

# Wabaunsee County 4-H News



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## Extension Office Update

Congratulations to all our outstanding 4-Hers on a job well done at the fair! We enjoyed seeing all your projects and watching you showcase all of your hard work!

The Wabaunsee County Extension Office will be closed starting August 6th and will tentatively reopen on August 20th due to the recent notification from our Health Department.

Extension staff members will work remotely while the office is closed, please call 785-765-3821 or email us with questions. We are unable to forward our phones so please leave a message and we will return your call shortly. The health and safety of our community, our families, and ourselves is our top priority. We are working closely with K-State Research and Extension and Wabaunsee County Health Officials during this time to figure out the best course of action.

The Extension Office received the same notification as the public - we do not know details about the investigation or the identity of the individual that tested positive. All health-related questions or concerns related to the situation and investigation should be directed to the Wabaunsee County Health Department. All 4-H/Extension event or programming related questions/concerns should be directed to the Wabaunsee County Extension Office.

We realize this may be a stressful and frustrating time and appreciate everyone's patience as we work together to work through it.

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## August

- 15-16 State Horticulture Judging Contest, Virtual
- 22-23 Livestock Sweepstakes, Virtual
- 23 4-H Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m. @ Fair Barns

## September

- 7 Extension Office Closed
- 21 **Youth Council & National Conference Application Deadline**
- 26 Kansas 4-H Fall Archery Match, Lindsborg

## State Fair Entries

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### Announcement

Kansas State Fair has approved support for a virtual judging alternative for 4-H Youth who qualify to advance to the State Fair level in their project area.

Kansas 4-H is working on the details to provide virtual alternatives for each state fair division listed:

- Clothing/Fiber Arts
- Crops
- Energy Management
- Entomology
- Fashion Revue
- Forestry
- Food Preservation
- Foods - Nutrition
- Geology
- Home Environment
- Horticulture
- Photography
- Public Presentations
- Rabbit
- Shooting Sports
- SpaceTech
- Wildlife
- Woodworking

Registration information, revised rules, a tentative schedule, and more details for the alternative format will be communicated with local extension units by Monday, August 17. We will communicate updates and specifics via email as we get them to all State Fair eligible youth. Thank you for your patience, we know this is a frustrating process this year!

## Thank You Cards

Wabaunsee County 4-H is very fortunate to have wonderful support from community members and businesses. Every plaque has the address of the supporter on it. A list of livestock buyers will be sent out soon. Additional donors are listed in the Fair Book. Please write thank you cards or letters to plaque donors and livestock buyers. Without the community support, 4-H members would not be able to receive awards given. See below for Thank You Card writing placement.

### How to Write a Thank You

- Greet the giver

(Dear John Smith,)

- Express your gratitude

(Thank you for sponsoring the \_\_\_\_\_ plaque)

- Discuss

(My favorite part of the fair was... I enjoy doing this project because...)

- Grace

(Thank you again for being a sponsor)

- Regards

(Many thanks, Sincerely...)

## August 4-H Council Meeting

4-H Council is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Sunday, August 23 at the Fair Barns where we can socially distance. We may have to go to Zoom if there is an increase in cases. Please watch your email for updates from the Extension Office.

## 48 Hours of 4-H 2020

**Save the Date: October 10-11, 2020.**

The State 4-H Office has a few banners they would like to place in 3 different places this year. If you have a big project planned, please let Stephanie Maie know ASAP!

## Membership Achievement Pins

Achievement Pins are an honor to receive as an active 4-H member. As members become more involved in the 4-H program, they qualify for higher level pins. Achievement Pins are an excellent example of the hard work, dedication, and leadership displayed throughout the 4-H year and are presented at County Achievement Night. Pin applications are due **October 5** and can be found on our website.

Please check the 2020 Pin Application Exception Page for alternative options.

## Program Fee Reimbursement

4-H Council will be reimbursing enrollment fees for the 2019-2020 4-H year with completion of the form (and requirements). It is due to the Extension Office **October 5** by 4:30 p.m. Form is available on our website.

## Club Seal Application

Club Seal applications are due to the Extension Office by **October 5**. The application is located on the website under Leader Resources.

## Volunteer of the Year

Please start thinking of candidates for the 2020 Volunteer of the Year award. Please help us recognize them for their hard work and time. Candidates are voted on at the **October** 4-H Council meeting, so let your Council reps know.

## Fair Ribbons

We know that some did not receive all their ribbons at the county fair. We will be mailing to club leaders for dispersal once we return to the office.

**Recycle your ribbons:** If you have ribbons you do not want anymore, please feel free to bring them to the Extension Office.

## Citizenship Washington Focus

Attention all youth who will be 14-18 by January 1, 2022. Final call to join us to attend Citizenship Washington Focus 2022 in Washington D.C. We are teamed up with Pottawatomie & Riley Counties for this experience! To learn more about the requirements and fundraising options, please contact Bernadette. The next trip won't be until 2025! If you are interested please let Bernadette know by **August 15**, as fundraising opportunities are already underway!

## Join 4-H Ambassadors

If you are between the ages of 13-18 and you enjoy being a role model for others, you might consider applying to become an Ambassador. Candidates will be selected based on their application and interview. The judges will select ambassadors based on public speaking and leadership skills. The application is available on the website. [Applications](#) are due **September 15**. For more information, please contact the Extension office.

## Livestock Sweepstakes

Due to COVID-19 concerns, the 2020 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes (consisting of the State Livestock Judging, Skillathon, Quiz Bowl and Meats Contest) will not be hosted in-person on the campus of Kansas State University as previously scheduled for Aug. 22 – 23.

🍀 **Instead, Kansas 4-H and the Department of Animal Sciences and Industry are working on details to provide virtual alternatives for each state contest.** 🍀

Kansas 4-H and Department of Animal Sciences are making every effort to host the virtual contests on Aug. 22-23. Registration information will be distributed to local units on Monday, Aug. 10. All registration entries must be made by the local units using Cvent.

## Kansas Youth Leadership Council

Kansas Youth Leadership Council has two opportunities for youth to become members this year! Youth Leadership Council Representatives must be 14-18 before January 1, 2021. National 4-H Council Delegates must be 15-18 before January 1, 2021. For more information and to apply for National Conference, click [here](#), for Youth Leadership Council, click [here](#). **Online applications must be submitted by 11:59 M CST, Monday, September 21, 2020.**

## State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest

The State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest will be held virtually this year. The contest will be open to complete Saturday, August 15, 8 a.m. to Sunday, August 16, 8 a.m. CDT. Participants must register through the Extension Office by **Wednesday, August 12**. This is a wonderful learning opportunity and experience that can be included in your record book and/or in a pin application. There will be NO fee to participate this year!

## 4-H Member Highlights

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](mailto:snmaike@ksu.edu) by the **15<sup>th</sup>** of the month before your spotlight.

**September – Friendly Farmers & Newbury**  
**October – Happy Valley & Maple Hill Hustlers**  
**August – Flint Hills Jr. Shooters**

# Record Book Information Center

Have you started your record book yet? Now would be a great time to work on them before school starts! Below are listed what forms each age group should fill out and in what order the forms should be placed to turn into the club and then the county. Record books are due **October 5**. All information has been updated on our [website](#). Intermediate project pages are the same as last year, please check the website to see if your project area is listed. For Intermediates, remember if you are in Breeding & Market Livestock, then you may fill out both project pages, but you will put them in the same notebook or folder as they would combine for the overall project area. For example if you are in Breeding & Market Beef, you would turn in a Beef Record Book. These are requirements for the Wabaunsee County 4-H Program.

## Juniors (7-9 year olds)

- Project Award Application (PAA)
- Personal Page
- 4-H Story
- Permanent Record

## Intermediates (10-13 year olds)

- Personal Page
- 4-H Story
- Project Pages
  - All Other Projects
  - Breeding Livestock
  - Bucket Calf
  - Buymanship
  - Citizenship
  - Clothing & Textile
  - Dog Care
  - Exploring 4-H
  - Fiber Arts
  - Field Crops
  - Floriculture – Horticulture
  - Foods & Nutrition
  - Forestry
  - Horse
  - Market Livestock
  - Photography
  - Poultry
  - Rabbits
  - Reading
  - Shooting Sports
  - Small Engines
  - Visual Arts
  - Woodworking
- Permanent Record

## Seniors (14-18 year olds)

- Personal Page
- 4-H Story
- Kansas Award Portfolio (KAP)
- Photographs
- Permanent Record (for County judging only, do not send to Area or State)