

Wabaunsee County 4-H News



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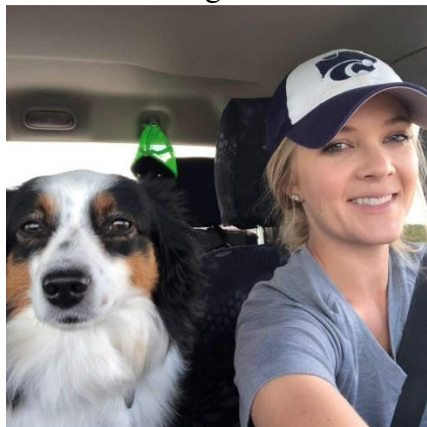
February 2020

Extension Office Update

“Let your determination to success this new month be so strong that failure will not overrule you.” As we close chapter one of 2020, we look towards chapter two. What goals do you have set as you start to work on this year’s projects? Now is the perfect time to start jotting down goals as they come!

Thank you to all that joined us for our open house and welcoming Stephanie Melhus to our county! Stephanie earned her bachelor’s degree in

Agribusiness from Kansas State University. She has most recently been employed as an Agriculture and Natural Resources/4-H Youth Development Extension Agent



in Rawlins County, KS. Prior to working with KSRE, she was an Operations Specialist for Farmers Bank & Trust in Atwood, KS.

If you have not had a chance to stop in and say “Hello”, please do so!

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

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February

- 7 Jr. Beef Producer Day Registration Due
- 7 Ambassador Training Registration Due
- 8 Shooting Sports Legion Match, WHS
- 9 Poultry & Rabbits Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
Fairgrounds
- 17 Extension Office Closed
- 18 Kansas 4-H Day with Wildcat Women’s Basketball Registration Due
- 21 Jr. Sheep Producer Day Registration Due
- 21-22 4-H Ambassador Training, Rock Springs
- 29 Junior Beef Producer Day, KSU

March

- 7 4-H Day, 8:30 a.m. WHS
- 7 Ambassador BINGO Night, 6:00 p.m.
Fairgrounds
- 8 Kansas 4-H Day with Wildcat Women’s Basketball, 2:00 p.m.
- 8 Poultry & Rabbits Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
Fairgrounds
- 22 Leader Meeting, 5:00 p.m. Valero
4-H Council, 6:00 p.m. Valero
Spring Livestock Day Committee Meeting,
immediately following 4-H Council
- 28 Champions of the Chips Showpig Sale,
2:00 p.m. Fairgrounds

Junior Producer Days

Junior Beef Producer Day will be held **February 29th** at Weber Hall on KSU campus. Please [register](#) by **February 7th** to be guaranteed a t-shirt!

Junior Sheep Producer Day will be held on **March 14th** at Weber Hall on KSU campus. Please [register](#) by **February 21st** to be guaranteed a t-shirt!

Shooting Sports Matches

Flint Hills Junior Shooters will be competing in the Legion shoot THIS WEEKEND at Wabaunsee High School! If you're interested in learning more about Shooting Sports, join them to observe all the fun they have to offer! Good luck, Shooters!

For additional match information check [here](#).

4-H Day

The 4-H Day will be held on **March 7, 2020**, starting at 8:30 a.m. Here is the [link](#) to the 4-H Day registration! Once you submit your entry you will receive a confirmation email. A schedule will be emailed out by February 24th and will include a link for event sign up times!

BINGO Night

The 4-H Ambassadors are hosting a BINGO NIGHT on **March 7, 6:00 p.m. at the Fairgrounds** to help raise funds for 4-H camp!

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 March 4-H Council Meeting!

Wabaunsee County Fair Dates are July 24-28

Spring Shows

The state list of spring shows has started to be updated for 2020! Please see other attachments for fliers our office has received! To check the calendar with all the shows, click [here](#)!

Wabaunsee County Spring Livestock Day will be **April 25** and the Wabaunsee County Spring Swine Show will be **June 6**. More details to follow! If you are interested in joining the council members on the committee, please email snmaike@ksu.edu to be added to upcoming announcements!

Wildcat Women's Game

Kansas 4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's basketball game will be **March 8th @ 2:00 p.m.** Group ticket rate of \$22/person. Registrants will receive a ticket to the game, a game day shirt and a \$10 meal voucher to use at the main concession stands during the game! Please [register](#) by **Tuesday, February 18**.

4-H Member Highlights

Enjoy the great articles that were submitted by Flint Hills Jr. Shooters! 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.

March – Friendly Farmers & Newbury

April – Happy Valley & Maple Hill Hustlers

May – Flint Hills Jr. Shooters

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Rebecca Schleif

Hello, my name is Rebecca Schleif. I have been in Flint Hills Jr. Shooters for 5 years. I joined because I enjoy shooting and wanted to try something different. The disciplines I shoot are BB Gun, Air Rifle and Shotgun. My biggest accomplishments are winning top shot several times in both BB and Air Rifle and making it to Nationals 2 times on a team and returning a 3rd time as a champion shooter. Leadership roles I have are coaching the younger shooters. It is something I enjoy and I think they enjoy having a person coach them that has been and is in their shoes and can relate to them better than the coaches. My favorite 4-H memories are winning top shot with my mom coaching me and hanging out as a team at all the shooting matches. Along with FHJS I am also part of my FFA chapter at my high school and a part of pep band. I also play volleyball in the fall. My goal for this year with FHJS is to make it to nationals and compete along with my brother for my last year as a BB Gun shooter.



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Parker Durkin

Hi, my name is Parker Durkin and I am a Friendly Farmer. I have a sister, a dog, chickens, turkeys, and cats. This is my 4th year in 4-H. I am the parliamentarian in my club. My favorite accomplishment and memory is going to state in archery. Archery has been amazing, I can't believe I went to state. Being my first time, I didn't do good, but I had lots of fun.

I entered a rocket at the fair. Building it was fun but I messed up; I did the steps out of order. Since I messed up, I had to enter a rocket in open class, but I learned more about the project.

While raising our chicks mine died, but I had others so it was ok. I enjoyed working and showing my chickens, and still have much to learn.

Photography is another project I'm enrolled in. My pictures didn't do so well, since I had moving subjects. I got two blues and a red. I had a good time this past 4-H year and can't wait for this year.

