Meade County Fairboard would like to extend a sincere Thank You to the Community Foundation of Southwest Kansas. The foundation recently presented them with a grant to be utilized for the reconstruction of ADA compliant restrooms in the Gene Harris Arena. These funds are truly appreciated and will be an asset to our Fairgrounds and the county!

Scott Ross, Meade County Fairboard Chairman

2020 4-H Scholarships
February 1st, 2020

The 2020 Kansas 4-H Scholarship is now available here https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html

These are due to the State 4-H Office by February 1, 2020. Please note that all scholarships must use the 2020 application which is located at the URL above.
County Club Day  
**February 19th, 2020**

4-H Club Day Registration - DUE Sunday, January 26th!

Club Day will be held on February 19th at the Meade Grade School. Youth who compete will have the opportunity to qualify for Regional Club Day on March 7th in Dodge City. There are three main areas youth can compete in, Presentations, Music and Talent. Please visit the google form to sign up for Club Day or see a detailed description for each event. Sign up at [https://forms.gle/Yx5NYRUEc6Wmuw4m9](https://forms.gle/Yx5NYRUEc6Wmuw4m9)

Room Monitors are always needed to help, duties include: announcing 4-H member to judge, closing door during presentation, opening door during breaks/changes and helping as needed in the room. If you need help putting together your communications, please visit [https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/personal-development/communications.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/personal-development/communications.html) for more information and details on giving presentations.

- Meeting Categories: Model Meeting, Gavel Game

- Presentation Categories: Show and Tell (Cloverbuds and beginning 4-H members), Jr. Project Talk, Demonstration or Illustrated Talk, Digital Presentation, Reading, Public Speaking, Extemporaneous Speaking

- Music Categories: Vocal (Solo, Ensemble, Chorus), Instrumental (Solo, Ensemble, Band)

- Talent Categories: One Act Play, Skit (Rehearsed, Extemporaneous), Novelty, Vocal Performance, Dance (Square, Folk, Other)

Citizenship in Action  
**February 16th & 17th, 2020**

DON'T WAIT TO REGISTER FOR CIA, the deadline is January 15th!

Take a trip to the Kansas Capital in Topeka! This leadership conference is for youth ages 13-18 as of January 1, 2020. Youth will learn how the legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their communities. Delegates will tour the Capitol, get tips on how to meet and talk with their legislators and discuss how you can have a greater impact in their communities.

This event will cost Meade County 4-Her's only $100 attend with the MKC fund reducing the cost from $200.

New for 2020, you will only be housed with 2-3 per hotel room (with roll-away bed). Youth are no longer allowed to share beds per Kansas 4-H Policy.

This event is considered dressy, so plan to wear slacks and/or suits most of the time.

We will depart early Sunday for Topeka and arrive back in Meade around 6 PM on Monday

Register online at [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html) no later than January 15th!
Horse RULE
Changes

The 4-H Horse Action Team has been discussing several issues with the team, agents and volunteers during the past few years concerning the Kansas 4-H Horse program as the team has been in the process of revising the rule book that is to be released during the 4-H Horse Panorama.

Changes to come:
*Ownership - Youth may own the horse themselves, or use a family-owned horse (immediate family: parent, stepparent, brother, sister, stepsibling, grandparent, or legal guardian).
  \textbf{Rationale} – family dynamics have changed, therefore providing the most opportunities for youth.

*Leasing - If a 4-H member identifies a family-owned horse, 1 additional horse may be leased and identified.
  \textbf{Rationale} – Families with multiple youth cannot always share a horses, plus leasing provides youth an opportunity try another training method offered through 4-H.

*Entering District Horse Shows - 4-H members may participate in their county/district designated District Horse Show plus one additional District Horse Show of their choosing. But before entering the Kansas State Fair, 4-H members must indicate through which District Horse Show. There will be no picking of classes from each district, only results from one of the districts attended will be used.
  \textbf{Rationale} – Youth have conflicts and bad days – providing another opportunity increases potential mastery.

*Senior Horse/Junior Horse Western Pleasure – Eliminated
  \textbf{Rationale} – Classes was based on horse’s age causing conflict.

*Ranch Horse Pattern and Reining – Patterns changed.

Horse Panorama
\textbf{January 24th-26th, 2020}

Karrie Miller, Horse Project Leader, has been working with members to attend Panorama at Rock Springs January 24-26. The 4-Her's will be competed in a Quiz Bowl, Hippology contest and 2nd year attendees will be giving project talks! Good Luck to those Horse project members that will be attending. Don't forget to register online by January 15th. Please contact Karrie with any questions that you have.

Horse Project Activities

Local Project Meetings:

The Horse Club will be studying for various competitions and to compete at the 2020 4-H Horse Panorama.

January 07 – Quiz Practice @ 6:00 PM
January 16 – Quiz Practice @ 6:00 PM
January 19 – Quiz Practice & Monthly Meeting @ 4:30 PM

Thank you Karrie Miller for teaching these meetings!
Local Winter Play Days:
The Horse Club will also be hosting winter play days. The events are open to anyone and will include: Barrels, Pole Bending, Flag Race, and 1 mystery event!

Each day will start at 1:00 PM.

January 18, 2020
February 22, 2020

LOCAL Market Lamb Contest – Win a FREE Lamb!
Deadline February 1st, 2020

In order to help grow the Sheep Project, Ingram Farms is offering any current or future 4-H member a FREE market lamb (wether) for the 2020 County Fair! Youth must be enrolled in market lamb project, and must show the lamb at the 2020 Meade County Fair. It is your option to sell at the fair or take on to the Kansas State Fair or Kansas Junior Livestock Show! Ingram's encourages a few spring shows, but is not a requirement. Sharletan and Natalie will help you clip, and teach you to how to feed & exercise your new lamb.

To enter write a 100 word or less paper on why you would want to show a lamb. Please include your name and 4-H club you are a member of, then mail (16180 24 Rd Fowler KS 67844) or contact Sharletan and she will arrange to pick up your paper. The winner will receive a market wether lamb that is 100% theirs!

Thank you Ingram's for helping grow the lamb project in our county

Kansas Junior Producer Day
Registration Open
Jr. Beef Day - February 29th, 2020
Jr. Sheep Day - March 14th, 2020

The Kansas Junior Producer Days will be hosted on the Kansas State University campus in Weber Hall. Since 2020 is an even year, we will be hosting beef and sheep junior days. These events are one-day educational programs for youth, parents, project leaders, and agents to learn about selecting and managing a youth livestock project. For both days, tentative topics include selection, nutrition, meat science, health, grooming and showmanship. There will also be an opportunity for youth to become certified in Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA), which is the new, national, multi-specie youth livestock quality assurance program required for exhibitors participating in the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or Kansas Junior Livestock Show (KJLS).

The optional instructor-led YQCA session will take place at the conclusion of each junior producer day. These YQCA classes will count for the Local Quality Counts classes that are required for the county fair! Junior Beef Producer Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 29. The early registration deadline is February 7. The Junior Sheep Producer Day will be hosted on Saturday, March 14, with registration being due February 21. Registration is $15 per person and is now open for both events! Participants may sign up online at http://bit.ly/ksuasiregister, or by completing and mailing the bottom portion of the flyer posted on the KSU youth livestock program website, under Junior Producer Days. All attendees must register, including youth and adults. Participants must sign up by the appropriate deadline to be guaranteed a t-shirt.

Weigh-in Dates for 2020:
- Beef Weigh in: March 27, 6-7 PM
- Small Animal Weigh in: May 4, 5-6:30 PM
Sheep and Goat Wellness Clinic  
January 16th, 2020 6:30 PM – Cimarron, KS

Gray County Extension is hosting a clinic for sheep and goat producers on January 16th at the 4-H Building in Cimarron, starting at 6:30 PM. Dinner is provided, but those wanting to attend need to RSVP by Jan. 10th to 620-8550-3821. Dr. Meredyth Jones will be speaking from Oklahoma State University. All producers and 4-H members are welcome to attend.

4-H and Open Youth Rabbit Show  
January 25th, 2020

January 25, 2020 @ Fairgrounds in Sublette, KS. Registration is at 8:30 AM – 9:30 AM. Contest will begin at 10:00 AM. For more information please contact Charity at 620-272-6016 or email her at chorinek@gmail.com. Celeste can be reached at 620-482-2243 or via email at vestaceleste@gmail.com.

Cloverbuds  
Remember to R.S.V.P. for each meeting!

Please call the office at 620-873-8790 or email Christine at cmcphete@ksu.edu and let us know you plan to be there! Don’t miss out! The new year promises to bring many learning opportunities to our Cloverbuds!

- Fowler Cloverbuds – January 14th 4:00 PM @ Fowler Grade School
- Meade & Plains Cloverbuds - January 17th 4:00 PM @ Meade Extension Office

Save the Date for Summer Camps!

- WildHorse Camp: Who-Ages 7-12, Recommended for 2-3 years max. Where-Silver Maple, Kingman When-June 8-10, Counselor Training June 7th
- Heart of Kansas Camp: Who-Ages 9-13, preferred two years at Wild Horse or prior camping experience Where-Rock Springs Ranch When-June 13-16, Counselor Training June 12th
- Campference: Who-Ages 12-14, those who are looking for camp with a conference feel Where-Rock Springs Ranch When-June 22-25th

If you would like to serve as a counselor for either WildHorse and/or Heart of Kansas. Please contact Elly. Youth 15-18 are preferred, however if we are short counselors, we do accept 14 year olds if needed. This IS NOT your 4-H age.

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