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**February 2020**

# Ellis County 4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!

It's time for 4-H Day! Congrats to every 4-H member who is planning to give a presentation at this year's event! You are all winners! If you've decided to wait a year before giving 4-H Day a try, I invite you to come over, watch and learn so that you can take an active role next year.

Thanks to several of our 4-H'ers, we have posted some video examples of various kinds of talks and some helpful hints handouts to prepare you for the big event. [Check these videos out on our YouTube channel](#). The [registration packet for 4-H Day](#) is posted on our website. You can print off and return a hard copy OR you can go [on-line](#) and register with a simple form. Either way, **entries are due in the Extension Office by Thursday, February 20.**

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** – February 3, 5:30 p.m.

**4-H Scholarship & Development** – February 5, 5:30 p.m.

**Home Ec, BBQ, Foodstand** – February 6, 5:15 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
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## IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

**January 31** – Enroll in Market Beef Project by Tomorrow

**February 6** – Sign up for Planting Seeds of Photography

**February 7** – Sign up for Jr. Beef Producer Day @ KSU

**February 15** – Sign up for State 4-H Horse Judging

**February 18** – Sign up for 4-H Day with the Lady Cats

**February 19** – Discovery Days Class Proposals Due

**February 20** – Ellis Co. 4-H Day Entries Due

**February 21** – Sign up for Jr. Sheep Producer Day

**March 10** – Sign up for Regional 4-H Day

**March 12** – Sign up for Super 4-H Saturday Workshops & Livestock Judging

**March 13** – Cookie Thank You Cookies Due in Ext. Office

**March 16** – Sign up for Fiber Fun Day in LaCrosse

## 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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## 4-H Enrollments

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.

## 4-H KAP Pilot has Begun!!

Have you set your 4-H project goals for 2020?? If not, now's the time to do so. There's a [great form](#) to help you get them in writing. Once you get those goals in writing, visit with your club's KAP trainers to learn how to get started with the new KAP on-line process. If you are 7 – 13 years of age, you can build your 4-H project records on-line as you go through the 4-H year. It's an easy to navigate process and one you can use from a smart phone, tablet or computer. We are piloting these forms and the website process, so you may encounter some glitches along the way. The company we are working with will want to hear from you if you do encounter something that isn't working right so they can fix it. We would also like your feedback as you work with this new system. Your feedback will help us to make the forms and process the best it can be as we roll it out statewide in 2021.

## 4-H Day is Coming—Sunday, March 1 – Victoria

4-H Day is a chance for 4-H members to showcase their project learning through public presentations. If you ask a 4-H alumni what one of the most important things they gained through their 4-H experience, they'll most likely tell you it is their public speaking ability. Consider building that powerful skill in your children through their involvement in 4-H Day activities. Mark Sunday, March 1 on your calendar and make plans now to participate in 4-H Day. It will begin early afternoon. Some clubs have already started working on skits, project talks, talent, etc. [Check out the website](#) for the latest information, rules, etc. [Register Online Here](#)

## 4-H Day 101

New to 4-H Day?? We've posted a series of informational handouts and videos on the website to help you get started planning talks. [https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/ellis-county4h/4-hevents/ellis\\_4HDay.html](https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/ellis-county4h/4-hevents/ellis_4HDay.html) Check out the series of "how to" video presentations by our Ellis Co. 4-H'ers.

## 4-H Public Service Announcements

Promote 4-H through this fun and creative speaking event. It's easy to get involved. Get a club team together or do this as an individual. Create a 30 second "info-mercial" about why your friends should join 4-H. **Contact the Extension Office to set up a taping time prior to March 1.** Tape your presentation. These will be judged and you will receive a ribbon for your presentation. Entries will be posted on the Ellis Co. 4-H page to help promote 4-H!

## Model Meetings

Model Meetings are a great way to test your club's parliamentary procedure skills. It's not too late to sign up if you'd like to give it a try. Just call the Ext. Office a call to schedule your club's meeting. We come out and film your regular meeting. . . with one twist. You will draw for a special action that you will need to incorporate into the meeting before we start filming. The club receiving the top ribbon placing will represent Ellis Co. at Regional 4-H Day on **March 27**.

## Out of County 4-H Enrollment

If you live outside the Ellis County boundaries, you are required to file an "[Out of County 4-H Membership](#)" form annually. Please take time to complete and return this form to the local Extension Office now.

Parents will go through the 4-H Volunteer screening process, families will sign a form agreeing to be positive participants in the program. If currently in another county's program, families must provide a letter of release from the current board stating that they are a family in good standing in their 4-H program. Families will complete and sign the Out of County form and keep their KS 4-H Volunteer Screening file updated annually.

## 4-H Beef Weigh-in Set

If you're planning to show Market Steers & Heifers at this year's Ellis County Fair, make plans now to attend the Beef Weigh-in on **Saturday, February 1 from 9 – 11 a.m.** at the 4-H Fairgrounds. **You need to be enrolled in the Market Beef project by February 1.** (Check your on-line enrollments) **Be sure to purchase tags & tag your animals prior to the weigh-in.**

## Livestock ID Procedures

Large and Small animal ID procedures for 2020 are mostly unchanged from last year, with the addition of language of scrapie tag requirements. Please take time to review them.

## 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)

The 4-H Ag Livestock committee voted to require all 4-H'ers in the market livestock and market small animal projects to participate in the YQCA program. The training helps young producers to care for their animals in a way that provides the end consumer with a safe and wholesome meat product. We are looking at a training over Spring Break. Watch for a doodle poll to help us select the best date and time. Cost for the face to face training is \$3. If you are unable to attend the training, you will have the option to do the training on line at \$12 per member.

## Jr. Producer Days 2020

The 2020 Kansas Junior Producer Days will be hosted in February and March at Kansas State University in the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry's Weber Hall. The [Junior Beef Producer Day](#) will be Saturday, February 29, with [Junior Sheep Producer Day](#) being Saturday, March 14. All youth, parents, leaders and extension agents are invited to participate in these educational experiences. K-State faculty members, graduate students, veterinarians, extension agents, guest speakers, and specialists will speak about youth livestock project management. Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) certification sessions will also be offered at the conclusion of both junior days. More details and registration information will be released later this fall. Please watch the youth livestock program website and Facebook page for updated information and a link to register online.

## Science of Ag Teams Needed

There will be an informational meeting on Thursday, February 13, 7 p.m. via zoom to learn more about forming teams for this year's Science of Ag challenge. Science of Ag is a hands-on learning experience to inspire the next generation of agriculture leaders in Kansas. Teams of 3-5 youth in grades 6-12 work with volunteer coaches and mentors to create projects and develop solutions. The team will identify agriculture-related issues in your community, find solutions and share your projects with your community. Teams will present their ideas to a panel of industry expert judges twice (September 18th at the Kansas State Fair and November 14 at Kansas State Campus). Each member of the top three teams receives a scholarship.

## Ag Safety Awareness Program (ASAP)

Each year the Ag Research Center & Ellis Co. Farm Bureau Association invite High School students and the community to join them for a day focused on safety planning for farm and home. This year's event is Wednesday, March 11, 8:30 a.m. at the Ag Research Center Auditorium. It is FREE to stop in and take in the presentations. No pre-registration required.



### 4-H Horse Judging

... will be held March 6 during Equifest in Salina. **Entries are due February 15, 2020.**

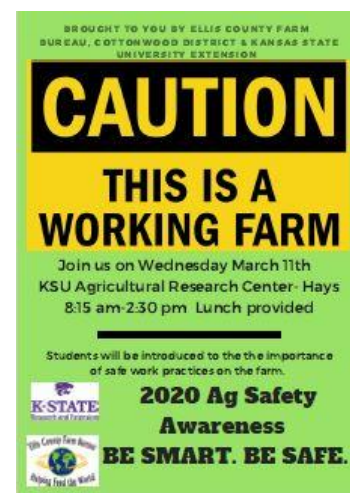
## 4-H Council Update



### 4-H Cookie Thank You Project

Ellis Co. 4-H will hold the annual Cookie Thank You project in March. Each club will need to **donate 13 dozen homemade cookies, wrapped individually**. They will be **due in the Extension Office on Friday, March 13.**

This is a great opportunity to say "Thank You" to those who support 4-H in Ellis County. Ambassadors will be putting the boxes together at 2 p.m. on Sunday, March 15, if you'd like to drop them off at the Ext. Office fresh that day.



## **SUPER 4-H SATURDAY Coming to Hays – March 21**

March 21 is a day filled with great 4-H activities for the whole family! There will be 6 judging contests—Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Livestock & Photography for 4-H & FFA youth 7 - 18. You can judge at 1 or all of these great contests. There will be several workshops in the afternoon to help 4-H'ers explore project learning. Watch for more info. as these activities are finalized.



### **4-H Leaders to Gather in Hays**

Calling all 4-H Leaders and Parents! NW 4-H volunteers from across the region will be in Hays for a special opportunity on **Saturday, March 21**. You are invited to join the fun and sharing. Come out and learn about some of the exciting new things happening in Kansas 4-H! [Register by Friday, March 13.](#)

### **Fiber Fun Day Coming to LaCrosse**

Mark your calendars for a fun activity on Saturday, March 28. Registration is **due March 16** or as soon as the spots are filled. Space is limited, so act now!! Workshops will feature a variety of hands on fiber arts workshops. We will take a van from Hays if you'd like to come along. You will also bring a sack lunch for the day. Watch for registration details coming soon!



### **Teen Presenters Wanted**

4-H Council has agreed to pay for registrations of 4-H teens teaching at a regional or statewide event. Calls for proposals for NW SpaceTech Day and 4-H Discovery Days @ KSU have been posted recently. If you have an idea for a workshop, give our office a call and let's talk about the possibilities to get a proposal submitted! **Deadline for Discovery Days proposals is February 19.**



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

### **Ellis County Fair Volunteers Needed**

We'll soon be sending out cards to ask for help with the County Fair. We will post an on-line form that you can complete to let us know how you'd like to help, too. Older 4-H'ers and interested adults are encouraged to join our "team" in getting things ready for this year's Fair.

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.

### **Fair Award Sponsors Needed**

The Ellis Co. Fairboard is seeking award sponsors. In order for a special award to be awarded in any given area, there must be a sponsor. **Contact Norleen Knoll by March 1** if you'd like to sponsor a special award. Sponsorships are listed in the Ellis Co. fairbook and in several news releases/ads. The sponsorship form will soon be posted on our website. Check out the areas that are listed and think about helping sponsor a special award for the Fair.

### **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 will be 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 will soon be 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 will open soon on the [State 4-H](#) website. Register quickly, as spaces fill quickly. There's been a long waiting list the last 3 years! Don't miss out!

### 4-H TECH TALK



#### Lego Robotics Competition

We are seeking 4-H'ers 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades who would like to learn about programming Lego robots. We are preparing to participate in a Middle School competition at FHSU on April 2. If you would like to join us over the next few weeks to work with a team of other 4-H'ers on this special project, give our office a **call by Friday, February 7** to join a team. We will start practices later this month.

### 4-H Day with Lady Cats is March 8

12<sup>th</sup> Annual 4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball team has been scheduled for Sunday, March 8, when the Wildcats take on the University of Kansas. Tip-off will be at 2:00 p.m. For \$22, each individual will receive a ticket into the game, a game day t-shirt, and a \$10 meal voucher to use at the main concession stands. Registration will be online again this year with a **February 18, 2020, deadline.**



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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