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March 2020

Ellis County

4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!

Looking forward to seeing many of you at this weekend's 4-H Day events. (Hopefully the weather cooperates this time!)

We have a great group of 4-H'ers participating in this year's event! Way to go! Thanks to the parents and leaders who helped 4-Hers take advantage of this opportunity to grow in their skills. And thanks to all who plan to help volunteer at the event. It takes everyone working together to make great things happen! The final 4-H Day schedule will be posted Friday afternoon and the event results will be posted on the website soon after the conclusion of the event. Those who receive Top Blues will represent Ellis Co. at Regionals in WaKeeney on March 27. Good Luck!

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 Ag Livestock – March 16, 6:30 p.m.

4-H Council – April 6, 6:15 p.m.

Home Ec, BBQ, Foodstand – 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



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IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

March 6 – 4-H Senior Scholarship Applications Due

March 10 – Sign up for Regional 4-H Day

March 10 – Register for Barn Quilt Workshop

March 11 – Register for Babysitting Clinic in Ellis

March 13 – 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 Rush Center

March 16 – Vanier Family 4-H Scholarship Aps due

March 20 – Register for YQCA training

March 25 – NW 4-H Team Building Workshop Registrations Due

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

April 1 – 4-H Camp Scholarship Aps Due

April 29 – Bucket Calf & Commercial Breeding Heifer forms due in Ext. Office

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

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

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.



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.

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.

Ellis County 4-H Senior Scholarships due March 6, 2020

By now, you should have received your copy of the application in the mail. You can apply for [Ellis County Senior 4-H Scholarships](#) through the form fill-able link on our website. **Aps are due March 6**. This year’s process will also include an interview.

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, schedule, etc.

Model Meetings

Congratulations to Buckeye Jr. Farmers and the Gemini Jrs. 4-H clubs for participating in this year’s Model Meeting event. The recordings are at the judge at this time. Watch for results coming soon. The club receiving the top ribbon placing will represent Ellis Co. at Regional 4-H Day **on March 27**.

Small Livestock Weigh-in Date Set for April 29, 6 – 8 p.m.

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 the weigh-in** at the Fairgrounds. Swine will continue to have to option to weigh or have their tags visually inspected. The Ellis Co. Spring Livestock Show has been set as an alternate weigh-in date on Sunday, May 3, 7 – 9 a.m. **Please call our office to let us know if you plan to use the alternate date. Remember, you need to be enrolled in the Market livestock project by April 29.**

(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 to learn more. **Aps due April 15, 2020.**

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

We are planning to hold the required face to face **YQCA training** for all members enrolled in Market Livestock projects (including small animals) on **Monday, March 23, 6 p.m.** at the back meeting room at the Extension Office. The training will last about 1 hour. At the conclusion of the training, the Ellis Co. Fairboard will also meet with the group to review the livestock sale procedures for the County Fair. If you are unable to attend the training, you will need to contact the Ellis Co. Fairboard to visit with them about the sale expectations.

Prior to the meeting, you should review the registration information about getting started with your YQCA certification. <https://tinyurl.com/suo3gsd> **Everyone will need to go on-line before the training and create a profile through their system.** You will look for our class location and date and pay the fee for the course at that time. \$3 – face to face. Our class instructor is Alicia Boor. If you are unable to attend the face to face training, you will need to take the on-line training and pay the \$12 fee. **The on-line system will be open for you to register starting on Tuesday, February 25.**

Please also contact the Extension Office 628-9430 by Friday, March 20 to reserve your seat for the training.

Let us know if you have questions or need assistance with the on-line registration process.

Jr. Producer Days 2020

The 2020 Kansas Junior Producer Days will be hosted at Kansas State University in the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry's Weber Hall. **Junior Sheep Producer Day** is Saturday, March 14. All youth, parents, leaders and extension agents are invited to participate in this educational experience. 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 junior days.

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 ID PAPERS 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.

4-H Horse Rule Book Updated

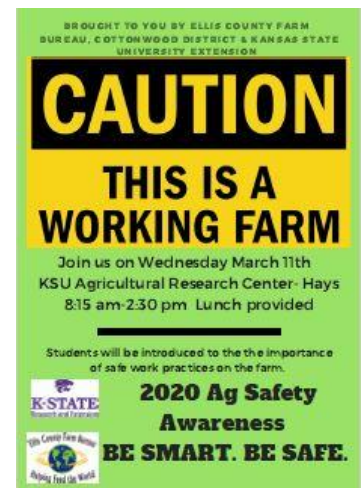
If you are planning to participate in a 4-H Horse Show this year, you'll want to check out the [updated 4-H Horse Show Rule book](#).

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 are several workshops in the afternoon to help 4-H'ers explore project learning. **Check out the details and get registered** for the workshops by Friday, March 13.

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 Rush Center

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 on our website!



4-H Photography Project Workshops

Thanks to Christy Befort who is continuing to offer 4-H Photo workshops for those interested in learning some new and fun techniques to try with your camera. Upcoming dates. . . March 17, 5:30; April 23, 5:30 at the Extension Office.

Lion's Club Pancake Tickets Due March 6!

It's that time of year. . . time to help our Friends the Hays Lion's Club sell pancake tickets. Each of us knows people who attend every year. Help the Lion's get the tickets sold AND earn a dollar from every ticket sold for your 4-H club treasury! Let's do our part to help them with this big project. **The event is Tuesday, March 10.** Tickets are **due in the Ext. Office on Friday, March 6.**



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

Ellis County Fair Volunteers Needed

If we sent you a card asking for your help with the Ellis County Fair, please let us know if you're able to help. We have posted 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. [Click Here to sign up.](#)

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 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 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



STEM
Science-Technology
Engineering-Math

NW SpaceTech Day is at Barton Community College April 25

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend this year's NW SpaceTech Day. We have a day filled with a variety of hands on workshops in robotics, rocketry, astronomy and engineering for you to explore. Watch the Ellis 4-H website for more details as they come available.

FHSU Science Festival – April 19 – 2 – 5 p.m.

There's a group of FH students working to bring a hands on science afternoon to campus in April. Come on out and join them for a great interactive event. More information as it becomes available.

Discovery Days at KSU May 27 – May 29 – register on [Kansas 4-h.org](http://Kansas4-h.org) **now until April 15.**

Babysitting 101

Are you thinking about becoming a babysitter? Here's a chance to get prepared for this important responsibility. This class gives participants the basic knowledge, skills and confidence to care for toddlers through school-aged children. Topics include safety, preventing injuries, healthy snacks and choosing age appropriate activities for children. Participants must be 11 years old by the class date.

Berny Unruh, Family and Community Wellness Agent – Cottonwood Extension District will be leading this class at Ellis Rec, Tuesday, March 24, 1 – 5 pm. Cost is \$7. **Register and pay for the course through Ellis Rec by Wednesday, March 11.** Visit www.Ellisrec.org to get registered.

4-H Club Opportunity!

If you've got some creative people in your 4-H club, here's your chance to tell the 4-H story through video for a chance to win \$1,000! Check it out on the LDI Facebook page.



4-H Team Building Event in Hays – April 3 & 4

We are excited to have Michelle Cummings coming to Hays to lead several interactive sessions on building your team. Whether you're working with youth or are a part of a team of another kind, this will be a great chance to add some new tools to your toolkit! School groups, 4-H teams, community members will all find some valuable resources during these sessions. You can sign up for one or both days. There is a special rate for 4-H teams and individuals to participate. Visit with our office if you would like to know more about that! **Registration deadline is March 25.**

March 15 Deadline for Hosting Japanese, Norwegian and Costa Rican 4-H'ers

Families wishing to host a Norwegian or Costa Rican teen 4-H'er or one of their chaperones through the States' 4-H International Exchange Program should **complete the on line application by March 15, 2020.** These applications may be accessed through the Kansas 4-H web site on a link titled "[2020 Electronic Host Family Application Process Link](#)". If families have hosted previously through a States' 4-H Exchange, they may be able to update just the fields needed without re-entering previous information. This process continues to be available for those wishing to host a Japanese youth or chaperone in 2020.

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 front page soon. Help us spread the word to find great candidates for these two opportunities! **Applications close at the end of March.**



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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