

# 4-H UPDATE



## Midway District 4-H Newsletter

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Wow, you all brought talent to the Midway District Club Day on February 25th at the Wilson Elementary School! I listened to a poem, demonstrations, and Extemporaneous speech. Even the judges came back saying how competition was tough and we have some great kids in our district.

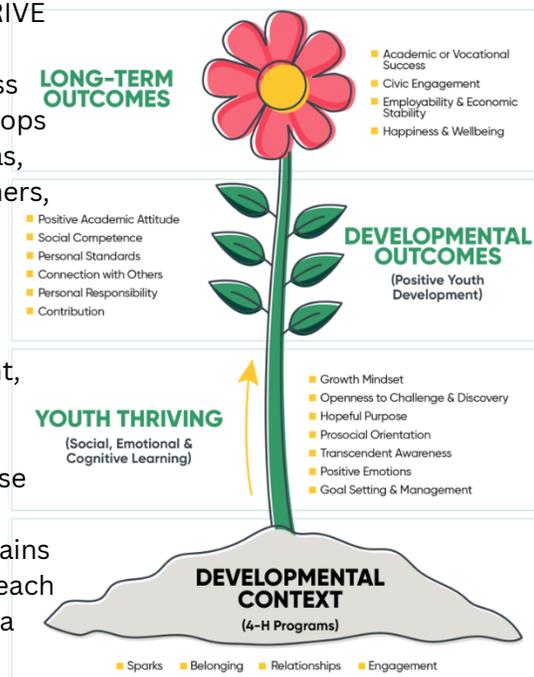
I saw youth leave the judging room disappointed that they missed a part of their talk or really excited to know where else they could present at. Maybe it is the competitive side of us that is showing through or maybe the topic is an interest of ours. Whatever the reasoning is, when we are comfortable in front of others about the presentation, the easier it is. Not only will youth THRIVE but they are talking about their SPARK.

Research shows when youth join 4-H, they usually find their SPARK or feel a sense of belonging. Then youth THRIVE in social, emotional, and cognitive learning. Youth have goals, openness to challenge and change. This develops positive youth development, such as, youth will have connection with others, personal standards, and positive academic attitude.

Finally, youth have a long term outcomes marked by vocational or academic success, civic engagement, happiness, and wellbeing. This is known as the 4-H Thrive Model.

Maybe a member joins 4-H because they love to bake cookies with their grandma. Does presentations and gains more knowledge about the project each year. Then eventually becomes the a chef at a five star restaurant.

Thank you to volunteers, judges, parents, leaders, and staff for encouraging positive youth development and helping youth THRIVE.





# Russell Report



## 2023-2024 RS County 4-H Council Officers

President  
Kierra Eck

Vice President  
Conner Miller

Secretary  
Katelyn Haddock

Treasurer  
Teagen Pfeifer

Reporter  
Charlie Herbel

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4-H Council Meeting  
March 25 at 7:00pm

Be prepared for these  
meetings with officer and  
committee reports!

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Russell Fair Board Meeting  
March 11 at 7:00pm

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4-H Junior Leaders  
March 18 at 6:30pm

## Club Day; Life Skills

Placement and Scoring  
Russell County

### Senior Division

14-18 Years of Age  
as of January 1st



1st Place:

Kierra Eck

2nd Place:

Makenzie Raymer

3rd Place:

Zoe Raymer

1st Place:

Ethan Raymer

2nd Place:

Layken Eck

3rd Place:

Rhett Deines

### Intermediate Division

10-13 Years of Age  
as of January 1st



1st Place:

Jana Deines and Ari Robbins

2nd Place:

Aden Raymer

3rd Place:

Coy Cook

### Junior Division

7-9 Years of Age  
as of January 1st



1st Place:

Jana Deines and Ari Robbins

2nd Place:

Aden Raymer

3rd Place:

Coy Cook



## Russell County Fair Dates

The fair kicks off Sunday, July 14 with the Fashion Revue. The Dog Show is Wednesday, July 17. Friday, July 19 will be judging contests and visual arts judging. The rest of the fair begins on Monday, July 22 and goes through Friday, July 26.



# Ellsworth Events



## 2023-2024 EW County 4-H Council Officers

President  
Molly Ehrlich

Vice President  
Ashlyn Schwerdtfeger

Secretary  
Brelyn Zier

Treasurer  
Addie Janzen

Reporter  
Josey Norris

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4-H Council Meeting  
April 22 at 6:30pm

Be prepared for these  
meetings with officer and  
committee reports!

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Fair Association Meeting  
March 4 at 7:00pm  
April 1 at 7:00pm

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EW Junior Leaders Meeting  
April 22 at 7:00pm



## Ellsworth County Fair Dates

The fair kicks off with the Dog and Pet Show on Friday, July 19 and ends with the Premium Auction on Thursday, July 25.

## Club Day; Life Skills

Placement and Scoring  
Ellsworth County

### Senior Division

14-18 Years of Age  
as of January 1st



1st Place:  
Brooklyn Thielen

2nd Place:  
Caleb Diabal

3rd Place:  
Hallie Thielen

1st Place:  
Lakyn Beckman

2nd Place:  
Brantley Beckman

3rd Place:  
Lauren Brokes

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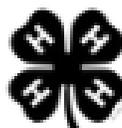
1st Place:  
Wyatt Brokes and Crobin  
Habiger

2nd Place:  
Sloane Gray

3rd Place:  
Cord Norris

### Junior Division

7-9 Years of Age  
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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!**

## **Rock Springs 4-H Camp**

### **Sign up to attend 4-H Camp!**

<https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/sessions-rates/>

#### **Explorers: Ages 8-10 (Rising 3rd-5th graders)**

Our youngest campers will work on gaining their independence, making new friends and discovering the larger world around them. While at camp they will enjoy archery, swimming, intro to horses, BBs, corcls, our giant swing and many more fun activities! This group will also have the highest staff to camper ratios.

#### **Trailblazers: Ages 11-13 (Rising 6th-8th graders)**

This group has greater access to activities and will spend time with more campers in their age group and work on skills development. Activities include aerial archery, swimming, horses, rifles, canoes, climbing wall and more!

#### **Adventurers: Ages 14-17 (Rising 9th-12th graders)**

The oldest group in our “traditional” camp. Adventurers spend most of their time at activities they choose along with other campers in their group. Activities are at the top tier of RSR offerings including 3D archery, swimming, horses, trap shooting, kayaks, high ropes and zipline.

#### **Leaders-in-Training (LIT): Ages 14-16 (Rising HS sophomores & juniors)**

This immersive experience empowers youth to find their voice and transition into leaders ready to serve their communities. Teens participate in camp activities and challenges while also learning leadership development and civic engagement skills. During the week teens bond and find a sense of belonging through teambuilding, leadership skill development, and generosity.

#### **Counselors-in-Training (CIT): Ages 16-17 (Rising HS seniors)**

Teens ages 16 to 17-year, especially rising 12th graders, come to camp as part of our Counselors in Training (CIT) Camp. They will be given responsibility over a group of younger campers from breakfast to bedtime. These teens will receive camper care training and counselor experience, but they will also have “camp” time with their peers built into each day.



# 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

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# YQCA

# YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS

## 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 the Wilson United Methodist Church ( 2404 Ave F, Wilson, KS 67490 ). We will meet in the education center behind the church.

Class will be held these following dates:

**TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024 6-7:30**

**MONDAY, MARCH 25, 2024 6-7:30**

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024 1-2:30**

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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## National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is April 21-27.

The 4-H program is what it is because of the AMAZING volunteers. Take this opportunity to shine a light on those who lend their time, talent, and voice to make a difference!



# 4-H in the News



CIA (Citizenship in Action) was held on February 18-19th at Topeka, KS. Midway District members went to the state capital on Sunday evening. Members debated and voted in the House of Representatives and in the Senate chambers. 4-Hers also got to talk to legislative and take tours around the capital.

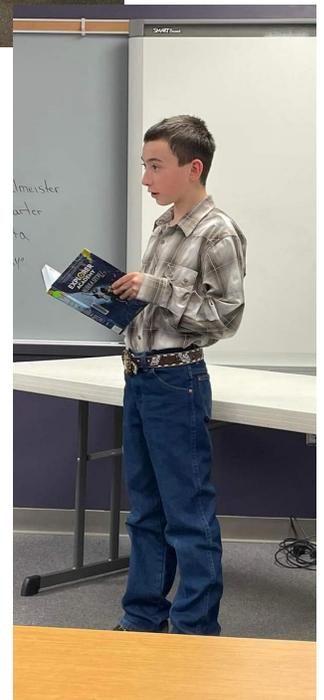
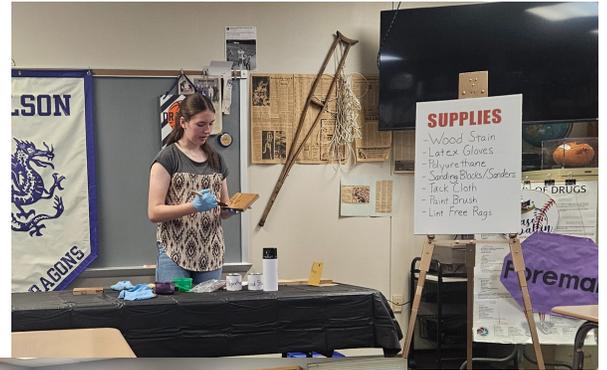




# 4-H in the News



Midway District Club Day was held on February 25th at the Wilson Elementary School. We had great attendance from both counties. The Top Blues (1st place) in each event gets to go on to Regional Club Days in Great Bend on Friday March 8, 2024 starting at 5:00pm. Good Luck to everyone that is moving on to Regional Club Days. We can't wait to see how everyone does at Regionals!





# 4-H Happenings



## NW 4-H

### Judging Event

*Super Saturday*

Saturday, March 23, 9:00am -Finish

**Host Site: FHSU Albertson Hall on campus and Livestock Pavilion north of I-70. Hays, Kansas**

#### Judging Contests include:

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

#### Project Opportunities: (These are for NON-LIVESTOCK Judging youth)

- 1) KS Shooting Sports Ambassadors will host a non shooting, educational, hands-on activity.
  - 2) The Ins and Outs of the dog project - make a parachute cord leash and other dog project related learning activities - \$8.00
  - 3) Hands-on STEM activities that coordinate with basic engineering and match up with several 4-H projects.
  - 4) Club meeting ideas, activities and challenges, that are great for officer leadership teams.
  - 5) Fiber Arts - Bohemian Macramé wall hanging - \$15
- Volunteer Sessions for Parents and Volunteers - Free**  
**Sack Lunches provided with mandatory RSVP - \$8.00**



Registration Link:

[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_6n7ovscdg5SbzEO](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_6n7ovscdg5SbzEO)

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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## Spring Weigh In

### Small Animal

April 27, 2024 at

Ellsworth Fairgrounds

10am-12pm

April 28, 2024 at

Russell Fairgrounds

2pm-4pm

2024 **K-STATE** Junior **STEER** PRODUCER DAY **MARCH 16**

Join us for K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day on Saturday, March 16, 2024, in Weber Hall on the Kansas State University campus. Presentations and demonstrations will be provided by featured guests, as well as K-State faculty, staff, and students. This event will be a fun-filled, educational day of activities in which youth, parents, extension agents, and sheep project leaders can increase their knowledge of youth sheep project selection and management. Topics include project selection, nutrition and feeding, facilities, health, reproduction, meat science, wool, clipping and grooming, showmanship, and an optional YQCA certification at the end of the day. This event is designed for all ages and skill levels. Lunch is included. The registration fee is \$20/person for those who sign up by February 26, or \$25/person for those who register after that date. Only those who register by February 26 will receive a t-shirt. This is a family event! Anyone attending, including both youth and adults, must register.

**SCAN ME!** **Registration Deadline FEB. 26**

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#### Tentative Schedule

- 8:30AM Check-in & Registration
- 9:30AM Welcome
- 9:45AM Project Selection
- 10:30AM Morning Breakout Sessions
  - Nutrition, Facilities & Equipment, Starter Flock
- NOON Lunch
- 12:45PM Health
- 1:30PM Afternoon Breakout Sessions
  - Wool, Showmanship, Clipping & Grooming
- 3:45PM Wrap-up & Dismissal
- 4:00PM YQCA Certification & State Livestock Nominations (optional)

#### Registration

Registration Deadline: February 26  
Registration Fee: \$20/person  
Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister>  
Late Registration: \$25/person

- \*All attendees must register, including youth & adults.
- \*\*Late registrants will not receive a t-shirt.
- \*\*\*To register by mail, contact Lexie for a form.

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#### Questions

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**SPECIES!** Beef, Sheep, Goats, Chickens, and Rabbits

**SAVE THE DATE**

## Spring Livestock Clinic

WATCH FOR REGISTRATION!

**LOCATION** Russell Fair Grounds

**DATE** April 20, 2024

**TIME** TBA



# Upcoming Events



**March 5**

YQCA Training, 6:00-7:30pm

**March 8**

Regional Club Day

**March 25**

YQCA Training, 6:00-7:30pm

**April 1**

RS Dev. Fund Academic Scholarships Due

**April 20**

Russell Jr. Leaders Spring Livestock Clinic

**April 21**

YQCA Training, 1:00-2:30pm

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National Volunteer Week

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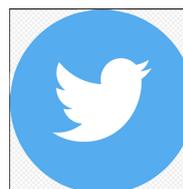
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Upcoming Events: Be sure to regularly check the Midway District website for upcoming shows and clinics.

[www.midway.k-state.edu/events/areashows.html](http://www.midway.k-state.edu/events/areashows.html)



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**Karrie will be working in the Ellsworth Office**

March 13    April 1st  
March 21    April 18th  
April 25th

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## March 2024

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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3 Club Meetings: BC	4 Club Meetings: ECFA Meeting	5 YQCA Training	6	7	8 Regional Club Days	9
10 Daylight Saving Time Starts	11 Club Meetings: RS Fairboard	12	13	14 Extension Board Meeting - RS	15	16
17 St. Patrick's Day Club Meetings: AC/WW/LS/SF/CL	18	19	20 Club Meetings: WCV	21	22	23
24 Club Meetings: EH/TT	25 Club Meetings: RS Council RS Jr. Leaders YQCA Training	26	27	28	29	30

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14 Club Meetings: SS	15	16	17 Club Meetings: WCV	18 Extension Board Meeting - EW	19	20
21 Club Meetings: AC/WW/LS/SF/CL YQCA Training	22 Earth Day Club Meetings: EW Council & EW Jr. Leaders Meeting	23	24	25	26	27
28 Club Meetings: TT/EH	29	30				