Extension Office Update

Now that we have entered into the holiday season, reflect on the memories of this last year. 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! This newsletter will be the last one for the year!

We are excited to announce the part-time office professional position has been filled! Help us welcome Holly Kartman to our office. Her email should be active in the coming week. We are grateful to have her in the office!

Please note the dates that the Extension Office will be CLOSED. At the November Extension Executive Board Meeting, the Board voted to follow the KSU office closure dates. We are grateful for additional time with our families December 25 – 29.

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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November
23-24 Extension Office Closed – Thanksgiving
25 Santa’s Workshop, Shop Small Alma, E-Building Conference Room

December
1 Kansas 4-H T-Shirt Order Deadline, 12:00 noon
10 Rabbit Project Meeting, Marlow-Lietz Building, 1:00 p.m.
15 TRIPLE E Registration Deadline
25-29 Extension Office Closed - Christmas

January
1 Extension Office Closed – New Year
13 4-H Day with Wildcat Women’s Basketball, 1:00 p.m. tipoff
19 4-H Project Workshop Registration Deadline
27-28 Kansas 4-H Dog Judges Training, Leavenworth
27 4-H Project Workshop, KanEquip Arena, 5:00 – 6:00 p.m.
27 4-H Ambassador sponsored Chili Feed, Marlow-Lietz Building, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
27 Kansas 4-H Horse Panorama

4-H TRIPLE E
Attention ages 12-18 year olds! Are you interested in meeting 4-H members from other counties and states? If so, the 4-H Exchange program is for you! Join 4-H members from other counties to host 4-Hers from North Carolina in 2025. You will get to travel to North Carolina next summer! For more information, call or text Cherie at (785) 844-0781 by December 15.

SAVE THE DATE:
4-H Day with Wildcat Women’s Basketball
4-H Day with the KSU Women’s Basketball team will be Saturday, January 13, against Texas with a 1:00 p.m. tipoff. Registration and more information coming soon!
Program Fee Coupons
4-H Council has voted to sponsor the 2023-24 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!

4-H Project Workshop
The Wabaunsee County 4-H Ambassadors are excited to sponsor a 4-H Project Workshop and Chili Feed on January 27, 2024. Registrations for the 4-H Project Workshop are due by January 19, 2024. Come learn more about the following project areas, youth members will have the opportunity to attend four sessions:
- Ag Mechanics
- Beef
- Building Block Engineering
- Foods & Nutrition
- Plant Science
- Photography
- Shopping in Style/Sewing & Textile Design
- Swine

We encourage all youth members to come explore 4-H projects with the 4-H Ambassadors from 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. on January 27, 2024!

Register by 5:00 p.m. on January 19, 2024!

Chili Feed Fundraiser
The Wabaunsee County 4-H Ambassadors are sponsoring a Free Will Donation Chili Feed, Saturday, January 27, 2024. All proceeds help raise funds for Leadership Development. Chili and cinnamon rolls will be served from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. in the Marlow-Lietz Building.

SAVE THE DATE: 4-H Day 2024
4-H Day is scheduled for Saturday, February 17. Please find the regulations in the GlideApp or attached to the newsletter email! This is a great opportunity to expand your project learning experiences and showcase opportunities for your record books!

Entries due by 5:00 p.m. on February 1, 2024!

2023-24 Enrollment NOW OPEN
Parents – If you transport youth and/or work with them one on one, such as committee work; you should 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.

When enrolling you will notice Kansas 4-H has reeled out new project name changes for the new year. Please check out the attached pdf with the complete list of 2023-24 Kansas 4-H Projects!

2023/2024 KANSAS 4-H PROJECTS

Livestock enthusiasts – you no longer have to enroll in breeding and market individually! Good news for FairEntry too!

2023-24 4-H Year Pictures
Please submit your photos throughout the year to be used in the annual slideshow at Achievement Night! OneDrive Folder: https://bit.ly/23_24Pictures

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.
**Junior Producer Days**
The K-State Junior Beef Producer Day is scheduled for **Saturday, March 2**, with the K-State Junior Sheep Producer Day is scheduled for **Saturday, March 16**. Both events will be held in Weber Hall on the K-State campus in Manhattan. These events are one-day, family educational event that focuses on youth sheep 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 Beef Producer Day: March 2, 2024**  
**Deadline: February 12, 2024**

**Junior Sheep Producer Day: March 16, 2024**  
**Deadline: February 26, 2024**

**Kansas 4-H T-Shirts**
The Kansas 4-H t-shirts sold at the Kansas State Fair can still be ordered. To save on shipping, we will place a county order on Friday, December 1. **Please email Stephanie** (snmaike@ksu.edu) **by 12:00 noon, Friday, December 1**, if you would like to purchase!

**Statewide Scholarship Changes**
The 2024-25 scholarship process for State 4-H Scholarships and the Vanier Family Scholarship Program has been streamlined. This process has been designed to encourage more 4-H’ers to apply for these scholarships by simplifying and combining the process. Evaluation criteria has also been included to provide transparency throughout the entire process. Please note several of the larger changes listed below:

1. Applicants will provide a cover letter and resume as part of their application – the same resume may be used for both scholarship processes. Applicants are encouraged to have a separate cover letter for the State 4-H Scholarships from the Vanier Family Scholarship Program.

2. Evaluation materials are provided to increase the transparency of the process.

3. References do NOT submit a letter of recommendation – they will be asked to answer several short answer questions about the applicant. These questions can be found on the Kansas 4-H website ([https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html)).

For questions about the scholarship process, please reach out to Sarah Keatley at keatley@ksu.edu or 620-366-0035.

**2024 4-H Horse Panorama**
The 2024 4-H Horse Panorama is scheduled for January 27, 2024, at K-State Salina. A schedule of events is located on the [4-H Horse Panorama website](https://www.ksu.edu/departments/extension/4-h-activities/horse-panorama). 4-H Horse members are encouraged to register to participate in Horse Bowl, Hippology, presentations, and more.

**New for 2024** – A first-timers opportunity will be provided for youth to explore hippology. Adults who volunteer to assist with the day’s events can register at a reduced rate.

**Registration** is due by January 2, 2024 for all youth and adult attendees! Payments must be made by check.

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Thanks for supporting this Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council fundraiser and showing Kansas 4-H Pride!