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Fair Edition
2024

Ellis County 4-H Happenings

Hey 4-H Families!

The Countdown to County Fair is ON! **Please read this edition in entirety and carefully**, there is a lot of information about what's happening for this year's Ellis County Fair.

You will be entering ALL livestock or showmanship information into FairEntry.com! This includes entering all Rabbit and Poultry, indoor exhibit (both 4-H and Open Class) and contest participation (ie: livestock judging, skillathon, etc) into this system by **June 28th or July 8th**, be sure to know which projects are due when! You will log in using your 4-H Online username and password. There is a help guide posted on the Ellis Co. 4-H Fair page. Call if you have questions about this! [2024 Ellis County Fair - FairEntry.com](https://www.fairentry.com)

Each 4-H Club has been assigned a day to work 4-H Foodstand at the Fair. **Each family is asked to volunteer or find help for working at the Foodstand during the week.**

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 any educational opportunity.

Come join the fun & learning!

Yours in 4-H,

Tamara Robertson

Ways to Contact Us

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Meetings Coming Your Way

Council Meeting - June 3, 6:00 p.m., Back meeting room of the Ext. Office

4-H Ag Livestock – July 10, 7:00 p.m., Bleachers of the Show Arena

Fair Superintendent Meeting – July 10, 7:00 p.m. Fairgrounds – **RSVP by July 1**

Please note that dates are subject to change!



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IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

June 2 – Ellis County Fair T-Shirt order due by midnight
June 7 – RSVP for King Arthur Muffin Class by 5 pm
June 15 – YQCA Training Due for KS Fair and KJLS
June 15 – All Commercial Heifer, Sheep, Swine & Meat Goat nominations for KSF and KJLS are due in State Office
June 28 - Herdsmanship Award preferences to the Ext. Office
June 28 – **County Fair Entry Deadline for Livestock, Horse, Fashion Revue and Fashion Revue Scripts by 5pm**
July 1– RSVP for Fairgrounds Work Night
July 5 - Any updates to the Stall Assignment to Ext. Office by 5 pm
July 8 – **4-H Exhibits Entries for Ellis Co. Fair Close at Midnight**
July 8 – **Select your times to visit with the 4-H Judges – ALL AREAS**
July 15 – KSF Livestock Entries Postmarked
July 25 – Register for KS 4-H Wheat Expo in Manhattan
July 26 – Entries for 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes due in Ext. Office
Aug. 2 – **KSF Small Animal and Indoor Exhibits Pre-entered with Ext. Office**



Summer Engagement Interns

This summer we have two interns in the Hays office (pictured above on the left) that will be providing programming thanks to a partnership with Kansas Department of Education and Kansas 4-H. All youth are welcome to come and have fun. Watch our Facebook page for event details coming soon!!

Meet the interns-

Hello! My name is Leah Mages, a current senior in college studying biology and secondary education. I was in 4-H for about 5 years and am excited to give back to the community and organization through this internship teaching kids valuable lessons and having a fun time doing it! I'm hoping to explore projects like foods and nutrition, STEM, and some animal science on Thursday mornings. Hope to see you there!

My name is Rhyann Brown, I grew up in Osborne Ks. I just graduated this past May with my bachelors and will be starting my masters next year. A fun fact about me, I was on the FHSU track and field team throughout my undergrad. I joined 4-H when I was younger and really enjoyed various craft projects. I am excited to get going this summer with a lot of fun activities.

Fair T-Shirt Order Due JUNE 2nd

Get your Ellis County Fair T-Shirt ordered the [online store](#) closes at 11:59 pm on June 2nd!

King Arthur Muffin Class

FCW Agent, Monique Koerner will be hosting a Muffin Class to help 4-H members get ready for the King Arthur category at the Ellis County Fair. Join us at the **First United Methodist Church kitchen on June 10, 2024 from 2-4pm. Please call our office to register by 5 pm, June 7th.**

Shopping in Style Meeting

The Fashion Revue committee will be hosting a meeting on **June 12th at 5:30 PM** in the back-meeting room of the Extension Office. With the new changes and classes in this division, all members enrolled in the Shopping in Style project (formally known as Buymanship) are encouraged to come. We will go over the new classes and projects you can complete for the fair. We hope to see you there!

Livestock Pre-entry for Ellis Co. Fair

This letter and forms will be mailed out soon, sent via email and will also be posted on our website, be on the lookout! **Stall #'s, picture forms and insurance forms are due on June 28.** At this time all animals must be designated to a 4-H'ers name.

The 4-H Ag Livestock Stall Committee will be meeting with the Livestock Superintendents to set Stall Assignments early July. Watch for an email with the **DRAFT barn maps for the Fair after that meeting. You will have until 5 pm on July 5th to let the Extension Office know if we have missed something or you need additional stalling.** The 4-H Ag Livestock committee will meet that week to finalize the barn stall plans. **No changes will be made after the Final barn map is set!**

Be sure you go on-line and enter ALL of your Livestock by June 28th.

ELLIS COUNTY FAIR will be July 15 - 20, 2024
The Theme is "Moo'in & Groovin'!"



Check the [Ellis Co. 4-H website](#) for the final 4-H events schedule for the 2024 Ellis Co. Fair.

Entering ALL projects for the Fair

Look at the following deadlines carefully!!! There is two different deadline days for different project areas. [2024 Ellis County Fair - FairEntry.com](#)

You must pre-enter exhibits including livestock & fashion revue entries through an on-line entry system by June 28th. ALL other projects including participations (showmanship, livestock judging, etc.) must be pre-entered by 11:59 pm on July 8th. It works with your 4-HOnline account. There's a [help sheet available](#) to help walk you through the process.

The system will print out entry cards, so you won't have to hand write out the cards! You will be able to pick up your entry cards to attach them to exhibits at July 10th fair cleanup night or at the Extension Office on July 11th. (PS – if you misplace these entry tags, you WILL get to hand write the replacements!)

Volunteers Needed

You know that "Many hands make light work". We are asking for 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/DBRuvfr>

This includes assisting with check in, judging, displaying, take down and release of all indoor exhibits.

Livestock Shows & Activities – Wednesday, Thursday, Friday

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

This includes show announcers, ring & holding area assistance, and watering the show arena.

Fairgrounds Set Up Night

A fun way to get involved and start the week off in a good way is the Fairground Set Up Night held on Wednesday, July 10, 6:00 p.m. – finish. Commerce Bank provides a pizza break for families and volunteers to enjoy as we gather to get everything set 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.** 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.

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. Clubs will be judged a few times a day from Tuesday until Friday. Winners will be announced prior to the Livestock Sale on Saturday.

This year's fair theme is "Moo'in & Groovin' 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 2023, your club's 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 28 fair entry deadline. Remember the stall committee will try to accommodate the requests but the club's preference is not guaranteed.

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**. 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.

2024 4-H Barn Trash Removal- <https://signup.com/go/SoQFQCi>

2024 Manure Trailer Club Duty- <https://signup.com/go/NzjPYbD>

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. **You must get your photo taken during these times if you intend to sell an animal in the sale.**

2024 Livestock Photo Sign Up- <https://signup.com/go/XehOSco>



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 on Wednesday, July 17th at 2:30 pm.

Fashion Revue Paperwork

New this year, there has been a change to several classes in this division. This paperwork will be mailed out soon, sent via email and will also be posted on our website, be on the lookout! **Complete the Fashion Revue Judging Form. Failure to do so will result in a drop of one ribbon placing. These are due with pre-entry forms. Photos must be submitted with paperwork and taped on. The public fashion revue script must also be submitted TYPED. All paperwork is due by 5 pm on June 28th to the Extension Office and all projects are to be entered into the FairEntry system as well.**

If you are needing assistance please call or come into the Extension Office and we will help you!

Judging Schedules – All Indoor Exhibits

You will be scheduling your interview times with 4-H judges for ALL indoor areas ahead of the Fair. Please take the earliest time available to you and fill the spots in order if possible! **If more spots are needed, please notify the office.** Those [sign up links](#) are available now. **You will need to complete this by Monday, July 8th as the system will shut down at 11:59 pm.**

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 785-628-8820 **prior to July 1**. Spaces are available on a first come, first served basis. There is a camping fee of \$25 PER DAY. **Payment should be made to the Ellis Co. Fairboard prior to July 8th.**

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. Parking tags will be sent out with final fair mailing to livestock & small animal families & Superintendents/Asst. Superintendents.

4-H Food Bake Sale – Freewill Donation

The 4-H Bake Sale has been changed to a freewill donation for this year's fair. The table will be set up outside the judging area and any items not being sold will be in the Schenk Building Office. Please let the person at check in know if you want your item back after judging and they will put a DO NOT SELL sticker on it.

Foodstand Scheduling

The 2024 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 -10 pm July 16-20, 2024
Tuesday, July 16th – Good Hope and Growing Leaders

Wednesday, July 17th – Big Creek, Shooting Sports, Ellis Sunflowers

Thursday, July 18th – Buckeye Jr. Farmers

Friday, July 19th – Gemini Jrs.

Saturday, July 20th – Victoria Vikings

4-H Foodstand profits provide the operating funds to pay for 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 each 4-H family by the Fairboard. Once they arrive in our office, your club leaders will be notified. **They will be picked up and dispersed by club leaders.** 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 Boards are available for \$1.50 per sheet.

After Fair Clean Up

Schenk Building **cleanup is set for Sunday, July 21, 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. **We ask that two families from each club are asked to help with cleanup.** Please sign up on the [4-H Schenk Building volunteers](#) link.

Each Livestock family is asked to check out with an Extension Agent before leaving to receive their stall deposit. Forfeited deposits will be used to support improvements in the respective barn.

Lifeskills Judging Contests

There are 2 remaining lifeskills judging contests this year. One will be held on Thursday afternoon July 11th, during Fashion Revue judging pre-fair and the other, Tuesday morning July 16th 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 – 8:00 on Sunday, July 21st 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.**

Special Classes

Get your exhibits ready for these special classes and enter them on-line at faireentry.com by the July 8th entry deadline.

"Harvest" is the theme for the special category in open class photography. Look at the fairbook for more details!

King Arthur Baking Contest

Bake your favorite muffins 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

"Anything Noodles" is the category. Entry should be an entire dish with multiple servings. Prizes awarded in this include, "bragging rights," your name added to the traveling trophy and a chance to taste the competitor's entries. The winner will choose the special class contest for next year. Judging takes place at the conclusion of the formal food entry judging on Tuesday, July 16, 2024.

Youth Livestock Sweepstakes

The 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes is set for August 17-18 on KSU campus. This all-around event will feature contests in Livestock Judging, Meats Judging, Livestock Skill-a-thon, and Livestock Quiz Bowl.

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 5 pm on Friday, July 26. 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.**

Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo is August 12 in Manhattan

Registration for the Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo opens June 1! Join us in Manhattan to learn about wheat and how it's used. We are excited to provide a fun, educational and hands-on program for all Kansas 4-H members, siblings, parents, grandparents, and KSRE Extension staff. You do not have to be enrolled in crops/plant science projects to participate.

The cost will be \$10 per person and registration will be open online through visiting <https://bit.ly/3Wrq7Uh>.

Registration will go live on June 1st. Pre-registration will be required by July 25th, 11:59 p.m. to ensure an accurate meal count and for tour divisions.

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. Any demonstration illustrated or project talk receiving a purple or superior blue rating in a county or district contest may be entered unless it has previously been entered in this contest or does not meet the guidelines. Any poetry or prose receiving a purple or superior blue rating in a county or district contest may be entered unless it has previously been entered in this contest or does not meet the guidelines. Fashion Revue eligibility has changed to include more entries per county. Those members that receive a qualifying ribbon in Fashion Revue will be personally notified.

Check with the Extension Office to review State Fair rules. You must be 9 years of age by January 1, 2024 to show at the State Fair. **Come to the Extension Office the week following the Ellis County fair to enter before the deadline.** Those important pre-entry dates are:

Livestock – July 15
All Other Projects – August 2

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 5 pm on Friday, August 2.** You will pick up your exhibits at the end of the Ellis County Fair and return them to the Extension Office (dates to be determined)

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

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

See YOU at the Ellis County Fair, July 15-20!

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