

# 4-H UPDATE

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## Midway District 4-H Newsletter

MIDWAY DISTRICT 4-H PROGRAM represents  
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I used to think 4-H was all about being a leader, helping others, and projects. Those are still important to 4-H, but now my view on 4-H Youth Development has changed. 4-H Youth Development means I get to help others learn about resources available through Extension and being able to impact change.



Hi, I am Karrie Van Winkle, the new Midway District 4-H Youth Development Agent. I grew up in North East Kansas. I participated in 4-H all 12 years at Meadowlark District-Nemaha County. I enjoyed cooking, quilting, visual arts, beef, sheep, and dog projects. In my spare time, I enjoy doing crafts, hunting, and being with friends and family.

Fun facts about me: I am an only child, I received my 4-H key award, I was a project winner for sheep and dog, and I have judged the Kansas State Fair Dog Show twice.

I am looking forward to serving both counties as the 4-H Youth Development Agent. Please call the office if you have any questions.

*Karrie Van Winkle*

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# 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

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4-H Council Meeting  
March 27 at 7:00pm

Be prepared for these  
meetings with officer and  
committee reports!

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Russell Fair Board Meeting  
February 13 at 7:00pm

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4-H Junior Leaders  
March 27 at 6:00pm

## We Need Your Help!

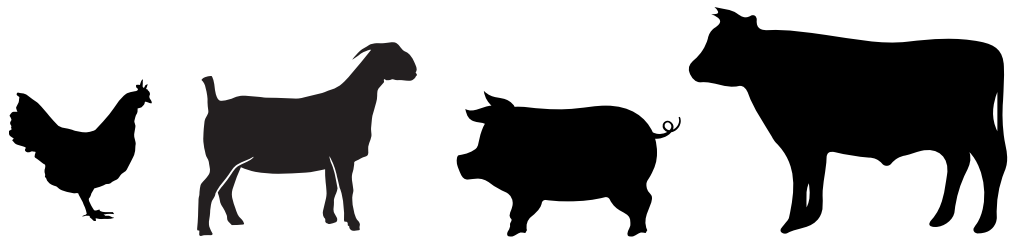
If you are 12 years of age or older (adults too), we need your help!  
We are in need of door monitors for 4-H Club Days on Sunday,  
February 26 at Wilson High School. If you can help us out, please sign  
contact our office!



## Russell County Fair Dates

The fair kicks off on Saturday, July 15 with the  
Horse Show, Sunday, July 16 with the Fashion  
Revue. The Dog Show is Wednesday, July 19.

Friday, July 22 will be judging contests and  
visual arts judging. The rest of the fair begins  
on Monday, July 24 and goes through Friday,  
July 28.



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 EW County 4-H Council Officers

President  
Rebekah Vague

Vice President  
Trenton Hays

Secretary  
Josey Norris

Treasurer  
Sam Thielen

Reporter  
Molly Ehrlich

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4-H Council Meeting  
February 27 at 6:30pm

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Fair Association Meeting  
February 6 at 6:30pm

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4-H Junior Leaders  
February 27 at 7:00pm



## Ellsworth County Fair Dates

The fair kicks off with the Dog and  
Horse Show on Saturday, July 15  
and ends with the Premium  
Auction on Thursday, July 20.

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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 19th and February 20th. For Sheep and Goats, this is April 23rd and April 24th.

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\\_a4WOtlEzdPA4udo](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a4WOtlEzdPA4udo)

Small Animal: [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_enci23IP2iwWNLw](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_enci23IP2iwWNLw)

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 16 for beef and April 20th for small animals.

Cattle tags are \$3.50 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



### 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 7, 2023 6-7:30

MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2023 6-7:30

SUNDAY, APRIL 16, 2023 1-2:30

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/>



### 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, 2023.





# 4-H in the News



On January 29, Nineteen 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, Kierra Eck won with her Strawberry Shortcake in Mini Mason Jars recipe. The Intermediate category was won by Josey Norris with her Mocha Cheesecake. Layne Stoughton swept the Junior division with her Whipped Feta Dip .

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](#).



**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.**





# 4-H Happenings





**2023 K-STATE Junior MEAT GOAT PRODUCER DAY**

Join us on March 18 for the biennial K-State Junior Meat Goat Producer Day in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan. This educational program will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, and project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth meat goat projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited! Participants will receive a K-State Meat Goat Show Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by the deadline on February 22 will receive a t-shirt. The registration fee is \$20/person before February 22 and \$25/person after the deadline. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth and adults.

**Saturday MARCH 18**

**Registration**  
\$20/person by February 22  
\$25/person after February 22  
\*Must register by February 22 to get a t-shirt.  
\*\*To register by mail, contact Lexie Hayes for a form.  
\*\*\*All attendees, including youth and adults, must register.

**Tentative Schedule**  
8:00 Check-In Opens  
9:00 Welcome  
9:15 Project Selection  
10:00 Morning Breakout Sessions  
Meat Science  
Nutrition  
Facilities & Equipment  
Noon Lunch  
12:45 Health & Wellness  
1:30 Afternoon Breakout Sessions  
Showmanship  
Production  
Clipping & Grooming  
3:00 Wrap-up  
3:30 Optional Post-Event Sessions: YQCA Certification & State Nominations

**Questions**  
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**Register Online**  
<https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>

**Register By FEB 22**

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**2023 K-State Junior Swine Producer Day**

**Saturday MARCH 11**

**Register By February 15**

Join us on March 11, 2023 for the biennial K-State Junior Swine Producer Day in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan. This educational event will be a fun-filled day in which youth, parents, agents, and swine project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth swine projects. Presentations will be provided by K-State faculty members, graduate students, former exhibitors, and guest speakers. All ages and skill levels are invited! Participants will receive a K-State Show Pig Guide, t-shirt, and complimentary lunch. Only those who register by February 15 will receive a t-shirt. There will also be door prizes! The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by the February 15 deadline, or \$25/person after that date. This is a family event! Anyone attending must register, including all youth and adults.

**Register Online**  
<https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>

**Tentative Schedule:**  
8:00 Registration  
9:00 Welcome  
9:15 Project Selection  
10:00 Breakout Sessions  
-Meat Science  
-Swine Breeds & Ear Notching  
-Equipment & Daily Care  
-Reproduction  
Noon Lunch  
12:45 Swine Health  
1:30 Breakout Sessions  
-Nutrition  
-Clipping, Hair Care, Show Day Prep  
-Showmanship  
3:00 Wrap-up  
3:30 YQCA Certification & State Nominations (optional)

**Registration**  
\$20/person by February 15  
\$25/person after February 15  
\*Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.  
\*\*To register by mail, contact Lexie for a registration form.  
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**Questions**  
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**Sponsors**  
Kansas Pork Association  
Essential Show Feeds  
Valley Vet  
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**Register By FEB 15**

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**2023 CLUB DAY**  
Sunday February 26th

Demonstrate YOUR talent at Club Day

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

**Location:** Wilson High School  
3009 Ave D  
Wilson, KS 67490

**Registration Deadline is**  
**Wednesday, January 26th**  
Open to the Public  
Contests begin at 2:00pm

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**SHEEP ACROSS KANSAS SERIES**  
*'Ask Before You Buy'*

**FEB 5TH**  
**2:00 PM**

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

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# Upcoming Events



**February 16**

Beef Tagging Request Due

**February 18**

Ellsworth Beef Weigh-in 8-11

**February 19**

Russell Beef Weigh-in, 2-5

**February 26**

Club Day

**March 7**

YQCA Training, 6:00-7:30pm

**March 27**

YQCA Training, 6:00-7:30pm

**April 1**

RS Dev. Fund Academic  
Scholarships Due

**April 16**

YQCA Training, 1:00-2:30

**April 20**

Sm. Ani. Tagging Request  
Due

**April 23**

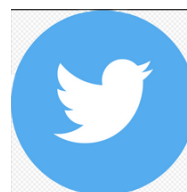
EW Small Animal Weigh-in,  
10-12

**April 24**

RS Small Animal Weigh-in,  
2-4



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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)



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

## March 2023

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12 Daylight Saving Time Starts Club Meetings: SS / WCV/RS Council	13 Club Meetings: RS Fairboard	14	15	16	17 St. Patrick's Day	18
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26 Club Meetings: EH/TT	27 Club Meetings: RS Council	28	29	30		