4-H Deadlines are Serious Business...

Deadlines are important in keeping things running smoothly for all involved. Being a responsible citizen is one of the skills that 4-H teaches. Meeting deadlines is one of those important responsibilities of the 4-H member, 4-H family, 4-H leader. Deadlines are not flexible! They are in place for a reason and will be upheld. As we move into the busy 4-H season, please read closely and exercise those positive citizenship skills—be responsible!

** Keep in mind we will always try to publish deadlines as early as we can so you can prepare for them! THANK YOU! **

Remember…

4-H is about more than just Ribbons and Awards. It’s about the people, the EXPERIENCES. The life-long skills, the memories. It’s about Being a ROLE MODEL, giving back, And MAKING THE BEST BETTER!
Ellsworth Area Clubs

New Class: Thrift Shop Style

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. A majority 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!

Fairboard Update

10-99: Many have wondered why they have not receive this tax form from the Ellsworth Fair Association. As the organization proceeded to file, it was learned that in order to allow sellers to deduct the transaction as a donation they would each have to file on their own behalf. For the 2016 Fair, members will be asked to turn in a W-9 and sign a waiver understanding that it will be released to buyers that request to file a 10-99 following their purchase!

Livestock Quality Assurance: Many have asked if they attend this year’s Quality Assurance training will that meet the requirement’s of the needs for the 2017 Fair. The answer: YES!

Give the office a call if you have any questions!!!

For Those Interested in showing in the Open Class Tag-Along Shows...

Rules For Entries
A. Exhibitors ages 5 & 6 as of January 1 of the current year are allowed to participate.
B. Exhibitors may use an animal in his/her possession or may use another animal that is to be exhibited in the 4H Division of the same class, i.e. bucket calf, swine, sheep, goats, and horse.
C. One entry per specie allowed.
D. Classes are showmanship only.
E. Classes are non-competitive.
F. Animals may be brought into the Fair Barn beginning at 6 p.m. on Monday, July 25th, and must be checked in no later than 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 26th.
G. Participants must pre-enter in this division. Pre-entry forms are available at the Extension Office and must be returned no later than July 1st (Pre-Entry Deadline)
H. Exhibitors in this division planning to show an animal pre-entered in the 4H division must obtain written permission from the owner to be eligible for pre-entry.
I. All animals that will be exhibited in this division (whether in possession of or exhibiting a pre-entered 4H exhibit of the same class) must be identified and pre-entered in the Tag-Along livestock division. No late entries will be allowed to show.
J. Any animal deemed “wild” will not be allowed to show.
K. Stall space at the barn will be assigned by the Tag-Along Livestock committee.
L. All sick animals will be barred from the Fair. No health requirements other than those listed under each species, except in the event of a sudden disease outbreak in the county.
M. Animals must be in stalls or pens between 9 a.m. and 9 p.m., except when showing, washing, or feeding.

*All other Special Rules for each specie would remain the same.
Russell Area Clubs

RS 4-H Development Fund: Eulert Memorial Camp Scholarships

The Russell 4-H Development Fund will offer several scholarships to individuals that are planning to attend camp. This scholarship application will be available on the website.

**Please turn in your applications to the office no later than May 15th!**

The development fund will notify recipients and issue scholarship checks.

Russell 4-H Council Scholarships

Remember if you worked in the food stand last year during your shift at the fair, you have earned a one time $60 state event scholarship. There is a short scholarship form to fill out to inform the office of your intent to use the scholarship for a specific event. It can be found: [http://www.midway.k-state.edu/4-h/resources/devfund.html](http://www.midway.k-state.edu/4-h/resources/devfund.html)

Please return scholarship applications with your registration!

LAST Spring Dog Meeting Dates:

Jodi Holmes and Jenna Miller will hold Spring Dog training at the Russell 4-H Building. All Dog members are encouraged to come and participate in training exercises! (Weather permitting the practice will be held in the arena)

Please make sure to have your updated dog immunization card! If you have any questions about what you will need to bring to the meeting please call Jodi or Jenna or contact the extension office!

Meeting begins at 1:30 pm.

**Dates:**

May 15th

*May 1st meeting has been CANCELLED!*

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 Nicolette at the office or Beth Pfeifer at (785) 483-1808.

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 24th at the Lucas Community Theater.

To be eligible you must enter an outfit into the buymanship “Thrift Shop” class. A majority 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!
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 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!

Where’s the 4-H Agent?!

As Midway District Agent, 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 and we are not available in your respective office, give me a call or shoot me an email! We are happy to set up appointments or discuss any questions you may have over the phone. Don’t hesitate to ask!

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!
Midway District

Midway District Shooting Sports Club

The next shooting sports practice will be on Sunday, May 3rd at the Ellsworth Armory. We will plan to shoot outdoors in the barn, weather permitting.

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!

Congratulations!

The Midway District Shooting Sports leadership team has secured a grant from the Smoky Hills Charitable Foundation to support the purchase of a trailer for the equipment.

Thank you Tim Hays, as our coordinator and his team of instructors, Josh Womelsdorf, Cory Minear and Terry Kueser! If you see them around please be sure to thank them for their continued support of this program and their efforts to better the opportunities for youth of the district! Also be sure to thank the Smoky Hills Charitable Foundation for their generous donation to this program!

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

Congratulations!

The Midway District Shooting Sports leadership team has secured a grant from the Smoky Hills Charitable Foundation to support the purchase of a trailer for the equipment.

Thank you Tim Hays, as our coordinator and his team of instructors, Josh Womelsdorf, Cory Minear and Terry Kueser! If you see them around please be sure to thank them for their continued support of this program and their efforts to better the opportunities for youth of the district! Also be sure to thank the Smoky Hills Charitable Foundation for their generous donation to this program!

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

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

Check out the Master Calendar HERE (midway.k-state.edu)
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 a great day filled with activities, games, snack and lunch!

Ellsworth Jr. Leaders: Ellsworth Cancer Fund Fundraiser

The Ellsworth Jr. Leaders are holding a fundraiser on May 24th at Pizza Hut to raise money for the Ellsworth County Cancer Fund!

You can support the fundraiser by ordering dine-in or carry-out, Pizza Hut will donate 15% of the proceeds that evening and the Junior Leaders will be working for tips that will support the cause as well!

Remember to stop in at the Ellsworth Pizza Hut from 5-8 pm for dinner on May 24th!

Good-bye and GOOD LUCK!

I have been blessed to serve as the 4-H Youth Development agent for the Midway District over the past two years. There are too many thank you’s that will remain unsaid. Thank you all for welcoming me and helping me grow personally and professionally in this position. The relationships that have grown with your families will not be forgotten, I have enjoyed every opportunity I have had to work with the volunteers and youth of this district.

I hope that as I move on, more new perspective can be shared with the hiring of an extension professional that will take on this role. Please welcome them with open arms and minds! I know that the work we have done over the past years as a district, forming partnerships and developing a strong program will continue on for many years to come!

I wish all of the families and 4-H members the best of luck in the future and know that we will see each other in the 4-H world again, whether it’s at camp or a visit to the county fairs! Good luck and God Bless!

A Time for Everything

There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven—
A time to give birth and a time to die;
A time to plant and a time to uproot what is planted.
A time to kill and a time to heal;
A time to tear down and a time to build up.
A time to weep and a time to laugh;
A time to mourn and a time to dance.
A time to throw stones and a time to gather stones;
A time to embrace and a time to shun embracing.
A time to search and a time to give up as lost;
A time to keep and a time to throw away.
A time to tear apart and a time to sew together;
A time to be silent and a time to speak.
A time to love and a time to hate;
A time for war and a time for peace.

-Ecclesiastes 3:1-8
Food Judges Training

The following locations are hosting Food Judge's Trainings. These trainings will cover judging for the Foods & Nutrition project and Food Preservation project. Any one is welcome to attend! Foods leaders and 4-H members are also encouraged to attend.

Please contact the designated agent and RSVP and get further instructions for the training.

May 18 - Salina, contact Leah Robinson, lmrobins@ksu.edu, 785-392-2147

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.

Interested in hosting an exchange delegate?

There are delegates looking for host families. If you are interested in finding out what hosting a 4-H member from another country would be like visit the Global Citizenship page on the Kansas 4-H Website or CLICK HERE

New Events Added Daily!!!

If you are looking for the latest information on upcoming area events please be sure to check out the Midway District website. You can find Area Shows/Clinics/Contests and Workshops at this link:

http://www.midway.k-state.edu/area-shows/index.html

Also Upcoming 4-H events are featured on the 4-H event page where you can find local information and deadlines on the calendar! Check this out at:

http://www.midway.k-state.edu/4-h/events/index.html

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.

Growing Together Video Contest

Lang Diesel, Inc has issued a call for entries to all 4-H groups to participate in an online video contest called Growing Together! Videos must be entered by May 31st! They should be no longer than ONE minute and creatively describe why the group deserves to win and what they would do with the $1000 scholarship money. Enter your video on the LDI Facebook Page

For more information you can visit www.langdieselinc.com

Enter your videos then SHARE it with Midway District 4-H page and we will help share and get votes. The contest will be determined by the video with the most votes!

Don't forget to vote for your fellow Midway District Clubs!

GOOD LUCK!
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 is develop blue ribbon kids, not just blue ribbon projects. Talk with members about what they have learned about each of their fair entries, 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!

---

Area/State Events

**Kansas 4-H Sewing Camp**
Registration is OPEN!
- **When:** May 31-June 3, 2016
- **Where:** Justin Hall, KSU Manhattan Campus
- **Who:** 13-18 year old 4-H members with sewing experience
- **Cost:** $195

**Registration:** March 1-May 1 through Cvent - Registration is limited to a maximum of 30 youth

Click here for [Additional Information](#)

---

**Senior FCS Judging Contest Registration**
Grab a friend and register to explore nutrition topics at the 2016 4-H Senior FCS Judging Contest. Competition aspects will include an oral presentation, interactive learning experience and a fact finding hunt. Tours of various Manhattan nutrition topic sites will be included. Lunch is included in this all day (8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.) contest on Wednesday, June 1.

Participants will register individually, and will be asked to enter the name of their teammate during registration. Deadline to register is May 1st. [Click Here](#) for registration

---

**Campference**
Leadership: From Black and White...to HD!

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2016), and will be held June 24-27, 2016 at Rock Springs 4-H Center.

Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as these tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better interact with others. Participants will meet other youth from around the state of Kansas.

Register early as the space will fill on a first come basis! Register online by May 16 and payment and participation form must be in the local Extension Offices on May 16.

Registration and detailed information can be found on the Kansas 4-H Events Registration Page. Or [click here](#).
Leader’s Lounge

Are you counting down until school is out? Summer will soon arrive! 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
___ 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/(EW) fairboard
___ Report any club visitors to Nicolette, she can follow up with them about questions they may have

Promote/Recruit
___ KAP/Recordbook Trainings (see Calendar)
___ Power of Positive Attitude Workshops (see Calendar)
___ 4-H members asking friends to attend a 4-H meeting with them

REMEMBER
___ Drop/Add for Projects is May 1st for members to exhibit at the fair!
___ NEW MEMBERS: to participate at the fair must be enrolled by MAY 1 (Online enrollment complete)
___ 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!

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 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!
4-H Council

RS 4-H Council
May 9th
Russell 4-H Building
7:30pm

EW 4-H Council
June 13th
Courthouse Meeting Room
6:30 pm

Fairboard Meetings
Russell Co. Free Fairboard
April 11th
4-H Building: North Room
7:00

Ellsworth Fair Association
April 19th
7:00 pm
Ellsworth Fairgrounds

Get Connected!!!
Want reminders on upcoming deadlines, upcoming events, or want stay in contact with your agents? LIKE US!
www.facebook.com/Midway4H
www.facebook.com/MidwayKSRE

FOLLOW US!
@Midway4H
@MidwayKSRE

Please take the time to add us to your social media accounts to get more updates and stay in touch with us! Don’t forget to check out updates on the website: www.midway.ksu.edu

Midway District Calendar

May
1 — Horse ID’s due to Extension Office
   — EW Junior Leaders Meeting 4:00 pm
   — Discovery Days Registration Closes
2 — Camp Counselor Applications due
   — Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp Registration due!
5 — Extension Board Meeting– 7pm RS 4-H Building
6 — Community Vitality Update– Wilson (UMC Education Bldg)
7 — Spring Show– Russell
9 — RS 4-H Council 7:30pm– 4-H Building
   — Nicolette’s last day in the office
15 — Eulert Camp Scholarship Applications due (RS)
16 — Campference Registration Closes
22 — RS Junior Leader Meeting
24 — Ellsworth Cancer Fund Fundraiser– Pizza Hut 5pm-8pm
30 — Extension Offices Closed for Holiday
31 — Discovery Days (Manhattan)

June
1 — North Central District Horse Show entries due
2 — Extension Board Meeting– 7pm 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)
13 — EW 4-H Council 6:30 pm– Courthouse
14 — Discover Australia Day Camp! 8am-12pm (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

K-State Research and Extension is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Issued in furtherance of Cooperative Extension Work, Acts of May 8 and June 30, 1914, as amended. Kansas State University, County Extension Councils, Extension Districts, and United States Department of Agriculture Cooperating,