

# 4-H UPDATE



## Midway District 4-H Newsletter

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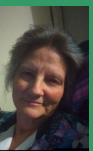
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Hi! My name is Sophie Pancost and I'm from Lucas! I am a sophomore at Kansas State University studying Elementary Education. This is my first year working for the Midway District and I am super excited! I am most looking forward to meeting and working with all the kids in Russell and Ellsworth county. I'm also excited to get some more experience teaching!



My name is Lexi West. I live outside of Ellsworth on a small farm. I have worked for Midway District for 2 years as a Summer Assistant and have really enjoyed it. This year I wanted to tackle a bigger job with this internship. I am most excited to meet and have fun with the kids in Ellsworth county and Russell county. In the fall I am attending Moberly Area Community College to play softball and study Animal Science and Ag Business.





# 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  
August 6 at 7:00pm

Be prepared for these  
meetings with officer and  
committee reports!

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Russell Fair Board Meeting  
June 10 at 7:00pm

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4-H Junior Leaders  
August 6 at 6:00pm



Russell Style  
Revue Theme:  
***Stars, Stripes, and  
Summer Nights***



### Russell County Fair Dates

The fair kicks off on Sunday, July 14 with the Style Revue. The Dog Show is Wednesday, July 17th. Friday, July 19th will be judging contests and visual arts judging. Horse Show is on Sunday, July 21st. The rest of the fair begins on Monday, July 22nd and goes through Friday, July 26th.

### Fair Set Up/Clean Up

Everyone needs to plan to help!

#### Set-Up

Wednesday, July 17 at 6:00pm

#### Clean-up

Saturday, July 27 at 10:00am

Lots of hands make the work go quickly!

### 2024 Fair

All needed documents will be posted on  
the Midway District website

<https://www.midway.k-state.edu/4-h/fairs/rscountyfair.html>



# 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

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

Be prepared for these meetings with officer and committee reports!

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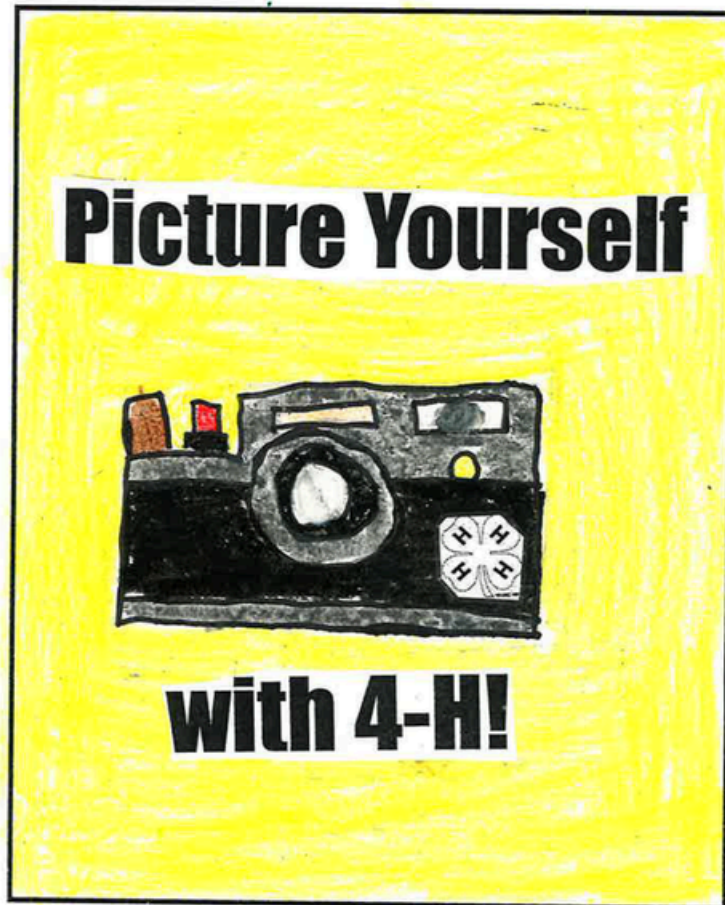
Fair Association Meeting  
July 1 at 6:30pm

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EW Junior Leaders Meeting  
June 24 at 7:00pm

### Picture Yourself with 4-H!

Cover Book Winner is Kambri Kasper!



### Fair Set Up/Clean Up

Everyone needs to plan to help!

#### Set-Up

Sunday, July 21 at 6:30pm

#### Clean-up

Sunday, July 28 at 4:00pm

Lots of hands make the work go quickly!

### 2024 Fair

All needed documents, including instructions for Fair Entry, will be posted on the Midway District website

<https://www.midway.k-state.edu/4-h/events/fairs/ewcountyfair.html>





# Family Resource Page



## Livestock Sale Participants

NOW is the time to start visiting with supporters for the Premium Auction at the fair. Be sure to thank them for previous support and ask for their continued support of 4-H members' projects.

Brain-storm with your parents—who does your family do business with? Think about your bank, parents' employers, local or regional businesses. If they cannot commit to supporting the auction (or they are providing support in another way at the fair), remember to politely thank them for consideration.

Having an "elevator speech" ready about WHY 4-H is important and HOW it has impacted you are crucial pieces of these conversations.

Additionally, begin thinking about lining up processing slots depending on your species as we don't always have a floor for some areas.

**4-H** IS ABOUT MORE THAN THE  
*ribbons & awards...*

It's about *the people*, the experiences,  
the life-long skills, *the memories*,



It's about being a role model, giving back,  
& making the *best better*.

## Cloverbud Guidelines for the Fair!

Cloverbud 4-H is a non-competitive learning experience for youth ages 5-6 years old. Cloverbud 4-H members receive participation ribbons, feedback from the judge, but do not receive premiums or participate in the premium auction.



# 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

## 4- H Code of Conduct

The 4-H Code of Conduct is intended to foster a safe environment that encourages optimal learning and growth. The opportunity to participate in or attend 4-H activities is a privilege and not a right. All 4-H participants – youth, families, volunteers, and Extension staff – who participate in or attend any activity or event sponsored by Kansas State Extension 4-H Youth Development Program are expected to uphold the values of the Kansas 4-H program and conduct themselves according to the following standards listed below. These standards also apply to online 4-H activity, including social media and internet presence. Whether online or in person, this Code of Conduct is to guide participants to think critically, behave safely, and participate responsibly in our shared world. The following Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct is a condition of participation in any Kansas 4-H activity or program.

1. Be present, attentive, and engaged in the 4-H activities. Practice good sportsmanship, be helpful to others, uphold ethical practices in 4-H projects and events, and never cheat or falsely represent efforts related to 4-H project activities.
2. Know and follow federal, state, and local laws that apply to minors (e.g., no use of alcohol, illicit (non-prescribed) drugs, and tobacco in any form) even when I am 18 or 19 years old and still a program participant.
3. Use language and actions that do not substantially interfere with others' participation in the program. (Swearing, harassment, and bullying are not allowed.) You are personally responsible for any damage you cause as a result of your behavior, including the cost of any physical injury or property damage you cause in the course of your participation in any program or event.
4. Know and follow safety policies and procedures of Kansas State University, K-State Research and Extension (KSRE), and guidelines of the 4-H Youth Development Program, as applicable to this program. (Such as: not leaving the program area without permission from the program supervisor; be in assigned lodging and program areas during activities; abide by curfew hours; and, any other additional safety policies established by a specific event or program.)
5. Obey all rules and directives that apply to the 4-H activity where I am involved.
6. Use mobile electronic devices during a scheduled 4-H activity only in a manner that is consistent with the approved activity and not disruptive.
7. Conduct yourself and your project work in a manner that is trustworthy, respectful, responsible, fair, caring and in good citizenship. You are representing your family, 4-H club, community, Extension unit, and state.
8. Apply these conduct standards to online 4-H activity, including social media and internet presence.





# 4-H in the News



Ash Creek 4-H Club in Ellsworth County brought the Ellsworth County Fair to the residents at Good Samaritan Society. The residents enjoyed spending time with the animals and seeing the kids show off their presentations.







# 4-H Happenings



## COW PATTY BINGO

Russell County Jr. Leaders Fundraiser

**\$10 per square**  
Cash, Check, or Venmo.

The animal will be placed in the pen on  
Wednesday, July 24 at 11:00am  
At the Russell 4-H Fair grounds

You do not have to be present to win.  
Russell County Jr. Leaders will be selling tickets  
before and during the fair.

**50/50 Cash prize**

**Rules:**

- The square containing the majority of the first Cow Patty, deposited onto the grid will be the winner!
- Participants and public watching cannot bother or feed the animal.



RUSSELL COUNTY 4-H JUNIOR LEADERS

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RUSSELL COUNTY 4-H JUNIOR LEADERS

### RUSSELL COUNTY FAIR ADULT SHOWMANSHIP

Adult showmanship will be following each 4-H species show.

- 4-H Goat and Sheep Show- Tuesday, July 23 at 6:00pm
- 4-H Swine Show- Wednesday, July 24 at 8:30am
- 4-H Rabbit and Poultry- Wednesday, July 24 at 10:00am
- 4-H Beef - Wednesday, July 24 at 6:30pm

**Prizes will be given to the winners of each species!**

**A SIGN UP WILL BE AT THE LIVESTOCK ANNOUCERS STAND. ADULTS WILL HAVE TO FIND THEIR OWN SPECIES. THEY CAN BORROW A 4-HERS OR BRING THEIR OWN ANIMAL.**

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As a reminder, completion of YQCA is required by July 1 of the current year to sell an animal (including poultry and rabbits) through the livestock auction and to show at the Kansas State Fair and the Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Registration is required via <https://yqcaprogram.org/>  
Please consider this an important educational aspect of livestock projects.



### Livestock Exhibitors!

As a reminder for Registered Breeding livestock, including cattle and dairy goats—All entries must be registered in the 4-H member's name BY June 15 of the current year and proof of registration (copy of papers on file) is DUE to the Extension Office BY July 1. If paperwork is not on file and the animal was not tagged during spring weigh-in, the animal will not be allowed to show.





# Upcoming Events



**June 5**

Project Fair Day Camp  
Hosted by the Ellsworth Jr.  
Leaders

**June 5-7**

Discovery Days

**June 21-22**

Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular

**July 1**

LOTS of fair paper work due  
(see emails for details)

**July 22-25**

Ellsworth County Fair

**July 22-25**

Russell County Fair

**August 5**

KS State Fair Entry Forms due to  
the office

**September 6-15**

Kansas State Fair

**September 23**

Project Records/Record Books  
Due

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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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**

The Russell van was damaged on May 19th during the hail storm. I will be coming over by appointment only until further notice. Email me at [karrievan@ksu.edu](mailto:karrievan@ksu.edu) if you need anything.



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## June 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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2 Club Meetings: BC	3	4	5 EW Jr. Leader Day CAMP	6	7	8
9 Club Meetings: SS	10 Club Meetings: RS Fairboard	11	12 Flag Day	13 Extension Board Meeting - EW	14	15
16 Father's Day Club Meetings: AC/WW/LS/SF/CL	17	18	19 Club Meetings: WCV	20	21	22
23/30 Club Meetings: TT/EH	24 Club Meetings: EW Council EW Jr. Leaders	25	26	27	28	29

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## July 2024

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30	1 Club Meetings: ECFA Meeting	2	3	4 Independence Day OFFICE CLOSED	5	6
7 Club Meetings: BC	8 Club Meetings: RS Fairboard	9	10	11 Extension Board Meeting - RS	12	13
14 Club Meetings: SS RS STYLE REVUE	15	16	17 Club Meetings: WCV RS DOG SHOW	18 RS VISUAL ARTS & JUDGING CONTEST	19	20 EW HORSE SHOW
21 Club Meetings: AC/WW/LS/SF/CL EW & RS CO FAIR	22 EW & RS CO FAIR	23 EW & RS CO FAIR	24 EW & RS CO FAIR	25 EW & RS CO FAIR	26 RS CO FAIR	27
28 Club Meetings: TT/EH	29	30	31			