Northwest Area Project Record Form Judging

Congratulations to the Midway District 4-H members who submitted their Project Record Forms to the NW area regional judging:

Kierra Eck: Foods and Nutrition
Hallie Theilen: Foods and Nutrition
Conner Miller: Performing Arts
Trenton Hays: Shooting Sports

Great job on all of your hard work and we hope you will continue to work towards your goals in the future!

Congratulations to Kierra Eck and Trenton Hays whose Project Record Forms were selected to go on to the state level of judging!
2021 RS County 4-H Council Officers

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https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0rLTBIkzxEqGyqO

Russell County Fair Dates
The fair kicks off on Sunday, July 17 with the Fashion Revue. The Dog Show is Wednesday, July 20. Friday, July 22 will be judging contests and visual arts judging. The rest of the fair begins on Monday, July 25 and goes through Friday, July 30.

FFA & 4-H Livestock Collaboration Project
Russell County 4-H Extension and Russell High School FFA are coming together to create a small livestock project opportunity to learn and grow. 4-H and FFA projects will be able to utilize the facility for minimal costs to help grow a responsible project experience.

Where:
The Russell High School FFA Farm located just east of Shaffer Field on USD 407 property will serve as a location to develop these projects and skills.

What needs to be done:
The project needs help in two different ways as the collaboration begins:
1. Donations of money to help pay for the electrical, structural (insulation), and pen building materials.
   a. This is anticipated to be a $5000- $6000 project using local businesses that will do the work from December 1- February 1.
   b. Donors may make checks payable to USD 407, 802 N. Main, Russell KS. Please be sure to include a MEMO as FFA/ 4-H Farm Project.
2. Donations of time and expertise that can aid in building the pens and organizing the space for families to use.
   a. A work weekend will likely occur soon, organized by KSU Extension agents and the RHS FFA Chapter.
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Ellsworth County Fair Dates
The fair kicks off with the Dog and Horse Show on Saturday, July 16 and ends with the Premium Auction on Thursday, July 21.

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

Be prepared for these meetings with officer and committee reports!

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Fair Association Meeting
February 7 at 6:30pm

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4-H Junior Leaders
TBD

Ellsworth Events
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 do not have an official weigh-in so all swine participants will need to turn in a small animal tagging request.

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_80TMaKHVp6exOiq

Small Animal: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0obICYmlavQlI6W

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 Wilson Methodist Education Center on the following dates:

- March 8  6:00-7:30
- March 28  6:00-7:30
- April 10  1:00-2:30

To register for one of these dates or to do the online training, please go to the following site:

https://yqca.learngrow.io/Account/Login

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, 2022.
On January 30, twenty-three 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, Teagen Pfeifer won with his Brown Sugar Mini Bourbon Meatloaf recipe. The Intermediate category was won by Josey Norris with her Deer Hunter’s Smothered Meat. Cord Norris swept the Junior division with his Cowboy Approved BBQ Meatballs.

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](#).
Kansas 4-H Entomology and Visual Arts members: Take advantage of this unique opportunity! The K-State Integrated Pest Management (IPM) team is sponsoring an insect art contest for 4-H'ers and school-aged youth to participate in. Entries are due April 15, 2022. For more information, go to: https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/
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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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