

Wabaunsee County 4-H News



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Extension Office Update

In this week's [KSRE Tuesday Letter](#), Chris Onstad, Associate Director for Field Operations, reflects upon the COVID struggle of the past year. Below are excerpts from his article titled: **MARATHON, Not a Sprint.**

"I saw him try to stand up again, and his legs just went down again, and I thought 'this is more important. Getting him across the line is more important than shaving a few seconds off my time.'"

We have faced a long and trying ordeal with this pandemic. It has been a grueling marathon, and we have faced significant struggles within our own families, among friends and in our work with colleagues.

When all this started over a year ago, I avoided my parents who are 80 years old, because I didn't want to be the one to expose them to this dangerous virus. I missed them during this time and am looking forward to seeing them again. Each of you probably have a similar story.

The science is simple: Continue to practice proper safety, and we will reach the goal sooner with less tragedy. We all want that! Let's complete this marathon together!

- Chris Onstad, [Tuesday Letter 03/30/2021](#)

Anyone interested in the Zoom recording from the *'Summer 4-H Programs & Events – We are all in this together'* please contact Stephanie Maike. We are always happy to help and we are only a phone call or email away!

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April

- 2 Babysitting Clinic, Virtual
- 7 **State Horse Panorama Digital Deadline**
- 5-7 Equifest, Salina
- 9 **Grensing Application Deadline**
- 10 Ambassador Highway Clean Up & Meeting, Alma, 2:00 p.m.
- 14 Family Record Book Training, Zoom 6:30p
- 17 Small Livestock Weigh-In & Tagging, Fair Grounds, Alma, 2:00 – 4:00p.m.
- 18-24 National Volunteer Week
- 22-24 4-H CWF Garage Sale, Cico Park
- 23 State 4-H Horse Judging Contest
- 25 Fair Grounds Work Day, 2:00 p.m.
- 26 4-H CWF Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 27 4-H Ambassador Advisors Meeting
- 30 **Beef Tagging Deadline, 4:30 p.m.**
- 30 **Horse ID Certificate Deadline**, to the Extension Office, 4:30 p.m.

May

- 1 **Project Add/Drop Deadline**
- 5 **4-H Campference Registration Deadline**
- 7 **State Horse Panorama Digital Deadline**
- 5-7 Equifest, Salina
- 15 **4-H Discovery Days Registration Deadline**
- 21 **Small Livestock Tagging Deadline, 4:30 p.m.**
- 23 Fair Grounds Work Day, 2:00 p.m.

Grensing Applications for 4-H Camp

***SUBMISSION DEADLINE
EXTENDED***

Grensing Applications for 4-H Camp
deadline has been EXTENDED to 4:30
p.m. on April 9th!

Purple Power Pack 4-H Camp

Purple Power Pack 4-H Camp is scheduled for June 18-21 at Rock Springs Ranch. We want to encourage EVERYONE between 2nd and 7th grade to enter the [CAMPER LOTTERY](#).

Are you 16 years or older?! WE WANT YOU TO ENTER THE [CAMP COUNSELOR LOTTERY](#)!

State Fair Updates

There will not be any premiums awarded to static exhibits this year, instead all exhibitors will be eligible for two admission tickets when they submit an entry.

Visual Arts will be a competitive division. Each county will be able to send 1 entry per class.

4-H Enrollment

If you have not already done so please visit [4HOnline 2.0](#) to get your enrollment completed asap. Here is the link to the [Project Selection Guide](#) to help you pick out your projects.

Please remember to add/drop all projects by Saturday, May 1st! Some projects have been updated and a few name changes to be cautious to. Please check the [Project Updates & Name Changes](#) section for more specific details. Some projects will not be Kansas State Fair eligible if youth are not enrolled in the correct project! If you have questions, please contact Stephanie Maike.

Dog Rule Book

Dog Rule Book has been updated! Click [here](#) to view the new rules!

Horse ID Papers

Horse ID Certificates are due to the Extension Office by **Friday, April 30th at 4:30pm** (May 1 is a Saturday). You must use the [January 2020](#) revised version. Forms may be picked up at the Extension Office or printed ([Horse ID Form - Jan 2020](#)).

Project Updates & Name Changes

All project changes need to be made by May 1 in 4HOnline 2.0.

Kansas 4-H has updated project names and have created two new projects under STEM, these updates have been made at the local level as well. If you are interested in exhibiting Legos, Smithing, or Welding, please see below for new projects. There have also been adjustments to Visual Arts. See below for the class options. More information may be found in the State Fair Book which is attached to this newsletter. All project changes need to be made by May 1 in 4HOnline 2.0. Please contact the office for any questions.

[KSF 4-H Exhibitor Handbook – STATIC](#)

[KSF 4-H Exhibitor Handbook – LIVESTOCK](#)

STEM Ag Mechanics

- Welding & Smithing

STEM Architectural Block Construction

- Legos

STEM Astronomy

STEM Computers

STEM Robotics

STEM Rocketry

STEM Unmanned Aerial System

Visual Arts

- **Fine Arts**
 - Oil, chalk, charcoal, dyes, pastels, pencil, ink, acrylic, or watercolor
- **Clay & Ceramics**
 - Clay, fired or unfired, hand formed, or thrown on a wheel
- **Leather & Jewelry**
 - Leather stamping, carving, tooling, lacing, stitching or any jewelry piece made from any medium
- **Three-Dimensional**
 - Must have 3 identifiable sides and should either be free-standing or prepared to be hung.
 - Craft & pre-formed or assembled projects are not acceptable
- **General Crafts**
 - Miscellaneous pieces that do not correspond to the other mentioned categories.

Fair Grounds Work Day

Citizenship opportunity for Int. & Sr. 4-H members on **April 25th and May 23rd at 2:00 p.m.** Out of concern for safety, the Fair Board suggests only 4-Hers and volunteers 11+ participate on these days. Heavy lifting, moving large objects and construction may/will be involved. Jr. members, in addition to Int. & Sr. members, are encouraged to attend pre and post Fair Clean ups for additional citizenship opportunities.

Livestock Weigh-In & Tagging Info

Livestock not tagged by their species tagging deadline will show in open class. Weigh-in on Species weigh-in date is required for ROG eligibility.

Other than for 4-H bucket calves, all animals will receive eID tags. Tags are purchased at the time of tagging, please plan accordingly (cash or check only, no cards). An extension Agent will be present during tagging of all Wabaunsee County 4-H livestock.

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| Beef | \$4.00 |
| Bucket Calf | \$1.50 |
| Goat | \$3.00 |
| Sheep | \$3.00 |
| Swine | \$3.00 |

BEEF

Tagging Deadline: **April 30th** by 4:30 pm

GOAT, SHEEP, SWINE

Weigh-In & Tagging: **April 17th** @ Fair Grounds, Alma, 2:00-4:00pm

Tagging Deadline: **May 21st** by 4:30 pm

Trailers must be on site by or before 2:30pm to be tagged, late arrivals will not be accepted. Details will be sent out via email the week prior to tagging.

Livestock Tagging / Horse Policies Packets have been sent out (included in the March Newsletter email).

Small Animal Packets (Dog, Pet, Poultry, Rabbit) will be sent out separately closer to Fair.

Updated Swine Rules

We are excited to release the rules for our new Breeding Gilt classes at the 2021 Wab. Co. Fair! Market and Breeding are separate projects in 4HOnline. Please be sure that you are enrolled in the appropriate project(s) for all Livestock!

General Swine Rules:

1. Exhibitors may exhibit no more than 3 swine (2 Market and 1 Breeding Gilt or 1 Market and 2 Breeding Gilts).
2. Read General and Animal Rules & Regulations on pages 4-6.
3. All swine must have been farrowed on or after January 1, 2021.
4. Swine must have been tagged with an approved 4-H tag by the local tagging deadline: May 21, 2021.
5. Testicles must be removed via physical castration from barrows. No chemical castration is allowed.
6. Breeds must have three head for a class or will show as AOB. A Breed Champion will be selected for each breed. A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be selected from breed champions and reserves for Market Hogs and Breeding Gilts. Breed classes will be offered as follows:
 - a. Duroc
 - b. Hampshire
 - c. Yorkshire
 - d. Spot
 - e. Berkshire
 - f. Crossbred
 - g. AOB

Market Hogs:

1. Market animals will be weighed and divided into uniform classes according to breed and weight. Official weight will be determined at check in.
2. Swine failing to meet the minimum weight of 220 pounds will be shown in a prospect class. These animals will not be allowed to compete for champion placing and will not be allowed to sell in the premium auction.
3. Market Swine will be shown according to breed and weight.

Breeding Gilts

1. This is a non-terminal show for breeding gilts, they are not eligible to be sold through the auction ring.
2. Breeding gilts exhibited by 4-H'ers will be returned home at exhibitors' own risk and the Wabaunsee County Fair and Fair Officials will not be held responsible for the death, injury or spread of disease.
3. Registration Certificates and ear notches are required for all purebred breeding gilts. Papers are required at check in and will be checked with ear notches. Papers need to be in the exhibitor's name or approved family nomination name by June 15, 2021. Purebred gilts may be co-owned and co-registered by 4-Her's of the same family, however, may not be co-owned with an adult. Non-papered gilts will show in the Crossbred division.
4. Breeding Gilts will be shown according to breed, classes will be broken by age if numbers warrant.

4-H Member Highlight

Colton Imthurn, Maple Hill Hustlers



My name is Colton Imthurn. I have been enrolled in 4-H for two years. I am currently enrolled in swine, goats and visual arts. My favorite project is swine. I am the club historian for the Maple Hill Hustlers. My favorite memory is when I received Grand Champion Swine Junior Showman at our county fair.

4-H Campference

4-H Campference is for youth ages 12-14 (before January 1, 2021) and is held June 27-30, 2021. Participants experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying camp activities. This is a great transitional opportunity as tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences.

Registration will be available in early April. We encourage delegates interested to register early as the space will fill on a first come basis. Please watch for more details coming soon!



Hosting Japanese Exchange

Looking for some new fun and excitement this summer after a long year of staying home? Host a new friend from Japan in your home this summer, July 23 – August 18. Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities for 25- 30 families this summer. Host families are needed who would be willing to host a Japanese boy or girl. The Japanese youth will be between the ages of 13 and 15. Our responsibility is to make host family assignments matching each delegate with an American same-gender host sibling as soon as possible so that families and exchange delegates can communicate and get to know each other.

Any Kansas family with children aged 10-16, who is interested in the Japanese culture, may host. A separate bed is required, but not necessarily a separate room from the host sibling. Delegates are 100 percent medically covered with 4-H insurance and bring their own spending money. They can go on host family vacations, camping trips, or join their host sibling for summer camps and the county fair. The focus is everyday family life. If you have further questions, please call Pam Van Horn, Kansas 4-H Japanese Exchange Coordinator, 785-826-8917, or e-mail pvanhorn@ksu.edu.

4-H Discovery Days

Kansas 4-H Discovery Days will be delivered virtually in 2021. The event will be held on June 1-4, 2021. The decision to again use the virtual format was not taken lightly as the preferred format for the event would definitely be in-person. The decision is in congruence with the current K-State Reopening Phase 3 guidelines and the most recent vaccine availability projections from Riley County.

4-H Discovery Days is for youth ages 13-18 before January 1, 2021.

Record Book Process TRAINING!

We are excited to announce a family training night for the new Project Report forms! Join us April 14, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom, as we dive into how to get started using the new forms. Please register for the training [here](#)! We plan to host record book workshops after fair to help with any questions before they are due to be judged! Please continue to watch for updates!

The fillable PDF Project Report forms are being used state-wide across all age levels for 2020/2021. ONLY Extension Units in the Pilot will have access to online record keeping in ZBooks. The New Family Notebooks (updated 10/2020) have the updated [Guide to Kansas 4-H Project Recognition](#).

ZBooks will not be available to Wabaunsee County during the 2020-2021 4-H year.

The Project Report Forms are age specific. **All static** will use the **General Project Report Form** and **all animal** projects will use the **Animal Project Report Form**. These new forms have made record keeping for your 4-H projects more concise. Now is the time to start filling in your goals and a timeline for you to complete them. Take a few minutes to look over the new forms and feel free to call the Extension office with any questions!

Forms for Everyone to Complete

[Project Recognition Check Sheet](#) (fillable PDF)
[Personal Information Page](#) (fillable PDF)
[Permanent Record](#) (fillable Word)
[Project Report Form Evaluation Rubric](#) (PDF)

Junior Forms

[General Project Report Form](#) (fillable PDF)
[Animal Project Report Form](#) (fillable PDF)

Intermediate Forms

[General Project Report Form](#) (fillable PDF)
[Animal Project Report Form](#) (fillable PDF)

Senior Forms

[General Project Report Form](#) (fillable PDF)
[Animal Project Report Form](#) (fillable PDF)