Enrollment Begins October 1st!

Welcome to the 2020-2021 4-H Year!

We hope you are ready for another exciting year in 4-H! Please remember that all youth members and volunteers are required to enroll, or re-enroll for the new 4-H year at 4HOnline, the online system of Kansas 4-H. Adults and Cloverbuds are not charged the $15.00 program fee. CLOVERBUDS MUST STILL BE ENROLLED ONLINE!

- Members re-enrolling will not have their club(s) or projects automatically re-populated this year. Returning members will need to add their club(s) and projects this year. This will help us in ensuring “old” projects don’t continue to recycle.
- Shooting Sports projects are not currently age-restricted as they were in 1.0. Please ensure your shooting sports youth are a minimum of 4-H age 8 as of January 1, 2021. Please Remember we only offer Shotgun, Archery, and Air Rifle.
- If you are having trouble logging in at any point, complete “Reset Password” process on the login page.
- 4HOnline is a new format this year, so if you have any questions, just call the office or email Mattie! Here is the link! https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in
**Officers Training**  
*October 19th, 2020*

Officers training will be held at the Extension office conference room on October 19th from 7-8pm. Pizza will be served! Please RSVP by October 15th!

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**Horse Club Meeting**

Horse club project meeting October 18th at 4:00 PM, arena. Weather depending!

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**Achievement Night**  
*November 15th, 2020*

Meade County 4-H Achievement Night will take place on November 15th, 2020 at 1:30PM. Location is TBD. This evening is an opportunity to recognize and celebrate accomplishments from 2020 for youth and adult volunteers. Any 4-Her is welcome to attend the evening with immediate/household family members only, even if you are not receiving an award!

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**48 Hours of 4-H**

It’s a Packing Party and you are invited!! Meade County 4-her's will once again be hosting a county-wide packing party for Operation Christmas Child as a 48 Hours of 4-H service project!

Where: Meade County Fair Grounds, Building B

October 10 @ 1PM- County 4-H workday for 48 Hours of 4-H Packing Party

October 11 @ 2PM- County 48 Hours of 4-H Packing Party for Operation Christmas Child

If you can join us to pack boxes on Sunday, October 11th, we are requiring that you bring a note (may be photocopied) to put in each of the boxes that you pack telling the child any encouraging words you would like to share. You may put your picture on the note if you want. If you include your email address and/or you mailing address, you might hear back from the child or the minister/missionary in charge of the distribution.

For more information, contact Tamra Clawson, Area Coordinator for Operation Christmas Child and Meade 4-H Leader, at 620-482-3305 or tamra@clawsonranch.com

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**48 Hours of 4-H Annual Fun Run**

48 Hours of 4-H Annual Fun Run to raise money to ship our shoeboxes from our Packing Party! You can run or help with the event.

When: Sunday, November 8, 2020

Time: Race beginning at 3:00pm at the Meade City Park

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Kaylen Langhofer is running for Youth Council! She would appreciate your vote!!
Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Virtual for 2020
November 21-22, 2020

What: Build your leadership skills and potential through workshops, consulting groups, inspirational speakers and more. In addition, the 2021 State 4-H Youth Leadership Council will be elected at KYLF.

When: November 21-22, 2020

Where: Your Device (computer, tablet or phone) connected to the internet

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2021

Early Registration Deadline: October 15, 2020

Registration Deadline: November 10

https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html

HAPPY BIRTHDAY 4-H’S!

We hope you all have a very special day and Happy Birthday!!

- Bryce Smith, October 04
- Chet Powell, October 14
- Natalie Ingram, October 16
- Josie Fieser, October 30

4-H Ambassador Program 2020

If you are ages 13-18, and are an enrolled member of 4-H in Meade County and enrolled in the leadership project, you are eligible to apply for the 4-H Ambassadors program. The selected Ambassadors will participate with the Achievement Program, 4-H Fair shows, activities during the Meade County Fair, community service projects throughout the year, camp counselor opportunities, and more. Ambassadors are able to brainstorm ideas for community service projects that they would be interested in pursuing, allowing for continued leadership development and community betterment.

Membership in the Ambassadors does not carry over from one year to the next, and an application must be submitted each year to be considered. Be watching the mail for an application! The completed application needs to be turned into the Extension Office by Friday, October 16th at 5pm.

Feel free to contact the office if you have any questions (620) 873-8790 or Dixie Harlow (Ambassadors Advisor) at 620-952-0973
Fun with Christine

GELATIN BUBBLES

For the best results, I highly recommend using platinum gelatin sheets for this recipe. If you are only able to find a
different grade of gelatin sheet, you might have to tweak the gelatin/water ratio, or do a little experimenting to see what
works best for the type you have. If you only have access to powdered gelatin, be aware that the bubbles will be cloudier
and not as transparent. I've included brief instructions for making these with powdered gelatin in the Note below.

INGREDIENTS
12 sheets of platinum gelatin
Ice water
8 water balloons
Wooden skewers, tape, and Styrofoam
Nonstick cooking spray

INSTRUCTIONS

Fill a bowl with ice water. Add the gelatin sheets one at a time, making sure that they are separated and not in a big clump,
and submerge them in the cold water. Let them sit and soften for 10 minutes. Once they are soft, remove the sheets from
the water and gently squeeze out all the excess water back into the bowl. Place the wrung-out gelatin sheets and 3 tbsp.
of water from the bowl into a small saucepan. Heat the gelatin over LOW heat, swirling the pan occasionally, until the gelatin
is melted. You are not trying to get it hot, so watch it carefully and remove the pan once the gelatin is mostly melted! If it
is warm, let it cool until it is no longer warm to the touch, but is still fluid. If it starts to set at any time during this process,
return it to low heat briefly just until it becomes liquid again. Blow up 8 water balloons to your desired size. Securely tape
them to long wooden skewers. Spray nonstick cooking spray on your hands, and rub your hands together until most of the
oil is absorbed. Gently rub your hands on the balloons, transferring just a little oil to them—they should not be shiny or
greasy at all, or the gelatin won't stick. You should be able to do several balloons before spraying your hands again.

Transfer the gelatin to a small cup or bowl, narrow enough so that it will be fairly deep when you dip the balloons. Dip one
in the gelatin entirely, turning it until it is nearly covered—it's okay to leave the part near the knot/skewer uncovered. Let
the excess gelatin drip back into the bowl, and once it has stopped dripping, stick the skewer in the Styrofoam board.
Repeat until all of the balloons have an initial gelatin layer. Let the balloons sit at room temperature for about 24 hours. If you want to speed up the process, you can place
them in front of a low fan, which might cut your time in half or even a quarter. The balloons are done when they feel hard,
like plastic or egg shells, when you tap them with a fingernail. They should not feel soft at all. To release them, cut a hole in
the balloon near the stem. Ideally, the balloon will shrivel up and release easily, pulling itself away from the sides of the
gelatin. If it doesn't pull away right away, don't fret and don't pull on it yourself. Set the balloon aside and work on the
others. The balloon will naturally shrink on its own and gradually pull away from the sides. It might take 5 minutes or it
might take 45, but eventually the balloon will pull away from the gelatin.

Gelatin balloons can be stored indefinitely in an airtight container at room temperature.

NOTES
To use powdered gelatin, combine 1-part unflavored powdered gelatin with 2 parts cold water. (1/4 cup gelatin and 1/2
cup water will yield about 8 balloons.) Whisk the gelatin and water together, then let it sit and soften the gelatin. Once the
gelatin has absorbed the water, gently heat it up in the microwave in short intervals. Try to swirl the gelatin rather than
stirring it, since stirring can lead to a lot of air bubbles. Once it's entirely melted, let it cool to barely warm before dipping
the balloons as described above. Reheat the gelatin as necessary to get a dippable consistency.
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**Monthly Club Meetings**

- **3 C’s -** 26th 4:45PM Fowler Grade School
- **4 Leaf Clover -** 11th 3:00PM Meade Co. Fairgrounds
- **Plains Livewires -** 13th 6:30PM Plains United Methodist Church
- **Town & County-** 13th 7:00PM Meade Co. Fairgrounds, Building B

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**Halloween**