

4-H UPDATE



Midway District 4-H Newsletter

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Summer is right around the corner, and if you are like many parents, you are wondering how you will keep the kids busy when school is out.

Taking photographs, building rockets, designing a cabinet, collecting insects, tending to livestock...those are all part of the fun of the Kansas 4-H program. But those activities are part of a much bigger, project-based learning process to prepare kids for the future.

Kansas 4-H has Clover Classroom challenges that will enhance the learning, leadership and community service within each project area. Don't forget to fill out the evaluation survey after completing your challenge so that we can continue to make improvements. New project challenges are constantly being developed, so check the website often.

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/leader-resources/cloverclassroom/index.html>

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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

4-H Council Meeting
May 22 at 7:00pm

Be prepared for these
meetings with officer and
committee reports!

Russell Fair Board Meeting
May 8 at 7:00pm

4-H Junior Leaders
May 22 at 6:00pm



Friday, July 28th
BIDDING OPEN FROM 11:00AM - 6:00PM AT RUSSELL FAIR GROUNDS

COME SUPPORT
Your Local 4-H Members!
AND NON-LIVESTOCK PROJECTS



**WINNING BID
TAKES ITEM!**

*Online bids not excepted

Attention
4-H Members!
Intent to Sell Cards
MUST BE TURNED INTO FAIR OFFICE BY
10:00AM, WEDNESDAY, JULY 26TH, 2023
To sell your item at
the Silent Auction.



**Russell Fair
Grounds**

**Every
Wednesday until
the County Fair
Dog Show**

6:00-7:00pm

**4-HERS ENROLLED IN DOG PROJECTS
CAN ATTEND CLASSES.**

4-Hers teach their dogs how to do obedience, showmanship,
and Rally obedience.



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

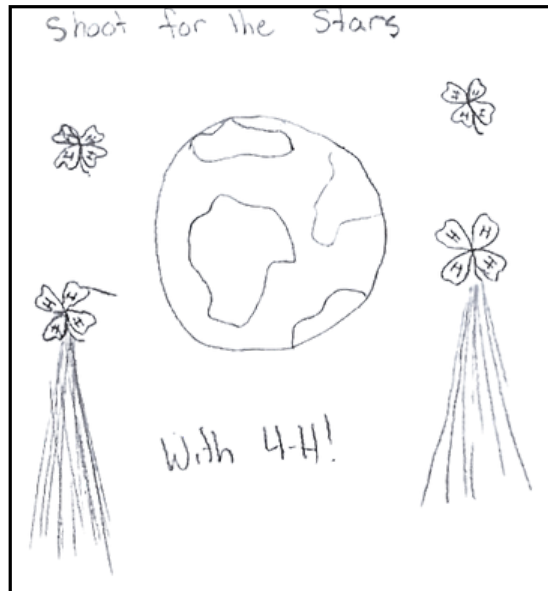
4-H Council Meeting
June 26 at 6:30pm

Be prepared for these
meetings with officer and
committee reports!

Fair Association Meeting
May 1 at 7:00pm

4-H Junior Leaders
May 22 at 6:30pm

Shoot for the Stars with 4-H!
Cover Book Winner is Josey Norris!



DATE: WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7
1:00-4:00PM

LOCATION: ELLSWORTH REC CENTER
221 W. DOUGLAS, ELLSWORTH

EACH STATION WILL INCLUDE SPEAKERS, FOOD, CRAFT, AND GAMES.

LED BY COMMUNITY SPEAKERS THAT ARE FROM

GERMANY, THAILAND, AND CZECHOSLOVAKIA.

Each station is about 20 minutes long.



RSVP Required by Thursday, June 1. Scan the QR Code or register at:
https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6u2r8CVu6km3lDU



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Senior Spotlight



Aleyna Womelsdorf

is a student at Ellsworth High School and an eight year member of Ash Creek 4-H Club. She has been involved in activities ranging from community service to exhibiting projects at the state fair. Her favorite projects include visual arts and rocketry. Aleyna thoroughly enjoyed going to 4-H camp, both as a camper and counselor, and making friends from different area of the state.

Aleyna plans to attend Fort Hays State University in the fall majoring in Business Management, with an emphasis on Entrepreneurship.

Mason Ellerman

is graduating from Ell-Saline High School in Brookville, Kansas. He has been a member of the Elkhorn 4-H Club for the past 5 years, and a member of the Burdick Hustlers 4-H Club for 6 years before that. He has participated in the Beef, Dog, Foods, Leadership, Horse, and Swine projects. Mason prefers the Beef, Horse, and Dog projects which have all helped him to gain knowledge and skills that will help him to pursue his goal of someday operating and owning his own cattle ranch. Probably enjoyed his successes in the dog project the most. Mason is very proud of his dog, Frosty. Mason is enrolled in Pratt Community College and will be studying Farm and Ranch management. The thing that Mason feels is the most important of all his 4-H experiences is the people he has met and the connections he has made. He often meets people at other events that he has met through 4-H! Mason encourages young 4-Hers to be very active in the things you are interested in and try some new things! But be careful not to take on too many things and get overwhelmed, or uninterested, and miss out on the good times and benefits of 4-H. Mason would like to thank all the leaders, agents, families, and community members who have supported him and his 4-H activities!





Senior Spotlight



My name is **Gracie Karst** and I am currently a senior at Russell High School. I am a member of the Lone Star 4-H club and I have been in 4-H for the past 12 years. I have been involved in many 4-H projects over the years and my favorite projects to participate in have been beef, goats, visual arts, baking, photography. One of my favorite experiences within 4-H has been announcing the style revue for the past three years and being a leader for younger 4-H members around the county. I have also had many achievements within 4-H such as receiving my Key Award and placing top five with market beef at the State Fair, and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show. This fall I am going to attend Allen Community College to study Agribusiness. I will also be a member of the livestock judging team.

4-H has given me the opportunity to find a passion within the livestock and agriculture industry. I have learned countless skills including public speaking, leadership, the importance of giving back to the community, and gaining a strong work ethic throughout all areas of life. A piece of advice that I would like to give younger members would be to take every opportunity to learn something new and to put 100% into everything that you do. Hard work pays off in all aspects of life and the best way to discover that is through the work of preparing 4-H projects.



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!

Getting Ready for the Fair

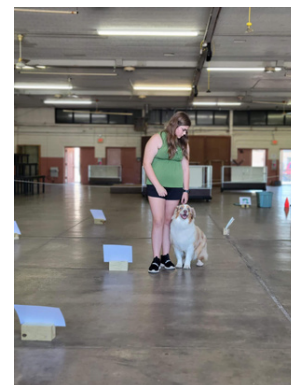
It's only May, but it is already time to start getting ready for fair! Livestock participants identify early on which steer, goat, or hog they are taking to the county fair. They should remember to continue to practice and spend time with their animal so that they are able to handle them come fair time.



It is also a great time to begin preparing your non-livestock entries as well; start testing out which cookies or pie you might want to bring, tweak your recipe and practice, practice, PRACTICE. Make sure you are taking a variety of pictures so you will have plenty to choose from when it comes time to enter your photography project, and it never hurts to pick up some scrap fabric to touch up those sewing skills!

Starting on these things now can help reduce the stress around fair time and help you have a better end product that you are more excited and knowledgeable about to present to the judge.

Please remember we have resources available at both offices that can be checked out to 4-H families on a wide variety of project areas that can be used for project work.





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

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 experiences 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 [HERE](#).

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
- Project Report Forms (age specific and two different categories-General or Animal). One per project.
 - Permanent Record

*** 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



4-H Happenings



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. (Formerly 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!



Join us for the 2023 Geology Field Trip!

During the trip, which is open to Geology Project members and their families, you will have the opportunity to identify fossils, rocks, and minerals! You will also be able to participate in hands-on games and activities such as a judging contest and a quiz bowl! Information and registration for this event can be found below.

When: June 9-11, 2023
 Where: Manhattan, Kansas
 Registration Link:

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9mMbpEcX1L0VewS

For more information about this event, please visit our website.

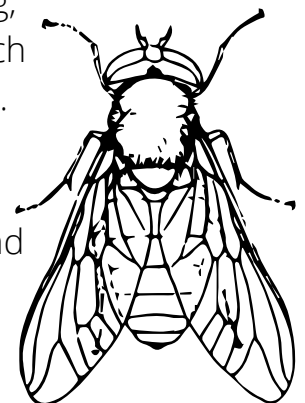
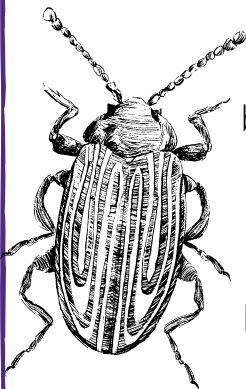
For questions, please contact David Goldak (316-250-2808 - djgoldal@gmail.com) or Wally Mack (785-317-0725 - wallscout@yahoo.com)

The Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, a two-day state-wide entomology workshop, will be held June 16-17, 2023 in Manhattan, Kansas. The event is open to all youth and adult volunteers interested in 4-H entomology! Classes will include basic pinning, basic and advanced identification, insect photography, and much more. A parent or legal guardian must attend with their 4-H'er. Registration, proposed schedule, and full information will be available in the spring. Stay tuned for more details! One parent/adult guardian from each family must register and attend with children.

Registration link:

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8DivAUVYroy9SjY

More information can be found on the website: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/insect-spectacular/index.html>





Upcoming Events



May 1

May 1st Deadlines Due

May 6

Farm, Field, and Fun Day
Ellsworth Jr. Leaders will have project information at the event, hosted by the Ellsworth Hospital.

May 7

Russell Livestock Clinic
Hosted by the Russell Jr. Leaders

May 29

Memorial Day - Offices Closed

June 7

Around the World Day
Hosted by the Ellsworth Jr. Leaders

June 7-9

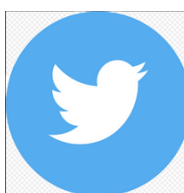
Discovery Days

June 16-17

Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular



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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

May 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 Club Meetings: ECFA Meeting	2	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 EW Jr. Leader Farm, Field, and Fun Day
7 Club Meetings: BC RS Jr. Leader Livestock Clinic	9 Club Meetings: RS Fairboard	10	11 4-H CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE	12 Extension Board Meeting - RS	13	14
15 Mother's Day Club Meetings: SS / WCV	16 Club Meetings: CL Club Meeting	17	18	19	20	21
22 Club Meetings: AC/WW/LS/SF	23 Club Meetings: RS Council, RS Jr. Leaders Meeting, EW Jr. Leaders Meeting	24	25	26	27	28
29 Club Meetings: EH/TT	30	31				

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11 Club Meetings: SS / WCV	12 Club Meetings: RS Fairboard	13	14 Flag Day	15	16	17
18 Father's Day Club Meetings: AC/WW/LS/SF	19 Club Meetings: CL Club Meeting	20	21	22	23	24
25 Club Meetings: TT/EH	26 Club Meetings: EW Council EW Jr. Leaders	27	28	29	30	

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