

Wabaunsee County 4-H News



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Extension Office Update

November is the time of year where we take a minute to reflect on what we are grateful for. We encourage you to write a thank you to the individuals that made those memories possible for you. Be grateful, not just for this day but for every day!

Please note, the Extension Office will be **CLOSED November 28-29 for Thanksgiving and December 23 through January 1 for Christmas and New Year**. We appreciate the additional time with our families during the holidays. Regular office hours will resume, Thursday, January 2.

Monthly 4-H newsletters will be shifting to the middle of the month as Kansas 4-H updates local units around the 15th of each month.

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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2024 Native Tall Grass Contest

Over the last few years, we've held an annual Native Tall Grass Contest each fall. Due to schedule conflicts, the Native Tall Grass Contest will be skipped this year. Start watering those secret spots now for the 2025 Native Tall Grass Contest!

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!

November

28-29 Extension Office Closed – Thanksgiving

December

13 4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball Registration Deadline
24-25 Extension Office Closed – Christmas
26-31 Extension Office Closed – Staff Appreciation
31 4HOnline Enrollment Coupon Deadline

January

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4 4-H Day with Wildcat Women's Basketball
10 4-H Project Workshop Registration Deadline
18 4-H Project Workshop, KanEquip
18 Chili Feed Fundraiser, Marlow Lietz
19 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
24 YEC Registration Deadline
24 4-H Day Registration Deadline

February

5 Jr. Swine Producer Registration Deadline
8 4-H Day, St. George Elementary School
8 YEC Competition & Tradeshow, 9:00 a.m. St. George Elementary School
26 Jr. Goat Producer Registration Deadline

2025 Wabaunsee County Fair

Mark your calendars! The **2025 Wabaunsee County Fair will be July 25-29**. With the 4th of July holiday, **FairEntry will be open from June 7 – July 1**. Be thinking about fair themes and give them to your 4-H Council representatives! Fair themes are voted on annually at the January 4-H Council meeting!

SAVE THE DATE: 4-H Day 2025

4-H Day is scheduled for **Saturday, February 8**. This is a great opportunity to expand your project learning experiences and showcase opportunities for your record books! **Entries are due by 5:00 p.m. on January 24, 2025, [REGISTER NOW!](#)**

Youth Entrepreneurship Challenge (YEC)

****New for 2025**** YEC is joining forces with 4-H Day! **Save the Date: Saturday, February 8.** All Wabaunsee County youth, grades 7-12 are encouraged to put together a business idea to present for cash prizes! Challengers must 4-H, live, and/or go to school in Wabaunsee County to be eligible. Youth will identify problems or opportunities, create solutions, and persuade others. **Challengers should register and submit Executive Summaries by January 24, 2025.**

Wabaunsee County has wonderful mentors that have offered to pair with a young entrepreneur interested in a mentorship. Please contact Stephanie Maiké (snmaike@ksu.edu) for more information!

Registration coming soon!

4-H Project Workshop

The Wabaunsee County 4-H Ambassadors are excited to sponsor a 4-H Project Workshop and Chili Feed on **January 18, 2025.** [Registrations](#) for the 4-H Project Workshop are due by **January 10, 2025.** Come learn more about the following project areas, youth members will have the opportunity to rotate through all three stations!

- Dog Care & Training
- Foods & Nutrition
- Shopping in Style/Sewing & Textile Design

Chili Feed Fundraiser

The Wabaunsee County 4-H Ambassadors are sponsoring a Free Will Donation Chili Feed, **Saturday, January 18, 2025.** All proceeds help raise funds for Leadership Development. Chili and cinnamon rolls will be served from **5 – 7 p.m. in the Marlow Lietz Building.**

2024-25 Shooting Sports BB Gun Class

If you are interested in participating in any shooting sports discipline, please contact James Eberwein (785) 765-3669 or Brenda Schlieff (785) 844-3086 to be added to the list. **Youth must be 8 years old before January 1 and have successfully completed the class to compete!**

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 the event contact (Bernadette Trieb) two weeks prior to the start of the event at (785-765-3821 or btrieb@ksu.edu). Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so.

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

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



Program Fee Coupons

4-H Council has voted to sponsor the 2024-25 program fee for all youth that complete a record book and first year members. Youth must submit their enrollment by **December 31** to receive the sponsorship. Thank your Council Representatives for their continued support!

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!

Registration for 2025 Camp sessions will OPEN November 15 through May 1. Greeting Applications for Rock Springs 4-H Camp 2025 are due to the Extension Office by March 1.

Scholarship Opportunities Available

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

Junior Producer Days

The K-State Junior **Swine Producer Day** is scheduled for **Saturday, March 1**, with the K-State Junior **Meat Goat Producer Day** is scheduled for **Saturday, March 22**. Both events will be held in Stanley Stout Center, north of the K-State campus in Manhattan. These events are one-day, family educational event that focuses on youth livestock projects.

Everyone who plans to attend must register, including both youth and adults! **The cost is \$20/person by the deadline**, or \$25/person after the deadline, for both events. Only those who register by the appropriate deadline will receive a t-shirt.

Junior Swine Producer Day: March 1, 2025
Deadline: February 5, 2025

Junior Meat Goat Producer Day:
March 22, 2025
Deadline: February 26, 2025

[**Check out the K-State Junior Producer Days website for more information and registration!](#)

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!

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

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

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



<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.
Important Deadlines	
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	
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To cut down on the amount of travel staff does for individual livestock tagging, the staff are looking at alternative options for families if the county-wide tagging days don't work in your schedule. Please contact Stephanie (snmaike@ksu.edu) to schedule. **NO TAGGING WILL BE DONE DURING SPRING BREAK (MARCH 14 – 23).** Stay tuned for additional tagging opportunities.

Horse ID Certificates – NEW 2025 FORM

The [Kansas 4-H Horse Certificate \(P1039\)](#) has been updated for the 2024-25 4-H program year. **All ID certificates in the office will not be valid for the new year.** Please complete the new Kansas 4-H Horse Certificate and bring by the Extension Office to be signed and copied. If you need assistance, please contact Stephanie (snmaike@ksu.edu). Families must maintain the ORIGINAL certificate. Registration papers WILL NOT be accepted to identify horses for the 4-H Horse project. [4-H Horse Certificates](#) are due to the Extension office no later than **June 1, 2025**.

Additionally, the 4-H Horse Show Rulebook is being revised. The office will be ordering when they are released. Please let Stephanie (snmaike@ksu.edu) by **December 15**, know if you would like a copy. 4-H Horse Show Rulebooks have historically been around \$7.

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.

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!

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. For more information, please contact Cherie Trieb (785) 844-0781.

4-H Day with K-State Women's Basketball

The Kansas Association of Extension 4-H Agents (KAE4-HA) is excited to inform you that the annual 4-H Day with the K-State Women's Basketball team is scheduled for Saturday, January 4 at 4 p.m. Join us as the Wildcat women take on the Texas Tech Red Raiders!

For \$25, each attendee will receive a ticket, t-shirt, and a \$10 concession stand voucher. A ticket/voucher option without a t-shirt is available for \$15.

Register by December 13:

<http://tinyurl.com/4HDaywiththeCats2025> or by scanning the QR code on the flyer. All orders must be paid with a credit card. No paper registrations will be accepted.

Saturday, January 4, 2025, 4:00 PM

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Kansas 4-H Day with K-State Women's Basketball

Opponent: Texas Tech Red Raiders

\$25: Ticket, Voucher (\$10 Concessions), & Shirt
\$15: Ticket & Voucher (\$10 Concessions)

How to Get Tickets?

- ✓ Register! Use the QR Code or the link below!
- ✓ Pick up ticket packages - Location TBA closer to event. (1/4/2024) 2:30pm - 3:30pm
- ✓ Doors open for the general public (1/04/2024, 3:00pm)
- ✓ Tip-off! (1/04/24, 4:00 pm)

Online registration for this event will be due December 13, 2024. No paper registrations will be accepted. To register, go to: <https://tinyurl.com/4HDaywiththeCats2025>

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