



December



4-H NEWSLETTER

Achievement Banquet and Christmasing in Plains

Sunday, December 7th



3pm – Line up for the parade on West Wildcat Street in Plains, one block north of the Plains Methodist Church

4pm – Christmas Parade!

5pm – **4-H Council Meeting** at Plains Methodist Church (601 Grand Ave, Plains)

6pm – Achievement Banquet at Plains Methodist Church. ALL 4-H members and families are welcome. Supper provided.

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UPCOMING

CLOVERBUDS CORRECTION

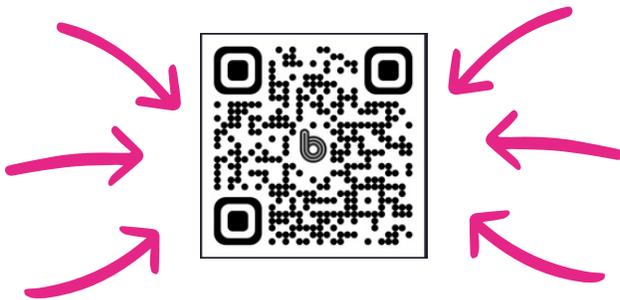
OOPS! We noticed we've been sharing the incorrect dates for Cloverbuds. Members should have received the correct schedule in an email on November 5th, but the dates in THIS newsletter (**page 5**) are also now correct! Let us know if you have any further questions.

We Need YOU!

4-H Volunteers, make sure to enroll yourself in 4-H Online, too. Anyone who plans to chaperone/transport youth to events, lead project/club meetings, or help at an event, *must be a registered volunteer* with a current background check. It's free and only takes about 10 minutes.

We are also looking for someone interested in learning how to be a club leader. Contact the office!

STAY INFORMED



The BEST way to stay current on important news is by downloading **the Band app**. Join the Meade County 4-H group by using the QR code above, or text 620-518-6653 to request an invitation to join.

We ♥ our Volunteers

Calving School

We're excited to announce **Calving School** on December 16, co-hosted by area Extension offices and K-State partners.

Join us at **Gardiner Angus Ranch** (2601-B CR 13, Ashland) for an evening of hands-on learning with A.J. Tarpoff, K-State Extension Beef Veterinarian. What will you learn about?



- Stages of normal calving process
- Tips to handle difficult calving situations
- When and how to intervene
- Demonstrate proper use of calving equipment with a life-size cow & calf model



Registration 5:15 PM | Meal 5:45 PM | Program 6:15 PM

RSVP by December 5 at 620-635-2811 (Clark Co. Extension) or scan the QR code above.

NEWS & EVENTS

New 4-H Family Orientation

Are you a new 4-H family, with three years or less in the program? Join us at our New Family Orientation Night at 6pm on January 16th at the extension office to learn more about 4-H.

- Meet our staff
- Make a family dinner (meal provided)
- Learn about projects, clubs, opportunities
- Learn the 4-H Pledge and Motto
- Q&A Session



RSVP by calling 620-873-8790, emailing me@listserv.ksu.edu, or with the QR Code above.



4-H'ers planning to enter *any* animals in the 2026 County Fair *must* complete YQCA training. There will be two 1-hour sessions offered at 10 am and 1 pm at the Fairgrounds. Fee is \$3.

Snacks will be provided.

Visit the [Youth for the Quality Care of Animals website](#) to learn more.

ZSuites Record Book Training

Join us for a Record Book Training on March 17th from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm at the office!

We'll focus on navigating and using the ZSuites program effectively. Dinner will be provided—don't miss out!



Interested in Selling at the Meade County Fair Auction?

Whether you're planning to participate in the Cake and Pie Auction or the Livestock Auction, please review the Auction Eligibility Form for important requirements.

The form can be found on our website, or by clicking here: [Auction Eligibility](#)

To qualify for the auction, 4-H members must:

- Complete at least three (3) activities listed on the eligibility form during the 4-H year
- Attend a minimum of five (5) club meetings between August and July
- Submit the completed form to the Extension Office by July 15th, prior to county fair

Note: Not submitting the form does not prevent you from entering items in the fair – it only affects your eligibility to participate in the auction itself.

SAVE THE DATE

4-H LEADERSHIP DAY:

WITH DUSTIN GALYON

+ BREAKOUT SESSIONS

BREAKOUT SESSIONS:

- 1) VOLUNTEER WORKSHOP FOR ADULTS
- 2) CLASSES FOR TEENS (CAMP COUNSELOR, AMBASSADORS, RESUMES/COVER LETTERS AND ???????)

JANUARY 10, 2026

10AM-3:30PM

EVENT LOCATION:

GRAY COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS, CIMARRON, KS

HOSTED BY GRAY COUNTY 4-H AND
WALNUT CREEK DISTRICT 4-H

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4-H Ambassadors

Congratulations to the following
2026 4-H Ambassadors:

Brooke Basham
Hannah Fieser
Ashton Harjo
Karay Henson
Jacob McNemer

Ambassadors are members who promote the local 4-H program to local residents and participate in community events. Thank you for your dedication!

PECANS for SALE

Plains Livewires are selling pecans for their club fundraiser at \$14 per bag. Contact the office if you're interested in purchasing.

Hint: They make excellent baking supplies for the upcoming season!

County Club Day

Save the Date! County Club Day will take place on **February 8th**.

More information and registration will be released soon.

This is an opportunity for 4-H'ers to showcase their public speaking, music, and performance arts skills. Learning to perform in front of a crowd is one of the many great things 4-H has to offer. 4-H Club Day is an event that gives participants an opportunity to tell others about their 4-H projects and demonstrate their talents and abilities. Presentations such as talks, demonstrations, speeches, skits, music and dance are judged and awarded ribbons.

Qualifying 4-H'ers can choose to take their event to Regional Club Days.

CLOVERBUDS

Cloverbuds is for youth ages 5-6 years old by January 1st, 2026! It is a fun, educational, non-competitive introduction to 4-H. Wadona and Shelby will be hosting Cloverbuds in Plains and Meade on the following dates. Enroll through 4-H Online starting October 1st!

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Meade County 4-H

CLOVERBUDS

3:40pm-4:40pm

MEADE	PLAINS
November 10	November 18
December 9	December 16
January 6	January 12
February 3	February 10
March 3	March 10
April 7	April 14

MORE INFO

Meade County Extension
620-873-8790

These are the correct dates!

Kansas State University Agricultural Experiment Station and Cooperative Extension Service
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2025

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	4LC Mtg 1	2	3	4	5	6
T&C Mtg 7	8	Meade Cloverbuds 9	10	11	12	13
3 C's Mtg 14	15	Plains Cloverbuds 16 Calving School	17	PLW Mtg 18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
---- Office Closed for Christmas/Winter Break ----						
28	29	30	31	<p>Note: each club has different ways of informing members of meeting times. Dates/times listed here are current to our knowledge, but sometimes plans change. If you're ever unsure of a time or date, please check with your club to confirm, or we can help!</p>		
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Monthly Club Meetings

Club	Date	Time	Location
4-Leaf Clover	1st	6:30pm	Extension Office
3 C's	14th	5:00pm	Fowler Friends Church
Plains Livewires	18th	1:30pm	Young at Heart, Caroling
Town and Country	7th	4:00pm	Thriftway, Building B



Year at a Glance

December

- 1:** Deadline to enroll in 4-H to receive Auction Eligibility requirement
- 7:** Achievement Banquet, Christmasing in Plains, 4-H Council, see page one
- 22-31:** Office closed for Christmas Break

January

- 5:** Office Reopens
- 5:** KS 4-H Scholarship Applications Due
- 10:** Youth Leadership Forum, Cimarron
- 10-11:** KS 4-H Youth Leadership Council Orientation Retreat, Rock Springs
- 23:** State 4-H Horse Judging, Topeka
- 27-29:** Kansas 4-H Program Rally, Great Bend

February

- 15-16:** 4-H Citizenship in Action (CIA), Topeka
- 21-22:** 4-H Horse Panorama, Rock Springs

March

- 7:** K-State Junior Beef Producer Day
- 7:** Regional Club Days, Dodge City

April

- TBD:** Shutterbug Event
- TBD:** National 4-H Conference
- 11:** K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day
- 18:** Spring State Shooting Sports Match – BB, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Great Bend
- 25:** Spring into Volunteering
- 28-29:** Youth Entrepreneurship Contest (YEC), Manhattan