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TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER
New Ambassadors!

Congratulations Isaac Durst (Blue Ribbon 4-H) Kyanna Lankton (Smilin’ Thru 4-H) and Halle Finnerty (Liberty 4-H) in becoming 4-H Ambassadors! They will join Elliott Burns, Colleen Decker, Audrey Durst, Michael Lehmann, and Maggie Seaman to make our 2020-2021 Coffey County 4-H Ambassador team. Contact an ambassador directly or call the Extension Office if you would like any of them to speak to a group promoting 4-H, or if you need help with a 4-H project.

THANK YOU NOTES

Have you sent your “Thank You” notes to the people who sponsored an award you received, or even your livestock premium buyer(s)? If not, then please take the time to do so! These contributions are vital to the support of the Coffey County 4-H program. Feel free to call the Extension Office if you need help finding an address.

COUNTY FAIR PREMIUM CHECKS

Just a quick reminder that county fair premium checks are only good for 60 days following the date of issue. Please be sure to deposit or cash those checks in a timely manner. In the past the Fair Board has had outstanding checks into January! Check with your club leader if you have not received your premium check.

Enrollment for 2020-2021 begins October 1st!
**2021 Extension Council Elections**

Voting to elect 2020 Extension Council members will take place on a walk-in basis, October 12-16 from 8:00 am-5:00 pm (including the lunch hour) at the Extension Office.

Each year, Kansas State Law requires an election be held for the purpose of selecting representatives to serve a two-year term on one of four committees on the Coffey County Extension Council. These representatives will be selected for Agriculture, Family & Consumer Sciences, 4-H Youth Development or Community Development. The members of the council have the responsibility of directing the work of the Extension programs in Coffey County and they serve as advisors to the Extension Agents. Anyone wanting to have their name placed on the ballot for one of those positions needs to turn their name in by October 1 to the Extension Office or an Extension Board Member: Ashley Krueger, Sarah Rice, Carie Collins, Beau Beyer, Clinton Sowder, Marissa Watts, Vickie Foster, Mike Thorp, Angie Truelove

**Extension Council Positions to be Filled or Re-elected**

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** Representatives have served 2 two-year terms and are ineligible to be re-elected.

**RADIO SPOTS – SIGN UP WITH MARY LOU!**

Attention 4-Hers: How about starting off the new 4-H year by presenting a short speech on the radio? You can get one talk checked off for the new year, and the radio spots will run during National 4-H Week/Month! Not only will these promotional speeches count at the County level, but also at the Area, State and National levels!

Mary Lou Ponder is setting up the schedule for the yearly radio spots in September with KSNP. She has 20-second spots prepared. For those wanting to prepare their own, the spots MUST BE ONLY 20-seconds long. Each 4-Her is allowed only one spot. The deadline to schedule your radio spot with Mary Lou is September 15th! **Recording will take place from the Extension Office starting at 4:30pm on September 23rd.**

**Order of KAP’s**

**Contents of Each Project KAP Folder**

1. Personal Page
2. Project Story
3. Age Appropriate KAP Form (See instructions for detailed information on filling out the KAP forms.)

**Contents of Each Binder or Flex File**

1. Self Nomination Form
2. 1 KAP Checklist
3. 1 Member Pin Application
4. Each Project KAP Folder (In Alphabetical Order)
5. 1 Permanent Record Form
Kansas Award Portfolios (KAP)

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS AND MORE KAP RESOURCES ARE LOCATED ON OUR WEBSITE
(CLICK HERE)

♦ Remember, each age appropriate KAP form (with a personal page and respective project story) is to be in its own folder and each folder should be either three hole punched and placed into a 3 ring binder, or filed into a "flex file" folder in alphabetical order. If you are unable to use a 3 ring binder or flex file, then you may choose to rubber band your portfolio together.

♦ Understand that all phases of a specific project award area are to be included in a single KAP for that award area. For example market beef and breeding beef are all phases included in a single beef KAP. The Dairy KAP should include dairy animals for all species including dairy cows, dairy heifers, dairy nannies. Several project areas with multiple phases include beef, sheep, swine, fiber arts, foods, and clothing to name a few. It has been decided however to keep bucket calves as a separate KAP since both dairy and beef are included in this project and members are not old enough to advance to area evaluation.

AGE APPROPRIATE KAP FORMS

♦ Forms are linked on our KAP Resources page and located on the Kansas 4-H website. (CLICK HERE)

♦ There are several “age appropriate” forms available to use depending on the age of the 4-Her. We encourage intermediates in Coffey County to use the senior form. First of all it gets them used to the format earlier and there is very little difference between the two forms.

KAP STORY

♦ There is a section in the KAP Instructions posted online to try and help explain what to include in a story. The main things to remember are that: there is to be a story included with each KAP submitted. KAP form Section 2 is not for your story. Section 2 is to be a SUMMARY of your project work! 7 and 8 year olds using the 7-8 Year Old KAP form are encouraged to write a story even though it is not necessary to with that form. Each story should be specific to the particular project KAP and may be up to 6 pages. It is suggested that the first full page be an introductory” page and “overview” of your entire 4-H participation. This page could be used as the first page for all the project specific stories written for each KAP with the following pages detailing your project work within that project.

♦ 4-Hers should concentrate on relaying what they learned throughout the year, what they shared with others and not just how they placed at shows and fair.

♦ There is a KAP story writing presentation available on our 4-H page (CLICK HERE)

KAP SCORESHEET

♦ Any 4-Her who turned 14 years of age or older prior to January 1, 2020 is eligible to submit an area KAP winning portfolio for SE area judging to be eligible for the state level. You may want to reference this score sheet as you put your KAP’s together and write your stories. A copy of this scoresheet is also posted on the Kansas 4-H KAP page. (CLICK HERE)

4-H Brand KAP Folders are available in the Extension Office for $3.00 each. You may also order folders from 4-H Mall online. (CLICK HERE)
4-H Office Elections

To make elections a more educational experience, talk to the 4-Her’s (especially the younger ones) about the election process and why we use it in a democracy. Prepare a ballot. Allow the group to see the total nominating committees’ report of nominations before taking nominations from the floor. The elections meeting is a unique meeting and not a good example of most 4-H club meetings, because of this, never encourage a prospective member, especially a young member to attend the election meeting.

Other suggestions include:

- New members are not eligible to be elected into offices or vote.
- 2020-2021 4-Her’s are allowed to vote.
- Candidates should be introduced and encouraged to Introduce themselves with a very brief (one minute) campaign “speech” before balloting.
- Numbering the candidates may allow very young members to vote without assistance.
- Consider setting term limits to allow new leadership. Policy should be consistent from year to year. Example: 2 consecutive terms.
- An effective officer must be someone that has a good attendance and participation record.
- Every leader, nominating committee member, and current officer should review the club bylaws and be familiar with them before elections.

2020-2021 4-H Enrollment Begins OCTOBER 1ST

Step-by Step Instructions for enrolling are located on our website under the “Enrollment Information” tab of the 4-H web page on our website at: http://www.coffey.k-state.edu/4-h/enrollingin4h/

The very basic instructions include 2 steps:

1. Enroll or Re-Enroll online using a previous 4-H Online account, or by creating a new account. If you are a returning member DO NOT create a new account, as this will create a duplicate enrollment for you online. The website is ks.4honline.com.
2. Print and sign an enrollment report from 4-H Online to turn into the Extension Office by or before December 1st.

Officer Training

Each club is responsible for training all of their own officers this year! Officers training will be held by your club during your October 4-H club meeting (unless scheduled otherwise by your club leader) by November 1, 2020! Training must be held for Presidents, Vice Presidents, Parliamentarians, Secretaries, Treasurers, Reporters, Historians, Song Leaders, and Recreations Leaders.

All elected club officers are required to attend, and sign in indicating that they were in attendance.
KANSAS YOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM
Planning is underway for the 21st annual Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, November 21-22, 2020, which will be held virtually via Zoom this year.

The theme for the forum this year is “Let’s Taco ‘Bout Leadership.” This event, designed for youth ages 14-18, and 4-H volunteers, will include speakers, workshops, and the election of the 2021 Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council.

The early registration deadline is scheduled for October 15th. More information and the link to register will be posted on the Kansas 4-H page (CLICK HERE).

48 Hours of 4-H
Kansas 4-H’ers are looking to make a big impact across the state of Kansas October 10-11, 2020 during 48 Hours of 4-H. Join the Coffey County 4-H Ambassadors and 4-H Clubs in a weekend of service after National 4-H Week to show your appreciation and give back to your communities. Community service gives young people a chance to cooperate together for the common good developing connections with their communities that will extend into adulthood. If you have an idea for a service project, contact the Extension Office or a 4-H Ambassador.

Wear your Clover to school.
4-H Spirit Day
Wednesday,
Share your pictures on social media...#Opportunity4ALL

To Me, Opportunity Means

I Support #Opportunity4All
Volunteers
Our county 4-H program would not be the same if not for the dedication of our amazing volunteers. Those wishing to renew as a volunteer for the 2020-2021 4-H year will be required to complete a re-enrollment through 4-H Online. New Volunteers will need to create a 4-H online profile, complete the online Volunteer Orientation Training and Criminal Background Check. Step by step volunteer information is located on our website under the “Volunteer Information” tab of the 4-H page. (CLICK HERE)

SELECT TO RECEIVE TEXTS
In order to help create more prompt lines of communication with all of our 4-H families, you may consider enabling the text message option when re-enrolling for the new 4-H year (starting October 1). To do so simply provide your cell phone number, check the box to receive notices via text message, and select your cell phone provider from the drop down menu on the Profile Information page of the enrollment. You may also contact Lauren in the Extension Office to ask her to update this portion of your 4-H Online profile for you.

Text messages are simply an additional means for communicating information to our 4-H families. Please understand that it is not a requirement to update your 4-H Online profile so that you receive text messages. Your standard carrier messaging rates may apply to any text that you receive through 4-H Online. We will continue to maintain multiple forms of communication in order to ensure that everyone has the opportunity to receive information from our office. Other forms/resources for communication include email, mail, Facebook, Coffey County 4-H web page, and of course you are always welcome to call our office.

LET’S COMMUNICATE!
Like us on Facebook:
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Check out our website:
coffey.ksu.edu/4-h
Let Lauren know if you want to receive mailed communications for the 2020-2021 4-H Year! This includes the 4-H Newsletter!
Add us to your email contact list so that we don’t get sent to your junk folder:
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Lauren: ljohnson15@ksu.edu
Jill: jbarnhardt@ksu.edu
4-H Online: no-reply@4honline.com

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