

4-H Connections

Happy Retirement, Christine!

"Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight, very clean. It's perfect when it arrives, and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday." - John Wayne

This quote sums up the many ways 4-H impacts us. From cattle projects, breaking a 4-H young horse, project talks and demonstrations, then off to Rock Springs for camping experiences, and lastly, to becoming your county agent. This truly has been an enjoyable experience. Thank you to the 2001 Meade County Extension Board for hiring me. March marks an end to 21 years of service.

The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today. "Make the Best Better" – I used that saying on many requests for scholarship letters. If you believe in yourself and have dedication and pride – and never quit – you'll be a winner. 4-H has created a leader in each and every one of you reading this message. Patience, hard work, and a desire to learn something new every day are all great qualities you will carry with you til the end of time.

This job has given me many opportunities to serve the three communities in Meade County, but most of all, the great people that belong in this organization. I have had the opportunity to make many friendships, influence others and teach them how to become better leaders, while building my own leadership askills through education. I don't believe we have a better program to encourage personal growth than the 4-H program. It offers so many different individual projects and skills. 4-H is so much more than ribbons and showing in the fair. These projects shape careers and educational goals into the future. 4-H is leaders, creators, storytellers, and Changemakers! We are opportunity for all. 4-H teaches integrity, hard work, determination, and leadership. 4-H can strengthen your work ethic, responsibility, and time-management skills.

I wish you all the best of luck in the future. Go [Make the Best Better](#). Thank you, Meade County 4-H Parents and 4-H Youth for your continued leadership and volunteerism. 4-H has shaped my career and my social circle. I am who I am because of my experience in 4-H. I hope that Meade

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County continues to develop young people like each and every one of you and to 4-Hers for generations to come.

Christine McPheter

Thank you, Christine, for all you have done for Meade County 4-H as an agent and community member. You will truly be missed!

Updates & Upcoming Events

Blue & Gold Reminder!!

Orders will be due in the office by March 17th!! Deliver/Pickup day is March 30th.

Deliver/Pickup day will be Thursday, March 30th. We will not know the exact time of delivery. Please be prepared to be “on call” to come get the orders soon after delivery THAT DAY as we do not have proper freezer space here at the Extension Office.

We cannot order from Blue & Gold without the money accompanying the order. Checks will need to be made out to Meade County 4-H Council. Order forms are available at the office or can be emailed to you, if requested. Please call the office or shoot Leslie an email.

Quick Note: Selling Blue & Gold is one of the optional requirements for selling an animal at the Meade County Fair!

4-H Event Payment Policy

In order for our office to ensure a smoother process of receiving payments, registration fees will now be due prior to state events. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Reminder about funds used towards registrations:

These discounts will remain until the funds are gone.

- Monsanto Grant Funds

\$50 to Wild Horse (\$75 camp fee already has \$50 discount applied)

\$100 to Rock Springs Ranch (RSR)

50% of Counselor Fee to RSR

- MKC Funds

\$100 towards CIA

\$100 towards KYLF

- Record Book Funds

Youth who completed 1 record book earned \$25 to use towards registrations.

Youth who completed 2 or more record books earned \$50.

Check with the office if you are unsure if you have used these yet!



Save the date for in person YQCA Saturday, April 1st!

Youth planning to exhibit Beef, Goats, Sheep or Swine at the county fair in July are **REQUIRED** to complete a YQCA course, either in-person or online. These classes are designed as a quality assurance program for 4-H members with a focus on three core pillars: food safety, animal well-being, and character development.

If you plan to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair or Junior Livestock Show - you will need to complete at YQCA course.

In Person – Saturday April 1st at 10am, \$3 (must register and pay online)

Online – any time, \$12

Ages 12, 15, and 19 are also eligible to test out online (fees are higher for this option).

To register for either training:

<https://yqcaprogram.org/>

Beef Weigh-In

March 29th
5-6 PM



All beef, both market and breeding, will need to come to weigh in! Beef weigh in will be from 5:00-6:00 PM at the fairgrounds. If you cannot make this date, you will need to schedule an alternate date with Hannah, prior to March 29th. Beef must be tagged, weighed and identified by the weigh-in date! (Cow/Calf pairs do not apply.) Also, remember to notify us if your animals are bred and owned in Meade County!

Small Animal Weigh In

Monday, April 24th, 5-6:30PM

This event is mandatory for ANY small animal! Small animals are: Bucket Calves, Meat Goats, Breeding Does, Market Lambs, Breeding Ewes Market Swine, and Breeding Gilts.

EID Livestock Tags

This year, we will use all EID tags at county weigh ins. These are the tags required for the Kansas State Fair and Junior Livestock Show. Each youth will be able to use 4 tags at no cost. Any additional tags will be \$3/tag.

Southwest District Livestock Judging

**2023 SW DISTRICT LIVESTOCK
JUDGING INVITATIONAL**

MARCH 29TH, 9 AM

**WESTERN STATE BANK EXPO CENTER
DODGE CITY, KS**

SR FFA 10TH GRADE AND UP/JUNIOR FFA 9TH GRADE AND DOWN

**SR 4-H 13-18 YEARS OLD / JR 4-H 9-12 YEARS OLD
AS OF JAN 1.**

**9 CLASSES
SR TEAMS 2 SETS OF REASONS/ JR 1 SET OF REASON AND ONE SET OF
QUESTIONS**

OFFICIALS BY SCCS

**COST: FOR 4-H PARTICIPANTS:
\$20/TEAM OR \$6/INDIVIDUAL**

**PLEASE MAKE ALL CHECKS TO:
FORD COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL, 100 GUNSMORE, DODGE CITY, 67801**

**REGISTRATION DUE
WEDNESDAY MARCH 22**

**FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT:
BOBIE GIBSON
BOBIEG@FORDCOUNTY4H.ORG
CELL 820 635 1354**

Northwest 4-H Judging Event

March 25, 2023

Colby, KS

Crops, Entomology, Horticulture,
Life Skills, Photography, and
Livestock Judging!!

<https://www.walnutcreek.k-state.edu/4-h/super%20saturday.html>



NW 4-H
Judging Event
Super Saturday

Saturday | March 25 | 9:00am - Finish

Same Great Event | New Location | Colby Community College
and Thomas Co Fairgrounds, Colby, Kansas

Judging Contests Include:
Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Photography and
Livestock

Project Opportunities:
Photo Explosion Box, Textile Detectives, Exploring STEM -Trash to
Treasures

Volunteers Sessions for Parents and Volunteers
Sack Lunches Provided with Mandatory RSVP

 **Registration:**
https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cwr5xXu0sWuiu20

If you have any questions concerning this event, you may contact Robyn Trussel at
785-798-5020 or rdeines@ksu.edu OR Patsy Maddy at 785-877-7262 or
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Auction Eligibility Form

Due July 12th, 2023

The auction eligibility form has been updated for this year! Anyone wanting to sell in the food or livestock auctions at fair will need to turn their signed form in to the office by July 12th, 2023.

<https://www.meade.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html>

We will be updating our website with current information related to fair and summer activities in the coming weeks!

Tractor Safety

May 31st, 2023



**Tractor Safety
Operator's Course**

Wednesday, May 31, 2023
Gray County Fairgrounds
17002 W. Highway 50, Cimarron

Students must attend all day on May 31st for the training and final test.

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PURPOSE OF COURSE & TEST:
To provide teenagers with a fuller appreciation and awareness of needed safety practices around tractors and farm machinery. As well as provide 14 & 15 year old youth an opportunity to receive a tractor operator's permit, required by the Child Labor Regulations in regard to agricultural hazardous occupations before they can be employed to operate a tractor.

WHO MAY PARTICIPATE:
Any teenage youth, regardless of age. Those completing the course and test will receive an operator's certificate upon completion of when he/she turns 14. Those who are 16 or older do not need an operator's certificate, but are welcomed and encouraged to attend.

SCHEDULE:
Tractor and other important farm safety skills will be given from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 31st. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. at the Gray County Fairgrounds.

COST:
\$20.00 (made payable to the Ford County Ag Activity Fund) for noon meal and handouts.

MEAL:
The noon meal, included in the registration fee, is hamburgers hot off the grill. Students are encouraged to eat the meal provided. Please contact the Ford County Extension Office, 620-227-4542 with any participant's dietary restrictions.

ENROLLMENT:
All participants will need to complete a registration form and a 4-H Participation form in order to participate.

**PRE-REGISTRATION FOR TRACTOR COURSE IS REQUIRED BY
MAY 24th. TO YOUR LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE.**

Sponsored By:
Clark, Comanche, Ford, Gray,
Hodgeman, Meade, Pawnee
County Extension Councils,
Walnut Creek Extension District,
& 21st Central Extension
District—Edwards County

Kansas State University is committed to making its services, activities and programs accessible to all participants. If you have special requirements due to a physical, vision or hearing disability, contact Andrea Burns, 620-227-4542. Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Registration form will be posted to the new "News & Upcoming Events" page on our website!

<https://www.meade.k-state.edu/news-and-events/news-events.html>

[Regional Club Day Schedule Click Here!](#)

County Club Day Results

Readings

Karay Henson – PURPLE

Extemporaneous Talk

Adeline Woods - PURPLE

Kaylen Langhofer –TOP BLUE

Cole Langhofer – Extemporaneous Talk BLUE

Project Talks (7-9)

Clayton Yohn - PURPLE

Bentley Roberts – TOP BLUE

Denton Harlow – RED

Project Talks (10-13)

Kash Hayes – PURPLE

Show & Tell (Green ribbons)

Cattelya Spangelo – PURPLE

Avery Yohn – PURPLE

Demonstrations

Jr - Abby Fieser – PURPLE

Illustrated Talk

Josie Fieser – PURPLE

Digital Presentation

Kaylen Langhofer – PURPLE

Cole Langhofer - PURPLE

Hannah Fieser – BLUE

One Act Play

Town and Country – PURPLE

Instrumental Solo

Jr: Josie Fieser – PURPLE

Abby Fieser – PURPLE

Sr: Kaylen Langhofer – PURPLE

Dance

4-H Ambassadors – PURPLE

Skit

3 C's – PURPLE

Model Meeting

Plains Livewires – PURPLE

REGISTER
NOW!

OVERNIGHT

4-H

CAMP

JUNE 13-15

Ages 7-12 from Barber, Clark,
Comanche, Harper, Kingman,
Kiowa, and Meade

COST \$75
FOR MEADE COUNTY 4-HERS



**AT SILVER MAPLE CAMPGROUND
IN KINGMAN COUNTY**

Archery | Paddle Boats | Crafts
| Cooking | Robots And a Lot More...

Counselors must be 14 years old or older

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SIGN UP NOW

CAMP

2023

REGISTRATION

JUNE 13-15

Return to your County Extension Office by May 1ST

Name: _____ Current Grade: _____

Parent / Guardian: _____ Male or Female

Phone: (Home) _____ Work or Cell: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City & Zip Code: _____

T-shirt Size: (Please Circle) Youth or Adult XS S M L XL

Make Checks payable to Meade County 4-H Council.

Return form and payment to local County Extension Office.

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4-H Spotlight

We had a great time at CIA!! Thank you to all who went for representing Meade County well. If you didn't make it this year, put it on your calendar for President's Day weekend next year!





2019						
Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	3	4
						Regional Club Day
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	4 Leaf Clover Club Meeting Town & Country Club Meeting					Junior Swine Producer Day
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
					Blue & Gold Forms Due in Office!!	Junior Meat Goat Producer Day
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Plains Livewires Club Meeting					
26	27	28	29	30	31	APRIL 1
3 C's Club Meeting			Beef Weigh in 5-6pm	Blue and Gold Delivery		YQCA Training
Monthly Club Meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 C's - 4 Leaf Clover - Plains Livewires - Town & Country- 		Date 4 th 6 th 20 th 6 th	Time 11:00 AM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM 6:30 PM	Location Fowler Grade School 4-H Building Plains United Methodist Church Building B		

Year in a Glance:

Important dates for the first half of 2023!

January

- 5 – Ambassador Meeting
- 18 – Senior Record Books due for Regional judging
- 28 – Horse Panorama

February

- 10 – County Club Day Registrations Due
- 19-20 – Citizenship in Action
- 22 – County Club Day

March

- 4 – Regional Club Day
- 5 – Ambassador Meeting
- 17 – Blue and Gold Orders due to office
- 11 – Junior Swine Producer Day at KSU
- 18 – Junior Meat Goat Producer Day at KSU
- 29 – Beef Weigh-in
- 30 – Blue and Gold Delivery

April

- 1 – YQCA Training
- 24 – Small Animal Weigh-in

May

- 1 – Deadline to edit projects in 4-H Online
- 1 – State Nominations due for Market Beef

June

- 7-9 – Discovery Days
- 12 – WildHorse Camp Counselor Training
- 13-15 – WildHorse Camp
- 15 – Small Livestock & Commercial Heifer State Nominations due