

# 4-H UPDATE

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## Midway District 4-H Newsletter

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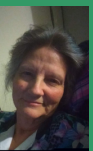
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The Kansas State Fair is September 6th- 15th at Hutchinson, Kansas. This is the 111th year of the Kansas State Fair! There are open class and 4-H exhibits, commercial buildings, carnival rides, educational booths, great places to eat, and so much more. Fun for all.

My family and I have never missed a Kansas State Fair. We always considered this our family vacation. We always had a good time showing livestock and catching up with friends from all over the state. While we are there, we check out the largest pumpkin, see the butter sculpture, ride the Old Mill, eat all of our favorite foods including Call Hall ice cream, and look at the 4-H exhibits in Centennial Hall.

Large livestock have to enter in the state fair months ahead of time. All other entries qualify for the state fair if the member received a purple ribbon at the county fair and is nine years old 4-H age (nine years old as of January 1, 2024). Those entries were due to the Midway District Extension Office by August 5th. A very fast turn around time after the county fair. The Kansas State Fair has a limited amount of space for the 4-H static exhibits, so some project areas have restrictions on the number of entries we have per county or the number of entries a 4-H member can enter.

Midway District 4-H members have several entries going to the Kansas State Fair. Ellsworth county has 24 4-H members entered and 44 entries. Russell County has 20 4-H members entered and 54 entries.

August 31st is the Kansas State Fair Dog Show, September 6-8th are the 4-H large livestock shows and 4-H members will be giving presentations, and September 14-15th is the Fashion Revue and more 4-H member will be giving presentations.

If you attend the Kansas State Fair on a weekend, be sure to stop in Centennial Hall and listen to a few demonstrations, project talks, or poetry. These youth are working hard to improve their communication skills and it is fun to see their ideas. Over 1200 4-H photographs will be on display as well as a wealth of rockets, sewing, quilting, and horticulture exhibits.

Come visit the Kansas State Fair to see the wide variety of talents and skills on display by 4-H members across our state!





# 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  
September 23 at 7:00pm

Be prepared for these  
meetings with officer and  
committee reports!

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Russell Fair Board Meeting  
September 9 at 7:00pm

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4-H Junior Leaders  
September 23 at 6:00pm

The Russell County 4-H Development Fund reminds Russell County 4-H members that scholarships are available for experience such as KYLF, Citizenship in Action, and Citizenship Washington Focus! Please see the Extension Office for more information if you are considering one of these trips and would be interested in applying for a scholarship.



## 4-H Takes the Cake

### 2023-2024 Russell County **ACHIEVEMENT BANQUET**

**Sunday, October 20, 2024**

**Pumpkin decorating and board games** (provided by Russell 4-H Jr, Leaders)- **3:30pm**  
**Dessert Bar** (provided by 4-H Council)- **4:00pm**

Corham Senior Center  
99 Clifford St.  
Corham, KS 67640

**RSVP deadline is  
Sunday, October 13th  
at 11:59pm**

**To register use the link or QR code.**  
[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8wzxXbZtrnMNxRQ](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8wzxXbZtrnMNxRQ)



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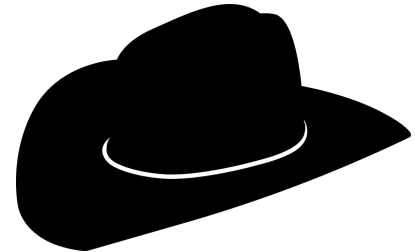
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## Applicant Submission Process for the George & Cooper Gier 4-H Memorial Grant



Date Create: 02/28/2023  
Last updated: 03/13/2023



The Gier 4-H Memorial Grant Fund provides support for youth involved in Russell County 4-H to participate in special 4-H events, such as 4-H camps or state-wide classes. Grants will be made to the Kansas State University Extension Office for this purpose. Applications will be reviewed periodically as funding becomes available. Upon approval of the request, funds will take 10-14 days for processing and will go directly to the activity provider. Contact Angie Muller at 785-445-3611 or [director@rcacf.org](mailto:director@rcacf.org) with any questions.

**When individuals apply for this grant for the first time, you will be required to create a new account. Please note that for the EIN number, just enter 11-111111. If awarded, the grant will be made payable to a qualified charitable entity and not to the youth.**

**Please note:** The online grant portal works best in **CHROME browsers**. The following internet browsers are supported by the vendor for this website: Chrome, FireFox or Internet Explorer. If you are using other browsers and encounter issues, please switch to one of these supported browsers to complete your application. This site is not completely compatible with Safari (Mac / Apple browsers).

Only the following file types are accepted for file attachments: Adobe PDF, Images (\*.jpg, \*.gif, \*.png), Word (\*.doc, \*.docx), Excel (\*.xls, \*.xlsx) or PowerPoint (\*.ppt, \*.pptx). MacIntosh / Apple file formats are not accepted.

**Online Application Portal:** Access via [www.gnwkcf.org/grants](http://www.gnwkcf.org/grants) or <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=greaternwkansas>



# 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  
October 28 at 6:30pm

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committee reports!

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Fair Association Meeting  
September 3 at 6:30pm

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EW Junior Leaders Meeting  
October 28 at 7:00pm

## Window Display Contest!

The annual Window Decorating Contest is rapidly approaching. Window display location to Karrie by October 1st and in place by October 7th. Remember- your idea needs to catch interest, promote, 4-H, let viewers know how they can join 4-H, and include your club. This is a great opportunity, to share with the community what 4-H means to your club.



## 2023-2024 Ellsworth County Achievement Banquet Picture Yourself with 4-H

Saturday, November 9, 2024  
7:00pm

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

Ellsworth 4-H Council will be  
providing a dessert bar

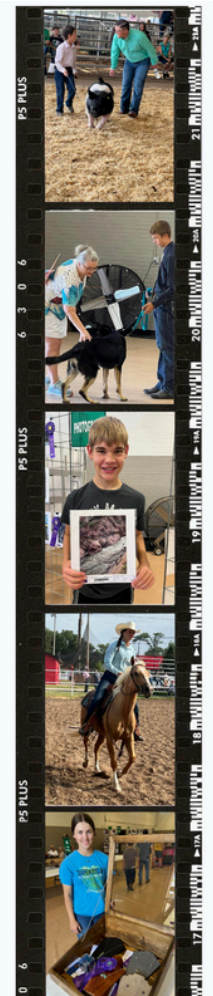


RSVP deadline is Friday, November 1st  
at 11:59pm

To register use the link or QR code.  
[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_1XGT9XjjDozWla6](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_1XGT9XjjDozWla6)



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# Fair Flashback





# 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.



## Financial Review Time!

Club Financial Reviews are due to the Extension Office by October 15th.

Please establish your committee now to carefully review the finances and fully complete the form.

Kansas Extension law, as well as federal and state expectations for use of all funds generated in support of Extension programs, require the Director for Extension and Extension Council/District Boards to be accountable for non-appropriated funds generated for Extension programs within their jurisdiction. In other words, the Director for Extension and the Extension Board are accountable for funds raised and/or collected by such groups as 4-H Clubs, 4-H Councils, etc. In order for the local Extension unit to ensure compliance with financial requirements for 4-H and other Extension affiliated groups, a yearly financial review of those accounts is to be conducted by a Financial Review Committee of the club/group. Approval of the reports is documented by the local unit board, recording in their minutes a motion to approve the reports, including in the minutes the name of each club/group. This review and board approval is required of all clubs/organizations.

If you need more information or assistance in completing the financial review, please contact our office.



# 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!**

Record books, Project Records, Pin Applications and Achievement Banquets will all have deadlines to occur in the very near future.

**Record books** are often held in a green 4-H binder (available at the Extension Office for **\$3.50**)

\*\*In order to receive an Achievement Pin (with the exception of the membership pin), 4-H members must submit a complete record book to the Extension office. Complete record books must include (in order):

- Personal Page (signed by member, parent, leader)
  - Permanent Record
  - 4-H Story (signed by member)
  - Pictures (optional)

**Project Record Forms**- Each project record will need to be in a separate notebook (you can simply photo-copy the Personal Page and Permanent Record for each)

**Each age division will need to use a specific color of 3-ring binder or folder for their Project Record**

**\*Juniors (age 7-9) - WHITE binder or folder**

**\*Intermediate (age 10-13) - BLUE binder or folder**

**\*Senior (age 14-18) - BLACK binder or folder**

**While this might seem silly, it makes managing 150 Project Records much more efficient**

These records are individual project records that will be completed for judging to be named a county winner in the project area for which you apply! You may fill out as many project record forms as you would like, though focusing on just a few projects and really doing well on those would be my suggestion over doing many project records and not giving as much detail.

Remember that there are different forms of project records for each level (7-9, 10-13, 14 and up). In addition, it is important to adjust the story in your project record to focus on the particular project area including areas of leadership and community service. While you may mention other project areas, this is an opportunity to really let your involvement in this particular project shine!

**Pin Applications**-Pins provide an opportunity for recognition of continued development and are awarded at the Achievement Banquet.

Club leaders can be provided with a list of members and their eligibility for achievement pins. Please check with your club leader (or the office) if you need to verify the appropriate level pin. You will want to apply for these in order as once you have achieved a specific pin award, you cannot go back to a previous award category. For more information about Pin Applications, [click here](#).



# 4-H Happenings



Do you want to be a judge at the county fair or club day? We are excited to announce that for 2025, Kansas 4-H will have a statewide judges database! The link will close September 30.

The information collected in this form will be shared with local Extension offices and State Fair 4-H superintendents. Those interested in hiring you to judge will contact you directly.

By completing the online judges registration process, you are agreeing to be screened according to the Kansas 4-H Code of Conduct and policy.

## 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 2025 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 23-24, 2024

**Where:** Rock Springs 4-H Center

**Who:** Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2025

### **Registration Deadline:**

Will open in August  
Deadline - October 15, 2024

It's time to start applying to be a 2023-2024 Midway District 4-H Ambassador!

To be an a 4-H Ambassador:

- You are interested in public speaking and making presentations in front of groups.
- You are in the ninth grade or above.
- You have completed two or more years of 4-H.
- You agree to give two presentations on 4-H each year.
- You agree to be interviewed by judges to discuss your application.

### **What is an Ambassador?**

4-H Ambassadors should be looked to as the "Face of 4-H" for the local program. Their role is to tell the 4-H Story through media, personal appearances, and other avenues. Some of the responsibilities of a 4-H ambassador include:

- Public Relations for 4-H
- Promote 4-H to all Audiences
- Work with 4-H Agent and 4-H PDC to promote and assist at events
- Further their own communications skills
- Organize promotional events and activities (may be in conjunction with Jr. Leader teams)
- Network with non-4-H groups (Kiwanis, Rotary, other community organizations)
- Attend trainings as offered.

There will be a maximum of 8 Ambassadors selected. Ambassadors are selected for a 2-year term!

To apply, go [HERE](#).

Applications are due to the extension office by Tuesday, October 17.





# Upcoming Events



**September 6-15**  
Kansas State Fair

**September 10**  
Rookie of the Year Due  
Club Nomination for Friend of  
4-H Due

**September 23**  
Project Records/Record Books  
Due  
Club Seal Applications Due  
Pin Applications Due  
Club Financials Due

**October 1**  
4-H Online Enrollment Opens

**October 6-12**  
National 4-H Week

**October 15**  
Ambassador Applications Due

**October 20**  
Russell Achievement Banquet

**November 9**  
Ellsworth Achievement Banquet

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

September 4	September 10
September 18	September 24
October 2	October 15

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## September 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
1 Club Meetings: BC <b>Club Nominations Due for Friend of 4-H</b>	Labor Day 2 <b>OFFICE CLOSED</b> Club Meetings: ECFA Meeting	3	4	5	6 KANSAS STATE FAIR	7 KANSAS STATE FAIR
8 Club Meetings: SS KANSAS STATE FAIR	9 Club Meetings: RS Fairboard KANSAS STATE FAIR	10 Rookie of Year Due Club Nomination for Friend of 4-H KANSAS STATE FAIR	11 KANSAS STATE FAIR	12 Extension Board Meeting - RS KANSAS STATE FAIR	13 KANSAS STATE FAIR	14 KANSAS STATE FAIR
15 Club Meetings: AC/WW/LS/SF/CL EW Jr. Leaders Rookie of the Year Due	16	17	18 Club Meetings: WCV	19	20	21
22 Club Meetings: TT/EH	23 Club Meetings: RS Council Project Records/Record Books Due Club Financials Due Club Seal Applications Due	24	25	26	27	28
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20 RS Achievement Banquet Club Meeting: TT/EH	21	22	23	24	25	26
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