We have had a few event-packed months! This newsletter is intended to answer questions (or maybe spark some good ones) and provide our 4-H families with good information.

The Midway District website and Facebook page are also excellent resources for families to review.

Throughout most of the year, we make every attempt to keep the website and Facebook page up to date with events and deadlines. In particular, livestock shows/clinics, Shooting Sports events, and other workshops are too numerous to include in the newsletter.

Additionally, the website includes great resources for Project Records and record books, project information, event dates, and registration information for many district and state events.

We hope that you will utilize all of these resources and we are always only a phone call away if something doesn’t make sense.

Karrie Van Winkle
2023 Russell Fair Book Changes

Silent Auction

INTENT TO SELL CARDS MUST BE TURNED INTO THE FAIR OFFICE by 10:00 am, Wednesday, July 26, 2023, if you intend to sell an item in the silent auction.

1.4-H Members may not sell more than three livestock consignments in the Livestock Auction and no more than two consignment of one type OR ONE item in the Silent Auction. No live animals to be sold in the Silent Auction.

2. Silent Auction is a terminal auction; the item sold will be given to the highest bidder. This item cannot go or be remade for the Kansas State Fair.

3. Members may sell an item in the Silent Auction, with a purple, blue, or red ribbon placing.

4. A Silent Auction item may be comprised of a single item judged at the fair (e.g. a cake). Food items must be made fresh (not the item judged), and horticulture items picked fresh.

5. Members will fill out the Silent Auction Intent to Sell form which includes the name of the item, the placing received, the member’s name, and the starting bid.

6. “Starting bid” will be the lowest amount the member would accept for the item. If the Starting Bid is not met, the item will not be sold and will be returned to the member, with no money given.

7. The physical item MUST be present in the extension fair office by 10:00 am, Friday, July 28, 2023.

8. Silent Auction will be open to bids between 11:00 am and 6:00 pm on Friday, July 28, 2023. At 7 pm, bid sheets will be pulled and final winner determined.

9. Silent Auction item, member name, winning bidder, and price will be announced at the beginning of the Livestock Auction at 6:00 pm.

10. Buyer will take possession of purchased item after paying. Fair Board or Extension Staff will not be holding on to item in offices.

11. The Russell County Fair Board has final decision on all matters of the Silent Auction.

12. There will be a 2% commission taken on all items sold through the Silent Auction. This will be figured on sale amount.

13. No late entries will be accepted.

14. Thank you notes will be available at the Extension Office for sellers to pick up and provide to their purchasers. No buyer ribbons will be given for the Silent Auction.

15. Online Bids are not excepted.

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If you need add/drop projects, see the editing guide Karrie will be sending out.
2023 Ellsworth Fair Book Changes

Horse
3017 Western Division
2140 Western 4-H Ranch Rail, Sr. Division
2141 Western 4-H Ranch Rail, Int. Division
2142 Western 4-H Ranch Rail, Jr. Division

Fashion Revue
4.b. In order to be eligible for the Thrift Store classes, garments must have been purchased ‘second-hand’ from an individual or store. Authentication from either can be in the form of a receipt or clothing cost sheet.

6. Buiymanship and Thrift Store Garments will not be displayed at the fair. Individual photos will be taken at the Fashion Revue and will be displayed at the fair with a copy of the Fashion Revue Narration sheet. The Overall Grand from each the boys' and girls' will be displayed.

Round Robin
10. Each contestant will draw a number at random to select an animal to show when they immediately enter the show ring. No family animal may be shown by siblings unless no other animals are available.

Barn Sleep Over
Midway District K-State Research and Extension will be no organized barn sleep over.

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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!

Local Record Keeping and Project Awards

Record keeping and Project Reporting are valuable skills taught to members of the Kansas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep a permanent record of all 4-H and Non-4-H Experience and are encouraged to summarize their experiences on the Kansas 4-H Project Report Form for project recognition.

To help you through this process, please refer to the Guide to Kansas 4-H Project Recognition. This guide and all other supporting records/forms are available online at:

https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/index.html
https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/LocalRecordKeeping.html

The Kansas 4-H Project Award is a project-specific record which is eligible for county awards and may be selected for regional and state competition (for seniors). It provides the 4-H member an opportunity to really delve into their project, practice writing and presentation skills, and share in-depth learning about a specific project area. This is often much less about the ribbon you earned as it is about the knowledge you learned!

What is included in a Record Book?

The basic record keeping book includes:

- Personal Information Page
- 4-H Story
- Permanent Record
- Project Report Forms (age specific and two different categories-General or Animal). One per project.

*** If you are 14 or older and your project report form is selected to move on to the regional level, you will have additional documents required in your submission including:

- Cover Letter
- Resume
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

The state livestock nomination season has arrived! Last year, we transitioned to an online nomination system, which will continue.

It is going to be IMPERATIVE for you to plan ahead this year! You will not be able to wait until the last minute and successfully complete the process.

Moving to an online system helped streamline the process from nomination, to entry, through participation in the state shows. Both steps will continue to be required – nomination and show entry. Additionally, the deadlines have not changed and will continue to be enforced. You will have to submit your information online, through ShoWorks, and postmark your completed and signed DNA envelopes by the appropriate date.

All market animals and commercial breeding females must be nominated to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS). When we refer to “state shows”, these are the two shows in which state livestock nominations apply.

Deadlines:
May 1 – Market Beef
    - steers
    - market heifers
June 15 – Small Livestock & Commercial Heifers
    - market hogs
    - commercial gilts
    - market lambs
    - commercial ewes
    - market meat goats
    - breeding does (ALL – commercial and registered)
    - commercial heifers

*Registered breeding females that will only be exhibited in the breeding division do not have to be nominated, since they show off of their papers. The registration papers must be in the exhibitor’s name by the appropriate deadline and they basically skip the nomination process and go straight to show entry. The exception is breeding does. Neither show offers a papered division for meat goat breeding does, so ALL meat goats have to be nominated to show in any division.

For more information, click [HERE](#).

LIVESTOCK ALERT!!

National Volunteer Week
National Volunteer Week is April 16-22. The 4-H program is what it is because of the AMAZING volunteers. Take this opportunity to shine a light on those who lend their time, talent, and voice to make a difference.
If you have Club News that you would like to share, please forward it to Karrie and we will publish it on this page as space allows.

Regional Club Day was held on March 10th in Great Bend. We had 31 entries in our district. Way to represent Midway District!

**Elässworth Results**

- **Project Talk**
  - Hagen Huseman - Purple
  - Luke Thilen - Purple

- **Junior Demonstration**
  - Lauren Broxes - Red
  - Eli Brokes - Blue

- **Senior Demonstration**
  - Josey Norris - Blue
  - Hannah Vague - Blue

- **Model Meetings**
  - Wilson Winners - Blue

- **ARI**
  - Rebekah Vague - Purple

- **Public Speaking**
  - Abby Dlabal - Blue
  - Rebekah Vague - Blue

- **Talent**
  - Ash Creek (Skit) - Blue
  - AG / WW (Dance) - Purple

- **Reading**
  - Remington Wimmer - Blue - Junior
  - Karli Haase - Purple - Senior

- **Music**
  - Hannah Vague - Vocal Solo - Blue
  - Lakyn Beckman - Instr. Solo - Blue
  - Grey Family - Vocal Ensemble - Blue

**Russell Results**

- **Junior Demonstration**
  - Payton Maske - Blue
  - Ethan Maske - Blue

- **Senior Demonstration**
  - Hailey Gier - Purple
  - Kierra Eck - Blue

- **Extemp. Speaking**
  - Hailey Gier - Blue

- **Public Speaking**
  - Gracie Karst - Red

- **ARI**
  - Kierra Eck - Blue

- **Talent**
  - Sunflower - Skit - Blue

- **Reading**
  - Matthias Miller - Junior - Blue
  - Janessa Miller - Senior - Blue

- **Music**
  - Miller Family - Vocal Ensemble - Blue
  - G. G. J Miller - Instru. Ensemble - Blue
  - Christian Miller - Instru. Solo - Blue
  - Conner Miller - Piano Solo - Blue
Who: Youth ages 13-18
Where: Kansas State University Campus
When: June 7-9th, 2023
How much: $210

Kansas 4-H will be hosting the Discovery Days Event and this year is our 100th year for this event. (Formally known as Round-Up)
Come be a part of the fun and educational opportunity. Develop college or career readiness skills that prepare youth for life after High School. Youth participants will be given opportunities to develop responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision-making, and time-management skills. It’s also a wonderful opportunity to meet new people and make new friends from all over the state.

Emerald Circle - We are excited to announce that Discovery Days participants will be included in a special recognition event honoring the State Project Award Winners. This event will be held in the K-State Student Union on the evening of Thursday, June 8th, and will include an evening social and entertainment. More details to follow!

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers Board Invites You to:
Spring Into Volunteering
SAT, April 22 9AM - 3PM
K-State Salina Campus - Tech Center Building
2310 Centennial Rd, Salina, KS 67401

Admission:
$20 covers lunch, drinks, and materials
Register online by April 1, 2023
https://pepsx.com/SN083
Take payment to local Extension office

Agenda:
- 4-H Thriving Research Technology to Support Volunteers
- Strengthening 4-H Clubs
- Engaging All 4-Hers
- Clover-buds
- 40 Hours of 4-H
- Celebrating Volunteers

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Express Yourself
4-H Performing Arts Workshop
Saturday, April 15th, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Great Plains Theatre (215 N Campbell St. Abilene, KS 67410)
- 4-H Members Ages 7-18
- $50 registration fee
- (Limited spots available)

Great Plains Theatre is an award-winning professional performing arts space that involves the youth in our communities as singers, actors, technicians, and crew to teach and train for what being a professional, working artist is like.

What to Expect:
- Catered Pizza lunch
- Take-Home Project
- Workshops and Showcase presentation
- Substance for Sacred Books
- Scapula folder

For more information, contact:
- Michael Audo, GFT Artistic Director
  michael.au.do@k-state.edu
  (785) 532-4574
- Becky Jibben
  4-H Leader

Registration Process:
- Complete online registration: https://pepsx.com/HF083
- Turn in payment to Extension Director, Michael Audo, Great Plains Theatre (215 N Campbell St. Abilene, KS 67410) by April 13th
- Payment can be cash, check, or by credit card over the phone. (785) 532-4574

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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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