

4-H UPDATE

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Midway District 4-H Newsletter

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As county fairs are wrapping up, I have been thinking of some of favorite memories as a 4-Her. As a kid, I dreamed of having big rosette ribbons and banners hanging in my barn and room. I won several banners and rosette ribbons during my 12 years in 4-H. The memories from spending time in the kitchen and barn will last, but the ribbons and banners will eventually collect dust.

The memories I remember the most in my 4-H career are the ones that taught me the most. Those memories usually included a white ribbons. Twice my dog fouled in the ring. I also remember the judge cutting into my loaf of bread only to see it was raw in the middle. Another time, I showed a rabbit that did not have the correct markings for the breed.

Those white ribbons are now my favorite ribbons. Every white ribbon I received, didn't stop me from improving for next year. The white ribbons always taught me something and I always left with something to improve on. Sometimes you have to grow before you can reach the top. I am thankful for the growth 4-H has done for me.

Good luck to all the Midway District 4-Hers competing at the Kansas State Fair.

Karrie Van Winkle





Russell Report



2023 RS County 4-H Council Officers

President
Teagen Pfeifer

Vice President
Kierra Eck

Secretary
Taylor Cook

Treasurer
Christian Miller

Reporter
Emma Karst

4-H Council Meeting
September 25 at 7:00pm

Be prepared for these
meetings with officer and
committee reports!

Russell Fair Board Meeting
September 11 at 7:00pm

4-H Junior Leaders
September 25 at 6:00pm

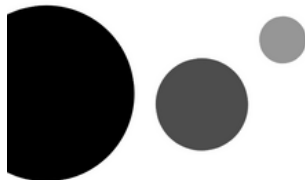
The Russell County 4-H Development Fund reminds Russell County 4-H members that scholarships are available for experience such as KYLF, Citizenship in Action, and Citizenship Washington Focus! Please see the Extension Office for more information if you are considering one of these trips and would be interested in applying for a scholarship.



4-H Never Goes Out of Style

2022-2023 Russell County

ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET



Sunday, October 22, 2023

Location - Gorham Senior Center
99 Clifford St, Gorham, KS 67640

Time - Game Time - 4:30pm
Supper Time - 6:00pm



RSVP deadline is Monday,
October 13 at 5:00pm





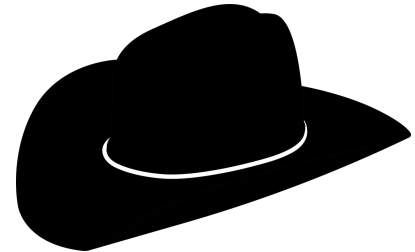
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Applicant Submission Process for the George & Cooper Gier 4-H Memorial Grant



Date Create: 02/28/2023
Last updated: 03/13/2023



The Gier 4-H Memorial Grant Fund provides support for youth involved in Russell County 4-H to participate in special 4-H events, such as 4-H camps or state-wide classes. Grants will be made to the Kansas State University Extension Office for this purpose. Applications will be reviewed periodically as funding becomes available. Upon approval of the request, funds will take 10-14 days for processing and will go directly to the activity provider. Contact Angie Muller at 785-445-3611 or director@rcacf.org with any questions.

When individuals apply for this grant for the first time, you will be required to create a new account. Please note that for the EIN number, just enter 11-111111. If awarded, the grant will be made payable to a qualified charitable entity and not to the youth.

Please note: The online grant portal works best in **CHROME browsers**. The following internet browsers are supported by the vendor for this website: Chrome, FireFox or Internet Explorer. If you are using other browsers and encounter issues, please switch to one of these supported browsers to complete your application. This site is not completely compatible with Safari (Mac / Apple browsers).

Only the following file types are accepted for file attachments: Adobe PDF, Images (*.jpg, *.gif, *.png), Word (*.doc, *.docx), Excel (*.xls, *.xlsx) or PowerPoint (*.ppt, *.pptx). MacIntosh / Apple file formats are not accepted.

Online Application Portal: Access via www.gnwkcf.org/grants or <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=greaternwkansas>



Ellsworth Events



2023 EW County 4-H Council Officers

President
Rebekah Vague

Vice President
Trenton Hays

Secretary
Josey Norris

Treasurer
Sam Thielen

Reporter
Molly Ehrlich

4-H Council Meeting
October 23 at 6:30pm

Be prepared for these
meetings with officer and
committee reports!

Fair Association Meeting
September 11 at 7:00pm

4-H Junior Leaders
October 16 at TBA

Window Display Contest!



The annual Window Decorating Contest is rapidly approaching. Window display location to Karrie by September 29th and in place by October 2nd. Remember- your idea needs to catch interest, promote, 4-H, let viewers know how they can join 4-H, and include your club. This is a great opportunity, to share with the community what 4-H means to your club.

2022-2023 Ellsworth County Achievement Banquet

Shoot For the Stars with 4-H

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21

Location:

Ellsworth JR/SR High School
211 W 11th St. Ellsworth, KS 67439

Time: 6:00pm

RSVP by Oct. 13th

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Program information may be available in languages other than English. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, including alternative means for communication (e.g., Braille, large print, audio tape, and American Sign Language) may be requested by contacting the event contact: Karrie Van Winkle two weeks prior to the start of the event at 785-483-3157 and karrievan@ksu.edu. Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so. Language access services, such as interpretation or translation of vital information will be provided free of charge to limited English proficient individuals upon request.





Fair Flashback





4-H in the News



We had 5 youth attend the State Livestock Judging Sweepstakes contest on Saturday August 19th.

We had a Midway District team that included: Noah Goss, Tucker Goss, Nell Goss, and Kierra Eck.

We also had 1 individual: Britta Goss

The team scored 13th overall, 12th on reasons, and 13th on placings. There were 41 teams there at the contest.

Tucker Goss was 11th overall and was asked to try out for the National Team.

Everyone did an amazing job at the contest. These state contests help youth learn about livestock, meet new friends, and continue to spark interest in the agriculture industry.

On Sunday, August 20th Russell County Jr. Leaders attended K-State Challenge Course. Youth learned about team building, communication, group problem solving, leadership development, and personal growth. Individuals that attended were: Payton Maske, Ty Cook, Taylor Cook, Anna-Marie Marsell, and Hailey Gier.





Family Resource Page



Many of the events and paperwork, most definitely the paperwork, for 4-H can be overwhelming for new 4-H families! This page will be used to highlight things that may be helpful to know in regard to upcoming events, deadlines, and necessary documents. Your Club Leader is also a great resource!

Record books, Project Records, Pin Applications and Achievement Banquets will all have deadlines to occur in the very near future.

Record books are often held in a green 4-H binder (available at the Extension Office for **\$3.50**)

**In order to receive an Achievement Pin (with the exception of the membership pin), 4-H members must submit a complete record book to the Extension office. Complete record books must include (in order):

- Personal Page (signed by member, parent, leader)
 - Permanent Record
 - 4-H Story (signed by member)
 - Pictures (optional)

Project Record Forms- Each project record will need to be in a separate notebook (you can simply photo-copy the Personal Page and Permanent Record for each)

Each age division will need to use a specific color of 3-ring binder or folder for their Project Record

***Juniors (age 7-9) - WHITE binder or folder**

***Intermediate (age 10-13) - BLUE binder or folder**

***Senior (age 14-18) - BLACK binder or folder**

While this might seem silly, it makes managing 150 Project Records much more efficient

These records are individual project records that will be completed for judging to be named a county winner in the project area for which you apply! You may fill out as many project record forms as you would like, though focusing on just a few projects and really doing well on those would be my suggestion over doing many project records and not giving as much detail.

Remember that there are different forms of project records for each level (7-9, 10-13, 14 and up). In addition, it is important to adjust the story in your project record to focus on the particular project area including areas of leadership and community service. While you may mention other project areas, this is an opportunity to really let your involvement in this particular project shine!

Pin Applications-Pins provide an opportunity for recognition of continued development and are awarded at the Achievement Banquet.

Club leaders can be provided with a list of members and their eligibility for achievement pins. Please check with your club leader (or the office) if you need to verify the appropriate level pin. You will want to apply for these in order as once you have achieved a specific pin award, you cannot go back to a previous award category. For more information about Pin Applications, [click here](#).



Learning Center



LEADERS.... DID YOU...

REVIEW

- 4-H Update Important Dates/Deadlines (Calendar)

TO DO

- Check mailbox at the Extension Office
- Report from 4-H Council Meetings
- Provide any leadership changes to the Extension Office ASAP
- Update Volunteer Renewal information

PROMOTE/RECRUIT

- 4-H members: ask a friend to attend meetings
- Encourage current 4-H members to review and complete applications for KYLF, Citizenship in Action, Citizenship Washington Focus
- Remind all 4-H members and parents who are volunteers to enroll via 4-H Online
- The Extension Office has a copy of the Cloverbud handbook for each club-please provide this resource to your club Cloverbuds
- Provide officers and clubs leadership updates as soon as possible to the Extension Office

Welcoming New Members

As we begin a new 4-H year, it is important to help our new members feel welcome. Click on the pictures below to learn some tips and tricks for welcoming new members to your club.



Financial Review Time!

Club Financial Reviews are due to the Extension Office by September 20.

Please establish your committee now to carefully review the finances and fully complete the form.

Kansas Extension law, as well as federal and state expectations for use of all funds generated in support of Extension programs, require the Director for Extension and Extension Council/District Boards to be accountable for non-appropriated funds generated for Extension programs within their jurisdiction. In other words, the Director for Extension and the Extension Board are accountable for funds raised and/or collected by such groups as 4-H Clubs, 4-H Councils, etc. In order for the local Extension unit to ensure compliance with financial requirements for 4-H and other Extension affiliated groups, a yearly financial review of those accounts is to be conducted by a Financial Review Committee of the club/group. Approval of the reports is documented by the local unit board, recording in their minutes a motion to approve the reports, including in the minutes the name of each club/group. This review and board approval is required of all clubs/organizations.

If you need more information or assistance in completing the financial review, please contact our office.



4-H Happenings



**JOIN THE 2024
KANSAS 4-H
JUDGES' LIST!**



4-H JUDGES



Do you want to be a judge at the county fair or club day? We are excited to announce that for 2024, Kansas 4-H will have a statewide judges database! The link will close September 30.

The information collected in this form will be shared with local Extension offices and State Fair 4-H superintendents. Those interested in hiring you to judge will contact you directly.

By completing the online judges registration process, you are agreeing to be screened according to the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct and policy.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum and the Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum

What: Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more.

In addition, the 2024 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected and up to six National 4-H Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF.

When: November 18-19, 2023

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2024

Registration Deadline:

Will open in August
Deadline - October 16, 2023

It's time to start applying to be a 2023 Midway District 4-H Ambassador!

To be an 4-H Ambassador:

- You are interested in public speaking and making presentations in front of groups.
- You are in the ninth grade or above.
- You have completed two or more years of 4-H.
- You agree to give two presentations on 4-H each year.
- You agree to be interviewed by judges to discuss your application.

What is an Ambassador?

4-H Ambassadors should be looked to as the "Face of 4-H" for the local program. Their role is to tell the 4-H Story through media, personal appearances, and other avenues. Some of the responsibilities of a 4-H ambassador include:

- Public Relations for 4-H
- Promote 4-H to all Audiences
- Work with 4-H Agent and 4-H PDC to promote and assist at events
- Further their own communications skills
- Organize promotional events and activities (may be in conjunction with Jr. Leader teams)
- Network with non-4-H groups (Kiwanis, Rotary, other community organizations)
- Attend trainings as offered.

There will be a maximum of 8 Ambassadors selected. Ambassadors are selected for a 2-year term!

To apply, go [HERE](#).

Applications are due to the extension office by Tuesday, October 17.



Upcoming Events



September 8-17

Kansas State Fair

September 13

Rookie of the Year Due

September 20

Project Records/Record
Books Due

Club Seal Applications Due

Pin Applications Due

Club Financials Due

October 1

4-H Online Enrollment Opens

October 1-7

National 4-H Week

October 17

Ambassador Applications
Due

October 21

Ellsworth Achievement
Banquet

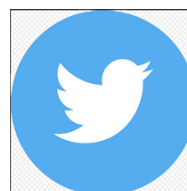
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Russell Achievement
Banquet



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If you would prefer receiving this newsletter via mail (in addition to the email and posted version), call the Extension Office at (785) 483-3157 and we will add you to the mailing list.

Upcoming Events: Be sure to regularly check the Midway District website for upcoming shows and clinics.

www.midway.k-state.edu/events/areashows.html

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September 2023

AC-Ash Creek, BC-Big Creek, CL-County Liners, EH-Elkhorn,
LS-Lonestar, SF-Sunflower, SS-Shooting Sports,
TT-Trying Tommies, WW-Wilson Winners, WCV-Wolf Creek Valley

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 Club Meetings: BC	Labor Day 4 Club Meetings: ECFA Meeting	5	6	7 Extension Board Meeting - RS	8 KANSAS STATE FAIR	9 KANSAS STATE FAIR
10 Club Meetings: SS / WCV	11 Club Meetings: RS Fairboard	12 KANSAS STATE FAIR	13 KANSAS STATE FAIR	14 KANSAS STATE FAIR	15 KANSAS STATE FAIR	16 KANSAS STATE FAIR
17 Club Meetings: AC/WW/LS/SF EW Jr. Leaders KANSAS STATE FAIR	18 Club Meetings: CL Club Meeting	19	20 Project Records /Record Books Due	21	22	23
24 Club Meetings: TT/EH	25 Club Meetings: RS Council	26	27	28	29	30

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