



# Coffey County 4-H Newsletter



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*TO MAKE THE BEST BETTER*

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Congratulations Alonna Rodgers, Liberty 4-H Club and Rachael Barnhardt, Tip Top 4-H Club and in becoming new 4-H Ambassadors!

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*Enrollment for  
2023-2024 begins  
October 1st!*



## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 8-17	Kansas State Fair
Sept 19	Pick up State Fair entries in the office
Sept 20	Radio Sports (Contact MaryLou by Sept 17th to get a spot)
Sept 22	Project Record Books are due in the office (from Leaders)
Sept 25	4-H Leaders Meeting 6:00 PM 4-H Council 7:30PM
Oct 1	4-H Enrollment Begins
Oct 1-7	National 4-H Week
Oct 6-7	48 Hours of 4-H
Oct 4	Wear your Clover to school/work
Oct 18	Extension office OPEN HOUSE 4-H SHOWCASE—come learn about different projects that are offered.
Oct 16-20	Extension Council Elections—open over noon hour all week.
Oct 15	Kansas Youth Livestock Forum early bird registration
Oct 22	4-H Achievement Ceremony— 4-H Building

## **2023 Extension Council Elections**

Voting to elect 2023 Extension Council members will take place on a walk-in basis, October 16-20 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: Megan Wilson, Kelsey Lingenfelter, Carie Collins, Lacy Lankton, Janine Dorr, Amy Foster, Coltlyn Hale, Ashley Krueger, Mike Thorp*

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

<b>Agriculture</b>	<b>Family &amp; Consumer Science</b>	<b>4-H Youth Development</b>	<b>Community Development</b>
Cody Collins	Mary Davies	Amy Foster	Ashley Krueger
Angie Truelove**	Jenifer Hugunin**	Coltlyn Hale	Walker Trimble
Jarrold Ecton**	Salli Stewart**	Travis Skillman**	Mike Thorp**

\*\* 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 on **Wednesday, September 20th** 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 17th! **Recording will take place at the radio station starting at 4:30pm on September 20th.**

## **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. Check with your club leader if you have not received your premium check.

## 4-H Officer 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.
- 2022-2023 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.

## 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, 2023!** 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.

## 2022-2023 ACHIEVEMENT CEREMONY

*Join us as we recognize 4-H members,  
volunteers, and clubs for their special  
achievements in the 2023 4-H year!*

**October 22nd**

**4 PM—4-H Building**

# NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

October 1-7, 2023

**OCTOBER 4th—  
Coffey County  
wear your clover  
to school or work.  
Share pictures  
with us and on  
social media.**

## **2023-2024 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](http://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.

## **48 Hours of 4-H**

Kansas 4-Hers are looking to make a big impact across the state of Kansas October 6-7, 2023 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/>