

4-H UPDATE



Midway District 4-H Newsletter

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Whew—I don't know about you but it took me a bit to recover from the hot weather during the fair. My thanks to every volunteer and family member who helped make the fairs memorable and run smooth,

Be sure to take a minute and THANK a Russell County Fair Board or Ellsworth Fair Association member for their work and dedication. They are already starting to plan the 2023 county fairs and it takes a great deal of time and effort to coordinate all of the moving pieces to put together an event of this size.

Thank you to the 4-H members who helped with the smoothie bike and Jr. Leaders and Ambassadors handing out ribbons.

As a 4-H member, our family vacation was driving to Hutchinson, KS to see the Kansas State Fair and eventually participate both weekends at events. I always enjoyed seeing my 4-H exhibits on display, so I encourage you to take a stroll through Centennial Hall, through the 4-H/FFA Crops building, and the livestock barns to see other 4-H entries. This is also a great time to listen in to Public Presentations from across the state on both weekends of the fair.

School has started which means, 4-H enrollment will open Oct 1, clubs will plan for officer elections, we will be planning 484H and the Achievement Celebration. Be sure you include goal setting as part of your project planning for the new 4-H year!

Life is a Grand Adventure – Make every day count!

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Russell Report



2022 RS County 4-H Council Officers

President
Kierra Eck

Vice President
Hope Lumpkins

Secretary
Teagen Pfeifer

Treasurer
Conner Miller

Reporter
Emma Karst

4-H Council Meeting
September 26 at 7:00pm

Be prepared for these
meetings with officer and
committee reports!

Russell Fair Board
Meeting
September 12 at 7:00pm

4-H Junior Leaders
October 25 at 6:00pm

The Russell County 4-H Development Fund reminds Russell County 4-H members that scholarships are available for experience 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.



2021-2022 Russell County Achievement Banquet

4-H an AXcellent Experience



Sunday, October 23, 2022

Location- Gorham Senior Center

Time- 4:30pm Real Ax throwing for kids 10 and up. Foam pumpkins, vertical ax throwing, and parachute for 9 years old and younger.

6:00pm Supper

**RSVP deadline is Monday,
October 10th at 5:00pm**



Ellsworth Events



2022 EW County 4-H Council Officers

President
Rebekah Vague

Vice President
Trenton Hays

Secretary
Brekyn Zier

Treasurer
Sam Thielen

Reporter
Abby Dlabal

4-H Council Meeting
October 24 at 6:30pm

Be prepared for these
meetings with officer and
committee reports!

Fair Association Meeting
September 12 at 6:30pm

4-H Junior Leaders
TBD

Window Display Contest!



The annual Window Decorating Contest is rapidly approaching. Window displays need to be in place and the location provided to Karrie by 8am. October 3rd. Remember- your idea needs to catch interest, promote, 4-H, let viewers know how they can join 4-H, and include your club. This is a great opportunity, to share with the community what 4-H means to your club.

2021-2022 Ellsworth County Achievement Banquet



When: Saturday October 22, 2022
Location: Wilson Junior/Senior High School
3005 Ave D. Wilson, KS 67490
Time: 6:00pm

**Each family needs to bring a dish
for the pot luck and their
own table services.**





Fair Flashback





4-H in the News



Proud of these Midway District 4-H Youth for getting up EARLY on a Saturday morning to attend the State Livestock Judging contest in Manhattan on Saturday! Kids did well with strong placing scores, and a desire to improve in reasons! Excited to continue working with them! Team members include: Paxton Huseman, Tucker Goss, Britta Goss, Hadley Huseman, Nell Goss, Gracie Karst, Noah Goss, Emma Karst, Kierra Eck



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, Project Records, Pin Applications and Achievement Banquets will all have deadlines to occur in the very near future.

Record books 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)

Project Record Forms- these can be held in the same binder as the record book.

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 record forms as you would like, though focusing on just a few projects and really doing well on those would be my suggestion over doing many project records and not giving as much detail.

Remember that there are different forms of project records for each level (7-9, 10-13, 14 and up). In addition, it is important to adjust the story in your project record 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.

Ellsworth's banquet will be October 22nd and Russell's banquet will be October 23rd this year. This evening is a great opportunity to share fellowship with other 4-H families while celebrating accomplishments!



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

Welcoming New Members

As we begin a new 4-H year, it is important to help our new members feel welcome. Click on the pictures below to learn some tips and tricks for welcoming new members to your club.



Financial Review Time!

Club Financial Reviews are due to the Extension Office by October 19.

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, etc. 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 contact our office.

4-H Happenings

Estimated Month	Event	Location
June 22	Shutterbug	Midway
Sept 22	Teens and Volunteers	Hays
Nov 22	Fiber Arts Shepherds Mills	Phillipsburg
Jan 23	STEM Space Tech Day	Walnut Creek
March 23	Rabbit/Poultry	
March 23	Judging	Colby
April 23	Producer Days- Beef/Sheep	Golden Prairie

It's time to start applying to be a 2021 Midway District 4-H Ambassador!

To be an 4-H Ambassador:

- You are interested in public speaking and making presentations in front of groups.
- You are in the ninth grade or above.
- You have completed two or more years of 4-H.
- You agree to give two presentations on 4-H each year.
- You agree to be interviewed by judges to discuss your application.

What is an Ambassador?

4-H Ambassadors should be looked to as the "Face of 4-H" for the local program. Their role is to tell the 4-H Story through media, personal appearances, and other avenues. Some of the responsibilities of a 4-H ambassador include:

- Public Relations for 4-H
- Promote 4-H to all Audiences
- Work with 4-H Agent and 4-H PDC to promote and assist at events
- Further their own communications skills
- Organize promotional events and activities (may be in conjunction with Jr. Leader teams)
- Network with non-4-H groups (Kiwanis, Rotary, other community organizations)
- Attend trainings as offered.

There will be a maximum of 8 Ambassadors selected. Ambassadors are selected for a 2-year term!

To apply, go [HERE](#).

Applications are due to the extension office by Tuesday, October 18.

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum and the Kansas Volunteer Leader Forum

What: Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more.

In addition, the 2022 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected and up to six National 4-H Conference delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF.

When: November 19-20, 2022

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2023

Registration Deadline:

Will open Mid September

Deadline - November 1, 2022

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October 8-9, 2022 - Join us this fall in seeing just how much we can give back to our communities! The weekend at the end of National 4-H Week is the perfect opportunity to setup a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers, local service organizations and past 4-H'ers too! Go to www.Kansas4-H.org/484H to register and get more information.

A project of the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council

For more information [click here](#)



Upcoming Events



September 9-18

Kansas State Fair

September 14

Rookie of the Year Due

September 21

Project Records/Record
Books Due

Club Seal Applications Due

Pin Applications Due

October 1

4-H Online Enrollment Opens

October 2-8

National 4-H Week

October 18

Ambassador Applications
Due

October 19

Club Financial Reviews Due

October 22

Ellsworth Achievement
Banquet

October 23

Russell Achievement
Banquet



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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

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September 2022

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FC-Fossil Creek, LS-Lonestar, SF-Sunflower, SS-Shooting Sports,
TT-Trying Tomatoes, WW-Wilson Winners, WCV-Wolf Creek Valley

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Club Meetings: BC/LS	Labor Day 5 Club Meetings: ECFA Meeting	6	7	8 Extension Board Meeting - RS	9	10 KANSAS STATE FAIR KANSAS STATE FAIR
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25 Club Meetings: TT/EH	26 Club Meetings: RS Council	27	28	29	30	

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