WELCOME!
MacKenzie Thornburg will join the Midway District Staff as summer help!
MacKenzie has completed her freshman year at Fort Hays State University and is majoring in Agronomy. She was a Barton County 4-H member. We are excited to have her helping us out to prepare for fairs and learn about extension. Please be sure to introduce yourself to her if you see her in the office or at the fair!

When things go wrong as they sometimes will and the road your trudging seems all uphill...

The poem “Don’t Quit” by Edgar A. Guest is one that reminds us that we may face challenges and frustrations as we go through life. Remember that mistakes happen and humans are not infallible. Here are a couple things to consider as we face challenges or when “things go wrong”

1. **Remind yourself what it’s all about.** People will come and people will go, but the organization for which you’re working, and those served by it, will always be there, needing your help.
2. **Step back and consider the big picture.** How does what went wrong fit into the overall scheme of things? When you put the problem into perspective, it will likely diminish.
3. **Think of the consequences of giving up.** Do you really want to cut ties with a worthwhile cause? You obviously believed in it enough to become involved. Imagine all of the benefits you will be missing out on.
4. **Rise above it.** Think about others who have risen above difficulties. Think about the admiration you hold for those who persevere in spite of adversity. They did it; so can you.
Ellsworth Area Clubs

PRE-ENTRIES for 2015 Fair

Pre-Entry packets will be available in the extension office for each family. You will be notified when they are ready for pick up (No later than Friday, June 5th) We will place them in your club mailboxes for your leaders if you are unable to come in to pick yours up. Pre-entries will be due back in the office no later than 5:00 p.m. on Monday, June 29th!

New! If you are exhibiting a market steer and plan to participate in the carcass show this year, you will need to pre-enter in the carcass show class! You will designate which animal will be entered in the show at the same time you turn in “Intent-To-Sell” at the fair!

*Late entries will be assessed a late fee of $2.00 per entry. This includes Style Revue cost and narration sheets (the Style Revue Entry is NOT complete without the narration sheet and entry card).

Any questions? Give us a call!

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Note from Rodney at Ellsworth Packing:

If you would like slots for any animals after the fair, please call to reserve your spots. He does have the list of steers weighed in and will reserve a spot for ONE beef animal per exhibitor for the carcass show should the youth choose to participate in that!

Please call him ASAP if you need slots for other processing after the Ellsworth Fair this year! (785)472-4177

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2015 Ellsworth Open Class Tag-Along Show

Exhibitors ages 5 & 6 as of January 1, 2015 are allowed to participate in the Tag-Along Livestock Show at the 2015 Ellsworth County Fair. The following classes are available:

- Bucket Calf
- Goat
- Hog
- Horse
- Sheep

Pre-Entry for this open class should be returned to the extension office by June 29th

All animals must be in exhibitor’s possession by May 1. One entry per species allowed. Animals (excluding horse) are allowed but not required to participate in the Small Animal weigh-in for a weight for their personal records on Thursday, April 30th 4pm to 7pm at the Ellsworth Co. Fairgrounds

All Tag-Along entries (excluding horse) cannot be shown in the 4-H portion of the fair.*

* This means that a tag-along animal must be owned by the individual 5 or 6 year old showing it. This year we will not be able to allow youth to show animals that they do not own (with the exception of horse). Keep in mind this is a “bridge” year between the change from Cloverbud shows in the past and the future of the Fair Assn holding this show!

**The term Tag-Along is not to be mistaken for the term Cloverbud.

If you have any questions about the Tag-Along Show this year, you may contact Nicolette and she will help direct them. This is a positive alternative for not being able to have the Cloverbud show, let’s be glad we have some awesome volunteers willing to take this on!
Ellsworth County Fair Schedule

**SUNDAY, JULY 12**
- 4-H Public Style Revue, Ellsworth Presbyterian Church, 5:30pm

**MONDAY, JULY 13**
- 4-H Horse Show, El-Kan Arena, 6pm

**TUESDAY, JULY 14**
- Check-in Open Class Exhibits, Ellsworth Armory, 7-9pm

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 15**
- Check-in Open Class Exhibits, Ellsworth Armory,
- 8:30am — 4-H Bake Sale, Ellsworth Armory,
- 1:00 pm — Open Class and 4-H Exhibits on Display, after 2pm
- 5:30pm — Sheep and Goat Show, Open Class Tag-A-Long followed by 4-H, Shepherd’s Lead Contest, following Sheep and Goat Shows
- 4-H Rocket Launch, Baseball Fields, following Shepherd’s Lead Contest

**THURSDAY, JULY 16**
- 8am — Swine Show, Open Class Tag-A-Long followed by 4-H
- 5:30pm — Beef Show, Open Class Tag-A-Long followed by 4-H

**FRIDAY, JULY 17**
- 5:15pm — 4-H Round Robin Showmanship
- 8:00 pm — 4-H Premium Auction
- 8:30pm Open Class and 4-H Exhibits Released

**FULL Schedule for 4-H Families will be in Pre-Entry Packets!**

**Open Class Fair:**
**Something for Everyone!**
- Foods: breads, pies, cookies, cakes
- Food Preservation: jelly, pickles, meat, salsa, vegetables
- Wearing Apparel: jacket, kids, dress
- Needlework: quilts, rugs, crochet, knit, cross stitch
- Horticulture: vegetables, fruits, BIGGEST
- Crops: wheat, sunflower, alfalfa
- Arts & Crafts: painting, jewelry, pencil, ceramics, crayon
- Woodworking: carving, furniture, toys
- Floriculture: arrangements, potted, single flowers
- Photography: color, black & white, cell phone, selfie

**NEW THIS YEAR:** Tag-A-Long Livestock Shows for 5 and 6 year olds

**Basic Open Class Rules:**
1) Exhibitors will register as Junior (age 5-14), Senior (age 15+), or Professional (anyone who has sold a product related to that division).
2) Exhibits can be made as part of a project with a school or other organization.
3) Only 3 ribbons will be awarded in each class, 1st, 2nd and 3rd. Award money will be given to the top 3 placers as well.

For more information about entering in Open Class, pick up a Fair Book at the Midway District Extension Office, located in the basement of the Ellsworth Courthouse.

Don’t Forget:
Monday, June 8th
6:30- 4-H Fairboard Meeting
7:30– 4-H Council Meeting

If you have agenda items PLEASE let Nicolette know so she makes sure to include it in our discussion!
**REMEMBER:** It’s still my first year so I need YOUR help to make sure we don’t miss anything!

THANK YOU to everyone who helped raise funds for the 2015 Fair.

Be sure when you are out in the community to actively thank those who sponsored our program! We couldn’t do it without their support!
Russell Junior Leaders Hold Mini-Discovery Days

On May 22nd, the Russell Junior Leaders held a Mini-Discovery Days for youth in 3rd through 5th grade. The group organized 5 stations for the youth to work through.

- Gardening
- Swine
- Arts and Crafts
- Healthy Snacks
- Exploring 4-H

28 youth attended the event. 10 were non-4-H members who had the opportunity to learn about what 4-H can offer them. 4-H members had the chance to learn about what other projects they could get involved in or what they could do further in their projects!

Congratulations on a great event!

THANK YOU to all who made this event possible!

Volunteers who helped the day of the event:
Lisa Moubry
Jordan Moubry
Tiffinie Mai
Gale Pospichal
Beth Pfeifer
Rhonda Haberer
And all of the Junior Leader team and parents that assisted behind the curtains!
Russell Area Clubs

Russell County Free Fair
July 21-24, 2015
Russell County Fairgrounds

Sunday, July 12 — 1:30 pm 4-H Public Style Revue, Lucas Community Theater
Friday, July 17 — 8:00 am Dog Show, Swine Arena
Sunday, July 19 — 9:00 am Open Class Horse Show, Outdoor Horse Arena
Monday, July 20 — 6:00 pm 4-H Horse Show, Outdoor Horse Arena
Tuesday, July 21 — 12:00 pm Exhibits on Display, 4-H Building
— 6:30pm 4-H Goat Show, Sheep Show & Shepherds Lead, Show Arena
Wednesday, July 22 — 8:30am Swine Show, Show Arena
— 6:30pm Bucket Calf Show & Beef Show, Show Arena
Thursday, July 23 — 5:00 pm 4-H Promotional Booth at Tractor Pull
Friday, July 24 — 10:00 am Round Robin
— 7:00 pm Livestock Sale, Show Arena
Saturday, July 25 — Release of Exhibits

Nightly Entertainment throughout the Fairgrounds – complete schedule to be published in the Russell County News and at www.russellfair.org

** Complete 4-H Family Schedule to be available soon!!**

Horse Practices:

**Class 1- June 10**
Horse Safety & Saddling 101
Please bring horse and tack

**Class 2- June 17**
Arena Etiquette & Horse Behavior/Signs
Bring your horse and tack

**Class 3- June 24**
Practice classes: Showmanship at halter
Trail class Introduction

**Class 4- July 1**
Practice topics TBD
Focus on preparing for local Horse Show

Jodi Wolfe will be offering these practices as a volunteer. If you are interested in participating or would like to help her (Older 4-H Members!!!) Please give us a call and let us know. Practices will be held at the Russell Fairgrounds and times will be announced!

Food Stand Preference Sheets

Don’t forget to fill out your food stand preference sheets and return them to your food stand coordinator or the extension office! These are due June 15th!

The Food Stand Scheduling committee will be meeting on June 18th to schedule all the work times! Please be sure to share any special needs your family may have with your food stand coordinator before this meeting!

These work times will be published in the July 4-H Update.

Poultry Meetings

Cathy Berry held a poultry meeting on May 23 at the 4-H Building. She plans to hold a few more before the fair to help youth prepare for showing their poultry.

Please keep checking your emails for updates about upcoming meetings!

June 4-H Update
**Midway District**

**SPIN Clubs**
As I go to visit clubs we are discussing the Expansion Grant: Growing Kansas Leaders that the Midway District 4-H program received this last October! This is a three year grant program that aims to include more of our youth in 4-H programming. It offers the opportunity to “pilot” or to experiment with SPIN Clubs. **SPIN** stands for **SP**ecial **IN**terest Clubs. These can be anything a volunteer looking to work with youth would be interested in sharing OR anything a 4-H member or other youth in our community would be interested in learning about! We encourage you to think outside of the traditional ‘4-H project’ box when we are exploring what we could branch out into! SPIN Club members would be consider 4-H members. The requirements for a SPIN club are:

- Volunteer Screened adult to act as a positive adult mentor to the youth in the club
- Mastery of a Skill: working toward learning something through the experiential learning model
- 6 hours of direct learning contact (ideally one hour class each week for 6 weeks) It could take any form of 6 hours!
- Recite the 4-H pledge
- Culminating Event (Graduation, Exhibition, Exhibit at Fair, etc.)

Please be on the lookout for these clubs and opportunities and know that you are very welcome to join ANY SPIN club you have interest in! Tell your friends and invite them to join as well! More information will be available as we have it!

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**KANSAS 4-H DOG SHOWS HEALTH ADVISORY**
You may have read about the current outbreaks of canine influenza that are an H3N3 strain. The previous strain was H3N8. This has not previously been a problem in the Midwest, so most dogs have not been vaccinated. At this point there is no evidence of any protection against the current outbreak strain by vaccinating with the available vaccine. Current best management practices would encourage avoiding dog parks and doggy daycare especially, because co-mingling of dogs allows for the rapid spread of disease. Dogs under one-year-old and older dogs (especially those with concurrent health issues) seem to be most at risk.

Families at this point should not be afraid to attend shows, but it is recommended to exercise caution by avoiding unnecessary contact with other dogs. Keep dogs crated when they are not being shown. Also remember that human hand hygiene is an important factor as the virus could also be transmitted between dogs by humans. (These comments and best management practices are from a practicing DVM in the State of Kansas). For questions or comments, contact Deryl Waldren, 785-462-6281, dwaldren@ksu.edu.

**Waldren**

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**Generation Change**
Financial Literacy SPIN Program
JH Robbins Memorial Library will host a program that will teach high-school aged youth about managing your money. “Learn to take control of your money, so it doesn’t control you!” Class will begin Wednesday, June 10th at 10 a.m. (Class times for following sessions will be set at this time)

ALL youth in high-school are invited to attend! You DO NOT have to be enrolled in 4-H to participate in this program!

Any questions? Call Nicolette at the office or Colleen Sippel at the Library (785)472-3969.

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**Foundations of Personal Finance**
Financial Literacy SPIN Program
Russell Public Library will host a program that will teach youth in Middle School and High School about smart money management!
Topics covered will be:
- Saving and Budgeting
- Credit vs. Debit
- Careers
- Bargain Shopping
- Income and Taxes
- Life after High School

Program will run Tuesdays from June 16-July 14 from 1:00-3:00 pm

To register please visit: www.russellpubliclibrary.com
Or stop by the library to pick up a registration form!
Where’s Nicolette?!
As Midway District 4-H Agent, my responsibilities include facilitating both Ellsworth and Russell 4-H programs and assisting the volunteers of the organizations within the Midway District! If you have questions or need to visit with me and I’m not available in your respective office, give me a call or shoot me an email! I’m happy to set up appointments or discuss any questions you may have over the phone. Don’t hesitate to ask!

International 4-H Exchange Hosts Needed!
The State 4-H office is still in need of hosts for teenage Japanese boys and several European adult delegates this summer! If you think this could be something your family could be interested in and would like more information please visit: http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=586 or contact Mary Kay Munson at munson@ksbroadband.net.

Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp:
We are VERY excited for the 26 campers we have attending Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp June 21-24.

Please be looking for your camp guide to be coming to your house to prep for your awesome camping experience!

The camp guide will include very important information about what to pack and when we will be leaving and returning for camp!!

If you have questions, give the office a call and help you answer them!

Have a newsletter submission???
Please send any newsletter submissions to Nicolette by the 3rd Monday of the month to have your information featured in the Midway District 4-H Update!
Please send them to nunruh@ksu.edu

** These are upcoming local/area/state events that many people would have interest in**

Save the Date

**NWYLF**
June 17
Hays, KS

**Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp**
June 21-24
Rock Springs Ranch

**NCDHS**
June 30-July 1
Salina

**Ellsworth Co. Fair**
July 12-18

**Russell Co. Free Fair**
July 17-25

**KS Livestock Sweepstakes**
August 22-23
Manhattan, KS

**Kansas Wheat Expo**
August 6, Hays, KS

**Jim Cain: Leadership Games**
August 28-29
Hays, KS

**Kansas State Fair**
Sept. 11-20
Hutchinson, KS

**KJLS**
Oct. 2-4
Hutchinson, KS
Photo Contest!

The Nex-Tech Directory is hosting a photo contest! One lucky winner will have their photo gracing the cover of the 2016 Nex-Tech Directory Northwest Kansas and win $300. The contest will run June 1, 2015 – August 31, 2015. Photos will be judged based on creativity, composition and representation of the area which the Nex-Tech Directory Northwest Kansas serves. For rules and guidelines, and to upload your photo go to www.nex-tech.com/coverphoto

Midway District Shooting Sports Club

The Midway District Shooting Sports Club meets on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 2:00 p.m. For more information on meeting dates and times please contact the coordinators and instructors.

If you would like additional information please contact Tim Hays, coordinator (firedog73@ymail.com) or Nicolette, 4-H Agent (nunruh@ksu.edu)

Interested in serving as a certified instructor? Please contact Nicolette or Tim to get more information about how you can make a positive impact on youth today!

Got Big News to Share with the World???

The High Plains Journal would love to share your story in the online editions. They have a special 4-H Section in the online edition! You may submit photos from a 4-H Club meeting or community service project, an individual project that you are working on, or anything related to your work in 4-H! The editor at the Journal would love to have your submissions!

This would be a great opportunity for something to put in your record book for reaching a wider audience!

Please email any stories and pictures (make sure you give credit to who took the photo and a caption!) to: journal@hpj.com

Power of Positive Attitude

We will offer a class through the Kansas Works office out of has on the Power of a Positive Attitude. This is part of their career readiness series and will best suit 4-H and non members 8th grade and up, BUT all are welcome to join! More information to come, SAVE THE DATES:

Monday, June 15th, 4:00-5:00pm
Russell 4-H Building, South Room

Tuesday, June 16th, 4:00-5:00pm
Location JH Robbins Memorial Library (Ellsworth, KS)

After Fair Meetings Scheduled

We will again offer an opportunity to gather input from 4-H families following the fair at an After-Fair Meeting!

The Fair Follow-Up Meetings will be held in August, we encourage you to email any suggestions to Nicolette or share with an attending member of your club PRIOR to the meeting to be discussed and shared!

Monday, August 10: Ellsworth
After Fair Meeting 6:30 p.m.
(EW Courthouse)

Tuesday, August 11: Russell
After Fair Meeting 6:30 p.m.
(Russell 4-H Building)

*Remember this is an opportunity to share constructive criticism! We will be open to any suggested solutions to problems that were faced at the fairs!
KAP/RECORDBOOK Workshop!

Nicolette will be holding a KAP/Recordbook Workshop Sessions. These sessions will touch on all areas of the KAP and Recordkeeping Tips. We will FOCUS on goal setting and utilizing the Permanent Record! You may attend any of the sessions at any location! (This is true for all events and activities, just because you 4-H with a Russell area Club doesn't mean you can't attend an Ellsworth session of something and vice versa! If you aren't sure never be afraid to just ask!)

Be sure to bring something to take notes on and a writing utensil. You may bring your current recordbook or a project you think you may be able to apply some of the tools we will learn that day with you!

Please RSVP at: http://goo.gl/forms/LV2wKXabyJ

Dates and Locations:

Monday, June 8th
4:30pm-6:30pm
Ellsworth Courthouse Meeting Room

Tuesday, June 9th
4:30pm-6:30pm
Russell 4-H Building*

*Tentatively

MINIMUM of 5 participants at a location to hold the session!

Entomology Members:

Please let us know if you are in need of pins for your entomology projects! We do have some pins on hand in the Ellsworth office, but would need to order more for you if you need a large quantity! Just let us know and they can be shipped quickly.

Just remember to plan ahead for fair time so you are not getting pins at the last minute!

Questions? Give us a call and we can help!

Livestock Information:

June 15th: Small Animal nomination and declarations due* (Goats, Sheep, Swine) and Commercial Heifers *To State 4-H Office
Registered Breeding Heifers only require a show entry and must be in exhibitor’s name by June 15th!

Nominations may be signed by any extension agent. They do require an agent signature prior to sending to the state 4-H office! If you have questions, contact Nicolette, 4-H agent or Dusti, Livestock agent!

Volunteers:

The 4-H organization is founded on the relationships of positive adult mentors and their youth counterparts. We hope that any volunteer that passes volunteer screening requirements will be able to work with youth in an area of their knowledge and interest in sharing that with the next generation.

We hope to work with any volunteers that we can to allow the most youth to have learning opportunities in a variety of delivery methods and timeframes.

If you would like to volunteer or have any questions about why or how volunteers begin to work with you please let Nicolette know!

It’s always good to provide options and we would like to give as many youth possible chances to learn about as many topics as we can!

Thanks for all you give to the 4-H program as current volunteers! We are very privileged to have such a great group of individuals working with our 4-H program and we hope we can continue to build our volunteer base and continue to work with those that are currently volunteering!
**Area/State Events**

**Northwest Youth Leadership Forum:**

**Wednesday, June 17th**

Come to the 9th Annual Northwest Area Youth & Leaders’ Forum and Day Camp (NWYLF) Training, Wednesday, June 17, 2015, at the K-State Ag Research Center in Hays, 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. The 2015 NWYLF theme is “There’s No Place Like 4-H”. Youth and adult participants will choose and attend two workshops from six offered. Cain Fouard, Central Kansas District 4-H alumnus will be the keynote speaker.

Registration is due Friday, June 12th. Cost is $15.00 with checks made payable to KSU. Registration form and participation form may be Faxed or scanned by the deadline with the check snail mailed. The NWYLF is open to any Kansas youth 12 and older, 4-H leaders, other community volunteers and Extension staff.

**Schedule for the Day:**

10:00 – Noon – Community Service Project  
Meet at site in Hays; check-in

12:15 p.m. – Lunch

1:15 p.m. – Welcome and Group Builder Adult Round Table – Downstairs meeting room

1:30 p.m. – Workshop 1 - Pick 1  
- Camp Counselor Survival Kit  
- Leadership Games  
- Tech Trunks

2:35 p.m. – “There’s No Place Like 4-H!” by Cain Fouard, Central Kansas District 4-H alumnus and former Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council member

3:30 p.m. – Break - Snack

3:45 p.m. – Workshop 2 - Pick 1  
- Speak Out  
- Social Media and You  
- True Colors

4:45 p.m. – Wrap up

4-H Summer Leadership Academy

McPherson County and Central Kansas District would like to invite 4-H members 12+ as well as Adult volunteers to join them on **Saturday, June 13** from 12:30-6:30 pm at K-State Salina campus in Salina, KS.

“Making your Dreams Come True” will be the theme of the afternoon and sessions will include:

Volunteers:
- What is Your True Color?
- Club Leaders
- Project Leaders
- Expanding Your Volunteering

Teen Leaders:
- What is Your True Color?
- Making the Most out of your 4-H Experiences
- Strengthening Your Leadership and Citizenship
- Day Camp Activities

There is a registration fee of $15 and registration will be available on May 1st and will CLOSE June 1st!  
[http://tinyurl.com/4HLeadershipAcademy](http://tinyurl.com/4HLeadershipAcademy)

Please contact the office if you have any questions and would like more information!

**Farm Service Agency Youth Loan Program**

The FSA Youth Loan Program is designed to help rural youth establish and operate an income-producing project of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H or FFA. The goal of the youth loan is to help youth develop an income-producing project that expands their knowledge of their projects and provides them with practical business knowledge. For example, funds may be used for fruit and vegetable production, purchase of 4-H market animals, breeding stock to start a small herd or flock, equipment for beekeeping, or to pay operating expenses for a project.

The FSA Youth Loan Program representatives are willing to work with 4-H youth and also have programs available to socially disadvantaged. For more information see the FSA Rural Youth Loan Fact Sheet: [http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/loanyouth.pdf](http://www.fsa.usda.gov/Internet/FSA_File/loanyouth.pdf)
Area/State Events

UPCOMING SHOWS, CLINICS and CONTESTS

**Horse:**

Logan County Invitational Horse Show  
Logan County Fairgrounds, Oakley, KS  
Saturday, June 20  
Entry fee $3.00 per class or 10 or more for $30  
Registration may be mailed early but day of registration will be accepted.

North Central District Horse Show  
Ag Hall, Salina, KS  
Wednesday, July 1st  
Registration due by June 1st (Online Form)  
More information follow link to registration form:  

**Clothing/Fashion Revue**  
Join us to enhance your knowledge of fashion revue with breakout sessions covering hair & makeup, accessories, how to care for garments, questions and answers with a judge, cost per wear, and coordinating colors in an outfit. You will also get to practice modeling! This event will have a $5 registration fee and will be held in Salina (location TBA) on June 13 from 9 a.m. until 12 p.m. To register, please go to http://www.centralkansas.ksu.edu.  
4-H Youth Development, Upcoming Events and Online Registration. Registration will be due online and the $5 registration fee will be due in either Extension Office by June 1.

**Crops:**

Kansas Wheat Expo  
The Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo is a wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat. Join us for the annual event on Thursday, August 6th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the K-State Ag Research Center Auditorium, 1232 240 Avenue, Hays, KS 67601. It is open to all 4-H family members, 4-H leaders and Extension staff. There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. There will be tours. There is a $5.00 per person registration cost.  
Pre-registration will be required by Friday, July 31st to ensure an accurate meal count and tour divisions. For more information about the wheat expo and to register beginning June 15, visit: http://www.kansas4-h.org/p.aspx?tabid=432.

**Dog:**

Central Kansas District Invitational  
Kenwood Hall, Salina, KS  
Sat. June 20th (9am Agility/RallyO; 12pm Obedience)  
Pre-Entry due June 9th ($8.00 per dog per class)

**Preparing for the fair and wondering…. CAN PROJECTS BE MADE AT SCHOOL?**

Concerned about managing time and resources? You might consider combining 4-H and school projects; however, a few guidelines must be considered before combining, as a definite “yes” or “no” cannot be given across the board for all projects. To legitimize the option of projects serving dual roles answer the following questions:

1. Will you plan ahead of time to correlate the projects for better use of time and money?  
2. Will the 4-H project you are enrolled in have a similar suggested learning requirement as your school class project?  
3. Will the project be a part of the suggested learning and/or requirements in both the 4-H project and school projects? If you can honestly answer YES to the above questions, then you can legitimize combining the two projects.

However… 1. If you wait to enroll in a 4-H project after the school project is completed and select a “project” that fits the completed school project…or 2. If you do no advanced planning but instead decide at the last minute to enter the completed school project at the fair because it’s done…then. . . the project is not considered eligible as a 4-H project. Take time now and pre-plan…it will save you from confusion in the end.
Leader’s Lounge

Keep in mind fair dates as you organize your meetings. Fairbooks should be available soon! We will make sure to put copies in your boxes as soon as they are available!

**RECRUITING FOR THE 2015-16 4-H YEAR**

Another 4-H year is quickly approaching...have you given any thought to preparing?

Lay the Foundation…
...get the 4-H Parents’ Committee together ...write down leadership tasks needed ...think about people who can do tasks ...decide who will call individuals

Put action into motion…
...ask personal contact or phone call ...stay positive as you may have to ask several people

Building the team…
...orient new leaders ...get 4-H materials ...encourage and mentor new leaders

Together we can help encourage new families to join the 4-H program! Ask Nicolette if you have ideas and need assistance putting them into action!

**REMEMBER**
__ To just ask if you need help: Nicolette can be reached through either office or by email: nunruh@ksu.edu

PROJECT LEADERS:
If you have a meeting you would like publicized or emailed out to your specific project members please let the office know! We will be happy to contact members about your meeting or put it in our 4-H Update!

Thanks for all you do!

Nicolette will be out of the office June 10-12 for a training and 20-24 for 4-H Camp. She will do her best to return calls and emails as she is able.

**Club Visits Scheduled**

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*Leaders if something changes with your meeting please let Nicolette know as soon as possible so we can work to re-schedule your club visit!

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Nicolette Office Days
Ellsworth:
June
5th
8th
16th
25th

**Keep in mind at times schedules must change last minute**

June 4-H Update
Midway District Calendar

June
1 — Registration due for North Central District Horse Show
2 — Extension Board Meeting 7:00 (EW Courthouse)
8 — EW 4-H Fairboard 6:30 pm (EW Courthouse)
— EW 4-H Council 7:30 pm (EW Courthouse)
10 — Financial Literacy SPIN 10am (JH Robbins Library)
12 — Registration due for NWYLF (in Hays)
15 — Kansas State Fair Livestock Small Animal and Commercial Heifers Nominations/Declarations Due!
— Registered Heifers must be in 4-Her’s name for KSF/KJLS
— State Horse Judging Contest Registration due
— Power of Positive Attitude Workshop (RS 4-H Bldg) 4-5pm
16 — Power of Positive Attitude Workshop (EW Library) 4-5pm
— Financial Literacy SPIN (Russell Public Library) 1-3pm
17 — Northwest Youth Leadership Forum— Hays, KS
20 — Camp Counselor Training—Rock Springs Ranch
21-24 — Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp— Rock Springs Ranch
29 — EW Pre-Entries due for EW 4-H Fair!

July
1 — North Central District Horse Show (Salina, KS)
3 — Offices Closed (Holiday)
6 — RS 4-H Council Meeting (Russell 4-H Building) 7:30pm
7 — Extension Board Meeting (Russell 4-H Building) 7:00pm
12 — RS Fashion Revue (Lucas Theatre) 1:30pm
— EW Fashion Revue (Presbyterian Church) 3:30pm
13-17 — Ellsworth County Fair (Ellsworth Fairgrounds)
20-24 — Russell County Free Fair (Russell Fairgrounds)
31 — Kansas Wheat Expo Registration due

RECORDBOOKS/KAPs and Achievement Pin Applications

Recordbooks and KAPs and achievement pin applications will be due on Monday, September 28th, no later than 5:00 pm in the extension office!
Don’t forget to work on these early!
Newsletter Submissions

Club and Project Leaders, if you have information regarding your club or project meeting that you would like in the newsletter please send in to Nicolette by the 3rd Monday of the Month!

Please submit any calendar items or newsworthy stories to: nunruh@ksu.edu with Subject Line: NEWSLETTER

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