HAPPY NEW YEAR!
We hope you all had a Happy Holiday Season and are looking forward to a great 2021! Please feel free to share any new ideas with us at any time that will benefit the 4-H program.

COUNTY 4-H CLUB DAY
Coffey County 4-H Day and Model Meeting contest will be February 20th

- Model Meetings should have an agenda of the meeting for the judge; this includes order of business, old and new business items and the program.
- Public speaking remember the judge needs an outline.
- Music numbers need to have original copy for the judge (no photocopies) with the measures need to be numbered.
- “Weapons (toys weapon) are not allowed and can’t be used for display or demonstration.
- Favorite Foods—you will need to provide one picture of the favorite food you have selected being prepared and one of the finished plated product.

Remember it helps your club when you participate. Each club needs to assign assistants for the Judge of the clubs assigned room that day. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the Extension Office.

UPCOMING EVENTS / ACTIVITIES

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**Quarterly Community Leader Meetings**

We will be continuing the Quarterly Leader Meetings for the leaders to get together for an informal discussion on 4-H events and topics. It is a great opportunity to be able to share ideas and ask questions to the Agents and amongst each other. We have planned a few meetings for the 2021 year and they will all begin at 6:00 pm in the 4-H Building at Kelley Park.

The dates are as follows:

- January 25th—6:00 pm
- June 28th—6:00 pm
- March 29th—6:00 pm
- September 27th—6:00 pm

**Project Leaders**

Although we discourage face-to-face meetings right now, it is recommended that you start having some type of contact with 4-Her’s now! The 4-Her’s need encouragement and assistance to keep them interested and to gain knowledge as well as to make record book time much easier. If you are a new project leader, please check with the office for info. Reminder - ALL Project Leaders and anyone else who works with 4-H Youth, must be 4-H Volunteer Certified. Contact the Extension Office if you are a new leader and/or you have questions!

**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. Please continue to check back for more information.


KSU Ag College Scholarship forms can be found at [https://www.ag.k-state.edu/academics/scholarships.html](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/](http://www.coffey.k-state.edu/4-h/scholarshipsandapps/)

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

**4-H Market Beef Tagging and Breeding Beef ID Day**

ALL Market Beef MUST be weighed in and tagged on this day in order to show at the Coffey County Spring Show or County Fair. In addition we will be recording ID numbers for BREEDING BEEF. If your cow or breeding heifer already has an ID tag in an ear that is the number that will be used. If not you will be given a number tag that must be in the animal’s ear at County Fair time. **At this time we will plan for weigh-in will take place at the Burlington Vet Clinic from 8:00am to 10:00am, Saturday, March 27th Mark this date on your calendar as it is mandatory in order to exhibit!**

**Annual Countywide Livestock Meeting**

The “Livestock Leaders Meeting” that is generally held in December was postponed with plans to hold the meeting after the first of the year. Watch for a reschedule date in your email.
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species livestock quality assurance program available for youth, ages 8-21. This annual educational and certification program focuses on food safety, animal well-being, and character awareness for youth producing and/or showing livestock. The species targeted in the training includes swine, beef cattle, dairy cattle, sheep, goats, market rabbits, and poultry.

Extension specialists and animal industry representatives were involved in designing the program with the intent to provide a national, standardized livestock quality assurance applicable to multiple species. The curriculum is designed to provide different modules annually, so youth will expand their knowledge by covering new topics every year.

There are two options by which a youth may obtain their YQCA certification; they may attend a 1-hour face-to-face training with a certified instructor, or they may complete the age-appropriate online certification course. Both the face-to-face training, and the online certification course have an associated per child “certification fee”. The YQCA program has been integrated into the 4HOnline system, so families that may need to will be able to register for a face-to-face training, or complete the online certification, by logging in using their 4HOnline credentials.

Coffey County 4-H members at this time are NOT required to complete such training to participate in a livestock project at the county level. However, **YQCA is a requirement associated with the Kansas State Fair**.
NEW PROJECT RECORD FORMS...

4-H Project Record Report Form Replaces KAP. The State 4-H KAP Revision Taskforce Team is excited to announce the launch of a new project-based record keeping and award system for the new 4-H program year. Below are a few things that you need to make sure that are recording and keeping track of.

- Set project goals
- Project Presentations & Communication
- Project Learning Experiences
- Project Exhibits and Showcase Opportunities
- Project Leadership
- Project Citizenship/Community Engagement
- Project Finances (keep receipts) Income and Expenses
- Project Finances (Project Animal Inventory/ Performance Record)
- Seniors (will have to submit a resume and cover letter)

Two Project Record forms
- General Form
- Animal Form

Three Age levels
- Junior 7-9 years (4-H age)
- Intermediate 10-13 year (4-H age)
- Senior 14-18 year (4-H page)

Regional Level
- Submit a Project Record Form, Cover Letter, and Resume

State Level
- Submit a Project Record Form, Cover Letter, Resume and Video

The new forms, an instructional guide and check sheet, an evaluation rubric, and a form fillable personal page and permanent record are now available, as is a free download of the current Adobe Reader DC. Please click the following link for more information: 
https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/4-h-library/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html