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**November/December  
2019**

## Ellis County 4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!

The new 4-H year is underway and it's time to get those 4-H enrollments in! Just a reminder to those who haven't updated enrollments & participation forms on-line, they are due now. Please take time to update them ASAP. Thanks.

Now is the time to set your project goals for the year. I hope you will take time to think about what it is that you want to do and learn through your 4-H activities. Write it down! If it's on paper, it's much easier to reach that goal. Here's a link to a [goal worksheet](#) to help you get those goals written down.

If you set your goals now, you will have a great guide to follow to get to where you want to go. . .by the year's end! Make the most of your 4-H year by planning ahead! Take a few minutes to record those goals on the goal worksheet now, so they will be ready to add to the new project records when they get started. And as always, don't hesitate to give our office a call if you have a question. There's a great resource available to help you learn more about all of the learning opportunities available through Ellis County 4-H. Check out the [Project Selection Guide](#).

We hope that you and your family will make time to spend some quality time together during the upcoming holidays.

The Cottonwood Extension Staff wishes each of you a joy filled holiday season!

We look forward to working with you in 2020!

Yours in 4-H,

***Susan Schlichting***

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### Meetings Coming Your Way

**4-H Ag Livestock** – November 18, 6:30 p.m. – Ext. Back Meeting Room

**4-H Council** – October 10, 5:45 p.m. – Ext. Back Meeting Room – Potluck supper

### Ways to Contact Us

- You can reach the 4-H Office Voice Mail at (785) 628-9430
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- [www.cottonwood.ksu.edu](http://www.cottonwood.ksu.edu)

### IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

- November 1** – 4-H VIP Renewals completed in 4-H Online
- November 1** – 4-H International Travel Aps due
- November 1** – 4-H Club Financial Reports due
- November 1** – 4-H Citizenship Washington Focus Aps Due
- November 13** – 4-H Officer Training – Register with Local Ext. Office
- November 15** – 4-H Fall / Winter Event Scholarship Aps Due
- December 1** – 4-H Enrollments Updated for new 4-H year in 4-H Online

### 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 . . .** Members of the Cottonwood District (Hays) 4-H shotgun shooting team participated in the State competition the weekend of October 5th & 6th. Kylie Dreiling, Jordan Hunsicker, Nolan Klaus, Cooper & Hunter Shubert, Monique & Madalyn William, all went to Wichita to compete with 147 other shooters from across the state. Jordan brought home the top shot award for the weekend and the overall team finished 4<sup>th</sup> in the state. It was a good weekend for all the kids. They are looking forward to next season.

. . . All 4-H clubs who participated in Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat service project this past month. Be sure to register your results with the [Kansas 4-H website](#) so Ellis Co. 4-H activities are counted in the state report.

. . . 4-H Ambassadors for 2020! We had a record number of members apply again this year. You all did a great job interviewing. We have some awesome young leaders in our program! Those selected to serve as Ambassadors for the 2019-20 4-H year are: Rosston Eckroat, Wyatt Grabbe, Anna Kuhn, Luke Montgomery, Kaleb Neher, Karli Neher, Colton Pfannenstiel, Jaiden Pfannenstiel and Taylor Weidenhaft. Watch for them to do some creative promotion both in 4-H clubs and out in the county this year.



. . . Quentin Rupp and Heather Scheck who were selected to present a workshop at KYLF 4-H Leadership Weekend at Rock Springs “Leadership is a Jungle”.

. . . All honorees at the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet! A special congrats to our Friends of 4-H Jeff Neher and Lewis Automotive Group.

## 4-H Enrollments

The 4-H Online enrollment system is updated and ready for you to sign on starting October 1 to update your enrollment choices for 2019 -20. **Even if you are enrolling in the same projects, you will still need to log-on and update your profile and make project selections.**

The \$15 fee per member is payable to the KS 4-H program as you enroll. Your enrollment is not considered complete until you make a payment and hit the **SUBMIT** button. You can pay by credit card or by check to the State 4-H Office. **Payments do not come to the local Extension Office.** If this fee is a hardship for your family, you can select the “Request a Waiver” button and the State 4-H Office will consider your request.

**We ask that you take time this month to complete this process. Reenrollments should be finalized by December 1.**

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.

## VIP (Volunteer Information Profile)

4-H volunteers working directly with youth in the club, as a leader or project leader are required to go through this screening and training process. The application is available as part of the 4-H On-line website. You will complete a profile for yourself under your family account. Take part in the training modules available on that site. Contact the Ext. Office to let us know you’ve completed these steps and schedule an interview. At that time, we will provide you with a link to the background check process. Aps can be submitted at any time during the next few months, but the screening and training process **must be completed by January 1.**

**National Background Checks**—Kansas 4-H requires national background checks for all volunteers. 1/3 of our 110 current VIP volunteers will go through this process this year. Your club leader has this list and will be contacting you to complete this process now. **All volunteers will be required to go through this process every 3 years.**

**NEW - Current Volunteers** - If you are a current screened volunteer in your 4-H club and plan to continue to do so, please UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION on the 4-H On-line system as your 4-H Volunteer Renewal **by November 1.**  
**New & Returning Volunteers** – **will need to add yourself to your family profile in 4-H On-line.** Visit with your club’s leader or our office if you need assistance with this!



## 48 Hours of 4-H

Congratulations to the 4-H clubs who recently participated in Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat service project!

**4-H Leaders** – Remember to log your club’s project on the [kansas4-h.org](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html) website so that they can track how many youth and hours went into this statewide effort! <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html>

### 4-H Officer Training – “How Sweet It Is!”

This year we’re offering two options for 4-H Officer training. Your club can do a local training with officers or the whole club OR you can join the fun at a regional 4-H Officer Training held on Friday, November 15, 6 – 8:30 p.m. in Russell. You don’t have to be a current officer to participate in the regional training. This is your chance to learn more about a specific office and meet some other 4-H members, too. There will also be a session for parents.

Collegiate 4-H will be helping with the regional Officer Training and will bring some great energy and experience to the sessions. To join this fun learning session, **call the Hays Ext. Office by Wednesday, November 13 to get registered for this FREE session.**

**If you would like to hold a club officer training, please contact Susan to schedule it directly.** Club officer materials will be distributed at the regional training and will be placed in the club’s mailbox after the event.

### Council Canned Food Drive

4-H Council will once again hold a Canned Food Drive at their December 10<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you would like to donate items to this project, take them to your November 4-H meeting and your 4-H Council reps will deliver them to the St. Joe’s Food Pantry.

### 4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting is set for Tuesday, December 10, 5:45 – 8:00 p.m. at the Extension back meeting room. We have several things happening that night:

- Canned Food Drive – be sure to let your club know and collect donations at your November meeting
- Potluck – bring a holiday food to share – drinks and place settings provided
- Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest – wear your ugliest Christmas sweater – we’ll vote on “People’s Choice” for a prize
- Team Building – We’ll be doing several activities to get acquainted and begin to build our 4-H Council team
- Setting Goals for 2020



### 4-H Achievement Banquet – Thank You

Thanks to everyone who served on the planning committee. They did a great job with putting together a fun and engaging event. Thanks to Dave and Linda Woods for serving a great meal! Thanks to Extension staff and 4-H Council for ensuring that the event came off without a hitch. I’d received a call the day before the event that my dad was in the hospital and not doing well. I felt that I needed to be with family back in Nebraska. I appreciated all of the thoughts, prayers and extra efforts to ensure that things went well in my absence. Dad is doing better!

Thanks to the 4-H Clubs for donating to this year’s basket auction. And to the many dedicated 4-H supporters who bid and re-gifted the basket for bidding. **We raised over \$2,000 to benefit the Scholarship Fund.**



### 4-H Shutterbugs at Big Creek – November 2, 9 – Noon – Ag Research Center

The Kansas 4-H Photo Action Team will be in Hays this Saturday from 9 – Noon at the Ag Research Center Auditorium for another fun “Shutterbug” learning session. It’s FREE to join the fun and learning. Bring your camera and come on out!

## FHSU Science Festival – November 2, 1 – 4 p.m. Cunningham Hall – FREE Fun for ALL Ages

Come join the fun at this NEW event this Saturday, on FHSU campus. There will be lots of hands on science fun:

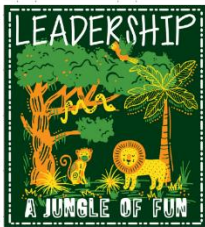
- **Candy Making**
- **Rocket Car Launch**
- **Egg Drop Challenge**
- **Robots**
- **Maker Activities**
- **Wildlife Exploration**

Ellis Co. 4-H will have robots and rockets to share with the community. Come by and visit with our 4-H teens in action! Meet our NEW robot, Vector!

## 4-H Project Leaders Needed

As members enroll in projects, it is important to provide them with learning experience in those areas. Adults and teens are needed to guide the members in their project learning. If you have a skill to share, visit with your club leader to get involved.

## Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) - LAST CALL!



The [Kansas Youth Leadership Forum](#) will be November 23 - 24, 2019 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The Forum is for youth ages 14-18, as of January 1, 2019. **Final registrations are due November 1.** This event includes: speakers, workshops, consulting groups and election of the 17th State 4-H Council.



## 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 16 – 17, 2020

**Where:** Topeka, KS

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

**Registration Deadline:** January 15, 2020

## Ellis 4-H Fall/Winter Camp Scholarship Aps Due November 15

If you'd like to participate in one of the upcoming Fall / Winter 4-H Out of County opportunities, you can apply for a \$50 scholarship from the Ellis Co. 4-H Scholarship & Development Fund. If awarded, you will need to "give back" time to Ellis Co. 4-H by assisting with a 4-H related project. **Application deadline is November 15.** You can find the ap on the ["Forms" page](#) of the Ellis Co. 4-H site.

## KS 4-H Scholarships Due in Early 2020

Get an early start on your application for the [2020 Kansas 4-H Scholarship](#). They are due in the local Extension Office in late January each year. Current college students and graduating seniors are eligible to apply. A list of scholarships available to apply for will come out closer to the end of the year.



## International 4-H Exchange Opportunities Applications Due November 1

How about an International experience? Applications for outbound travel in 2020 are found at [www.kansas4-h.org](http://www.kansas4-h.org). Countries we plan to offer for 4-H teens include: Costa Rica, Norway, Romania, Taiwan, South Korea and Japan. If you have any questions, give our office a call. Japan, South Korea and Taiwan accept applicants 12 & older. The others require 15 years by travel time. <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/kansas-4-h-international-exchanges/>

Scholarships are available from the Kansas IFYE Association and many local Extension units provide support to active 4-H'ers in their programs. For more information on the exchanges, the application or eligibility, contact Mary Kay Munson, Kansas 4-H Exchange coordinator at 785-238-3631 (please leave a message) or [munson@ksbroadband.net](mailto:munson@ksbroadband.net). When you download your application form on the web site, be sure to also save the reference form and give it to the two persons whom you list on your application to be returned to Mary Kay in a confidential manner. Also mark your calendar and save November 24 for required interviews and first orientation for all applicants in Junction City. If you, a friend, or family member will be 19 to 25 next summer, IFYE exchanges are for you. They are structured to accommodate individual interests and needs and include experiences in rural communities throughout the world. They include home stays with multiple families during longer periods abroad between June and December. Most IFYE exchanges total three or six months in length. Internships, job shadowing or college credit may be arranged, in many cases. Information is available <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/kansas-4-h-international-exchanges/> or at [www.IFYEUSA.org](http://www.IFYEUSA.org). Contact Mary Kay Munson for details and questions. We urge any interested IFYE candidates to apply through Kansas 4-H.

## ELLIS COUNTY FAIR 2020 is July 11 - 18, 2020 The Theme is "Affordable Fun"



### AWARDS CORNER

#### NEW Kansas Award Portfolio Pilot – Calling ALL Ellis 4-H'ers!

Cottonwood District 4-H is serving as a pilot site for the brand new Kansas 4-H record keeping and awards process. As soon as we receive the final access to the program, we will be setting up several training sessions to help 4-H families get started. In the meantime, we encourage you to use the goal setting sheet linked in the newsletter opening to get started.

The new forms and the new 4-H record keeping App will be used by beginner and intermediate 4-H'ers during the pilot phase. So those Senior 4-H members will continue to use the old KAP system for their awards submissions at Regionals and throughout this new 4-H year.

**We'd like each club to identify 1 – 2 adults and 1 – 2 4-H members** who would like to serve as "club trainers" for this new process. **Please let our office know by November 15 who's serving on your club's training team.**

### 4-H Volunteers

Come and join other 4-H Volunteers from around Kansas in getting energized, and becoming more informed. To get involved, you will travel to Rock Springs 4-H Center November 23 - 24.

To learn more and to register by the **November 1 deadline**, visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-volunteer-leader-forum/index.html> There are also scholarships available. Visit the website to learn more. **Deadline to apply is November 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!