



July



4-H NEWSLETTER

A Note From Us:

We know there's a lot of information in this newsletter, and we work hard to make sure it gets to you clearly and in a timely manner. If you have questions over the next few weeks, please take a moment to check the newsletter first – the answer is often right here! While we truly enjoy connecting with you and are happy to help, there are only two of us and quite a few of you. To help manage call volume during this busy season, we kindly ask that you review the newsletter before reaching out. Thank you for your understanding and support!

Fair Entry

It's fair month, and things are about to get funky! The Meade County Fair is just around the corner, and we can't wait to groove into another awesome week of fun, friends, and fair vibes. Get ready, Fair Entry is now open!

NOTE: ALL SHOOTING SPORTS ENTRIES ARE DUE BY 5:00pm THURSDAY, JULY 10TH. All other 4-H and Open Class entries are due by Monday, July 14th at 5:00pm. Register at <https://faireentry.com/Fair/SignIn/22204>. Families will use their 4-H Online Sign-In and password for this process. Make sure to enroll ALL kids before submitting.

Not 100% sure if you want to enter a certain exhibit? Within Fair Entry, enter *anything* that you might want to exhibit at the fair, even if you might decide later to scratch!

Do you have any friends or family who aren't in 4-H but might be interested in entering the Open Class segment of the fair? Share this information with them - we'd love to see them there.

Reminder

To be more accessible during fair season, our SUMMER OFFICE HOURS are Monday through Thursday, 8am to 6pm.

On Fridays, we close at noon. As always, we are closed during the noon hour for lunch. On Tuesday, September 2nd, we will resume regular office hours.

What's In This Month's Issue?

- Updated Summer Hours
- **Upcoming Deadlines**
- Poultry Testing
- **COUNTY FAIR!!**
 - Fair Entry OPEN
- Fair Set-Up Schedule
- Calendar
- Year at a Glance



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NEWS AND EVENTS

Free Art Workshop with Jateice

Calling young artists ages 7–13: Join us this summer for a creative Art Workshop with Jateice Vieux! This event is open to all youth – no 4-H enrollment required. Feel free to bring a friend!

Register at bit.ly/4kxIWyz



Locations & Dates:

Meade Library – July 2 @ 10:30 AM

Fowler Library – July 15 @ 2:00 PM

4-H Council Meeting

July 9th, 5:30pm

We are meeting at the office. If you are unable to attend, please let Wadona know as soon as possible. Thanks!



Grand Drive + KJLS Dates

July 1	Registered Breeding Ewe Papers Due
July 15	State Fair Grand Drive Entry Deadline
July 25	State Fair Grand Drive Late Entry Deadline
Aug 15	KJLS Entry Deadline
Aug 31	KJLS Late Entry Deadline
Sept. 5-7	State Fair Grand Drive
Oct. 3-5	KJLS

Registered breeding females must be in the exhibitor's name by the appropriate date to be eligible for either show. Refer to show rules for details.

<https://www.kansasstatefair.com/p/competitions/grand-drive1>

Due July 15

- Auction Eligibility Forms
- YQCA Certificate
- Stall Reservations
- Livestock Insurance (optional)
- Final Deadline to pick up Sale/Add-on packets if you are participating in the fair (DIFFERENT THAN LAST YEAR!)

Stall Reservations and Livestock Insurance

Stall Reservations forms must be turned in by July 15th.

Forms are available on our website and in the office.

Livestock insurance (*optional*) can be purchased for animals shown at the fair for \$7 per head. If you have animals signed up for insurance but we do not receive payment by July 15th, those animals will not be covered. The insurance covers the animal(s) at market value, from the moment it leaves your property until the end of the fair on Friday. Download the form from our website: www.meade.k-state.edu/4-h/fair/fair.html or come in to the office to grab one!

Funky Time at the Fair!

County Fair is July 21 - July 25!

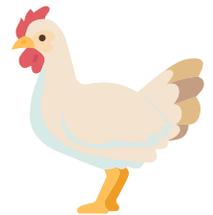
Meade County Fair Schedule: <http://bit.ly/42gtpwj>
(Schedule is subject to change, check FB page for updates)

Meade County Fairbook: <https://bit.ly/42NWdfI>

REQUIRED POULTRY TESTING



This year, ALL POULTRY entering the fair MUST be tested, regardless of “4-H” or “Open Class” status. Testing will take place on July 9th from 9:00am-10:30am in the Indoor Arena at the fairgrounds. USDA will be leading the testing. For more info on testing, visit: <https://bit.ly/3Srhsy8>



Fair Set Up and Clean Up

Set Up: Saturday, July 18, 5:00pm (Pizza provided)
Clean Up: Saturday July 26, 9:00am (Donuts provided)



Just as last year, there is a scheduled time for setting up and cleaning the fairgrounds.

Both Set Up and Clean Up are required for 4-Hers to get their premium money.

If you are unable to attend, please make arrangements with the office **at least 7 days prior to the event**. We understand people have other commitments before and after fair, but everyone plays a part! Assignments are listed further below.

Shooting Sports Practices + Notices

Archery: Practices will take place on July 7 - 11, beginning at 6:30pm. 4-Hers need to attend **at least one practice** prior to competing. Rockie can help make adjustments to bows during practices, but NOT on the day of competition.

The Archery Shoot takes place Saturday, July 12th at 8am, west of the fairgrounds.

Note: the last day to enroll in Fair Entry for ALL shooting sports events is **July 10th**.

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

Note: The Range Safety course takes approximately 30 minutes to complete.

Funky Time at the Fair!

4-H Foods and Nutrition Rules

This rule is a requirement for County AND State Fair. For food safety purposes, any entries with frosting/filling must calculate the amount of sugar in the frosting/filling recipe only. Calculation must be attached to entry, or the placing will be lowered one ribbon when judged. Frostings/Fillings need to contain more than 65% sugar for safety. Examples on how to calculate this percentage are included in the publication located at: https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/foodsafety-of-frostings-andfillings_MF3544.pdf

Cake and Pie Auction



4-Hers must be enrolled in the Foods Project *and* have an item judged in Foods to participate in the Cake and Pie Auction. When entering your food item in fair Entry, be sure to also enter the “Food Auction.” Youth must also meet Auction Eligibility criteria and **turn in their form** by July 15th. The form can be found on our website.

Photography

If entering photography at the fair, stop by the Extension Office to pick up mounting boards (\$1.50) and photo sleeves (\$0.50) with cash or check, if needed. See our website or the Fair Book for specific rules on how photos should be mounted, including how to use the required labels.



Sale/Add-On Packets

ALL 4-H YOUTH PARTICIPATING IN THE FAIR: this is different than last year. EVERYONE needs to deliver packets. We usually have sale packets available at this time, but they are still in the preparation process. When they are ready for pick up, we will let everyone know. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate this busy fair season!

COMING SOON: Stay Tuned

FAIR SET-UP: FRIDAY, JULY 18, AT 5:00 PM

FAIR CLEANUP: SATURDAY, JULY 26, AT 9:00 AM

It is a requirement for all 4-H youth to participate in Fair Set-up and Clean-up in order to get your Premiums.

Please see below for your family's duties. Make sure to **sign-in** at Building B, so we have your attendance recorded. **When you finish your area, please pitch in and help others!** The faster we clean, the faster we get to eat supper!

Amerin	Building A
Basham	Sheep/Goat Barn
Bussen	Building B
Clowdis	Building A
Kohart	Building B
Dizmang	Building A and B
Fieser	Swine Barn
Hardaway	Harris Arena: Bucket Calf Pens
Harjo	Grounds/Swine Barn
Harlow	Swine Barn/Grounds
Henson	Restrooms: Harris Arena/Bldg B
Ingram	Swine Barn and Building A
Koons	Grounds
Langhofer	Grounds/Building B
Law	Harris Arena: Bucket Calf Pens
Leak	Building B
McDowell	Building A/Building B
McNemer	Poultry/Sheep & Goat Barn
Mendoza	Grounds
Miller	Outdoor Arena & Bathrooms
Neel	Building A/Building B
Pearson	Building A
Peach	Restrooms: Harris Arena/Bldg B
Roberts	Building B/Swine
Rogers	Building B
Tatro	Building B
Taylor	Building A
Thornton	Building A/Swine Barn
Wiley	Building B
Vieux	Building A/Building B
Woods	Building B
Yohn	Sheep/Goat Barn

Build Bucket Calf Pens	Set up pens as described on provided map that night. Please bring hammer to pound posts, and pliers. Scrap wire can be found to wire pens to fence.
Building A	Sweep floors, wipe down tables and chairs, then set up the building for fair meals. Please bring cleaning supplies.
Building B	Sweep floors, set up exhibit areas by moving display cases and racks from storage. Please bring cleaning supplies to dust, shine glass,
Bathrooms	Clean toilets, showers, and sink. Sweep floors and cement outside bathrooms. Please bring cleaning supplies. Fill toilet paper/paper towel holders. Fill soap dispensers.
Grounds (Move heavy items, pick up trash)	Find Rusty for instructions: assist with picnic tables, bleachers, trash barrels, etc. Pick up trash along fence lines. Trash bags can be found at Building B.
Outdoor Arena	Clean bathrooms. Bring any cleaning supplies necessary. Pick up trash at outdoor arena. Set up what can be set up for the horse show.
Sheep/Goat Barn	Make sure all pens are working and are shavings and weed free. Bring brooms to sweep out pens. Make sure trash is picked up around the outside of the barn. Clean drains in the sheep/goat wash bay.
Swine Barn	Make sure all pens have latches and are debris free. Clean drains out, also make sure drains at the south end of barns are cleaned out to prevent clogs. Hoses hung. Put up sun screens.

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July

Scheduled Fair Events are not listed on this calendar. Please see the Meade County Fair Schedule for more information.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 4 th of July, City Park 4 LC Mtg	5
6	7	8	9 Poultry Testing 4-H Council, 5:30	10 Shooting Sports Fair Entry Due	11	12
	Archery Practices 6:30 July 7-11					
13	14	15 3 C's Mtg FAIR FORMS DUE	16	17	18 FAIR SET UP	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26 FAIR CLEAN UP
	Meade County Fair					
27	28	29	30	31		

MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS

Club	Date	Time	Location
4-Leaf Clover (4LC)	4th	11:00 am	Meade City Park
3 C's	15th	5:30pm	408 Pine Street, Fowler
Town and Country (T&C)	No meeting this month. Happy fair season!		
Plains Livewires (PLW)	No meeting this month. Happy fair season!		



YEAR IN A GLANCE:

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2024-2025!

July

- 1: Meade Co. Day Camp, Meade City Park
- 7-11: Archery Practice 6:30 pm
- 15: Auction Eligibility Due
- 18: Fair Set Up (req'd for premium \$)
- 21-25: Meade County Fair
- 26: Fair clean up (req'd for premium \$)

August

- 7: State 4-H Wheat Expo, Manhattan
- 16: Ford County Shotgun State Qualifier
- 16: Gray County Archery State Qualifier
- 23: Gray County Shotgun State Qualifier
- 23-24: State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

September

- 4: Entry Day for 4-H Static Exhibits, Kansas State Fair
- 5-14: Kansas State Fair
- 20: State Archery Match; Wakarusa, KS
- 27: State Fall Small Bore/Muzzleloading Match, Topeka, KS

October

- 1: 2025-2026 4-H Online Enrollment Begins
- 3-5: Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson, KS
- 4: State Hunting Skills Match and Field Day, Junction City, KS
- 11-12: State 4-H Shotgun Match
- 11-12: 48 hours of 4-H

November

- 22-23: Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, KS Association of 4-H Volunteers, Rock Springs

January

- 10-11: Kansas 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, Topeka
- 21-22: 4-H Horse Panorama, Rock Springs

