

# 4-H Connections

**May 1 Deadlines: Please have the following in by 4pm Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup>!**

## 4-H Online-Project Enrollment deadline

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. Please don't wait until the last minute to check! Here is the link to a guide for editing projects: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/docs/Family%20Editing%20of%20Projects.pdf>



## Horse ID Papers Due

**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 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>

## Silver Maple Camp Registration Due

We still have spots for camp! Call or stop by the office if you need any information or would like to register!

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# News and Upcoming Events

## Record Book Party!

At the last 4-H Council meeting, council members voted to reschedule the record book party to attend the Southwest Kansas Storm Arena Football on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 5pm. We will send communication out closer to the event date to those who turned in a record book last year.

## Miller Ranch Scholarship

*Due June 3<sup>rd</sup>*

Calling all Meade County 4-H seniors! The Miller Ranch offers a \$500 scholarship to one Meade County 4-H senior each year.

This scholarship just ask that you write a one-page letter to the Miller Bucket Calf Committee and answer these questions:

- What do you plan to do after High School and how would the \$500.00 be used?
- As a past 4-H member how will you promote 4-H in the community you call home after graduation?
- How can you promote the Beef industry?

Please turn into the Extension Office by June 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023. Thanks for applying for the scholarship and good luck. This amount could pay for a book or gas to and from school for a week or two. Apply because every penny helps when you leave home!



## 4-H Council Meeting and 4-H Ambassador Meeting

*Currently scheduled for May 19<sup>th</sup> but will likely need to be rescheduled*

## Meade County Day Camps

Stay tuned for Meade County Day camp dates coming soon!!!!

## Discovery Days

*June 5-7<sup>th</sup>, 2024*

It is the 100<sup>th</sup> year of Discovery Days! This is an event on the KSU campus open to youth ages 13-18. Discovery Days teaches youth about careers and their college path, allows them to experience the K-State campus, and teaches new ideas, techniques, and skills.

Cost: \$225 (4-H Council pays \$100 of this)

Registration closes May 5th.

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html>

## State Archery Qualifiers

Let the office know if you would like to register!

County	Event Date	Registration Deadline
Cowley	5/18/24	5/8/24
Ellis	6/1/24	5/17/24
Lyon	6/16/24	5/31/24
Jefferson	8/17/24	8/5/24

## 2024 Meade County Fair Theme: Sew it, Grow it, Show it!

### 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 15<sup>th</sup>
- Attend the appropriate spring weigh in (beef- March 20, small animal- May 6<sup>th</sup>)
- 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 23<sup>rd</sup>)

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 15<sup>th</sup> <https://www.meade.k-state.edu/4-h/fair/fair.html> (attend 5 club meetings and 3 other 4-H events on the list)

### Small Animal Weigh-in

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 PRIOR TO MAY 6<sup>TH</sup> to schedule an alternate time to tag your animals.



### Meade County Pie & Cake Auction

Reminder! Youth need to be enrolled in Foods, have an item judged in foods, and turn in an auction eligibility form to be able to participate in the pie and cake auction at the fair!

### Auction Eligibility Form

Due July 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

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

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# Summer Activities!

## Tractor Safety Operator's Course

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

Students must attend all day on May 29<sup>th</sup> 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 29<sup>th</sup>. 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 24<sup>th</sup>. TO YOUR LOCAL EXTENSION OFFICE.**

Sponsored By:  
Clark, Comanche, Ford, Gray, Hodgeman, Meade, Pawnee County Extension Councils, Walnut Creek Extension District, & 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

## 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 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We have 3 4-Hers who will be attending those dates, and they would love to have other Meade County 4-Hers attend with them!



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. Register here:

<https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/sessions-rates/>

## 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.

## State Livestock Nomination Deadlines:

**May 1 – Market Beef (Last day to order envelopes April 20<sup>th</sup>)**

-Market steers and market heifers

**June 15 – Small Livestock & Commercial Heifers (Last day to order Envelopes June 5<sup>th</sup>)**

- 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

# 4-H Shotgun Charity Shoot

Contact (620)544-4359 for more information from the Wild West District 4-H!

## **SHOOT WITH A PURPOSE** for SILAS WOOD

\*Bring your own ammo and gun!

Food and Drinks for Participants!

Silas is the 10 year old son of Micah and Bethany Wood from Satanta, KS. He has been recently diagnosed with cancer.

~All proceeds will go to The Wood Family.

### SATURDAY, MAY 18, 2024

### @ 4:00 PM

### ULYSSES GUN CLUB

### 2860 E HAMPTON RD

### ULYSSES, KANSAS

\*SILENT BID AUCTION ITEMS

Shoot to win multiple prizes including: cash, apparel, shells, ect.!

\*TURKEY SHOOT!

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# May 2024

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
			1	2	3	4
			Last Day to Add & Drop Projects!			
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
3 C's Meeting	Small Animal Weigh In		Extension Board Mtg			
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Plains Livewires Meeting		Town and Country & Four Leaf Clover			
26	27	28	29	30	31	
			Tractor Safety 8am – 5pm			
<b>Monthly Club Meetings</b>		<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>		
• Four Leaf Clover -		22 <sup>nd</sup>	5:00pm	Fairgrounds – CCC Set Up		
• Plains Livewires -		20 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Plains Methodist Church		
• Town & Country-		22 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30pm	B Building		
• 3 C's -		5 <sup>th</sup>	3:00pm	Fowler Grade School		

# **Year in a Glance:**

## **Important dates for 2024!**

### **May**

- 1 – Last Day to add/drop projects in 4-H Online
- 6 – Small Animal Weigh In
- 29 – Tractor Safety Course

### **June**

- 5-7 – Discovery Days, Manhattan
- 10 – Camp Counselor Training
- 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