THANK YOU

Both the Meade County Extension Office & Council and Fair Board would like to send a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to 4-H'ers, your families and every volunteer that helped make the 2021 Meade County Fair a great event. No matter what ribbon color or placing you received, you should be proud of the work and what you learned along the way. Please remember to take the time to thank others that sponsored prizes, and don't forget to pick up your premium money here at the Extension Office.

GOOD LUCK at Sweepstakes!

The Livestock Judging Team & Individuals will be competing at the Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes in Manhattan on August 21 & 22nd. Those individuals attending include: Karsen Jones, Konner Jones, Jamie Turner, Savannah Ingram, Hannah Fieser, Josie Fieser, Kaylen Langhofer, Zach Volden and Adeline Woods. THANK YOU to Barry Jones and Travis Fieser for helping prepare and take the 4-H'er's on this trip. They will all be competing in Livestock Judging, Meat Judging and a Skillathon. Konner, Savannah, Kaylen and Adeline will also compete in the quiz bowl competition. GOOD LUCK to all!

Kansas Junior Livestock Show

Those who nominated animals in the spring, are eligible to show at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show, October 1-3 in Hutchinson, Kansas. Please remember that entries are due no later than August 15 online at www.kjls.org
IMPORTANT
Entry Deadline Due August 6th In Office

State Fair Information

Just a reminder that any 4-H member (Age 9 by Jan 1, 2021), that received a purple ribbon in Building B at the County Fair is eligible to send their exhibit on to the Kansas State Fair. Not all purples have a class at State Fair, so please give the office a call to see if eligible. Please email huelskamp@ksu.edu or give the office a call by noon August 6th so we can get them entered!!

Each exhibitor will receive two free tickets. If you need extra tickets here is the link to order from https://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/tickets/gate-admission

Kansas State Fair Exhibit Drop Off @ Extension Office
- Non-perishables: September 2nd by 5 PM
- Perishables: September 7th before 5PM or September 8th by 5 AM

NEW - 4-H Record Book, Project Records, & Pin Applications Informational Meeting: August 23rd at 5:30 PM

Due Date: September 30 at 5:00 PM

Now that county fair is over, it is time to get started on Record Books. Non-competitive Record Books will still look the same in 2021 for Meade County 4-Hers. These books will still require a personal information page, 4-H Story (general, two-page maximum), and the permanent record. Kansas 4-H will no longer use the Kansas Award Portfolio that so many of you are used to. For 2021, 4-Her's will need to fill out project record(s) for each project they would like to compete for an award in. These records are then taken to judges to select winners. In Meade County, out of the number of books submitted in an age division and project, the top half are awarded as winners. For example, if 4 youth submit a Food project record in the Intermediate Division, two will be selected as winners. If an odd number is submitted, we will round up for number of winners in that group.

Elly will be hosting a 30-minute meeting on the basic how-to's for the new project records on August 23rd at 5:30 PM. We recommend that parents or older youth attend this meeting that are interested. As always, if you need help outside of this time, we are more than happy to help, just let us know!

Pin applications can be found online at https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/index.html

If you need help to determine what pin you are ready for this fall, please contact the office and we will let you know. All pins now have the requirement that you must submit a Record Book (non-competitive).

4-H Council Representative Reminder

Be sure to discuss at your August and September 4-H meetings what your club members would like 2021 Record Book Party to be! 4-H Council will decide then on September 26th.

Also, please remember to check with your clubs on good and bad dates for the 2021 Achievement Celebration to be held in late October or November.
State 4-H Youth Council/National Conference Application

The Youth Council Application and National Conference Application will be combined this year, with applicants indicating if they are applying for one or both opportunities.

Any Kansas 4-H member between the ages of 14 and 18 before January 1, 2022 may apply as a Council Rep and those 15-18 before January 1, 2022 may apply for National Conference.

This year's KYLF delegation will elect representatives from the four extension program areas (NE, NW, SE, SW) for one year terms on council. Up to 6 National Conference Delegates will be selected through an interview process at KYLF and they serve a two-year term on council.

Please let us know at the office if you would like to be sent an application!

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) will be held November 20-21, 2021 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2022. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun.

Registration will open in late August/early September. Registration deadline is October 15, 2021 at an early bird rate or before November 1 at the regular rate. Once registration is open, a note will be sent to the KSRE system.

5 State Fair - Second Chance Fair!

Did you know the 5 State Fair in Seward County offers classes to area 4-H members at no charge? Livestock entries do not require pre-registration. Meaning you can just enter the day of! For indoor (static) exhibits, they must be entered online by August 16 at www.fivestatefair.com. Entries must be in place, at Liberal on August 17 from 4-7 PM. This is a great opportunity to get second opinions on your fair exhibits and get premium money!

The following 5 State Fair events may be of interest to you -
Thursday, August 12 - Goat and Sheep Show
Friday, August 13 - Hog and Beef Show
Sunday, August 15 - Horse Show
Monday, August 16 - Static Entries due online
Tuesday, August 17 - Static Entries entry 4-7 PM
Sunday, August 22 - Entries Released 4 PM

Auction Eligibility - Starts This Month

Each year, 4-Her's that sell any item at the Fair's Cake & Pie or Livestock Auction, are require to attend a minimum of 5 club meetings, and three additional requirements.

Club Meetings: August's club meetings start the first official month that you can count towards the five meetings that are required for the 2022 County Fair.

Additional Requirements: Please watch the newsletter for save the dates and information on optional requirements.
Upcoming Auction Eligibility
Optional Requirement
Opportunities:

Please see the newsletters or contact the office for additional information.

- Exhibit at the Kansas State Fair - Deadlines vary
- Exhibit at the Kansas Junior Livestock Show - August 15
- Record Book + 1 Project Record - Due September 30
- 48 Hours of 4-H - October 9-10

The Importance of Thank You Notes

Whoever said "It's better to give than to receive" knew the real meaning of the words "thank you." A thank you is the ultimate gift, no matter how it is expressed. It becomes a memory stored in one's heart and mind forever. In 4-H we have many unique opportunities to express our thanks to 4-H'ers, donors, volunteers, parents, school administrators, livestock sale buyers and others. How you choose to thank these people can make a real difference in your 4-H program. A lot of respect can be earned or lost by our ability to say thanks. It may not be the way it should be, but some people really take offense if they don’t receive a thank you card. Thank you notes help our sponsors realize that the award sponsorship really means something to you. It helps make them more interested in sponsoring next year. So please take the time to write a thank you if you received a special award at the fair.

2021-22 Ambassador Team - Applications due August 31

Meade County 4-H Ambassadors are a group of committed 4-H members who work closely with County Agents and Advisor, Dixie Harlow to promote 4-H, organize, and narrate events, and become positive role models for other members of the community. To become a 4-H Ambassador, a 4-Her must apply by August 31st. After applying, the individual must complete an interview process that will be held in September.

Meade County is still building our program, so expect more in this coming year. Training opportunities we anticipate currently include a leadership training on October 2nd, and Ambassador Training in February at Rock Springs. In the past, this group has provided meals during Thanksgiving to area families, Trunk-or-Treat in Meade, Gaga Ball at the fair, Corn Hole contest at CCC. We can't wait to see where the group will expand to in the 2021-2022 4-H Year.

Applications will be posted soon under the 4-H Page on our website or contact the office and we will email you one!

A huge thank you to the 2020-2021 Ambassador Team: Korben Clawson, Kody Henson, Karsen Jones, Konner Jones, Kaylen Langhofer, Jamie Turner, and Zach Volen.
2022 4-H Camp at Rock Spring Ranch

If you are interested in attending 4-H Camp in 2022 at Rock Springs Ranch (RSR), please let us know at the office. We know that registration will soon be available for next summer. We understand this is an early commitment, but 4-H members are being reserved the first slots in June that will best fit their schedules.

Traditional 4-H Camp models will be offered for youth 8-13 at different times throughout the summer. The structure will also vary. Families can choose from a variety of quicker Rookie type camps (3 days) to more traditional style (4 days) and even a longer (5-6 day) format. Prices will also vary but at this time we anticipate $300-$600. Each camp will also have a tier-based price structure to help families that needs assistance, families that can pay the full amount, and also families that want to help cover the cost of their camper plus part of an additional camper. Look for more on this in next month’s newsletter. (And, Wild Horse 4-H Camp will still be offered in 2022 at Silver Maple.)

What we do know are the following camp program formats for older youth are listed below. We also know that the LEAD and C.I.T. programs are anticipated to be approximately 6-7 days long.

4-H Teen Camp: Ages 14-17 New for 2022, teen camp opportunities in the summer at RSR will exist. The new model provides a camp experience for all 4-H youth, ages 8-18. Now older 4-H youth who don’t want to be a counselor but do want to have a camp experience will have options as well. Age appropriate enhancements will be made in our camp programming to keep teens engaged while mastering skills at an even deeper level in the areas of Leadership, Conservation, Sportsmanship with a focus on Shooting Sports, Equine, Aquatics, Paddle Sports and Crafts.

LEAD Camp: Ages 15 & 16 LEAD stands for Leadership, Engage, Act and Discover. LEADS will have the opportunity to enjoy many parts of the RSR experience. Time will be split between leadership, community development programming and an introduction to camp staff positions. Other program components will include a service project as well as some time to just relax and enjoy other camp activities.

C.I.T. Camp: Ages 16 & 17 This Camp will be an age appropriate enhancement to the 4-H traditional teen Counselor experience. Teens, 16 to 17-year old’s, especially rising 12th Graders, may still come to camp as part of our new Counselor in Training (CIT) Camp. The main change here being that instead of being the 24/7 caregiver for a session of camp, they will just do it from breakfast to bedtime. These teens will now have their own camp experience where they’re still receiving camper care training and experience, but they will also have "camp" time with their peers built into each day keeping them fresh and even more effective as mentors and role models in the new model. “Camp" time breaks, away from campers, might include a session with their peers on our High Ropes Course for an enhanced team building experience, or a peer swim session at the pool to cool off. Additionally, instead of sleeping in the cabins with other children, they will get to room with their peers in their own cabins to enjoy some downtime and refresh for the next day with campers. These youths will be able to provide leadership to younger campers while also having their own community and camp experiences, all with the mentorship and supervision of 18 to 25-year-old youth development staff.
# Meade County 4-H Connections

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### Monthly Club Meetings

- **3 C’s -** TBD
- **4 Leaf Clover -** August 16, 6:30PM, Fairgrounds
- **Plains Livewires -** TBD
- **Town & Country -** TBD

**KJLS Entries Due**

**4 Leaf Clover Club Meeting**

**How to Record Book Informational Meeting**

**Ambassador Team - Applications due**