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**November/December
2020**

Ellis County 4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!

The new 4-H year is underway and it's time to get those 4-H enrollments in! Just a reminder to those who haven't updated enrollments & participation forms on-line, **they are due now**. Please take time to update them ASAP. Thanks.

Now is the time to set your project goals for the year. I hope you will take time to think about what it is that you want to do and learn through your 4-H activities. Write it down! If it's on paper, it's much easier to reach that goal. Here's a link to a [goal worksheet](#) to help you get those goals written down.

If you set your goals now, you will have a great guide to follow to get to where you want to go. . . by the year's end! Make the most of your 4-H year by planning ahead! Take a few minutes to record those goals on the [goal worksheet](#) now, so they will be ready to add to the new project records when they get started. And as always, don't hesitate to give our office a call if you have a question. There's a great resource available to help you learn more about all of the learning opportunities available through Ellis County 4-H. Check out the [Project Selection Guide](#).

We hope that you and your family will make time to spend some quality time together during the upcoming holidays.

The Cottonwood Extension Staff wishes each of you a joy filled holiday season!

We look forward to working with you in 2021!

Yours in 4-H,

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Meetings Coming Your Way

4-H Ag Livestock – November - Doodling for dates

4-H Council – December – Doodling for dates

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

- November 1** – 4-H VIP Renewals completed in 4-H Online
- November 1** – 4-H Club Financial Reports due
- November 2** – 4-H International Travel Aps due
- November 10** – 4-H Officer Training – Register online
- November 10** – 4-H Ambassador Training – Register online
- November 10** – KYLF – Register online
- November 12** – Register for 2020 4-H Crops Contest
- November 16** – 4-H Fall / Winter Event Scholarship Aps Due
- November 16** – KS 4-H Volunteer Training – Register online
- December 1** – 4-H Enrollments Updated for new 4-H year in 4-H Online
- December 1** – 4-H Water Ambassador Applications 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.

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CONGRATS To . . .

. . . All 4-H clubs who participated in Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat service project this past month. Be sure to register your results with the [Kansas 4-H website](#) so Ellis Co. 4-H activities are counted in the state report.

. . . 4-H Ambassadors for 2021! We had a record number of members apply again this year. You all did a great job interviewing. We have some awesome young leaders in our program! Those selected to serve as Ambassadors for the 2019-20 4-H year are: Aliyah Conner, Rosston Eckroat, Wyatt Grabbe, Kaden Haas, Devlyn Jochum, Anna Kuhn, Luke Montgomery, Kaleb Neher, Karli Neher, Colton Pfannenstiel, Jaiden Pfannenstiel and Marisa Wasinger. Watch for them to do some creative promotion both in 4-H clubs and out in the county this year.

. . . All honorees at the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet! A special congrats to our Friends of 4-H Billy Legleiter and STR Consulting, Gerri Schumacher.

4-H Enrollments

The 4-H Online enrollment system is up and ready for you to enroll for 2020 -21. **Even if you are enrolling in the same projects, you will still need to log-on and update your profile and make project selections.**

The \$15 fee per member is payable to the KS 4-H program as you enroll. **Your enrollment is not considered complete until you make a payment and hit the SUBMIT button.** You can pay by credit card or by check to the State 4-H Office. **Payments do not come to the local Extension Office.** If this fee is a hardship for your family, you can select the "Request a Waiver" button and the State 4-H Office will consider your request. If you have challenges navigating the new system, please give our office a call at 785-628-9430.

We ask that you take time this month to complete this process. Reenrollments should be finalized by December 1.

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.** I.e. Market Beef is usually weighed in early February and Small Livestock weighed in in late April.

4-H VS (Volunteer Screening)

4-H volunteers working directly with youth in the club, as a leader or project leader are required to go through this screening and training process. The application is available as part of the 4-H On-line website. You will complete a profile for yourself under your family account. Take part in the training modules available on that site. Contact the Ext. Office to let us know you've completed these steps and schedule an interview. At that time, we will provide you with a link to the background check process. Aps can be submitted at any time during the next few months, but the screening and training process **must be completed by January 1.**

National Background Checks—Kansas 4-H requires national background checks for all volunteers. 1/3 of our 110 current VIP volunteers will go through this process this year. Your club leader has this list and will be contacting you to complete this process now. **All volunteers will be required to go through this process every 3 years.**

NEW - Current Volunteers - If you are a current screened volunteer in your 4-H club and plan to continue to do so, please UPDATE YOUR INFORMATION on the 4-H On-line system as your 4-H Volunteer Renewal **by November 1.**
New & Returning Volunteers – **will need to add yourself to your family profile in 4-H On-line.** Visit with your club's leader or our office if you need assistance with this!



48 Hours of 4-H

Congratulations to the 4-H clubs who recently participated in Trick or Treat so Others Can Eat service project!

4-H Leaders – Remember to log your club's project on the [kansas4-h.org](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html) website so that they can track how many youth and hours went into this statewide effort! <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/index.html>

4-H Council Canned Food Drive

4-H Council will once again hold a Canned Food Drive at their December meeting. If you would like to donate items to this project, take them to your November 4-H meeting and your 4-H Council reps will deliver them to the St. Joe's Food Pantry.

4-H Officer Training – “Investigate, Innovate, Inspire”

This year we’re offering two options for 4-H Officer training. Your club can do a local training with officers or the whole club OR you can join the fun at a regional 4-H Officer Training held on Friday, November 13, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. on Zoom. You don’t have to be a current officer to participate in the regional training. This is your chance to learn more about a specific office and meet some other 4-H members, too. There will also be a session for parents.

Collegiate 4-H will be helping with the regional Officer Training and will bring some great energy and experience to the sessions. To join this fun learning session, [Register online](#) by **Tuesday, November 10 to get the link for this FREE session.**

Club officer materials were distributed to club leaders at the Achievement Banquet. **Visit with your club leader to get your information packet ahead of the November 13 training.**

4-H Council Meeting

We elected Officers at this past 4-H Council meeting. Congrats to:

- President – Karli Neher**
- Vice President – John Weisenborn**
- Secretary – Elizabeth Noble**
- Treasurer – Anna Kuhn**
- Parliamentarian – John Stremel**
- Fairboard Reps – Colton Pfannenstiel & Dalton Robben**
- Adult Advisors – Diane Kuhn & Bonnie Werth**

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4-H Gratitude Challenge

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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08	09	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30					

All events you take our 2020 Gratitude Challenge! 2020 has not been an easy year for us all. We have plenty of reasons to give thanks. Print this calendar and complete each daily task to help show gratitude to your Club, Community, Country, and State!
Use #4HGrowsHere, #GratzukHer, and #4HGratitudeChallenge to spread an attitude of gratitude to all of your social media friends and followers.

Take the Gratitude Challenge

4-H GROWS HERE

We ran out of daylight before we had a chance to set goals for 2021! Each Council rep was charged with going back to their 4-H club and gathering ideas for projects that the 4-H Council might take on. Think about the areas of learning sessions, service projects, fun activities. Share your thoughts with your club’s 4-H Council reps.

4-H Achievement Banquet – Thank You

Thanks to everyone who served on the planning committee. They did a great job with putting together a fun and engaging event. Thanks to The Press for serving a great meal! Thanks to Extension staff and 4-H Council for ensuring that the event came off without a hitch. Thanks to everyone who brought a hot air balloon for the design contest. They were a WOW! The change collected from voting on your favorite balloons brought in over \$125 for 4-H scholarships.



Thanks to the 4-H Clubs for donating to this year’s basket auction. And to the many dedicated 4-H supporters who bid and re-gifted the basket for bidding. **We raised over \$1,000 to benefit the Scholarship Fund.**

4-H Project Leaders Needed

As members enroll in projects, it is important to provide them with learning experience in those areas. Adults and teens are needed to guide the members in their project earning. If you have a skill to share, visit with you club leader to get involved.

4-H Ambassador Training is Saturday, November 14, 9 – Noon via Zoom

If you serve on the 4-H Ambassador Team, now’s the time to register for the upcoming training.

[Click here to register by November 10.](#)



The [Kansas Youth Leadership Forum](#) will be November 21 - 22, 2020 on-line. The Forum is for youth ages 14-18, as of January 1, 2020. **Final registrations are due November 10.** This event includes: speakers, workshops, consulting groups and election of the 18th State 4-H Council.

Ellis 4-H Fall/Winter Camp Scholarship Aps Due November 16

If you'd like to participate in one of the upcoming Fall / Winter 4-H Out of County opportunities, you can apply for a \$50 scholarship from the Ellis Co. 4-H Scholarship & Development Fund. If awarded, you will need to "give back" time to Ellis Co. 4-H by assisting with a 4-H related project. **Application deadline is November 16.** You can find the ap on the **"Forms" page** of the Ellis Co. 4-H site.



4-H Water Ambassador Leadership Opportunity – Apply by December 1

Do you care about where your water comes from and if we will have enough water to live in the future? If so, this is a great leadership opportunity for you. We invite teens 8th grade and older to apply for a position on the 4-H Water Ambassador Leadership team. Those selected will attend 2 trainings and share what they have learned with younger youth in the community this coming Spring and Summer. [Application](#) is available on the Ellis Co. 4-H main webpage. **Due Dec 1.**

KS 4-H Scholarships Due in Early 2021

Get an early start on your application for the [2021 Kansas 4-H Scholarship](#). They are due in the local Extension Office in late January each year. Current college students and graduating seniors are eligible to apply. A list of scholarships available to apply for will come out closer to the end of the year.

ELLIS COUNTY FAIR 2021 is July 10 - 17, 2021

The Theme is "Ellis County Fair Safari. . . It's a Jungle Out There"



AWARDS CORNER



Kansas Award Portfolio Pilot Continues – Calling ALL Ellis 4-H'ers!

Cottonwood District 4-H is serving as a pilot site for the new Kansas 4-H record keeping and awards process. **We'd like each club to identify 1 – 2 adults and 1 – 2 4-H members** who would like to serve as "club trainers" for this new process. **Please let our office know by November 10 who's serving on your club's training team.** The new forms and the new 4-H record keeping App will be used by ALL 4-H'ers during the pilot year 2.

4-H Volunteers

Come and join other 4-H Volunteers from around Kansas in getting energized, and becoming more informed. The KS 4-H Volunteers will meet via zoom on Friday, November 20. Cost is FREE, so take the opportunity to learn more about this great learning and sharing opportunity this year!



To learn more and to register by the **November 16 deadline**, visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-volunteer-leader-forum/index.html>

4-H Crops Contest is Virtual in 2020

Here's a chance to try something new! You don't need to be enrolled in the Plant Science project to participate.

The 2020 4-H Crops ID Contest will be offered virtually from Saturday, November 14 and remain open through Saturday, November 22. **Registration is now open using Qualtrics until Thursday, November 12th**, by visiting: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5zQiuQIFE8Hg3xX.



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!