

4-H UPDATE

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Midway District 4-H Newsletter

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It was so nice having a "normal" fair again this year and seeing all of your faces! It was so much fun watching all of the participants at the Ellsworth and Russell fairs. 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!

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, 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 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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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
September 27 at 7:00pm

Have your officer and
committee reports prepared
for these meetings!

Russell Fair Board Meeting
September 13 at 7:30pm

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

Scholarships Available!

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.



2020-2021 Russell County Achievement Banquet



Go for the Gold

Sunday, October 10, 2021

Location- Gorham Senior Center

Time- 4:30 pm Fun and Games

6:00pm Supper

RSVP by October 1st



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
October 25 at 6:30pm

Have your officer and
committee reports prepared
for these meetings!

Fair Association Meeting
September 6 at 6:30pm

4-H Junior Leaders
September 19 at 4:00pm

Window Display Contest!



The annual Window Decorating Contest is rapidly approaching.

Window displays need to be in place and the location provided to Marcia by 8am October 4th.

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.

2020-2021 Ellsworth County Achievement Banquet



Saturday October 23, 2021

Location: TBA

Time: 6:00pm





Fair Flashback





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.

Russell's banquet will be October 10th and Ellsworth's banquet will be October 23 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

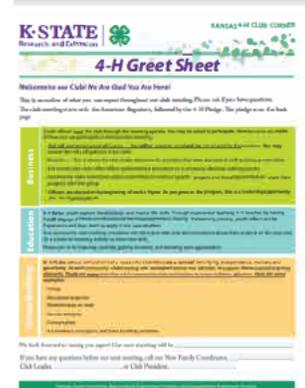
- Check mailbox at the Extension Office
- Report from 4-H Council Meetings
- Provide any leadership changes to the Extension Office ASAP
- Update Volunteer Renewal information

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 20.

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



Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF)

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 20-21, 2021

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2022

Registration: Opens late Aug/early Sept

Registration Deadline:
Early Bird Rate = October 15, 2021
Regular Rate = November 1, 2021

Join our Ambassador Team!

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

To be an a 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 19.

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

Join over 6 million young people, 500,00 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 3-9, is *Find Your Spark!*

Visit www.Kansas4-H.org to find out more.

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48 Hours of 4-H

A weekend of service. A lifetime of impact.

A Kansas 4-H Service Challenge

October 9-10, 2021 - 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

KANSAS4H.ORG

For more information, go [here](#).



Upcoming Events



September 1

RSR 4-H Camp Early Bird Enrollment

September 6

Labor Day-Offices Closed

September 7

Friend of 4-H Nominations Due

September 13

Rookie of the Year Forms Due

September 10-19

Kansas State Fair

September 22

Record Books/Project Record Forms Due

Club Seal Applications Due

RS and EW Friend of 4-H Vote Due

October 1

4-H Online Enrollment Opens

October 9-10

48 Hours of 4-H

October 10

RS County Achievement Banquet

October 19

Ambassador Applications Due

October 20

Club Financial Reviews Due

October 23

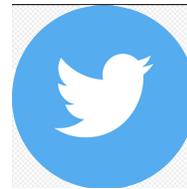
EW County Achievement Banquet

November 3

Club Officers' Worksheets Due



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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

September 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
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5 Club Meetings: BC/LS	6 Labor Day Club Meetings: ECFA Meeting	7 Friend of 4-H Nominations Due	8	9 Extension Board Meeting - RS	10 KANSAS STATE FAIR	11 KANSAS STATE FAIR
12 Club Meetings: SS / WCV KANSAS STATE FAIR	13 Club Meetings: RS Fairboard Rookie of the Year Forms Due KANSAS STATE FAIR	14 KANSAS STATE FAIR	15 KANSAS STATE FAIR	16 KANSAS STATE FAIR	17 KANSAS STATE FAIR	18 KANSAS STATE FAIR
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26 Club Meetings: TT/EH	27 Club Meetings: RS Council	28	29	30		

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17 Club Meetings: AC/WW/FC/SF EW Jr. Leaders	18 ML King Day Club Meetings: CL Club Meeting	19 Ambassador Applications Due	20 Club Financial Reviews DUE	21	22	23 EW Achievement Banquet
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