WELCOME!

Hannah Hunter will begin as Summer Program Support staff member in June! Hannah works for USD 407 as a para-educator. Her talents will definitely be welcomed this summer as she works with the agents and staff to prepare for a busy summer of Extension programming! Please be sure to say HELLO when you see her out and about!

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.

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Ellsworth Area Clubs

PRE-ENTRIES for 2016 Fair
Pre-Entry packets will be available in the extension office for each family. You will be notified when they are ready to go. We will place them in club mailboxes for club leaders to pick up and distribute at meetings if you are unable to get into the office to get yours. Pre-entries are due back in the office NO LATER THAN 5:00 pm on Friday, July 8th.

Carcass Show Ultrasound classes—If you plan to exhibit your Sheep/Swine/Beef exhibit in the Ultrasound Carcass show, please remember to pre-enter in this class! *Late entries will be assessed a late fee of $10 per entry. This includes if you do not turn in a Style Revue cost and Narration sheet on time. (Your Style revue entry is NOT complete without the narration/cost sheets and entry card!) Any questions? Give us a call!

NOTES 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 viewing 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

New Fashion Revue Class: Thrift Shop
To enter this class you must be enrolled in Clothing and Textiles and participate in Fashion Revue on Sunday, July 24th at the First Presbyterian Church.
To be eligible you must enter an outfit into the buymanship “Thrift Shop” class. 75% of your outfit should be purchased or received second-hand. You will need to verify your purchase with a signed receipt or the Fashion Revue Cost Sheet being signed by the second-hand store. You will be required to complete all other Fashion Revue Requirements (Cost Sheet, Narrative). More details to come in the fairbook.

Junior Leaders
Are you 12 or older? Want to learn about leadership, build your skills and work with the other teens of Midway-Ellsworth program? Then the Junior Leader program is for you!
Meetings will typically be held on the 1st Sunday of the month at 4:00 pm.
If you have questions you may contact Junior Kratzer at (620) 562-7591.

The May 23 meeting of the Elkhorn Club was called to order at 6:30 pm by President Jenna Haase.
The Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge was led by President Jenna Haase.
Roll call was taken by answering Where are you going on summer vacation?
The minutes of the April meeting were read by Nicole Haase; they were approved.
Tucker Goss led the club in singing “Take Me Out to the Ballgame”.
The treasurers report was given by treasurer, Amy Westerman.
The reporters report was given by reporter, Faith Miller. The report was State Track and Field Qualifiers. The April minutes were submitted to the Reporter and Midway Extension.
In Committee Reports, Christina Vague updated the club on fair signs for animals.
Tucker Huseman led Parliamentary by teaching us how to limit debate.
In 4-H Association, Sharla Huseman, announced Shane Dicks will hold a beef clinic on June 4.
In 4-H Council, Christina Vague reported that council did not meet.
In the leaders report, Sarah Goss handed out club day skit ribbons, asked parents to review the fair project list, and announced the addition of the thrift store project.
In old business, the club decided to have individuals take videos and submit them via dropbox. On Sunday, June 26 at 4:00 we will view the virtual tour, swim and eat potluck at the Millers. Millers will provide hotdogs and buns. The club members will bring a side. It was also decided to go to Manhattan for our educational tour. We will tour the Insect Zoo, eat ice cream at Call Hall, and go to the water park. It was decided that the club will purchase 4 packs of the acrylic signs for large animals and 1 pack of signs for small animals.
In new business, the club decided to have a float in the Ft. Harker Day parade on July 9. The theme is Happy Birthday Ft. Harker. The club will spend $50 on candy and hand out flyers about the upcoming fair. The float committee is the Newell and Miller families. We need to start getting ideas for the promo booth and cookie jar. It was decided to donate one fan for the 4-H barn and provide cookies for the buyer hospitality tent. We discussed the need for adult chaperones for the pizza bowling party during fair. It was decided to donate $50 to the Presbyterian Church.
In the program portion of the meeting, Lainey did a project talk on clothespin wreath and Josie did a project talk on perler beads.
Macey and Madison led telephone for recreation.
The meeting was adjourned.
The club enjoyed treats from the Nienke and Zamrzla families.
Faith Miller, reporter

June 4-H Update
Junior Leaders
Want to learn about leadership, build your skills and work with the other teens of Midway-Russell program? Then the Junior Leader program is for you!
Meetings will be held on the 4th Sunday of the month at the 4-H Building.
If you have questions you may contact Beth Pfeifer at (785) 483-1808.

FOOD STAND PREFERENCE SHEETS
Don’t forget to fill out your food stand preference sheets and return them to your food stand coordinator of the extension office! These are due June 15th!
The Food Stand Scheduling committee will be meeting soon to schedule work times! Please be sure to share any special needs your family may have with your food stand coordinator before this meeting!
More info available at: http://www.midway.k-state.edu/4-h/events/fairs/russellcountyfreefair/index.html

Style Revue Entry Deadline:
- Entry Deadline—July 1st
- Workshop for kids 10 and older will be July 21st at 12 pm; 4-H Building to work on props, music, etc.
- 1:30 pm—practice open to all!
Description Sheet/Cost Sheets/Script Tips available at http://www.midway.k-state.edu/4-h/events/fairs/russellcountyfreefair/index.html

PROJECT MEETINGS:
Many Volunteers work to schedule your project meetings. The best way for our office to share the specifics of date, time and lace is via e-mail.
Please check your e-mail often for updates about upcoming meetings.

New Class: Thrift Shop Style
The Fashion Review Committee would like to announce a new class for the 2016 Russell County Fair and Fashion Revue.
To enter this class you must be enrolled in Clothing and Textiles and participate in Fashion Revue on Sunday, July 17th at the Lucas Community Theater.
To be eligible you must enter an outfit into the buymanship “Thrift Shop” class. 75% of your outfit should be purchased or received second-hand. There will be a form for you to verify your purchase from the second-hand store. You will be required to complete all other Fashion Revue Requirements (Cost Sheet, Narrative, etc).
More details will be released closer to the fair, but consider making some of your fashion revue purchases at your local thrift shop!

Have you been to the website lately?
The Midway District Website is your go to for the latest Information of what’s happening in the District, the Northwest Area and across the state!
For Upcoming Events about Area Clinics, Shows and Contests visit: http://www.midway.k-state.edu/area-shows/index.html
For Events IN the Midway District: http://www.midway.k-state.edu/4-h/events/index.html
For the Newsletter and most up-to-date Master Calendar: http://www.midway.k-state.edu/4-h/newsletters_calendars/index.html
YOUR Club’s Page: http://www.midway.k-state.edu/4-h/get-involved/clubs/index.html
Don’t forget ALL K-State Research Extension Program are for YOU too! You can check out what’s coming up in all program areas: http://www.midway.k-state.edu/ events/index.html

4-H GROWS HERE
Discover Australia: Day Camp

The Russell Co. Junior Leaders are holding a Summer Day Camp on Tuesday, June 14th from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm.

Registration will be required and there will be a fee of $5.00 per camper. Youth in grades 1st thru 5th grades are invited to attend (Open to current 4-H members and non-community club members!). Please return registration by Wednesday, June 8th! Checks can be written to Russell County Junior Leaders.

This event will be great day filled with activities, games, snack and lunch!

NEW HANDBOOKS: Camp and County Fair

New handbooks are available in the office to help you prepare for 4-H Camp at Rock Springs and for the County Fair.

Please stop by the office if you would like a copy!

SPIN Clubs

We are in YEAR 2 of the Expansion Grant: Growing Kansas Leaders. 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 SPecial INterest 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 considered 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!

Raffles for Non-Profits

Due to the recent changes in 2015 Kansas law, it is now possible for nonprofit and education entities to conduct raffles. Refer to the Kansas raffle amendment SCR 1618 for state statute requirements: http://www.ksrevenue.org/bingoraffle.html

A raffle has three components: prize, consideration (ticket cost) and chance (luck). If a raffle is held, it must be conducted under the following conditions and policy. Raffles must be transparent and open, so there is no question that the raffle is above board. There also must be an equal chance for winning and equity for everyone who purchases a ticket.

If your club is interested in conducting a raffle as a fundraiser it will be important that you fill out an application and turn it in to be approved BEFORE you start selling tickets. This will require about a 30-day lead time to be sure to get it signed at a board meeting!

If you have any questions please give us a call!

4-H Impact Survey

Parents: You have received an email regarding the 4-H Impact Survey from the State 4-H office. We will be sending out this survey via 4-H Online.

When you receive this survey it is important that we work to get responses from AT LEAST 25% of our 4-H membership. If you have multiple youth enrolled, we will only send you ONE email, but you may assist your members to EACH take the survey!

As Kansas State legislature faces trying times, this will be a great resource for Extension and 4-H to use as a more meaningful way to share our positive impact! Please have your kids take this survey!
2017 Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Plot Enrollment

As wheat harvest approaches it is time to remind members about enrollment for the 2017 Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot program. The program begins fall of 2016 and goes through September 2017. The enrollment form and program details are currently available. Visit: [http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/wheat-variety-plots/index.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/wheat-variety-plots/index.html). Members are asked to contact their local Extension Office by July 10 for information with enrollments due to the Northwest Area Extension Office by July 25, 2016. **Cost for 2016-17 will be $30.00 to receive the five varieties of wheat.** It is very important that we know the number of participants early, so we can have enough seed and metal signs available for Extension agents and leaders to pick up at the Kansas State Fair. New participants will receive a free large plot sign, and five free individual variety signs.

Don’t forget to pull your wheat samples for the Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo on Wednesday, August 3rd in Wichita, and also for wheat samples at your county fair, that may be eligible for the Kansas State Fair 4-H Crops Division.

Resource information for the wheat variety project includes: (1) Wheat Variety Plot Brochure, 4-H 565 Revised 2010, (2) Wheat Variety Plot—Youth Participant Handbook, 4-H 566, Revised 2010, and (3) 4-H Wheat Variety Plot Record, P1099, Revised 2010. To download these files, visit: [http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/wheat-variety-plots/index.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/wheat-variety-plots/index.html). This year’s participants who are getting ready to harvest their plots should be planning their county fair display for possible qualifying for the Kansas State Fair entry in the Showcase Building. For more information, contact Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281 or e-mail dwaldren@ksu.edu.

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**Midway District Shooting Sports Club**

Shooting Sports meetings will take place on the 2nd Sunday of the Month at 2pm at the Ellsworth Gun Club.

If you would like additional information please contact Tim Hays, coordinator at (firedog73@ymail.com).

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

Be sure to LIKE the Midway District Shooting Sports Facebook page for the most updated information on practices and other opportunities!

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**Save the Date**

**Discovery Days**
May 31 – June 3  
Manhattan, KS

**Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp**
June 8-11  
Rock Springs 4-H Center  
* Counselor Training: June 7

**Citizenship**
Washington Focus  
June 16-25  
Washington, D.C.

**Campference**
June 24-27  
Rock Springs 4-H Center

**North Central District Horse Show**
July 5-6  
Salina, KS  
Entries Due June 1

**Ellsworth County Fair**
July 24-28

**Russell County Free Fair**
July 26-30

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**Have a newsletter submission??**

Please send any newsletter submissions to us by the 3rd Monday of the month to have your information featured in the Midway District 4-H Update! Please send them to jrathbun@ksu.edu
North Central District Horse Show
Entries for the North Central District Horse show to be held on July 5-6 in Salina are due JUNE 1st. In order to qualify for the district show you must have completed Level 1 of the Horse Level Testing. If you are interested in completing this before June 1st please let the office know so that we can make arrangements to get a certified evaluator lined up.

State Horticulture Judging Contest
The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be held Saturday, August 20, 2016 on the campus of Kansas State University, Manhattan. The study material for the years 2015 & 2016 is taken from The Kansas Garden Guide. This publication is available for purchase at local Extension offices or can be downloaded. The written exam selections from The Kansas Garden Guide include pp. 5-23 (Introduction, Planning a Garden, Composting, Soil Improvement, Seeding and Planting and pp 71-74 (Herbs). Be sure to use the 2010 version of the garden guide. This information is available on the Kansas 4-H Website on the Horticulture Judging Contest page. Contest specifics and registration will be available this summer.

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.

State Livestock Nominations Due June 15th
All small animal state livestock nominations (non-market beef) are due June 15th. This includes commercial heifers, market swine, commercial gilts, market lambs, commercial ewes, and ALL meat goats. There is not a separate division for registered breeding does at either state show, so all meat goats must be nominated in order to be eligible to show.
Any 4-H or FFA youth who would like to exhibit in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or KJLS is required to nominate their livestock projects. The 2016 Declaration and Specie Nomination Forms MUST be used for nominations to be accepted. All families are encouraged to use the specie checklist as a guide to ensure their nominations are complete upon submission. The 2016 nomination information has been distributed to county offices and may be found on the Youth Livestock Program website.
As a reminder, ear notches are required for swine nominations and scrapie tag numbers are required for sheep and goats. Nominations received without this information will be considered incomplete and returned to the family for completion.
A complete nomination does NOT constitute show entry. The Kansas State Fair and KJLS will release entry information to Extension Offices and through their respective websites as entry season draws near. State Fair Grand Drive entries will be due July 15th, and KJLS entries will be due August 15th. Animals who are nominated, but do not follow the appropriate entry processes set forth by each show, will not be permitted to show. For nomination questions, please contact Lexie Hayes at adhayes@ksu.edu.

State Horse Judging
The 2016 State 4-H Horse Judging Contest is now open for registration! The contest will be held June 23rd, 2016, at the Ag Hall at the Saline County Expo Center, Salina, KS, with check in beginning at 8:30 AM. Registration is due June 9th.
Registration will be completed online using the Event Registration Site. The contest is open to all 4-Hers enrolled in the Horse Project who are 9-18 years of age before January 1, 2016. There is no achievement level completion required to participate in the contest. Those wishing to register will fill out a registration form to be turned into their Local Extension Office. Signed registration forms should be email to Christa Obermeyer at christao@ksu.edu
Registration forms and complete contest rules and regulations can be found on the Kansas 4-H website here: http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horse-judging/
4-H is more than just the Fair…
What is the relationship between project work and the county fair?

The Fair will be here before we know it! As parents and leaders it’s important that we remember the goal or our children’s involvement in the 4-H program and what we hope they gain through the experience! The county fair is an opportunity for an independent evaluation of life and project skills a member learned through completing a project. This helps to maintain the focus of members and parents of 4-H, which develops blue ribbon kids, not just blue ribbon projects. Talk with members about what they have learned about each of their fair entries and help them celebrate their accomplishments regardless of the color of the ribbon they receive at the fair. While entering and displaying a project at the Local Fair is the traditional method of public affirmation, there may be other means of exhibitions such as club tours, open houses, community celebrations and others.

Keep up the great work and remember to remind kids it’s not about the color of the ribbon but about the experience!

Leader’s Lounge

Are you prepared for all the summer activities... baseball, vacation and fair? Let’s look at our monthly check-up so we can keep on track before those summer activities start.

Review
  - May 1st was the deadline for ALL members to be enrolled in 4-H and exhibit individual projects at the fair
  - 4-H Update Important Dates/Deadlines marked on calendar
  - Review Highlights from 4-H Update at your club meetings

To-Do
  - Start thinking about Club Banner, Display, Etc.
  - Check Club Mailbox at Extension Office
  - Report from the 4-H council meetings
  - Report any club visitors to the extension office so we can follow up about questions they may have

Promote/Recruit
  - 4-H members asking friends to attend a 4-H meeting with them

REMEMBER
  - To participate at the fair new members must be enrolled by MAY 1 (Online enrollment complete)
  - If you need help, just ask: Jamie can be reached through either office or by email: jrathbun@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!

Where is the Extension Office?

Not sure where the extension office is to pick up items you need to work on 4-H projects or turn in a registration? We can help!
The Midway District has two offices, one in each local area.
The Ellsworth office is located in the County Courthouse.
210 N. Kansas, Suite #1 in the basement. (Catty-corner from the Post Office)
The Russell office is located in the Emergency Management Services Building on 309 S. Fossil Ave (Across from the A&W).
Still can’t find us? Give us a call and we’ll help you with directions!
June
1 — North Central District Horse Show entries due
2 — Extension Board Meeting— 8:30pm Ellsworth Courthouse
5 — EW Junior Leaders Meeting 4:00 pm
7 — Camp Counselor Training (Rock Springs 4-H Center)
8-11 — Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp (Rock Springs 4-H Center)
9 — State Horse Judging registration due
13 — EW 4-H Council 6:30 pm— Courthouse
14 — Discover Australia Day Camp! 8am-12pm (Russell 4-H Bldg)
15 — Kansas State Fair Small Animal and Commercial Heifers Nominations due!
24-27 — Campference (Rock Springs 4-H Center)
26 — RS Junior Leaders Meeting

July
5-6 — North Central District Horse Show, Salina, KS
17 — Russell Style Revue (Lucas Community Theater)
24 — Ellsworth Style Revue (1st Presbyterian Church)
24-28 — Ellsworth County Fair
26-30 — Russell County Free Fair
25 — Kansas State 4-H Wheat Expo registration due

DON’T FORGET YOUR FAIR DEADLINES! Check the website for complete information and dates at [http://www.midway.k-state.edu/4-h/events/fairs/ellsworthcountyfair/](http://www.midway.k-state.edu/4-h/events/fairs/ellsworthcountyfair/) or [http://www.midway.k-state.edu/4-h/events/fairs/russellcountyfreefair/index.html](http://www.midway.k-state.edu/4-h/events/fairs/russellcountyfreefair/index.html)

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