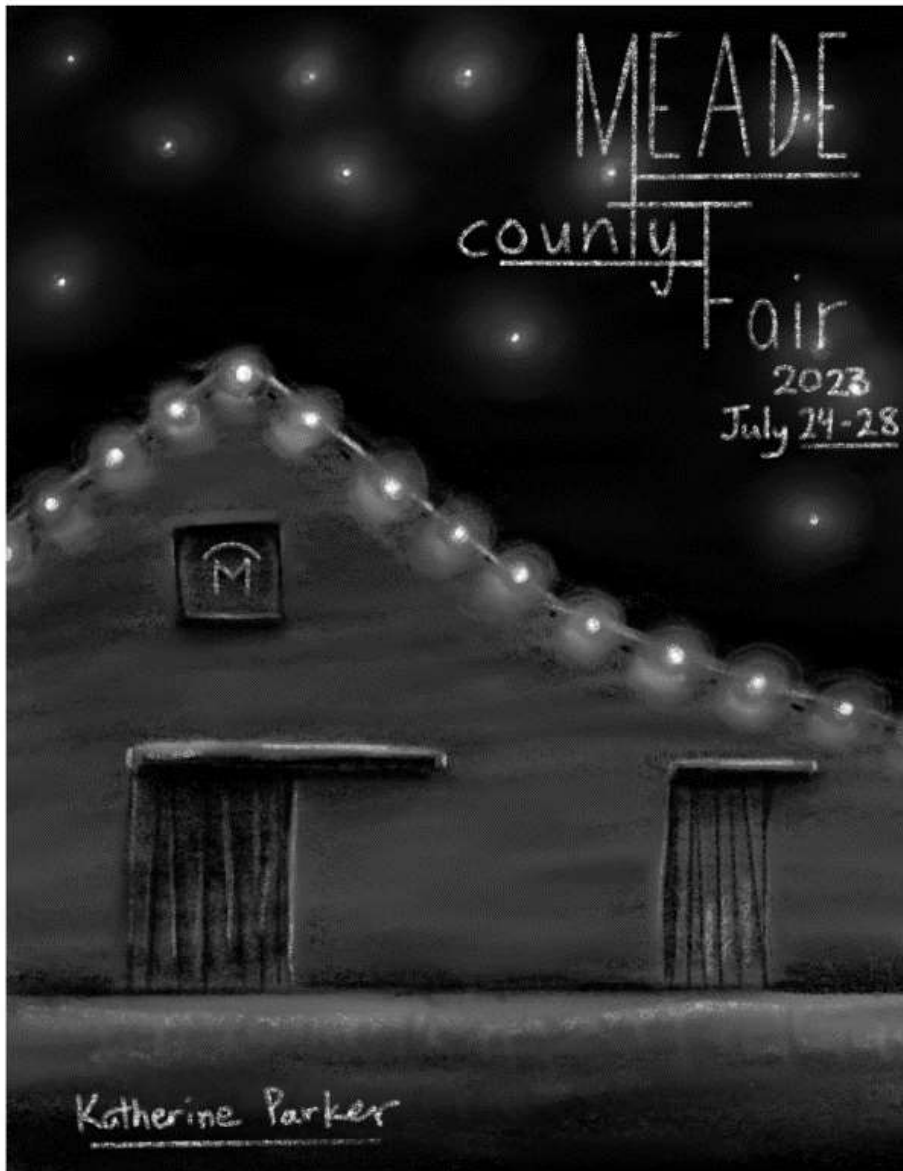


4-H Connections

The 2023 Fair Book and schedule are posted to our website! Congrats to Kate Parker for winning the cover page contest!



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Updates & Upcoming Events

2023 State Livestock Nomination Information

There will be two zoom sessions to share information on the state livestock nomination process. You must register beforehand to get the zoom link.

Tuesday, April 4 at 7PM

Cattle – will cover market steers, market heifers, and commercial breeding heifers
Registration

Link: <https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJElfuitpzwpEtyAtaBtFm7YojohEKENEvO7>

Tuesday, May 16 at 7PM

Small Livestock – will cover market hogs, commercial breeding gilts, market lambs, commercial breeding ewes, and all meat goats.

Registration

Link: https://ksu.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJIIdGurTopG9ORQ_gN1XQOOj-5y3qRxYeF

Nomination Information: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/>

We are working on posting updated information about the nomination process on our website as well <https://www.meade.k-state.edu/> ! **The Extension office will not be ordering DNA envelopes this year!** They can be ordered through the ShoWorks link!

Deadlines:

May 1 – Market Beef (Last day to order envelopes April 20th)

- steers
- market heifers

June 15 – Small Livestock & Commercial Heifers (Last day to order Envelopes June 5th)

- market hogs
- commercial gilts
- market lambs
- commercial ewes
- market meat goats
- breeding does (ALL – commercial and registered)
- commercial heifers

*Registered breeding females do not have to be nominated, since they show off of their papers. The registration papers must be in the exhibitor's name by the appropriate deadline and they basically skip the nomination process and go straight to show entry. This has not changed. Refer to each show's rules for specific details. The exception is breeding does. Neither show offers a papered division for meat goat breeding does, so ALL meat goats have to be nominated to show in any division.

KJLS Information

- August 15 Entry Deadline
- August 25 Late Entry Deadline
- September 8-10 Kansas State Fair Grand Drive
- September 29- October 1 KJLS

Tractor Safety

Saturday May 31st, 2023

Tractor Safety will be held on May 31st at the Gray County Fairgrounds. Call the office for more information and registration by May 24th! The flyer and registration forms are located under the upcoming events tab on our website.

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



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.

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.

Approved By:
 Clark, Coonrod, Fred Gray, Holgerson, Mads, Pomeroy, County Extension Council, Weber 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 Andrew Burns, 620-227-4152. Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



YQCA Classes

Youth planning to exhibit Beef, Goats, Sheep or Swine at the county fair in July are **REQUIRED** to complete a YQCA course. It is also required for youth planning to exhibit at the Kansas State Fair or Junior Livestock Show.

Youth will need to complete the pre-test before in-person training. This pretest has to be completed before Hannah can assign the certificates! See the steps to get to the pre-test on page 5.

If you take the class online, please email Hannah your completed certificate – hannahmckenzie@ksu.edu.

In case you missed it NEW DATES:

- April 17th 5-7pm at B building
- May 13th 9-10am at the Extension Office

Small Animal Weigh In

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

INPUT NEEDED: In 2020, families signed up for a time slot to tag in their animals. Would you prefer that we do this again this year for small animal weigh in (still between 5-6:30 on the 24th)? If you have an opinion, send Hannah an email at hannahmckenzie@ksu.edu.

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.



Horse ID Papers Due

May 1st, 2023

Don't forget that YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE to turn in a Horse ID Paper on any horse you plan to show at the Meade County Fair by May 1st. This also applies to any horse that will be shown at the District or State Fair.

It is recommended to ID each horse you own. Only horses that have IDs are eligible to show at the fair.

Horse ID Paper:

<https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/p1039.pdf>

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>

4-H Online-May 1st Important Deadline for Project Enrollment!!

Log into 4-H Online to review your 4-H enrollment ASAP! Youth must be actively enrolled and may only exhibit projects in the fair that they are enrolled in. Because of May 1st falling on a Sunday, youth have until May 2nd to add/drop projects. Please don't wait until the last minute to check! Call the office if you would like us to review your projects.

Poultry Testing



All poultry (except waterfowl) are required to show proof of being P-T clean by one of the following:

- Originate from a certified U.S. Pullorum-Typhoid clean flock
- **Test negative at check-in of the county fair when the county has been designated by KDA-DAH for surveillance. Routine surveillance testing will be performed for each county fair a minimum of once every 5 years.**

The state has moved to this new schedule where they will test each county every 5 years. Meade county is scheduled for P-T testing in 2025.

Livestock Judging

We are so proud of our Livestock judging team that competed at the Southwest District Livestock Judging Invitational in Dodge City on March 30th!

The Meade County team placed 1st and all individuals placed very high!

Congratulations!

Sign up now for WildHorse Camp at Silver Maple Camp! The registration fee is only \$75 for Meade County 4-Hers!

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



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.

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Program information may be available in languages other than English. Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, including alternative means for communication (e.g., Braille, large print, audio tape, and American Sign Language) may be requested by contacting the event contact Robin Eubank-Calls two weeks prior to the start of the event May 30, 2023 at 620-886-3971. Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so. Language access services, such as interpretation or translation of vital information will be provided free of charge to limited English proficient individuals upon request.

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Steps for completing the pre-test for YQCA:

1. Login to user account at www.yqcaprogram.org.
2. Hover over and click username (in blue box in the upper right of page).
3. Select “Enrolled ILT Trainings” towards the bottom of the list.
4. List of enrolled trainings will appear.
5. Click the blue “Pre-Test” button on the right to have each child complete their pre-test.

The screenshot displays the YQCA website interface. At the top left, the logo reads "YQCA | YOUTH FOR THE QUALITY CARE OF ANIMALS". A navigation bar below the logo contains links for HOME, ABOUT US, MORE INFO, FAIRS AND SHOWS, CERTIFICATION VERIFICATION, and BUY COUPON. On the right side, a user profile dropdown menu is open for the user hannahmckenzie@ksu.edu, listing options such as Profile, Course Certificates, Coupon Details, Change Password, Create and Manage Instructor-Led Trainings, Asses Certificates, Enrolled ILT Trainings (highlighted with a red circle and a green arrow), and Sign Out. Below the navigation bar, the "Courses" section is visible, featuring a filter for "Age 7 and Under" and a sub-filter for "Age 07: Novice".



April 2022

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	4 Leaf Clover Club Meeting Town & Country Club Meeting					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Plains Livewires Club Meeting					
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	YQCA 5-7pm					
23/30	24	25	26	27	28	29
3 C's Club Meeting	Small Animal Weigh In					

Monthly Club Meetings	Date	Time	Location
• 3 C's -	23 rd	1:30 PM	Fowler Grade School
• 4 Leaf Clover -	3 rd	6:30 PM	4-H Building
• Plains Livewires -	10 th	6:30 PM	Plains United Methodist Church
• Town & Country-	3 rd	6:30 PM	Building B

Year in a Glance:

Important dates for 2023!

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

July

- 22 – Fair Set Up (REQUIRED for premium \$)
- 24-28 – Meade County Fair
- 29 – Fair Clean Up (REQUIRED for premium \$)

August

- 8 – 4-H Wheat Expo in Pratt
- 15 – 4-H Wheat Variety Plot Enrollment Due
- 19-20 (tentative) – Livestock Sweepstakes
- 30 – Kansas State Fair Set up Day (volunteers welcome)

September

- 7 – Kansas State Fair Entry and Judging Day
- 8-17 – Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
- 30 – State Archery Match

October

- 1 – New 4-H Year begins, 4-H Online Enrollment Opens
- 1-7 – National 4-H Week!!!
- 7-8 – 48 Hours of 4-H
- 14-15 – State Shotgun Matches

November

- 18-19 – Kansas Youth Leadership Forum