

Wabaunsee County 4-H News



K-State Research and Extension

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Extension Office Update

Although we cannot control the challenges or the spread that comes with COVID-19, we can change our perspectives on how we deal with them. This extra time that we get at home is a blessing. Through the fear and anxiety of the unknown, we are making memories with our children that will last our lifetime! Sit down together, eat dinner or work on a project you've "never had the time for". These small moments that may not seem like much now, will have an impact forever.

Our office continues to remain closed indefinitely, but we are still working! We're not stuck at home, we are SAFE at home, and remember, we are only a phone call or email away!

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Spring Shows

Many shows around the state have been cancelled or postponed. Please check the calendar updated by the state by clicking [here](#)!

Wabaunsee County Spring Livestock Day has been postponed until **June 7** and the Wabaunsee County Spring Swine Show will be **June 6**. Both dates are tentative and subject to change due to COVID-19! We will continue to update families as we are informed.

April

15 Discovery Days Registration Due

19-25 National Volunteer Week

May

1 Project Add/Drop Deadline

1 Horse IDs Due

1 4HOnline Enrollment Closes

8 PPP 4-H Camp Registration/Counselor Applications Due

15 Campference Registration & Payment Due

27 Spring Livestock Day/Spring Swine Show Pre-Entries Due

27-29 Discovery Days, Manhattan

COVID-19

As a reminder please see the statement from Dr. Gregg Hadley, Director for Extension, *"Our ban of Extension-sponsored face-to-face workshops, shows, activities and events that are targeted to the people we serve. Such face-to-face events should be cancelled, postponed, or converted to such distance technologies as Zoom is extended through May 16."*

This includes but is not limited to; club meetings, shooting sports practices, project meetings, community service projects, spring shows, trainings, etc. We want to thank you all for helping us to comply with this mandate during this difficult time.

Discovery Days

Registration will close **April 15**. For more information click [here](#).

Purple Power Pack 4-H Camp

All 4-H members in grades 2-7 are invited to attend 4-H Camp, **June 10-13**. If you are at least 14 years old and interested in becoming a camp counselor stay tuned! Both counselor application and camper registration are attached and on our website. Both will be due **May 8**.

Project Add/Drop Deadline

All 4-H families have access to their 4-Hers project lists on 4HOnline. You are able to see which projects you are enrolled in by signing into your 4HOnline account. Please check each 4-Hers account prior to May 1! The deadline to add or drop a project is May 1. If you are not enrolled in your project by May 1, you will not be able to exhibit in the 4-H division in that project at the Fair. If you have concerns, please contact the Extension Office **BEFORE May 1**.

Campference

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2020), and will be held **June 22-25** at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the "camp" activities Rock Springs 4-H Center has to offer. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program, becoming a leader and activities to energize youth while learning healthy living skills and how to better interact with others.

If you are interested in being part of Campference, please register early! Space will be limited, and filled on a first come first serve basis. After online registration, fees must be mailed to the local Extension Office by **May 15, 2020**.

National Volunteer Week

Volunteers are the foundation of our program. **April 19-25** is National Volunteer Week! Although we should be showing them gratitude throughout the year, we should take this time to make them feel extra special! We know that with the face-to-face restrictions some ways are limited. Please share your volunteers with us to be featured in May's special Volunteer spotlight!



Improvised Masks

Wabaunsee County Emergency Manager, Amy Terrapin is requesting improvised masks for our local fire departments. If you are able and willing to make masks to help our local volunteers, please contact Stephanie Maike for specific instructions. It is vital that we make the masks to the specifications to protect the health and safety of our first responders.

2020 Fair Theme

4-H Council chose "Dancing with the Steers" for the 2020 Fair Theme. Artwork for shirts will be voted on at the next 4-H Council Meeting!

Wabaunsee County Fair Dates are July 24-28

Livestock Update

Attention all members - ALL county tagging deadlines/events scheduled prior to May 16th have been canceled. Animals will be tagged (with 4-H tags for Fair) at the SSS & SLD shows held on June 6 & 7. *Alternate tagging days/options will be discussed after May 16th.*

State livestock nomination deadlines remain in effect until further notice. No changes have been made to the Nomination process. This includes tagging, forms, and DNA samples. CONTACT STEPHANIE MELHUS ASAP IF YOU ARE NOMINATING MARKET BEEF. Tagging and signing forms will look differently this year DO NOT wait until the last minute to start the process.

- Market Beef must be postmarked by May 1, 2020
- Small livestock must be postmarked by June 15, 2020

The state shows plan to re-evaluate on April 1 – if there are updates/changes we will communicate them via email asap.

At this time no decisions have been made at the State level to cancel summer 4-H/4-H related events – County/State Fairs and shows HAVE NOT BEEN CANCELED. If the situation changes, we will let our 4-H families know as soon as possible.

We have had many families ask whether they should purchase livestock this year. We realize that this is a difficult decision, but this is a decision that must be made by each family – we are unable to provide guidance.

While we continue to prep for our County Fair, we are also looking into alternate options should COVID-19 prevent us from having a 2020 County Fair. Our ultimate goal is to protect the health and safety of the youth and families we serve, as well as the extension professionals and volunteers who execute the extension mission.



Community Service Project Ideas

Many clubs help build our communities every year. Even with the 'STAY AT HOME' mandate we can continue to help our communities and brighten the lives of others. Here is a short list of ideas to get started.

- Plant seeds to transplant after the mandate is lifted.
- Color pictures for nursing homes. (Please scan and email as paper hosts germs and viruses up to 6 days. Alma Manor residents would really enjoy; please email to Lindsey Silva at lsilva@almamanor.com)
- Go through your closet & bag up clothes to donate after the mandate is lifted.
- Make cards for our soldiers over seas
- Hold a Facebook Live Storytime
- Sew face masks for hospitals (JoAnn's has a program for free fabric, already cut to the pattern and will distribute the finished products)
 - Wabaunsee County needs masks locally for our volunteer fire departments! Contact Stephanie Maiké for more details!

4-H Member Highlights

Enjoy the great article that was submitted by Happy Valley & Maple Hill Hustlers 4-H club! As a reminder, we have assigned months to each club. We will try to include the upcoming months each newsletter, please see below for your turn! Always reach out if we can help in any way! Please submit your article with a picture to snmaike@ksu.edu by the 15th of the month before your spotlight.

May – Flint Hills Jr. Shooters/Archery

June – Friendly Farmers & Newbury

July – Happy Valley & Maple Hill Hustlers

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Karsten Breiner

My name is Karsten Breiner and I am the president of the Happy Valley 4-H Club. This is my sixth year in 4-H. I joined because my family has been involved in 4-H for many years. I also live on a cattle ranch and I love agriculture. This year I am enrolled in breeding beef, market beef, market swine and self-determined Legos. Last year I was Reserve Champion Intermediate Swine Showman, Champion Intermediate Beef Showman, Reserve Champion Supreme Heifer. I also won my age division at the judging contest and Champion Lego. Besides being President this year, I was Vice President last year and Recreation Leader the year before. Every year I help with the Cloverbuds in our club, help and work several concessions stands that our club puts on throughout the year. This year I have started my three-year commitment to CWF. My two favorite 4-H memories include winning the market swine show in 2019 and the water balloon fight last year.



MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Brianna Eastman

I am Brianna Eastman. This is my third year in 4-H, and I am a member of the Maple Hill Hustlers 4-H Club. I joined 4-H to have fun and meet new people. I also wanted to experience some of the things I have seen my cousins do at their fairs and events. My projects include Clothing Construction, Art & Crafts, Foods & Nutrition, Self-Determined, Shooting Sports, Photography, and Horticulture. This year I am also a Recreation Leader for my club. Last year I was a Song Leader. My proudest accomplishment has been the apple pie that I won Champion of the Junior Division with last year at the fair, and I also took this pie to Cider Days and won First Place against adults. I am also proud of the banner I helped create for our club, which was Grand Champion last year at the fair. This year I have enjoyed spending time with the other members of my team at shooting sport matches and having fun while we are waiting for our times to compete. My best memories so far are from 4-H camp at Rock Springs, and I am excited to go back again this year!

