

Wabaunsee County 4-H News



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Extension Office Update

The sun is shining and the warm weather brings our office much excitement for the summer activities. This year has looked much differently, but we continue to strive towards “making the best better.” Please join us for the virtual camp opportunities, award ceremonies and a record book Q & A!

Our county fair will be here before we know it and we are ecstatic! If you have questions about your projects, reach out to your leaders. If you are unsure who the project leader or superintendents is, please let us know! We are happy to point you to the experts!

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

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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 July 4th.”*

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

2020 Fair Theme

4-H Council chose “Dancing with the Steers”. We are actively planning and beyond excited to see all your projects you’ve been busy working on during “quarantine”! **Fair Dates are July 24-28.**

June

- 11 Emerald Circle, Virtual KAP Ceremony – Part 1
- 11 4-H Council, 7:00 p.m. via Zoom
- 12 Virtual Campfire, Facebook Live, DK Co
- 15 Commercial Heifer & Small Animal Nominations Due
- 17 Record Book Q & A, 7:00 via Zoom
- 18 Emerald Circle, Virtual KAP Ceremony – Part 2
- 24 Drive By Livestock Tagging, 6:30 – 8:00 @ Eskridge City Park

July

- 3 Extension Office Closed
- 10 Pre-Fair Weigh-In & Final Tagging, 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. @ Fair Grounds
- 14 Pre-Fair Entries Due to Extension Office
- 18 Pre-Fair Judging, 8:00 a.m.
- 19 Pre-Fair Clean Up/Set Up, 5:00 p.m.
- 24-28 Wab. Co. Fair
- 31 State Fair Entries Due

Facebook

If you have not already, please go like our page, Wabaunsee County 4-H is a closed group. We encourage you all to join and stay up to date with our posts! A collaboration of the pictures will help us to have a fun yearend review at Achievement Night banquet, along with having your photos in one place for your record books!

Lego Updates for Fair

Here are updated rules for legos:

- Lego display must be enclosed in cardboard, wood, or plexiglass and have an opening covered with plastic wrap or plexiglass for protection
- Lego display must not be larger than 36” W x 24” D x 24” H

30 for 30

Starting June 1st – I challenge each 4-H member to take just 30 minutes out of their day and devote it to 4-H. Each week – please fill out the [Google Form](#) to document your minutes spent! Please post photos or videos to the Wabaunsee County 4-H group page.

Virtual Camp Opportunity

Be watching Facebook as we share the opportunities that Kansas 4-H and Rock Springs Ranch have been working on! Starting June 1st there will be daily posts and contests.

Purple Power Pack 4-H Camp Group sent a newsletter out to households that have members in grades 2nd – 7th. There are several different activities included and we encourage you to complete them. We also would like you to join us for the **Purple Power Pack 4-H Camp Group Virtual Campfire – June 12th at 8:30 p.m.** Join in the campfire by visiting the KSRE Dickinson County Facebook Page.

Record Book Q & A

Have you started on your record books? Are you confused and do not know where to begin? Now is a great time to start on them if you have not. We are hosting a record book Q & A session to get all your questions answered on June 17 at 7:00 p.m. via zoom. We hope you have already written your goals, but if you have not, we will be happy to help you. Now is a great time to visit the award application tab on our website: [Awards & Recognition](#). For privacy reasons, the zoom link to connect is included in the email with this newsletter. If you do not have that email, please contact us.

Banner Removal Reminder

This is the first year that the club banners were displayed in the Fair Barn all year long. Last year's Fair Book states that the clubs need to remove the banners by June 1st. Please make arrangements to get your banner, if you need a key let us know.

Emerald Circle

Kansas 4-H Foundation is excited to announce that we can meet this year's state KAP winners from the comfort from your home!

The two-part Emerald Circle video series will premiere Thursday, June 11 & June 18 at 7 p.m.

You can stream the series on Facebook and YouTube by going to the Kansas 4-H Foundation page at the day and time.

Facebook: [facebook.com/Kansas4HFoundation](https://www.facebook.com/Kansas4HFoundation)

YouTube: <https://bit.ly/2Xsx5sa>

This video series will be a kick-off to honoring each KAP winner on social media this summer. Although we cannot gather in person, we look forward to virtually celebrating youth exhibiting 4-H's core values of mastery, independence, generosity and belonging.

Nominations & Tagging

REMINDER - Commercial Heifer & Small Animal Nomination Deadline – **June 15th**.

- All nomination paperwork for SF & KJLS must be completed and signed by Agent Melhus and post marked by **June 15th**. Contact Agent Melhus for tags or with questions.

COUNTY FAIR TAGGING DATES - All COVID-19 restrictions and protocols will be strictly enforced. Specific instructions will be emailed out the Monday before each tagging date and are subject to change due to COVID-19.

- **June 24th** 6:30-8:00pm, Eskridge City Park - "Drive by Tagging"
 - Families will be asked to remain in their vehicles and Extension Staff/Volunteers will tag livestock in the trailers.
- **July 10th** 6:00-7:30pm, Alma Fair Grounds - "Pre-Fair Weigh In & Final Tagging"
 - All livestock that MIGHT be shown at the Wabaunsee County Fair must be tagged by this date
 - Pre-entries will be accepted

Please complete the [tagging info form](#) by **June 15th**!

Junior Superintendents

If you are interested in helping with any project area as a junior superintendent at the county fair, we would love to have you! Contact the office to let us know!

Virtual 4-H Insect Spectacular

Registration is now open for this year's 2020 Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular! All young people enrolled or interested in the entomology project are welcome to attend one or more of the sessions. Parents and adult volunteers are also encouraged to attend.

Registration closes June 8th.



Register online here: <https://bit.ly/2TGxYw8>

Campference

This event is for 4-H youth ages 12-14 who are ready to grow in their leadership and 4-H careers. This year Campference takes some of the fun aspects of 4-H camp and the learning components of a conference and combines them to create a fun educational opportunity for middle school 4-H youth. It will include some of our favorites in a new way, like a talent show, a campfire, camp groups and a camp craft. Delegates will also be a part of a community conversation and participate in a skill building workshop with the Kansas 4-H Foundation. Registration fee of \$20, deadline to [register](#) is June 12th!

4-H Member Highlights

Enjoy the great articles that was submitted by Newbury 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.

July – Happy Valley & Maple Hill Hustlers

August – Flint Hills Jr. Shooters

September – Friendly Farmers & Newbury

MEMBER HIGHLIGHT

Luke Stuhlsatz

I am Luke Stuhlsatz and I have been a member of Newbury 4H Club for my entire 4H career of 12 years. Over the years, I have been involved in the rocketry, cooking and horticulture projects. I did participate in the woodworking and sheep project for one year. One of my favorite 4H memories includes building and launching rockets. I have many other good memories of 4H including Club Gavel games at 4H days, community service projects, field trips, the annual club tour followed by a swim party and picnic and the 4H County Fair. I have held leadership roles including Club Secretary, Club Vice President and I have been a County 4H Ambassador. I encourage all members to get involved and “Make the Best Better!”.



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