

Wabaunsee County 4-H News



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December 2019

Extension Office Update

As John Steinbeck said, "What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness?" I will be dreaming of the warmth of summer all through this cold winter! But first we must enjoy this festive time of year by sharing joy throughout our communities! Adopting a family, Christmas caroling, passing out cookies and cards and ringing bells to raise funds for the less fortunate help warm the hearts of so many. If your club is needing ideas this holiday season, give us a call!

We are in the process of preparing to move and preparing the new space. Please email with concerns as we will check those at our earliest convenience. We hope to be up and running at our new location by January 6th.

Please stay warm and safe during this holiday season! We wish you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

And remember, we are only a phone call or email away!

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Stephanie Kramer – Coming late January 2020

Achievement Night

Thank you Happy Valley for hosting this year! It was a wonderful evening and a delicious meal!

Officer/Leader Training

A job well done to our council members and Ambassadors that put on the Officer Training. Thank you to all of the continued support from parents, leaders and volunteers!

December

25 Extension Office Closed

31 Extension Office Closed

January

1 Extension Office Closed

12 Poultry & Rabbits Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
Fairgrounds

15 Horse Panorama Registration Deadline

19 4-H Council Meeting, Eskridge, 6:00 p.m.

24-25 Horse Panorama, Rock Springs

*Which one of Santa's reindeer do you see
at a competition?*

Horse Panorama

The 2020 Horse Panorama will be held January 24-26 at Rock Springs. The deadline to register is **January 15th**. To register click [here](#).

*What do Christmas and crabs have in
common?*

2020 Fair Theme

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. Artwork will be selected at the March 4-H Council meeting.

We urge each club to submit two to three theme ideas!



4-H Scholarship

Kansas 4-H Scholarship applications must be in the Extension Office by **January 30th**! The application is being updated by our state office and the link will be in the January newsletter! Please contact the office for more information!

4-H Enrollment

This is just a reminder to please enroll through 4HOnline. To qualify for enrollment fee reimbursement you must be enrolled by January 1st, 2020. With the many transitions that we are working through, we are going to approve your enrollment within the month. As long as you have submitted your payment, please do not worry if the status is still pending.

Volunteer Renewals

Attention Volunteers! It is now time to renew your volunteer status. All volunteers must create their profile on 4-HOnline and select 4-H Volunteer when prompted. If you have questions or need help renewing, please call our office!

When does Christmas come before Thanksgiving?

Email Stephanie the answers to each riddle throughout the newsletters to be entered for a prize

4-H Member Highlights

Friendly Farmers and Newbury submitted great articles this month! As a reminder, I have assigned months to each club. I will try to remember to include the upcoming months each newsletter, please see below for your turn! Always reach out if I can help in any way! Please submit your article with a picture to Stephanie by the **15th** of the month before your spotlight.

January – Happy Valley & Maple Hill Hustlers

February – Flint Hills Jr. Shooters

March – Friendly Farmers & Newbury

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT BRYCE THARMAN

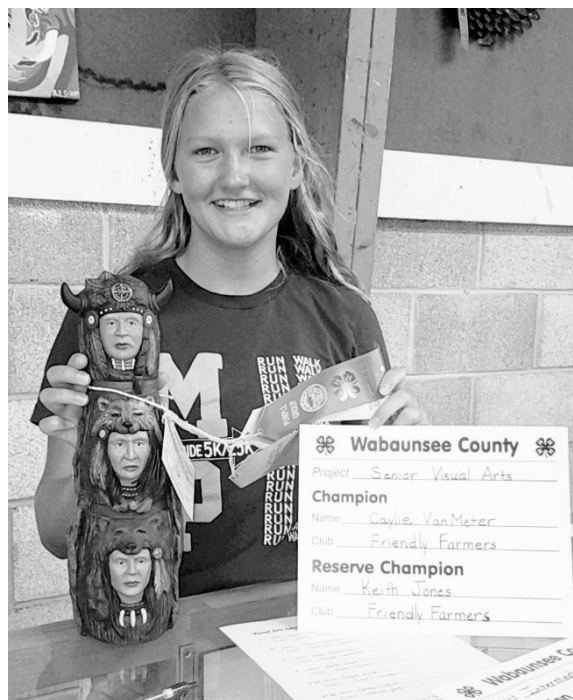
Bryce Tharman has been an active member of the Newbury 4-H club since he was enrolled at the ripe age of 7. He is a senior at Wabaunsee High School and will be celebrating his 18th birthday on Dec. 19th. Bryce was recently elected by his peers to serve as Club President for his third consecutive year. Some of his favorite 4-H projects over the years include: gardening, rocketry, baking, showing sheep and showing goats. Bryce has participated in 11 Wabaunsee County Fairs and was crowned as King during the 2019 Fair. He has also been active in attending 4-H council meetings the past three years and is currently serving as vice-president. Bryce has also served as a camp counselor at Rock Springs the past four years and really enjoys working with youth. He has also been very active participating in County Club Day each spring and has earned top blue with his piano playing abilities, as well as competing in gavel games. Bryce recently competed at the State Cross Country Meet where he led their 7 member team with a time of 18:57. His plans are to attend Kansas State University next fall and major in Engineering. When Bryce was asked about his favorite 4-H memory, he had great difficulty narrowing it down, but ultimately said the dances at 4-H camp.



MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

CAYLIE VANMETER

Greetings Wabaunsee County!! I'm Caylie VanMeter and I'm going to share my adventures through 4-H! For the past eight years of my life, I have been a member of the Friendly Farmers 4-H club. But if you were to ask me how many years have been in love with 4-H, the answer would be all my life. Ever since I could walk, I have loved coming to the fair and watching my older siblings show livestock. In fact, that's why I joined because I fell head over heels for the show. Seeing them work with the animals, and enjoying it made me want to be involved in it that much more. During my time enrolled in 4-H, I have participated in a variety of projects such as the following: Ceramics, Goats, Photography, Fashion Review and Bucket calf. One of my favorite projects I have produced is an Indian Totem pole ceramic piece. I painted it with help from Debbie Hewes, my ceramic teacher. She is just one example of the many great people you can experience 4-H with. One of my biggest accomplishments and favorite memories would be going to state with my totem pole this past year. Going to state with a ceramic piece has been a goal of mine since I got my start in the program. This meant getting a purple ribbon preceded by another, then getting into the glorious display case where all will see those who qualified for state. Seven long years I've hoped, worked and waited to qualify for state. I finally completed my biggest goal in 4-H. While in the 4-H program you are offered a number of different activities in which you can participate in such as Floriculture, but that's not the only thing that will blossom through 4-H, you will. You and your skills will flourish in the 4-H program, I know I have. As proof, not only my self-confidence and knowledge expanded, but so did my leadership skills. One way I am putting that skill to use is by being the Vice President of the Friendly Farmers, and by assisting my fellow officers as well as the other members. I love 4-H, and am so glad that it has been a part of me and my life so far. This program has made me more appreciative of agriculture and its many opportunities. I would not be the person I am today without it, and I have no problem with the possibility of it in my future.



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