MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS FROM COFFEY COUNTY EXTENSION!

2023 Club Assignments
Achievement Banquet:
Smilin Thru
4-H Sunday:
Tip Top
Parade of Purples Set Up:
Blue Ribbon
Assist Spring Show Committee:
Liberty
County Fair Horse Show:
Stringtown Bombers

We are currently at 108 4-H members and 14 Cloverbuds enrolled for the 2023 4-H year! Hurry on in to finish your enrollments today!

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Cloverbuds (5-6 Year Olds):
The overall purpose of the 4-H Cloverbuds program is to foster the development of life skills that are essential for cognitive, social, emotional, and physical maturation of five and six year olds by providing a unique educational opportunity.

Regional Record Book Judging
Friday, January 20th– Volunteers are needed to help screen record books in Fredonia. Project Record Books are due to the Extension Office for submission by January 13th. Please let us know if you are interested. This is an excellent opportunity to see some outstanding Project Record Books and get format ideas to help improve Project Record Books in the county.

Scholarships
Tuesday, March 1st—Kansas 4-H scholarship are due to the State 4-H office. Applications are posted online on Coffey County 4-H page. There are also three local scholarships available: Frances Spielman, Ottawa Coop, and Dale Douglass which are also due by March 1st to the Extension Office.

County 4-H Club Day
February 25, 2023
Burlington Elementary

Coffey County Fair Board
If you have any questions or input please feel free to attend a monthly meeting which takes place every third Wednesday at the Fair Office beginning at 7 pm.

The Fair theme for 2023 is “Celebrate the Bounty of our County” submitted by Blue Ribbon 4-H

Equifest of Kansas

Project Leaders
If you are a new project leader, please feel free to contact the Extension Office, or some of your local libraries for project leader information, project meeting ideas, lesson plans, etc.

Important 4-H Policy Reminder:
A 4-Her must attend and participate in at least 6 community club meetings from the start of the 4-H year until the County Fair in order to participate in any project sales, including the livestock premium sale.

Coffey County 4-H Program Development Committee (PDC)
Congratulations to Janine Dorr and Kelcey Lamer on being elected to the Coffey County 4-H Youth Development Program Committee for 2023. They will join Amy Foster, Coltlyn Hale, Travis Skillman, and Lacy Lankton in giving direction to the 4-H programs of Coffey County over the next year. We want to thank Sarah Rice and Bonnie Vannocker for their leadership and service this past year as they will be going off the PDC in December.
Preparing for
County 4-H Day and Regional 4-H Day

- Model Meetings: Must include one of each of the five main categories of motions—Main, Subsidiary, Incidental, Privileged and Unclassified.
- Model Meeting is a requirement to become eligible to receive a blue or purple seal.
- **All talks must pertain to a project that you are currently enrolled in.**
- Music entries must bring the original sheet of music for the judge and have measures numbered.
- Instrumental entries do not have to be memorized.
- Pre-recorded music accompaniment is allowed.
- Script required for Readings.

4-H Day with Women's Basketball

Save the date! KAE4-HA's annual "4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball" has been scheduled for Sunday, February 12, at 1 p.m.! Join us as the Wildcats take on pre-season #15 Oklahoma. Full information and registration will be available soon.

ZBOOKS ONLINE
4-H RECORD KEEPING

Record keeping and Project Reporting are valuable skills taught to members of the Kansas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep a permanent record of all 4-H and non-4-H experience and are encouraged to summarize their project experiences on the Kansas 4-H Project Report Form for project recognition.

To help you through this process, please refer to the **Guide to Kansas 4-H Project Recognition**. Couple of items to make note of:

- Youth may choose to use either record keeping option: a.) the fillable PDF Project report forms or b.) the online ZBooks software.
- The Permanent Record is included in ZBooks. If you choose to keep records with ZBooks, do not feel like you have to transfer over all of your previous years' activities into the online Permanent Record. Start with this year and attach it to your previous document.

Please see the ZBook...https://4h.zsuite.org.
Notes from the Livestock Meeting:

Coffey County 4-H Livestock Project Leaders/Parents/Members Meeting 11 / 2 / 2022

The following is a summary of the actions taken and decisions made during the November 2, 2022 meeting of Coffey County 4-H livestock project members, leaders, parents and Extension agents.

Those in attendance were reminded that there is always a need for livestock project leaders in the county, both club and county-wide. Must commit to holding at least 2 project meetings during the year for recognition.

Members and parents were also encouraged to seriously consider the use of “Z Books” as a tool to prepare their 4-H Record books for this upcoming year. Several advantages and is user friendly.

KSU Junior Producer Days were mentioned for 2023: Jr. Swine Day is March 11; Jr. Meat Goat Day is March 18.

There were no changes made to the springs shows rules or classes. Show committee chair volunteers included: Vickie Wolford – Sheep; Mary Lou Ponder – Goats; Megan Wilson – Bucket Calf; Jeremy Raaf – Beef; Karen Sergeant - Awards. Show date again this year will be the last Saturday in April. There have been requests to have a spring swine show. Curt and Karen Sergeant are working on preliminary arrangements to make that happen this year. Potential date would be the Sunday before Memorial Day but they are looking into that possibility more before actually setting the date.

Coffey County Fairboard is considering initiating a “bedding fee” to be collected anytime the livestock facilities are to be used for events, shows etc to help cover the cost of replacement and maintenance of the cedar fiber bedding in the beef barn. More discussion and details yet to come.

By consensus of those in attendance, it was decided to remove the requirement for market animals (fairbook rule #9, page 48) that “All species breed “Divisions” will be determined at initial species weigh-ins. Only breeds in which at least 3 separate individuals have pre-entered animals will be designated as a division for entry and awards.” For the 2023 Coffey County Fair, any animal breed represented at initial species weigh-in will be recognized in the fairbook and shown in its specific breed class at the county fair.

In addition, it was decided to begin showing heifers by breed and split by age within the breed class rather than just by age as is currently done. No registration papers will be needed for verification of breed. However, breed designation must be done at time of initial beef weigh-in. Therefore, in 2023 ALL BEEF HEIFERS WILL BE REQUIRED TO BE BROUGHT TO INITIAL BEEF WEIGH-IN for verification of breed designation.

Also for the 2023 county fair, it was decided that the top 3 animals in each class should be recognized in all species and that the judges need to designate the top 5 animals overall in both market and breeding divisions. Awards for the “top 5” are to be laminated signs that can be hung above stalls for the public to see.

The final decision made was to change the allowable birth date for meat goats from January 1st to December 1st to give goats a better opportunity to obtain a desirable market weight by county fair time.