

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 23rd at the Wilson Elementary School! I listened to some demonstrations and Extemporaneous speech. Even the judges came back saying how competition was tough and we have some great kids in our district.

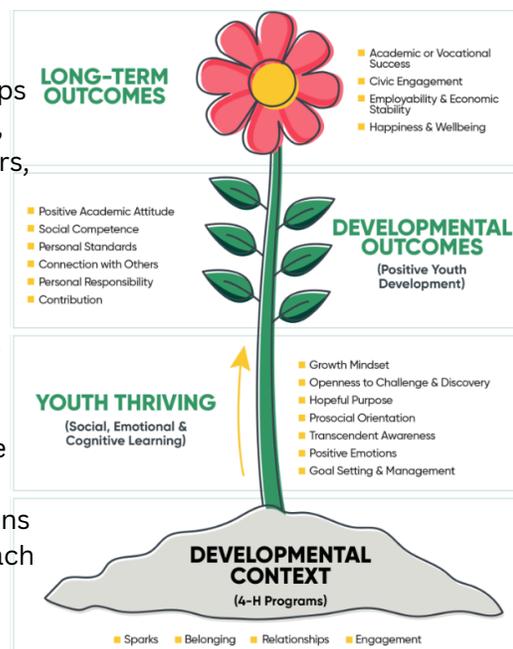
I saw youth leave the judging room disappointed that they missed a part of their talk or really excited to know where else they could present at. Maybe it is the competitive side of us that is showing through or maybe the topic is an interest of ours. Whatever the reasoning is, when we are comfortable 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



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
March 10 at 7:00pm

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

Club Day; Life Skills

Placement and Scoring
Russell County

Senior Division

14-18 Years of Age
as of January 1st



1st Place:
Zoe Raymer

2nd Place:
Makenzie Raymer

3rd Place:
Taylor Cook

1st Place:
Aden Raymer

2nd Place:
Sasha Robbins

3rd Place:
Ethan Maske

Intermediate Division

10-13 Years of Age
as of January 1st



1st Place:
Adeline Enger

2nd Place:
Ryker Bradshaw

Junior Division

7-9 Years of Age
as of January 1st



Russell County Fair Dates

The fair kicks off Sunday, July 13 with the Fashion Revue. The Dog Show is Wednesday, July 16. Friday, July 18 will be judging contests and visual arts judging. The rest of the fair begins on Monday, July 21 and goes through Friday, July 25.



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
April 28 at 6:30pm

Be prepared for these
meetings with officer and
committee reports!

Fair Association Meeting
March 3 at 6:30pm

EW Junior Leaders Meeting
April 28 at 7:00pm



Ellsworth County Fair Dates

The fair kicks off with the Dog Show on Friday, July 18 and the Horse Show on Saturday, July 19. The rest of the fair begins on Monday, July 21 and ends with the Premium Auction on Thursday, July 24.

Club Day; Life Skills

Placement and Scoring
ELLSWORTH COUNTY

Senior Division

14-18 Years of Age
as of January 1st



1st Place:

Lakyn Beckman

2nd Place:

Hadley Huseman

3rd Place:

Ashlyn Schwerdtfeger

1st Place:

Brantley Beckman

2nd Place:

Mazie Barta

3rd Place:

Wyatt Brokes

Intermediate Division

10-13 Years of Age
as of January 1st



1st Place:

Ashlyn Beckman

2nd Place:

Brinley Heinze

3rd Place:

Cord Norris

Junior Division

7-9 Years of Age
as of January 1st



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2nd Place:

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3rd Place:

Cord Norris



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

New Date

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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 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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National Volunteer Week

National Volunteer Week is April 20-26.

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 16-17th 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.



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 14, 2025 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



**2024-2025
SMALL ANIMAL
WEIGH IN**

SAVE

THE

ELLSWORTH
FAIR GROUNDS

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

RUSSELL
FAIR GROUNDS

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

DATE

SPECIES:

TBA

SAVE THE DATE

Spring Livestock Clinic

WATCH FOR
REGISTRATION!

LOCATION

Russell Fair
Grounds

DATE

April 27, 2025

TIME

2:00pm



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_dajidd7SK7HICeW

SPRING INTO VOLUNTEERING

**FOR ANYONE SERVING AS A
4-H VOLUNTEER OR CONSIDERING IT!**

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025 IN SALINA, KS



**REGISTER
TODAY**

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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 620-588-7157 or eplate@ksu.edu



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Upcoming Events



March 1

State 4-H Scholarships Due

March 6

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

March 14

Regional Club Day at 5:00pm
at Great Bend

March 22

Super Saturday in Colby

April 1

RS Dev. Fund Academic
Scholarships Due

April 3

YQCA Training, 6:00-7:30pm

April 20-26

National Volunteer Week

April 26

Small Animal Weigh In at
Ellsworth Fairgrounds
10:00am-12:00pm

April 27

Small Animal Weigh In at
Russell Fairgrounds 2:00pm-
4:00pm

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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If you would prefer receiving this newsletter 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

March 19

March 26

April 2

April 7

April 16

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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

March 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 EW Shooting Sports Match Volunteer Enrollment Due
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 Club Meetings: AC/WW/LS/SF/CL	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19 Club Meetings: WCV	20	21	22 Super Saturday in Colby
23 Club Meetings: EH/TT	24 Club Meetings: RS Council RS Jr. Leaders	25	26	27	28	29

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April 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Easter	31	1 April Fool's Day RS Dev. Fund Academic Scholarships Due	2	3 YQCA Training	4	5
6 Club Meetings: BC	7 Club Meetings: ECFA Meeting	8	9	10 Extension Board Meeting - EW	11	12
13	14 Club Meetings: RS Fairboard	15	16 Club Meetings: WCV	17	18	19
20 Club Meetings: AC/WW/LS/SF/CL	21 Earth Day	22	23	24	25	26 Spring Weigh In @ EW fair grounds 10am-12pm
27 Club Meetings: TT/EH Spring Weigh In @ RS fair grounds 2pm-4pm RS Spring Livestock Clinic	28 Club Meetings: EW Council & EW Jr. Leaders Meeting	29	30			

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