



What's Inside?

- New 4-H Year – Enrollment Time!
- Leadership Opportunities
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- New KAPs Ready to Go

November 2021

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](#).

Enjoy project learning and "Finding YOUR Spark" in 4-H this year!

Yours in 4-H,

Susan Schlichting

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Meetings Coming Your Way

4-H Ag Livestock – Watch for a Doodle Poll coming your way soon

4-H Council – Watch for a Doodle Poll coming your way soon

4-H Ambassadors Organizing – November 14 – Potato Derby & Pizza Meeting

4-H Achievement Banquet, 4-H Day, Promotion – Watch for a Doodle Poll coming your way soon

Ways to Contact Us

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

November 1 – 4-H VIP Renewals completed in 4-H Online

November 1 – 4-H International Travel Aps due

November 1 – 4-H Club Financial Reports due

November 4 – KYLF / Volunteer Forum Registrations Due

December 1 – 4-H Enrollments Updated for new 4-H year in 4-H Online

December 8 – Register for 4-H Officer Training

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 2022! We have some awesome young leaders who are ready to tell their 4-H story. Those selected to serve as Ambassadors for the 2021-22 4-H year are: Keeli Kimzey, Sheena Klaus, 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 Jes Neher and Lazy H Ranch.

4-H Enrollments

The 4-H Online enrollment system is updated and ready for you to sign on starting October 1 to update your enrollment choices for 2021 -22. **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.

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.

VIP (Volunteer Information Profile)

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 100+ 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 Officer Training – “Find YOUR Spark in 4-H!”

This year we're offering a Regional 4-H Officer training. Your club can join the fun at a regional 4-H Officer Training held on Friday, December 10, 6 – 8:30 p.m. in Russell. 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 on the new on-line ZSuite record keeping system.

To join this fun learning session, **register on-line by Wednesday, December 8 to get registered for this FREE session.** https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3QzfHWvYqsqcbzM

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 bring them to the 4-H Council meeting for distribution to a local food pantry.

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 Dave and Linda Woods for serving a great meal!

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 \$2,000 to benefit the Scholarship Fund.**

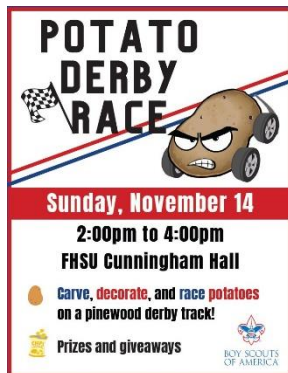


4-H Shutterbugs at Big Creek

The Kansas 4-H Photo Action Team was in town last weekend for a fun Halloween themed Shutterbugs event. Thanks to the team for sharing their creative energy and knowledge of photography with our 4-H'ers. Christy Befort leads the team for this event.



Congratulations to Marisa Wasinger who was just selected to join the 4-H Photo Action Team!



FHSU Potato Derby – November 14, 2 – 4 p.m.

Cunningham Hall – FREE Fun for ALL Ages

Come join the fun at this NEW event on Sunday, November 14 on FHSU campus. There will be lots of hands on activities

Using potatoes

- *Make and race a potato derby car*
- *Potato crafts & games*

Ellis Co. 4-H Ambassadors will be on hand to share about 4-H with the community. Come by and visit with our 4-H teens in action!

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.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYL) - LAST CALL!



The [Kansas Youth Leadership Forum](#) will be November 20 - 21, 2021 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The Forum is for youth ages 14-18, as of January 1, 2022. **Final registrations are due November 4.** This event includes: speakers, workshops, consulting groups and election of the State 4-H Council.

KS 4-H Scholarships Due in Early 2022

Get an early start on your application for the [2022 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 2022 is July 16 - 23, 2022
The Theme is "Barnyard Mardi Gras"





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NEW Name, Same Skills – Calling ALL Ellis 4-H’ers!

Building record keeping skills while documenting all the great things you’ve accomplished through your 4-H career is what it’s all about. Just think, if you work at this a little bit at a time, by the end of the year, you’ll be almost done with your Project Record Book. And by the end of your 4-H career, you’ll have a great documentation of all things that can be used on scholarship and employment applications!

Some features of ZSuite include:

- Mobile friendly- jot down notes, weights, ear tags, expenses, etc. on the spot!
- Internet based- you can work on them from any device that is connected to the internet
- Unlimited amount of entries until final report is submitted- youth select the allowed number of entries to print on final report, allowing them to prioritize, summarize, etc.
- Permanent Record is also included

We encourage you to use the goal setting sheet linked in the newsletter opening to get started. Or simply open up your ZSuite site and enter those goals right there. To get started, go to: <https://4h.zsuite.org/> If you haven’t already created a family profile and member profile, now’s the time to do so. Then off you go!

Each club should have a parent and teen trained on how to use the system. Visit with them or give our office a call. There is also a recording of the “Getting Started” training and a quick guide posted on our front webpage.

There were several 4-H’ers who completed multiple Project Records this past year, due to the ease in completing them. Come see what it’s all about and get started now!

4-H Volunteers

Come and join other 4-H Volunteers from around Kansas in getting energized, and becoming more informed. To get involved, you will travel to Rock Springs 4-H Center November 20 - 21.

To learn more and to register by the **November 4 deadline**, visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-volunteer-leader-forum/index.html>



ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY NOV. 24TH.



The "Find Your Spark" t-shirts sold at the Kansas State Fair are available through an online order system with our business partner. They need to be ordered online by November 24, 2021 and they will be delivered in mid-December.

Take the order form to your club meeting and save on shipping with a group order. Perfect for holiday gifts. Plan now for matching shirts for your 4-H Day participants. The proceeds of these sales benefit that Kansas Youth Leadership Council. [Click here for the order form.](#)

Questions? Contact:

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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!