

4-H UPDATE

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Midway District 4-H Newsletter

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4-H Empowers Young People with the Skills to Lead for a Lifetime

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 70,000 youth in Kansas with the skills to lead for a lifetime.

It's a research-based experience that includes a mentor, a hands-on project, and a meaningful leadership opportunity. Based on their interests and guided by adult volunteers, youth develop their own pathway in 4-H. They select from a broad menu of local 4-H programs and projects. There are hands-on, learn by doing, opportunities for everyone.

Kansas 4-H is a vibrant youth development program for K-State Research and Extension. In 4-H, we are committed to providing positive dynamic learning experiences for as many young people as possible.



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Russell Report



2022 RS County 4-H Council Officers

President
Kierra Eck

Vice President
Hope Lumpkins

Secretary
Hailey Gier

Treasurer
Conner Miller

Reporter
Emma Karst

4-H Council Meeting
May 23 at 7:00pm

Be prepared for these
meetings with officer and
committee reports!

Russell Fair Board Meeting
May 9 at 7:00pm

4-H Junior Leaders
June 27 at 6:00pm

Midway District Ambassadors are doing a Kiss the Pig contest/fundraiser. The piggy banks are at the 4-H office. Come put money in the bank of the person you think should kiss the pig at the county fair. The community members that might kiss the pig are Tiffinie Mai, Marcia Gier, and Mike McKenna.



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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Rebekah Vague

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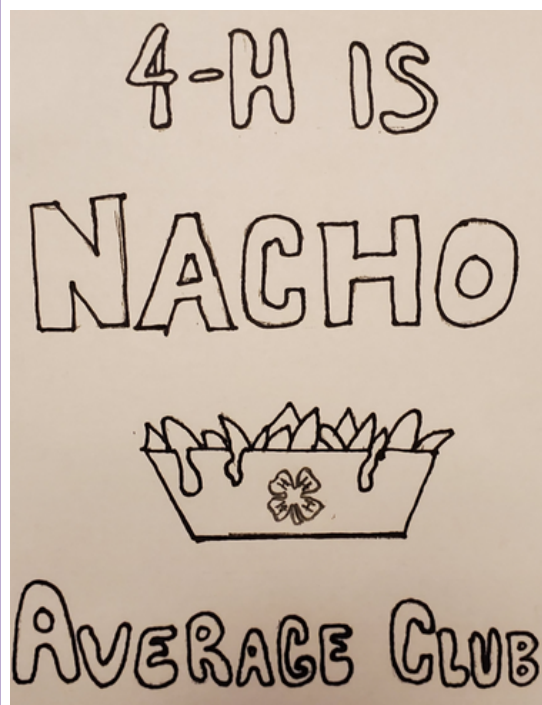
Fair Association Meeting
May 2 at 6:30pm

4-H Junior Leaders
TBD



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.



Congratulations
to Rebekah
Vague on
winning the
Fair Book Cover
Contest this
year!



Senior Spotlight



My name is Abigail Myers, I am current member of Lone Star and I am graduating from Russell High School. After graduation I will be attending Fort Hays State University to major in Elementary Education. Though I have not always dreamed of being a teacher, 4-H helped me grow my passion of helping and leading young children. One of my favorite experiences I gained from 4-H was the Heart of Kansas 4-H Camp. I loved attending camp as a camper, so I knew being a counselor would be the place for me. Camp was one of the places that helped me realize my passion of working with children. 4-H has given me the opportunity to lead, speak about the things I am passionate about, and make new friendships. One piece of advice I would give to new and young 4-H members is to always put your best effort into every project or talk you do.



My name is Zach Rose, I am a senior at Sylvan Lucas Unified High School. I have been member of Wolf Creek Valley 4-H club for 12 years. I have participated in several different projects, but my favorite is Woodworking, and Rocketry. I have been Rocketry project leader for four years. I credit 4-H with giving me confidence in public speaking and meeting new people. I also have learned the importance of volunteering in my community and taking pride in my work. I encourage younger members to take advantage of all 4-H has to offer: Try a new project, go to 4-H camp, or participate in the Favorite Food Show! The great thing about 4-H is everyone is really encouraging. My mom was in 4-H growing up, and she has been club leader for a long time, and the nice thing about 4-H is it's something the whole family can be involved in.



Senior Spotlight



My name is Rylan Reeves. I'm a senior at Russell High School and a member of the Big Creek 4-H club. My projects include Market Beef, Buymanship, Construction, Arts and Crafts, Photography, Citizenship and Leadership. My favorite project is Construction, because my grandma and I can bond over sewing. It also gives us an excuse to have a little girls' day when we go to look for material. In my 12 years as a 4-Her, I have learned that you have to be a very responsible person to get everything done on the first few days of fair week. I've also learned to stay far away from the CRAZY 4-H moms (just kidding). My plans for next year include going to Fort Hays State University and studying agribusiness. 4-H has shaped me into the person I am today and taught me responsibility and leadership. I am a multi-generation 4-Her. My advice to the younger 4-H members is to stay busy, remember to have fun, and your 4-H friends will be your friends for life! Thank you to all fair board members for always making the fair run smooth. Thank you to all the 4-H leaders and extension agents. Not sure what I would've done without you! Also a huge thank you to my mom for pushing me to make the best better.



Tucker Huseman, Ellsworth High School, Elkhorn 4-H Club

Beef and Horse Project

My favorite project has been Beef. I have enjoyed learning how to fit cattle and being able to help younger members get their calves ready at the fair. I am planning to attend West Texas A&M University and major in Animal Science. I am not a first generation 4-Her. My dad was a member of the Elkhorn 4-H club, and my mom was a member of 4-H in Missouri. My grandma Mary Jo was also a 4-H member in Illinois. My advice to younger 4-H members is to get involved, work hard, and don't be afraid to ask older members for advice and help. When you become the older member, pay that back by helping others out in return.



Senior Spotlight



Hi! My name is Emerson Nichols, I attend Russell High School, and I am a member of the Lone Star 4-H Club. Next year, I will be attending Kansas State University to major in Nutritional Sciences (Pre-Med). After undergraduate, I would like to attend medical school to become a Pediatrician or a Dermatologist. I have been enrolled in many projects during my time as a 4-H member, such as swine, cooking, arts and crafts, club days, sewing, style review, and photography. My favorite project has definitely been the photography project. While this is my favorite project, I think I have learned the most from club days. Through club days, I have learned how to create a presentation and how to speak in public. 4-H has shaped my life by teaching me life skills that I will carry with me for the rest of my life. I have learned parliamentary procedure, public speaking, and leadership. I am a second generation 4-H member. My father was in 4-H as well as my two older brothers. I would tell younger members to have an open mind about 4-H and to try everything at least once. Even if you do not enjoy a certain activity or project, you will still make memories and learn something from it. Most importantly, I would tell them that 4-H is a great place to make friends, so just be yourself!



My name is Kristin Meier, I am enrolled in goats, poultry, rabbits, photography, visual arts. I have been in 4-H for seven years, and currently the president of Trying Tommy's 4-H club. My favorite projects would have to be rabbits and goats. My plan for next year is to go to Barton County Community College for Veterinarian Science. I am a second generation 4-Her. 4-H has shaped my life by teaching me to love animals and gear me towards my career in college. My advice for younger 4-Hers is to follow your dreams and work hard.



Senior Spotlight



My name is Nicole Haase and I go to Ellsworth High School. I am also a part of the Elkhorn 4-H Club. I am enrolled in Horse, Beef, Foods and Nutrition, Plant Science, Crops, and Photography. I always look forward to the time spent at the 4-H fair. My two favorite projects are Market Steers and Horse. I plan to attend Pratt Community College to study Animal Science. I have learned how to balance a busy schedule, respect all that I have, give back to the community that gives to me, and Make the Best Better. I am not a first generation 4-Her. My advice for younger 4-H members is to make the most of all the little moments. Enjoy the good times while they last. Stay involved. It will make you a better individual in the long run.



My name is Abigale Hopper, and I go to Russell High School. I am a member of Big Creek 4-H Club. I am enrolled in the goat and cattle projects. I have been in 4-H since I was seven years old. My advice to younger members is to practice, and determination is key.

We would like to wish the best of luck to Dayton Davis of the Elkhorn 4-H Club and has been in 4-H for five years. Also, Lizabeth Cline of Wolf Creek Valley 4-H Club and has been in 4-H for 11 years.



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



2022 4-H Geology State Field Trip June 10-12, 2022

Osage Cuestas and Chautauqua Hills

Open to 4-H Geology project members and their families - all participants are asked to register for the event. The headquarters for the 2022 4-H Geology State Field Trip is the Old Iron Club, located at 10393 Jade Road in Fredonia, Kansas. At the Highway 400 "roundabout" east of Fredonia, proceed east on Highway 47 approximately 1/4 mile to Jade Road (first gravel road). Turn south on Jade Road and proceed approximately 3/4 mile to the Old Iron Club. Signs will be posted for check-in and parking.

EXHIBIT BOXES AND T-SHIRTS: Please be aware that the deadline for orders of exhibit boxes and field trip t-shirts is May 20 at midnight and must be purchased separately from general registration. Exhibit boxes are \$50 each for Pine and \$60 each for Oak, Walnut or Cottonwood. T-shirts are \$15 each.

[Box and T-Shirt Orders](#)

The deadline for **field trip registration** is **May 27 at 12:00 noon**. The registration fee is \$15 per person for everyone attending the field trip.

[Field Trip Registration](#)

The Saturday field trip will be sedimentary rocks and fossils from the Pennsylvanian age. The Sunday field trip will be igneous rocks and minerals from Silver Dome. A variety of workshops and activities are planned for Friday and Saturday evening. Project members are encouraged to participate in judging and quiz bowl. A catered supper will be provided Saturday evening for \$8.00 per person and we will have a variety of education publications for sale through the Kansas Geological Survey.

Beetles, bugs, dragonflies and more! It's time to **get registered for the 30th Insect Spectacular**. The State Entomology Workshop will be held **Friday and Saturday, June 17th and 18th, 2022**. It will be hosted by Arnold's Greenhouse on Friday morning, located at 1430 Hwy 58 near LeRoy, Kansas. Then participants will travel to the Chanute High School as the center for other activities. The event is open to all youth and adult volunteers interested in 4-H entomology! One parent/adult guardian from each family must register and attend with children.

[INSECT SPECTACULAR REGISTRATION](#)

For detailed schedule and event details, [click here](#).

The Kansas 4-H Sportfishing Tournament is available for youth in the Wildlife Sportfishing project. This is something that can be done at their own pace throughout the year, helping engage them in project learning. The contest will end September 15, 2022. Details and entry forms are available on the webpage.

State 4-H Horse Judging will be held in a slightly different format this year. Scheduled for June 9th, it will be directly following the KSU Horse Judging Camp that will be held June 7-8th. The Advanced session will be 7-8th, with a beginner session on the 8th. The camp is open to 4-H and non 4-H members. 4-Hers will then be able to use these skills and apply them on Thursday for the contest.



Upcoming Events



April 30

EW Small Animal Weigh-in,
10-12

May 1

RS Small Animal Weigh-in, 2-
4

May 1

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

June 12-15

RSR 4-H Camp

July 1

LOTS of fair paper work due
(see emails for details)

July 17-22

Ellsworth County Fair

July 23-29

Russell County Fair



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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 2022

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 Club Meetings: BC/LS RS SMALL ANIMAL WEIGH-IN 2-4pm EW can come if needed	2 Club Meetings: ECFA Meeting	3	4	5 Cinco de Mayo	6	7
8 Club Meetings: SS / WCV	9 Club Meetings: RS Fairboard	10	11	12 Extension Board Meeting - RS	13	14
15 Mother's Day Club Meetings: AC/WW/FC/SF EW Jr. Leaders	16 Club Meetings: CL Club Meeting	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Club Meetings: EH/TT	30 Club Meetings: RS Council	31				

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

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