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4-H NEWSLETTER



NOTICE



This month's newsletter contains several important updates, so we encourage you to take your time and read it **thoroughly**. As we are currently short-staffed, we kindly ask that you refer to the newsletter for information regarding upcoming events before reaching out with questions.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

What's In This Month's Issue?

- Small Animal Weigh-In
- Deadlines
- Wild Horse Camp
 - Counselors Needed!
- Rock Springs Ranch
- COUNTY FAIR
- Calendars

Blue and Gold

You guys knocked it out of the park with this year's Blue and Gold fundraiser! In 2024, you sold an impressive 474 items—but this year, you crushed it with a total of 808 items! 🎉

A huge congratulations to the Four Leaf Clover Club for achieving 100% club participation! 🌟

Special shoutout to our top seller, William Tatro of Town and Country, who sold an incredible 116 items!

Thank you, 4-H'ers, for your dedication and hard work. Your efforts make a difference, and we couldn't be prouder! 💚🍀

Well done!

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UPCOMING

Camp Counselors Needed

Want to be a counselor at Wild Horse 4-H camp?

The camp group has created an application for any 4-Hers 14 and older.

Camp agents will review these applications and select counselors at our May meeting.

Find the application on our website [HERE](#) or grab one at the office.

Applications due **April 25th!**

**HELP
NEEDED**

Meade County 4-H Cloverbuds

Plains: Monday, **April 7** Plains Library

Meade: Tuesday, **April 15**, Ext. Office

LAST one this school year!

4-H Council Meeting

Monday, June 9 at 5:30 PM

Location: Extension Office

YQCA Training

YQCA Dates for Neighboring Counties

April 1: Seward County (Liberal)

April 3: Haskell County (Sublette)

April 8: Stevens County (Hugoton)

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 Session 6, **June 29-July 2**.

Meade County 4-H Council covers \$100 of your registration fee. Check with your 4-H Club Leader to see if additional assistance is available. Camp scholarships (camperships) are also offered through RSR. If you're interested or have any questions, feel free to reach out or visit their website: [Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Camp](#).



"Let's Have a Funky Time at the Fair"



The 2025 Meade County Fair theme is "Let's Have a Funky Time at the Fair!"
Count Fair is July 21 - July 25. Please keep an eye out for upcoming
deadlines and fair changes.



Shooting Sports Practices and Notices

Archery: Practices will be the week of July 7-11 beginning at 6:30 pm. Remember you need to attend at least one practice prior to competing for the County Fair on Saturday, July 12.

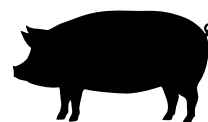
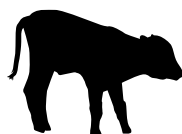
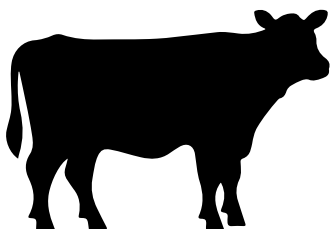
Shotgun: If you are NEW to the Meade County 4-H shotgun project, you MUST attend a range safety course with Rocky Hawley prior to competing at the County Fair. He will be available July 7-11 from 5 to 6:15. Contact the office to make arrangements. The Range Safety takes about 30 minutes to complete.

Small Animal Weigh-Ins: DATE CHANGE!!

Small Animal - MONDAY, April 28, 5:30pm-7pm at the fairgrounds.

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

We will be using EID tags, which are the same tags that are required for state fair!





NEWS AND EVENTS

4-H Online : Important Deadline!!

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.

State Livestock Nomination Deadlines

Want to nominate your livestock for the Kansas State Fair or Kanas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS), but you have never been through the process? Or you have done it in the past but may need a refresher of the steps?

Lexi Hayes with K-State can help you out! Deadlines are as below.

May 1: Market Beef (market steers and heifers)

June 15: Small Livestock

You may also visit KSRE's Livestock Nomination website [here](#).

Auction Eligibility Form

The auction eligibility form is updated! Members may access it via our website, come by the office for a copy, or click [here](#).

Any 4-H'er wanting to sell food or livestock in the Meade County Fair Premium Auction will need to turn their signed form to the extension office by July 15th, 2025 in order to be eligible to participate!

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Volunteer Training

The Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers is hosting "Spring Into Volunteering" on Saturday, **April 26** in Salina, Kansas on the K-State Campus. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. and the day will conclude at 3 p.m. Fee includes materials, snacks and lunch. You can find more information on this event at

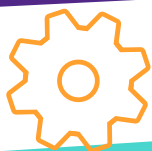
<https://www.kansas4-h.org/volunteers/volunteer-continuing-education/>

CLUB CORNER

Town & Country painted at Busy Brush for part of their March meeting!



4-H SHUTTERBUG PHOTOGRAPHY WORKSHOP



SATURDAY, MAY 3
WICHITA, KS.

BOTANICA
GARDENS IN WICHITA



Who Should Register: 4-H Photography Members of all ages interested in learning more about their camera and photography skills or using a smart phone to take great pictures. Various workshop classes will take place across Botanica to help youth learn a variety of techniques. Youth in attendance will need to attend with a screened volunteer, parent/guardian or extension agent. This is a great way to get a head start on your photography project!

Workshop Topics:

- How to properly mount photos
- Using kaleidoscopes
- How to use light & color
- Crested images and light shadows
- Composition & how photos are judged



[Register for Shutterbugs:](#)

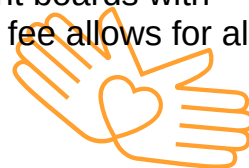


Time:

Doors open and registration begins at 9:00;
Workshops run from 9:30 - 12:00.

Registration Fee:

\$24.00 per attendee; please pay at your local extension office. Each 4-H member will receive 2 photo mount boards with registration. Registration fee allows for all day access to Botanica.



What to Bring:

Smartphone or Camera, extra batteries.

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

Accommodations:

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WILDHORSE 4-H CAMP

ROARING ABOUT 4-H

June 17-19

Silver Maple Camp in Kingman County

Fee: \$135 for non 4-H members,

\$85 for 4-H members

Includes Meals, Activities and Lodging

Campers between 7 and 12 years Old

Counselors need to be 14 and older

Counselors will Arrive on June 16 for Training.

Participating Counties: Meade, Comanche,
Kiowa, Barber, Harper, Kingman and Reno



ARCHERY, CRAFTS, FISHING,
ROBOTS, NATURE, SNACKS,
AND DANCING



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SIGN UP NOW 4-H CAMP

JUNE 17-19

**AT SILVER MAPLE CAMP IN KINGMAN COUNTY
FEE: \$135 FOR NON 4-H MEMBERS,
\$85 FOR 4-H MEMBERS
INCLUDES ALL MEALS, ACTIVITIES AND LODGING**

Return to your County Extension Office by May 2nd

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.


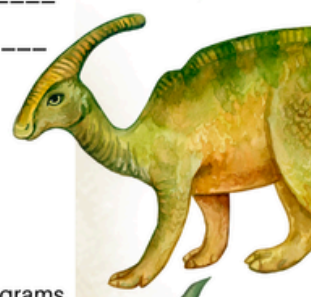

Return form and payment to local County Extension Office.

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, audiotope, 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, 2025, 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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2025

April

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
CB: Cloverbuds		1 Office Closed: Staff Training	2	3	4	5
6	CB - Plains PLW Mtg T&C Mtg 4 LC Mtg7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 3 C's Mtg	15 CB -Meade	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Sm Animal Weigh-In 5:30-7pm	29	30			

MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS

Club	Date	Time	Location
4-Leaf Clover (4LC)	7th	6:30 pm	Extension Office
Town and Country (T&C)	7th	6:30 pm	Building B
3 C's	13th	5:00 pm	Fowler Grade School
Plains Livewires (PLW)	7th	6:30pm	Plains Methodist Church



YEAR IN A GLANCE:

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2024-2025!

April

7: Plains Cloverbuds

15: Meade Cloverbuds

20: DNA beef envelopes deadline

28: Small Animal Weigh-in

May

1: State livestock nominations due: Beef

June

4-6: Discovery Days, Manhattan

5: Last day to order DNA envelopes:
Small Animal

15: State livestock nominations due:
Small Animal

16: Wildhorse Camp Counselor Training

17-19: Wildhorse Camp

July

15: Auction Eligibility Due

18: Fair Set Up (req'd for premium \$)

21-25: Meade County Fair

26: Fair clean up

August

TBA - State 4-H Wheat Expo, Manhattan

TBA - State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

September

5 - Kansas State Fair

20: State Archery Match; Wakarusa, KS

October

1: 2025-2026 4-H Online Enrollment
Begins

11-12: State 4-H Shotgun Match, location

11-12: 48 hours of 4-H

November

22-23: Kansas Youth Leadership Forum,
Rock Springs

