

Wabaunsee County 4-H News



K-State Research and Extension

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Extension Office Update

HELLO 2020! As we begin the new year, think about all the growing you have done this past year. As we move forward, we have a clean slate to create a whole new beautiful story! You have 12 new chapters with 366 blank pages – start writing today!

After years of being in the courthouse we have moved down the block to 114 W 3rd Street! Come join us for a walk through and to welcome Stephanie Melhus to her new position as Ag Agent on **Monday, January 27th from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.**

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

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Stephanie Melhus – Coming late January 2020

4-H Member Highlights

Enjoy the great articles that were submitted by Happy Valley and Maple Hill Hustlers! 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.

February – Flint Hills Jr. Shooters

March – Friendly Farmers & Newbury

April – Happy Valley & Maple Hill Hustlers

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.
- 20 Extension Office Closed
- 24-25 Horse Panorama, Rock Springs
- 25 Shooting Sports Match, WHS, 8:00 a.m.
- 30 4-H Scholarships Due to Extension Office**

February

- 7 Jr. Beef Producer Day Registration Due**
- 8 Shooting Sports Legion Match, WHS
- 9 Poultry & Rabbits Meeting, 4:30 p.m.
Fairgrounds
- 17 Extension Office Closed
- 21 Jr. Sheep Producer Day Registration Due**
- 22-23 4-H Ambassador Training, Rock Springs
- 29 Junior Beef Producer Day, KSU

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](#).

2020 Fair Theme

A theme will be decided upon at the January 4-H Council meeting. Artwork will be selected at the March 4-H Council meeting.

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

Shooting Sports Matches

Flint Hills Junior Shooters will be hosting two matches in just a few weeks! They estimate that between approximately 9 counties they will host 150-200 shooters each match! 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 Scholarship

Kansas 4-H Scholarship applications must be in the Extension Office by **January 30th**! Click here for the [application](#). Please contact the office with any questions!

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!

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!

Spring Shows

The state list of spring shows has not been updated for 2020! Please stay tuned as we will inform you as we see them come through! To check the calendar with all the shows, click [here](#)!

Wabaunsee County Spring Livestock Day will be **April 25, 2020** and the Wabaunsee County Spring Swine Show will be **June 6, 2020**. 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!

SAVE THE DATE

4-H Day with the Wildcat Women's basketball game will be **March 8th @ 2:00 p.m.** More information is coming soon!



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MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

GRACE ZELLER

Hi my name is Grace Zeller and I am a Maple Hill Hustler. I have two brothers Trey and Ty. I have lots of farm animals and a dog named Mya. I live on a ranch with my family. My grandparents and some of my cousins live nearby. We do a lot of work on the ranch that prepares me for 4-H. In the past, I have served as a recreation leader to improve my leadership skills. This year in 4-H I showed two steers and entered art and cooking. This is my fourth year in 4-H. My favorite project was showing B-Bop and Rocksteady. They were mostly well behaved steers. I had to do lots of work, but I it was worth it. I got blue ribbons and had fun. I was proud of how my steers did and I was proud of how I held on to my steers when they were stressed and nervous in the show ring. I was sad when my pig, George Strait, died shortly before the fair, but I showed my brother's hog in open class. I'm excited because my pigs will be having babies soon. Last year, one of my brother's and I delivered some of the pigs on our own. I can't wait to get some new pigs to show this year! I also did art this year. It was my third year in art and I made three paintings: a sunflower portrait, a painting of a beach, and a painted piece of wood. The hardest one was definitely the beach it had TONS of layers and LOTS of colors. I spent a long time on it and it was REALLY hard but I was proud of how it did!! My last project was baking. It was my second year baking and I had lots of fun! I did pumpkin bread and double chocolate muffins. They both got purples. My favorite was definitely the double chocolate muffin. My Foods Leader was Nina Imthurn and she was really good! I had lots of fun at 4-H this year and am excited for next year!



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LEITYN BOLINDER

Hi, I am Leityn Bolinder and I am a member of Happy Valley. I have been a 4-Her for three years and a Cloverbud for two years. I joined 4-H because both of my older siblings were members and I wanted to join the fun! I am currently enrolled in photography, visual arts, foods and nutrition and shooting sports. I just shot my personal best in BB Gun! Being the recreation leader has helped me grow as a leader! My favorite memories always come from attending the county fair and 4-H camp every year!

