

# 4-H UPDATE



## Midway District 4-H Newsletter

MIDWAY DISTRICT 4-H PROGRAM represents  
ELLSWORTH AND RUSSELL AREA 4-H CLUBS

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## Northwest Area Project Record Form Judging

Midway District is able to send one senior project record per county on to regional record book judging. Congratulations to the Midway District 4-H members who submitted their Project Record Forms to the NW area regional judging:

Kierra Eck: Foods and Nutrition

Leah Howard: Home Environment

Leah Howard: Sheep

Hallie Thielen: Foods and Nutrition

Layne Vaughan-Meier: Pets

Layne Vaughan-Meier: Civic Engagement

Skylar Vaughn-Meier: Rabbits

Great job on all of your hard work and we hope you will continue to work towards your goals in the future!

Congratulations to **Kierra Eck** and **Hallie Thielen** whose Project Record Forms were selected to go on to the state level of judging!

*Karrie Van Winkle*



# Russell Report



## 2023-2024 RS County 4-H Council Officers

President  
Kierra Eck

Vice President  
Conner Miller

Secretary  
Katelyn Haddock

Treasurer  
Teagen Pfeifer

Reporter  
Charlie Herbel

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

Be prepared for these  
meetings with officer and  
committee reports!

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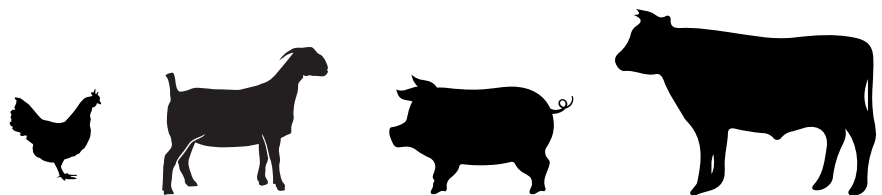
Russell Fair Board Meeting  
February 12 at 7:00pm

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4-H Junior Leaders  
March 18 at 6:30pm

### We Need Your Help!

If you are 12 years of age or older (adults too), we need your help! We are in need of door monitors for 4-H Club Days on Sunday, February 26 at Wilson High School. If you can help us out, please contact our office!



The Russell County 4-H Extension Office and Russell High School FFA are coming together to let 4-H and FFA utilize the Russell High School FFA Farm. 4-H and FFA projects will be able to utilize the facility for minimal costs to help grow a responsible project experience.

The farm is located just east of the Shaffer Field on USD 407 property.

Contact the Extension Office or Russell High School for a contract.



# Ellsworth Events



## 2023-2024 EW County 4-H Council Officers

President  
Molly Ehrlich

Vice President  
Ashlyn Schwerdtfeger

Secretary  
Brelyn Zier

Treasurer  
Addie Janzen

Reporter  
Josey Norris

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4-H Council Meeting  
February 26 at 6:30pm

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Fair Association Meeting  
February 5 at 7:00pm

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EW Junior Leaders Meeting  
February 26 at 7:00pm



## Ellsworth County Fair Dates

The fair kicks off with the Horse Show on Saturday, July 20 and ends with the Premium Auction on Thursday, July 25.



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# 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!**

Spring weigh-ins are quickly approaching for our 4-H families in livestock projects. You have probably seen the term "tagging request" floating around and are wondering what this is, if it is necessary, if you need to fill one out, and how you do this.

A "tagging request" is only necessary if you will be unable to attend the designated tagging and weigh in dates for each species. For beef, this is February 17th and February 18th. For Sheep and Goats, this is April 27th and April 28th.

SWINE members. You can come to small animal weigh in but the pigs MUST STAY IN the TRAILER. We will come to the trailer to tag.

You should plan to attend the weigh-ins on these dates, but if you find that you absolutely cannot, you will need to submit a tagging request by the tagging request deadline. These can be submitted through the links below or on the Midway District website

Beef: [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eVx9nJYv94rAk0S](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eVx9nJYv94rAk0S)

Small Animal: [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8GnaVI5DbUBUEAK](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8GnaVI5DbUBUEAK)

If you do have to submit a tagging request, Clinton will contact you to work out a time for your animal to be tagged. Animals that are tagged via tagging request, and not on the designated weigh in/tagging day will not be eligible for Rate of Gain competitions.

The Deadlines for the tagging requests are February 10 for beef and April 13th for small animals.

Cattle tags are \$4.50 and small animal tags are \$2.75. You will be sent an invoice for these fees AFTER weigh-in dates. Do not bring money to weigh-in for payment please!



# 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

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### YQCA-Youth Quality Care of Animals

Completion of YQCA is required to sell an animal (including poultry and rabbits) through the county fair premium auction and to show animals at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show.

In-person classes will be held at the Wilson United Methodist Church ( 2404 Ave F, Wilson, KS 67490 ). We will meet in the education center behind the church.

Class will be held these following dates:

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024 6-7:30**

**MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024 6-7:30**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 1-2:30**

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars:



Food Safety



Animal Well-Being



Character Development

TO FIND MORE INFORMATION, REGISTER FOR ONE OF THESE DATES OR TO DO THE ONLINE TRAINING.

PLEASE GO TO THE FOLLOWING SITE:

<https://yqcaprogram.org/>

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## Attention High School Seniors and College Students!

It's time to start thinking about applying for scholarships. Did you know the Kansas 4-H Foundation has a large list of scholarships that are given out each year?

Click [HERE](#) for the application and the list of available scholarships. Applications are due to the state 4-H office by March 1, 2024



# 4-H in the News



On January 21, Twenty-Two Midway District 4-Hers from ages 5-17 participated in The Favorite Foods Show. This was a great opportunity for them to make their favorite food, plan a theme and menu around that food, and learn nutritional facts about their menu.

In the Senior division, Teagen Pfeifer won with his Creamy Tuscan Chicken Pasta. The Intermediate category was won by Payton Maske with her Dutch Oven Bread with Homemade Butter. Coy Cook swept the Junior division with his 20 Minute Pizza Dough.

If you are interested in a recipe book from the event, stop by our Russell or Ellsworth office to grab your very own copy! You can also find a digital version [HERE](#).





# 4-H Happenings



**2024 K-STATE Junior BEEF Producer Day**  
**MARCH 2**

**Program**  
Join us March 2, 2024, for the K-State Junior Beef Producer Day in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus. This event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, beef project leaders, and extension agents can expand their knowledge of youth beef projects. Presentations and demonstrations by K-State faculty, staff, K-State livestock judging team members, and guest speakers will cover topics such as selection, nutrition, meat science, reproduction, health, grooming, and showmanship. An optional YQCA certification session will be offered at the end of the day. A complimentary lunch and t-shirt (early registrations) will be provided. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by February 12 and \$25 for those who register after the deadline. Only those who register by February 12 will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including youth and adults.

**Tentative Schedule**  
8:00AM Check-in & Registration  
9:30AM Welcome  
9:45AM Project Selection  
10:30AM Morning Breakout Sessions  
- Nutrition, Meat Science, Daily Hair Care, Clipping & Fitting  
NOON Lunch  
1:00PM Afternoon Breakout Sessions  
- Health, Reproduction, Showmanship  
3:15PM Wrap-up & Dismissal  
3:30PM YQCA Certification & State Livestock Nominations (optional)

**Registration**  
Registration Deadline: February 12  
Registration Fee: \$20/person  
Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/4kxuasiregister>  
Late Registration: \$25/person after February 12  
\*All attendees must register, including youth & adults.  
\*Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.  
\*\*\*To register by mail, contact Lexie for a paper registration form.

**Registration Due FEB. 12**

**Questions LEXIE HAYES**  
lexiehayes@ksu.edu

**Scan Me!**

**YIP**

**2024 K-STATE Junior SHEEP PRODUCER DAY**  
**MARCH 16**

Join us for K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day on Saturday, March 16, 2024, in Weber Hall on the Kansas State University campus. Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by featured guests, as well as K-State faculty, staff, and students. This event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, extension agents, and sheep project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth sheep project selection and management. Topics include project selection, nutrition and feeding, facilities, health, reproduction, meat science, wool, clipping and grooming, showmanship, and an optional YQCA certification at the end of the day. This event is designed for all ages and skill levels. Lunch is included. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by February 26, or \$25/person for those who register after that date. Only those who register by February 26 will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending, including both youth and adults, must register.

**Registration Deadline FEB. 26**

**SCAN ME!**

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**Tentative Schedule**  
8:30AM Check-in & Registration  
9:30AM Welcome  
9:45AM Project Selection  
10:30AM Morning Breakout Sessions  
- Nutrition, Facilities & Equipment, Starter Flock  
NOON Lunch  
12:45PM Health  
1:30PM Afternoon Breakout Sessions  
- Wool, Showmanship, Clipping & Grooming  
3:45PM Wrap-up & Dismissal  
4:00PM YQCA Certification & State Livestock Nominations (optional)

**Registration**  
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Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/4kxuasiregister>  
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**Questions Lexie Hayes**  
lexiehayes@ksu.edu  
785-532-1264  
adhayes@ksu.edu

**YIP**



YOU ARE INVITED TO THE  
**70<sup>th</sup> Birthday**  
OF  
**Joann Paschal**

**Rescheduled-  
February 3, 2024**

• 2-4 PM •

• Luray Community Center •

Cake, Drinks and Nacho Bar will be served

For questions, please locate event on Facebook or contact Nicole Webber @ 785.324.1086

**Spring Weigh In  
Large Animal**  
**February 17, 2024** at Ellsworth Animal Health 8-11am  
**February 18, 2024** at Russell Veterinary Service- 2-5pm

**Small Animal**  
**April 27, 2024** at Ellsworth Fairgrounds 10am-12pm  
**April 28, 2024** at Russell Fairgrounds 2pm-4pm



# 4-H Happenings



## 2024 CLUB DAY

Sunday February 25th  
**Wilson Elementary School**  
 3009 Ave D, Wilson, KS 67490

*Demonstrate YOUR talent at Club Day*

**Categories include:**

- Project Talk -Show and Tell
- Demonstration -Illustrated Talk
- Singing -Public Speaking
- Talent (dancing, skits, magic tricks, etc.)
- Instrumental Skills -Reading
- Resume/Interview -Model Meetings

Registration Deadline is **Wednesday, January 24th**  
 Open to the Public Contests begin at 2:00pm

Individual registration  
 Group registration

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Registration Due February 20

To register Use the link or QR code.

[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_5d8cZPUfrrxYoK](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5d8cZPUfrrxYoK)



## JUDGES TRAINING

**SATURDAY, FEB. 24**  
10:30AM TO 3:00PM

\$10 Fee - Lunch Provided  
Pay at the door

**JUDGING AREAS:**  
 STYLE REVUE  
 PHOTOGRAPHY  
 CLOTHING  
 FIBER ARTS  
 FOODS AND NUTRITION  
 RABBITS  
 HORTICULTURE & CROPS  
 VISUAL ARTS  
 WOODWORKING  
 WILDLIFE  
 SHOOTING SPORTS  
 STEM

### LOCATION

Western Kansas Research-Extension Centers-Agricultural Research Center-Hays.

1232 240th Ave  
Hays KS, 67601

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### MARK YOUR CALENDERS

## SUPER SATURDAY

Will be on March 23!

## GOATS ACROSS KANSAS SERIES

*'Ask Before You Buy'*



FEB 4TH  
2:00 PM

**WHAT SHOULD YOU KNOW BEFORE PURCHASING YOUR NEXT SHOW GOAT PROJECT?**  
Join us as we meet with goat producers for their insider tips on selecting the best project for your barn!

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# Upcoming Events



**February 10**

Beef Tagging Requests Due

**February 17**

Ellsworth Beef Weigh In  
8-11AM

**February 18**

Russell Beef Weigh In  
2-5PM

**February 19**

Office Closed for President's  
Day

**February 24**

Alt. Beef Weigh In - 8-11AM

**February 25**

District Club Day

**March 5**

YQCA Training, 6:00-7:30pm

**March 25**

YQCA Training, 6:00-7:30pm

**April 1**

RS Dev. Fund Academic  
Scholarships Due

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

[www.midway.k-state.edu/events/areashows.html](http://www.midway.k-state.edu/events/areashows.html)



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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.

**Karrie will be working in the Ellsworth Office**

February 7    February 28  
February 26    March 13  
March 21

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## February 2024

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
				1 BEEF TAGGING REQUESTS DUE	2 Groundhogs Day	3
4 Club Meetings: BC	5 Club Meetings: ECFA Meeting	6	7	8 Extension Board Meeting - EW	9	10
11	12 Club Meetings: RS Fairboard	13 Valentine's Day	14	15	16	17
18 Club Meetings: AC/WW/LS/SF/CL	19 President's Day OFFICE CLOSED	20	21 Club Meetings: WCV	22	23	24
25 Club Meetings: TT/EH DISTRICT CLUB DAY	26 Club Meetings: EW Council EW Jr. Leaders	27	28	29		

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10 Daylight Saving Time Starts	11 Club Meetings: RS Fairboard	12	13	14 Extension Board Meeting - RS	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day Club Meetings: AC/WW/LS/SF/CL	18	19	20 Club Meetings: WCV	21	22	23
24 Club Meetings: EH/TT	25 Club Meetings: RS Council RS Jr. Leaders YQCA Training	26	27	28	29	30