

Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Coffey County 4-H



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Enrollment Deadline

December 1st is the deadline to enroll in 4-H projects for 2025. We are currently at 13 Cloverbuds and 141 4-H members for the 2025 year!

REMINDER: Please review membership pin applications so that you can start checking things on the list.



Regional Record Book Judging

Project record books are due to the Extension Office for submission by **January 13th**. Please let us know if you are interested in volunteering to judge! This is an excellent opportunity to see some outstanding Project Record Books and get format ideas to help improve Project Record Books in our county.



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Scholarships 25-26

March 1st - Kansas 4-H scholarships are due to the State 4-H office by 11:59pm. Applications are posted online on the Coffey County 4-H page. There are also three local scholarships available: Frances Spielman, Ambassador Scholarship, and Dale Douglass which are also due by March 1, 2025 to the Extension Office.

Coffey County Fair Board

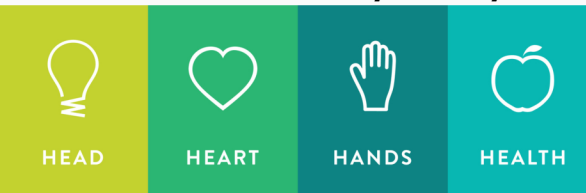
If you have any questions or input please feel free to attend a monthly meeting which takes place every third Wednesday at the Fair Office beginning at 7pm.

The Fair theme for 2025 is:

"Boots, Roots and Cattle Chutes at the Coffey County Fair"
-Submitted by Liberty 4-H Club

K-STATE JUNIOR PRODUCER DAY- REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Registration is now open for the 2025 K-State Junior Producer Days! Junior Swine Producer Day will be hosted on March 1, with Junior Meat Goat Producer Day scheduled for March 22. These are family learning events. Attendees of all ages are invited!



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 experiences 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](#). A few items to make note of include:

- 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.



COUNTY 4-H CLUB DAY

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR
**FEBRUARY 22, 2025 FOR THE
 COUNTY 4-H CLUB DAY AT
 THE BURLINGTON
 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Preparing for County 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

Important updates to Club Days:

- **Project talks** will now have two divisions
- ONLY at Club Days and Regionals
 - Junior, age 7-9
 - Intermediate, age 10-13
 - **Two** from each age division will qualify for Regional Club Days
- **Readings** will now have three divisions
 - Junior, age 7-9
 - Intermediate, age 10-13
 - Senior, age 14-18
 - **One** from each age division will qualify for Regional Club Days

Demo Days Update:

- Project talk age, 7-11
- ONLY one division





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 Saturday, January 4th at 4pm! Join us as the Wildcats take on the Texas Tech Red Raiders. Deadline to register is December 13th. Register at <http://tinyurl.com/4HDaywiththeCats2025>

Important 4-H Policy Reminder:

A 4-H member must attend and participate in a least **six** community club meetings from the start of 4-H year until the *County Fair* in order to participate in any project sales, including the livestock premium sale.

IMPORTANT WEIGHT CHANGE FOR HAIR SHEEP:

Fairboard voted and passed that the market weight for the premium sale, specific to Hair Sheep, has been set at 70 lbs.

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.

Coffey County 4-H Program Development Committee (PDC)

Congratulations to Ashley Krueger for being elected to the Coffey County 4-H Youth Development Program Committee for 2025. She will join Janine Dorr, Aimee Ludlum, Kelcey Lamar, Christina Morray, and Amy Foster in giving direction to the 4-H programs of Coffey County over the next year. We want to thank Lacy Lankton for her leadership and service this past year as they will be leaving the PDC.

Thank
you

Dear Coffey County 4-H,

Thank you for choosing us as the 2024 Coffey County Friend of 4-H. We are very honored to have received this award. To say that 4-H is an important part of our lives would be an understatement. All of our best memories and friendships are because of 4-H. As we sat and watched the awards banquet, we were reminded of why 4-H is the BEST youth organization. We love to see kids recognized for their efforts in their projects, especially record books. What kids are doing in 4-H is every bit as important as sports. Don't let anyone tell you otherwise. In fact, 4-H is a sport for some kids. But the best thing about 4-H is that there is no varsity, no jv, and no benchwarmers. Everyone can find success and be good at 4-H. It was nice to see so many older kids being recognized for being camp counselors. It makes us happy to see so many kids learning how to become leaders. That's what 4-H is all about. We also know that it is hard to stay in 4-H as you get older. Please don't quit. Having 4-H on your resume can help you get college scholarships. 4-H teaches skills that are not taught in school, such as responsibility, leadership, citizenship, public speaking, goal setting, record keeping, and communication, just to name a few. These things will matter later in life. We realize that being a part of 4-H is a huge time commitment and a lot of work, but it is well worth the effort. 4-H creates good people who become successful, contributing members of society. The Coffey County 4-H family is a special one, and we are proud to be a part of it. Thank you for choosing us as the Coffey County Friend of 4-H.

Curt & Karen Sergeant



4-H COUNCIL MEETINGS

Monday, January 20th @ 7:30pm
in the Extension Office

Monday, March 24th @ 7:30pm in
the Extension Office

Monday, June 30th @ 7:30pm
in the Extension Office

COFFEY COUNTY FAIRBOARD

Wednesday, December 18th @ 7:00pm
in the Fair Office Building

Wednesday, January 15th @ 7:00pm in
the Fair Office Building

Wednesday, February 19th @ 7:00pm in
the Fair Office Building

Looking Ahead...

December

- Dec 1
 - 4-H Enrollment Due
- December 25 | Office Closed for Christmas

January

- January 1
 - Office Closed for New Years
- January 13
 - Books qualifying for area record book judging need to be turned in to the office by 5pm

February

- February 5
 - Deadline for Swine Producer Day Registration
- February 16-17
 - 4-H Citizenship in Action, Topeka
- February 22
 - County Club Days
- February 26
 - Registration deadline for Meat Goat Producer Day Registration

March

- March 1
 - Scholarships Due
 - Jr. Swine Producer Days
- March 22
 - Jr. Meat Goat Producer Day
- March 26
 - Beef Weigh In

April

- April 16
 - Sheep, Goat & Bucket Calf Weigh In
- April 23
 - Swine Weigh In



2024-2025 Club Assignments

Blue Ribbon: 4-H Sunday

Liberty: Horse Show

Smilin' Thru: Parade of Purples

Tip Top: Spring Show

Stringtown Bombers: Achievement Banquet

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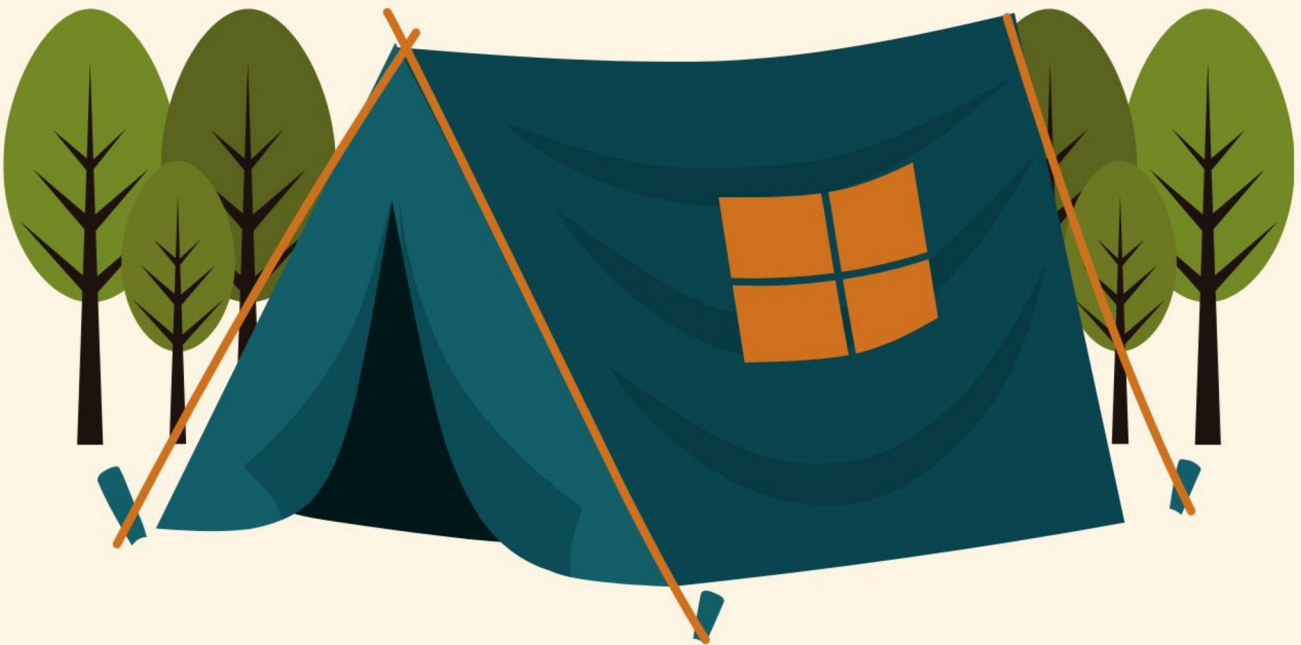
Accommodations:

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services, and activities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting Jill or Cassidy two weeks prior to the start of the event at 620-364-5313. Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so.

COFFEY COUNTY

SUMMER CAMP

JUNE 4TH - 6TH



Archery / Swimming / Campfire / Low Ropes Course

Summer camps are a great way for kids to make new friends, gain confidence, and develop new skills. Registration dates will be announced soon!

WHITE MEMORIAL CAMPGROUND
