



December

30 Extension Office Closed

January

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3 Registration Due for

NELE

8 Purple Ribbon Prep Foods & Nutrition, Alma, 1:00 p.m.

9 Senior Record Books Due to Extension Office for area judging

12 Cloverbuds, Eskridge, 7 p.m.

15 Registration Due for Horse Panorama

15 Registration Due for CIA

16 Entries Due for National Festival of Breads

16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day, Extension Office Closed

17 Registration Due for 9th Annual 4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball

18 Fair Themes DUE to Extension Office

21 NELE, Riley, 9:30 a.m.

22 4-H Council Meeting & Leader Training, Alma, 4:30 p.m.

22 Ambassador Meeting, Alma, 6 p.m.

24 4-H Day Entries Due

27-29 Horse Panorama

30 Kansas 4-H Scholarship application Due to Extension Office

February

4 4-H Day, St. George Elementary School

9 Registration due for Ambassador Training

11 9th Annual 4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's Basketball

24-25 Ambassador Training at Rock Springs

Notes from the Office

Happy New Year! Just think, we will be off to a new year and a fresh start at life! The newsletter this month is full of activities and opportunities. Please try to scroll through the entire newsletter. This year 4-H Day will be held on Saturday, February 4. The entries will be due on January 24. We encourage everyone to participate in this wonderful event. This gives your child wonderful experience to showcase their talents and projects that are not often seen at the county fair. Please remember, we are only a phone call or email away!
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Important Bits

4-H Day will be held on **Saturday, February 4**. Entries will be due on **January 24**. **Entries will be completed online this year using Google**. Click [here](#) for 4-H Day registration.

Wabaunsee County Fair Dates are **July 28 – August 1**.

2017 Fair Theme should be submitted to your club for discussion at your January meeting. The Fair Themes are due to the Extension Office on **January 18**. A theme will be decided upon at the January 4-H Council meeting and then each club will have the opportunity to submit artwork ideas. 4-H Council will select artwork ideas during their March Meeting.

New 4-H Family Notebooks are available to new families who would like to become involved in 4-H.

Animal Mortality Insurance Did you know your 4-H member can recover costs due to the death of their livestock? Click [here](#) for more information.

2017 National Festival of Breads will take place on **June 17** in Manhattan. If you enjoy baking bread and using your creativity you should give this contest a try. The contest is open to youth and adults. Entries are due **January 16**. Click [here](#) for more information.

Enrollment and Re-enrollment for 4-H has begun. If you have not enrolled please take the time to do so! Click [here](#) for enrollment instructions. Click [here](#) for re-enrollment instructions. Click [here](#) for 4HOnline.

Volunteer Renewals were due to the Extension Office by **December 1**. Renewal Forms are available at the Extension Office. Please contact us if you have any questions or would like us to email you the form. Community Leaders and Project Leaders will be contacted directly for additional requirements.

Independent Status requires an application and approval process by the Extension Board, as well as an end of year completion report. Please remember that we follow the Kansas 4-H state policies requirement for Independent 4-H members. Documents are posted on our website.

4HOnline Feedback is needed! During your enrollment or re-enrollment on 4HOnline we would love to hear from you. Please let us know if you come across anything that holds up the process or seems just amazing!

Purple Ribbon Prep Foods & Nutrition Meeting will be on Sunday, **January 8 at 1:00 p.m.** at the South Fair Barn. This is a new county-wide group that will be focusing on having fun while learning and prepping for the best county fair yet! Throughout the year we will work to complete your Foods and Nutrition record books to make it less stressful at the end! If you have questions please contact the Extension Office.

Horse Panorama will take place at Rock Springs 4-H Center on **January 29-31**. It is for 4-H Members ages 7-18 and adult volunteers. Horse Panorama is a compilation of various contest related to the Horse Project. Contest include: quiz bowl, hippology, public speaking presentations, photography and educational posters. For more information please click [here](#).

Permanent Record Carpe diem, “seize the day.” Now is a great time to start filling out your Permanent Record. By updating your Permanent Record monthly, it will be easy to fill out your record book at the end of the 4-H Year. Permanent Record forms are available digitally on our website [here](#).

2017 Kansas 4-H Day with the Wildcat Women’s Basketball Team

The 9th Annual 4-H Day with the Wildcat Women’s Basketball team has been scheduled for Saturday, **February 11**, when the Wildcats take on the Iowa State Cyclones. Tip-off will be at 1:00 p.m. For \$20, each individual will receive a ticket into the game, a game day t-shirt, and a \$7 meal voucher to use at the main concession stands. Registration will be online with a **January 17 deadline**. A flyer with details on how to register can be found at <http://www.kansas4-h.org> under “What’s Hot.”

Kansas 4-H Scholarship

2017 Kansas 4-H Scholarships are due to the State 4-H Office by **February 1**. Agent must sign the scholarship by Friday, **January 30**. Remember to allow two weeks for a reference to write their letter of support. For the application click [here](#).

Grensing Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship fund provides scholarships to 4-H members and leaders in Wabaunsee County to attend 4-H camps, conferences, or other leadership enhancing opportunities. The applications for 4-H Camp will be due **March 10**. Click [here](#) for more information.

2017 Kansas 4-H Ambassador Training

Training will be **February 24-25** at the Rock Springs 4-H Center. It is open to all county/district 4-H Ambassadors, Ambassador advisors and Extension staff. The theme is “Ambassadors-Growing 4-H.” Full details will be posted on the Kansas 4-H website. Click [here](#). Registration will be on the CVent system and will close on **February 9**. For more information please contact Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281, or email him at dwaldren@ksu.edu.

Citizenship In Action

Would you like to have more influence in laws and rules that affect your life? Then, you'll want to go to Kansas 4-H Citizenship in Action! This two day event is sponsored by the State 4-H Youth Leadership Council. The purpose of the event is for Kansas youth to learn how the state legislative process works and how their voice and participation in decision-making can make a difference in their local communities. CIA will be in Topeka on February 19-20.

Registration will be available online around **December 15**. Registration deadline will be **January 15**.

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North East Area Leadership Event is set for Saturday, **January 21**, at the Riley County High School in Riley Kansas. The cost is \$25 and registration closes on **January 3**. For more information about the event and for registration please click [here](#).

“Willie and the Beanstalk”

4-H groups are invited to participate in the 10th annual “Willie and the Beanstalk” contest this spring. The contest is to see who can grow the biggest soybean plant in a 40-day period. Judging will take place on April 1, 2017 at the K-State Manhattan campus as part of the 2017 K-State Open House activities. All Contestants will receive a free T-shirt and there will be plaques and certificates for the winning teams. For contest announcements and contest rules please click [here](#). Registration deadline is **February 20**.

Kansas Junior Swine & Meat Goat Producer Days

Kansas Junior Swine Producer Day – Saturday, March 11, 2017

Weber Arena, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

Early Registration Due – February 22, 2017

Early Registration Fee - \$15/person (\$20 after February 22nd)

Kansas Junior Meat Goat Producer Day – Saturday, March 25, 2017

Weber Arena, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

Early Registration Due – March 3, 2017

Early Registration Fee - \$15/person (\$20 after March 3rd)

Online registration link: <https://commerce.cashnet.com/KSUASIND>

Help for 4-H Day Presentations

Kansas 4-H Communication Fact Sheet's and Presentation Score Sheets are available online [here](#). This sheets will help your 4-Her prepare for 4-H Day!

Kansas 4-H Communication Fact Sheet Series Available:

Kansas 4-H Presentation Overview
4-H Project Talks
4-H Demonstrations
4-H Illustrated Talks
4-H Demonstration & Illustrated Talk Planning Form
4-H Public Speaking
4-H Public Speaking Record
4-H Presentation Brainstorming Activity
4-H Effective Presentation Tips
4-H Preparing and Using Visual Aids
Kansas 4-H Generic Record Form

Presentation Score Sheets Available:

4-H Demonstration & Illustrated Talk Scoresheet
4-H Public Speaking Scoresheet
4-H Project Talk Scoresheet

“Ingredients for Photo Success”

The Shawnee County 4-H Photography Workshop Committee and the Kansas Photo Action Team would like to invite you to join them on **March 19** for “Ingredients for Photo Success” at the Auburn Community Center. The workshop will begin at 1:00 p.m. and conclude at 4:00 p.m. There is a \$5 non-refundable registration fee. For more information please contact Callie Hobkirk at (785)232-0062 ext. 111.

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