

# 4-H Connections



## Office Update:

4-H Families, we wanted to let you know that Laura has decided to leave Meade County Extension. Please take a moment to read the note from her below. The Extension Office is moving forward with the hiring process to try to fill the Family and Community Wellness Agent position again. This position will be posted February 13<sup>th</sup> and close March 12<sup>th</sup>. If you know anyone interested in the position, please encourage them to apply and reach out to Hannah with any questions!



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# News and Important Info

## County Club Day Registration **DUE FEBRUARY 9TH**

Event Date: February 21, 2024 at the Meade Baptist Church (across from the Extension Office)

Regional Club Day: March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2024 at Dodge City Nazarene Church

County Club Day will be held on February 21st. Registration is available online at [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9KB1TmzRTBujUzk](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9KB1TmzRTBujUzk)

4-H Club Day is an event which 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. Club Day offers the following three divisions.

(4-H Age, age on Jan 1<sup>st</sup>, 2023)

- Senior - 14 and older
- Junior – 13 and under
- Cloverbuds – 5 & 6 years old

Please visit the registration site and our website [https://www.meade.k-state.edu/4-h/county\\_club\\_day/index.html](https://www.meade.k-state.edu/4-h/county_club_day/index.html) for clarification on each event for further details and time requirements. If you are willing to be a room monitor, please select that on your registration as well.

Note: The KSRE Bookstore is down at the time that this newsletter is being released (Feb 1), so if you try to follow the links under Club Day Resources on our website, some may not be working. Please let us know if you need any help with resources for any of the club day events.

## K-State Junior Producer Days – Manhattan, KS

Junior producer days are hosted by the K-State Department of Animal Science to provide educational material and hands-on experiences for youth, parents, leaders, and extension agents. Various speakers share information on topics such as selection, nutrition, showmanship, fitting, reproduction, feeding, and disease control. Talks, demonstrations, hands-on activities, and door prizes are present at all events. Beef and Sheep days are held in the even years and Swine and Meat Goat days are held in the odd years.

### Junior Beef Producer Day – March 2, 2024

Registration Deadline: February 12, 2024

Flyer: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/ks-jr-producer/>

### Junior Sheep Producer day – March 16, 2024

Registration Deadline: February 26, 2024

Flyer: <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/ks-jr-producer/>



## Blue & Gold

It's time for our Blue & Gold fundraiser! Order forms are available at the office or on our website under the Newsletters tab: <https://www.meade.k-state.edu/4-h/newsletter.html>.

### IMPORTANT:

- Orders will be due to the office on March 13<sup>th</sup> by 4:00pm.
- Delivery will be on March 28<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure that you will have someone available to pick up all of your orders. We do not have enough freezer space at the office to store orders. We will not know the delivery time until that day.
- **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. The funds raised help 4-H Council put on events and activities, contribute towards registrations, and pay your 4-H Online enrollment fee.

### Product Information

**B&G Sausage:** the definition of down-home flavor and goodness. Available in 2.5-pound packages.

**B&G Premium Bacon:** thick-sliced and naturally hickory smoked to perfection. Available in 3-pound packages.

**B&G Chicken Breast Tender Fritters:** all-white meat chicken fritters in a home-style breading with an excellent blend of seasonings. Available in 5-pound bags containing approximately 25-30 pieces.

Order forms are available at the office or email [lesliedenise@ksu.edu](mailto:lesliedenise@ksu.edu)

## Scholarships

Kansas 4-H Scholarship Applications for 2024 are now open. Start looking at scholarships now!

<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>

# County Fair Prep!

## Livestock Weigh-ins – SAVE THE DATE

Beef – Wednesday, March 20, 5-6 pm

Small animal – Monday, May 6, 5:30-7 pm

If you are planning to show sheep, goats, beef, or swine at the county fair, you will need to weigh them in at the respective spring weigh-in. Animals that are not weighed in by the date will not be able to show. If you have conflicts, you can make arrangements to have your animal tagged prior to weigh in. Please contact Hannah and she will help coordinate a time with you. We will be using EID tags this year, which are the same tags that are required for state fair!

## YQCA Training

In person: March 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am OR

April 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals is a required course for 4-Hers exhibiting livestock in the county and state fairs. 4-H Youth have the option to take YQCA training online for \$12 or in person for \$3. We highly recommend attending the training in person if possible, as this will be more engaging and hands on. Registration for either type of training will be at <https://yqcaprogram.org/>. Video instructions for how to log in and register can be found at: <https://yqcaprogram.org/local/help-desk.php>. Let Hannah know if you need any help! Remember, you must take the pre-test before attending the in-person course.

## Buckles, Prizes, Awards?? Oh my!

There has been a lot of discussion about awards at fair, specifically for the livestock projects, and we want your feedback! Buckles are an awesome prize, but many of our 4-Hers have started to collect a lot of them over the years. We are considering adding in some other cool prizes this year such as cool cups/tumblers, chairs, jackets, etc. If you have ideas of what you would like to see for prizes for our Grand and Reserve Champions in showmanship and market animals, please give them to your club's 4-H council representatives. Our next 4-H Council meeting is March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm, and we are looking forward to hearing your feedback.

## 2024 Meade County Fair Theme



Help us pick a 2024 Meade County Fair theme! There is a poll on the Meade County Fair Facebook page where you can vote on options or add your own ideas! Make sure to like and follow the page: <https://www.facebook.com/meadecofair/>

# Summer!

## 4-H Camp at Silver Maple Camp AKA WildHorse Camp

*June 11-13<sup>th</sup> at Silver Maple Camp in Kingman*

Mark these dates down for our 4-H camp with 6 other surrounding counties (Comanche, Kiowa, Barber, Harper, Kingman, and Reno)! This camp is open to youth ages 7-12. We will have lots of fun activities again this year including archery, crafts, swimming/paddle boats, fishing, and more!! The group is moving away from calling it WildHorse Camp, so flyers coming out may just say "Overnight 4-H Camp."

## Camp at Rock Springs Ranch



Rock Springs Ranch has many different sessions for rising 3<sup>rd</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> graders to attend. This is a different camping experience than WildHorse Camp, our 4-H Camp put on by the Extension Agents. RSR has incredible facilities and a plethora of fun activities. If your 4-Hers are interested in going to camp with other 4-Hers from Meade County, select the session from **June 30-July 3<sup>rd</sup>**. We currently know of one 8<sup>th</sup> grade girl that will be attending those dates, and she would love to have other Meade County 4-Hers attend with her! Meade County 4-H Council pays \$100 towards your registration, and Town & Country will pay half of the fees for their club members! Camperships (camp scholarships) are also available through RSR. We are also brainstorming some ideas to help fundraise to cover some of the cost of camp. Let us know if you are interested or have any questions, or visit their website:

<https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/sessions-rates/>

**Fun Fact:** Did you know that I (Hannah) was a camp counselor at the Texas 4-H Center in Brownwood, Texas for a summer? 4-H Camp in Texas is set up very similar to Rock Springs, where hired staff live and work there all summer to run camp! While the Texas 4-H Center is not exactly the same as Rock Springs, this was a great experience to learn about how camps like this function. Many of the facilities at Rock Springs Ranch are much nicer though (don't tell Texas I said that 😊). I highly recommend going to camp this summer if you can!

## Reminder, 4-H Council contributes the following amounts to 4-H events:

*\$50 to Wild Horse*

*\$100 to Rock Springs Ranch (RSR) or 50% of Counselor Fee to RSR*

*\$100 towards CIA*

*\$100 towards KYLF*

### - Record Book Funds

Youth who completed 1 record book earned \$25 to use towards registrations.

Youth who completed 2 or more record books earned \$50.

Check with the office if you are unsure if you have used these yet!

## Upcoming Meetings:

### Horse Shows – 10am at the indoor arena

February 25<sup>th</sup>

March 30<sup>th</sup>

April 21<sup>st</sup>

### Shooting Sports Practices:

Parents are expected to attend. Please arrive early to set up in the 4-H building.

#### BB:

February 4<sup>th</sup> – 4:00pm

February 11<sup>th</sup> – Superbowl Sunday, no practice

February 18<sup>th</sup> – 4:00pm

February 25<sup>th</sup> – 4:00pm

#### Air Rifle:

February 4<sup>th</sup> – 5:30pm

February 11<sup>th</sup> – Superbowl Sunday, no practice

February 18<sup>th</sup> – 5:30pm

February 25<sup>th</sup> – 5:30pm

### Crochet Project Meetings:

Join Jeanne Clawson at the Extension Office to work on your crochet project.

February 17<sup>th</sup> 9:30am

February 27<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm

### Cloverbuds

#### RSVP Required

February 14<sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:30pm

April 17<sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:30pm (rescheduled)

There will be 2 more Cloverbuds meetings this year for our 5 & 6 year olds! It is not too late to join!

### 4-H Council

March 3<sup>rd</sup> 6:00pm

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# February 2024

| Sun.  | Mon.                     | Tue.                            | Wed.  | Thu. | Fri.                             | Sat.                            |  |             |             |                 |                      |                 |        |                  |                      |                  |        |                         |                   |                  |        |                             |           |                  |        |                     |
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| Shooting Sports Practice  | Four Leaf Clover Meeting |                                 | Meade Cloverbuds<br><br>Extension Board Mtg |      | County Club Day Registration Due |                                 |  |             |             |                 |                      |                 |        |                  |                      |                  |        |                         |                   |                  |        |                             |           |                  |        |                     |
| 11  | 12                       | 13                              | 14  | 15   | 16                               | 17                              |  |             |             |                 |                      |                 |        |                  |                      |                  |        |                         |                   |                  |        |                             |           |                  |        |                     |
| 3 C's Meeting<br>Super Bowl Sunday!!!   | Town and Country Meeting | Plains Livewires Meeting        |   |      |                                  | 9:30am Crochet Mtg @ Ext Office |  |             |             |                 |                      |                 |        |                  |                      |                  |        |                         |                   |                  |        |                             |           |                  |        |                     |
| 18  | 19                       | 20                              | 21  | 22   | 23                               | 24                              |  |             |             |                 |                      |                 |        |                  |                      |                  |        |                         |                   |                  |        |                             |           |                  |        |                     |
| Citizenship in Action<br>Shooting Sports Practice   | Citizenship in Action    |                                 | County Club Day                             |      |                                  |                                 |  |             |             |                 |                      |                 |        |                  |                      |                  |        |                         |                   |                  |        |                             |           |                  |        |                     |
| 25  | 26                       | 27                              | 28  | 29   |                                  |                                 |  |             |             |                 |                      |                 |        |                  |                      |                  |        |                         |                   |                  |        |                             |           |                  |        |                     |
| Horse Show 10am<br>Shooting Sports Practice   |                          | 5:30pm Crochet Mtg @ Ext Office |   |      |                                  |                                 |  |             |             |                 |                      |                 |        |                  |                      |                  |        |                         |                   |                  |        |                             |           |                  |        |                     |
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| • Four Leaf Clover -  | 5 <sup>th</sup>          | 6:30pm                          | Extension Office                            |      |                                  |                                 |  |             |             |                 |                      |                 |        |                  |                      |                  |        |                         |                   |                  |        |                             |           |                  |        |                     |
| • Plains Livewires -  | 13 <sup>th</sup>         | 6:30pm                          | Plains Methodist Church                     |      |                                  |                                 |  |             |             |                 |                      |                 |        |                  |                      |                  |        |                         |                   |                  |        |                             |           |                  |        |                     |
| • Town & Country-   | 12 <sup>th</sup>         | 6:30pm                          | Lone Tree Retirement Center                 |      |                                  |                                 |  |             |             |                 |                      |                 |        |                  |                      |                  |        |                         |                   |                  |        |                             |           |                  |        |                     |
| • 3 C's -   | 11 <sup>th</sup>         | 3:00pm                          | Fowler Grade School                         |      |                                  |                                 |  |             |             |                 |                      |                 |        |                  |                      |                  |        |                         |                   |                  |        |                             |           |                  |        |                     |

# **Year in a Glance:**

## **Important dates for 2024!**

### **February**

9 – County Club Day Registration Due  
18-19 – Citizenship in Action, Topeka  
21 – County Club Day  
25 – Horse Show!

### **March**

2 – Regional Club Day  
2 – Junior Beef Producer Day in Manhattan  
16 – Junior Sheep Producer Day in Manhattan  
20 – Beef Weigh In

### **April**

20 – Spring State 4-H Shooting Sports Match BB, Air Rifle, Air Pistol  
21-27 – National Volunteer Week

### **May**

6 – Small Animal Weigh In

### **June**

5-7 – Discovery Days, Manhattan  
11-13 – WildHorse 4-H Camp

### **July**

22-26 – Meade County Fair!

### **August**

TBA – State 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes

### **September**

6-15 – Kansas State Fair