

# 4-H UPDATE

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## Midway District 4-H Newsletter

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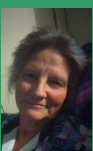
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We have had a few event-packed months! This newsletter is intended to answer questions (or maybe spark some good ones) and provide our 4-H families with good information.

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.



# Russell Report



## 2024-2025 RS County 4-H Council Officers

President  
Teagen Pfeifer

Vice President  
Katelyn Haddock

Secretary  
Emma Schneider

Treasurer  
Payton Maske

Reporter  
Janessa Miller

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4-H Council Meeting  
May 19 at 7:00pm

Be prepared for these  
meetings with officer and  
committee reports!

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Russell Fair Board Meeting  
April 14 at 7:00pm

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4-H Junior Leaders  
May 19 at 6:00pm

## SPRING *Livestock Clinic*

Sunday, April 27  
from 2:00pm - 5:00pm

Russell 4-H building  
702 Fairway Dr, Russell, KS 67665

Sessions include: Beef, Meat Goats,  
Poultry, and Rabbits

There will be 3 rotations with each rotation  
being 1 hour long. Each member can attend  
up to 3 sessions. You are more than  
welcome to come to 1 or 2 sessions.

This event is FREE and  
available for 4-H members  
and non 4-H members

Registration closes  
Sunday, April 20  
at 11:59pm



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## Don't forget! The drop/ add deadline for 4-H Online is May 1!

If you need add/drop projects, see the editing guide  
Karrie will be sending out.



# Ellsworth Events



## 2024-2025 EW County 4-H Council Officers

President  
Hannah Vague

Vice President  
Brelyn Zier

Secretary  
Brooklyn Thielen

Treasurer  
Leah Howard

Reporter  
John Barta

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4-H Council Meeting  
April 28 at 6:30pm

Be prepared for these  
meetings with officer and  
committee reports!

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Fair Association Meeting  
April 7 at 6:30pm

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EW Junior Leaders Meeting  
April 28 at 7:00pm

## MAY 1 DEADLINES

1

**4-H ONLINE  
ENROLLMENT IS  
DUE TO SHOW AT  
THE COUNTY FAIR**

2

**4-H ONLINE  
ADD/DROP  
PROJECT  
DEADLINE**

3

**KANSAS STATE FAIR  
MARKET BEEF  
NOMINATIONS DUE**





# 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!**

## Guidelines to Member Achievement Pin

Kansas 4-H Member Achievement pins are designed to recognize 4-H members as they reach milestones throughout their 4-H journey. The pins are awarded in a series. As a member's 4-H journey progresses, the achievement pin requirements expand to challenge individuals to explore and engage in more opportunities to develop life skills. The following guidelines are to be used statewide in all local Extension Units. This ensures consistency and maintains the integrity of the recognition.

1. 4-H members are allowed to receive only 1 Member Achievement Pin per year.
2. 4-H members may not earn the same pin more than once throughout their 4-H career.
3. 4-H members may start with any pin but may not move backwards. Pins are intended to be completed in sequential order. For example, if a young person joins 4-H for the first time as a 15-year-old, they may choose which pin to start with, and must advance from that point. 4-H'ers may choose to skip a pin but are not allowed to move backwards.
4. The application will represent the 4-H experience of the current 4-H year, unless specifically noted on the application.
5. 4-H members may engage through in-person, hybrid, virtual, and distance learning opportunities to meet the requirements listed on each award application.
6. 4-H members needing an accommodation should make a request as outlined in Kansas 4-H Policy.
7. Pin applications must be signed by:
  - a. 4-H member
  - b. Parent/Guardian
  - c. 4-H Club Leader

\*Independent Members will have their Mentor sign in place of a Club Leader.
8. Written feedback is an important part of educational experience. A sample template is provided to maximize encouraging feedback with a growth mindset.
9. Local Units may choose to provide additional recognition opportunities but may not modify the Member Achievement Pin system as outlined.
10. Each local Extension Unit should develop a method to track and record Member Achievement Pins awarded. Kansas 4-H recommends utilizing 4HOnline for this purpose.

**[The Member Achievement Pins were updated last year. Use this link to access the new Member Achievement Pins](#)**



# 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

The state livestock nomination season has arrived! 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 – complete 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. Then, after your nominations are complete and have been verified, you'll submit your official show entries directly through the specific show in which you would like to participate – the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS.

### Who should nominate?

Kansas 4-H and FFA members who would like to exhibit livestock projects must nominate all market animals and commercial breeding females for those animals to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS. When we refer to “state shows”, these are the two shows in which Kansas state livestock nominations apply.

### What are the nomination deadlines?

May 1 – Market Beef

- steers
- market heifers

June 15 – Small Livestock & Commercial Breeding Heifers

- market hogs
- commercial breeding gilts
- market lambs
- commercial breeding ewes
- market meat goats
- breeding does (ALL – commercial and registered)
- commercial breeding heifers

### When do DNA Envelopes have to be ordered?

\*10 days prior to nomination deadline

April 20 – Market Beef

June 5 – Small Livestock & Commercial Breeding Heifer

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

### National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is April 20-26.

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!





# 4-H in the News



## ELLSWORTH RESULTS

### **Project Talk**

Trent Norris - Purple

Kambri Kasper - Red

### **Junior Demonstration**

Mazie Barta - Purple -

Weston Soukup - Blue

### **Senior Demonstration**

Josey Norris - Purple

Leah Howard - Red

### **Model Meetings**

Wilson Winners - Blue

### **ARI**

Hannah Vague - Purple

### **Public Speaking**

Hallie Thielen - Purple

Hanna Vague - Purple

### **Extemp. Speaking**

Sage Gray - Purple

Caleb Diabal - Blue

### **Reading**

Tess Gray - Junior - Purple

Hannah Vague - Senior - Blue

### **Talent**

Czech Folk Dance - Purple

Ash Creek - Skit - Blue

Lakyn Beckman - Other - Blue

### **Music**

Tess Gray - Vocal Solo - Purple

Grey Family - Vocal Ensemble - Purple

**Regional Club Day was held on March 14th in Great Bend. We had 29 entries in our district. Way to represent Midway District!**

**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.**

## RUSSELL RESULTS

### **Project Talks**

Ethan Maske - Red

### **Junior Demonstration**

Rylee Bradshaw - Blue

Ari Robbins - Red

### **Senior Demonstration**

Payton Maske - Blue

### **ARI**

Ty Cook - Red

### **Talent**

Sunflower - Skit - Purple

### **Reading**

Ari Robbins - Junior - Blue

Janessa Miller - Senior - Blue

### **Music**

Miller Family - Vocal Ensemble - Purple

C, J Miller - Instru. Ensemble - Purple

Christian Miller - Instru. Solo - Purple

Janessa Miller - Piano Solo - Blue

Matthias Miller - Vocal Solo - Purple

# 4-H Happenings

**2024-2025  
SMALL ANIMAL  
WEIGH IN**

**SAVE**

**THE**

ELLSWORTH  
FAIR GROUNDS

APRIL 26TH  
FROM  
10:00AM-12:00PM

RUSSELL  
FAIR GROUNDS

APRIL 27TH  
FROM  
2:00PM TO 4:00PM

**DATE**



The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers Board  
Invites **YOU**, 4-H volunteers and 4-H parents to

## Spring Into Volunteering

**SAT, April 26 9AM - 3PM**

K-State Polytechnic Campus - College Center Conference Room  
2310 Centennial Rd, Salina, KS 67401

### Admission

\$20 covers lunch and materials  
Register online by April 15, 2025  
<https://bit.ly/3XAGM0v>  
Take payment to local Extension office

### Agenda:

Get Acquainted and Introductions  
Personality Types and Volunteer Work  
Strategies to prepare youth for real-world opportunities  
Civic Engagement and Service Projects  
Training Wheels Activities  
4-H Volunteer Resources

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**New Date**

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## YQCA YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

### 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 THESE FOLLOWING DATES AND TIMES:

**THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025 6:00-7:30PM**

Russell County 4-H Fair Building (702 Fairway Dr, Russell, KS 67665)

**THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025 6:00-7:30PM**

Ellsworth Recreation Center (221 W Douglas Ave, Ellsworth, KS 67439)

**SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025 1:00-2:30PM**

Wilson United Methodist Church (2404 Ave F, Wilson, KS 67490)

We will meet in the education center behind the church.

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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### SPECIES:

TBA

**SAVE THE DATE**

## Spring Livestock Clinic

WATCH FOR  
REGISTRATION!

### LOCATION

Russell Fair  
Grounds

### DATE

April 27, 2025

### TIME

2:00pm



# Upcoming Events



**April 1**

RS Dev. Fund Academic  
Scholarships Due

**April 3**

YQCA Training at Ellsworth Rec  
Building, 6:00-7:30pm

**April 20**

Senior Spotlights due to the  
Extension Office

**April 20-26**

National Volunteer Week

**April 26**

Small Animal Weigh In at  
Ellsworth Fairgrounds 10:00am-  
12:00pm

**April 27**

Small Animal Weigh In at  
Russell Fairgrounds 2:00pm-  
4:00pm

**April 27**

Russell Jr. Leaders Spring  
Livestock Clinic at the Russell  
Fairgrounds at 2:00pm

**May 1**

4-H Online enrollment is due to  
show at the county fair

**May 1**

4-H online Add/drop Project  
deadline

**May 4**

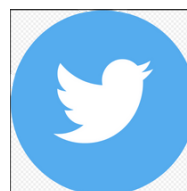
YQCA Training, at Wilson church  
from 1:00pm-2:30pm

Upcoming Events: Be sure to  
regularly check the Midway  
District website for upcoming  
events.

[https://www.midway.k-  
state.edu/events/](https://www.midway.k-state.edu/events/)



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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**

April 2                      April 7  
April 16                    April 23  
April 28



# C A L E N D A R

## April 2025

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
30 Easter	31	1 April Fool's Day RS Dev. Fund Academic Scholarships Due	2	3 YQCA Training	4	5
6 Club Meetings: BC	7 Club Meetings: ECFA Meeting	8	9	10 Extension Board Meeting - EW	11	12
13	14 Club Meetings: RS Fairboard	15	16 Club Meetings: WCV	17	18	19
20 Club Meetings: AC/WW/LS/SF/CL	21 Earth Day	22	23	24	25	26 Spring Weigh In @ EW fair grounds 10am-12pm
27 Club Meetings: TT/EH Spring Weigh In @ RS fair grounds 2pm-4pm RS Spring Livestock Clinic	28 Club Meetings: EW Council & EW Jr. Leaders Meeting	29	30			

## May 2025

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 MAY 1 DEADLINES	2	3
4 Club Meetings: BC YQCA Training	5 Cinco de Mayo Club Meetings: ECFA Meeting	6	7	8 Extension Board Meeting - RS	9	10
11 Mother's Day	12 Club Meetings: RS Fairboard	13	14	15	16	17
18 Club Meetings: AC/WW/LS/SF/CL	19 Club Meetings: RS Council & RS Jr. Leaders Meeting	20	21 Club Meetings: WCV	22	23	24
25 Club Meetings: EH/TT	26 Memorial Day OFFICE CLOSED	27	28	29	30	31

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