New Faces in Midway District!

Michelle Beran, 4-H & Youth Development Agent, grew up in Wathena, Kansas. She attended K-State, living at Clio for two years, and holds a B.S. in Agricultural Communications and Journalism. She has spent the last 24 years in the banking and insurance industries and has been actively involved in the communities in which she worked. She currently serves as a director on the National Hereford Women’s board. Michelle and her husband, Craig, live in Northeastern Barton County where they are involved in the family ranching operation. She and Craig have two grown children, John and Bridget.

Liz Elmore, Ellsworth Office Professional, moved to Ellsworth about a year ago from Reno County. Her and her husband raise Kiko goats and are in the process of building a house in rural Ellsworth County.

Rachelle Bean, Summer Program Support, grew up in northeast Kansas. She attended K-State, and holds a degree in Animal Science. She lives in the Waldo area and helps her husband on their growing row crop operation.

IT’S FAIR TIME!!!

It’s here! Fair season! Remember as we approach fair time, that it’s about the experience and not about the placing. No matter what ribbon we receive or placing we get, there is always something learned from the experience!

Ellsworth Co. 4-H Fair: July 24-28
Russell Co. Free Fair: July 26-29 (Pre-Fair begins July 17 & 25)

The Midway District Staff will be working to help the fairs run smoothly along with the help of MANY volunteers! Thank you to EVERYONE who will work to make the fair and the activities possible!
Ellsworth Area Clubs

PRE-ENTRIES for 2016 Fair
The Pre-Entry deadline is July 8th. Any late entries will be assessed a late fee of $10.00 per entry! This includes Style Revue cost and narration sheets (the Style Revue Entry is NOT complete without the narration sheet and cost sheet).

New! If you are exhibiting a market animal and would like to participate in the ultrasound carcass evaluation, you will need to pre-enter in the ultrasound show class! You will designate which animal will be entered in the show at the time you check in your animals to the barn, no later than 9:30 am on Tuesday, July 26th!

Club Work Times/Clean-up Duties @ Fair
Don’t forget each club has assignments each day of the fair to keep the grounds clean!

Barn Duties:
  - County Liners, Elkhorn, Trying Tommies

Restrooms:
  - Clean Mirrors
  - Wipe Down Sink
  - Wipe Down Stools/Urinal
  - Flush Stools/Urinal
  - Refill Paper Towels
  - Refill Toilet Paper
  - Empty Trash
  - Sweep
  - Mop

Arena/Bleachers:
  - Pick Up Trash
  - Empty Trash Barrels
  - Sweep Bleachers
  - Wipe Down Picnic Tables

Armory Duties:
  - Ash Creek, Wilson Winners

  - Pick Up Trash
  - Empty Trash Barrels
  - Sweep Floor
  - Replace Missing Ribbons

Food Sale, Tuesday, July 26
Two members from each club are required to work the food sale as listed.
2:00-3:00 pm:
  - Ash Creek, County Liners, Wilson Winners
3:00-4:00 pm:
  - Elkhorn, Trying Tommies

On Thursday, July 28th, Clubs are assigned to monitor the Armory as “Door Sitters”

County Liners 9:00am-10:30am
Elkhorn 10:30am-12:00pm
Trying Tommies 12:00pm-1:30pm
Wilson Winners 1:30pm-3:00pm
Ash Creek 3:00pm-5:00pm

Superintendents Meeting
A meeting for all adult superintendents/division chairs will be held on July 13th at 7:00 pm at the Ellsworth Fairgrounds. With new Extension staff and the change to Ellsworth County Fair Association management of the fair it is imperative that everyone knows their responsibilities related to the superintendent role. Please attend to be up-to-date on how to mark placings and procedures to follow during and after judging. It is not necessary for youth superintendents to attend, unless they are chair of a division.

Fair Grounds Set-Up
Barn Set-Up - Monday July 25, 8:00 am
Armory Set-Up - Monday July 25, Noon
Assistance is needed from everyone to set-up efficient and smooth.

2016 Ellsworth Open Class Tag-Along Show
Exhibitors ages 5 & 6 as of January 1, 2016 are allowed to participate in the Tag-Along Livestock Show at the 2016 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 July 8th.
All animals must be in exhibitor’s possession by May 1. One entry per species allowed.
All Tag-Along entries may be shown in the 4-H portion of the fair. Exhibitors in this division planning to show an animal that is also pre-entered in the 4-H portion of the fair must obtain written permission from the owner to be eligible for Open Class Tag-Along pre-entry
If you have any questions about the Tag-Along Show this year, you may contact the Ellsworth Office and we will help direct them.
Ellsworth Area Clubs

**FAIR**

**4-H Office**
The 4-H Office at the Fair will be the Judging Room in the Armory. Here you will find:
- Stall Cards to pick up after Livestock Weigh-In
- Thank You Note Station for any awards you won (Please have notes completed prior to the Parade of Champions Friday @7pm)
- Kansas State Fair Entry Forms and information on what is eligible for State Fair
- Intent to Sell Forms and box to turn in (We hope to have these available at weigh-in, but availability will be no later than Wednesday 2:00 pm and DUE Wednesday 10:00 pm)
- Barn Sleep-Over Consent Forms (DUE: July 26th 5pm)
- Superintendents Boxes/Packets
(Class Breaking for Livestock will take place @ 2:00pm on Tuesday)

The Office will also host the Life Skills Judging Contest on Wednesday, July 27 @ 2pm. Please come and participate!

**Premium Auction: W-9’s Required**
W-9’s will be required by all 4-H members that sell items in the premium auction.

You will receive a W-9 with your intent to sell card. Please fill this out and return it to the office when you come to pick up your premium check. Checks will not be released without a completed W-9!

**Consultation Judging: Visual Arts, Foods, Photography**
You are invited to do consultation judging with ANY of your projects in the armory. Times for judging are listed in the schedule.

For Visual Arts, Foods and Photography: you will be asked to sign up for slots at the designated judging time. Sign-Up Posters will be posted on the doors of the 4-H Office/Judging Room in the Armory!

**Visual Arts Judging:** 1:30 pm, Monday, July 25
**Foods & Photography:** 9:00 am, Tuesday, July 26

You will have the opportunity to sign up for judging time slots. Please sign up for as many slots as you need. Ex: You brought 5 food items to be judged, put your name in 5 consecutive slots.

**Eagle Communications Fair Interviews**
Club leaders will be nominating TWO members from each 4-H Club to represent their club for the Fair interviews conducted by Eagle Communication TV. Please let your leader know if you are interested in being your club’s rep!

To get an idea of what these will be like you can watch here: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3yqJ8wxv0l](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3yqJ8wxv0l)

**After Fair Meeting 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 Michelle Beran or share with an attending member of your club PRIOR to the meeting to be discussed and shared!

**Monday, August 8:** Ellsworth After Fair Meeting 6:30 p.m. *(Ellsworth Golf Course Meeting Rom)*

*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!*

**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!
Russell Area Clubs

Club Duties for Fair Clean-Up/Set-Up
Thursday, July 21st, 6:00pm (unless noted differently)
Duties are rotated every 2 years. Clubs will rotate in 2018!
Bring Cleaning Supplies. NOTHING will be provided!

KITCHEN & FOOD STAND
Tane Heit
Fossil Creek 4-H Families
(4-H Building Exhibits when finished)
Takes Place: MONDAY, July 18
5:00 p.m.

Items to Bring: Mops, Brooms, and Cleaning Rags
Before Fair: Move freezers, refrigerator, pie case, steam table, etc. from store room to 4-H Food
Stand area. Set-up chairs and tables for Food Stand. Clean up Kitchen and Dining Area.
After Fair: Return Freezers, etc. to Store room, Clean kitchen and dining area. Return tables and
chairs.

4-H BUILDING EXHIBIT AREA
4-H Building Superintendents & Assistants
Wolf Creek Valley 4-H Families
(needs extra help from everyone)

Items to Bring: Rags, Scissors, tie wire, small tools, and vacuum cleaners. Large flatbed trailer to
haul needed items from Poultry Barn to 4-H Building.
Before Fair: Clean and arrange showcases and place paper on shelves. Assemble and place
booths and display shelves according to floor plan. Put up bulletin boards. Move miscellaneous items from
poultry barn if necessary.
After Fair: Bring Pick-ups and low trailers for returning equipment to poultry barn. Clean out showcases.
Remove shelves and place on bottom of showcases. Dismantle all display equipment and booths. Return
showcases to storeroom.

HOG BARN & WASH RACKS
Swine, Sheep, and Goat Superintendents & Assistants
Lone Star 4-H Families
(4-H Building when finished)

Items to Bring: Brooms, hoses, shovels, small tools, rags
Before Fair: Take out plugs in drains and store in hog barn office. Clean up and hose down hog
barn, restrooms, office, cattle washracks, and bleachers. Put light bulbs in hog barn and all other outside
bulbs of livestock barns/buildings (bulbs can be picked up from North Room)
After Fair: Clean up and hose down hog barn, restrooms, office, cattle wash racks and bleachers.
Replace plugs to drains. Take out all above mentioned light bulbs and store in the 4-H Building storage
room.

POULTRY RABBIT BARN
Poultry & Rabbit Superintendents & Assistants
Sunflower 4-H Families
(4-H Building when finished)

Items to Bring: Pliers, hammers, brooms, and shovels
Before Fair: Clean out planks, panels, etc. from poultry barn and set up crates. Clean Floor
After Fair: Suggest Poultry Barn be cleaned and prepared for storage prior to scheduled “Clean-Up
Time” perhaps after auction on Friday evening. Clean and hose down crates and replace for storage.

CATTLE & HORSE BARNS
Beef & Horse Superintendents
Big Creek 4-H Families
(4-H Building when finished)

Items to Bring: Rakes, brooms, pitch forks, shovels and small tools
Before Fair: Clean out stalls and put in lights. Clean out cattle barns. Sweep concrete alley and
rake sand as needed. Place trash barrels around livestock building area.
After Fair: Clean out horse stalls and remove and store neon light tubes. Clean out and take sand
in cattle barns. Sweep Alley. Return trash barrels to storage in cattle barns.

GROUNDS CLEAN UP
ALL 4-H MEMBERS
Garbage bags are available at the 4-H building, you need to wear gloves. After fair, pick up all trash on the
grounds and put in garbage bags, place in dumpster south of 4-H building.

*Bleacher/Arena Area— Wolf Creek Valley
*South of Horse Barn to Park— Fossil Creek & Big Creek
*North of 4-H Building and Armory— Sunflower
*East & South of 4-H Building— Lone Star
Food Stand Notes:
Food Stand Shift Schedules are included as an insert to the Newsletter. Please keep in mind that working the food stand makes 4-H members eligible for event scholarships for the following 4-H year! It’s important that you show up or find a replacement for your scheduled shift!

Each family is required to bring THREE (3) homemade pies or cheesecakes (NOT CAKES, BROWNIES, ETC.) These must be brought when you report for your shift (9:00 am or 4:00 pm)
*** It is VERY important that you make or bring homemade baked goods!

REMEMBER, this is the only fundraiser 4-H Council currently does and it funds our 4-H activities for the whole year!
Homemade pies can be purchased from:
  Made From Scratch, Wilson, 785-658-3300
  Shari Paget, 785-483-1916
  Margaret Reeves, 483-2101

Fair Superintendents & Assistants
You will find the list of fair superintendents and assistants enclosed in the newsletter as an insert. Please read the general rules in your 2016 Fairbook!
*** We still need your help!!! If you have helped previously, but are not on a list, it’s not because you aren’t wanted!! IF you are willing to help, please plan to come to the event that you can help with (show, check-in, judging, release) We didn’t want to count you out but didn’t want to force you to help either! Thanks for your continued support!!!

Superintendents & Assistants, THANK YOU in advance for the time that you spend helping with the Fair. Please plan to help with release of exhibits as well as check in if you are able!

Livestock Weigh-In
Tuesday, July 26th (8am-11am)
Beef– Beef entries will weigh in at the Russell Sale Barn! This includes all bucket calves and 2nd year Bucket Calves.
Small Animals– Swine, Sheep & Goats will weigh in at the Fairgrounds

Intent to Sell/Drug Withdrawl Forms
Forms for Intent-to-Sell and Drug Withdrawl will be available at individual species weigh-ins, at the Fair Office or at the announcer’s stand at each Livestock Show. Please be sure to have your forms turned in no later ONE HOUR after the conclusion of each Livestock Show.

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Stay tuned for a date, time, and location.

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Livestock Registration
For those exhibiting registered breeding heifers, please remember to turn in final proof of registration to the extension office no later than 5:00 pm, July 15th.
Proof of registration is required in order to show registered breeding heifers as per the 4-H Beef Rules (See Fair book pg. 60, Rule #8)

Club Booth/Stalling Requests
A form was emailed out for requests for stalling requirements at the fair and if your club is planning to enter a booth or banner please make sure to turn in that information to your club leaders ASAP! These forms will be due to the office from club leaders by July 8th.
Fossil Creek Club Notes
The Fossil Creek 4-H Club met for their monthly meeting June 19th at 7pm at the 4-H Building.
The meeting was called to order by President Katherine Krauss. The Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge was led by Emma Karst. Secretary, Caden Pfeifer called roll, which was answered by “What is the word smell in the world?” There were 16 members and 2 leaders present. Caden then read the May minutes, which were approved as read. President Krauss asked for bills to be presented. No bills were presented. Treasured, Rhett Pospichal, gave the Treasurer’s report. There was one deposit and 7 checks written.
Caden Pfeifer gave the Secretary’s report. Reporter, Gracie Karst, didn’t have a report for this meeting.
During the Committee Reports, the Community Service Committee was asked to start thinking about volunteer work. The Farm Tour Committee announced we will have the tour with the Sunflower 4-H group on July 10th, followed by a pot luck and pool party. The Fair Booth Committee met prior to the meeting and discussed the theme this year for the Fair. They will meet again on June 28th at 5pm.
The Club Leaders, Andrea Krauss and Jen Davison reported that there will be a Style Revue workshop on July 21st starting at noon, followed by practice at 1:30pm. Katherine and Andrea Krauss will start to hold Food Project meetings starting on June 24th at 5:30pm. Style Revue will be July 17th at 1:30, at the Lucas Theater. State Fair Livestock entries are due July 15th. Russell County Free Fair will be held July 25th-29th. Reminder, please read your monthly “4-H Update” Newsletter for lots of important information.

Under New Business, the club discussed Dog Practices that will be held in July for those in the Dog Project.
During the program portion of the meeting, Emmalynn Harbaugh led the club in the song “Happy Birthday” for all our June and July members with birthdays. Project Talks were given by three members. Ainsley Harbaugh talked about her Poultry Project: “Flora” the chicken. Brynn Harbaugh brought in her cat named Casper, and Jaelynn Seirer spoke about her dog, Max, a miniature Husky. Recreation Leaders, Jaelynn Seirer and Teagen Pfeifer led the club in a game of Tag. At the adjournment of the meeting, refreshments were provided by the Seirer Family. The next meeting will be held Sunday, July 10th for the Farm Tour.

-Reporter, Gracie Karst

Russell County Fair Photography Exhibits
We have had a few questions about when photography exhibits should be turned in. As a clarification:
Any 4-H PHOTOGRAPHY exhibits MUST be entered on Monday, July 25th between 6:00 and 8:00 p.m.
Open Class Photography exhibits are not entered until Wednesday, July 27th, between 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.
If you have any questions, give the office a call.

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July 4-H Update
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When Facing Conflict/Concerns @ the Fair  
There may be questions or concerns regarding things that happen along the course of the fairs. Please keep in mind there are protocols in place as to how to handle these.  

Ellsworth: (see pg. 10 of Fairbook) “Complaints or grievances...must be submitted in writing, signed and accompanied by a $50 deposit. The deposit is forfeited if the protest is overruled. The hearing committee will consist of the Fair Association Board of Directors and relevant division superintendents. When the protest is either allowed or denied, the course of action shall be entered in writing and filed with the Association Secretary.”  

Russell: (see pg. 57 of Fairbook) “First, issues or problems are reported to the fair superintendent; secondly to an extension agent. If issue is not resolved, either party can put up $200.00 at the time and the Extension Board or a portion of the board reviews. The money is forfeited no matter what. The complainant never gets the money back.  

We hope everyone has an excellent fair, but please remember to stop and ask ourselves when we are faced with a frustrating situation. “Will this matter in 5 seconds, 5 minutes, 5 months, or 5 years?” If the answer is No to any of those, then maybe we can work to move forward and look for a way to avoid that issue in the future!  

Thank You!  

Judging Contests  
There will be different contests for youth to participate in at this year’s county fairs! We encourage you to join in this activity as it is a great learning tool!  
Contests will be:  
**Life Skills**- Wednesday, July 27: 2:00pm (Ellsworth)  
**Livestock**- Thursday, July 28: 2:00 pm (Ellsworth)  
**Life Skills/Horticulture/Photography**- Friday, July 22: 9:00am-11:00 am (RS)  
**Livestock**- Thursday, July 28: 10:00am (RS)  
We hope to see you at these contests! This is for ALL ages of 4-H members and all skill levels.  

THANK YOU NOTES  
Once again this year, a Thank You Note Station will be in the “Fair Office.” Please come write your thank you notes.  
Ellsworth– You will receive your prizes/trophies at the Parade of Champions on Thursday, July 28 @ 7pm. PLEASE have your thank you notes completed prior to this!  
Russell– You will receive your award after completing your thank you in the fair office. You will be asked to sign by the award you are picking up!  
This is a great time to get these notes finished and one less thing to worry about finishing after the fair!
Extension Agents and Fairs

County Fair is an exciting time for all! We look forward to celebrating our Midway District 4-H members successes at the Ellsworth County and Russell County Fairs this year!

Please keep in mind as we approach this busy time, there may be occasions that you will wonder where on earth are the extension agents?!

Agents have additional responsibilities even during fair time. There are community members who will face problems with their fields, livestock or have questions regarding insurance or food preservation! This may mean the agents won’t be all at the fair at every event. We will do our best to assist volunteers, 4-H members and leaders at each event during the fair.

We all want the fairs to be a positive and successful experience for the youth involved and hopefully an opportunity to gain new members from the community! We hope you all can help us do just that!

Tips for Inviting Potential Auction Buyers

Who Should Contact Potential Buyers?
- Every 4-Her/Club marketing an animal or item through the premium auction should contact potential buyers inviting them and encouraging them to “support” the auction as a whole.

When should contact be made?
- Contact should be made prior to the fair. Keep in mind that not every buyer you contact will place a bid on your animal or item so it is necessary to contact several potential buyers.

Who are potential buyers?
- Buyers can be businesses, families, individuals, relatives, neighbors, coaches/mentors, or a group of people – be creative! Be certain to contact people that have supported you and the auction in the past as well as people that have never attended before. Many people and businesses are not aware of the premium auction that takes place at the fair. With an invitation from you, they could become potential buyers!

Most buyers at the auction take into consideration several factors when bidding:
- did you invite them to the fair/auction
- did you send a thank you to them if they bought your animal/item in the past
- does your family conduct business with them when possible

What to say when inviting a potential buyer?
- introduce yourself – age, grade, name, 4-H Club
- information about your projects – lamb, pig, foods
- what you have learned this year from your projects
- what challenges or things you have enjoyed
- club involvement (office, committees, etc.)
- always include when and where the auction and fair takes place

Never pressure the prospective buyer into buying your animal/item – but rather encourage them to support 4-H Youth.

Midway District Happy Campers

Forty youth and three counselors from the Midway District 4-H program attended Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp June 8th through June 11th. Campers enjoyed activities throughout the week at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Rock Springs 4-H Center is a 735 acre property in the heart of the Flint Hills owned and operated by the Kansas 4-H Foundation. In addition to daily activities, campers participated in campfire, talent show, night swims, a night hike and much more!

Club Financial Reviews

Each club should have in place a committee prepared to review the financial documents for the year. Any club that has funds in the name of 4-H is required to submit an annual financial report.

The report can be found: http://www.ksre.k-state.edu/boardleadership/duties/budget/Financial%20Review%20Committee%20Responsibilities.pdf

Your club only needs to submit pages 4 and 5 of this document to the office for our records! Please plan ahead to have your financial committee meet to have this turned into the office NO LATER THAN October 15th.
Recordbooks/KAPs/Pin Applications — Due Sept 26!

In order to receive an achievement pin (with exception of the Membership Pin), members will be required to have a complete recordbook turned into the office complete with club leader’s signatures.

A complete recordbook includes:
- Person Page
- 4-H Story
- Permanent Record
- Pictures (optional)

If you have questions about recordbooks, let us know.

Kansas Award Portfolios (KAP)

These records are individual project records that will be completed to be turned in for judging to be named a county winner in the project area that you apply! You may fill out AS MANY project KAPs as you would like! These should be turned in in individual binders or folders (separate from your recordbook). Remember there are different forms for different age levels of KAPs (7-8, 9-13, and 14 and up).

Pin Applications

Earlier this year, your club leaders received a list of members and their eligibility for achievement pins. Please contact your leader for which pin you should be applying for. You may also contact the office and we have that information as well!

You can find all the record keeping and achievement applications on our website, under Resources and Forms:
http://www.midway.k-state.edu/4-h/resources/forms/index.html

Achievement Pins — Debunking the Myths

You can find all the pin applications on the Midway website or get copies from the Extension Offices! Remember you club leaders MUST sign your pin application BEFORE it is turned into the office or you need to make arrangements for them to come in and sign. We will not be calling to arrange for leaders to sign incomplete applications!

Note:
- Only ONE achievement pin can be received by each 4-H member per year.
- You may skip ahead to at pin, if allowed by pin’s requirements, but once a pin is skipped, a 4-H member MAY NOT go back and apply for it.

These are the Achievement Pins in order:
1. Membership Pin: First in the series of 4-H pins. You must attend over half of the club meetings from the time you joined.
2. Bronze Pin: Exhibit at the fair, attend over half of club meetings, attend one county or club event.
3. Clover Pin: Exhibit at the fair, attend over half of club meetings, complete recordbook, and 3 optional requirements.
4. Emerald Pin: Exhibit at the fair, attend over half of club meetings, complete recordbook, and 5 optional requirements.
5. Silver Pin: Exhibit at the fair, attend over half of club meetings, complete recordbook, and 6 optional requirements.
6. Silver Guard: Receive previous pin, exhibit at the fair, attend over half of club meetings, complete recordbook, and 8 optional requirements.
7. Leadership Pin: Receive previous pin, exhibit at the fair, attend over half of club meetings, complete recordbook, current year leadership project enrollment, and 11 optional requirements.
8. Gold Pin: Receive previous pin, exhibit at the fair, attend over half of club meetings, complete recordbook, current year leadership project enrollment, and 15 optional requirements.
9. Gold Guard: Receive previous pin, exhibit at the fair, attend over half of club meetings, complete recordbook, current year leadership project enrollment, and 16 optional requirements.

Key Award

The Key Award is presented by the State to only 10% of the 4-H members in Kansas. It is a separate award from the pin applications. It is for members 16 years and older and 9 out of the 11 award requirements must be met.

Applications for this award should be kept in a place so the member can work toward meeting the requirements.

4-H members 16 and older may apply if they have been enrolled in the leadership project for FOUR years and meet nine of eleven local, county/district, and state activities.

You can find the Key Award application here:
http://http://www.midway.k-state.edu/4-h/resources/forms/other_awards/index.html

If you are getting close to applying for this award, be sure to look at the requirements to plan ahead.
ENTERING LIVESTOCK
Kansas State Fair
Kansas Jr Livestock Show
Nomination and entry are two separate processes. A complete nomination with the Youth Livestock Program DOES NOT constitute entry into the Kansas State Fair.

Families who currently have an incomplete nomination (including missing PQA certification numbers) have until July 15th to submit the appropriate materials and correct/complete their nominations. Animals with an incomplete nomination after the correction deadline will be ineligible to show at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Jr. Livestock Show.

Kansas State Fair Entries - Due JULY 15th
For online entries, please visit: https://kansasstatefair.com/registration/competitioninfo.php?dept=99. For families who would like to complete paper entries, that forms may be downloaded and printed using this link as well.

Kansas Jr Livestock Show - Due August 15th
Online entries, please visit: https://kansasjls.fairwire.com/

4-H Demonstrations / Illustrated Talks at State Fair
If you received a BLUE or TOP BLUE at the Midway District 4-H Club Day, you are eligible to enter your Demonstration or Illustrated Talk at the Kansas State Fair. Exhibitors must be 9 by January 1, 2016. Entries are due 5:00pm, Monday, August 1st.

We encourage all youth who had a blue quality or higher presentation to consider signing up to exhibit at the State Fair!

Any questions? Give us a call! More information can be found on page 9 of the Kansas State Fair Exhibitor Handbook which can be downloaded at: http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html

Exhibitor Admission Tickets/Encampment Building Reservations/Parking Permits
Youth participation tickets for 4-H members (ages 6-18) can be ordered through the Extension Office for a reduced price. We MUST receive your order NO LATER THAN Monday, August 1st (no exceptions) with full payment, in order to process your order. Please contact the office to place your order.

Leaders, parents, and other youth may purchase advance tickets at and Kansas Dillons store through Thursday, September 8th. Hangtags (parking permits) can be available for a price, but gate admission is required for each individual in the vehicle.

Admission will be charged at the fair from 11am, Friday, September 9th through 6pm, Sunday, September 18th.

To find out more Kansas State Fair information visit: www.kansasstatefair.com.
Area/State Events

#484H October 8-9
National 4-H Week will be here before we know it. The week of October 2-9 will be a time where we can show others how awesome our organization is. If you have ideas on how we can promote 4-H in our communities during this week, please let Michelle or a 4-H Council member know.

#484H will also take place again on the closing weekend of National 4-H Week. We will be reporting our service efforts to the Kansas Youth Leadership Council so they can show how big of an impact 4-H members made across the state during that 48 hours. Be thinking of what your club or multiple clubs may like to do together.

Livestock Sweepstakes Registration
The 2016 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes will be held August 20-21 on the K-State campus in Manhattan. This event includes the state 4-H livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and livestock quiz bowl. The members who will represent Kansas at each respective national contest will be selected during this weekend. Individual youth and teams may participate in one or all of the contests. Local Extension Officers will determine how contestants from their unit are selected. Extension staff from each county/district are responsible for registering their members. Registration information, updated contest rules, and a tentative schedule will be released directly to county offices soon. The registration deadline will be August 1.

2016 Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo in Wichita
The Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo is a wheat fun day showcasing all things wheat. Join us for the annual event on Wednesday, August 3rd from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Sedgwick County Extension Center, 7001 W. 21st St. North, Wichita, KS 67205. 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 $6.00 per person registration cost. Pre-registration will be required by Monday, July 25th to ensure an accurate meal count and tour divisions.

For more information about the wheat expo, visit: http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/index.html.

National 4-H Conference
National 4-H Conference is an event where youth and adults work together to assist in the development of recommendations to guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. Delegates must be 15-18 years of age by January 1, 2017. Up to SIX Kansas youth may be selected as delegates. 2017 National 4-H Conference will be held March 25-30 in Chevy Chase MD.

Applications and letters of reference are due to the Extension Office no later than 5:00pm September 21st. Applications are available at: http://www. The approximate cost for the delegate is $925.00

Save the Date

Ellsworth Co. Fair
July 24-28

Russell Co. Free Fair
July 26-29

KS Livestock Sweepstakes
August 20-21
Manhattan, KS

Kansas Wheat Expo
August 3
Wichita, KS

Kansas State Fair
Sept. 9-18
Hutchinson, KS

KJLS
Sept. 30-Oct. 2
Hutchinson, KS

National 4-H Week
Oct. 2-9

48 Hours of 4-H (#484H)
Oct. 8-9

KYLFF
November 20-22
Rock Springs 4-H Center

Citizenship in Action
February
Topeka, KS

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

Keep in mind fair dates as you organize your meetings.

Review
___ 4-H Update Important Dates/Deadlines marked on calendar
___ Review Fairbook with Club (Relay Schedule information and forms due to office for fair related activities!)

To-Do
___ Complete Booth/Banners for Fair
___ Check Club Mailbox at Extension Office
___ Report from the 4-H council meetings
___ RS– Turn in Club’s Stalling Requests to office (by July 8)
___ EW– Remind families to turn in Pre-Entry Forms (by July 8)
___ EW– Remind youth to Sell 50/50 Tickets
___ Turn in any changes to club leadership to office by Sept. 15
___ Plan your Financial Review (see page 8)

Promote/Recruit
___ 4-H members entering exhibits in Open Class
___ 4-H members asking friends to attend a 4-H meeting or the Fair with them
___ Encourage preparation to complete KAP/Recordbooks and Pin Applications! (Due Sept 26)

REMEMBER
___ To just ask if you need help: Michelle can be reached through either office or by email: mberan@ksu.edu.
___ As Leaders you will be signing pin applications, please be sure that they are turning in a recordbook to the office in order to receive all pins above membership pin level!

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!

BACK TO SCHOOL TIME

It will soon be that time of year. If you would like to assist the Extension Office in promoting 4-H at School Enrollments, please contact Michelle Beran for promotional and informational items that you may use for this purpose.

RECRUITING FOR THE NEW 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 Michelle if you have ideas and need assistance putting them into action!
Midway District Calendar

July
7  — Extension Board Meeting (Russell 4-H Building) 7:00pm
8  — RS Booth/Barn Reservations due
11 — RS 4-H Council Meeting (Russell 4-H Building) 7:30pm
13 — EW Fair Superintendent’s Meeting (Fairgrounds) 7:00pm
15 — RS Dog Immunization Cards due to Extension offices
   — RS Horse Entries due to Extension Office
17 — RS Fashion Revue (Lucas Theatre) 1:30pm
24 — EW Fashion Revue (Presbyterian Church) 3:30pm
24-28— Ellsworth County Fair (Ellsworth Fairgrounds)
25-29— Russell County Free Fair (Russell Fairgrounds)
31 — Kansas Wheat Expo Registration due

August
1  — Kansas State Fair Entries due to Extension Office
   — Kansas State Fair Exhibitor Ticket Information Due to Office
4  — Extension Board Meeting (Ellsworth Courthouse) 7:00pm
8  — EW After Fair Meeting, (Golf Course) 6:30pm
   — EW 4-H Council Meeting (Golf Course)
TBA — RS After Fair Meeting
20-21— Kansas Livestock Sweepstakes (Manhattan)

September
1  — Extension Board Meeting (Russell 4-H Building) 7:00pm
5  — Offices Closed (Labor Day)
8  — Kansas State Fair RS drop off
9  — Kansas State Fair RS Foods drop off
9  — Kansas State Fair EW drop off
9-18 — Kansas State Fair
12 — RS 4-H Council Meeting, 4-H Bldg, 7:30pm
15 — RS Friend of 4-H Nominations Due
26 — Recordbook/KAP/Achievement Pin Apps due to office
   — EW 4-Her of the Year/Rookie of the Year/ 4-H Family of the Year Applications/Nominations Due

Fairboard Meetings

Russell Free Fairboard
July 11th
4-H Building (North Room) 7:00 p.m.

Ellsworth Co. Fair Assn
July 13th
Ellsworth Fairgrounds 6:00 p.m.

RECORDBOOKS/KAPs and Achievement Pin Applications

Recordbooks and KAPs and achievement pin applications will be due on Monday, September 26th, no later than 5:00 pm in the extension office! Don’t forget to work on these early!
Get Connected!!!
Want reminders on upcoming deadlines, upcoming events, or want stay in contact with your agents? LIKE US!

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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 Michelle by the 3rd Monday of the Month!

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

THANK YOU!