

4-H UPDATE

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Midway District 4-H Newsletter

MIDWAY DISTRICT 4-H PROGRAM represents
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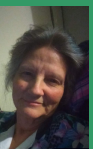
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Northwest Area Project Record Form Judging

Midway District is able to send one senior project record per county on to regional record book judging. Congratulations to the Midway District 4-H members who submitted their Project Record Forms to the NW area regional judging:

Kierra Eck: Leadership

Lane Howard: Pets & Dog

Leah Howard: Interior Design and Architecture,
Meat Goat, & Sheep

Josey Norris: Fiber Arts & Shooting Sports

Brooklyn Thielen: Woodworking

Great job on all of your hard work and we hope you will continue to work towards your goals in the future! The Project Record Books that were selected to go on to the state level are:

Kierra Eck: Leadership

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Russell Report



2024-2025 RS County 4-H Council Officers

President
Teagen Pfeifer

Vice President
Katelyn Haddock

Secretary
Emma Schneider

Treasurer
Payton Maske

Reporter
Janessa Miller

4-H Council Meeting
March 24 at 7:00pm

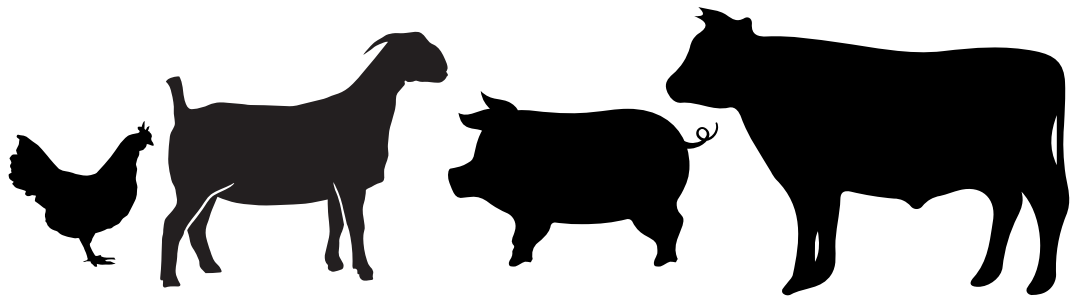
Be prepared for these
meetings with officer and
committee reports!

Russell Fair Board Meeting
February 10 at 7:00pm

4-H Junior Leaders
March 24 at 6:00pm

We Need Your Help!

If you are 12 years of age or older (adults too), we need your help! We are in need of door monitors for 4-H Club Days on Sunday, February 23 at Wilson High School. If you can help us out, please contact our office!



The Russell County 4-H Extension Office and Russell High School FFA are coming together to let 4-H and FFA utilize the Russell High School FFA Farm. 4-H and FFA projects will be able to utilize the facility for minimal costs to help grow a responsible project experience.

The farm is located just east of the Shaffer Field on USD 407 property.

Contact the Extension Office or Russell High School for a contract.



Ellsworth Events



2024-2025 EW County 4-H Council Officers

President
Hannah Vague

Vice President
Brelyn Zier

Secretary
Brooklyn Thielen

Treasurer
Leah Howard

Reporter
John Barta

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

Be prepared for these
meetings with officer and
committee reports!

Fair Association Meeting
February 3 at 6:30pm

EW Junior Leaders Meeting
January 6 at TBA



Ellsworth County Fair Dates

The fair kicks off with the Horse Show on Saturday, July 19 and ends with the Premium Auction on Thursday, July 24.



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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!

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 15th and February 16th . For Sheep and Goats, this is April 26th and April 27th.

SWINE members. You can come to small animal weigh in but the pigs MUST STAY IN the TRAILER. We will come to the trailer to tag.

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_4SjPk3phpCcP9Sm

Small Animal: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6o5ykAhxkfSjxv8

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 8th for beef and April 19th for small animals.

Cattle tags are \$4.50 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!



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



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 THESE FOLLOWING DATES AND TIMES:

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2025 6:00-7:30PM

Russell County 4-H Fair Building (702 Fairway Dr, Russell, KS 67665)

THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025 6:00-7:30PM

Ellsworth Recreation Center (221 W Douglas Ave, Ellsworth, KS 67439)

SUNDAY, MAY 4, 2025 1:00-2:30PM

Wilson United Methodist Church (2404 Ave F, Wilson, KS 67490)

We will meet in the education center behind the church.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national multi-species quality assurance program for youth ages 8 to 21 with a focus on three core pillars:



Food Safety



Animal Well-Being



Character Development

TO FIND MORE INFORMATION, REGISTER FOR ONE OF THESE DATES OR TO DO THE ONLINE TRAINING.

PLEASE GO TO THE FOLLOWING SITE:
<https://yqcaprogram.org/>

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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?

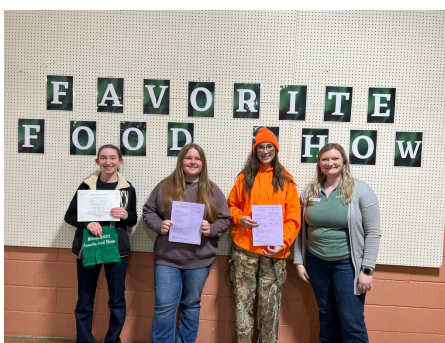
Click [HERE](#) for the application and the list of available scholarships. Applications are due to the state 4-H office by March 1, 2025

4-H in the News

On January 19, Seventeen 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, Josey Norris with her Cheeseburger Soup. The Intermediate category was won by Kambri Kasper with her Loaded Mashed Potatoes. Colt Soldan swept the Junior division with his Colt's Sunshine Explosion Cake.

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](#).



4-H Happenings

**2024-2025
SMALL ANIMAL
WEIGH IN**

SAVE

THE

**RUSSELL
FAIR GROUNDS**

**APRIL 27TH
FROM
2:00PM TO 4:00PM**

**ELLSWORTH
FAIR GROUNDS**

**APRIL 26TH
FROM
10:00AM-12:00PM**

DATE



NW 4-H

Judging Event

Super Saturday

Saturday, March 22, 2025, 9:00am -Finish

**Host Site: Colby Community College Student Union and
Thomas County Fairgrounds. Colby, Kansas**

Judging Contests include: 9:00am to 12:30pm -- \$7.00

Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Photography, Livestock Skill-a-thon

Volunteer Sessions for Parents and Volunteers - Free, 10:00am

Livestock Judging : 12:30pm Thomas County Fairgrounds

Project Opportunities: (NON-LIVESTOCK Judging youth): 1:00 -3:00pm \$5.00

The afternoon will be filled with engineering and technology stations (robots, circuits, building bricks, etc.) and Visual Arts Stations (Scrapbook, clay, paper crafts, etc.)

Sack Lunches provided with mandatory RSVP - \$8.00



Registration Link:

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dajdd7SK7HICeW

If you have any questions concerning this event, you may contact Robyn Trussel at 785-798-5020 or rdeines@ksu.edu or Chandra Plate at 620-388-7157 or cplate@ksu.edu



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2025 CLUB DAY

**Sunday February 23rd
Wilson Elementary School
3009 Ave D, Wilson, KS 67490**

Demonstrate YOUR talent at Club Day

Categories include:

- Project Talk -Show and Tell
- Demonstration -Illustrated Talk
- Singing -Public Speaking
- Talent (dancing, skits, magic tricks, etc.)
- Instrumental Skills -Reading
- Resume/Interview -Model Meetings



Group registration



Individual registration

**Registration Deadline is
Wednesday, January 22nd**

**Open to the Public
Contests begin at 2:00pm**

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SAVE

**2024-2025
BEEF WEIGH IN**

**ELLSWORTH
ANIMAL HOSPITAL
FEBRUARY 15TH
FROM
8:00AM-11:00AM**

THE

DATE

**RUSSELL
VETERINARY SERVICE
FEBRUARY 16TH
FROM
2:00PM TO 5:00PM**



Upcoming Events



February 8

Beef Tagging Requests Due

February 15

Ellsworth Beef Weigh In
8:00-11:00AM

February 16

Russell Beef Weigh In
2:00-5:00PM

February 17

Office Closed for
President's Day

February 23

District Club Day

March 1

State 4-H Scholarships Due

March 6

YQCA Training, 6:00-7:30pm
At Russell 4-H Building

April 1

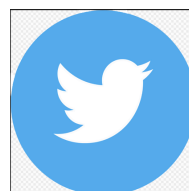
RS Dev. Fund Academic
Scholarships Due

Upcoming Events: Be sure to
regularly check the Midway
District website for upcoming
events.

[https://www.midway.k-
state.edu/events/](https://www.midway.k-state.edu/events/)



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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.

Karrie will be working in the Ellsworth Office

February 3 February 11
February 24 March 19
March 26

February 2025

AC-Ash Creek, BC-Big Creek, CL-County Liners, EH-Elkhorn,
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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2 Club Meetings: BC Groundhogs Day	3 Club Meetings: ECFA Meeting	4	5	6	7	8 BEEF TAGGING REQUESTS DUE
9	10 Club Meetings: RS Fairboard	11	12	13 Extension Board Meeting - EW	14 Valentine's Day	15
16 Club Meetings: AC/WW/LS/SF/CL	17 President's Day OFFICE CLOSED	18	19 Club Meetings: WCV	20	21	22
23 Club Meetings: TT/EH DISTRICT CLUB DAY	24 Club Meetings: EW Council EW Jr. Leaders	25	26	27	28	

March 2025

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2 Club Meetings: BC	3 Club Meetings: ECFA Meeting	4	5	6 YQCA Training	7	8
9 Daylight Saving Time Starts	10 Club Meetings: RS Fairboard	11	12	13 Extension Board Meeting - RS	14 Regional Club Days	15
16 St. Patrick's Day Club Meetings: AC/WW/LS/SF/CL	17	18	19 Club Meetings: WCV	20	21	22
23 Club Meetings: EH/TT	24 Club Meetings: RS Council RS Jr. Leaders	25	26	27	28	29