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April 2020

## Ellis County

## 4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!

We hope you are staying in and staying well during this interesting time in our lives! This is a chance to spend time with your loved ones, a time to evaluate priorities and to clean a few dust bunnies from the corners!

Our operations continue, but our office is closed. You can reach out to us and make an appointment if you need tags or other services. We are trying to move things forward for summer camps and County Fair. We will update you as we learn more about the status of these events.

Use the dropbox on the front of the Extension Office to leave camp scholarship aps and other items, or scan and email them to us.

These are trying times. We will get through this with the support of our 4-H Family! Keeping good thoughts for good health for each of you as we work through this. And as always, if you have questions, don't hesitate to give us a call!

Yours in 4-H,

**Susan Schlichting**

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County Extension Agent – 4-H Youth Development



### Meetings Coming Your Way

**4-H Council** – April 6, 6:15 p.m.

**4-H Scholarship & Development** – April 9, 6:00 p.m.



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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)

### IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

**April 1** – Heart of KS 4-H Camp Counselor Aps Due

**April 1** – 4-H Camp Scholarship Aps Due

**May 1** – Last Day to Make Changes to Your 4-H Enrollment for 2020

**May 1** – 4-H Horse ID Papers Due in Ext. Office

**May 1** – Heart of KS 4-H Camp Registrations Due

**May 6** – Enroll in 3-2-1 Blast Off Classes through the local REC

**May 15** – Campference Registrations Due

**June 1** – All Small Livestock & Commercial Breeding Heifer forms due in Ext. Office

**June 1** – Registered Breeding Livestock in name of 4-H'er

### Covid 19 & 4-H ACTIVITIES

At this time all face-to-face events are on hold until after May 16. While the office shut down this week as a result of the stay at home order, we are still working. Contact us at the above links if you need services. Check our website [cottonwood.ksu.edu](http://cottonwood.ksu.edu) and our facebook pages for the latest in changes.

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## 4-H Cookie Thank You Project

Thanks to everyone who baked and shared cookies for the thank you project. The cookies are in the freezer and awaiting delivery as soon as we get the go ahead.

## 4-H Enrollments

**The last chance to make changes in your project enrollments for 2020 is coming up May 1.** Be sure to check in on your 4-H Online account and make sure you are enrolled in the projects that you are planning to work in. **Remember that you must be enrolled in a project in order to exhibit in that project area in the 4-H division of the County Fair.** If you've found a new area you'd like to explore, be sure to get your enrollment updated in 4-H Online before May 1.

## 4-H KAP Pilot has Begun!!

We held a zoom training recently to get those clubs who haven't participated in a local training on their digital KAPs. If you missed the training and would like to learn more, reach out to us and we'll set up a time to review the new tools. Looking forward to hearing from those of you who are working with the new system.



## National Volunteer Week is APRIL 19 – 25

Have you said thank you to your 4-H Leader lately?? If not, take time this month to let them know how much you appreciate them! We have great volunteers in Ellis County! Thanks to each of you who steps forward to give your time and talents to 4-H members! THANK YOU!

## 4-H Small Animal Barn Awning Project Fundraiser

If you've been to the Ellis Co. Fairgrounds lately, you may have noticed a change! The small animal barn was damaged in the straight line winds last August. The Fairboard approached the Ag Livestock committee about helping raise funds to extend the awnings on the new building to help provide more shade to the animals and people involved. 4-H Council adopted this project as one of their goals for 2020. They are working to raise \$14,000 to help make this project a reality. The LDI video submission is one project, selling a new Ellis Co. 4-H t-shirt / apparel items is another. They are writing grant applications to area foundations and will be asking for community support for this project as well. **Will your 4-H club consider making a donation?** If we raise enough to cover these expenses, we will look at extending the concrete pad out under the awnings this year.

## IMPORTANT Livestock Updates Letter

We sent out an email on March 19 to all livestock and small animal project families regarding a number of important changes in dates and procedures for this year. If you have not reviewed this important update, please take time to review it now. [Ellis Co. 4-H Livestock Project Update](#) If you have questions once you've read it, don't hesitate to ask!

## Livestock Deadlines for Kansas State Fair and Kansas Jr. Livestock Show Participation

**May 1**—All Market Steer/Heifer nominations for the KSF and KJLS are due in Manhattan.

**June 15** – All Commercial Heifer, Sheep, Swine & Meat Goat nominations for KSF and KJLS are due in Manhattan.

**For State Shows, you will need to make an appointment with Stacy or Susan to come and visually check the tags in the animal's ear prior to nomination. Please plan ahead!**

## Small Livestock Weigh-in Canceled – All animals identified through Photo Submission by June 1

If you're planning to show Feeder Calves, Meat Goats, Sheep or Swine at this year's Ellis County Fair, make plans now to **get your official 4-H tags and tag your project animals before June 1. You will have to call for an appointment to purchase tags, as our doors are locked at this time.** We will be using a process similar to the one used for bucket calves and commercial heifers for all animals this year. **Remember, you need to be enrolled in the Market livestock project by May 1.** (Check your on-line enrollments)

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

The ninth annual K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy will be held in June 24 – 27, 2020 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. Visit [www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu](http://www.YouthLivestock.KSU.edu) to learn more. **Aps due April 15, 2020.**

## Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

This training is optional for 2020 unless you are planning to take part in a state livestock show. Deadline to complete is June 1. You can go to their website to take the training. There is a coupon code to take \$3 off of the \$12 registration fee during the month of April. If you would like a coupon code, please let Susan know at [sschlich@ksu.edu](mailto:sschlich@ksu.edu) We are hoping to offer a face-to-face training after the May 16 date, if it isn't extended!



### Science of Agriculture teams now forming

We are looking for youth in grades 6-12 who want to explore agricultural related topics and share their problem-solving ideas. Youth do not need to be in 4-H already to join this challenge.

#### What is the Science of Agriculture Challenge?

It is a hands-on learning experience to inspire the next generation of agriculture leaders in Kansas. Teams of 2-5 youth in grades 6-12 work with volunteer coaches and mentors to create projects and build solutions. The team will identify agriculture-related issues in their community, develop solutions and share the projects with the community. Each year, teams present their ideas to a panel of industry expert judges at a state competition. Each member of the top three teams will receive a scholarship to use at the university, college or trade school of their choice. If you would like to be part of a team, contact us NOW. **Teams must form and be registered by April 15.**



#### 4-H HORSE ID PAPERS DUE MAY 1

Horse ID papers are available on line at [kansas4-h.org](http://kansas4-h.org). You have to have these papers completed and on **file with our office by May 1** in order to show at 4-H sanctioned horse shows. Now's the time to get the photos taken and the forms filed with the Extension Office. Leave in the dropbox on the front of the building. We will sign, make copies and get the originals back to you.

### 4-H Horse Rule Book Updated

If you are planning to participate in a 4-H Horse Show this year, you'll want to check out the [updated 4-H Horse Show Rule book](#).

### Dog Conference Theme & Design contest deadline

We are seeking ideas for the 2020 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference Theme and T-Shirt design. The 4-H member who creates the winning design idea will receive a free Dog Conference registration for the 2020 event! Please submit your ideas to Shane Potter [potters@ksu.edu](mailto:potters@ksu.edu) **by April 15**. Please include: name, local extension unit, address, email, theme, sketch and text graphic idea.



### Insect Themed Art Contest – Entries due FRIDAY

The Pesticide Safety and IPM program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for Kansas 4-Hers and art students across the state. The artwork created by Kansas youth will be used to create an "Old Maid" style card game and distributed to Kansas schools. The program encourages youth to get creative and create an entry **before the April 3, 2020 deadline**. For contest rules and entry forms visit <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/>



**ELLIS COUNTY FAIR 2020 is set for July 11 - 18, 2020.**  
The Theme is "Affordable Fun!"

The Ellis Co. Fairbook, 4-H Division, is posted on-line at [www.cottonwood.ksu.edu](http://www.cottonwood.ksu.edu). Check it out! You will also receive a hard copy soon.

### Fair Pride Projects

What can your club do to help make our Fairgrounds a place to be proud of?? If you have an idea let us know and we'll share it with the fairboard. Every club will be asked to do some kind of project during 2020. With all of the construction projects from the storm damage last fall, there may be some specific needs that the Fairboard will have as they begin the rebuilding process. Watch facebook and our website for details as they develop.



## 4-H Camp Here WE Come!

4-H Camp will be held June 13-16 at Rock Springs 4-H Center! Get ready to have fun exploring streams, riding horses, canoeing, swimming, and much more! Start asking your clubs now for financial support to attend. **Registrations are due May 1.**

**Camp Scholarship Aps for 4-H Camp and other trips are due April 1.** The application is posted on the [4-H Forms Page](#) of the Ellis Co. 4-H website.

We are also looking for enthusiastic teens 15 & older to serve as counselors. Applications are posted on the Ellis Co. website on the [Camp Central](#) page. They are **due in the Ellis Co. Extension Office April 1.** Consider this awesome leadership opportunity.

## Campference

Too old to go to 4-H Camp, but you love camp? **Campference is for YOU!** It's held at Rock Springs, June 22 – 25. Campference is a cross between Camp and a Leadership Conference for 12 – 14 year old 4-H members. Registration are open now on the [State 4-H](#) website and **close May 15.** Register quickly, as spaces fill quickly. There's been a long waiting list the last 3 years! Don't miss out!

**Discovery Days** at KSU May 27 – May 29 – [register on Kansas 4-h.org](#) now until **April 15.**

Are you ready for Discovery Days? Put May 27-29, 2020 on your calendar to be in Manhattan on the K-State campus. This year's theme is "2020 A Vision for the Future." Discovery Days offers classes and tours about 4-H projects, careers, hobbies, community service and more! Are you ready to dance? Are you ready for some Call Hall ice cream? Are you ready for some great speakers and all the other possibilities in your future? **Congrats to the teams of Ellis Co. 4-H'ers** who had presentations selected for this year's Discovery Days – 4-H SpaceTech team – Luke Montgomery, Kaleb Neher & Colton Pfannenstiel. 4-H Leadership team – Kylie Dreiling, Anna Kuhn & Karli Neher. Way to go Ellis Co. 4-H teens!

## Virtual FHSU Science Festival

There's a group of FH students who were working to bring a hands on science afternoon to campus in April. As they can't host a face to face event, they are working to put together a virtual event. Watch our facebook page for details as they come available.

## LDI 4-H Video Contest

Thanks to everyone who came out to support our videotaping of the Small Animal Barn awning project video. Due to the Covid 19 shutdown, they will be extending the contest to entries through May 31. In early June, we will be asking for everyone's help in voting for our video. Watch for details next month.



## 4-H Team Building Event in Hays – Postponed

We are working with our presenter to set a date in the Fall. Watch for details to come later this summer.



## 4-H International Programs

At this time, 4-H international programs are waiting to see how things play out with the pandemic. There are still some plans to move forward with hosting. We will keep you up to date as things develop.

## Summer Intern Opportunities

If you have completed 4 semesters of college and would like to experience what life is like in an Extension Office during the summer, we have several opportunities for you to apply for. Cottonwood Extension District is looking for two energetic students to intern in our Hays and Great Bend offices this summer. The complete position description will be posted front and center on the [www.Cottonwood.ksu.edu](http://www.Cottonwood.ksu.edu) front page soon. Help us spread the word to find great candidates for these two opportunities! **Applications close Friday, April 3.**



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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