**APRIL 2020 4-H NEWSLETTER**

The COVID 19 or “Coronavirus” pandemic is beginning to affect us all in some way or another and our local KSU Research and Extension - Coffey County programming is no exception. In alignment with K-State Research and Extension protocol set forth by Kansas State University, ALL local and district programs, meetings, events and activities regardless of group size, CANNOT meet face-to-face between now and May 16, 2020. This includes but is not limited to, 4-H club meetings, 4-H and Extension council meetings, Program Development Committee meetings etc. This also includes project-based learning activities, shows, events and other activities directed toward 4-H youth development and other Extension audiences. More COVID-19 for 4-H and Extension are posted online–Click Here.

**Add or Drop Project Deadline**

May 1st is the LAST day to add/drop projects! Remember to double check your project enrollments before thinking about fair exhibits! If you try to exhibit a project at the fair that you are not enrolled, your exhibit will be moved to Open Class. Parents may add or drop projects for their 4-Her’s by emailing a request to Lauren at ljohnson15@ksu.edu. Alternatively, you may complete an add/drop request form to mail to or drop by the Extension Office. Please DO NOT make changes online without notifying the Extension Office in writing first!

**PLEASE NOTE...deadlines for May, June and later events have not changed. Don’t assume anything.**
State Livestock Nomination Season Approaching

The state livestock nomination season is rapidly approaching! The 2020 materials have been distributed to counties and are posted on the KSU Youth Livestock website, under the “Nomination Information” tab (http://bit.ly/ksunominations). Market Beef nominations will be due on May 1, 2020. All other species, which includes commercial heifers, market swine, commercial gilts, market lambs, commercial ewes, and ALL meat goats, will be due June 15, 2020. Please remember there is not a registered breeding doe show at either state show, so all meat goats must be nominated to be eligible. The nomination deadlines are firm postmark deadlines. Any nomination envelope or package received must have a visible postmark prior to the deadline, or it will not be accepted. It is also important to note that June 15 is a Saturday this year, so families should be cautious in waiting until the deadline to submit their nominations. Certified mail is highly encouraged. Families are also encouraged to use the check list provided for each specie to make sure their nominations are complete. Incomplete or incorrect nominations will be returned to the family and cost $20 to correct.

Kansas State Fair Livestock Requirements

Individuals wanting to show at the Kansas State Fair must meet county and state deadlines and regulations. 4-Her’s must qualify at approved county and invitational 4-H shows and events and meet State Fair guidelines and qualifications. Please keep this information throughout the 4-H year to help answer any questions. As always please feel free to call the Extension Office for any questions, comments, or concerns.

K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy

Kansas State University will host the K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy June 24-27, 2020, for young livestock industry leaders. This four-day event will focus on increasing young leaders’ knowledge of Kansas’ diverse livestock industry as well as building participant’s leadership skills. Students will stay in university housing with event staff for the duration of the event. Twenty high school students (current 9th-12th graders) will be selected to participate. The application deadline is April 15, 2020 For more information and forms, visit the website by clicking here or contact academy director, Sharon Breiner at sbreiner@ksu.edu.

Pioneer Trails Camp (County 4-H Camp, Click Here)

Camp Registration is due May 7th Open to ages 9-13 by camp dates, June 4-7, 2020. Cost is $205. Rock springs is adding new activities each summer! Contact the Extension Office for more information.

WANTED: COUNTY CAMP COUNSELORS

We are in search of 15-18 year olds to work as a camp counselor June 3-7, 2020 Applications are due April 29th and are posted to the website.
**Discovery Days**

“A Vision for the Future”: Scheduled **May 27-29th** at Kansas State University. It is open to all youth 13 to 18 years old. Base registration fee will be $195. Some classes & other items may add to your registration fee. Registration is due **April 15** *(Click Here)*

**Discovery Days Scholarship Opportunity**

The Coffey County Conservation District will once again offer a scholarship to Discovery Days attendees that take one of the conservation approved classes listed below:

- Water Connects Us All
- Crops & Weeds
- Exploring Career Pathways in STEM with Water Quality
- Managing Flowering and Reproduction for Improvement of Crops
- Filling your Training Toolbox to Become an Ag Technician
- Exploring Careers in Agriculture

The amount of the scholarship will depend on the number of applicants that apply. To be eligible for the scholarship, please submit a letter of interest stating the classes one will be attending to the Coffey County Conservation District 313 Cross St, Burlington KS. Letters need to be submitted to the conservation district no later than April 15th. Participants must pay for the registration fee in full and the scholarship will be awarded upon a successful completion of the event with payment being made in June. If there are any questions, please contact Kristi at the Coffey County Conservation District at 620-364-2182 x 3.

**Homer Hatch Scholarship**

The **Coffey County Conservation District** offers the Homer Hatch Conservation Scholarship in the amount of $500 to a Coffey County High School senior, college freshman, sophomore or junior. A few of the eligibility requirements are the following:

- Graduate of a Coffey County High School
- GPA of 3.0 or higher
- Must pursue a degree in the field of or related to conservation (A list of qualifying majors is available)
- Entries must be received by our office **prior** to **April 15th**
- A Homer Hatch Conservation Scholarship recipient is eligible to receive funding only twice.

Application packets and rules are available at all four high schools in the county or contract the Coffey County Conservation District at (620) 364-2182 extension 3.
# Animal Identification Reminders

## HORSES:

4-H Horse ID paper’s with picture are due in the Extension Office by May 1st for all horses to be shown. Anyone planning to be in the 2-year old Snaffle Bit Project must submit a nomination form by May 1st with a $10.00 nomination fee. **Horse ID forms have been updated this year, so everyone will need to complete a new form!** If you are planning to attend the East Central District Horse Show on July 9th in Lawrence & Kansas State Fair Horse Shows, then you must pass the appropriate level “Standard of Excellence Test”, and leadership/horsemanship requirements. [Horse ID Forms](https://example.com) (Click Here)

## RABBITS:

Must be identified and proper identification form must be into the Extension Office by May 1st. Forms are posted to the Coffey Count Fair Info tab of the 4-H page. Please mail or email to the office.

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# ALL COUNTY FAIR TAGGING

has been suspended at this time. If you have questions about this, please call our office.