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Adult Leaders and County Council Meeting

We will have our bimonthly meeting on Monday, May 1, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. If you are a Council delegate or a president of your club you should be here to represent your club and vote on issues that affect all 4-H Clubs in Ellis County. All adults who are "active" on 4-H Connect are welcome! We hope to see you there!

COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICER ELECTIONS

It is time to put in your application for County Council!

What is County Council?

County Council is the governing body for Ellis County 4-H. Each club sends a representative to the meetings every other month. Here, the students vote on and recommend action on community service projects, fundraisers, dances, camps, and other activities that happen throughout the county. This is also a place where each club is able to give a report on what they are doing and have going on, and where our 4-H members to get to interact with others not in their club.

Why be a County Council Officer?

County Council officers are involved in many different areas throughout the county. These youth assist with the planning and putting on of County Camp, Club Officer Training, and the County Banquet. These students also assist with other events throughout the year, like club programs, the Christmas Party, and Enrollment Night. Being a County Council Officer is not only a great honor, it is a life experience that will help you further your leadership and team work skills.

Who can be a County Council Officer?

Any Intermediate (6th-8th grader) or Senior (9th-12th grader) 4-H member who has been in 4-H for at least one year. To be Chair, 1st Vice Chair, or District Delegate, you must be a Senior 4-H member (9th-12th grade)

How do I sign up?

The process will be the same as last year. Each candidate will fill out an application, participate in an interview, and then give a 2 minute speech to the council membership. The council membership will vote at the May meeting to elect the best person to serve in each officer position. Officers will be announced following the vote.

UPCOMING EVENTS

County Roundup:

Entries due April 13

Dog Project :

No dog Project

State Fair Tags:

April 10th deadline

County Council Appli- cations:

Due April 18th

D-8 Horse Judging:

April 1st entry dead-
line

Horse Validation:

Deadline is April 30th

County Roundup

April 13, 2017

Ellis County Extension Office

- * Educational Presentations
- * Public Speaking
- * Share The Fun

For a list of Educational Presentation Categories or Share The Fun rules and guidelines go to the District 8 Website at <http://agrilife.org/d84h/events-and-activities/roundup/>

District 8 Roundup will be May 6th at Riesel High School in Riesel, TX. 4-H Connect Entry deadline is March 29th .

State Fair Tags:

If you are showing lambs, goats, or pigs at the State Fair, I need your tag order and money no later than April 10th. (Forms are in the office.)

County Council:

Applications are out! I sent an email out last week with all the details about the council. If you are interested in applying to be an officer, please make sure you get your application filled out and turned in by May 1st.

County Roundup:

County Roundup will be held April 13th at 4:30 (location TBD). This contest will showcase the talents of our Public Speakers, Educational Presentations, and Share-the-Fun participants. (Registration form is attached). **Deadline to enter is April 13th**, at the Extension Office.

Ellis County Youth Expo Concession Stand:

We will once again have a day to work the concession stand at the County Show. Our day will be on Thursday, April 7th. You can sign up for a shift here: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0B48A5AE2FA31-ellis3

Horse-Validation & Judging:

If you plan to participate in the Horse Show in June, you will need to validate your horses online. This must be done by April 30th. You can do this via 4-H Connect. District Horse Judging will be April 30th in College Station. If your team plans to participate, you must be registered by April 1st (via 4-H Connect).

Thoughts For The Month

With Megan



Busybody or Busy Body

I don't know about you, but for me it seems like there are more and more 'activities' happening on a day-to-day basis, compared to when I was growing up. It seems like for today's youth, we have baseball/softball, soccer, karate, music lessons, dance, swimming, 4-H/FFA, crafting class, speech, art lessons, and so much more that happens on a daily/weekly basis. There seems to be more options for our youth to be involved in. Is being involved in so many different things a bad thing? Absolutely not! In my opinion, getting our youth involved in extra-curricular activities is an awesome thing (especially 4-H). My concern comes when we have so many activities happening that our youth have no time to just be kids. When do we say enough is enough and just let them run around outside, play with friends, or sit and read a book? Do we make them choose one activity over another? I have no answers for this. What I tell parents who ask about attending 4-H activities, is to do what best fits your time schedule. What is going to be best for your family? If you want 100 activities for your child, great! If not, that's great too! My point with this is to be **purposeful** in choosing where we spend our time. Let's discuss that statement a bit.

Purpose is defined as *the reason for which something is done* (Webster's Dictionary). When we become overly busy, we sometimes tend to forget what the purpose of those activities is. Socrates said, "Beware of the bareness of a busy life." We can be busy but not intentional or fulfilled what we are doing. Sometimes there is more fulfillment in the quiet (Dr. Courtney Dodd, Texas 4-H). When planning out what to put on your schedule, ask yourself, "Is this activity going to be fulfilling? Does this activity have a purpose?" When we stop to ask these questions, I can almost guarantee that our schedules will free up a bit. I know mine will.

The other part of this discussion is all of the rushing that we do. (Note: I am completely guilty of this!) I spend a good amount of time traveling the roads of Ellis County and throughout the State of Texas. The thing I notice most is how fast we all tend to drive. One day, while traveling to a 4-H meeting, I was almost run off the road by a person driving insatiably fast. What is the purpose of that? How often are we driving down the road, in a rush, and pass someone only to end up right next to them at the red light?

Now, this discussion is not intended to point fingers at anyone (believe me, I would have way more pointing right back at me), or to say what you are doing is wrong. It is to get you to think about where you spend your time and what you put your energy into. It is intended to have you ask those questions, "Is it purposeful? Is it fulfilling?" I'll leave you with this, Henry David Thoreau said, "It is not enough to be busy. So, are the ants. The question is: What are we busy about?"

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<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCUm10LmlaZin8TI4Ef6P4Zw>

CLUB INFO 2016-2017

**ALL 4-HIM
4-H CLUB**

**3RD FRIDAY OF THE
MONTH**

**5:00PM
COWBOY CHURCH OF ELLIS
COUNTY**

CLUB MANAGERS: TEASDALE & DAVID RAGSDALE



All-4-Him

Congratulations to all of our members who competed in the Ellis County Photography Contest!

Cameron Ragsdale 1st Place Animals-Wildlife

David Ragsdale, Jr. 1st Place Animals-Domestic

Suzy Ragsdale 1st Place Dominant Color

Justin Chomicki 5th Place Animals-Domestic

Christian Kraemer 4th Place Animals-Domestic, 1st Place Catch-all, 3rd Place Plant/Flora

Kara Kraemer 1st Place Animals-Domestic, 2nd Place Animals-Domestic, 2nd Place Animals-Wildlife, 2nd Place Catch-all, 2nd Place Details & Macro, 1st Place Marine/aquatic, 1st Place People, 1st Place Storyboard



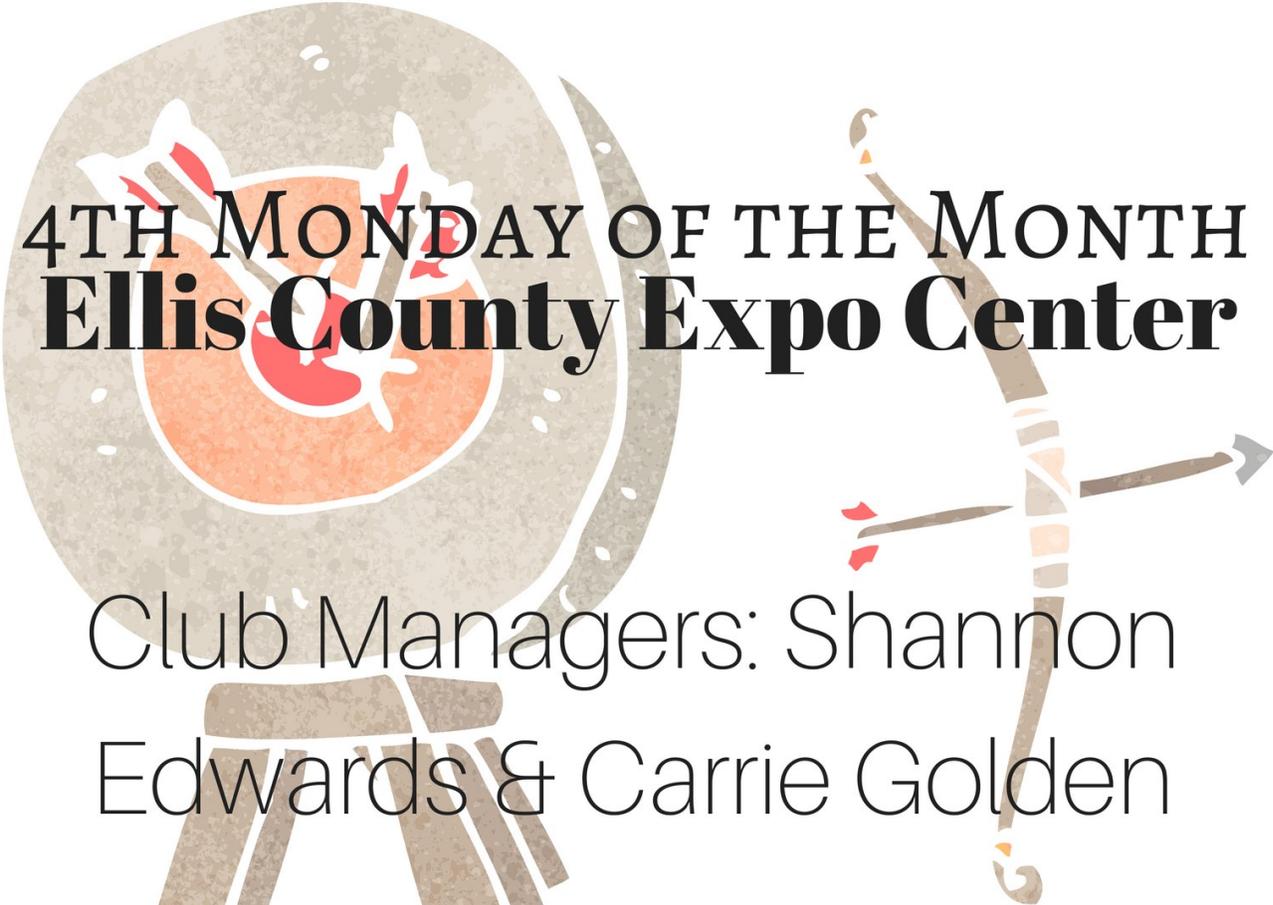
All-4-Him



David Ragsdale, Jr. gave his Intermediate Project Presentation on Programming the EV3

*Suzy Ragsdale
Reporter &
Photographer*

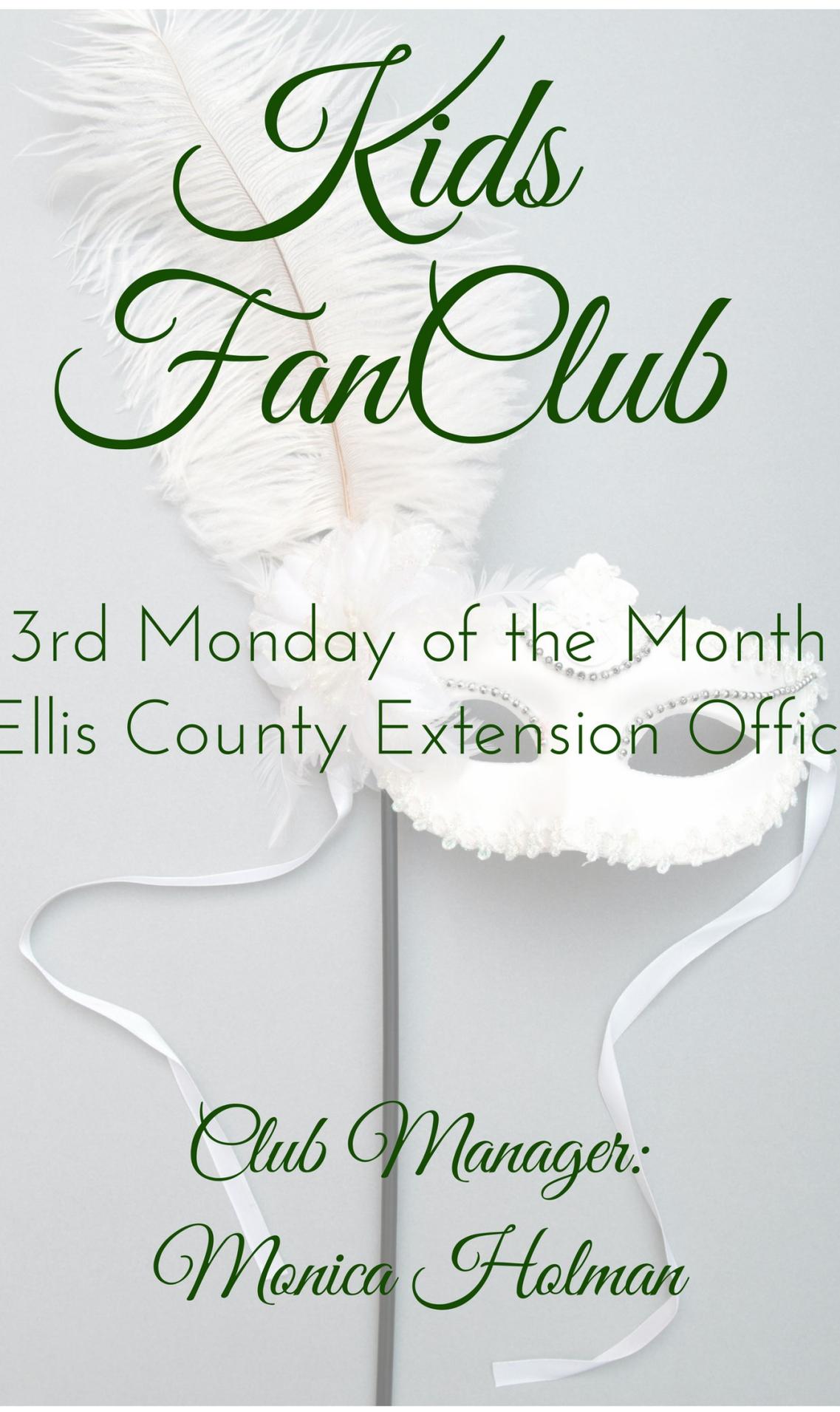
ELLIS SHOOTING SPORTS



4TH MONDAY OF THE MONTH
Ellis County Expo Center

Club Managers: Shannon
Edwards & Carrie Golden

**PRACTICE
MAKES
PERFECT**



Kids Fan Club

3rd Monday of the Month
Ellis County Extension Office

*Club Manager:
Monica Holman*



Clover Kids

4th Thursday of the month
ELLIS COUNTY EXTENSION
OFFICE

**Kindergarten-2nd
grade**

Club Manager:
Angela Nixon

Livestock 4-H

Ellis County

3rd Monday of the month
Ellis County Expo Center

CLUB MANAGERS: HEATHER
DINEEN, MELISSA LEHEW, &
DAVI BRYCE

The Livestock 4-H Club met on March 20, 2017 at 6:30 p.m. at the Ellis County Expo. In New Business we discuss several upcoming events. Setup for the Ellis County Youth Expo will be on March 25th. The Ellis County Youth Expo Banquet will be May 5th. Setup for the Ellis County Youth Expo will be on March 25th. County Roundup is April 13th. Everyone was encouraged to participate in the Ellis County Youth Expo Creative Arts competition.

Livestock 4-H Club

March 20, 2017



Kyle Brown led the club in a Creative Arts program and taught us how to make Cream Cheese Stuffed Strawberries. They were delicious!



By Cade Ferry

ENNIS

4-H

1ST TUESDAY

CENTRAL HIGH VOL.
FIRE DEPT

CLUB MANAGERS: KAREN
ANTHONY & SHERYL HONZA

Springlake 4-H

Ellis County

1st Monday of the month
MANSFIELD PUBLIC LIBRARY

**Club Managers: Melinda
Craig & Shelley Blaser**

Ennis  *Archery*
4-H Club

**3rd Tuesday
of the month**

Lummus Intermediate
School-Ennis (4:30 pm)



Club Managers:
Lana & Ryan
McCabe



Arts 4-His Honor



First United Methodist Church
600 Daubitz Dr, Red Oak



CLUB MANAGERS: JENNIFER
CARR & ALISHA PINNEY



**1ST TUESDAY OF THE
MONTH**

4-H Horses



Silver Spurs 4-H Horse Club

2nd Sundays
4 pm

Flying Dollar Ranch

230 Chambers Drive, Italy, Texas

*All Ellis County youth horse enthusiasts
are welcome to join us! Learn by doing!*

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ACTIVITIES:

HORSE JUDGING:

Learn how to evaluate horse confirmation, movement and judge horse show events. We compete at all 4-H events and major stock shows.

QUIZ BOWL:

It's a like a game show but all questions are about horses! Compete against other clubs throughout the year.

HORSE COMPETITIONS:

4-H'ers must own a horse to compete at District and State levels. Events include halter, western pleasure, horsemanship, hunter under saddle, over fences, stock horse, roping, cowhorse, poles, barrels and more! Also futurity and derby programs are available for youth who can train their own young horse.

HIPPOLOGY:

This is the study of everything horse from hands on basics, equipment, breeds, judging and more.

SILVER SPURS ARE STATE CHAMPIONS!

PUBLIC SPEAKING:

Horse project kids are encouraged to share their horse knowledge through public speaking and educational presentations through the 4-H contest, but also to our club and other local outlets.

DRILL TEAM:

NEW for Ellis County! Drill team is a series of maneuvers on horseback to music. 4-H offers competition in this area at the state level. Our goal is to get a team started in this county!

PETTIGREW ACADEMY

End of the Year Event

WHEN

May 19
6:50 PM – 10:00 PM

WHERE

Woman's Building

407 W. Jefferson Street, Waxahachie, 75165

FEATURING · Pettigrew Singers 6:50 during seating,
please enter quietly, doors open at 6:35

8th grade graduation promptly at 7 PM

Special recognitions

Sock Hop 8-10 PM

Fox Family Band

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR A FUN
EVENING.**

1950'S ATTIRE OPTIONAL

**ALL AGES
ALL
WELCOME**

Please RSVP
pettigrewacademy@aol.com

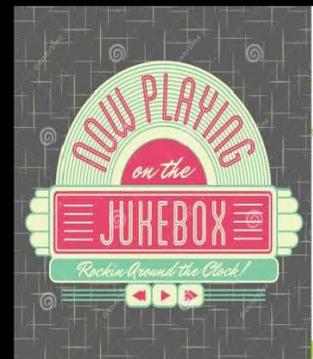
GRADUATES

Claire Davis
Lola Howard
Max Moody

Special Recognition

Mr. Walter Friis
10 YEARS Volunteer

Mr. Edson Morales
Global High Senior
Martha Westbrook
Volunteer Scholarship





PETTIGREW ACADEMY

3rd Thursday of the Month @ 3:15



PETTIGREW ACADEMY
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W A X A H A C H I E

Mark Your Calendar

- ⇒ **April 1**—District Horse Judging
- ⇒ **April 2-3**— Ellis County Youth Expo
- ⇒ **April 7**— A Day In The Ring
- ⇒ **April 10**—State Fair Tags Deadline
- ⇒ **April 11**—District Fashion Show-Belton
- ⇒ **April 13**— County Roundup
- ⇒ **April 14**—District Rifle Entry Due
- ⇒ **April 18**—County Council Applications Due
- ⇒ **April 21**—District Entomology, Ag ID
- ⇒ **April 22**—District Livestock Judging
- ⇒ **April 29**—District Rifle
- ⇒ **April 30**—Horse Validation Deadline
- ⇒ **May 1**—Adult Leaders and County Council Meeting

April 2017

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | | | | | | 1 District Horse Judging |
| 2 ELLIS COUNTY YOUTH EX- | 3 Springlake 4-H | 4 Arts for HIS Honor Ennis 4-H | 5 | 6 | 7 A Day in the Ring | 8 |
| 9 Silver Spurs | 10 | 11 Dist. Fashion Show-Belton | 12 | 13 County Roundup | 14 District Rifle Entry Due | 15 |
| 16 | 17 Livestock 4-H Kids FAN Club | 18 | 19 | 20 Pettigrew 4-H ENTOMOLOGY 6:15 | 21 All 4-H Dist. Entomology, Ag ID | 22 District Live-stock Judging |
| 23 | 24 Shooting Sports | 25 | 26 | 27 Clover Kids | 28 | 29 District Rifle |
| 30 | | | | | | |

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