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## Ellis County 4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!

The Countdown to County Fair is ON! This is the "Official Fair Edition" of the 4-H Newsletter. Read on to learn more about what's happening at this year's Ellis County Fair.

**Fair entry deadline for Livestock, Horse, Small Animals and Clothing Buymanship/Fashion Revue project areas is Wednesday, June 15 this year.** You will NOT be entering any livestock or showmanship information into FairEntry, as the extension office will be doing this. You WILL enter all Rabbit and Poultry, indoor exhibit (both 4-H and Open Class) and contest participation (ie: livestock judging, skillathon, etc) into this system by July 11th. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/2p88dr7c> to get started. You will log in using your 4-H Online user name and password. There is a help guide posted on the Ellis Co. 4-H Fair page. Call if you have questions about this! We will be using the same Fair entry process on-line this year. **The FairEntry.com system is open now.**

We will be signing up for 4-H interview judging times ahead of the Fair. That system is open now.

Please don't hesitate to contact our office if you have any questions concerning these upcoming events & deadlines. Remember in Ellis Co. "Deadlines are deadlines". Be sure to plan ahead so that your 4-H'er doesn't miss out on an educational opportunity.

Come join the fun & learning!

Yours in 4-H,

*Stacy, Theresa, Tamara and Taylor*

### 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  
----el@listserv.ksu.edu



### Meetings Coming Your Way

Council Meeting - TBA – watch your emails

4-H Ag Livestock – Thursday, June 30<sup>th</sup> Via Zoom

Fair Superintendent Meeting – July 13, 7:00 p.m. Fairgrounds – **RSVP by July 1**

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!



## IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

June 15–Youth Quality Care of Livestock Required On-line Training Due for KS Fair and KJLS

June 15–All Commercial Heifer, Sheep, Swine & Meat Goat nominations for KSF and KJLS are due in Manhattan.

June 15–County Fair Entry Deadline for Livestock, Fashion Revue, Horse & Small Animal Projects

June 17–District Horse Show Entries Due online

June 28- Any updates to the Stall Assignment to Ext. Office

July 1–Sign Up for Fairgrounds Work Night

July 1- Fashion Revue Scripts to Ext. Office

July 11–4-H Exhibits Entries for Ellis Co. Fair Close at Midnight

July 11 – Select your times to visit with the 4-H Judges – ALL AREAS

July 15 –KSF Livestock Entries Postmarked

July 15 –Enroll in the KS 4-H Wheat Variety Plot Project

July 25–Register for KS 4-H Wheat Expo in St John

July 27 –Entries for 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes due in Ext. Office

Aug 1 – KSF Small Animal and Indoor Exhibits Pre-entered with Ext. Office

September 1 – 4-H Kansas Award Portfolios & Membership Pin Aps Due

## Livestock Pre-entry for Ellis Co. Fair

Pre-entry forms, picture forms, insurance forms are due on June 15. At this time all animals must be designated to a 4-H'ers name. The letter was mailed out recently and is also posted on our website! If you haven't received the mailing or need additional copies of forms, [check here for a copy of the letter and enclosed forms.](#)

The 4-H Ag Livestock Stall Committee will be meeting with the Livestock Superintendents to set Stall Assignments on June 16. Watch for an email with the DRAFT barn maps for the Fair after that meeting. **You will have until the 28<sup>th</sup> to let the Extension Office know if we have missed something or you have additional stalling needs that were missed.** The 4-H Ag Livestock committee will meet that week to finalize the barn stall plans. No changes will be made after the 4-H Ag Livestock meeting.

Be sure you go [on-line](#) and enter ALL of your participation by July 11th.



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

Check the [Ellis Co. 4-H website](#) for a final 4-H events schedule for the 2022 Ellis Co. Fair.

## Entering the Fair

The FairEntry system is open now. You will pre-enter ALL exhibits except livestock entries and participations (showmanship, livestock judging, etc.) through an [on-line entry system](#) by July 11. It works with your 4-H On-line account. The system will print out entry cards, so you won't have to hand write out the cards! There's a [help sheet available](#) to help walk you through the process. You will be able to pick up your entry cards to attach them to exhibits at July 13<sup>th</sup> fair cleanup night or at the Extension Office on July 14<sup>th</sup>.

**(PS – if you misplace these entry tags, you WILL get to hand write the replacements!)**

## Mandatory Livestock Sale meeting (2<sup>nd</sup> Chance) June 19<sup>th</sup>, 7pm @ Schenk Building

If you have not already attended the previous livestock sale meeting...**YOU MUST attend this meeting or you WILL NOT** be able to sell in the Fair livestock sale. (Per fairboard)

## Volunteers Needed

You know that "Many hands make light work". We would welcome 4-H members, parents and community members to join us in carrying out the activities of the Fair. Here's where you can sign up to help:

Indoor Exhibits – Monday, Tuesday and Sunday

<https://signup.com/go/KBhdVuQ>

Livestock Shows & Activities – Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

<https://signup.com/go/OWvFffL>

## Fairgrounds Clean Up Night

A fun way to get involved and start the week off in a good way is the Fairground Clean Up Night held on Wednesday, July 13, 6:00 p.m. – finish. Commerce Bank provides a pizza break for families and volunteers to enjoy as we gather to get everything shined up for the week ahead. If you would like to come and out and join the fun, give the Ext. Office a call at 785-628-9430 **by July 1 to RSVP for the meal.** Hope to see YOU there!

### Exhibitor Breakfast Is Back!

Bank of Hays is once again sponsoring an exhibitor's breakfast. ***The breakfast will be served at the 4-H Foodstand only.*** All 4-H families and volunteers are welcome to stop by the 4-H Foodstand Tuesday morning from 7 – 9 a.m. to enjoy a delicious meal to start your day out right. ***Thanks, Bank of Hays!***

### Animal Management Skill-A-Thon

We will hold the Animal Management Skill-a-thon as an In person event this year! Be sure to enter yourself into the fairentry system by July 11.

### Herdsmanship Award

Commerce Bank has agreed to sponsor cash awards for Herdsmanship in livestock & small animal barns again this year. ***Be sure to thank them when you see a bank representative.*** Herdsmanship includes keeping your stalls, tie outs and tack areas clean, making sure your animals are fed & watered during the fair. It also includes decorating your club's area, posting stall cards for all exhibits and helping to educate the visitors to the barn about livestock projects.

This year's fair theme is "Barnyard Mardi Gras at the Ellis County Fair!". What creative ways can your club use this theme in making your barn area look great during the fair?

If your club won in 2021, your club's project leader will receive a barn map. Please mark your preferences on the map and return it to the Extension Office with your club's preferred location in the barn **by the June 15 fair entry deadline.**

### Barn Clean Up & Manure Wagon Unloading During the Fair

The Ellis Co. Fairboard is asking that each club take a turn **removing trash from containers** around the 3 barns during the week of the Fair and **emptying the manure wagon**. A schedule has been posted to the scheduling site. We ask that the club leader complete this sign up for your club. Thanks for your help with this in keeping our grounds looking great for the visitors who come on out to the Fair.

### Livestock Photos are Tuesday

You will sign up to have your livestock photos taken early Tuesday morning or right after lunch. Go to the **on-line link** to schedule for morning or afternoon. There are limited slots available for both timeframes. **You must get your photo taken during these times if you intend to sell an animal in the sale.**



### Cat Proof of Vaccination for County Fair

Cats & kittens (over 2 months of age) shown at the Ellis Co. Fair must be current on rabies and distemper vaccinations. Be prepared to provide proof of vaccination at show check in.



### 4-H Horse Practices

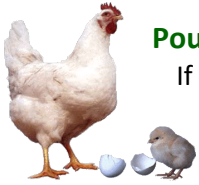
Horse project meetings have been planned at the Ellis County Fairgrounds rodeo arena for the following Monday evenings in June and July: June 13th, June 20th, June 27th and July 11th. All practices will be at 7 pm and we will cover different information each night depending on the interest of the group. Please check out the Ellis Co. 4-H Horse Project Club Facebook page or contact Tatum at [tatumkimzey@gmail.com](mailto:tatumkimzey@gmail.com) for more information. All updates and cancellations will be posted to the Facebook page.

### District Horse Show Entry Deadline – June 17

### District Horse Show – July 7 – Norton

Contact for Entry (website, email person, etc.): <http://showringmaster.com/Upcoming-Shows/NWKS-District-Horse-Show>

Ellis County is required to provide 2 volunteers for the District Horse Show. If you are able to help out, let the Extension Office know.



## Poultry Testing for County Fair in 2022

If you are showing chickens and need to have them Pullorum tested for entry in the county fair, **please contact the Extension Office by June 15 to sign up.** Garrett Girk with USDA-APHIS Veterinary Services will be conducting the testing at the fairgrounds on June 28 at 5pm. (Poultry/Rabbit Barn)

## Judging Schedules – All Indoor Exhibits

This year, you will be scheduling your interview times with 4-H judges for ALL indoor areas ahead of the Fair. Those [sign up links](#) are available Now. **You will need to complete this by Monday, July 11th.**

## 4-H BBQ Canceled

The Ellis Co. 4-H Council approved not holding a 4-H BBQ this year!

## Families Camping @ the Fair

If you plan to camp on the fairgrounds during the fair, you will need to reserve camper space and electrical needs with Tom & Melinda Fross at 628-8820 **prior to July 1.** Spaces are available on a first come, first served basis. There is a camping fee of \$75 for the week. **Payment should be made to the Ellis Co. Fairboard prior to July 11th.**

## Parking at the Fair

NO PARKING is allowed on the East side of the Schenk & Unrein Family buildings. This is VIP parking. It can be used for 15-minute loading and unloading. Please respect and observe all NO PARKING SIGNS. Access to certain lots is available only by approved hang tags. Tags will be sent out with final fair mailing to livestock & small animal families & Superintendents/Asst. Superintendents.

## 4-H Food Bake Sale

The 4-H Bake Sale is not happening this year. If you receive a blue or lower ribbon, you will be able to take your item home at the time you finish judging. You may come back at the end of the day on Tuesday to pick up purple ribbon exhibits, except for champions. Those will be displayed.

## Foods Judges Resources

If you're a County Fair Foods Judge or if you are interested in what judges look for when evaluating your products, check out these new resources from K-State - <http://www.rrc.k-state.edu/judging/> We also created a video several years ago about how to prepare your foods exhibits for the County Fair. [Take a look at it here!](#)

## 4-H Food Challenge

Food Challenge is BACK!! This year the Food Challenge is scheduled for Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> with registration starting at 8:30 am. Senior division will be first at 9am. Pre-register your team by calling the Extension Office by the July 11<sup>th</sup> entry deadline

## Foodstand Scheduling

**The 2022 Foodstand Work Schedule is as follows. Please work with your club to ensure adequate staffing during your club time!!**

The 4-H Foodstand is open 7 am-10pm July 19-23, 2022  
Tuesday, July 19th – Buckeye Jr. Farmers  
Wednesday, July 20th – Gemini Jrs.  
Thursday, July 21st – Victoria Vikings  
Friday, July 22nd – Good Hope and Growing Leaders  
Saturday, July 23rd – Big Creek, Shooting Sports, Ellis Sunflowers

4-H Foodstand profits provide the operating funds to pay for the bus to camp, officer training, project workshops, Achievement Banquet, leadership scholarships for 4-H'ers and other committee projects that benefit ALL Ellis Co. 4-H members.

## 4-H Fair Books

A special printed copy of the Ellis Co. fair book is provided to 4-H families by the Fairboard. These are in the Extension Office and ready for distribution now. Stop by and pick your club's books. You can also view the books online at <https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/ellis-county4h/4-hevents/EllisCountyFair.html>

**Fair Supplies** Fair stall cards and photo matte board are available for pick-up at the Extension Office. Photo Matte Board are available for \$1.50 per sheet.



**Hey Graduating Senior & Camp Scholarship Recipients.** . . 4-H SCHOLARSHIP & DEVELOPMENT is offering a foodstand in the Deutschfest Hall this year. They are asking each graduating senior to give 4 hours of volunteer time back to help at the Scholarship Foodstand and each camp scholarship recipient to give back 2 hours to the Scholarship Foodstand during the Fair. We are still working out details on the signup process.

4-H Scholarship & Development raises funds to give graduating seniors and camp scholarships. **To date they've given over \$50,000 to Ellis Co. 4-H'ers.**

They will recognize graduating seniors at this year's 4-H Fashion Revue.

## Final Building Clean Up

Schenk Building **cleanup is set for Sunday, July 24, 10am— finish.** All exhibits must be picked up between 8:00 & 9:00 a.m. If you can't be present for check out, please ask someone to check out exhibits for you. **Two families from each club are asked to help with cleanup.** Please sign up on the [4-H Schenk Building volunteers](#) link. Thanks.

## Lifeskills Judging Contests

We are working on plans for in person judging contests this year. One will be held on Thursday afternoon July 14<sup>th</sup>, during Fashion Revue judging pre-fair and the other, Tuesday morning July 19<sup>th</sup> 10 – 11:30 am.

There are two separate contests with different classes at each. You don't have to be enrolled in any specific projects to participate. Participating in two contests is required for consideration for team selection for Kansas State Fair. If you participated in life skills judging at 4-H Day and participate in the 2 contests held in July, your two best scores are used to make selections.

## Exhibit Building Early Release Policy

Complete & file an [Early Release Form](#) at Fair check in to request early release of 4-H & Open exhibits for exhibit at other area fairs. Early release will be allowed only from 7:30 am– 8:00am on Sunday, July 24th and with this written prior approval. Forms are available on-line or at the Ellis County Extension Office. They will also be available at the fairgrounds during check in. **Those choosing to remove exhibits early without an early release form on file will forfeit ALL fair premiums.**

## Rocket Kits for Sale

The Extension Office has rocket kits available for purchase. They range from \$7.50-\$12 each and are suitable for beginner to intermediate rocketeers. You can also check out the rocket launch systems from our office to complete your rocket launch prior to the Fair.

**Special Classes - Get your exhibits ready for these special classes and enter them [on-line at fairentry.com](#) by the July 11th entry deadline.**

**"Rainbows"** is the new special category in open class photography. Look at the fairbook for more details!

## King Arthur Baking Contest

New this year – Bake your favorite drop cookies using King Arthur flour for a chance at some great prizes. You must bring the UPC label from the flour bag with you as you bring the product to the Fair. Check out the Open Class section of the Fairbook for complete rules and prize listing. This is open to both youth and adults.

### Open Special Foods Class

“Meatballs” is the theme for the special open class foods entry this year. Put on your creative hat and think about ways to enter this class. Judging takes place after lunch on July 19. Join us in this fun after the foods judging event and taste some fun create.

**Build a Scarecrow**—Build a scarecrow according to the rules in the Ellis County Fairbook. All entries must incorporate sunflowers!

### Youth Livestock Sweepstakes

The 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes is set for August 20-21 on KSU campus. This all-around event will feature contests in Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Livestock Skill-a-thon, and Livestock Quiz Bowl. A special prize will be awarded to the county that does the best in all four contests.

Ellis County’s team consideration will be based on your scores from the Animal Management Skillathon and Livestock Judging Contest. All intermediate and senior 4-H’ers are welcome to sign up and pay to participate. **Entries are due to the Extension Office by Wednesday, July 27. Be aware that the number of participants may be limited by the KS 4-H program. Let us know if you are interested in being considered for the team.**

### 4-H Wheat Variety Plot Program

It’s wheat harvest and it’s time to think about enrolling in the 2022 Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot program. The program begins fall of 2022 and goes through September 2023. The enrollment form is on the [Kansas 4-H website](#). **Contact the Ext. Office by July 15.** Participants receive a large plot sign, and five individual variety signs.

### Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo is August 4 in St John, Kansas

The Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo is a wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat. Join us for the annual event on Thursday, August 4 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. It is open to all 4-H family members, 4-H leaders and Extension staff. There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. There will be tours. There is a \$6.00 per person registration cost. Registration open from June 15- July 25th. Visit:

[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9YPaTL6cp5tHyzc](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9YPaTL6cp5tHyzc)

### Snoball Coupons

If you have read this far and would like a chance at a snoball coupon, come into the Extension office and say “**My fake plants died because I did not pretend to water them.**” The first 15 4-Her’s (1 per family) will get a coupon to get a snoball.

### State Fair Exhibitor Handbook

The Kansas State Fair Book is available for review online @ [Kansas 4H](#). All the special forms and attachments for Fair exhibits are found at this link, as well.



### Eligibility for State Fair

If you receive a purple on indoor exhibits or blue on livestock exhibits at County Fair, your item may be eligible for the State Fair. Check with the Schenk Building Office or the Extension Office to review State Fair rules. You must be 9 years of age by January 1, 2022 to show at the State Fair. **Pre-entry is required by Monday, August 1st.** Those important pre-entry dates are:

**Livestock – July 15**

**All Other Projects – August 1**

The **Kansas State Fairbook** and an [entry collection sheet](#) is available to help you with your entry process. First, fill out the necessary information on the entry collection sheet, using the Kansas State Fairbook. **Submit your entry collection sheet to the Extension Office by Monday, August 1.** You will pick up your exhibits at the end of the Ellis County Fair and return them to the Extension Office by (dates to be determined)

This year, you may enter **1 item per project area** that you qualified in. (Areas such as Visual Arts, Posters, Notebooks, Displays may not have a category for entry at the Kansas State Fair.) Refer to the Kansas State Fair 4-H Fairbook for specific details about exhibiting in each project.

## KSF Livestock Entries Due July 15

Entries for the Kansas State Fair are due, **postmarked July 15.**

## 48 Hours of 4-H . . . A Kansas 4-H Service Challenge

As you begin to look to fall 4-H events, keep this in mind for October 8-9, 2022. Join the KS 4-H Youth Leadership Council in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend after National 4-H Week is the perfect opportunity to set up a service project. To learn more visit [www.kansas4-H.org/484h](http://www.kansas4-H.org/484h) for information on organizing a service project and registering your event.

## 4-H KAPs and Member Pin Aps

I've heard several reports of "bored" 4-H'ers out there!!! One thing you might do to help alleviate the boredom is to start working on those 4-H KAPs and Pin Aps. All the needed forms are available on the [Forms page](#) of our website. Give us a call if you have ?s or would like to set up a meeting to help work on getting this started! **These forms and your KAPs are all due in the Extension Office on Thursday, September 1, 2022.**

## Photo Mounting Workshop

Tamara will be hosting a workshop for anyone that needs help mounting their photos for county fair on July 12<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 8 PM. This will be a come-and-go event to learn how to mount photos according to the State Fair guidelines. Bring along your fair photos and matte boards (some available to purchase).

**Photo Mounting Workshop**  
July 12  
5-8 pm

Need help mounting your masterpiece photos? Come anytime between 5-8 pm to learn how to properly mount your pictures! No registration required! Please bring 8"x 10" photographs. Mount board will be available to purchase for \$1.50 or feel free to bring your own. Other supplies will be provided.

July 12,  
5-8 pm

601 Main St.  
Hays, KS  
785-628-9430

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## Meet the Interns



Howdy Folks! My name is Taylor Meyer. I'm from the small town of Garden Plain, Kansas. I am a student here at Fort Hays State University studying to earn my Bachelors in Animal Science. When I am not working or going to school, I love going out and meeting new people, taking care of my garden, or (poorly) singing along with the radio! I love exploring the world around me; you can always count on me to try something new! I am so excited to join the Cottonwood Extension District team for the summer. It is the perfect opportunity to get to meet a lot of people in the Hays community, and grow my knowledge of the agricultural world! I can't wait to meet all the 4-H members and their families! This summer is going to be great!

Hello! My name is Dalton Dicks, former member of the Busy Buzzer 4-H club and current Cottonwood Extension intern. After graduation and aging out of the 4-H program, I have moved up to Wichita State University and am currently pursuing a Major in Communications, with Minors in both Political Science and University Honors. I love keeping up with the news, hunting and shooting, and writing short stories and scripts. I am extremely excited to engage this opportunity to give back to 4-H through our upcoming STEM and Craft summer day camps, the Barton County Fair, and more. With some newly acquired skills in Communication and Media, I'm looking forward to getting involved again.



## See YOU at the Ellis County Fair!



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