



4-H NEWSLETTER

Happy New Year

Happy October and Happy New (4-H) Year! It is time to enroll in 4-H Online.

Returning families are able to log in to your family profile to re-enroll for the 24-25 4-H year. If you do not remember your username email or password, do not create another account. Contact us and we will help!

The family enrollment guide with step by step instructions for new or returning members can be found here: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-online/docs/Family%20Enrollment%20Guide.pdf>.

Make sure to select the “Pay by Check” option so that we can enter our coupon code to cover your \$15 enrollment fee.

We encourage all returning members to complete your enrollment in October. You are able to edit your projects until May 1st, but your enrollment is needed to participate in county and state events and activities.

Enroll: <https://v2.4honline.com/>

What's In This Month's Issue?

- New 4-H Year
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- 4-H Sunday
- Cloverbuds
- Fair Rule Changes
- Upcoming
- Club Corner
- Calendars

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NEW 4-H YEAR

VOLUNTEERS

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



NEWSLETTERS



The 4-H Newsletter is posted to our website and the link is sent out through 4-H Online each month. The Newsletter contains A LOT of information, but that is because it is important and we try to compile everything into one resource for you. Please make sure to read the newsletter each month. If you would like the Newsletter mailed to you for the 24-25 4-H year, please fill out this form: https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9Nz3k4pbTKxJJzg

Introducing...the 2024-2025 4-H Ambassadors



Our 2024-2025 4-H Ambassadors are...Adeline Woods, Kellie Miller, Micah McDowell, & Karay Henson!!!

The Ambassadors started the year off by recording "blurbs" about 4-H with KSCB 102.7 in Liberal. These will start airing Oct 1 and will go through National 4-H Week!





NEW 4-H YEAR

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK!

OCTOBER 6-12TH

Celebrate National 4-H Week with us and spread the word about 4-H!

Selfie Sunday: Share a selfie with your favorite 4-H project

Monday Motivation: Wear a motivational t-shirt

Tuesday Trivia: Share or engage with our 4-H trivia post on Facebook

Wednesday 4-H Spirit Day: Wear a 4-H T-Shirt to school

Throwback Thursday: Share an old picture of you in 4-H

Friday Night Lights: Share or engage with our post on Facebook highlighting 4-H Alumni



New this
year!

4-H STORE

We are starting something new this year at the Extension Office called the “4-H Store.” We are offering 4-Hers the opportunity to earn points by doing things like attending events, helping the agents, and promoting 4-H. Think of it like Dave & Busters or Main Event where you can redeem your points for prizes!

We have a document that outlines the points, called Clover Coins, and prizes on our website [HERE](#). We will update this document as new opportunities for Clover Coins arise. We will keep track of 4-Hers points, but you should also keep track of them yourself! Essentially this is just a fun opportunity for our hard working 4-H members to have a tangible and fun reward for showing up to things!



4-H SUNDAY



Sunday, October 13th

4-H Sunday

Every year we have 4-H Sunday during national 4-H week, where we attend church together as a 4-H group. This is open to any 4-H family who would like to attend. This year, 4-H Council voted to attend Meade First Baptist Church. Service is at 11am. We'd love for you to join!

4-H Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be at 4pm on October 13th in B Building at the Fairgrounds.

“Chill with 4-H” Open House & Enrollment Night

We are hosting an open house for the anyone interested in 4-H to come eat supper, check out 4-H projects, meet our club leaders, and enroll in 4-H if they want to...**AND WE NEED YOUR HELP!** This is our 48 Hours of 4-H Service Project. We are requesting everyone attending to bring a non-perishable food item or free will donation for the food bank. **We are also asking YOU, our 4-Hers, to serve the community the chili meal and bring your 4-H projects to display.** See flyer on the next page for full info.

Please register here for the meal count:

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a4wzCMRBGQcUjaK

If you are willing to bring some of your projects to display, sign them up here:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C084EABAB29A0F9C52-51019738-4hopen>



Chill

WITH
4-H 

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13
5:00-7:00PM
B BUILDING AT THE FAIRGROUNDS



JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE
AND ENROLLMENT NIGHT!

Come eat chili, explore the 4-H projects, learn about our 4 clubs in the county, and even have the opportunity to enroll in 4-H.

Registration requested but not required:

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_a4wzCMRBGQcUjaK

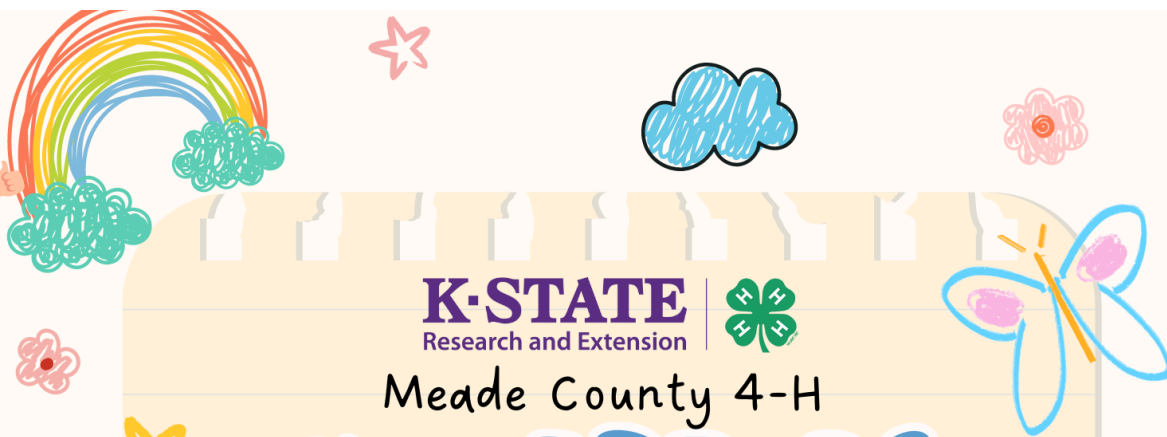
For more information:

Meade County Extension
620-873-8790

PLEASE BRING A
NON-PERISHABLE FOOD ITEM
AS A DONATION TO THE MEADE
FOOD BANK

CLOVERBUDS

Cloverbuds is for youth ages 5-6 years old by January 1st, 2025! It is a fun, non-competitive introduction to 4-H. Wadona and Hannah will be hosting Cloverbuds both in Meade and Plains. Enroll through 4-H Online!



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CLOVERBUDS

3:40pm-4:40pm

PLAINS

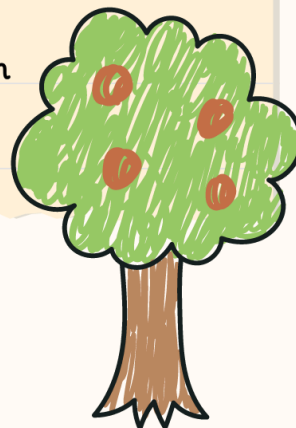
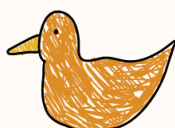
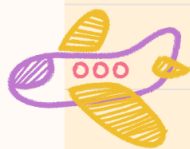
November 5
December 10
January 7
February 4
March 4
April 8

MEADE

November 12
December 17
January 14
February 11
March 11
April 15

MORE INFO

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2025 FAIR RULE CHANGES & UPDATES

Fair Board and Extension Board have made a couple of changes to the fair rules for the 2025 Meade County Fair:

- Livestock Weight Requirements
- Rate of Gain Contest (Added rules since there were none previously.)
- Weigh ins
- Air Pistol

See below for specific rules. Please make sure to review these as you plan your 4-H projects for the year.

LIVESTOCK WEIGHT REQUIREMENTS:

The Meade County Fair will now follow the State Fair Grand Drive rules for market livestock weight requirements. The intention is that the Meade County Fair will continue to match State Fair and these weights will remain the same unless the State Fair changes. The age requirements have not changed. Market livestock must meet these requirements to compete for grand & reserve champion, sell in the premium auction, and compete in the Rate of Gain contest.

Species	Weight
Beef	Minimum of 1000 pounds (Floor buyer reserves the right to set a maximum)
Swine	230-290 pounds
Sheep	Minimum 90 pounds
Goats	Minimum 60 pounds

RATE OF GAIN CONTEST

The Rate of Gain factors in the Average Daily Gain (ADG= pounds of weight gained/number of days on feed) of an individual animal over the period between spring weigh-in and county fair weigh-in. The rate of gain contest will be held for all animals that were weighed in at the spring weigh-in and the County Fair weigh-in. Animals meeting the qualifications will automatically be entered. Ties will be broken by using the placings from the market show.

To qualify, animals must:

1. Be weighed in at both the spring county weigh-in/tagging day & county fair weigh-in. Rate of Gain weigh-ins will not be permitted on make-up tagging dates.
2. Be a market animal.
3. Be within the specified weight limits for their species.
4. Weigh ins must be witnessed by an extension agent and a fair board member or livestock superintendent. 4-H member must be present.

WEIGH INS:

Any 4-Her showing livestock at the county fair must be present at the spring and county fair weigh ins.

While livestock can still go under family names at the spring weigh in, each 4-Her who plans to show any livestock at the county fair must be present. The 4-H project is the responsibility of the 4-H member. If 4-H members are not able to attend the weigh in, you can still schedule a time with Hannah PRIOR to the weigh in to have your animals tagged. (Not new) Each 4-Her must walk THEIR OWN animal across the scale at the county fair weigh in. This is to demonstrate control and to take responsibility for your own 4-H project.

Tentative Weigh in Dates:

Beef - March 12th

Small Animal - April 27th

Air Pistol (rules added for new division):

Youth shooting air pistol at the county fair must attend at least 2 safety lessons/practices prior to the county fair shoot.

AGE: Must be 12 years old to shoot air pistol. Ages 12 and 13 shoot 2 handed. Ages 14+ shoot 1 handed.

UPCOMING

We will be at the Hospital's Trunk-or-Treat on October 15th from 5-6pm. Come join us and help pass out candy if you can!



We will be in the front lawn area of the Extension Office on Halloween from 5:30-7:30 with yard games, music, and Trick-or-Treating! Make sure to stop by as you make your way around the neighborhood!



**Trick
or
Treat**
**with Meade County
Extension Office**
October 31 5:30-7:30pm



Candy - Games - Music

407 E Rainbelt, Meade, KS

UPCOMING

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

When: November 23-24, 2024

Where: Rock Springs 4-H Center

Who: Youth 14-18 years of age before January 1, 2025

Cost: \$170 (Total cost is \$270, but 4-H Council pays \$100). Make sure to select the Friday night stay.

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, October 15, 2024 by 11:59 p.m.

https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_03ttx4nFQbPluhE

For more information, check the Kansas 4-H Website: <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html>

Working ^{with} Wadona

When: Tuesday, November 26
10 AM-12 PM

Where: Meade County Extension Office

Who: Any currently enrolled 4-H member

What: Work with Wadona and learn to make

- Pebernodder (Danish Peppernuts)
- Velveeta Fudge

Watch: For more information in November's newsletter.



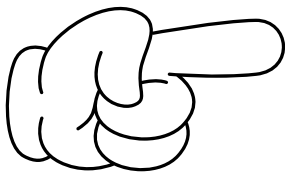
CLUB CORNER

Welcome to the Club Corner, where we will share what the 4-H Clubs are up to! Each month, we will ask the club leaders and club reporters to share any fun news or upcoming events that your clubs have. Have something you want featured next month? Email one of us!



The Four Leaf Clovers club is seeking 1-2 new club leaders! After many years of service, Vince would like to step down as club leader. He is more than willing to help someone transition into this role this year. If you are interested, or you know someone who is, please contact the office!

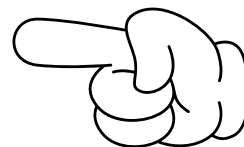
Volunteers
needed




3 C's 4-H club helped lead activities at Fowler Grade School Family Fun Night on September 30th.

They are also helping with the Fowler Trunk-or-Treat on October 27th!

Town & Country will be at the lake Trunk-or-Treat on October 12th! Stop by and say hi if you're there.



OCTOBER

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 4-Leaf Clover Meeting	8	9	10	11	12
National 4-H Week						
3 C's Mtg T&C Mtg 48 Hrs of 4-H 4-H Open House	13	14	15 Trunk or Treat @ Hospital	16	17	18
				19	Non-profit Fair @ City Park	
20	21	22	23	24 Plains Livewires Meeting	25	26
Agents out at Extension Annual Conference						
27	28	29	30	31  Trick or Treat @ the office!!		

MONTHLY CLUB MEETINGS

Club	Date	Time	Location
4-Leaf Clover	7th	6:30pm	Extension Office
Town and Country	13th	7:00pm	B Bldg @ Fairgrounds
3 C's	13th	3:00 pm	Fowler Grade School
Plains Livewires	24th	12:00 pm	Plains Methodist Church



YEAR IN A GLANCE:

IMPORTANT DATES FOR 2024-2025!

October

- 1:** New 4-H Year Begins, 4-H Online Enrollment Opens
- 6-12:** National 4-H Week!!
- 12:** State Shotgun Matches
- 13:** 48 Hours of 4-H Event: 4-H Sunday, Chill with 4-H Open House, 4-H Council Meeting
- 19:** 4-H Ambassadors at Non-Profit Fair (Meade City Park)
- 24-25:** Extension Office Closed
- 31:** Trick or Treat at the Extension Office

November

- TBD: Officer Training
- 5:** Plains Cloverbuds Meeting
- 12:** Meade Cloverbuds Meeting
- 22-24:** Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs 4-H Center
- 26:** Program with Wadona - more info to come!
- 27-29:** Office Closed for Thanksgiving

December

- 8:** Achievement Banquet & Christmasing in Plains
- 10:** Plains Cloverbuds Meeting
- 17:** Meade Cloverbuds Meeting
- 23-31:** Extension Office Closed

January

- 1-3:** Office Closed
- 7:** Plains Cloverbuds
- 14:** Meade Cloverbuds
- 20:** Extension Office Closed

February

- 4:** Plains Cloverbuds
- 11:** Meade Cloverbuds
- 16-17:** Citizenship in Action
- TBD: County Club Day

March

- 1:** Regional Club Day (tentative)
- 4:** Plains Cloverbuds
- 11:** Meade Cloverbuds
- 12:** Beef Weigh in (tentative)
- 18:** YQCA Training (tentative)
- 24:** Beef Weigh in
- TBD: Blue & Gold Orders Due

April

- 8:** Plains Cloverbuds
- 15:** Meade Cloverbuds
- 27:** Small Animal Weigh in (tentative)

May

June

- 4-6:** Discovery Days, Manhattan
- TBD: Wildhorse Camp

July

- 21-25:** Meade County Fair

