Can you believe it is already April? Summer is approaching quickly! This newsletter has information for several upcoming events in Southwest Kansas, as well as information on preparing for summer activities like camp and the fair. The fair book will be released and posted to our website soon. As always, reach out if you have any questions!

- Hannah

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News and Upcoming Events

Attend one of these events to improve your skills in your 4-H projects!

**EXPRESS YOURSELF**

**PROJECT/DAYCAMP**

$10

**AGES 5-12**

ACTIVITIES/PROJECTS:
- Crafts
- Horticulture
- Food
- STEM Project
- Games
- And much more...

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SIGN UP BY APRIL 24

BY CONTACTING

THE CLARK COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
620-635-2811 OR EMAIL:
coagraft@ksu.edu

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**4-H SHUTTERBUG PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP**

SATURDAY, MAY 4, 2024

GARDEN CITY, KS.

LEE RICHARDSON ZOO

PAN UP CENTER FOR CONSERVATION EDUCATION

Who Should Register: 4-H Photography Members interested in learning more about their camera and photography skills or using your phone to take great pictures. Family members may attend as well. Parents - learn along with your kids! Get a head start on your photography project!

**Time:**
- Doors open at 8:30; Workshops begin at 9:00 and conclude at 12:00.

**Cost:**
- No charge to attend! Event is sponsored by the State 4-H Photography Committee.

**Bonus:**
- Cameras will be available for checkout! Please bring an SD card so you can take your photos with you.

**What to Bring:**
- Smartphone or camera, extra batteries, SD card if checking out a camera.

**Workshop Topics:**
- Kaleidoscopes, Move those bars, Pan Bars, Creating a story & More.

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This is a great opportunity for junior high and high school 4-Hers! If you would like to go, please turn this form in to the Meade County Extension Office by April 19th. Hannah will not be able to attend, so we will either need a parent volunteer to drive or families will need to coordinate their own transportation.

4-H LEADERSHIP DAY: THE YOGOWYPI EXPERIENCE!
CHECK OUT: WWW.YOGOWYPI.COM TO LEARN ABOUT OUR SPEAKER--BILL CORDES

APRIL 27TH, 2024
10AM-12:30PM
EVENT LOCATION:
GRAY COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS
17002 W HWY 50, CIMARRON, KS
SPONSORED BY GRAY COUNTY 4-H AND WALNUT CREEK DISTRICT 4-H

Event is for 4-Hers in 6th -12th grades and 4-H volunteers.
$10/4-Her or Volunteer. Registration Due to Local Counties by April 19, 2024

Name: ____________________________ Grade: ______________
Age:______________  Circle One:  Male  Female  Prefer Not to Answer
Extension County/District: ________________________________
Address: ________________________________________________
City, State, Zip: __________________________________________
Parent/Guardian: __________________________________________
Home #:______________________  Cell #:______________________
Food Allergies: __________________________________________
Showing Livestock in the County Fair? Here is what you need to do:

- Make sure you’re enrolled in the project in 4-H Online for whatever species you plan to show
- Take a YQCA course either in person with Hannah or online and turn your certificate in to the Extension Office by July 15th
- Attend the appropriate spring weigh in (beef: March 20, small animal: May 6th)
- Pre-Register through FairEntry in July (dates will be posted in the fair book)
- Bring your animals to weigh in at the fair (Tuesday, July 23rd)

If you are selling animals or food items in the auction at the county fair:

- Complete all the steps above and
- Turn in your auction eligibility form by July 15th [https://www.meade.k-state.edu/4-h/fair/fair.html](https://www.meade.k-state.edu/4-h/fair/fair.html) (attend 5 club meetings and 3 other 4-H events on the list)

Livestock Weigh-ins

**Small animal – Monday, May 6**

5:30-7 pm

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. We will be using EID tags again this year, which are the same tags that are required for state fair! If you are not able to make this date, contact Hannah to schedule an alternate time to tag your animals.

Auction Eligibility Form

**Due July 15th, 2024**

The auction eligibility form has been updated on our website! Any 4-Her wanting to sell in the food or livestock in the Meade County Fair Premium Auction will need to turn their signed form in to the office by July 15th, 2024. [https://www.meade.k-state.edu/4-h/fair/fair.html](https://www.meade.k-state.edu/4-h/fair/fair.html)

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

May 1st is the deadline to add/change projects in 4-H Online! Youth must be actively enrolled in any project they plan to exhibit in the 4-H division at the county fair. Call the office if you need help reviewing your projects. Please note: This year, we left the livestock projects under just the species instead of separating market and breeding. For example, if you enroll in swine, you are enrolled in both market and breeding swine. The bucket calf project also falls under beef.

YQCA Training

**In person: April 18th at 6:30pm at the Extension Office**

Please register so Hannah can get a head count! Youth for the Quality Care of Animals is a required course for 4-Hers exhibiting livestock in the county and state fairs. 4-H Youth have the option to take YQCA training online for $12 or in person for $3. Registration for either type of training will be at [https://yqcaprogram.org/](https://yqcaprogram.org/). Video instructions for how to log in and register can be found at: [https://yqcaprogram.org/local/help-desk.php](https://yqcaprogram.org/local/help-desk.php). Please remember to take the pre-test before attending the in-person course. After the training, please turn your certificate in to the office in person or by emailing it to one of us!
2024 Meade County Fair Theme: Sew it, Grow it, Show it!

Horse ID Papers Due

May 1st, 2024
If you plan to participate in the horse show at the county and/or state fair, you must turn in a Horse ID Paper on any horse you plan to show by May 1st. Only horses that have IDs are eligible to show at the fair. Horse ID Paper: https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/p1039.pdf

State Livestock Nomination Deadlines:
May 1 – Market Beef (Last day to order envelopes April 20th)
- Market steers and market heifers
June 15 – Small Livestock & Commercial Heifers (Last day to order Envelopes June 5th)
- Commercial Heifers, Market Lambs, Commercial Ewes, Market Hogs, Commercial Gilts, and ALL Meat Goats (Market Goats, Commercial Does, and Registered Does)

*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. 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.

Other important dates:

- August 15 Entry Deadline
- August 25 Late Entry Deadline
- September 6-8 Kansas State Fair Grand Drive
- September 27-29- KJLS

State Fair Information:
Kansas 4-H, Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS), and the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive have all changed their policy about animals selling in a county fair auction. Now, animals that sell in the auction at the county fair CAN go on to the Kansas State Fair and KJLS. The does not change anything at the Meade County Fair Auction. It is still a premium auction for market animals that make weight.
Summer Activities!

Tractor Safety Operator's Course

Wednesday, May 29, 2024
Gray County Fairgrounds
17002 W. Highway 50, Cimarron

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 29th. 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.

Camp at Rock Springs Ranch

It’s not too late to sign up for camp at Rock Springs Ranch. If you are interested in going to camp with other 4-Hers from Meade County, select the session from June 30-July 3rd. We currently know of one 8th grader who will be attending those dates, and she would love to have other Meade County 4-Hers attend with her!

Meade County 4-H Council pays $100 towards your registration, and Town & Country will pay half of the fees for their club members (that means T&C 4-Hers could go to camp for 3 nights for $175)! Camperships (camp scholarships) are also available through RSR. We are also brainstorming some ideas to help fundraise to cover some of the cost of camp. Let us know if you are interested or have any questions, or visit their website: https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/sessions-rates/
4-H Camp at Silver Maple Camp
June 11-13th at Silver Maple Camp in Kingman

Don’t wait! Sign up for camp today! Registration is due MAY 1st! Want to be a camp counselor? See page 9.
SIGN UP NOW

4-H CAMP

2024

JUNE 11-13
AT SILVER MAPLE CAMP IN KINGMAN COUNTY
COST IS $75 FOR 4-H, $125 FOR NON-4-H YOUTH,
INCLUDING ALL MEALS, ACTIVITIES AND LODGING

Return to Meade 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 your local 4-H Council.

Return form and payment to local County Extension Office.

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Reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities, including alternative means for
communication (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, and American Sign Language) may be requested by
contacting the event contact Robin Eubank-Callis two weeks prior to the start of the event May 30, 2024,
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
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Upcoming Meetings:

Final Spring Horse Show – 10am at the indoor arena
April 21st

Cloverbuds
RSVP Required
April 17th 3:30-4:30pm (rescheduled from original date)
This is our last Cloverbuds meeting until next 4-H year!

Shooting Sports Practices:
No practice in April.
**April 2024**

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Year in a Glance:
Important dates for 2024!

April
17 - Cloverbuds
18 – YQCA Training
20 – Spring State 4-H Shooting Sports Match BB, Air Rifle, Air Pistol
21-27 – National Volunteer Week

May
6 – Small Animal Weigh In
29 – Tractor Safety Course

June
5-7 – Discovery Days, Manhattan
11-13 – Wild Horse 4-H Camp

July
15 – Auction Eligibility Due
20 – Fair Set Up (Required for premium money)
22-26 – Meade County Fair!
27 – Fair Clean Up (Required for premium money)

August
12 – State 4-H Wheat Expo, Manhattan
TBA – State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

September
6-15 – Kansas State Fair
21 – State Archery Match

October
12-13 – State 4-H Shotgun Match
12-13 – 48 Hours of 4-H

November
23-24 – Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs Ranch