# Coffey County 4-H Newsletter

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**Enrollment for 2021-2022 begins October 1st!**

**TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER**

**New Ambassadors!**

**Congratulations Ashdynn Lehmann and Kyla Lankton (Smilin' Thru 4-H), and Zane Edelman (Blue Ribbon 4-H) in becoming 4-H Ambassadors!**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

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2021 Extension Council Elections

Voting to elect 2021 Extension Council members will take place on a walk-in basis, October 18-22 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: Sarah Rice, Carie Collins, Beau Beyer, Clinton Sowder, Marissa Watts, Nicole Lingerfelt, Mike Thorp, Angie Truelove, Bonnie Vannocker.

Extension Council Positions to be Filled or Re-elected

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<td>Salli Stewart</td>
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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 4:30 pm on September 22nd.

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.
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.

2021-2022 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, 2021! 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.
KANSASYOUTH LEADERSHIP FORUM
Planning is underway for the 21st annual Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, November 20-21, 2021, which will be held at Rock Springs 4-H Center. KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2022. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun. Early bird registration closes on Oct 15, 2021. Full price registrations will be taken until November 1, 2021. Registration is scheduled to open in early September.

48 Hours of 4-H
Kansas 4-Her’s are looking to make a big impact across the state of Kansas October 9-10, 2021 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.
https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/48-hours-of-4-h/

4-H Volunteer Project Leader Training Series - Fall 21
Please help promote the Kansas 4-H Fall 2021 Volunteer Project Leader Training Series. The sessions are designed to provide 4-H volunteer project leaders with tangible ideas and resources they can use to engage 4-H Youth. All sessions are free and will be recorded. The sessions are scheduled to start at 6:30 CST. The general outline for sessions is as follows:

Sept. 21 – Personal Development – Public Speaking
Sept. 23 – STEM – Rocketry
Sept. 28 – FCS – Textile Science
Sept. 30 – Animal Science – Livestock
Oct. 5 – Service Learning
Oct. 7 – Creative Arts – Visual Arts – Barn Quilts
Oct. 12 – Financial Literacy
Oct. 14 – Ag & Nat Resources – Wildlife

To Register for the event - 4-H Volunteer Project Leader Training Series Registration
https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_b2h9P3ROvNs8jl2

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, 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.
LET'S COMMUNICATE!

Like us on Facebook:
K-State Research and Extension– Coffey County

Check out our website:
coffey.ksu.edu/4-h

Let the office know if you want to receive mailed communications for the 2021-2022 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:
Darl: dhenson@ksu.edu
Lauren: ljohnson15@ksu.edu
Jill: jbarnhardt@ksu.edu
4-H Online: no-reply@4honline.com (Do not send messages to this address)

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 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.

Correspondence Preference: Mail

Cell Phone: 555-555-1234

You wish to receive notices via text message: @ Select your provider ...
An agent's thoughts to 4-H Parents

As we've gotten into the 4-H "Record Book" completion part of the 4-H year we as agents are hearing several concerns about problems with the NEW "Project Report Forms". As I have tried myself to go thru and actually fill a set out, I will be the first to agree there are some frustrating "glitches" with the new forms. As with most things new, such things are to be expected. Also, as agents we will do our very best to help get your concerns to the state 4-H Office and personnel in charge of this process and encourage them to rectify them as best can be.

That said, as agents, leaders and parents we can make the choice to recognize the shortcomings and accept and work thru them for this year OR we can be the negative Nelly's and complain and discourage our kids from completing this process. I always try to remember that we tell our older youth, realize it or not, they will be an influence on the younger kids. Whether that will be a positive one or a negative one is ultimately up to them. Hopefully, WE keep that in mind ourselves and remember that the record book process is one of those life skills we are striving to develop, as well as dealing with life's frustrations along with perseverance. So, I would encourage you to help your 4-Her to complete the process in some fashion.

I would also encourage you not to make this record book process just about a means to an award. Instead with as much ease as possible, make it a meaningful tool for YOUR 4-Her. Especially for the younger kids, let them write in the information. For all, use information and numbers and a story that are useful to them to help keep a RECORD that might be a useful reference in the future.

Jill has worked diligently to work thru and find solutions for the "glitches" she has encountered with her own kids and I have worked with the livestock forms to try and come up with suggestions there as well. We're here to help. Give us a call.

Darl
Project Record Reports

These items should be completed and placed in the front of the expandable folder with dividers.

- **Coffey County Champion Self – Nomination/Designation Form**
  - Must be completed to know if 4-Her is interested in being considered for county award.
  - [https://www.coffey.k-state.edu/4-h/projectrecords/21_CFCountyChampionDesignationForm081121.pdf](https://www.coffey.k-state.edu/4-h/projectrecords/21_CFCountyChampionDesignationForm081121.pdf)

- **Permanent Record**
  - One permanent record must be submitted in order for any of members project records to be considered complete. This is also a requirement of the pin applications.
  - [https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html)
    - Under FORMS – Permanent Record – this is a word document.

- **Member Pin Application**
  - Each 4-Her should complete their appropriate year pin application. (Pins are awarded in order.)
    - Member Achievement Pin Eligibility 2021 – list of what pin should be getting next.
    - [https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/index.html)

- **Coffey County Project Record Checklist / Project Record Seal Form**
  - By completing this form you will receive the seal for this years records.
  - [https://www.coffey.k-state.edu/4-h/projectrecords/Coffey%20County%20Project%20Record%20Award%20Checklist%202021.pdf](https://www.coffey.k-state.edu/4-h/projectrecords/Coffey%20County%20Project%20Record%20Award%20Checklist%202021.pdf)
Project Record Reports

- These items should be completed and placed 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.

- Personal Information Page
  - Need one of these with each project record report. (Make copies)
  - [https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/docs/projectrecordsandawards/Personal%20Info%20Page.pdf](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/docs/projectrecordsandawards/Personal%20Info%20Page.pdf)

- Project Record Forms
  - This is new KAP forms.
  - One should be completed for each project that you are entered in.
  - This is the completion of your project for the year.
  - Please use the age appropriate and project appropriate forms.
  - [https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html)
    - Under Project Record Report Form