Add or Drop Project Deadline—May 3rd 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.
Pioneer Trails Camp (County 4-H Camp, Click Here)

Camp will be held this year at 50% capacity due to Covid regulations. There are several new guidelines for camp this year. If you are interested in receiving more information, contact the extension office directly or see [https://rockspringsranch.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/RSR-Terms-Policies-Addendum-COVID-19.pdf](https://rockspringsranch.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/RSR-Terms-Policies-Addendum-COVID-19.pdf)

- Camp Registration is due into the extension office by noon Thursday, April 22, 2021. Open to ages 9-13 by camp dates, June 12-15, 2021. Cost is $250 (must be paid in full at the time of registration.).
- Due to reduced camp capacity Coffey County has been given a quota of 10 campers. If the quota is not met by noon April 22nd, then Coffey County WILL NOT be participating in Rock Springs Pioneer Trail Camp group this year.

WANTED: COUNTY CAMP COUNSELORS—We are in search of 15-18 year olds to work as a camp counselor June 11-15, 2021. Applications are due noon April 22nd.

Discovery Days

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be delivered virtually in 2021. The event will be held on June 1-4th, 2021. The decision to again use the virtual format was not taken lightly as the preferred format for the event would definitely be in-person. The decision is in congruence with the current K-State Reopening Phase 3 guidelines and the most recent vaccine availability projections from Riley County.

4-H Discovery Days is for young people ages 13-18 before January 1, 2021.

K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy

Kansas State University will host the K-State Animal Sciences Leadership Academy June 15-18, 2021 for young livestock industry leaders. This year’s program will offer a hybrid format of virtual instruction, followed by a closing, one-day, in-person experience on the Kansas State University campus. Students will participate in tours and workshops virtually beginning on Tuesday, June 15 through Thursday, June 17. Conditions permitting, students will gather on the K-State campus Friday, June 18 to connect with their cohort, faculty and industry leaders.

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.
**County Wide Project Leaders**

Contact these individuals if you need help in your specific project area!

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**State Livestock Nomination Season Approaching:** The state livestock nomination season is rapidly approaching! The 2021 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 must be postmarked by May 1, 2021. All other species, which includes commercial heifers, market swine, commercial gilts, market lambs, commercial ewes, and ALL meat goats, must be postmarked by June 15, 2021. Any nomination envelope or package received must have a visible postmark prior to the deadline, or it will not be accepted. 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. NEW FORMS will be utilized this year, so do not accidentally use a past form. Forms used in previous years will not be accepted by the state office. NEW: Both state shows now have a breeding doe show. Any doe to be shown at the State Fair or KILS must be nominated; NO registered/papered show; A gender field has been added to the sheep and meat goat nomination forms. Families will need to designate each animal as a wether, ewe, or doe; Families may dual nominate a heifer as a market project and a commercial breeding heifer. The decision on how the heifer will be shown is made at the time of show entry. Both the market beef and commercial heifer forms must be submitted with the appropriate information regarding the animal being nominated.

**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. 4-Hers planning to show at KSF or KILS are encouraged to go to the KSU Youth Livestock page www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu to find the latest information pertaining to nomination and entry of animals into these shows. 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.

**HORSES:** 4-H Horse ID paper’s with picture are due in the Extension Office by May 3rd 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. Coffey County 4-Hers will now attend the South East Area District horse show in Parsons. The 2021 show date is June 29th with tentative entry deadline of June 15th.
SHEEP & MEAT GOATS (Breeding and Market):
- Ownership must be established by April 21st
- **Sheep and goat Tagging/ Weigh IN** – April 21, 2021, 5-7PM, at the Fairgrounds
- Nominations for KSF/KJLS are due June 15th.
- All sheep and goats must be identified with an official USDA scrapies Premise ID Tag. Scrapies tag information will be required and must be recorded at the time of tagging

*Federal health guidelines for Scrapie control requires that all sheep & goats be tagged with an official USDA Scrapies premise ID tag to determine the flock of origin. If you purchase animals to show, the producer should have placed a tag already. If you raise your own, you need to contact KS Dept of Agriculture to obtain premise ID number & scrapies tags.*

DAIRY (Goats & Cattle)
Ownership must be established by April 21st. Send a profile picture of the animal with a visible ear tag to the Extension Office by April 21st.

BUCKET CALF
1st year Bucket Calf
- Must be a calf born between January 1st and **April 21, 2021**
- 1st Year Bucket Calf Tagging: **April 21, 2021**
- Must be tagged and calves are to be off of the cow within two weeks of birth. No Bull Calves at fair time.
- Project open to enrolled project members 4-H’ers age 7 - 12.

2nd year Bucket Calf
- Must have been shown previous year as 4-H Bucket calf by same 4-Her.
- Must have been tagged/ID’ed by **March 27th.**

Minimum requirement for consideration of the “overall bucket calf” award is that a live, properly tagged, identified and entered bucket calf must be exhibited. In the case of calf death and inability to exhibit a live calf an educational notebook may be entered as the exhibit. The 4-Her may participate in the interview and testing process without consideration for the bucket calf exhibit award.

SWINE (Breeding & Market)
- Must be identified and ownership established by **April 28, 2021**
- **Swine Tagging:** April 28, 2021, 5-7PM at the Fairgrounds
- Nominations due **June 15th** for Kansas State Fair/KJLS. Registration papers are required for all purebred hogs at both shows.
RABBITS:
Must be identified and proper identification form must be into the Extension Office by May 3rd. Forms are posted to the Coffey County Fair Info tab of the 4-H page.

Coffey County Fair Preparation

DOGS: The 4-H Dog Immunization Record will be required for all dogs attending the Coffey County Fair and the State 4-H Dog Show at the State Fair. We have dog show rule books and judging guideline books in the office.

RABBIT & POULTRY EXHIBITORS: All 4-H and Open Class rabbit and poultry exhibitors are to provide their own feed and bedding throughout the duration of the Coffey County Fair. In addition, exhibitors are expected to care for their own animals throughout the duration of the Coffey County Fair.

BEEF ANIMAL STALL FEE: The type of bedding must be approved by the species superintendent. LARGE BEEF exhibitors (Market Beef, Breeding Beef, 2nd Year Bucket Calves) will be charged a $10 stall fee to cover expenses for cedar fibers. The $10 stall fee should be paid via cash or check made payable to the Coffey County Fair Board and is due with your pre-entry cards on June 30th.

All animal exhibitors (excluding large Beef): Will need to provide their own approved bedding for their animals.

Beef Safety Recommendation: To help avoid puncture wounds to both animals and exhibitors, it is highly recommended that a “Smart Sensation” or similar plastic toothed scotch comb be used when grooming and especially when showing beef.

Reminder…start looking for livestock sale premium buyers now! The lockers are very busy during the fair, so call to make arrangements for your animals after the sale if they aren’t going home with you!

Rule Changes

Rule #3—County Fair Light Weight animal rule addition to “Youth Livestock Auction”

“Market animals not meeting the minimum sale weight designated for their species at county fair weigh in, will automatically be entered into and shown in a single “Light weight / Prospect Class” for that specie. Animals in this class WILL NOT be eligible to compete in neither the Coffey County Born market class or final drive for selection of respective specie’s Grand and Reserve Grand Champion market animal.”

NEW Light Weight/Prospect Class:

Class # ?? - Light weight / Prospect Class (animals must weigh less than the minimum designated county fair sale weight AND have been tagged with a county fair, KSF/KJLS EID eartag prior to county fair entry deadline in accordance with appropriate established deadlines.)

Rule #7—Beef— On the night of Demolition Derby only, Beef exhibitors wishing to move their cattle out of the barns early may do so between 6:00 p.m. and 7:00 p.m. but MUST have them in place in tie out areas BEFORE the derby begins. No movement out of the barn will be allowed after the derby starts until its completion.

County Fair Rule—Youth/General/ #9—All youth livestock exhibitors must show their own animals except on the occasion they have more than one animal in the show ring for evaluation at the same time. Any assistance showing another’s animals must be by a current Coffey County 4-H member. No youth may show an intact male of any species in the youth division.
Kansas 4-H Policy Clarification

Many of you, especially 4-H Club Leaders, have heard me say that late in 2020 the Kansas state 4-H Office issued a newly and majorly revised version of the Kansas 4-H Policy Handbook. In doing so the previous 19 page version has now become a more “comprehensive and detailed” 52 page version. Many of the additions and much of the “clarifying” language now contained has seemingly created a more restrictive policy in several instances. In the spirit of transparency and an effort for some clarification I would like to offer a brief insight as what might be serving as the impetus to some of the changes from the local Extension office.

In the new policy introduction there have been some “clarifying” statements added that I feel you as participants, volunteers and leaders need to be aware of including: “All K-State Research and Extension (KSRE) faculty, staff, boards, volunteers, youth, and families must support, implement, and follow these policies.”; “All university and local extension unit staff and volunteers representing K-State Research and Extension have the responsibility to support and implement the Kansas 4-H policy.”; “Policies of the local board or district governing body will not contradict, violate, or supersede the K-State Research and Extension or National 4-H policies: ...” I am of the belief that words and their usage have a specific meaning and purpose. Words like “must”, “will” and “shall” are not used by accident. So as point of understanding, in essence by participating in the Kansas 4-H program in one of the aforementioned roles, you (we) have committed to adhering to and upholding foremost the state 4-H policies, personal feelings not withstanding. BUT there’s nothing to say we can’t work for change if, when and where it is felt necessary.

Although ALL aspects of the 4-H program are affected by this policy document, one of the aspects of the program that has initially most visibly been affected locally is the “Cloverbuds” and their participation with livestock. Recent policy revision wording has removed any previous ambiguity. Wording in the new Section 14.1 now clearly and categorically states “... Cloverbuds are not permitted to show livestock. 4-H does not sponsor or support pee-wee events or exhibition, pee-wee referring to non-4-H age youth”. Therefore, despite what we might like to be the case, as long as a livestock exhibition event is being conducted with the involvement of Extension personnel and solely under the banner of the 4-H clover, Cloverbud participation will no longer be allowed.

I write this to offer up a possible insight and some clarification to questions and comments received recently. And, to also ask “don’t shoot the messenger” before asking some questions to inquire beyond the initial appearance of an action. Hope you’ll remember we all have the interest of the kids in mind and are working to optimize participation within the confines we sometimes find ourselves in within the system we operate.

Thanks for your attention. I would encourage, especially club leaders, to take a closer look at the new Kansas 4-H Policy Handbook.

—Darl

County Fair- Assistant Fair Superintendents

Again we are looking for 4-H Junior Leaders (13 yrs. or older) to be assistant Fair Superintendents. If you are interested, please contact the Extension Office. This would look great in your project record books!

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