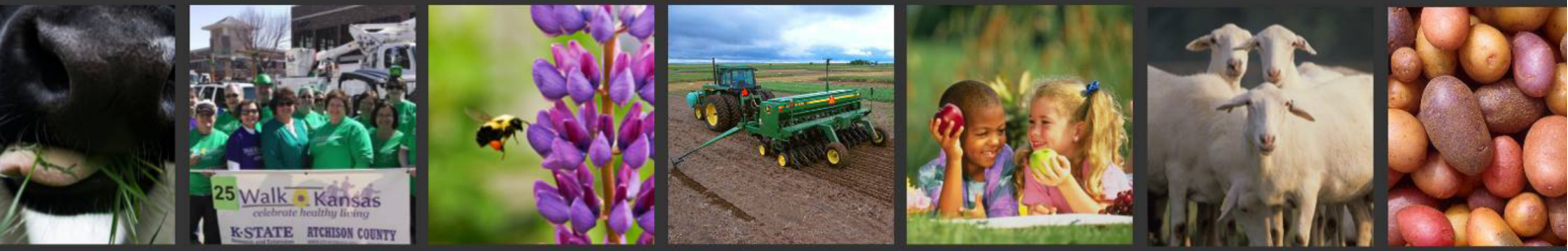
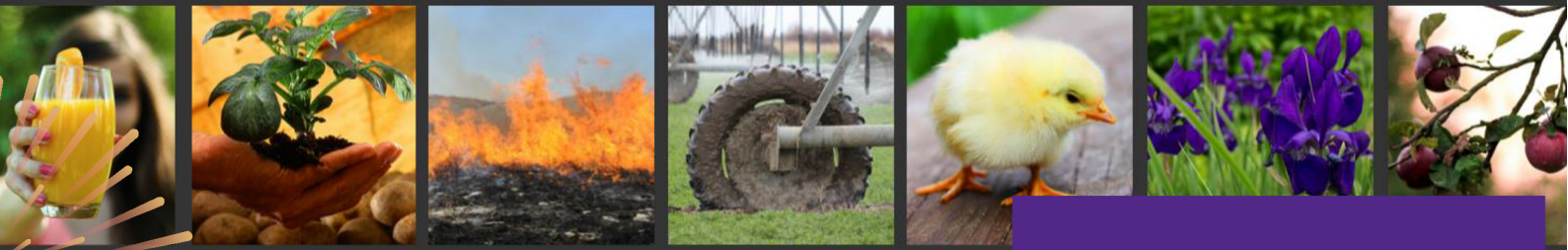


Newsletter

Official Newsletter of Coffey County 4-H



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HAPPY NEW (4-H) YEAR

Welcome to the new 4-H year! This year is sure to be full of memories that will last a lifetime. What better way to kick off the new year than by getting out into the community and completing community service project(s) for National 4-H Week and 48 Hours of 4-H?!

We cannot wait to see what you do to put your "hands to larger service" and hope that you are as excited as we are to get this new year started! Remember, please enroll for the new 4-H year by **December 1st.**

This is the final communication that will be sent to our 2023-2024 4-H families, so you will have to re-enroll before you will receive anymore information regarding the new 4-H year from us. We certainly want to keep you in the "know", so re-enroll today!

<https://www.coffey.k-state.edu/4-h/enrollingin4h/>

Contact the Extension Office if you have any questions about 4-H, enrollment, clubs, projects, etc. Don't hesitate to reach out!

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48 Hours of 4-H

48 hours of 4-H is set for October! This is a great way to promote 4-H in your communities following National 4-H week. Each club will be completing at least one community service project—talk to your club leaders and ambassadors about what your club is doing.

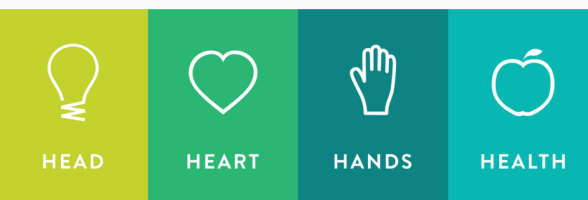
BEFORE THE EVENT: Register your project with Kansas 4-H

DURING THE EVENT: Keep track of how many youth/adults participate, what you accomplish, and how much time you spent

- Take lots of pictures!!!!

AFTER THE EVENT:

- Have your club's reporter send something to the newspaper about your project! Include pictures, number of people, and a summary of what you accomplished.
- One person from each club should report event results and participation numbers online at kansas4h.org.
- Send thank you notes to anyone who helped make your event a success or went the extra mile.



Achievement Banquet - October 20th

We are SO proud of all Coffey County 4-Her's for the growth and accomplishments in the 2023-2024 4-H year! Mark your calendars for a fun evening celebrating your accomplishments.

The achievement program will be hosted by Tip Top 4-H Club on **Sunday, October 20th, beginning at 4:00pm at the New Strawn Community Building.** If any club has sponsors, buyers, or any special person that they want to invite—please send a list of those invitees with addresses to Tip Top leaders right away. Each club should RSVP with the total amount from your club attending the achievement banquet by October 7th. Your club leader may RSVP to the Extension Office at 620-364-5313.



4-H Recruitment!

With a new 4-H year starting, it's a good time to be out recruiting new families to join your clubs. Think about getting out to your local school, library, & other public meeting places to spread the word about 4-H! Get with your club leaders and ambassadors to learn about how your club is promoting 4-H.

We have several recruiting and informational items about 4-H in the Extension Office. Give us a call or drop by if you need any help!

Volunteer Information

Renewing Volunteers: Volunteers that were ACTIVE volunteers for the 2023-2024 4-H year.

- Re-enroll in 4-H Online.

New Volunteers:

- Enroll in 4-H Online under your family account
- Complete Criminal Background Check
 - Attention: Only community club leaders, countywide project leaders holding meetings, and club project leaders who will hold, at minimum, 2 project meetings per year should enroll as certified volunteers.

ENROLL NOW:



4X
THE IMPACT

4-H'ers are 4X more likely to contribute to their communities*



2X
THE IMPACT

4-H'ers are 2X more likely to participate in STEM activities outside of school*



2X
THE IMPACT

4-H'ers are 2X more likely to make healthier choices.*

Don't forget to enroll in the new 4-H year! Enrollment is an easy 2 step process that can be completed on your own, with the help of a community club leader, or by simply stopping by the Extension Office anytime between now and December 1st.

1. Enroll in 4-H Online and pay the State 4-H enrollment fee (\$15) by check or credit card.
2. After you submit your membership and it is approved by Kansas 4-H, we will send you a membership report to verify project enrollment. Please sign and date the forms verifying they are correct



2024-2025 Club Assignments

Horse Show: Liberty

Parade of Purples: Smilin' Thru

Spring Show: Tip Top

Achievement: Stringtown Bombers

4-H Sunday: Blue Ribbon

Financial Audit Reports Due:

It is required that all 4-H Clubs have their Treasurer's books audited every year before the new Treasurer takes over, even if the Treasurer is re-elected. A copy of the Annual 4-H Audit Report should be turned into the Extension Office by November 1st. Each club's report will be reviewed by the Extension Executive Board at their next meeting! **NO EXCEPTIONS!!**

Blank financial reports are available on our county 4-H page under the '4-H Financial Review' tab.

2025 Coffey County Fair Theme Ideas:

Each club may submit a fair theme idea to the Coffey County Fair Board for the 145th Annual Coffey County Fair by Noon on November 13th! Send your ideas to Vickie Stutesman at freedom.farms1150@gmail.com. The Fair Board will vote on your ideas to select the theme for this coming year!

Club Program Books:

Please turn your 2024-2025 Club Program Books into the Extension Office by December 1, 2024. These books are very important resources for prospective and new 4-H families. **Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!** We would also like one copy of your club bi-laws this year to keep on record in the Extension office.

Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend

The Kansas 4-H Leadership Weekend will be November 23-24 at Rock Springs and consists of the **Kansas Youth Leadership Forum** and the **Kansas 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum**.

KYLF is for youth ages 14-18 before January 1, 2025, and KVF is for all Kansas 4-H Volunteers. KYLF will feature leadership workshops, Youth Council Elections, and opportunities to learn and have fun.

The Kansas 4-H Volunteer Leader Forum will feature workshops and information to help volunteers be more effective and learn from each other. The Kansas Association of 4-H Volunteers organizes this Forum for adults. Registration is open now! Again, this year participants in both forums will register through the same system. Registration deadline is October 15, for both events. There will also be an option for coming in Friday evening and having breakfast Saturday morning for those coming from a distance. Draft agendas and prices are on the websites linked above.

Policy

Changes have been made in the 2024-2025 4-H Policy. Please take time to review them on our website here: <https://www.coffey.k-state.edu/4-h/4hclubforms/>

Radio Spots

Radio Spots will take place **October 16th, from 5pm-8pm** during Open house/4-H Showcase **in our office at 225 Cross Street**. Start 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! Not only will these promotional speeches count at the county level, but also at the area, state, and national levels. Please contact MArY Lou by October 9th to schedule your spot.



Looking Ahead...

October

- 1 | ENROLLMENT FOR NEW 4-H YEAR!
- 6-12 | National 4-H Week
- 9 | Wear your clover to school day
- 12 & 13 | 48 hrs of 4-H
- 14-18 | Extension Council Elections
- 16 | Open House/Project Showcase
 - Radio Spots
- 20 | Achievement Banquet at the **New Strawn Community Building at 4:00pm**
 - 4-H Council Meeting immediately following Achievement Banquet
- 23 | Fairboard Meeting
- 28 | 4-H Council & Leaders Meetings
- 30 | Extension Council Meeting

November

- 1 | 4-H Club Financial Audit Reports Due
- 28 & 29 | Extension Office Closed - Thanksgiving

December

- 1 | Enrollments Due
 - Club Program Books & Bylaws Due

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN OPEN HOUSE

October 16th, 10 a.m. – 8 p.m.
225 Cross St, Burlington, KS 66839



Come tour our office location!
Refreshments and cookies provided

**VOTE FOR THE 2025
EXTENSION COUNCIL
WHILE YOU'RE HERE!**

COFFEY COUNTY EXTENSION

- Agriculture & Natural Resources
- Family & Consumer Science
- 4-H Youth Development.
- Community Vitality



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