Wow! What a whirlwind of a month! I hit the ground running on July 1, and I don’t feel like I have slowed down for one minute! It was so much fun watching all of the participants at the Ellsworth and Russell fairs. It was nice to get out to the fairs and meet some of you!

Thank you so much to all of the parents, leaders, volunteers, boards, superintendents, office professionals and anyone else who had a hand in making our fairs a success! We could not pull these events off without the help of all of you! We are so fortunate to have great kids in our programs and the adults have a huge hand in helping to shape them into the fine young ladies and gentlemen they are becoming. Thank you all!!

The Kansas State Fair is right around the corner. If you are taking entries to the state fair, make sure you are working hard to prepare for the next level. I look forward to seeing many of our members successful entries in the state fair this year.

It’s hard to believe that it is already August! This summer has flown by in the blink of an eye. As you are making your way back to the classrooms and back to the everyday structure that school gives your family, be seeking out friends and classmates that may be interested in joining 4-H. Invite some new people to your club meeting or an activity that your club is doing.

There are so many 4-H activities in our near future. Make sure you stay tuned in to the Midway District Extension and 4-H pages on Facebook and our Midway District Website (http://www.midway.k-state.edu) for upcoming events and deadlines. As always, we are here to serve you, so if you have questions, just ask

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President: Rachel Sebesta
Vice Pres: Sydney Wilson
Secretary: Rebekah Vague
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4-H Council Meeting
Oct. 14 @ 6:30pm
Be prepared for these meetings with officer and committee reports!

ECFA Board Meeting
Oct. 7 @ 6:30pm

Junior Leaders
Sept. 15 @ 4pm

Ellsworth Fire Station
Join our Leadership Road Trip!

Window Display Contest!
The annual Window Decorating Contest is rapidly approaching.
Window displays need to be in place and the location provided to Marcia Gier by 8 AM October 7th.
Remember—your idea needs to catch interest, promote 4-H, let viewers know how they can join 4-H and include your club name!
This is a great opportunity to share what 4-H means to your club with the community who may not know much about 4-H.

Achievement Banquet Assignments
The 2019 Ellsworth Achievement banquet is scheduled for Saturday, DATE with a location to be determined.

Program: COUNTY LINERS
Location/Decoration: TRYING TOMMIES
Food Line/Drinks: ASH CREEK
Clean-Up: WILSON WINNERS
Photos: ELKHORN

ALL 4-H FAMILIES: The Ellsworth Achievement Banquet is a pot-luck style event. It is your responsibility to provide dishes for the event. You will also need to bring your own table service (Dishes, Silverware, Napkins, and Serving Utensils for dishes provided if possible). Please clearly label any containers you bring so that we can easily return dishes!
2018-19 RS County 4-H Council Officers:
President: Lauren Myers
Vice Pres: Gracie Karst
Secretary: Grace Lumpkins
Treasurer: Braden Mai
Reporter: Rhett Pospichal

4-H Council Meeting
Sept. 9 at 7:00pm
Be prepared for these meetings with officer and committee reports!

Russell Fair Board Meeting
Sept. 9 at 7:30

4-H Junior Leaders
Oct. 27 @ 5:30

4-H, A WHIRLWIND OF FUN

ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET
SUNDAY OCTOBER 13th
GORHAM SENIOR CENTER
(99 Clifford St, Gorham KS)
5:00 FARM OLYMPICS
6:00 DINNER (BBQ—Provided by YNOT BBQ )

ACHEIVEMENT BANQUET TO FOLLOW
RSVP TO THE OFFICE BY OCTOBER 4TH!!!

Russell Space Tech!

Rhonda Haberer has graciously volunteered to donate ignitors and recovery wadding for Russell 4-H members enrolled in Space Tech!

You will be able to stop by the office to pick up these supplies. When you do, please be sure to leave a Thank You note for the Haberer family.

The Russell County 4-H Development Fund reminds Russell County 4-H members that scholarships are available for experiences such as KYLF, Citizenship In Action and Citizenship Washington Focus! Please see the Extension Office for more information if you are considering one of these trips and would be interested in applying for a scholarship.
Join over 6 million young people, 500,000 volunteers and 3,500 4-H professionals to celebrate America’s largest youth organization during National 4-H Week! The theme of this year’s National 4-H Week, which takes place from October 6 – 12, is *Inspire Kids to Do!* Visit [www.Kansas4-H.org](http://www.Kansas4-H.org) to find out more.

Watch the Midway District Facebook Page for fun 4-H Week opportunities, including a selfie booth in each office, drawings and more!

The Extension Office will take all NON-LIVING Exhibits to the Kansas State Fair.

**RUSSELL EXHIBITORS**—You will need to have your exhibits to the office **NO LATER THAN 5:00pm THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5th**, EXCEPT FOR FOOD ITEMS WHICH CAN BE DROPPED OFF ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th BY 7:30am

**ELLSWORTH EXHIBITORs**—You will need to have your exhibits to the office **NO LATER THAN 8:15am FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6th**.

We will start accepting KSF Exhibits the week of August 26th. We will have the entry cards from KSF to attach, but you may need other items to complete your exhibit. Please refer to [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html) for the required items needed on each exhibit!!
NEW 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!

Record books, KAPs, Pin Applications and Achievement Banquets will all have deadlines or occur in the very near future.

Record books—These are often held in a Green 4-H binder (available at the Extension Office for $3.25)

**In order to receive an Achievement Pin (with the exception of the membership pin), 4-H members must submit a complete record book to the Extension office. Complete record books must include (in order):

- Personal Page (signed by member, parent, leader)
- Permanent Record
- 4-H Story (signed by member)
- Pictures (optional)

5) Any generic project records you wish to complete (for your record keeping purposes as a member) I would suggest only using the “Simplified Record” for the first year or two as you build each year on the permanent record. For many families, it is easier to just start with the regular forms and not use the Simplified versions at all.

Kansas Award Portfolios (KAPs) - these may be held in a Green 4-H binder or another type of binder

These records are individual project records that will be completed for judging to be named a county winner in the project area for which you apply! You may fill out as many project KAPs as you would like and each should be submitted in individual folders or binders (separate from your record book). Remember that there are different forms of KAPs for each level (7-8, 9-13, 14 and up). In addition, it is important to adjust the story in your KAP to focus on the particular project area including areas of leadership and community service. While you may mention other project areas, this is an opportunity to really let your involvement in this particular project shine!

Pin Applications—Pins provide an opportunity for recognition of continued development and are awarded at the Achievement Banquet

Club leaders can be provided with a list of members and their eligibility for achievement pins. Please check with your club leader (or the office) if you need to verify the appropriate level pin. You will want to apply for these in order as once you have achieved a specific pin award, you cannot go back to a previous award category. For more information about Pin Applications, click here.

Achievement Banquets—each county has a different format and date

Russell 4-H typically holds their banquet in October and Ellsworth 4-H holds their in November. This evening is a great opportunity to share fellowship with other 4-H families while celebrating accomplishments!
Review

- 4-H Update Important Dates/Deadlines (Calendar)

To-Do

- Check Club Mailbox at Ext Office
- Report from 4-H Council Meetings
- Provide any leadership changes to Extension Office ASAP
- Update Volunteer Renewal Information!!!!

Promote/Recruit

- 4-H members ask a friend to attend a 4-H meeting with them
- 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 volunteer 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 Cloverbud leader.
- Invite non 4-H families to attend 4-H events.
- Provide officer and clubs leadership updates as soon as possible to the

Curriculum Spotlight

The Entomology Set includes Teaming with Insects Levels 1-3 plus the Facilitator's Guide.

Each level contains the following chapters: Be an Entomologist, Biodiversity, Invasive Species, Integrated Pest Management, and Forensic Entomology.
Level 1: Introduces the world of insects. Activities focus on how they look and move and provide some background for studying important entomology topics.
Level 2: Shows how to make insect collection tools, and expands on the basic concepts of biodiversity, invasive species, integrated pest management, and forensic entomology.
Level 3: Delves even deeper into the basic concepts and encourages youth to take control of their learning by doing their own research using the scientific method and reference materials.

Don’t forget that this curriculum and curriculum for many more project areas are available to check out from the extension office.

Financial Review time!

Club Financial Reviews are due to the Extension Office by October 25.

Please establish your committee now to carefully review the finances and fully complete the form.

Kansas Extension law as well as federal and state expectations for use of all funds generated in support of Extension programs require the Director for Extension and Extension Council/District Boards to be accountable for non-appropriated funds generated for Extension programs within their jurisdiction. In other words, the Director for Extension and the Extension Board are accountable for funds raised and/or collected by such groups as 4-H Clubs, 4-H Councils, and Master Gardeners.

In order for the local Extension unit to ensure compliance with financial requirements for 4-H and other Extension affiliated groups, a yearly financial review of those accounts is to be conducted by a Financial Review Committee of the club/group. Approval of the reports is documented by the local unit board, recording in their minutes a motion to approve the reports, including in the minutes the name of each club/group. This review and board approval is required of all clubs/organizations.

If you need more information or assistance in completing the financial review, please let Marcia know.
UPCOMING EVENTS—MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

SEPTEMBER
1—Labor Day, Extension Office Closed
6-15—Kansas State Fair
27—Achievement Banquet Items Deadline
27-29—KJLS

OCTOBER
1—Enrollment for 2019-2020 4-H Year
6-12—National 4-H Week
12-13—48 Hours of 4-H
25—Club Financial Reviews due

NOVEMBER
1—Club Officer Worksheets Due

Upcoming Events—Be sure to regularly check the Midway District website for upcoming shows and clinics! We receive notifications about many different opportunities and make every attempt to keep this current.  http://www.midway.k-state.edu/area-shows/index.html
It’s time to start thinking about enrollment for the next 4-H year! In 4-H, we believe in the power of young people. We see that every child has valuable strengths and real influence to improve the world around us. We are America’s largest youth development organization—empowering nearly six million young people across the U.S. and over 74,000 youth in Kansas with the skills to lead for a lifetime.

4-Hers can enroll for the 2019-2020 4-H year on or after October 1st at:

https://kansas.4honline.com/Login.aspx?Ticket=403D4065476E5551444A414B68513D

Be sure to choose projects as you enroll. If you are interested in trying some new project areas please check out the Midway District website for project guides here:

https://www.midway.k-state.edu/4-h/get-involved/projects.html
If you would prefer receiving the 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.

- **4-H GROWS HERE**

- **Get Connected!**