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

Be prepared for these meetings with officer and committee reports!

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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
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_a4WOtIEzdPA4udo](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a4WOtIEzdPA4udo)

**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!
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 (2094 Ave F, Wilson, KS 67480). 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/

SCHOLARSHIP

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.
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.
MARK YOUR CALENDERS

2023 CLUB DAY
Sunday February 26th

Demonstrate YOUR talent at Club Day

Registration Deadline is
Wednesday, January 25th
Open to the Public
Contact details at the bottom of the page

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 insider tips on selecting the best lamb for your barn!
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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