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Fair Edition
June/July 2025

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.

As we gear up for another exciting fair, we want to remind you about some important responsibilities that come with exhibiting animals, specifically around liability and insurance coverage.

In Kansas, if an animal gets loose at a county fair and causes injury or damage, the owner of the animal is generally responsible under state law (K.S.A. 47-123). Even at organized events like fairs, livestock are considered "at large" if they aren't properly secured. That means if your animal injures someone or causes property damage, your family could be held liable.

The Fair Board Association is responsible for keeping the grounds safe, but they are not typically liable for injuries or incidents caused by 4-H exhibitors' animals, unless there was clear negligence on the part of the Fair Board.

Some families may believe that their homeowners' insurance will cover these types of situations, but most policies do not include agricultural or livestock-related incidents. That's why it's highly recommended that families carry farm or livestock liability insurance. This type of coverage helps protect you in case something goes wrong during the fair.

You may also want to consider medical or accident insurance. While some state 4-H programs carry general liability insurance, this typically does not cover injuries to the 4-H members themselves.

Please contact our office if you have any questions concerning the liability insurance, upcoming events or deadlines.

Come join the fun & learning!

Yours in 4-H,

Tamara Robertson

Ways to Contact Us

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



Meetings Coming Your Way

Fashion Revue Committee - June 2, 6:00 p.m., Back meeting room of the Ext. Office

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

Home Ec/BBQ/Foodstand - June 10, 6:00 p.m., Back meeting room of the Ext. Office

4-H Ag Livestock – July 9, 7:00 p.m., Bleachers of the Show Arena

Fair Superintendent – July 9, 7:00 p.m. Schenk Building at the 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!

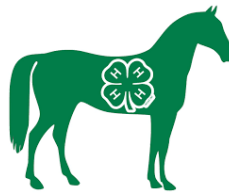
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IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

June 1 – Horse ID Papers Due to the office
June 10 – RSVP for King Arthur Yeast Breads 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 27 - Herdsmanship Award preferences to the Ext. Office
June 27 – County Fair Entry Deadline for Livestock, Horse, Fashion Revue paperwork + FairEntry due by 5pm
July 1– RSVP for Fairgrounds Work Night
July 7 - Any updates to the Stall Assignment to Ext. Office by 5 pm
July 7 – 4-H Exhibits Entries for Ellis Co. Fair Close at Midnight
July 7 – Select your times to visit with the 4-H Judges – ALL AREAS
July 15 – KSF Livestock Entries Postmarked
July 25 – Registration for Babysitting Clinic
July 25 – Entries for 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes due in Ext. Office
Aug. 1 – KSF Small Animal and Indoor Exhibits Pre-entered with Ext. Office



4-H HORSE ID PAPERS

DUE JUNE 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 June 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 it was updated in July 2024.*

4-H HORSE COGGINS TEST REQUIRED AT FAIR

All exhibits in the 4-H Horse Show must present

proof of negative Coggins test within the last 12 months at check-in. **If you are needing the test completed please reach out to our office** and we will work with a local vet to get it completed.

More information on the Coggins test can be found on the [K-State Veterinary Health Center website](https://www.k-state.edu/veterinary/health-center/).

4-H HORSE PRACTICE

All 4-H project members are invited to come to horse practices on June 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th from 7-9 pm at the Fairgrounds arena. If you have questions please reach out to Tatum Kimzey at 785-635-8219 or tatumkimzey@gmail.com.

FASHION REVUE COMMITTEE MEETING

The Fashion Revue Committee will have a meeting on Monday, June 2nd at 6 PM in the back-meeting room of the Extension Office. They will be finalizing the paperwork, discussing the decorations and organizing the Public Fashion Revue for the 2025 Ellis County Fair. If you would like to join the committee, please let Tamara know or feel free to attend the meeting!

FIBER ARTS PROJECT WORK

Natalie Oborny (Fiber Arts Project Leader) and Connie Haselhorst will be in the front room of the Extension Office on Tuesday's June 3rd, 17th, July 1st and 8th from 5-6:30 PM to help with fiber arts projects. Bring your own supplies and materials to work on. See the graphic at the end of the newsletter for the next few months meeting dates.

Please email Natalie at natalie.oborny@gmail.com or contact the Extension Office if you will be there.

KING ARTHUR YEAST BREADS CLASS

FCW Agent, Monique Koerner will be hosting a Yeast Bread/ Sculpting Class to help 4-H members (and Open Class participants) get ready for the King Arthur category at the Ellis County Fair. Join us at the **Schenck building at the Fairgrounds on June 12, 2025 from 1-5pm. Please register online at bit.ly/KingArthurYeastBreadClass by 5 pm, June 10th.**

SCHOLARSHIP & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

The committee is looking to add new members! For more information on responsibilities and qualifications, visit [4-HSDCommitteeMembers](#) If interested please call 785-628-9430 and let Tamara know you would like to join!

ENTERING ALL PROJECTS FOR THE FAIR

Look at the following deadlines carefully!!! There is two different deadline days for different project areas. [2025 Ellis County Fair - FairEntry.com](#)

You must pre-enter exhibits including livestock & fashion revue entries through an on-line entry system **by June 27th**. ALL other projects including participations (showmanship, livestock judging, etc.) must be pre-entered **by 11:59 pm on**

July 7th. You will log in using your 4-H Online username and password. 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 9th fair cleanup night or at the Extension Office on July 10th. **(PS – if you misplace these entry tags, you WILL get to hand write the replacements!)**

LIVESTOCK PRE-ENTRY PAPERWORK FOR ELLIS CO. FAIR

This letter and forms will be mailed out soon and will also be posted on our website, be on the lookout! **Stall #'s, picture forms and insurance forms are due on June 27**. At this time all animals must be designated to a 4-H'er's 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 7th 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 27th.

FASHION REVUE PAPERWORK

The Fashion Revue 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 27th to the Extension Office and these entries 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!

ELLIS COUNTY FAIR 2025 will be July 13 - 19, 2025

The Theme is "Another Day in Fair-adise!"

Check the [Ellis Co. 4-H website](#) for the final 4-H events schedule for the 2025 Ellis Co. Fair.



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/OEVNTNN>

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/DWRMKPm>

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

FAIR 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 9, 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

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 AWARDS

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.

The Ellis County Fair theme is “Another day is Fair-adise”. What creative ways can your club use this theme in making your barn area look great during the fair?

If your club won in 2024, your club’s leader have a blank 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 27 fair entry deadline. Remember the stall committee will try to accommodate the requests but the club’s preference is not guaranteed.**

BARN TRASH & MANURE WAGON 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.

2025 4-H Barn Trash Removal- <https://signup.com/go/ZzyJiAx>

2025 Manure Trailer Club Duty- <https://signup.com/go/AhMqLOA>

LIVESTOCK PHOTOS

Please 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.**

2025 Livestock Photo Sign Up- <https://signup.com/go/xPcnKTi>



CAT PROOF OF VACCINES FOR COUNTY FAIR

Cats & kittens over 2 months of age shown at the Ellis Co. Fair must be current on rabies and distemper vaccinations. Provide proof of vaccination or vet check at show check in.

SCHEDULE JUDGING TIMES – 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 7th as the system will shut down at 11:59 pm.**

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 or \$100 for the week (Monday through Sunday). **Payment should be made to the Ellis Co. Fairboard prior to July 7th.**

PARKING @ 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.

NO PARKING or beef blocking shoots allowed around both barns and the show arena due to the new drainage system. Please park in the designated parking areas!

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 will continue to be 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.

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>

FOODSTAND SCHEDULING

The 2025 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 15-19, 2025
Tuesday, July 15th – Victoria Vikings
Wednesday, July 16th – Good Hope and Growing Leaders
Thursday, July 17th – Big Creek, Shooting Sports and Ellis Sunflowers
Friday, July 18th – Buckeye Jr. Farmers
Saturday, July 19th – Gemini Jrs.

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.

FAIR SUPPLIES

Livestock stall cards and photo matte boards are available for pick-up at the Extension Office. Photo Matte Boards are available for purchase at \$1.50 per sheet.

AFTER FAIR CLEAN UP

Schenk Building **cleanup is set for Sunday, July 20, 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 all families help with cleanup.**

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 10th, during Fashion Revue judging pre-fair and the other, Tuesday morning July 15th 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 EARLY RELEASE FORM

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 only be allowed with this written form approved.** 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 fairent.com by the July 7th entry deadline.

"Kansas Sunsets" 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 Yeast Bread 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 Appetizers" 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 15, 2025.

BABYSITTING CLINIC

FCW Agent, Monique Koerner and Tamara will be hosting a **Babysitting Clinic on July 30th from 9 am to 5 pm in the Back-meeting room of the Ext. Office.** This course gives participants the knowledge, skills and confidence to care for toddlers through school-aged children. Topics include safety issues, preventing injuries and illness, basic childcare, and age-appropriate activities to do with children. Each student will be CPR and First-Aid certified and receive a wealth of information. Students will also learn how to make a snack for kids. Cost is \$50 and class size is limited to 15 participants.

Please let us know at registration if your child has any food allergies that we need to be aware of. Participants must be 10 years old by the class date. **Pre-registration is required by July 25th, 2025 at 5:00pm.** See flyer at end of newsletter for more details.

YOUTH LIVESTOCK SWEEPSTAKES

The 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes is set for August 23-24 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 25. 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 7

Join us at the South Hutchinson Community Building 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.

Tours are being finalized and registration information will be out soon. More information can be found on the state's website at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/educational-experiences/project-based-events/conferences-events/wheat/>



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. Those members that receive a qualifying ribbon in Fashion Revue will be personally notified.

You must be 9 years of age by January 1, 2025 to show at the State Fair. **Come to the Extension Office following the fair to enter before the deadline.** 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 5 pm on Friday, August 1.** You will pick up your exhibits at the end of the Ellis County Fair and return them to the Extension Office around the first week of September (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.

See YOU at the Ellis County Fair, July 13-19!

Fiber Arts Project Work

Tuesday evenings, 5-6:30pm
Ellis County Extension Office

April- 8 & 29

May- 6 & 20

June- 3 & 17

July- 1 & 8

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Yeast Bread & Bread Sculpting Class



June 12, 2025

1:00PM-5:00PM

Ellis County Fairgrounds

Schenk Building

Everybody Welcome!



SCAN ME
TO REGISTER

Spots limited, be sure to sign up **before June 10, 2025**
at bit.ly/KingArthurYeastBreadClass

Assisting Adult Division and Junior Division participants in preparing for the Ellis County Fair: Open Class King Arthur Category Submissions.

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BABYSITTING CLINIC

July 30, 2025
9:00 am - 5:00 pm
check-in at 8:45 am

Hays Extension Office
601 Main Street

Calling All Youth 10 and Older:

Are you at least 10 years old and interested in becoming a babysitter?

Youth will gain knowledge in preparing for the role of a babysitter, food safety, nutrition and wellness, basic first aid/CPR certification, child development, safe practices for infants, and activities for young children.

Participants will leave with confidence and skills acquired to care for young children!

Registration Deadline
July 25, 2025

Register here:
bit.ly/cottonwood-babysittingclinic

Registration cost:
\$50 per youth - cash or check Limit: 15 participants

Includes: CPR & First Aid
Certification + babysitting
supplies & meal



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