



# March



## 4-H NEWSLETTER

### Club Day Results

Thank you to all the 4-H'ers who participated in Meade County Club Day! Regional Club Days will take place at Dodge City Nazarene Church on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>. The schedule can be found on our website at [https://www.meade.k-state.edu/4-h/county\\_club\\_day/](https://www.meade.k-state.edu/4-h/county_club_day/)

Name	Event	Ribbon
Adaline C.	Dance	Blue
Chase M.	Digital Presentation Jr.	Blue
Denton H.	Digital Presentation Jr.	Purple
Cole L.	Extemp SR Perform	Purple
Town & Country	Group Song	Blue
Denton H.	Illustrated Talk	Blue
Eli F.	Instrument Solo Jr	Top Blue
Naomi F.	Instrument Solo Jr	Blue
Abby F.	Project Talk Jr.	Blue
Hannah F.	Public Speaking SR	Purple
Josie F.	Public Speaking SR	Purple
Amberlynn P.	Reading Jr.	Blue
Karay H.	Reading SR.	Blue
Plains Livewires	Rehearsed Skit	Purple
Hannah F.	Resume/Cover Letter/Interview	Purple
Eli F.	Show and Tell	Blue
Amberlynn P.	Show and Tell	Blue
Karay H.	Vocal Solo	Blue

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## NEWS & EVENTS

### Blue and Gold

**Orders and payments are due to the office on March 11th by 4:00pm.**

**Delivery is March 26th.** Please make sure that you have someone available to pick up your orders. We do not have enough freezer space at the office to store orders. We will not know the delivery time until the day of delivery.

Please remember that money (cash or check) must accompany the order forms. Checks should be made out to **Meade County 4-H Council**.

Note: Selling Blue & Gold is not required, but it is one of the optional requirements on your auction eligibility for the county fair. Funds raised help 4-H Council put on events and activities, contribute towards registrations, and pay your 4-H Online enrollment fee.



### Rock Springs Ranch

It's not too early to start thinking about Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Summer Camps! [Click Here for Session Dates.](#)

Meade County 4-H Council covers \$150 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, you can visit their website: [Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Camp.](#)



### Weigh-Ins for County Fair

#### Beef – Monday, March 23, 5:00pm

All beef, both market and breeding, will need to come to weigh in. If you cannot make this date, you will need to schedule an alternate date with an agent *prior* to March 23rd. Beef must be tagged, weighed and identified by the weigh-in date. (Cow/Calf pairs do not apply.) Also, remember to notify us if your animals are bred and owned in Meade County.

#### Small Animal – Monday, April 27th, 5:00pm

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 cannot make this date, you will need to schedule an alternate date with an agent prior to April 27.

### New Fair Board Rule

For 4-H'ers to receive add-on money for the 2026 fair, they **MUST** attend at least 3 club meetings.

This is required to receive ANY add-on money. Beginning October 2026, members must meet the same qualifications as Auction Eligibility to receive add-on money.

Questions? Contact the Meade County Fair Association via their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/meadecofair/>



4-H'ers planning to enter any animals in the 2026 Meade County Fair *must* complete YQCA training. There will be two 1-hour sessions offered at 10:00am OR 1:00pm on **March 17th** at the Fairgrounds. The fee is \$3. Snacks will be provided. Members have the option to complete this online, but the fee is greater.

➔ **Register at [yqcaprogram.org](http://yqcaprogram.org)** ➔  
to pay and take a short pre-test.

## ZSuites Record Book Training

Join us for Record Book Training on **March 17th** from 5:30pm to 7:00pm at the office! Learn what a Record Book is, why it's important, and how to use the ZSuites program to make the process much easier!

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**.

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.

## State Livestock Events

- **Youth Meat Judging Contest**
  - March 1 (deadline to register has passed)
- **Junior Beef Producer Days**
  - March 7<sup>th</sup> (deadline to register has passed)
- **Junior Sheep Producer Days**
  - April 11th (Registration Deadline is March 20)
  - \$20 per person
  - Info and Registration: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/ks-jr-producer/>
- **Livestock Nomination Deadlines**
  - Market Beef: May 1st
  - Small Livestock: June 15th
  - More Information: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/>



## Super Saturday: NW 4-H Judging Event

The 2026 Super Saturday event takes place on Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 9:00am at Fort Hays State University. Judging contests include Crops, Entomology, Life Skills, Photography, Livestock Skill-a-thon, and (new this year!) Wildlife Skills and Geology. There will also be a volunteer session for parents and other volunteers. Project opportunities for non-livestock judging youth features STEM and Visual Art rotation stations which include Robots, Circuits, Building Block Engineering, Painting, and paper crafts. The registration deadline for lunches and STEM rotations is Monday, March 16th. They will take walk-ins for judging contests.

For the event flyer, more information, and registration link, please visit:

<https://www.meade.k-state.edu/news-and-events/>

## Show Down Youth Expo

This year's Show Down Youth Expo will take place on April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> at Meade County Fairgrounds. The Sheep and Goat Clinic is on Saturday, presented by Jason McPeak & Best Champ Goat Camp. The Show is on Sunday and includes the following categories: Sheep Showmanship, Market Lamb, Breeding Lamb, Goat Showmanship, Market Goat, and Breeding Doe.

For schedule, registration fees, and how to sign up, please visit their Facebook event flyer at

<https://bit.ly/46VHRM1> or the Showman website at <https://showman.app/shows#/show-down-youth-expo-dd91>

## Sedgwick County Meat Goat Clinic

Sedgwick County 4-H would love to invite all youth enrolled in Meat Goat to attend a FREE Meat Goat Clinic hosted by the Cheney 4-H Club. This clinic is designed for beginner and intermediate 4-H members and will provide hands-on learning and practical tips to help youth grow their skills and confidence in the meat goat project. Topics include daily care and management, proper equipment use, clipping techniques, feeding basics, and Showmanship (in and out of the ring).

Date: March 14

Time: 1:00–3:00 PM

Location: Farm Bureau Building, 308 S Main Street, Cheney, KS

They are excited to welcome Dr. Jesse Birney of Cheney Animal Clinic, who will be speaking on animal health and proper worming practices, and Logan Ohlde, a Kansas State University graduate in Animal Science.

This is a wonderful opportunity for youth to build their knowledge, ask questions, and prepare for a successful fair season. Whether you are just getting started or looking to sharpen your skills, this clinic will be incredibly valuable.

Please RSVP by texting Dave Ohlde at 785-562-7992 with the number attending.

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

**Cloverbuds, Heads Up!**

We're down to our last two sessions to learn something fun and discover new skills with our Extension agents! Every meeting is a chance to explore, create, and try something new — we hope you'll join us for all the hands-on adventures we have left this year.

If you'll be aging out of Cloverbuds soon, CONGRATULATIONS! 🎉 You're just about ready to take the next big step and join the 4-H program. We can't wait to see what you accomplish there! If you'll be sticking with us, we're already excited to welcome you back when our Cloverbud year begins again in November. Thank you for spending your time learning and growing with us — we've loved having you as part of our group!

*Sign Up Now*  
**WILDHORSE 4-H CAMP**  
**JUNE 9-11, 2026**  
 SILVER MAPLE CAMP IN KINGMAN COUNTY  
 COST IS \$135 - NON 4-H MEMBERS  
 \$85 FOR 4-H MEMBERS  
 INCLUDES ALL MEALS, ACTIVITIES AND LODGING

Wild Horse Camp is for youth ages 7 to 12 years old and takes place at Silver Maple Camp in Kingman County from June 9-11. Transportation is provided to and from camp by Extension agents or volunteers. Activities include archery, arts and crafts, fishing, robotics, exploring nature, swimming, dancing, and more! The cost is \$135 for non-4-H members and \$85 for 4-H members. Feel free to invite a friend! (Note: some clubs offer to cover a part of the fee, so check with your club leader.) The registration form can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3OXJdjZ>.

Registration is due to our office by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Space is limited, so don't wait!

For 4-H youth 14 and older who are interested in being a camp counselor, please fill out an application and return it to the office by April 24<sup>th</sup>. We'd love your help! Download an application at <https://bit.ly/3MFfJGe>.



On February 15th, Town & Country's Kellie M. joined the Wild West District for Citizenship in Action in Topeka. Sunday, they learned the bill-passing process and debated a bill on the Capitol's House floor. Monday, they met up with Grant County 4-H to visit with Representative Marty Long.



## Scholarship Opportunities

There are several scholarship opportunities we would like to bring to the attention of our senior 4-H members! Please read each one carefully to see if they are a good fit.

Not a senior yet? No problem! It's never too early to explore future options. These scholarships are usually offered every year, so looking over the requirements now can help you prepare for your turn.

- Blue Key Awards from K-State University: <https://www.k-state.edu/bluekey/services/scholarships.html>
- Bucklin Tractor and Implement: <https://www.btiequip.com/2026scholarship/>
- Finney County Youth Livestock Committee and Sunflower Livestock Showdown: send an email to [sunflowershowdown@gmail.com](mailto:sunflowershowdown@gmail.com) for an application and information on the required essay. You can also visit their Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/SunflowerLivestockShowdown>

# CALENDAR

## March 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	4LC Mtg	2 Meade Cloverbuds	3	4	5	6 Regional Club Day
8 3 C's Mtg	9	10 Plains Cloverbuds PLW Mtg	11 Blue and Gold orders and payments DUE	12	13	14
15	16	17 YQCA @ Fairgrounds ZSuites Training @ office	18	19	20	21
22 Beef Weigh-in	23 T&C Mtg	24	25	26 Blue and Gold Delivery Day!!!	27	28
29	30	31	<p><b>Note:</b> 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>			

## Monthly Club Meetings

Club	Date	Time	Location
4-Leaf Clover	2nd	6:30pm	Extension Office
3 C's	8th	5:00pm	Fowler Friends Church
Town and Country	23rd	6:00pm	Building B
Plains Livewires	10th	6:30pm	Plains Methodist Church

# YEAR AT A GLANCE

## March

- 7:** K-State Junior Beef Producer Day, Manhattan (*registration deadline, Feb 13*)
- 7:** Regional Club Day, Dodge City
- 11: Blue and Gold orders/payments due to office by 4pm**
- 17:** YQCA Classes (10am or 1pm), Fairgrounds
- 17:** ZSuites Training, Extension Office
- 23:** Beef Weigh-In, Fairgrounds
- 26: Blue and Gold Delivery at Extension Office, please make arrangements**

## April

- 1:** Sunflower Livestock Showdown Scholarship Deadline
- 3:** Office Closed for Good Friday
- 10-15:** National 4-H Conference, Arlington, VA
- 11:** Shutterbug Photography Event, Midwest Dream Car Museum, Manhattan (*registration not yet open*)
- 11:** K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day, Manhattan (*registration deadline, Mar 20*)
- 18:** Spring State Shooting Sports Match – BB, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Great Bend
- 24:** Deadline for Wild Horse Camp Counselor Application
- 25:** Spring into Volunteering
- 27:** Small Animal Weigh-In
- 28-29:** Youth Entrepreneurship Contest (YEC), Manhattan

## May

- 1:** Deadline to Add 4-H Projects
- 1:** Market Beef Nomination Deadline
- 1:** Registration Deadline for Wild Horse Camp
- 25:** Office Closed for Memorial Day

## June

- Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Summer Camp sessions begin
- 3:** Fishing Day Camp, Meade County Lake (info coming soon)
- 3-5:** Discovery Days, Manhattan
- 9-11:** Wildhorse 4-H Camp, Kingman
- 12-14:** State 4-H Geology Field Trip, location TBD
- 15:** Small Livestock Nomination Deadline
- 19-20:** Insect Spectacular, Yates Center
- 26:** Chalk the Walk, Extension Office (info coming soon)

## July

- Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Summer Camp sessions continue
- 1:** Meade County Day Camp, Meade City Park (info coming soon)
- 15:** Auction Eligibility Form Deadline, 4pm
- 20-24:** Meade County Fair