

4-H UPDATE



MIDWAY DISTRICT 4-H NEWSLETTER

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Hi, my name is Karrie Van Winkle and I'm the new Program Assistant for Midway District. I grew up in Northeast Kansas. I was part of the Meadowlark District- Nemaha County, Centralia Aces 4-H club for 12 years. I did about 12 different projects every year and was actively involved from county to national levels of 4-H. I enjoyed a lot of my projects, but I was mostly active in the sheep and dog projects. My parents have a family farm where we raise 40 head of Angus-cross cattle and 80 head of commercial ewes. My passion for agriculture continued in college as I went on to Cloud County Community College and got my Associates of Science. Then continued on at Kansas State University and got my Bachelors in Agribusiness. I graduated in May 2020 and plan to walk this May 2021. While at K-State I was an officer for Collegiate Cattlewomen for one year and I was a student worker for the State 4-H Youth Development Office for two years. For the past six years I have been on the State 4-H Dog Action Team and a Certified Dog Judge. I am looking forward to being part of this area and getting to know all of you!

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Russell Report



2021 RS COUNTY

4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS

President

Kalli Pfeifer

Vice President

Emerson Nichols

Secretary

Hope Lumpkins

Treasurer

Kierra Eck

Reporter

Cheyenne Blundon

4-H Council Meeting

May 24 at 7:00pm

Be prepared for these meetings with officer and committee reports!

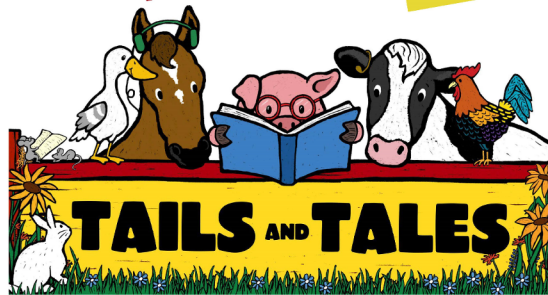
Russell Fair Board Meeting

May 10 at 7:00pm

4-H Junior Leaders

June 28 at 6:00pm

4-H Animal Showcase EVENT



June 15th @ 1:00 to 2:00

- for all ages -

This event will be held outside the Russell Public Library. The Russell 4-H members will be showcasing a variety of animals.



Russell Public Library
126 E. Wisconsin Street
Russell, Kansas 67665/ 785-483-2724
www.russellpubliclibrary.org

We looking for youth to show/discuss livestock at the Russell Public Library on June 15.

If you are interested, please contact Marcia at marciagier@ksu.edu.

We would like at least one animal from each species:

-Beef

(could be a bucket calf)

-Goat

-Swine

-Sheep

-Horse

-Poultry

-Rabbit

Prairiesta Heritage Hall Presentations

Have you done a presentation or Project Talk at Club Day or at your club meeting in the past? If you answered yes to this question, WE NEED YOU!

Sign up to give this presentation (or a new one) at Prairiesta 2021.



June 11-12 from 11:00-4:00

Russell, Kansas

Sign up for your 15 minute slot

[here](#)



Ellsworth Events



2021 EW COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL OFFICERS

President

Trenton Hays

Vice President

Ashlyn Schwerdtfeger

Secretary

Josie Kueser

Treasurer

Monica Short

Reporter

Cade Brokes

4-H Council Meeting

June 28 at 6:30pm

Be prepared for these meetings with officer and committee reports!

Fair Association Meeting

May 3 at 6:30pm

4-H Junior Leaders

May 16th at 4:00pm



Congrats to Hannah Vague, the winner of the Fair Book Cover contest this year!

“VROOM, VROOM, ROBOT!”

2021 DAY CAMP

Presented by the Ellsworth County 4-H Junior Leaders

Activities Games Snacks

Wednesday, June 9, 2021

Ellsworth City Hall 121 W. 1st Street Ellsworth, Kansas

Incoming 2nd - 6th graders EVERYONE WELCOME

(You do not need to be in 4-H to attend.)

Two Sessions will be offered: 1:00-3:00 pm or 3:00-5:00 pm

Registration is limited.

Masks will be Required.



Registration Deadline: May 28, 2021

Midway District Extension Office
210 N. Kansas, Suite 1 Ellsworth, KS

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Senior Spotlight



Hello. My name is Kalli Pfeifer and I am a Senior at Russell High School. I have been a member of 4-H for 12 years and have received the 4-H Key Award. I am currently serving as the Fossil Creek 4-H Club President and Russell County 4-H Council President. I have also participated in Jr. Leaders and the Ambassador program for many years.

Next fall I am going to attend Fort Hays State University majoring in Exercise Science with a Pre-Chiropractic concentration. Eventually I would like to attend Cleveland University, School of Chiropractic and Health Sciences located in Kansas City.

While at FHSU, I would also like to obtain a Certificate in Massage Therapy. This is a one-year program that I hope to integrate into my existing coursework. I believe that massage therapy would teach me useful skills that would benefit my future chiropractic work.

The most important lesson 4-H has taught me is how to be calm and confident when public speaking. From a young age 4-Hers are taught to speak in front of judges and fellow club members. When presenting a project talk or demonstration you learn to communicate in a clear and concise manner. Being a good public speaker will serve me well as I continue my education and career.

I also appreciate all the years our club participated in model meeting competition at County Club Day. I am proud that I understand how a meeting should be ran and proper parliamentary procedure. These parliamentary skills and public speaking skills will give me a strong foundation as I move on to my next chapter.

My favorite activity in 4-H has been both attending and being a counselor at Rock Springs Ranch. Rock Springs is a beautiful location and the time spent enjoying outdoor activities has given me some great memories.

I will always look back and appreciate the time I spent in the Russell County 4-H program.

SENIOR 2021





Senior Spotlight



Garrett Thielen of rural Dorrance is a member of the Wilson Winners 4-H Club and will graduate from Wilson High School. During his 10 years in 4-H Garrett has participated in the beef project, leadership, food and nutrition, space technology, dog obedience and entomology. His favorite project has been the beef project. Garrett says, "4-H has taught me about hard work and given me opportunities to develop leadership skills." He encourages younger 4-H members to always work hard on their 4-H projects and to stay involved. Making friends with other 4-Hers around the area has been among Garrett's favorite 4-H memories. Garrett plans to attend the Nebraska College of Technical Agriculture and major in Agronomy.



Hi! I am Rachel Sebesta, a Senior at Ellsworth High School and member of the Wilson Winners 4-H Club. Currently I am enrolled in the 4-H Market Goat, Breeding Beef, Photography, Leadership, Foods, and Clothing projects, but Sheep is my favorite 4-H project! In August I will be attending Kansas State University, majoring in Agricultural Education. Through my 4-H involvement I have gained lifelong friends, unreplaceable experiences, amazing opportunities for learning, and a voice for agricultural advocacy. The public speaking skills I have gained through 4-H will benefit me my entire life. My 4-H experiences have taught me the meaning of hard work, joy, sadness, and being satisfied with myself at the end of a tough day.





Senior Spotlight



My name is Miquala Purscell and I am a senior at Hoisington High School. I am president of the Sunflower 4-H Club. My favorite project was showing cattle at the fair. It was a little intimidating when we were showing the only miniature cattle at the show, but afterwards it was so cool knowing I did something no one else did (and my heifer got third). My advice to younger members would be to try a little bit of everything. The only thing you'll regret is not doing something!



My name is Jayce Dickerson and I am graduating from Natoma High School. I am a member of the Lone Star 4-H Club. I plan to attend Butler County Community College in the fall, majoring in Ag Business. As a third generation 4-Her, I joined 4-H after my 2 older brothers had joined. 4-H, first offered me a way to start showing cattle, specifically heifers. I have also been in foods, rocketry and the woods projects. 4-H has provided me with great networking and public speaking skills to help me in not only college but in my future employment. I would encourage young members to try new projects throughout their 4-H careers and attend workshops and camps.





Senior Spotlight



I am Monica Short. I'm graduating from Central Plains High School. I have been part of the Trying Tommies 4-H club for seven years. The projects I'm enrolled in are sheep, goat, cattle, and pig. I plan to attend Colby Community College to study Veterinary Nursing. 4-H has shaped my life because I have gained an appreciation for animals and that has helped me decide my career path.

 **SENIORS**
CLASS OF 2021

I am Teagon Nienke from Ellsworth High School. I am a member of Elkhorn 4-H Club. I have been involved in the following projects: Dogs, visual arts, woodworking, home environment, photography, leadership, pets, crops, with my favorite project being dog obedience. Much patience is needed while working with a dog learning obedience commands. Also, one can learn many different training techniques. I plan on attending Pratt Community College, majoring in wildlife outdoor and operations. 4-H has helped me to meet and work with new people.....especially at 4-H camp! It has also taught me that hard work on a project can pay off. I am a 3rd generation 4-Her. My mother and grandfather were both 4-H members in their younger years. My advice to younger members would be that 4-H is an excellent way to become involved in projects that you may be unfamiliar with, and can open up many new learning opportunities.





Senior Spotlight



Meriah Modrow, a 3rd generation member of the Trying Tommies 4-H Club will be graduating from Wylie High School, Abilene, Texas on May 28, 2021. For the past two years, Meriah has been actively involved with the Wylie High School Varsity Choir and Wylie FFA Chapter. Meriah is the daughter of Greg and Jacque McCaffery.

During Meriah's 9 year 4-H career, she has enjoyed various projects from visual arts to swine. To say Meriah has a favorite project would be extremely difficult, as she is partial to her livestock: beef, swine, poultry, and goat projects.

Meriah used leftover oak flooring from her great grandpa's house to construct a visual art project. She has continued the tradition of selecting steers from our family herd. In 2019, Meriah had the opportunity to use her knowledge learned from the swine program to her FFA projects in Abilene. With hard work and dedication, Meriah stood 9th out of 59 pigs in her class at the 2021 San Antonio Stock Show.

4-H has taught Meriah life-long skills such as leadership, decision making, organization and public speaking, all skills needed for a successful life. It has helped her to learn how to see a challenge as an opportunity.

Meriah has been accepted to Tarleton State University, Stephenville, TX. While at Tarleton, she will study the Pre-Vet/Animal Science program through the Texas A&M Veterinary Program. Her ultimate goal is to move back to her hometown area and practice as a veterinarian.

Meriah's motto is "Don't just wish for success, Work for it."



Senior Spotlight



I am Macey Gustin from Ellsworth Jr/Sr High School. I am a member of Ash Creek 4-H Club. The projects I am enrolled in for the 2021 County Fair are Photography, Visual Arts and Foods. My favorite project is photography because I have the chance to look at things differently. The project has been rewarding to me with several ribbons. Grand Champion was something I accomplished early on in the photography division. My brother and I were the first ones in our family to be in 4-H. My plans for next year are to attend Fort Hays State University and major in Animal Science. I will be living in the dorm my first year. 4-H has showed me not to be selfish and to listen to others. It has also helped me be more adventurous. It has helped me learn to give back to my community, like Ash Creek does with the highway clean up. My advice for the younger generation is to get out there and enjoy your time while you have it.

Senior
2021





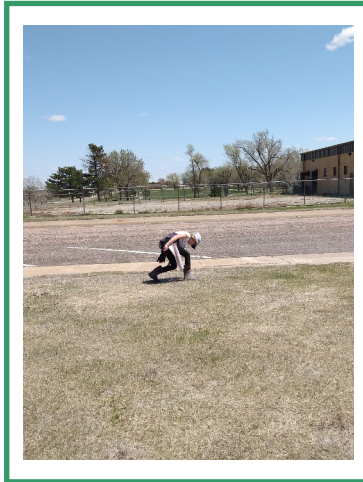
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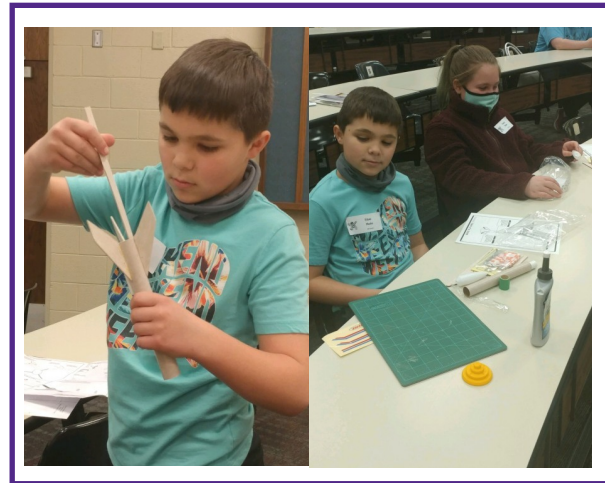
The weather has been nice and 4-Hers are taking advantage of this time to work on 4-H projects and spend time outside! If you have any pictures you would like to share about your adventures, please send them to Marcia at marciagier@ksu.edu.



Britta from County Liners is ready to show her swine at the fair!



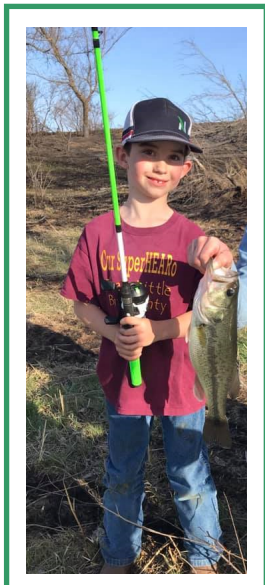
Big Creek 4-H Club had a beautiful day for cleaning up the Memorial Park trails, fairgrounds, and arena for their community service project.



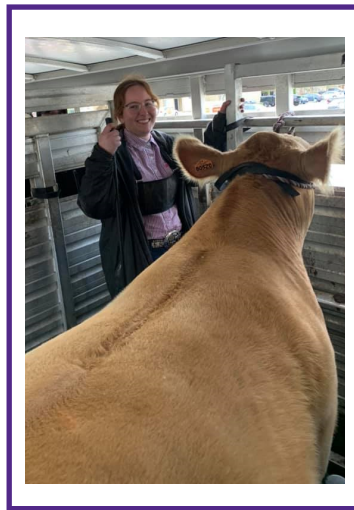
Ethan and Payton of Fossil Creek 4-H Club spent a Saturday afternoon at Space Tech Day in Hays this month.



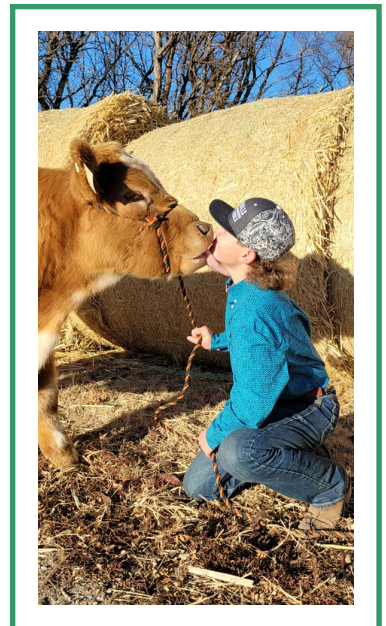
Hailey of Fossil Creek 4-H Club puts her public speaking skills to good use at the Prairiesta Style Revue.



Elkhorn member, Cord, enjoys fishing on nice days.



Lonestar member, Gracie, prepares for the Aggville Showdown. She's happy to be showing in spring shows again!



Clay of Big Creek 4-H Club likes to have down time with his livestock every chance he gets!



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 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, and 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 Cloverbud leader
- Provide officers and clubs leadership updates as soon as possible to the Extension Office

NEW THIS YEAR

Local Record Keeping and Project Awards

The 4-H KAP Revision Taskforce has been working hard to develop a new Kansas 4-H Project Award process.

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 Experience 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



4-H Discovery Days

When: June 1st-4th, 2021 (held virtually)

Who: 4-H Discovery Days is for young people ages 13-18 before January 1, 2021

Registration Cost: \$35 [REGISTER HERE!](#)

Discovery Days Objectives:

- Help you learn new ideas, techniques, and skills they can use personally and in their 4-H clubs or groups and communities.
- Give youth in-depth training through hands-on educational sessions from content and youth development experts.
 - Prepare youth to make informed decisions about their careers and college path.
- Enhance personal growth by giving opportunities to develop responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision-making, and time management skills
- Help youth meet new people and make new friends from different places and with different backgrounds from across the state.
 - Provide an opportunity for youth to experience the K-State campus and its wealth of resources
- Develop college and career readiness skills which prepare participants academically and socially for a successful transition to college and life as an adult

Campference

This event is for 4-H youth ages 12-14 who are ready to grow in their leadership and 4-H careers. This year Campference takes some of the fun aspects of 4-H camp and the learning components of a conference and combines them to create a fun educational opportunity for middle school 4-H youth.

Who should register?

All youth planning to attend Campference should register. Youth must be 12-14 years old before January 1, 2020.

Registration

There is online registration for this event, under the ["Register for Events"](#) button on the State 4-H website. Click here for the: [4-H Campference Page](#) for more details.

Why Come to 4-H Campference, June 27-30, 2021:

- Make friends who will last a lifetime from across Kansas.
 - Enjoy Rock Springs 4-H Center.
- Discover new skills and learn how to apply them at home.
 - Discover opportunities that 4-H offers you.
 - Expand your leadership capabilities.

P.S. Registration is due May 15! Space is limited and will be filled on a first come first serve basis, so registration may end prior to May 15 if space is filled. Fee is \$320 per person.



UPCOMING EVENTS



May 1

May 1 Deadlines (last day to drop/add in 4-H Online, Horse ID papers due, Market Beef registration due)

June 21-24

HOK Camp

July 1

LOTS of fair paperwork due (see emails for details)

July 17-22

Ellsworth County Fair

July 18-23

Russell County Fair



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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

May 2021

AC-Ash Creek, BC-Big Creek, CL-County Liners, EH-Elkhorn,
 FC-Fossil Creek, 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 ALT.SMALL ANIMAL WEIGH-IN
2 Club Meetings: BC/LS	3 Club Meetings: ECFA Meeting	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7	8
9 Mother's Day Club Meetings: SS / WCV	10 Club Meetings: RS Fairboard	11	12 4-H CAMP SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE	13 Extension Board Meeting - RS	14	15
16 Club Meetings: AC/WW/FC/SF	17 Club Meetings: CL Club Meeting	18	19	20	21	22
23 Club Meetings: EH/TT	24 Club Meetings: RS Council	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day					

June 2021

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

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