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February 2025

Ellis County 4-H Happenings

The 4-H Food Challenge and 4-H Day are 2 upcoming events that everyone is welcome to participate in! Good Luck to all the 4-H members who are planning to participate at these great events!!

See more information on the Food Challenge on the following page.

The [guidelines and registration packet for 4-H Day](#) is posted on our website. You can print off and return a hard copy OR you can go on-line and [register with the link](#). Either way, **entries are due to the Extension Office by Friday, February 21.**

Club skits will go first at 1:00 p.m. Schedules will then be posted outside of each room and it will be FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED. **It will be your responsibility to sign up for a judging time.**

As always, if you have questions, don't hesitate to give us a call!

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 Council – 6 pm, Feb 3, Extension Office back meeting room

4-H Home Ec., BBQ, Food stand – 7 pm or after the Council is done



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Ways to Contact Us

- You can reach the Office at (785) 628-9430
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IMPORTANT DEADLINES TO NOTE

- February 1** – Enroll in Market Beef Project prior to weigh-in
- February 3** – Registration for Horse Panorama
- February 5** – Sign up for Jr. Swine Producer Day @ KSU
- February 10** – Registration for Food Challenge
- February 21** – Ellis Co. 4-H Day Entries Due
- February 26** – Sign up for Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day @ KSU
- March 1** – Sponsor a County Fair Award
- March 1** – State 4-H Scholarships Apps
- March 17** – Registration for Super Saturday
- March 21** – Registration for KSU Meat Judging Contest

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.

4-H PROJECT ENROLLMENT

You must be enrolled in 4-H to participate at any 4-H event or activity. You are able to add projects or delete them from your list of enrollments until May 1 for all areas, **except Livestock projects and shooting sports projects. Those need to be enrolled prior to the weigh-in and identification date set for each specie or the start of the shooting sports practice.** I.e. Market Beef will be Feb. 1st and Small Livestock weighed in will be April 30th.

4-H BEEF WEIGH-IN & TAGGING

If you're planning to show Market Beef at this year's Ellis County Fair, make plans now to attend the Beef Weigh-in and Tagging on **Saturday, February 1st from 1 – 2 p.m. at Hillside Vet Clinic.** See map with directions on last page. **You must be enrolled in the Market Beef project prior to weigh-in.** (Please check your on-line enrollments)

Other Animals (Commercial Breeding Dairy Goats, Ewes, Heifers, & Swine PLUS Feeder & Bucket Calves) can come to small animal weigh-in that will take place at the Fairgrounds on April 30th from 6-8 PM.

EID tags will NOT be sold before hand, tagging and weighing will take place at the same place and time. **On February 1st from 1-2 PM, beef should be brought to HILLSIDE vet clinic.**

*****Please note that if a customer comes into the clinic during this time, we will be asked to step aside.**

Families are asked to come into the office and **pay for tags during the week of February 3rd-7th.** Any remaining invoices will be mailed out after February 10th. Checks should be made out to **Ellis County 4-H Ag Livestock.**

Livestock ID Procedures

Large and Small animal ID procedures for 2025 have been updated to follow the new tagging rules. Please take time to review this!

FOOD CHALLENGE

The 4-H Food Challenge is back and it's time to show off your culinary creativity! Join us on Sunday, February 16 at the Ellis Co Fairgrounds Schenk Building for this exciting competition.

Teams of 3-4 members will work together to create a unique dish using predetermined ingredients in just 40 minutes! Teams are encouraged to invite a non-4-H member as that 4th contestant, so if you have a friend that has expressed interest in 4-H or you want to introduce them to 4-H, this would be a great opportunity! Teams will present their dish to the judges and explain the preparation process, food safety, nutrition, and cost.

Age Groups & Times:

Ages 7-9 (no sharp utensils): 1:00 PM (Check-in at 12:30 PM)

Ages 10-13: 2:00 PM (Check-in at 1:45 PM)

Ages 14-18: 3:30 PM (Check-in at 3:15 PM)

Register teams by February 10 at [4-H Food Challenge](#)



KANSAS 4-H HORSE PANORAMA

The 4-H Horse Panorama will be held Saturday and Sunday, February 22nd & 23rd, 2024 at the Rock Springs Ranch. Save the date for fun, learning and competition at the 2025 Kansas 4-H Horse Panorama! This is the state event for hippology, horse bowl and public speaking. Contest information and registration can be found on the State 4-H [Horse Panorama Website](#)

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.

STATE 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS DUE MARCH 1

Get an early start on your application for the [2025 Kansas 4-H Scholarship](#). A list of scholarships available to apply for is posted on the site. The KS 4-H Scholarship requires a copy of your grade transcript, resume, several letters of recommendation, an essay and a short video, so plan ahead! Any past 4-H member who is currently in college is eligible to apply for the KS 4-H scholarships. **You are considered for all scholarships that you qualify for with one application.** **State scholarship apps are due March 1, 2025.**

ELLIS COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP

The Ellis Co. 4-H scholarship application is coming soon. Seniors, watch for it to come in an email from Tamara!

4-H DAY—Sunday, March 2 – North Oak Community Church - Hays

4-H Day is a chance for 4-H members to showcase their project learning through public presentations. *If you ask 4-H alumni what one of the most important things they gained through their 4-H experience, they'll most likely tell you it is their public speaking ability.* Consider building that powerful skill in your children through their involvement in 4-H Day activities. Mark Sunday, March 2 on your calendar and make plans now to participate in 4-H Day. Some clubs have already started working on skits, project talks, talent, etc. [Check out the website](#) for the latest information, rules, entry form, etc. Regional competition will be held in Hays, Date and Location is TBA.

4-H Day 101

New to 4-H Day?? We've posted a series of informational handouts and videos on the website to help you get started planning talks. [Check out the website to see](#) the series of "how to" video presentations by our Ellis Co. 4-H'ers.

Model Meetings

Model Meetings are a great way to test your club's parliamentary procedure skills. It's not too late to sign up if you'd like to give it a try. Clubs will tape their own meetings this year and submit to the Extension Office. This year all clubs will include the motion "to amend a motion" into your clubs meeting. The club receiving the top ribbon placing will represent Ellis Co. at Regional 4-H Day.

4-H Day Room Monitors

Each club has a dedicated room during 4-H Day on March 2nd. Visit with your club leader or stop by the Ellis Co. website to learn more about your room monitor duties.

Jr./Int. Demonstrations & Illustrated Talks – **GJ**

Readings – **VV**

Talent (Skits, Dance & Other Talent) – **Sanctuary – GH**

Project Talks, Show & Tell – **ES**

Public Speaking, Extemp. Speaking, Sr. Demo – **BJF**

Warm Up Room & ARI – **BCA**

Restrooms & Lobby – Everyone's responsible to make sure these are kept in good order during the event. Thanks for doing your share to keep the facility clean!

K- STATE JUNIOR PRODUCER DAYS 2025

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>

4-H SUPER SATURDAY – March 22 at CCC

March 22 will be a day filled with great 4-H activities for the whole family! 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 be several workshops in the afternoon to help 4-H'ers explore project learning. More detailed information is available on the flyer on our [website](#).

Event Fees: (Pay at event check in, day of) \$7 for contests (one or all 7), \$8 includes contests and a Sack Lunch, and an additional \$5 for afternoon project opportunities.

Register by March 17th at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dajidd7SK7HICeW

K-STATE INVITATIONAL MEAT JUDGING CONTEST

Kansas State University is hosting an invitational meat judging contest at the Weber Hall Meat Lab on April 5th. The contest will include 6 classes, 2 sets of questions and 40 retail identification. After the contest there will be an educational walk through. Registration starts at 7 am with the contest beginning at 8 am. Prizes will be awarded to the top 10 individuals and highest placing team. Cost is \$15 before March 21st and \$25 after that until April 1st.

Register at [Event Information](#). For questions, contact Erin Beyer at erbeyer@ksu.edu

ELLIS COUNTY FAIR 2025 will be July 13 - 19, 2025
The Theme is “Another Day in Fair-adise!”



ELLIS COUNTY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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 AWARD SPONSORS

The Ellis Co. Fair board is seeking award sponsors. In order for a special award to be awarded in any given area, there must be a sponsor. **Contact Norleen Knoll by March 1** if you’d like to sponsor a special award. Sponsorships will be listed in the Ellis Co. Fair book and in several news releases/ads. The [sponsorship form](#) is posted on our website.

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2025 Beef Weigh-in and Tagging

February 1st from 1-2 PM at Hillside Vet Clinic

Please enter off of US-183 onto Fairground Rd (follow red arrows), then exit using W 48th St (follow green arrows).



4-H FOOD CHALLENGE

The 4-H Food Challenge is a fun and engaging contest where 4-H members showcase their culinary knowledge and skills.



Sunday
FEBRUARY 16



Ellis Co Fairgrounds Schenk Building

Ages 7-9 1:00PM Check-In 12:30PM	Ages 10-13 2:00PM Check-In 1:45 PM	Ages 14-18 3:30PM Check-In 3:15 PM
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Every team is invited to observe the entire program.

The Challenge:

- Teams of 3 to 4 members work together.
- Use predetermined ingredients to create a unique recipe.
- 40 minutes to develop the recipe and prepare the dish.

Teams will present their dish to a panel of judges and explain:

- Preparation steps.
- Serving size.
- Food safety concerns.
- Nutritional value.
- Cost of the dish.

Are You Ready to Take the Challenge?
Get your team together and join today!
Register at bit.ly/CED4-HFoodChallenge

REGISTRATION
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FEBRUARY 10!



Scan me to register!

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NW 4-H

Judging Event

Super Saturday

Saturday, March 22, 2025, 9:00am - Finish

Host Site: Colby Community College Student Union and Thomas County Fairgrounds, Colby, Kansas

Judging Contests include: 9:00am to 12:30pm -- \$7.00
Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Photography, Livestock Skill-a-thon

Volunteer Sessions for Parents and Volunteers - Free, 10:00am

Livestock Judging : 12:30pm Thomas County Fairgrounds

Project Opportunities: (NON-LIVESTOCK Judging youth): 1:00 -3:00pm \$5.00
The afternoon will be filled with engineering and technology stations (robots, circuits, building bricks, etc.) and Visual Arts Stations (Scrapbook, clay, paper crafts, etc.)

Sack Lunches provided with mandatory RSVP - \$8.00



Registration Link:

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dajidd75K7HICeW

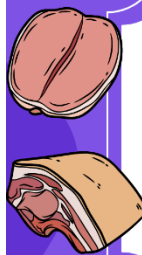
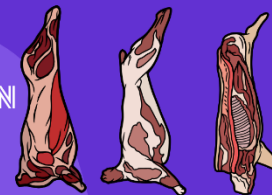
If you have any questions concerning this event, you may contact Robyn Trussel at 785-798-3020 or rdelines@ksu.edu or Chandra Piate at 620-388-7157 or cplate@ksu.edu



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CONTEST**



APRIL 5, 2025

REGISTRATION LINK ON
JUDGINGCARD.COM

QUESTIONS TO ERIN BEYER
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- 6 CLASSES, 2 SETS OF QUESTIONS, AND 40 RETAIL ID
- MEAT LAB AT WEBER HALL
- REGISTRATION OPENS AT 7:00AM
- CONTEST BEGINS AT 8:00AM
- EDUCATIONAL WALK THROUGH AFTER CONTEST
- PRIZES FOR TOP 10 AND HIGH TEAM

