SUMMER INTERN OPPORTUNITY
APPLY BY APRIL 9th

The Coffey County Extension Office will be hiring a summer intern again this year – If you are interested contact the Office – 620-364-5313!
Applications are due April 9th and are posted under the 4-H section of our website under “Scholarships/Applications” at
http://www.coffey.k-state.edu/4-h/scholarshipsandapps/

Intervews will take place the week of April 16th

REGIONAL CLUB DAYS are scheduled for Saturday, March 17th at Madison High School. Those that received a Top Blue at County 4-H Day are eligible to participate. This is a wonderful opportunity to support our area 4-Her’s! A list of qualifying participants from County 4-H Day are posted to the 4-H page. PLEASE CONTACT THE EXTENSION OFFICE BY MARCH 2nd to tell us if you will be participating or not.

DISCOVERY DAYS

This event is scheduled for May 29th- June 1st at Kansas State University. It is open to all youth 13 to 18 years old. Additional Information will be forthcoming. Registration is open March 1-April 15 online at www.kansas4-H.org
Register early! Classes fill up fast!
KAP CORNER

As we round the corner and head into the home stretch of a new 4-H year, 4-Hers are reminded that Citizenship and leadership should be a consideration in your project activities. In fact for you older 4-H members this should be just as an important factor as your project learning activities. Leadership is usually more easily understood with leadership opportunities are more clearly identifiable and often more easily achieved. Citizenship on the other hand is somewhat more obscure and sometimes takes some creative thinking and a little extra effort to identify and maybe even create. In the KAP both these aspects should be related to the particular KAP being completed.

A question often asked is “what’s the difference”? Basically you need to keep in mind that Leadership is actively teaching another person or a group skills or information. It also includes organizing or coordinating an activity, event, or meeting; selecting and preparing materials, and selecting presenters. As a 4-Her gains experience, these leadership activities and sharing that experience and knowledge are expected to extend more and more to others outside the immediate family, to other 4-Hers and organizations.

On the other hand, Citizenship means helping out in your community and serving others without compensation. Citizenship may be undertaken alone, as a family or with your Club or group. What makes it somewhat confusing at times, is that Citizenship may also be leadership, IF you organized the activity and worked with the community contact to arrange the time, etc as well as participated.

Examples of citizenship include, but are not limited to:

1. Visiting nursing homes to entertain and/or to share your projects with the residents.
2. Caring for a neighbor’s livestock or garden during a vacation, holiday or illness.
3. Collecting, donating and/or sorting canned goods for a local food bank.
4. Cleaning a trail or roadway.
5. Donating materials, money or time to a soup kitchen, hospital, animal shelter, etc.
6. Working with the handicapped.
7. Working in the Fair food stand or as an assistant fair superintendent.

“Leadership is actively teaching... Citizenship means helping out in your community...”
County 4-H Beef Weigh-In and Tagging

Mark your calendars!! The spring weigh-in for Coffey County 4-H Beef will be on Saturday, March 31st from 8:00 am until 10:00 am at Burlington Vet Clinic. Tags will be sold for $4.00 each. Remember, this will be the only day that market beef are to be shown at the Coffey County Fair will be weighed & tagged. Please try to have animals broke and on a halter. All questions about tagging or livestock projects can be directed to the Extension Office.

We will accept CASH, CHECKS, AND CARDS as payment for tags, so please come prepared with payment for your tags that day.

ALL BREEDING BEEF NEED TO BE DESIGNATED & ID’d BY MARCH 31st!

- Market Heifer needs to be weighed in & tagged
- Breeding Heifer’s just need to have an ID tag, does not have to be an EID tag. Does not have to be present for weigh--in, but you’ll need to know their tag number to tell the Extension Office!

Livestock Tagging and Weigh-In Dates

All Coffey County 4-H livestock, including bucket calves, will be tagged and weighed at their respective species weigh-in date in order to compete at the Coffey County Fair. NO EXCEPTIONS!

No tags will be given out from the office. NO EXCEPTIONS!

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DEADLINES—MAY 1st!

1. Livestock should be purchased. This includes Bucket Calves!
2. Market Beef Nominations Due
3. 4-H Horse ID Forms Due
4. Rabbit ID forms DUE (New in 2017)
5. Final enrollment date in order to enter anything in the 4-H portion of the Coffey County Fair: This is the FINAL day that you may add/drop projects. Double check your project enrollments with the office PRIOR to May 1st.
6. County Camp Counselor Apps Due

WANTED: County Camp Counselors

If you are 15-18 years old and like to work with youth, we want you to be a counselor at Rock Springs 4-H Camp June 23-26! If interested, contact the office for an application form to be completed and returned to the Extension Office by May 1st. An application form will be posted to the "Pioneer Trails Camp" tab of the 4-H web page as soon as it is available.

Camp Counselor registrations are paid for by 4-H Council! Go to Camp for FREE!

Rabbit ID Forms

Starting in 2017 rabbit project members are required to submit a "Rabbit Identification Form" with identification information for ALL rabbits 4-Hers are planning on showing at the Coffey County Fair. The form includes exhibitor name, tattoo number, breed, sex, age, etc., must be filled out and returned to the Extension Office by the Add/Drop date of May 1st. A copy of the form is attached in this newsletter and will also be posted on the 4-H web page under the Coffey County Fair tab.
Tractor Safety Course

Tractor Safety Course will be held Monday, March 19th in Emporia at Prairie Land Partners. There will only be one all day session (9:00am - 3:00pm) this year with lunch being provided on site. This school is designed to assist 14 and 15 year old’s in gaining certification for legal employment off of the family farm. Youth age 13 are welcome to take the training. This program is co-sponsored by the Chase, Coffey, Lyon, and Morris County Farm Bureaus, Flint Hills Antique Tractor Club, and K-State Research and Extension Offices. Pre-registration is due into the Extension Office by March 2nd.

REQUIRED MATERIALS

- Tractor Safety Manual
- Completed Online Test
- Bring the 2 completed hard-copy exams with you to the training

Shooting Sports Update

For a county to offer the Shooting Sports project and its various shooting disciplines the Kansas State 4-H Department requires a county to have filled the Shooting Sports Project Coordinator position as well as an individual certified as the instructor for a particular discipline before it can be offered in that county. This certification process is critical to protect the individual project instructors as well as the local 4-H Extension program from a liability standpoint.

This year we have individuals certified as coordinator, in Shotgun, and in Western Heritage. We are working on getting individuals certified in archery and rifle. Contact Troy Blanton, shooting sports coordinator or Darl Henson, County Agent, with any questions or concerns about the shooting sports projects. 620-203-1678

SHOTGUN MEETING SCHEDULED

Justin Ernst, County-wide Shotgun Leader has scheduled the first Shotgun meeting of the year!

If you’re not already in the project, it is not too late to add Shooting Sports-Shotgun for this year! You can add/drop until May 1st!

When: March 15, 6pm
Where: 4-H Building, Burlington

Bring your shotgun with you to the meeting. Whatever gauge you are used to and are comfortable shooting is fine!

Contact Justin if you have any questions at 620.364.6874.
PQA Replaced with YQCA in 2018

ATTENTION SWINE EXHIBITORS

Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) is being replaced with Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) in 2018. We do not yet know if YQCA training will be required for participation at the State Fair and KJLS. Information about YQCA is being updated on the 4-H page of our website as it becomes available. If you have any questions, call Darl. There will NOT be a Spring Swine Show held in Coffey County this year.

http://www.coffey.k-state.edu/4-h/yqca/

Pioneer Trail Camp

4-H CAMP is June 23-26 at Rock Springs, the beautiful State 4-H Center is located near Junction City. This is for youth ages 9-13 as of the first day of camp. Counties in our group stretch from the Nebraska to Oklahoma borders. 4-Hers will be living with groups of 9 who are their age, with an older 4-Her or adult as their counselor. We will travel together to Rock Springs. Registrations are due in the office by May 18th. Entry forms will be available in late March. Cost is yet to be determined for 10 meals, 3 nights and most activities at camp including crafts, rifle range fees. This fee does include travel expenses and a picture of our county camp group.

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

There are many new things happening with 4-H livestock in Kansas. There are also some great opportunities such as Youth Sheep and Beef Producer Day, Leadership Academy, Judging Camps, and others. For more information, please visit the KSU Youth Livestock website at www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu
KSU Animal Science Youth Leadership Academy

Kansas high school youth are invited to apply for participation in a dynamic program designed to educate youth about the livestock industry. The goal of this academy will be to further develop young leaders within the livestock industry and prepare them for a successful future in this field.

The event held June 6-9, will focus on increasing knowledge of Kansas’ diverse livestock industry, as well as building participant’s leadership skills. Twenty high school students will be selected to participate based upon educational, community, and agricultural involvement, as reflected through an application process.

The academy will welcome students to the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry at K-State and provide on-campus housing. Students will receive interactive leadership training at Weber Hall and tour K-State Animal Science Facilities. The second portion of the program will allow students the opportunity to tour businesses and organizations within Kansas’ livestock industry.

Junior Producer Days

Join us for Kansas Junior Sheep Producer Day on March 17, 2018 and Kansas Junior Beef Producer Day on March 24, 2018. Presentations and demonstrations by a featured speaker, as well as K-State faculty will cover topics such as selection, facilities and general care, health and vaccinations, nutrition, and showmanship. This interactive workshop is designed for all ages and skill levels. All participants will receive a T-shirt and complimentary lunch. Participant with registrations received after February 23rd for Sheep and after March 2nd for Beef are not guaranteed a T-shirt. Visit http://www.k-state.edu/openhouse/ for more information and online registration!

K-STATE OPEN HOUSE

“Adventure Starts Here”

Open House and spring football game on the same jam-packed day! Start your day with Open House events and exhibits from 9a to 3p, then head to the stadium for tailgating, family fun, and a preview of the 2018 Wildcats. For more information, please visit:
Horse Project Meetings

Beginning March 24th, Horse Project meetings will be held the 4th Saturday of each month. Meetings will start at 10am and go until all activities are finished. Usually lasting 2 hours at max. Please contact Troy Blanton if you have any questions about the Horse Project or these meetings. 620-203-1678. More meetings will be scheduled at different times to accommodate most members, there will also be one on one help for those needing to work on specific disciplines, problems, or issues. These will be after regular meetings and can be scheduled on other days when time allows.

Club Fair T-Shirt Contest

REMINDER:
Club entries for the County Fair T-Shirt Contest are due by March 23rd to be presented to the 4-H Council on March 26th.

- 1 T-Shirt Design per Club
- Digital Entries Preferred
- Theme: “Find your Adventure at the Coffey County Fair”
- Name and Emblem policy must be followed
- Include Co-brand watermark on shirt somewhere

Coffey County Spring Shows: INFO IS POSTED TO OUR WEBSITE!

WALK KANSAS runs March 18 through May 12.

This healthy living challenge is provided by K-State Research & Extension each spring. Enlist some friends to complete your team of 4-6, or sign up as an individual and we will assign you to a team. This is a great opportunity for youth as well! Sports practice, recess, and steps on your activity trackers all count toward Walk Kansas minutes and can help your team reach its goal! Each team will choose one of three challenges to complete during the program:

Challenge 1) Each person reaches the minimum goal for physical activity- 2.5 hours of moderate/vigorous activity per week. Collectively, the team would walk 435 miles— the distance to visit the 8 Wonders of Kansas.

Challenge 2) Take a cross country trip through Kansas! Each person logs 4 hours of activity per week, which would take the team 764 miles.

Challenge 3) Walk a wondering trail from Little Balkans to Nicodemus- 1200 miles—with each person logging 6 hours of moderate/vigorous activity per week.

Join us for Poker Walks each Tuesday during Walk Kansas! Meet at the NE corner of the Courthouse lawn and walk laps to receive playing cards to create your own poker hand. The best 3 hands each day will receive a prize! Come and go on your lunch break 11:00a-1:00p.

Registration is open February 19- March 25 on walkkansas.org or in the Extension Office. Fee is $9/person for adults, SCHOOLAGED youth (18 and younger) can participate for FREE!, with the option to purchase apparel at an additional cost.
Citizenship in Action

County 4-H Club Day

Congratulations to all of our 4-Hers on another successful County 4-H Club Day! Eligible to participate at Regional Club Day on March 17th include:

Top Model Meeting- Blue Ribbon
Top Public Speaking- Sarah Sergeant, Blue Ribbon
Alt Top Public Speaking- Beck Kropf, Tip Top
Top SR Demo- Sarah Sergeant, Blue Ribbon
Alt Top SR Demo- Lauren Williams, Blue Ribbon
Top JR Demo- Miranda Sawdey, Tip Top
Alt JR Demo- Morgan Vogts, Tip Top
Top Project Talk- Kyla Lankton, Smilin' Thru
Alt Top Project Talk- Jackson Nuessen, Stringtown Bombers
Top Vocal Solo JR- Caleb Durst, Blue Ribbon
Top Vocal Solo SR- Audrey Durst, Blue Ribbon
Top Instrument Solo JR- Isaac Durst, Blue Ribbon
Top Instrument Solo SR- Audrey Durst, Blue Ribbon
Top Reading- Blayne Linsey, Blue Ribbon
Top Skit- Colleen Decker, Smilin' Thru
Top Dance Routine- Makena Klubek/Miranda Meats, Stringtown Bombers

More pictures and complete results are posted to our website and Facebook page.

Favorite Foods

Congratulations to Sarah Sergeant, Bonnie Romig, Kohlton Shoemaker, and Amarin Shelton on being top winners in their age group in the Favorite Foods Show at County Club Day!

Each June, the Southeast Area hosts a Regional Favorite Foods Show along with a few other 4-H Judging contests. Since these individuals were one of the top two at the county level, they are qualified to compete at this contest! The regional contest is Tuesday, June 12th in Emporia. Entries will be due later this spring. Alternates (9-13 year olds): Kaylie Burdick, Aubriana Vannocker
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Coming up in April: April 7- KSU Open House; April 15- Discovery Days Registration Closes at midnight;
April 25- Sheep, Meat Goat weigh in ; April 28- Beef, Sheep, Meat Goat, and BucketCalf Spring Shows
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