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May 2020

Ellis County 4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!

Summer is almost upon us. It will be like no summer we've ever experienced! We are working on plans for several summer virtual opportunities. Watch for details as they develop. And we are moving forward with plans for the County Fair. We hope to know in the next month or so, whether the University will allow 4-H to participate in a face-to-face event or if things will be done virtually. Stay Tuned! We'll let you know as soon as we know!!

May 1 is an important date in the 4-H year. It's the date that you need to be enrolled in any and all projects you plan to take to the Ellis Co. Fair. Be sure to take time now to review the projects you are enrolled in and make sure it reflects those areas you are working on project learning in at this time. Your projects don't just "roll over" from year to year, you have to make selections. This is especially important if you are moving from being a Cloverbud where you don't declare projects to becoming a regular member. **You must have those projects selected by May 1.**

The Ellis Co. Fairbook is now posted on-line at www.cottonwood.ksu.edu Check it out! It's your guide to exhibit categories for each of the project areas. You will receive a printed copy of the fairbook in the near future. Thank the Fairboard for providing these handy references to us!

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 ops and County Fair. We will update you as we learn more about the status of these events.

As always, if you have questions, don't hesitate to give us a call! Come join the fun and learning!

Yours in 4-H,

Susan Schlichting

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District Extension Agent – 4-H Youth Development



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! We do offer many ways for you to contact our office. See below.

Meetings Coming Your Way

4-H Home Ec, BBQ, Foodstand & Subcommittees – Watch for a Doodle Poll Coming Soon



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

IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

- May 1** – Last Day to Make Changes to Your 4-H Enrollment
- May 1** – 4-H Horse ID Papers Due in Ext. Office
- May 10** – 4-H T-shirt Store Closes
- June 1** – Registered Breeding Livestock in name of 4-H'er
- June 1** – All County Small Livestock & Commercial Breeding Heifer Photo ID forms due in Ext. Office
- June 1** – Registered Breeding Livestock in name of 4-H'er
- June 15** – Small Livestock & Commercial Breeding Heifer Nominations due in State Office

4-H On-line Enrollment

Hopefully by now, you have gone on and completed your family profile and enrolled your members on-line. Remember, **you can make changes to your enrollments until May 1. Your enrollment is not final until you have successfully paid the \$15 fee.**



Congrats to . . .

Graduating Seniors . . . Logan Armbrister, Megan Howe, Jordan Hunsicker, Kirk Huser, Quentin Rupp, Heather Scheck, Colton Vajnar, Dylan Warner, Taylor Weidenhaft, Madalyn William, Monique William

A Special Congratulations to those 4-H Seniors receiving 4-H scholarships in 2020!

Jordan Hunsicker, Quentin Rupp, Heather Scheck, Colton Vajnar, Dylan Warner & Taylor Weidenhaft

It is our plan to honor these scholarship recipients at a 4-H event later this summer.



4-H Quilters in Action

Thanks to all the 4-H quilters and sewing project members who have stepped up to make masks this past few weeks. We were able to make 100+ masks to help keep community members safe. These 4-H'ers are putting their talents to work to help others! Way to go!



Covid 19 & 4-H ACTIVITIES

At this time all face-to-face events are on hold until after July 4. While the office shut down as a result of the stay at home order, we are still working. Contact us at the links on page 1 if you need services. Check our website cottonwood.ksu.edu and our facebook pages for the latest in changes.



4-H Cookie Thank You Project Update

Thanks to everyone who baked and shared cookies for the thank you project. 4-H Council is planning to distribute the cookies to emergency, health and community service workers to thank them for their efforts through this time. We will put out a call to bake fresh cookies for 4-H supporters in the Fall.

Livestock ID Procedures

Large and Small animal ID procedures for 2020 are posted to the Ellis Co.4-H website. Please take time to review them. Also, be sure to review the [livestock weigh-in procedures letter](#) sent in mid April.

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

If you're planning to show Feeder Calves, Meat/Dairy 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 for that specie by May 1.** (Check your on-line enrollments)

Bucket Calf and Commercial Breeding Heifer Photo ID

Don't forget to purchase your official 4-H EID tag and snap several photos of the project animal – 1 - with the tag visible in its ear, 2 – with the 4-H member, 3 – full view of animal with any special identifying marks. These are submitted to the Extension Office **by Monday, June 1.**

[Bucket Calf Photo ID Form](#)

[Sheep Photo ID Form](#)

[Meat Goat Photo ID Form](#)

[Commercial Breeding Heifer Photo ID Form](#)

[Swine Photo ID Form](#)

[Feeder Calf Photo ID Form](#)

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.

Ellis County Spring Livestock Show

Spring Show Circuit updates are posted on the NCK Livestock Circuit Facebook page.



4-H HORSE ID PAPERS ARE STILL DUE MAY 1

Horse ID papers are available at the Extension Office or on line at 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.

District Horse Shows Canceled in 2020

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](#).



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.

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



Ellis County Fair Volunteers Needed

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. [Here's the link to the on-line form.](#) Once again, **all clubs will be asked to recruit volunteers to help with a variety of jobs at the Fair**, as well. Click the link above to let us know how you'd like to be involved in this year's Ellis County Fair.



4-H Small Animal Barn Awning Project Fundraiser

If you've been to the Ellis Co. Fairgrounds lately, you may have noticed a change! There is a new structure in the place where the old small animal barn stood. Thanks to the Fairboard for all of their efforts in building a new and improved barn. 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? The Buckeye Jr. Farmers pledged \$100 to this project and challenge all other 4-H clubs to do the same!** We just received word that we were awarded a \$5,000 grant from the **Dane G. Hansen Foundation** for this project! Congratulations to the 4-H Council team who worked hard to put this grant application together. At this time we have raised \$6, 600 toward our \$14,000 goal.

Are you ready for VIRTUAL Discovery Days? Put May 27-29, 2020 on your calendar to join Kansas 4-H teens for this unique event. Plans are still underway. As soon as we learn more, we will be in touch with the details. This year's theme is "2020 A Vision for the Future."

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.



Ellis Co. 4-H T-shirts, Caps, Tanks, and Hoodies Ready for Order NOW!

4-H Council is working with Redeem Designs to bring you some cool summer 4-H apparel. [Visit the Store](#) to place your order. A portion of every sale will go to support the Small Animal Barn Awning project. **Orders close at midnight on Sunday, May 10, so act NOW!** Redeem is considered a non-essential business and their doors are closed for now. Place your order and they will get to work processing them as soon as they can get back to business!



4-H KAP Pilot – How's it Going?

If you've started using the new 4-H Record Keeping process, we'd love to hear from you how it's working for you. Send Susan an email at sschlich@ksu.edu to fill us in on your experiences with the new system so far.



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