

Wabaunsee County 4-H News



K-State Research and Extension

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Extension Office Update

February flew by with snow and sickness! We are grateful for these spring-like temperatures and hope they are here to stay!

As the weather temperatures increase, so do the upcoming deadlines and events. Please be diligent in reading through the newsletters and 4HOnline Broadcasts. RegMax is the outgoing server for 4HOnline. Please ensure you are marked as 'Not Spam' if communications are being sent to your junk or spam folders.

Please always remember that we are only a phone call or email away and are happy to help or answer any questions!

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IPM Insect Art Contest – Join the Fun!

The K-State Research and Extension Pesticide Safety and IPM Program is hosting its annual insect-themed art contest, open to all ages and skill levels in Kansas! This year, the theme is “By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night.”

The goal is to explore why and how insects are active or inactive at night, then create artwork that fits the contest theme. Art may be a drawing or painting, digital art, or a 3-D piece such as a sculpture, stained glass or other media.

Visit [IPM website](#) for full details. **Entries must be received or postmarked before April 15.**

March

- 1 **Grensing Memorial Application Deadline**
- 1 Junior Swine Producer Day
- 2 **Beef Weigh-In & Tagging, JFA**
- 3 **Kansas 4-H Scholarships Deadline**
- 5 **State Horse Judging Contest Registration Deadline**
- 7 **Go Green 4-H Shirts Order Deadline**
- 9 4-H Council Meeting, E-Building Conference Room, 5:00 p.m.
- 14 State Horse Judging Contest, Salina
- 14-23 **Spring Break – NO LIVESTOCK TAGGING**
- 20 4-H Discovery Days Registration Opens
- 21 Horse Judging Contest, Salina
- 22 Junior Meat Goat Producer Day
- 26 **Beef Tagging: Wabaunsee Junior High, Paxico, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
- 30 Flint Hills 4-H Rabbit Raisers Meeting, Marlow Lietz Exhibit Building, 2:00 p.m.

April

- 7 **Beef Tagging: Eskridge City Park, S Main St. 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
- 15 **Beef Tagging Deadline**
- 15 **IPM Insect Art Contest Postmark Deadline**
- 17 Kansas Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge, KSU
- 18 **Extension Office Closed**
- 20 **Market Beef Nomination Envelope Deadline**
- 20-26 National Volunteer Week
- 26 **Small Livestock Weigh In & Tagging**

EXTENDED: 4-H Shirts For Sale!

Wabaunsee County 4-H Council is selling shirts to support their efforts in helping local youth attend leadership experiences at the State & National level. **Orders have been EXTENDED to Friday, March 7!** Order here: <https://bit.ly/GoGreenTshirts>

Attention Rabbit Project Members!

A multi-county Rabbit group has formed and they hold informative rabbit meetings to teach rabbit basics and Youth Contests skills. Youth will enhance their Rabbit project skills while participating in leadership and citizenship opportunities. Youth interested in Rabbit Agility & Hopping should arrive an hour before the meeting. For more information, please contact Cherie Trieb (785) 844-0781.

2025 Rock Springs 4-H Camp

4-H Council has voted to sponsor \$75 for all Wabaunsee County 4-Hers that register for 2025 Rock Springs 4-H Camp! At registration, you must enter **WB75** to receive the \$75 coupon! **Register for 2025 Camp sessions by May 1.**

If the coupon code doesn't work during registration, please contact the Extension Office. The code can be applied to your remaining balance on the backside. You may **complete your registration BUT do NOT pay in full!**

2024-25 4-H Year Pictures

Thank you to all that submitted photos this last year! If you would like to upload your photos throughout the year, please use this Google Folder: <https://bit.ly/24-25Pics>

Photos uploaded throughout the year will be used in the annual slideshow at Achievement Night and local 4-H marketing materials!

New 4-H Family Notebooks

If your family is new to 4-H or if you know of a new family who would like to become involved in 4-H, please contact the Extension Office. We have resource notebooks that will help walk each new family through our 4-H year!

Complete 2024-25 Enrollment NOW!

Parents – If you transport youth and/or work with them one-on-one, such as committee work, you need to be a screened volunteer. Please create or update your 4HOnline profile ASAP. Stephanie will be in touch with Criminal Background Check information. **Volunteers** – Please update your 4HOnline profile ASAP. To receive the 4-H insurance coverage, your profile must be current.

Please check out the attached pdf with the complete list of 2024-25 Kansas 4-H Projects!

Kansas 4-H Projects

Animal Science

Beef
Dairy Cattle
Dairy Goats
Dog
Horse
Meat Goats
Pigs
Poultry
Rabbits
Sheep
Swine
Veterinary Science

Communication & Expressive

Arts
Communications
Performing Arts
Photography
Visual Arts

Consumer & Family Science

Sewing & Textile Design
Shopping in Style
Family Studies
Fiber Arts
Foods & Nutrition
Health & Wellness
Interior Design & Architecture

Natural Resources

Environmental Science
Geology
Shooting Sports
Wildlife

Leadership & Personal Development

Civic Engagement
Leadership
Reading Adventures
Self-Determined

Plant Sciences

Entomology
Agronomy
Forestry
Horticulture & Landscape Design

Engineering & Technology

Ag Mechanics Welding
Building Block Engineering
Astronomy
Computer Science
Electric & Renewable Energy
Robotics
Aerospace/Rocketry
Small Engines
Uncrewed Aircraft Systems
Woodworking



Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training

Any youth planning to show at a State or National show must be YQCA certified. All members are strongly encouraged to become certified. **At this time, no in-person trainings have been scheduled.** If there is enough interest, Stephanie would consider offering one in the early Spring.

To register, please go to <https://yqcaprogram.org>. A fee will be due at registration. If you were certified last year, please login to your account. New families/members will need to register a new account. This is NOT through 4HOnline. Contact Stephanie (snmaike@ksu.edu) with questions.

Scholarship Opportunities Available

The Kansas 4-H Scholarship and Vanier Scholarship applications are now open on the [Kansas 4-H Scholarship Opportunities webpage!](#)

2025 State Livestock Nomination

Again for 2025, official DNA envelopes must be ordered in advance! Don't wait to get your envelopes ordered or animals tagged. Please contact the office early to schedule the EID tagging of your **STATE ONLY** animals. Nominations must be postmarked by their deadline. Stay up-to-date with the State Nomination details here.

Market Beef Nomination Deadline: May 1
Envelope Deadline: April 20

Small Livestock & Commercial Heifer
Nomination Deadline: June 15
Envelope Deadline: June 5

Envelopes must be completed and brought to the Extension Office to get your barcodes. Please call ahead to schedule a time to get your barcodes!

	<u>Tagging & Weigh-In</u> Beef (Market, Commercial Heifer, Bucket Calf) Tagging: March 2, 2025, 1:00 p.m. Location: Jones Family Angus Deadline: April 15, 2025, 5:00 p.m. Small Livestock (Goat, Sheep, Swine - Market & Commercial) Tagging: April 26, 2024, 8:00 a.m. Location: Wabaunsee County Fairgrounds Deadline: May 23, 2025, 5:00 p.m.
 	<u>Important Deadlines</u> Market Beef Nomination: May 1, 2025 -Envelope Order Deadline: April 20, 2025 Sm. Livestock & Comm. Heifer Nom.: June 15, 2025 -Envelope Order Deadline: June 5, 2025 Horse ID Paperwork: June 1, 2025 FairEntry System Opens: June 6, 2025 FairEntry System Closes: July 1, 2025
 	

2025 Wabaunsee County Fair

Mark your calendars! The **2025 Wabaunsee County Fair** will be **July 25-29**. The 2025 fair theme is "*Christmas in July – Oh What Fun with 4-H!*" Due to the 4th of July holiday, **FairEntry** will be open from **June 6 – July 1**.

2025 Livestock Tagging Information

All animals that may be shown at either County or State 4-H events must be tagged. **Tagging is by family, animals do NOT have to be designated to a 4-Her until FairEntry submission, June 6 – July 1!**

BEEF – Including Bucket Calves, Commercial Heifers & Market Heifers/Steers
Weigh-In & Tagging: March 2; 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.
Jones Family Angus

Paxico Tagging: March 26; 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Wabaunsee Junior High

Eskridge Tagging: April 7; 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Eskridge City Park - S. Main St.

Beef Tagging Deadline: April 15, 2025; 5:00 p.m.

GOAT, SHEEP, SWINE – All species together to include Commercial & Market Animals
Weigh-In & Tagging: April 26; 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.
Wabaunsee County Fairgrounds

Paxico Tagging: May 6; 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Wabaunsee Junior High

Eskridge Tagging: May 12; 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
Eskridge City Park - S. Main St.

Goat, Sheep & Swine Tagging Deadline:
May 23, 2025; 5:00 p.m.

At the February Extension Board meeting, the board discussed the number of home visits made last year and set protocols to limit staff travel. **The tagging protocols include: no outside county travel, staff will set additional tagging date opportunities in the North (Wabaunsee Junior High) and the South (Eskridge City Park), and schedule tagging appointments at the office. If an individual case warrants a home visit, an adult must be present, and the animal(s) must be prepared, penned up, and ready to be tagged. If the additional tagging dates still do not work in your schedules, please contact Stephanie** (snmaike@ksu.edu) to schedule.

****NO TAGGING WILL BE DONE DURING SPRING BREAK (MARCH 14 – 23).**

Looking Ahead – Mark Your Calendars!

Spring and summer will be here before we know it.
Mark your calendars with important upcoming events and deadlines!

May

- 1 4HOnline Enrollment Deadline**
- 1 Rock Springs 4-H Camp Summer Registration Deadline**
- 1 Market Beef Nomination Deadline**
- 5 4-H Discovery Day Registration Deadline**
- 6 Small Livestock Tagging; Wabaunsee Junior High, Paxico; 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
- 12 Small Livestock Tagging; Eskridge City Park, S Main St; 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.**
- 23 Small Livestock Tagging Deadline**
- 26 Extension Office Closed**

June

- 1 Horse ID Paperwork Deadline**
****ALL MUST BE UPDATED FOR 2025!**
- 5-7 4-H Discovery Days, KSU**
- 5 Small Livestock & Commercial Heifer Envelope Order Deadline**
- 6 FairEntry Submission Opens, 12:01 a.m.**
- 15 Small Livestock & Commercial Heifer Nomination Deadline**

July

- 1 FairEntry Submission Deadline, 11:49 p.m.**
- 4 Extension Office Closed**
- 25-29 2025 Wabaunsee County Fair**