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# Ellis County 4-H Happenings

May 2025

Hey 4-H Families!

Summer is almost upon us. As of May 1, fair is 73 days away!! Hopefully you have started working on all your projects. We are excited to see everyone and everything they do this summer!

**May 1 is an important date in the 4-H year.** It's the date that you need to be enrolled in any and all projects you plan to take to the Ellis Co. Fair. Be sure to take time now to review the projects you are enrolled in and make sure it reflects those areas you are working on project learning in at this time. **Your projects don't just "roll over" from year to year,** you have to make the selections. This is especially important if you are moving from being a Cloverbud where you don't declare projects to becoming a regular member. **You must have those projects selected by May 1.**

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

**Fashion Revue** – Watch your email to set a date

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

**Home Ec, BBQ, Foodstand** – June 10<sup>th</sup>, 6 PM, back meeting room of the Extension Office

**Council** – June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6 PM, back meeting room of the Extension Office

## Ways to Contact Us

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

**May 1** – NW Kansas Ag Ambassador App Due

**May 1** – Last Day to Make Changes to Your 4-H Enrollment for 2025

**May 1** – Registered Breeding Livestock in name of 4-H'er

**May 1** – Poultry and Rabbit Barn t-shirt orders due

**May 5** – Registration for Discovery Days Closes

**May 16** – Registration for State Geology Trip closes

**May 26** – Registration for Insect Spectacular closes

**June 1** – 4-H Horse ID Papers Due in Ext. Office

**June 10** – RSVP for King Arthur Yeast Bread Class

**June 15** – Small Livestock & Commercial Breeding Heifer Nominations due in State Office

**July 1** – RSVP for Pizza Break Night (Fair Set up on July 9)

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**CONGRATS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS.** . . . Chloey Brown, Kaden Haas, Keira Lee, Leeya Martinez, Cole McDonough, Morgan Munsch, Elizabeth Noble, William Noble, Samantha Sanderson, Grace A. Schmeidler, Catherine Schmidt, Taegan Shannon, Jayden Warner, Marisa Wasinger, John Weisenborn, and Jayten Wickham.

### 4-H SENIORS RECEIVING ELLIS COUNTY 4-H SCHOLARSHIPS

It is our plan to honor this year's recipients, Kaden Haas, Keira Lee, Leeya Martinez, Morgan Munsch, Catherine Schmidt, Marisa Wasinger, John Weisenborn, and Jayten Wickham, at the 4-H Livestock Auction during the fair this summer.

### 4-H PROJECT ENROLLMENT

Hopefully by now, you have gone on and completed your family profile and enrolled your members on-line. Remember, **you can make changes to your enrollments until May 1.**

**Your enrollment is not complete until you have successfully paid the \$15 fee.** You must be enrolled in 4-H to participate at any 4-H event or activity.

### NW AG AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Youth interested in being a part of the ambassador program must complete an application, submit a leadership resume, a cover letter, three letters of reference, and complete a virtual interview if selected as a finalist.

Applications and supporting documents are **due by Thursday, May 1** and may be submitted to your local K-State Research and Extension office.

For more information, a copy of the flyer and application visit the Twin Creeks District website at:

<https://www.twincreeks.k-state.edu/youth-ag/index.html>

For questions about the Northwest Kansas 4-H Agricultural Ambassador Program, please contact Twin Creeks District Youth Agriculture Agent, Jenilee Godsey. (Phone: 785-421-3411, Email: [jenileem@ksu.edu](mailto:jenileem@ksu.edu))

### POULTRY & RABBIT BARN T-SHIRT ORDERS DUE MAY 1

Support our Poultry and Rabbit Barn at the 4-H Fair by ordering your t-shirt today! **Orders are due to the Extension Office by May 1.**

T-shirts are available in sizes youth through adult extra-large for just \$15.00. Sizes 2XL are available for \$16.00, and 3XL for \$17.00.

All proceeds from the t-shirt sale go directly toward funding the Poultry and Rabbit Barn, providing essential supplies, equipment, and support for our hardworking 4-H members.

See the order form for more information and to place your order.

### CLUB FUNDRAISER OPPORTUNITIES - Wheat Plot Tour Meal

Each year we hold and conduct a county wheat plot tour/field day near the end of May/early June. After the field day we come into Hays to the Municipal Park, 1<sup>st</sup> and Main Street for dinner. Any 4-H club in the county can throw their club's name in the hat to prepare and serve the meal. Stacy will go out and get the donations and the 4-H club will receive the donated money after the event. The meal has generally consisted of grilled hamburgers and brats with the condiments, pickles, onions, chips, baked beans or potato salad, a dessert, water, tea, and lemonade (optional). We are encouraging people to RSVP, so we will give the club an estimated head count closer to the date.

If your club is interested in doing this for a fundraiser, **please let Theresa know by May 2<sup>nd</sup>.** If you have any questions feel free to ask Stacy or Theresa.

### 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 May 6<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:natalie.oborny@gmail.com) or contact the Extension Office if you will be there.

## LIVESTOCK NOMINATIONS

Detailed Information on this process will be posted on the [K-State Youth Livestock webpage](#).

Plan ahead as DNA envelopes will need to be ordered directly through ShoWorks (Old DNA envelopes will not be accepted) and families will enter their animal and exhibitor data online through ShoWorks. DNA envelope orders will close 1 week prior to the nomination deadline for each specie. (**April 20<sup>th</sup> for market beef and June 5<sup>th</sup> for small livestock**).

Nomination Deadlines:

April 20 - Deadline to order DNA envelopes for Market Beef

May 1 - Market Beef

June 5 - Deadline to order DNA envelopes for Small Livestock & Commercial Heifers

June 15 - Small Livestock & Commercial Heifers



### **4-H HORSE ID PAPERS DUE JUNE 1**

Horse ID papers are available at the Extension Office or on line at [kansas4-h.org](https://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](#).

## KANSAS 4-H DISCOVERY DAYS

**Registration is open for Kansas 4-H Discovery Days 2025!**

**When:** June 4-6th, 2025

**Who:** Youth ages 13-18 before January 1, 2025 are invited to register

**Cost:** \$235; some sessions may require an additional fee

**\*\*\*** The Ellis County Scholarship & Development Committee has scholarships available!!

**Theme:** Building a Mindset for Leadership

**Registration:** Open now and close on May 5th, 2025 [2025 Kansas 4-H Discovery Days Registration Link](#)

**What is Discovery Days?**

It's a *mini college experience* for youth who want to develop leadership skills, gain new ideas, and have FUN! You'll attend action-packed educational sessions, go on exciting tours, and meet new people from all over Kansas. You'll get to explore the K-State campus and discover all the resources it has to offer. Plus, attend a special recognition event for the State Project Award Winners!

## KING ARTHUR YEAST BREAD CLASS

FCW Agent, Monique Koerner will be hosting a Yeast Bread Class to help 4-H members get ready for the King Arthur category at the Ellis County Fair. Join us at the Fairground, Schenk Building kitchen on **June 12, 2025 from 1-5pm**. See flyer for more details. **Please register online at [bit.ly/KingArthurYeastBreadClass](https://bit.ly/KingArthurYeastBreadClass) by 5 pm, June 10<sup>th</sup>.**

## 2025 4-H GEOLOGY STATE FIELD TRIP

A variety of workshops and activities are planned for June 13-15<sup>th</sup>, at Cloud County Community College in Concordia. Multiple stops are planned on the Field Trip Saturday and Sunday. Project members are encouraged to participate in judging and quiz bowl. A catered supper will be provided Saturday evening for \$15.00 per person and we will have a variety of educational publications for sale through the Kansas Geological Survey. **Registration is open and will close on May 16<sup>th</sup>.** More information about this event can be found on the State 4-H website at [2025 State Geology Field Trip](#)

## 2025 KANSAS 4-H INSECT SPECTACULAR

The State Entomology Workshop will be held Friday and Saturday, **June 27-28, 2025 in El Dorado, Kansas**. Workshop events include collection and photo trips, pinning class, identification class, and a pollinator garden community service activity. Full Participant registration fee of \$85.00 includes supper Friday, lunch Saturday, bottled water, class materials, T-Shirt, and handouts. **A parent or legal guardian must attend with their 4-H'er**. Schedule, and full information can be found at [2025 Insect Spectacular](#), **registration closes on May 26<sup>th</sup>**.

## 4-H EVENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

The [2025 4-H Event Scholarship App](#) has been updated and posted to the forms page of our website. **It must be completed with the 4-H members handwritten signature or it will not be accepted by the Scholarship and Development committee! Submit it to the Extension Office at least two weeks before the scheduled event.**

## 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!



## 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.

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



## ELLIS COUNTY FAIR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Call the office at 785-628-9430 to let us know how you'd like to help. 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.

## 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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[natalie.oborny@gmail.com](mailto:natalie.oborny@gmail.com)



### Yeast Bread & Bread Sculpting Class



**June 12, 2025**  
**1:00PM-5:00PM**  
**Ellis County Fairgrounds**  
**Schenk Building**

**Everybody Welcome!**

Spots limited, be sure to sign up **before June 10, 2025** at [bit.ly/KingArthurYeastBreadClass](https://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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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!