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April 2022

Ellis County 4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!

Congrats to all that participated in Ellis County Club days and Regional Club Days.

[Check out the results on our website.](#)

The months are flying by and it will soon be time for the Ellis County Fair!! Now is the time to make sure you have everything in order regarding 4-H online enrollments and to focus on many upcoming deadlines. Reading the newsletter, paying attention to emails and joining the Ellis County Kansas 4-H Facebook page, are all good ways to stay informed of current happenings. As always..if you have any questions, we are just a phone call away!!

Stacy, Theresa and Tamara



Meetings Coming Your Way

Home Ec, BBQ, Foodstand – April 4, 2022

4-H Council – watch for doodle poll



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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 Office at (785) 628-9430

---Extension Office fax # is (785) 621-2002

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IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

April 1 – Discovery Days Registration Opens

April 7 – Zoom Session Over Online State Livestock Nomination Process

April 9 – Fair Pride Project Day at 1:00pm

April 15 – 2022 K- State Animal Science Leadership Academy Regs Due

April 24 – Last day to order DNA envelopes for Nominated Market Beef

May 1 – Market beef/heifer nominations Due for KS State Fair and KJLS

May 1 – Last Day to Make Changes to Your 4-H Enrollment for 2022

May 1 – [4-H Horse ID Papers](#) Due in Ext. Office

May 1 – Registered Breeding Livestock in name of 4-H'er

May 11 – Small Animal Weigh-in 6-8 pm

May 11 – [Bucket Calf](#) & [Commercial Breeding Heifer](#) forms due in Ext. Office
by 5PM

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

The last chance to make changes in your project enrollments for 2022 is coming up May 1. Be sure to check in on your 4-H Online account and make sure you are enrolled in the projects that you are planning to work in. **Remember that you must be enrolled in a project in order to exhibit in that project area in the 4-H division of the County Fair.** If you've found a new area you'd like to explore, be sure to get your enrollment updated in 4-H Online before May 1.

To learn more about how to do the updates, [click here](#).

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days is planning to be in-person on KSU campus June 1-3, 2022.

Registration opens on April 1st---Classes fill up fast!! Visit this website for more information!!

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html> Tamara would love to take some 4-H'ers to Discovery Days!!

4-H Camp details can be found here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/4-h-programs/camp/rock-springs-camp/index.html>



Small Livestock Weigh-in Date Set for May 11th, 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. **New this year, all market animals have the option to weigh their animals. Tags must be verified at weigh-in.** The Ellis Co. Spring Livestock Show has been set as an alternate weigh-in date on Sunday, May 22, 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 May 1. (Check your on-line enrollments)** Remember, [Commercial Heifers](#) and [Bucket Calves](#) need to be tagged and a photo submitted to the Extension Office by **5 p.m. the day of the Spring Weigh-in, May 11th.**



Livestock Nominations Transitioning to an online format

Detailed Information on this process has been posted on the K-State Youth Livestock page <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/> Main thing is to plan ahead as DNA envelopes will need to be ordered directly through ShoWorks (Old DNA envelopes will not be accepted) and families will enter their animal and exhibitor data online through ShoWorks. Cost per animal has increased to \$12.00. DNA envelope orders will close 1 week prior to the nomination deadline for each specie. (April 24th for market beef and June 8th for small livestock). You will still need to mail the signed DNA samples by the following deadlines:

May 1 Market beef/heifer nominations due for KS State fair and KJLS

June 15 commercial heifer/market/commercial swine, market goat and market/commercial lamb nominations for KS State fair and KJLS are due

There will be an informational session and demonstration via Zoom over the new online state livestock nomination system on **Thursday, April 7 at 7:00PM**. The session will be recorded and available for those interested to view later at their convenience. We will be focusing on market beef

and commercial heifer nominations, but the information will generally apply to all species. Families will need to register in order to receive the link and participate. After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

Registration Link:

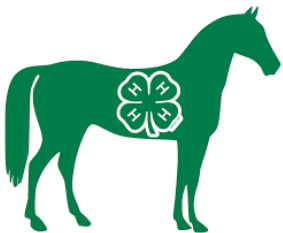
<https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEkdempqzkvHNBmosDiWhzd1GQJFT5je451>

The 2022 K-State Sheep Day will be held on Saturday, April 30, at Shannon Creek Lamb in Olsburg, KS. This year's sheep day will feature interactive "stops" throughout the sheep operation. Groups will hear about facility considerations, from barns to fencing, as well as technology that can be incorporated into your operation. Participants will also spend time on pasture, observing and discussing the pros and cons of co-grazing. Watch the @ksusheepandgoatextension Facebook page for more information, registration, and program details. For more information, contact Alison Crane (arcrane@ksu.edu; 785-532-1672)

Applications are now available for the **2022 K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy**. The goal of this academy will be to further develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field. In 2022, the program will offer two separate sessions to meet increased demand and serve more young people — June 22-25 and June 29-July 2. Each four-day session will focus on increasing knowledge of Kansas' diverse livestock industry, as well as building participants' leadership skills. Twenty high school students will be selected to participate in each group based upon educational, community, and agricultural involvement, as reflected through an application process.

Applications must be postmarked by April 15, 2022. More information and the application form are available at: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/k-state-animal-science-leadership-academy/>

For questions about the academy, please contact Sharon Breiner, Director, at sbreiner@ksu.edu.



4-H Horse Level Testing

The Level 1 Achievement test is required for all youth to participate in District and State Horse Shows. Online/video levels testing will be accepted again this year. Learn more and prepare for the Level 1 tests, visit the [4-H Horse Project page](#).

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. **If you have an old form, you should transition to the form linked above.**

National Volunteer Week is APRIL 17 – 23



Have you said thank you to your 4-H Leader lately?? If not, take time this month to let them know how much you appreciate them! We have great volunteers in Ellis County! Thanks to each of you who steps forward to give your time and talents to 4-H members! THANK YOU!



ELLIS COUNTY FAIR 2022 is set for July 16-23, 2022 The Theme is “Barnyard Mardi Gras”

Ellis County Fair Volunteers Needed

Fill out the [on-line Volunteer form](#) 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.

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 Pride Project Day

Instead of individual club pride projects we are going to do one pride project day. **Saturday, April 9 at 1:00pm** There are plenty of things that need painted, concrete needs poured, and lots more! 4-Hers please join us and public is welcome as well. 4-Hers signed in and helping will be entered to win prizes for the fair! Fair tickets, carnival armbands.

Summer Intern Opportunities

2022 SUMMER INTERNSHIP

Cottonwood Extension District is seeking a self-motivated person interested in learning more about Extension:
location will be in the Hays office.

If you have completed at least 4 semesters of college, consider applying for this opportunity to learn more about K-State Research and Extension!

To view the position announcement and application process go to:
www.cottonwood.ksu.edu

Application will remain open until filled

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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!

