

4-H UPDATE



Midway District 4-H Newsletter

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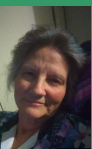
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Hello, my name is Diane Johnson, and I'm excited to be the new Office Professional at Midway Extension District here in Russell. I am looking forward to working with the wonderful group of people here at K-State, gaining knowledge about the 4-H programs and the many resources that the Extension District offers.



I grew up in the rural area of Arvada, CO; enjoyed being part of the high school rodeo "flag team", raised hamsters, and probably spent more time in the barn with my horses, a few cows, and chickens, than I did in the house. I have very fond memories of the summers that were spent helping my Aunt and Uncle on their farm in Minnesota, they grew alfalfa and raised cattle.

I dreamed of living on a farm and becoming a Veterinarian but that wasn't to be. I graduated college as a Medical Assistant, but the majority of my professional experience is in Office Management and Administration. I co-owned a residential/commercial irrigation business for over 20 years in Denver, and have held several other positions in Human Resources, Payroll, and Accounting.

Outside of work, my passion is foremost my family. I enjoy landscaping, gardening, attracting birds to our feeders, sewing and music.

One of the great joys in life is to be able to help others, and one of the most rewarding is to strive for excellence in all things; it is my personal goal is to do both whenever the opportunity is there.





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

4-H Council Meeting
May 20 at 7:00pm

Be prepared for these
meetings with officer and
committee reports!

Russell Fair Board Meeting
April 8 at 7:00pm

4-H Junior Leaders
May 20 at 6:15pm

SPRING *Livestock Clinic*

Saturday, April 20
from 1:00pm - 4:30pm

Russell 4-H building
702 Fairway Dr, Russell, KS 67665

Sessions include: Beef, Sheep, Goats,
Poultry, and Rabbits

There will be 3 rotations with each rotation
being 1 hour long. Each member can attend
up to 3 sessions. You are more than
welcome to come to 1 or 2 sessions.

This event is FREE and
available for 4-H members
and non 4-H members

Registration closes
Sunday, April 14
at 11:59pm



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deadline for 4-H Online is May 1!**
If you need add/drop projects, see the editing guide
Karrie will be sending out.



Ellsworth Events



2023-2024 EW County 4-H Council Officers

President
Molly Ehrlich

Vice President
Ashlyn Schwerdtfeger

Secretary
Brekyn Zier

Treasurer
Addie Janzen

Reporter
Josey Norris

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

Be prepared for these
meetings with officer and
committee reports!

Fair Association Meeting
April 1 at 6:30pm
April 29 at 6:30pm

EW Junior Leaders Meeting
April 22 at 7:00pm

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ELLSWORTH PROJECT FAIR

SAVE THE
DATE

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024





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!

Guidelines to Member Achievement Pin

Kansas 4-H Member Achievement pins are designed to recognize 4-H members as they reach milestones throughout their 4-H journey. The pins are awarded in a series. As a member's 4-H journey progresses, the achievement pin requirements expand to challenge individuals to explore and engage in more opportunities to develop life skills. The following guidelines are to be used statewide in all local Extension Units. This ensures consistency and maintains the integrity of the recognition.

1. 4-H members are allowed to receive only 1 Member Achievement Pin per year.
2. 4-H members may not earn the same pin more than once throughout their 4-H career.
3. 4-H members may start with any pin but may not move backwards. Pins are intended to be completed in sequential order. For example, if a young person joins 4-H for the first time as a 15-year-old, they may choose which pin to start with, and must advance from that point. 4-H'ers may choose to skip a pin but are not allowed to move backwards.
4. The application will represent the 4-H experience of the current 4-H year, unless specifically noted on the application.
5. 4-H members may engage through in-person, hybrid, virtual, and distance learning opportunities to meet the requirements listed on each award application.
6. 4-H members needing an accommodation should make a request as outlined in Kansas 4-H Policy.
7. Pin applications must be signed by:
 - a. 4-H member
 - b. Parent/Guardian
 - c. 4-H Club Leader*Independent Members will have their Mentor sign in place of a Club Leader.
8. Written feedback is an important part of educational experience. A sample template is provided to maximize encouraging feedback with a growth mindset.
9. Local Units may choose to provide additional recognition opportunities but may not modify the Member Achievement Pin system as outlined.
10. Each local Extension Unit should develop a method to track and record Member Achievement Pins awarded. Kansas 4-H recommends utilizing 4HOnline for this purpose.

[The Member Achievement Pins have been updated. Use this link to access the new Member Achievement Pins](#)



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

The state livestock nomination season has arrived! Moving to an online system helped streamline the process from nomination, to entry, through participation in the state shows. Both steps will continue to be required – complete nomination and show entry. Additionally, the deadlines have not changed and will continue to be enforced. You will have to submit your information online, through ShoWorks, and postmark your completed and signed DNA envelopes by the appropriate date. Then, after your nominations are complete and have been verified, you'll submit your official show entries directly through the specific show in which you would like to participate – the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS.

Who should nominate?

Kansas 4-H and FFA members who would like to exhibit livestock projects must nominate all market animals and commercial breeding females for those animals to be eligible for the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive and/or KJLS. When we refer to "state shows", these are the two shows in which Kansas state livestock nominations apply.

What are the nomination deadlines?

May 1 – Market Beef

-steers

-market heifers

June 15 – Small Livestock & Commercial Breeding Heifers

-market hogs

-commercial breeding gilts

-market lambs

-commercial breeding ewes

-market meat goats

-breeding does (ALL – commercial and registered)

-commercial breeding heifers

**LIVESTOCK
ALERT!!**

When do DNA Envelopes have to be ordered?

*10 days prior to nomination deadline

April 20 – Market Beef

June 5 – Small Livestock & Commercial Breeding Heifer

For more information, click [HERE](#).

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



ELLSWORTH RESULTS

Project Talk

Hagen Huseman - Purple

Eli Brokes- Purple

Junior Demonstration

Heidi Huseman - Blue

Senior Demonstration

Sage Gray - Purple

Abby Dlabal - Purple

Model Meetings

Wilson Winners - Purple

Public Speaking

Hallie Thielen - Purple

Talent

Czech Folk Dance - Purple

Music

Sage Gray- Vocal Solo - Blue

Lakyn Beckman - Instr. Solo - Red

Grey Family - Vocal Ensemble - Purple

Regional Club Day was held on March 8th in Great Bend. We had 29 entries in our district. Way to represent Midway District!

If you have Club News that you would like to share, please forward it to Karrie and we will publish it on this page as space allows.

RUSSELL RESULTS

Project Talks

Ethan Maske - Purple

Ari Robbins - Blue

Junior Demonstration

Emitt Suchy - Blue

Sasha Robbins - Blue

Senior Demonstration

Hailey Gier - Purple

Payton Maske - Blue

Extemp. Speaking

Hailey Gier - Purple

Teagen Pfeifer - Blue

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Hailey Gier - Purple

Model Meeting

Big Creek- Blue

Talent

Sunflower - Skit -Blue

Reading

Matthias Miller - Junior - Blue

Kelvie Reeves - Senior - Blue

Music

Miller Family - Vocal Ensemble - Blue

C, C, J Miller - Instr. Ensemble - Purple

Christian Miller - Instr. Solo - Blue

Conner Miller - Piano Solo - Purple

Matthias Miller- Vocal Solo - Blue

4-H Happenings

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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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Spring Weigh In

Small Animal

April 27, 2024 at

Ellsworth Fairgrounds

10am-12pm

April 28, 2024 at

Russell Fairgrounds

2pm-4pm

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days is planning to be in-person on KSU campus June 5-7th, 2024.

Youth ages 13-18 before January 1, 2024 are invited to register.

Registration is now open! Classes will fill fast!

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

What is Discovery Days?

- Help youth learn new ideas, techniques, and skills they can use personally and in their 4-H clubs or groups and communities.
- Give youth in-depth training through hands-on educational sessions from content and youth development experts.
- Prepare youth to make informed decisions about their careers and college path.

The graphic features a yellow background with a stylized plant logo in the center. The logo has a green stem and three leaves: a red one on top, a light blue one on the left, and a light green one on the right. In the top left corner, the K-STATE Research and Extension logo is visible. In the bottom right corner, there are three white wheat stalk icons. The text 'DISCOVERY DAYS' is written in large, bold, white capital letters across the bottom of the graphic. A photograph of a young woman in a grey 4-H t-shirt is partially visible in the background.



Upcoming Events



April 1

RS Dev. Fund Academic Scholarships Due

April 20

Russell Jr. Leaders Spring Livestock Clinic

April 21

YQCA Training, 1:00-2:30pm

April 21-27

National Volunteer Week

April 27

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

April 28

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

May 1

4-H Online enrollment is due to show at the county fair

May 1

4-H online Add/drop Project deadline

May 1

Horse Identification Certificates due to the Extension office

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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Karrie will be working in the Ellsworth Office

April 1st April 25th
April 18th May 2nd
May 7th

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April 2024

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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
31 Easter	1 April Fool's Day Club Meetings: ECFA Meeting	2	3	4	5	6
7 Club Meetings: BC	8 Club Meetings: RS Fairboard	9	10	11 Extension Board Meeting - EW	12	13
14 Club Meetings: SS	15	16	17 Club Meetings: WCV	18	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				

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26 Club Meetings: EH/TT	27 Memorial Day	28	29	30	31	