February 2021 4-H News

K-State Research and Extension - Coffey County

CLUB DAYS—FEBRUARY 20, 2021

4-H Club Day is fast approaching. We hope you all are preparing your entries! Be sure your club leader has your entries soon so they can get them to the office by noon **February 8th**. Following through with what you sign up for is very important. This is one of the best ways to help your club earn a purple seal and maybe even the Outstanding Club Trophy!

This year 4-H Club Day will be held at Burlington Elementary School (enter thru east doors) and Coffey County Courthouse (enter thru main lobby west doors), Burlington, KS.

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Club Day—Details

Entries for Talks, Talent, Favorite Foods, Cloverbuds will be in Burlington Elementary. Model meeting practice will be in the foyer of the courthouse. Model meeting / Gavel Games will be in the basement meeting rooms of the courthouse.

Masks and social distancing will be required.

Model meeting only members and leaders will be allowed in the room. Only family will be allowed in the other rooms where judging will take place.

- Demonstrations, Illustrated Talks and Project Talks—Easel and table will be available.
- Favorite Foods—must provide your own card table for display. Two pictures will need to be displayed. One of the Favorite Food preparation and one of the finished product.
- Talent—space for talent is very limited. (Gym is not available.)
- Music—there WILL NOT be a warm up room this year. You will be allowed 2-3 minutes to warm up before beginning.
- All music numbers need to present the judge with an original sheet of music with measures numbered.
- It is illegal to photocopy copyrighted material without the author’s permission. (Be sure to collect the judge’s copy before you go home!)
- If you use taped music accompaniment, then you should still provide the judge with a printed score.
- If you need special props (such as mats, etc.) please notify the office by February 8th.
- REMINDER - Music ensembles perform 2 numbers; public speakers need to give an outline of speech to the judge.

***** If you need technology for your presentation, you must notify us at the time of entry. ****

All schedules will be posted by Wednesday, Feb 10th. They must be reviewed by Friday, Feb 12th for any corrections.

There will not be an award ceremony this year. Results will be posted as soon as they become available.

*****All schedules are subject to change.*****

Club Day Resources can be found on the website at...

https://www.coffey.k-state.edu/4-h/4hclubdayresources/
**4-H Livestock Tagging Guidelines**

The following is a reminder on 4-H livestock tagging guidelines: Write these dates on your calendar and make plans to be there!

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

2. **Beef**—March 27th—Burlington Vet Clinic 8a-10a- All market beef animals and 2nd Year Bucket Calves will be tagged and weighed in. All breeding beef animals must be identified by breed and tag number by this day! You may report the tag or tattoo number already in the ear for breeding animals only. Breeding animals do not need to be present during weigh-in.

**Sheep and Meat Goats**—April 21st—Coffey County Fairgrounds—5-7:00pm All market sheep and market meat goat animals must be weighed in and tagged on this day. All breeding animals must be identified by breed and tag number. You may report the existing ear tag number for the animal. Breeding animals do not need to be present at weigh-in.

3. **1st Year Bucket Calves**—April 21st—Coffey County Fairgrounds along with Sheep and Goat tagging/weigh-in.

**Swine**—April 28th—Coffey County Fairgrounds—5-7:00pm- All market swine must be weighed in and tagged on this day. During weigh in you will need to indicate either gilt or barrow for all market animals! All breeding animals must be identified by breed and tag number. You may report the existing ear tag number for the animal. Breeding animals do not need to be present at weigh in.

3. There will be a form to fill out during each respective species weigh in date. One form per exhibitor should be completed. Animals must have the breed, sex (for pigs), and exhibitor designated during spring weigh in. Breeds may be changed up until June 1st. Exhibitors may be changed up until June 28th during pre-entry. Updates to breed and exhibitor designations will be posted to the website for families to review for accuracy prior to the Coffey County Fair.

*It is important that animal and exhibitor information is accurate, and it is your responsibility to ensure that it is corrected, if necessary, by the appropriate deadline. Only inaccurate information regarding breed information, as determined by screeners during fair weigh-in, will be allowed to be changed. Otherwise, incorrectly entered 4-H exhibits will only be allowed to exhibit in Open Class.*

**The Horse Project Info**

Those interested in participating in District & or State Horse Shows must be certified in Levels I & II. If you wish to start on the Standard of Excellence Level I, then come to the Office to pick up the certification material. You will need to make arrangements to come in at your convenience to take the online test. We have Horse Books available that you may study before taking the test. **Don’t forget HORSE ID papers:** if you have the same horse as last year, bring in your Kansas 4-H Horse ID papers for Darl to sign and copy. With new horses, you must complete a new ID and turn it in with a picture. Either way, 4-H Horse ID papers are due into the Extension office by 5:00 p.m. May 1st.
Scholarships for Seniors – Due March 1, 2021

Watch for the state 4-H Website for available Kansas 4-H Scholarships. For the 2021 Kansas 4-H Scholarship process, we will be moving to online applications.

2021 Kansas 4-H Scholarship Application, 2021 Scholarship List, Vanier Family Scholarship—

https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html

There is a new process for 2021!! Don’t wait till the last minute to start.

KSU Ag College Scholarship forms can be found at https://www.ag.k-state.edu/academics/scholarships.html

Local scholarship applications are located on the 4-H page of our website at http://www.coffey.k-state.edu/4-h/scholarshipsandapps/

If you are completing an application and need a letter of recommendation, please let us know as soon as possible.

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### CONGRATULATIONS to Southeast Area KAP winners!

These KAP are eligible for state. Winners should have received an email with instructions last week. If you didn’t, please contact the office ASAP.

- Beef – Kyanna Lankton
- Clothing and Textiles – Morgan Vogts
- Energy Management – Ashdynn Lehmann
- Fiber Arts – Audrey Durst
- Foods and Nutrition – Audrey Durst
- Health and Wellness – Kyla Lankton
- Horse – Marshall Pendlay
- Leadership – Kaylynn Vogts
- Performing Arts – Isaac Durst
- Photography – Kaylynn Vogts
- Plant Science – Maggie Seaman
- Self Determined – Makena Klubek
- Swine – Sarah Sergeant
- Visual Arts – Kyanna Lankton
- Woodworking – Morgan Vogts
Jr. Producer Days—Swine and Meat Goat

The 2021 junior producer days will be hosted as a virtual series during the course of a week.

The Junior Swine Producer Week - Registration is due Feb 8th. It will take place virtually February 15-20. Presentations will be provided a couple of days during the week, with the final sessions and discussion being on Saturday morning. All of the sessions will be recorded and shared with those who register.

Junior Meat Goat Producer Week—Registration is due March 15th. The event will be virtual during the week of March 15-20.

All youth, parents, leaders and extension agents are invited to participate in these educational experiences. K-State faculty members, graduate students, veterinarians, extension agents, guest speakers and specialists will speak about youth livestock project management. More details and registration information will be released later this fall. Please watch the youth livestock program website and Facebook page for updated information and a link to register.

4-H Dog Judge Training and Certification

The 4-H Dog Judge Training and Certification tentatively set for January 29, 30, and 31, 2021 is cancelled due to COVID-19.

Due to the cancellation, there will be an Online Re-certification Only (no new certifications available) coming in February. All current judges can take this at no cost and will be certified for 5 years. All judges should take this online re-certification to become familiar with the new 4-H Dog Rule book. The new rule book will be posted soon.

2021 Kansas 4-H Discovery Days

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be delivered virtually in 2021. The event will be held on June 1-4th, 2021.

Rabbit ID Form Due May 1st

All rabbit project members are required to submit a "Rabbit Identification Form" with identification for ALL rabbits that 4-Hers are planning on showing at the Coffey County Fair. The form includes exhibitor name, club name, breed, variety, tattoo number, age, and sex. This form must be completed and turned into the Extension Office by the Add/Drop project deadline of May 1st.

coffey.ksu.edu/4-h/coffeycountyfair/Rabbit ID Form.pdf

Permanent Record Q & A

Do I just do this once a year? Ideally, you could use this form all year long and keep adding information as it occurs. Or you can also keep track of your information on a calendar, spreadsheet, or other format, and use this as a yearly summary. How you use it is up to you. Be sure to check for any local requirements in your club and county/district.

If I don't have to turn in a permanent record for the project record award, why should I do this paperwork? It does need to be turned in with your pin application. Ask any high school senior 4-H member ---- and they will tell you that the PR saved them tons of work when filling out scholarship applications!!! It’s also a great tool to use when you are getting ready for summer jobs and preparing a resume. Plus it’s a good way to see your 4-H year at a glance and realize all the great things you have done. And record keeping is a skill that 4-H teaches. Not everyone likes to keep records, but it’s a part of our everyday lives and something that we all have to do.
2021 Project Report Forms – Agents’ Thoughts on Completion.
Yet another “new era” and change in the 4-H “Record Book” as it is commonly known. In 2021 the revisions made by Kansas 4-H are a reversion back to being more inline with a record keeping process and a clearer delineation of the format used. But as always the process begins with the setting of goals.

Section 1: Goals
Most successful projects begin with well-founded goals that provide a plan to increase your personal knowledge, technical skills, and leadership abilities.

A 4-H Project Record Form that shows excellence will begin with goals designed to provide learning, leadership and citizenship experiences for the individual. Ideally, goals should be set at the beginning of the project experience because they help 4-Hers to plan their own project learning experiences. However, goals may be added as unforeseen situations or opportunities arise. It is reasonable to expect an excellent project record to have several goals attainable within the project year. Your goals should be detailed enough to keep the project on track and to evaluate your progress; flexible enough to grow with the project and to determine when you have reached a stopping point or need to change directions;

Here’s a few thoughts and suggestions on the goal setting process.

Set goals that motivate you, and have specific meaning to you and a value to you for accomplishing them. As you try to determine what your goals might be ask yourself these questions: What do I want out of the project why am I really in it; What do I enjoy doing in the project; What am I good at in the project; What would I like to improve on in the project; What gets me motivated about the project; Who do I admire and why; Where do I see myself in the project at the end of the year – in 3 years.

Writing down your goals is the most important part of goal setting. This simple act creates an accountability. It is the first action of many required in accomplishing a goal. As you develop and write down your goals, keep in mind developing and writing “SMART” goals;

Specific - must be clear and well defined. detailed enough to direct you to follow thru to completion
Measurable - Include precise amounts, specific dates, and so on so you can measure your degree of success. ...
Attainable - Be honest with yourself, make sure that it's possible to achieve the goals you set. ...
Relevant - that align with direction you want to go with your project
Time-Bound – use realistic deadlines, set a “finish line”, deadlines create urgency for completion

As you progress in age and advance in your 4-H “career” the balance should shift from project learning and activities, more towards leadership, (teaching another person or a group skills or information including organizing or coordinating an activity, event, or meeting) and citizenship, (helping out in your community and serving others without compensation).