Susan by July 3.**

## **KANSAS STATE FAIR**

#### **State Fair Exhibitor Handbook**

The Kansas State Fair Book is available for review online @ [Kansas 4H](http://www.kansas4h.org).

#### **Eligibility for State Fair**

If you receive a purple on indoor exhibits or blue on livestock exhibits at County Fair, your item may be eligible for the State Fair. Check with the Schenk Building Office or the Extension Office to review State Fair rules. You must be 9 years of age by January 1, 2019 to show at the State Fair. **Pre-entry is required.** Those important pre-entry dates are:

**Livestock – July 15**

**All Other Projects – July 20**

#### **State Fair Entry Information**

***This year, you will complete the pre-entry process for State Fair eligible exhibits during the Ellis Co. Fair.*** Watch for specific hours during the week of the fair to sit down with staff and complete your entries. You will pick up your exhibits at the end of the Fair and return them to the Extension Office by the Sept. 4 / Sept. 6 (Food & Hort.) deadlines.

[Encampment bed requests](#) are **due by September 1 and are filled on a first come, first served basis.**

**If you are planning to attend the KSF and have members who are exhibiting projects there, 4-H Council has purchased a gate pass for the members. You can also place advance parking and gate pass orders through our office by August 1.**

### **State Fair Volunteers Needed**

It is time to recruit committee members to help with the 2019 Kansas State Fair. In order for the Fair to run smoothly, over 50 committees operate with volunteers taking the lead. Duties range from accepting entries, to clerking for judges, to displaying exhibits and assisting with contests and shows. Please contact the Extension Office if you are interested in helping with a specific 4-H area. Youth are welcome to volunteer & must be at least 13 years of age. You will sign up with the Extension Office **by August 1** if you are able to help out. This year the Kansas State Fair will be held September 7 - 16 in Hutchinson, KS. Come join the fun!!!

### **Scholarship for Kansas State Grand Drive Seniors**

There is a new scholarship opportunity for Grand Drive graduating Seniors and secondary education students. If you are interested please visit <https://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/participate/competitive-exhibits/grand-drive-scholarships1>.

### **48 Hours of 4-H . . . A Kansas 4-H Service Challenge**

As you begin to look to fall 4-H events, keep this in mind. Join the KS 4-H Youth Leadership Council in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week is the perfect opportunity to set up a service project. To learn more visit [www.kansas4-H.org/484h](http://www.kansas4-H.org/484h) for information on organizing a service project and registering your event.

### **4-H KAPs and Member Pin Aps**

I've heard several reports of "bored" 4-H'ers out there!!! One thing you might do to help alleviate the boredom is to start working on those 4-H KAPs and Pin Aps. All the needed forms are available on the [Forms page](#) of our website. Give us a call if you have ?s or would like to set up a meeting to help work on getting this started! **These forms are all due in the Extension Office on Wednesday, September 4, 2019.**

### **Vet Med ROCKS Summer Camps August 2 – 6 – Register by July 12**

The KSU Vet School is offering a series of Camps for youth ages 4 – 12<sup>th</sup> in August. Get a behind the scenes look at the Vet School and try out hands on activities that vets get involved in. Check it out at <https://ksre.k-state.edu/tuesday/announcement/?id=53610>