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**November 2024**

# 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 to ensure that you get all 4-H information.**

**There are a few new names for projects, if you have any questions please reach out!** Review the full project list for the new names. [2024/2025 Project Listing.](#)

Make the most of your 4-H year by planning ahead! And as always, don't hesitate to give our office a call if you have a question. There is a great resource available to help you learn more about all the learning opportunities available through Ellis County 4-H. Check out the [Project Selection Guide.](#)

*Join our private Facebook group - **Ellis County Kansas 4-H** for more update information and for deadline reminders!*

Yours in 4-H,

**Tamara Robertson**



## Meetings Coming Your Way

**4-H Ag Livestock** – Respond to Doodle Poll by Monday, November 4th

**4-H Achievement Banquet, 4-H Day, Promotion** – Watch for a Doodle Poll

**4-H Home Ec., BBQ, Foodstand** – Watch for a Doodle Poll for a meeting in December

**DECEMBER Council** – December 16<sup>th</sup>, Back Meeting Room of Ext Office

### Ways to Contact Us

- You can reach the Office at (785) 628-9430
- Extension Office fax # is (785) 621-2002
- [el@listserv.ksu.edu](mailto:el@listserv.ksu.edu)
- [www.cottonwood.ksu.edu](http://www.cottonwood.ksu.edu)

### IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

- November 1** – Club Financial Review Due
- November 6** – Register for 4-H Officer Training by 5pm
- November 8**– KSF exhibits picked up
- November 22** – 4-H Water Ambassador Application Due
- December 1** – Kansas 4-H Shirt order due
- December 1** – Ornaments for tree to office

## 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 Facebook Page, your email or contact the person in charge, if you are in doubt about the status of an event.

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!

## CONGRATS TO . . .

. . . All Ellis County 4-Her's who participated at KJLS.

. . . All Shooting Sports participants that qualified and participated at the state competitions.

. . . All honorees at the annual 4-H Achievement Banquet. A special congrats to our Friends of 4-H, Bill & Susan Rajewski and the Bank of Hays.

## 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 Rachelle Eichman from Main Dish Hometown Catering for preparing and serving a great meal!

Thanks to the 4-H Clubs for donating baskets and Theresa Meis for making a 4-H Quilt for this year's auction. And to the many dedicated 4-H supporters who bid on everything. **We raised over \$1,000 to benefit the Scholarship Fund!**

**Any leftover programs and state fair exhibits were placed into club boxes at the office. Please pick these up no later than November 8<sup>th</sup>!**

## 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 2024 -25. **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.

**This will be the last month that we will send out the newsletter notification email to both last year and this year's email list.**

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/early May.

## 4-H ADULT VOLUNTEERS

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 training module is available as part of the 4-H Online website. You will complete a profile for yourself under your family account.

Contact the Ext. Office to let us know you've completed these steps to schedule an interview. At that time, we will provide you with a link to the background check process.

**National Criminal Background Checks**—Kansas 4-H requires background checks for all volunteers. **All volunteers will be required to go through this process every 3 years.**

**Returning 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.

**New 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!

## ELLIS COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL ONLINE APPAREL STORE

The Ellis County 4-H Online Apparel Store with Hays Tee is back open for the weekend!

You can find a variety of items, including T-shirts, long-sleeved shirts, sweatshirts, tank tops, and hats. Once you place your order, items are usually ready within 2-3 weeks, often sooner. The online store will close at **11:59 PM on Sunday November 3rd!**

This fundraiser is sponsored by Ellis County 4-H Council and supports different 4-H activities. To view the store or place

an order, please use this link: <https://haystees.printavo.com/merch/cottonwood-4h>

## EVENT SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The 4-H Scholarship and Development Committee has funds available for all Ellis County 4-H members. The [Event Scholarship Application](#) can be completed to attend any event that would benefit youth. Events can include 4-H camps, livestock clinics, shooting sports competitions, and more that would help youth build on their skills. Members should complete the application and turn into the office 2 weeks before the event registration is due.

## GET INVOLVED IN 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

Ellis County 4-H Shooting Sports program provides an opportunity for caring adults to assist kids in positive youth development.

All youth aged 8 to 17 years old before January 1 of the current year can participate in 4-H Shooting Sports. Currently, Ellis County 4-H offers the following shooting sports disciplines: Air Rifle, Archery, BB Gun, Hunting Skills, Shotgun, and Smallbore Rifle.

If interested in shooting sports, please contact, Kelli Herbers, Shooting Sports Coordinator, for more information. Email: [ellis coordinator@outlook.com](mailto:ellis coordinator@outlook.com) or Phone: (785) 337-0169



## 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) 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>

## 2024 4-H OFFICER TRAINING – BEYOND READY

Again, this year we’re offering free Regional 4-H Officer training. Your club can join the fun at a regional 4-H Officer Training held on Friday, November 15, 6 – 8:30 p.m. at the 4-H Educational Building - Great Bend, KS. You don’t have to be a current officer to participate in the 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 & leaders.

To join this fun learning session, **register on-line by 5pm on Wednesday, November 6th!** Get registered for this FREE session at [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1zQ8Zp5wRgWnTL0](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1zQ8Zp5wRgWnTL0)

## 4-H2O AMBASSADOR APPLICATIONS

Teens 13 and up are invited to apply to join the 4-H Water Ambassador team for 2024. Here’s a chance to help educate others on the importance of our water resources. The team members will receive training and go out into the community to teach others at schools and community events throughout the year. [4-H Water Ambassador Application](#) is due on November 22nd with interviews later, in December.

## DECORATING HAYS PUBLIC LIBRARY TREES

Once again, Gemini Juniors are inviting all clubs to make ornaments for the trees by Hays Public Library. Please bring ornaments to the **Extension Office by 5 pm on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**, and put them in the box in the entryway. Ornaments should be able to withstand the Kansas wind and elements.

## 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

At the December meeting, we will hold elections and begin setting goals for the new 4-H year. Council representatives can run for office, alternates cannot. We will elect persons to the following offices:

<b>President</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Parliamentarian</b>	<b>Fair Board Representatives</b>
<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Reporter</b>	<b>Adult Sponsors</b>

Think about stretching your leadership abilities by running for an office. Be sure that ***if you decide to run that you are***

**able to be committed and fully participate** in the 4-H Council meetings. We will take nominations from the floor at the meeting.

## 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.



## AWARDS CORNER

### Record Books – 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!

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 them or give our office a call. There is also a recording of the "Getting Started" training and a quick guide posted on our webpage.

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

**ELLIS COUNTY FAIR 2024 will be July 12 - 19, 2025**  
**The Theme is "Another Day in Fairadise!"**



## KANSAS 4-H T-SHIRT ORDER – DUE DEC 1

The Kansas 4-H T-Shirts sold at the Kansas State Fair, are now online!

There are 2 designs this year and you can order either design on any of the colors listed! See picture at the end of the newsletter for the designs! They can be ordered through December 1, 2024 and will be shipped before December 25, 2024. Who doesn't want a new 4-H t-shirt for Christmas?

Group or club orders will be a good idea to minimize shipping fees. People who live near or travel to Manhattan can call Anndee at NZone about local pick up. Thanks for supporting this 4-H Youth Leadership Council Fundraiser and showing Kansas 4-H Pride! Link to order: <https://www.companycasuals.com/4-HGROWN/start.jsp>

## CLOVER CHRISTMAS MARKET – HELP IS NEEDED

The Ellis County Scholarship and Development committee is looking for your help! The craft show is on December 7, 2024 at the Fairgrounds. They are looking for individuals or clubs to help us with Set up on Thursday, December 5, 2024 from 6-8pm and Tear down on December 7th from 3:00 to 4:30pm. Set up will include measuring and taping off booth spaces. Tear down will include putting away tables and chairs, removing tape, helping vendors pack out and sweeping the floors. This is a perfect opportunity for community service or any volunteer hours needed. This is also a great time to put in the required hours if you received a scholarship or funding from The Scholarship and Development committee this year. **If you are able to help, please contact Rhiannon Corn at 785-432-3495.**

## K-STATE JUNIOR PRODUCER DAYS 2025 DATES ANNOUNCED

We are excited to announce the dates for the 2025 K-State Junior Producer Days!

**The Junior Swine Producer Day** will be Saturday, March 1. Tentative topics range from selection to health, and showmanship. The deadline to register is February 5. The cost is \$20/person by the deadline, or \$25 after. Only those

registered by February 5 will receive a t-shirt. Attendance will also be limited to the first 400 participants to register.

**The Junior Meat Goat Producer Day** will be hosted Saturday, March 22. Tentative topics include selection to nutrition, and showmanship. Registration is due February 26 and will be capped at 400 participants. The cost is \$20/person and t-shirts are only guaranteed for those who sign up by the deadline. Late registrations will be \$25/person. All youth, parents, leaders and extension agents are invited to participate in these one-day, family educational experiences. K-State faculty members, graduate students, veterinarians, extension agents, guest speakers and former exhibitors will provide the sessions. There will also be an optional instructor-led YQCA training at the conclusion of the program for both events, as well as a session over the state nomination process.

Participants may register online here: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>

## SUPER SATRDAY 2025 – COLBY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Next year's Super Saturday judging event will take place on March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Colby Community College. There will be 7 judging contests—Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Livestock, Livestock Skill-A-Thon & Photography for 4-H & FFA youth 7 - 18. You can judge at 1 or all of these great contests. There will also be several workshops in the afternoon to help 4-H'ers explore project learning. Watch for more info as these activities are finalized!

**BEYOND READY**  
**4-H Officer Training**

November 15, 2024  
6:00p.m. - 8:30p.m.  
4-H Educational Building - Great Bend, KS  
601 N Hwy 281, Great Bend, KS

If you've been elected to an important office in your 4-H Club. Come learn your roles and responsibilities for your club. 4-H alumni and other volunteers will be presenting the sessions.

Pizza and drinks will be provided

RSVP with the link provided or the QR code by November 6th

[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1zQ8Zp5wRgWnTLO](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1zQ8Zp5wRgWnTLO)

**Barton County—620-793-1910**  
**Ellis County—785-628-9430**  
**Midway District—785-483-3157**

Parents come learn how to take your role BEYOND as a parent, leader, and volunteer. By learning about online resources, policy, and and helping 4-H'ers Thrive.

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## KANSAS 4-H SHIRTS

