

Coffey County 4-H News

2022
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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 fin-
ish your enroll-
ments today!

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UPCOMING

DEC 1	4-H Enrollment Due
DEC 1	Club Program Books Due
DEC 26-30	Office Closed for Christmas
JAN 13	Project Record Books Due for Area Screening
JAN 20	Area Project Record Book Screening
FEB 25	Club Days—Burlington Elementary School
FEB 24-25	Ambassador Training @ Rock Springs
MAR 25	Regional Club Days @ Madison
JULY 19-23	143rd Coffey County Fair



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.

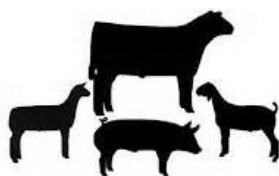
Scholarships

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



Kansas Junior Livestock Show

**The dates for KJLS 2023 will be
Sept 29– Oct 1, 2023**

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

Tentatively March 16– 19, 2023— Tony’s Pizza Events Center– Salina, KS— www.equifestofks.com

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.

There will be some changes and fairbook wording made to address the county fair weigh-in protocol. Scales will be checked for accuracy prior to each weigh-in. Access to the scale area will be more restricted in the future to eliminate confusion for those recording weights.

The topic of the need for beef cattle "tie out rails" to be installed in the area where stock trailers and pens are now being used during the county fair was introduced. After considerable discussion the consensus of the group was "tie outs" were not needed but containment and safe passage of animals and exhibitors to and from the barns to the overnight area was of more concern. Solution to be tried this year is to limit the space allowed for pens and designate specific club locations throughout the entire areas. The space allotted for each club would be based on the number of beef entries for the club as a percent of the total beef entry numbers for the fair. The club assignment of space would also be on a yearly rotational basis similar to that of the camper spaces assignments. In addition, each night the access road(s) from the beef exhibit barn to the overnight area would be barricaded with public traffic being restricted from 9:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. ONLY beef animals and exhibitors would be allowed to travel the road way during this time to enhance the SAFETY of movement of animals and exhibitors as well as that of the general public. Optional early removal of beef animals between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m. prior to the demolition derby on Saturday night will continue to be allowed with road access to general public being restricted from 6:30 to 7:00 as well.

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.