

4-H UPDATE



Midway District 4-H Newsletter

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New 4-H year means new goals. Goals teach youth to work toward, purpose to keep them motivated and something to celebrate. Learning how to set goals is a vital skill for young people. After all, it's hard to get somewhere without knowing the destination you're heading to. Goals help youth focus on the journey to whatever they want to achieve, helping them to make plans, use their time and resources wisely, and identify the places where they may need some help.

Every day 4-Hers consider new ways of planning for their futures, getting involved in their community, and creating fun opportunities for their peers, all of which involve short-term goals and long-term goals to bring ideas to life.

SMART goals are a way to write goal statements that include the actual steps that you need to take to achieve the goal.

A SMART goal is....

- Specific
- Measurable
- Attainable
- Realistic
- Time-bound

When I thought of goals for my Project record, I did leadership or citizenship every month. If you need help discussing or writing goals, please email me or call the office.

Karrie Van Winkle



Russell Report



2023 RS County 4-H Council Officers

President
Teagen Pfeifer

Vice President
Kierra Eck

Secretary
Taylor Cook

Treasurer
Christian Miller

Reporter
Emma Karst

4-H Council Meeting
November 27 at 7:00pm

Be prepared for these
meetings with officer and
committee reports!

Russell Fair Board Meeting
October 9 at 7:00pm

4-H Junior Leaders
November 27 at 6:00pm

Thank you to the Russell County 4-H Development Fund for continuing to pay the 4-H Enrollment fees for Russell County 4-H members! Your support of our program is greatly appreciated!

4-H Never Goes Out of Style

2022-2023 Russell County

ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET



Sunday, October 22, 2023

Location - Gorham Senior Center
99 Clifford St, Gorham, KS 67640

Time - Game Time - 4:30pm
Supper Time - 6:00pm



RSVP deadline is
Sunday, October 15th



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Russell Report



What is the Russell County 4-H Development Fund and how does it benefit you?

Hello, my name is Beth Pfeifer, longtime 4-H parent, and leader in Russell County. If you are like me, I was involved in 4-H for many years before I began to understand the purpose and function of the Development Fund.

In the spring of 2022, I was appointed to the 4-H Development Fund Board. As we get ready to kick off our 2022 fundraising campaign, I wanted to take this opportunity to both explain this Fund and its purpose and mission. It is my hope that this will help many, more clearly, understand the importance of the yearly campaign.

The Russell County 4-H Development Fund is a not-for-profit 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to secure funds from private and public sectors for the support and enhancement of 4-H programs. Personal and corporate donations, as well as memorial contributions are greatly appreciated and tax deductible.

Every member in Russell County 4-H benefits from the Development Fund. Each year since the state has started assessing a membership fee, the Development Fund has covered that expense on behalf of all Russell County members. At \$15 per member that is a big help for many families.

In addition to covering the membership fee, the Development Fund also has numerous scholarships available. 4-H members may fill out applications and get monies to reimburse fees for 4-H Camp, Discovery Days, Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, or any other 4-H sponsored event that has a registration fee.

Also, the Development Fund offers educational scholarships to members who have been involved in 4-H a minimum of three years and are graduating high school. Additionally former members who are enrolled in understudy classes or attending vocational school may also receive an alumni scholarship to help offset their educational expense.

Please consider making a contribution today! Your gift to the Russell County 4-H Development Fund allows us to build bright future for our next generation of leaders.

You may send your donation to Russell County 4-H Development Fund, 309 S Fossil, Russell, KS 67665.



Ellsworth Events



2023 EW County 4-H Council Officers

President
Rebekah Vague

Vice President
Trenton Hays

Secretary
Josey Norris

Treasurer
Sam Thielen

Reporter
Molly Ehrlich

4-H Council Meeting
October 23 at 6:30pm

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committee reports!

Fair Association Meeting
October 9 at 7:00pm

Annual 4-H Shooting
Sports Meeting
October 29

2022-2023 Ellsworth County Achievement Banquet

Shoot For the Stars with 4-H

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21



Location:

Ellsworth JR/SR High School
211 W 11th St. Ellsworth, KS 67439

Time: 6:00pm



RSVP by Oct. 6th

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Window Displays

Clubs will be placing their window displays in business windows throughout Ellsworth County the first weekend of October. The window displays will be judged by local community members. The winning club's window display will be used for the theme for the 2023-2024 4-H year. Be sure to go check out all of the displays at the following businesses:

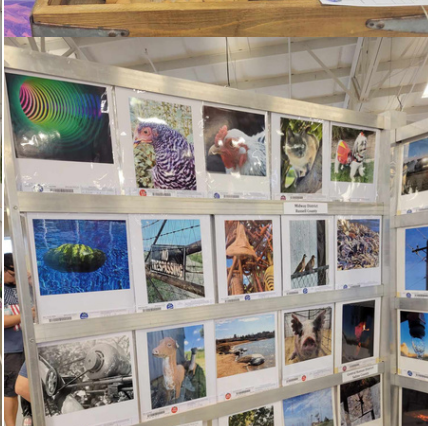
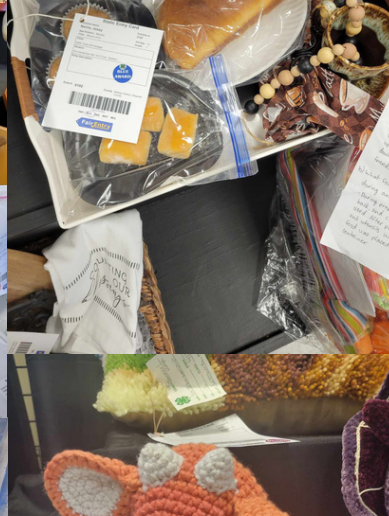
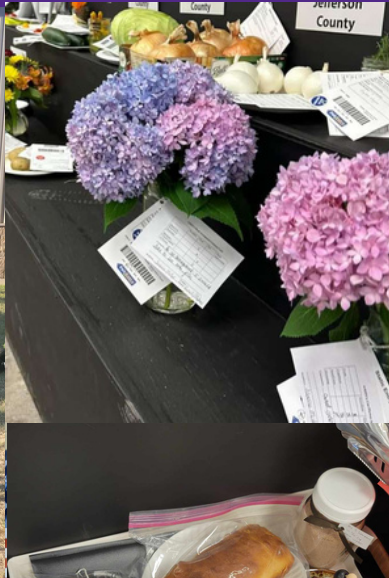
- 2515 Ave E, Wilson, KS**
- First Bank Kansas**
- Post Rock Rural Water**
- Reliant Roofing**
- State Farm Insurance**

Ellsworth Gun Club will be having their annual meeting on October 29th. Contact the office for more information.



4-H in the News

Kansas State Fair





Family Resource Page



4-H Online Enrollment

It is now time to start enrolling your youth in 4-H Online for the upcoming 4-H year!

4-H Online: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>.

Below is a link to the Family Enrollment Guide and other resources you may find helpful. If you get stuck in the enrollment process, please follow along with the guide. It shows you how to login on the first page. If you had an account in 4-H Online previously, you will use the same login information this year. After logging in, returning members will need to skip to page 6 to enroll current members or page 4 if you need to add another family member.

*****Russell County Members:** Please check your emails for a coupon code before finishing the enrollment process!

If you have problems, please feel free to reach out to our office for assistance!

Enrollment Guide and other helpful resources:

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/index.html>

- **Do you LOVE 4-H?**
- **Are you interested in public speaking and giving presentations?**
- **Are you in ninth grade or above and completed two or more years in 4-H?**

If you answered YES to these questions, you sound like a great candidate for a Midway District 4-H Ambassador!

Applications are due October 17th and may be followed by an interview to discuss your application.

Ambassadors agree to give two presentations per year about 4-H and to assist in promotional activities for 4-H.

For more information and an application, please click on the link below:

<https://www.midway.k-state.edu/4-h/get-involved/clubs/docs/Ambassador%20Application.pdf>





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.



****4-H Council—as you select representatives from your club for 4-H Council, please remind them of the responsibility and expectations of serving as a Council representative. This is the opportunity to share information at Council with your club and bring information back from Council to each club meeting.**

When you are enrolling in 4-H online. You will be asked to sign some release forms. Including, the Publicity Release. If a family marks “I Do Not Agree” the members name will not be called out during public events (livestock shows or style review), names on entry cards will be removed, and results will not be included in the newspaper or Facebook. This will be applied for a whole year and the same rules follow from county to national events.

4-H Happenings

JUNIOR SWINE AND MEAT GOAT PRODUCER DAYS

K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day is Saturday, March 16. Junior Beef Producer Day is Saturday, March 2. Both events take place in Weber Arena on the Kansas State University campus in Manhattan. These educational events are organized by the K-State Youth Livestock Program. All ages and skill levels are invited to increase knowledge related to the goat project.

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 2024 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 18-19, 2023

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2024

Registration Deadline:

Deadline - October 16, 2023

[Register Here](#)

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For more information

[click here](#)

October 7-8, 2023 - 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



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2023

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Upcoming Events



October 1

4-H Online Enrollment
Opens

October 1-7

National 4-H Week

October 17

Ambassador Applications
Due

October 21

Ellsworth Achievement
Banquet

October 22

Russell Achievement
Banquet

November 1

Club Officers to the
Extension Office

November 5

Russell County Project Fair

November 27

Officer Training



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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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October 2023

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Club Meetings: BC NATIONAL 4-H WEEK	2 Club Meetings: ECFA Meeting NATIONAL 4-H WEEK	3 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK	4 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK	5 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK	6 NATIONAL 4-H WEEK	7 48 Hours of 4-H NATIONAL 4-H WEEK
8 Club Meetings: WCV 48 Hours of 4-H	9 Club Meetings: RS Fairboard	10	11	12 Extension Board Meeting - EW	13	14
15 Club Meetings: AC/WW/LS/SF	16 Club Meetings: CL Club Meeting	17 Ambassador Applications Due	18	19	20	21 EW Achievement Banquet
22 RS Achievement Banquet Club Meeting: TT/EH	23 Club Meetings: EW Council RS Jr. Leaders	24	25	26	27	28
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26 Club Meetings: TT/EH EW Jr. Leaders	27 Club Meetings: RS Council	28	29	30 4-H ONLINE ENTRY DEADLINE FOR CLUB DAYS		