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June 2020

Ellis County 4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!

Summer is HERE! How's your 4-H project work coming along? There are several virtual camps coming your way. Check out the details inside. You'll find a variety of topics dealing with Fair in this issue. Watch for another mailing with fair forms for all areas coming your way soon. **Fair entry deadline for Livestock, Horse, Small Animals and Clothing Buymanship/Fashion Revue project areas is Monday, June 22 this year ALL OTHER entries in 4-H & Open Class will need to be entered into the new system by JULY 7.** We will be using the same Fair entry process on-line this year. Watch for more info. on this process in the FAIR EDITION of the newsletter.

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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Meetings Coming Your Way

4-H Ag Livestock – June 1, 7:00 – Zoom

4-H Council – June 4, 6:30 – Zoom

4-H & Open Fair Superintendent Meeting – June 10, 7:00 - Zoom

4-H Home Ec, BBQ, Foodstand Committees – Watch for Doodle Poll for Dates

4-H Scholarship & Development – Watch for Doodle Poll for Dates

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

June 1 – Livestock & Small Animal IDs Due in Ext. Office

June 3 – “Foto” Fridays Day Camp Registrations Due on line

June 8 – Virtual Insect Spectacular Registrations Due

June 12 – Virtual Campference Registrations Due

June 15 – Youth Quality Care of Livestock Required On-line Training Due

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

June 22 – County Fair Entry Deadline for Livestock, Fashion Revue, Horse & Small Animal Projects

June 26 – Submit Club Volunteer Lists to Ext. Office

June 26 – Sign Up for Fairgrounds Work Nite

July 7 – 4-H and Open Exhibits Entries for Ellis Co. Fair Close

July 15 – KSF Livestock Entries Postmarked

July 15 – Enroll in the KS 4-H Wheat Variety Plot Project

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

July 24 – Register for KS 4-H Wheat Expo in Wichita

July 24 – Register KSF Horse entries with Ext. Office

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.

Covid 19 & 4-H ACTIVITIES

At this time all face-to-face events continue to be on hold until after July 4. While the office is open, we encourage you to call ahead and to limit the contact you have with Ext. staff. We are available via our email and phone calls. 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 Council County Fair Updates

Thanks to everyone who took time to share your thoughts in the 4-H County Fair survey. The 4-H Program Development Committee (PDC) worked with these comments and developed a Health and Safety Guidance document for the 4-H committees to work from as they prepare for this year's Ellis County Fair.

The 4-H Council committees continue to meet and discuss plans for the upcoming Ellis County Fair. We posted the 4-H Home Ec, BBQ, Foodstand recommendations to the Ellis 4-H website for everyone's review. The 4-H Ag Livestock committee recommendations will soon also be posted up.

The next step is for 4-H families to take a look at these committee recommendations and share your thoughts with your 4-H club leader and 4-H Council representatives. The 4-H Council will meet Thursday evening to finalize plans for this year's Ellis County Fair 4-H division. We will be posting the outcome of that meeting on Friday.

The Ellis County Fairboard is planning for a nearly normal fair this year. As a recommendation from the PDC we are working on plans for 3 different scenarios. A Near Normal Fair, a Modified/Partially Open Fair and a completely Virtual Fair.

We have been very fortunate in Ellis County to not have had many cases of Covid-19. Know that if the Covid situation changes and the Governor, KSU or the Ellis Co. Health department put further restrictions in place, we will need to move to an approach other than "near normal".

In the survey, we asked if you might be willing to step up and help in places where current volunteers don't feel comfortable volunteering this year. (The Ellis Co. Health Dept. has recommended that anyone over 55 step out of volunteer roles this year.) We WILL need additional help. Please watch for details on how you might join us in putting on the fair in the upcoming correspondence.



A Special Congratulations to Taylor Weidenhaft who recently was awarded the Vanier Family 4-H scholarship!!

The Vanier Family Scholarship Program was established in 2016 to enhance the strong leadership skills already exhibited by 4-H members. This program invests in the educational endeavors of young people who have overcome challenges in their lives to pursue their educational goals. Scholarship recipients will be recognized leaders and role models within their home communities who have balanced "**greater than usual**" demands and contributed in positive ways as a 4-H member and citizen. Taylor plans to attend KSU in the fall, majoring in Pre-Med. Congratulations, Taylor!

Small Animal Barn Fundraiser – PLEASE SHARE & VOTE! Now – June 8

Thanks to many generous supporters, the Small Animal Barn fundraising is coming near to its goal of raising \$14,000. We have a chance to compete for \$1,000 from Lang Diesel. Please take time this week to go out and vote for our video. You can vote one time each day from now until June 8. Please share this with your friends and family and encourage them to vote for the Ellis Co. 4-H Small Animal Barn fundraiser, too.

[Click here to VOTE](#)



4-H Quilters in Action

Thanks to all the 4-H quilters who sewed masks for area workers. And thanks to Lewis Automotive Group for the donation to Ellis Co. 4-H in support of this mask sewing project! Masks were distributed to workers across Western Kansas.



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

June 15 – Youth Quality Care of Animals required course completed to show at KSF and KJLS

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

July 15 – Kansas State Fair Entries Postmarked

Don't Forget to De-Worm Livestock Projects

4-Hers if you haven't done so, I would recommend that you be sure and de-worm livestock projects for internal and external parasites. By doing this it can increase animal gains, improve hair coats and make the animals more comfortable. Swine are very prone to lice and may need treated every month, plus their housing area and bedding will need treated as well. If you need further information give us a call or your veterinarian.

Poultry Testing Waived for County Fairs in 2020

You won't need to have your chickens tested for county fair this year. The state rule has been waived until October 1.

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. Watch for that listing coming your way soon.

4-H Fair Books

A special printed copy of the Ellis Co. fair book is provided to 4-H families by the Fairboard. These will be in the Extension Office and ready for distribution soon. Stop by and pick your club's books. You can also view the books online at <https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/ellis-county4h/4-hevents/EllisCountyFair.html>

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/>

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.

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.



IN FOCUS!

SIGN UP FOR 4-H "FOTO" FRIDAYS!

Every Friday in June we'll be offering an on-line 4-H photo workshop for you! 10 - 11 a.m.

June - 5 - Camera Basics

June 12 - Creating a Great Photo

June 19 - Telling a Story - Using Depth of Field

June 26 - Preparing Your Best Photo for Display

Cost is FREE - thanks to a special grant from the Dane G. Hansen Foundation

Those who attend ALL 4 sessions will receive an 8X10 print of your best shot & the supplies to mount it for entry at the fair.

To register visit

<https://tinyurl.com/4HPhotoAdv>

by June 3.



Creative Coding Camp

NW 4-H invites you to participate in a cool tech camp this June.

Learn some of the basics, create some cool projects!

To register by the June 8 deadline, complete the [registration form](#) and return it with the payment to the Cottonwood – Hays Ext. Office.

Join us For: Creative Coding Camp

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Starting 3 weeks of learning
(June – 22,24,26,29; July – 1,6,8,10)

Ages: 5th grade & up; Parent help may be necessary for younger children and those with limited computer experience

Cost: \$30 deposit to borrow the unit (limited number)
\$35 to purchase the unit (return evaluation and get \$5 from us!)
*Required – Computer with a USB Port, internet access, ability to use
<https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/makecode?rtc=1>

To register by June 8th contact Cottonwood Hays Office: (785) 628-9430

Zoom @ 11:00 AM
CDT on M/W/F

Beginner Coding

Projects

Cool Tricks

Learning Together



To register by **JUNE 8** for the 2020 Virtual 4-H Insect Spectacular:

<https://bit.ly/2TGxYw8>

Visit the [Entomology event page](#) for more info.



Kansas Clover Classroom Making Debut!

The newest addition to Kansas 4-H learning resources is the Kansas Clover Classroom. Each week, a new 4-H Project Challenge will roll out on our 4-H Facebook pages. There will be challenges in a variety of project areas, for all age and skill levels. The first 3 are in a pilot mode. Please give us your feedback so that we can make this a great resource for 4-H project learning across Kansas!

Kansas Record Keeping Pilot – Feedback Need

You will soon be receiving an email with the link to provide feedback on the new Z-Suite recordkeeping process. Please take a few minutes to let us know how its working for you and your 4-H’ers. This is how we can “make the best better” for all 4-H members. Thanks for jumping in and giving this new process a try. We value your feedback!

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum Presenters Needed

The 17th Annual Kansas Youth Leadership Forum is November 21 —22 at Rock Springs. This conference, for 14-18-year-old 4-Hers, will include speakers, workshops, consulting groups and the election of the 2021 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 June 25.**



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