

# Wabaunsee County 4-H News



K-State Research and Extension

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## Extension Office Update

A new year brings new beginnings! 2020 has given us each at least one new challenge. Some of the new challenges has given the opportunities to make new traditions. Our Christmases looked a lot different this year, but for our family, things seemed a lot less stressful. We were able to enjoy the family time we had and didn't feel the need to rush to the next place. Of course, we missed the loved ones we couldn't see but I am hopeful we will see them soon. Take this new beginning to find what is most important to you and hold it close.

- Stephanie Maike

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

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## 4-H Enrollment

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

## Outstanding Invoices

Past due invoices for 2020 eID tags and Livestock Sweepstakes have been mailed out. If you receive an invoice, please send payment to the Extensions Office ASAP. All invoices from 2020 must be paid in full before new charges for 2021 will be allowed. If you have questions about your invoice, please call or email the Extension Office.

## January

1 Extension Office Closed

29-31 Dog Judge Training

## February

1 **Citizenship in Action Registration Due**

8 **Registration Deadline – Junior Swine Producer Week** ([click here to register](#))

14-15 Citizenship in Action, Virtual

15-20 Junior Swine Producer Week, Virtual

## Junior Producer Days

This year the junior producer days will be hosted virtually as week-long educational series. A few sessions will be presented on week-night evenings, with the program wrapping up on Saturday morning. **Junior Swine Producer Week is scheduled for February 15-20, 2021.** The Junior Meat Goat Producer Week is slated for March 15-20, 2021. All ages and knowledge levels are invited for both events! K-State faculty members, graduate students and guest speakers will cover topics including selection, nutrition and feeding, meat science, livestock guard dogs, health, grooming and clipping, showmanship, and the state livestock nomination process.

The program will be free this year, but all attendees, including youth and adults, must register online. The link for Junior Swine Producer Week is <https://bit.ly/KSUJrSwineWeek>. Families may register for Junior Meat Goat Producer Day at <https://bit.ly/KSUJrMeatGoatWeek>. The deadline to register and receive the necessary materials is February 8 and March 8, respectively. Participants are encouraged to use an email they check regularly, as links and program details will be communicated to those registered via email.

## Livestock Weigh-In & Tagging - important updates

Beef and Small Livestock (goats, sheep, swine) will have species specific weigh-in and tagging deadline dates. Animals not tagged at weigh-in will be tagged by Agent Melhus – contact Melhus to schedule a time. Families can tag/weigh-in as many head as needed so they have options for fair. Any animals that didn't get tagged by the tagging deadline can still be shown in Open Class at County Fair. The final species weigh-in will still be at Fair like normal (for weights & ROG).

- **Weigh-In & Tagging Date:** Animals will be weighed and eID tagged. Animals weighed & tagged on this date are eligible for the ROG contest at County Fair and to be shown at County Fair. Animals tagged after this date are not eligible for ROG.
- **Tagging Deadline:** Animals showing in 4-H classes at County Fair **must** be tagged by this date. Animals not tagged by this date can be shown in Open Class.

### **BEEF**

Weigh-In & Tagging: March 20<sup>th</sup> @ Time & Location TBD (we are finalizing details and will update when complete)

Tagging Deadline: April 30<sup>th</sup> by 4:30 pm

### **GOAT, SHEEP, SWINE** (all species together)

Weigh-In & Tagging: April 17<sup>th</sup> – Time & Location TBD

Tagging Deadline: May 21<sup>st</sup> by 4:30pm

**Locations & Dates will be finalized by February – an update will be sent as soon as they are finalized.** Livestock Tagging / Horse Policies Packets will be sent out in February. Small Animal Packets (Dog, Pet, Poultry, Rabbit) will be sent out separately closer to Fair.

## Ambassador Program

We are looking for a few new Kansas 4-H Ambassador Action Team Members. Applications can be found [here](#). The group has plans for 2021 and would like to get new members involved right away.

## 4-H Breeding Gilt Class

*NEW CLASSES COMING FOR 2021 WAB CO FAIR!!*

Breeding Gilt classes will be added for 4-H starting this year (2020-2021 4-H year). We will be working with our Swine Superintendents on class rules and plan to have them finalized by the end of February (if not sooner). Updates and information will be provided as available.

## Citizenship in Action

Citizenship in Action will be a virtual event in 2021. Plans are being made for programming on February 14 and 15.

The current plan is a community conversation, including deliberating and finding common ground on Sunday afternoon (tentatively 1:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.) On Monday the program will begin after lunch and be an opportunity to hear how others decided to make a difference and make a plan to do the same. Tentatively 1:00 P.M. to 4:30 P.M.

**Registration is due Monday, February 1.** Watch for more information soon.

## State Horse Quiz Bowl & Hippology Update

Due to Rock Spring's current closure, the Horse Panorama will not be held in January. Instead, the Horse Action Team will host Hippology, Public Speaking, Demonstrations/Talks, Photography, Logo, Poster, PowerPoint, Ad Layout, and Model Horse Show virtually in 2021. The exact dates are yet to be determined.

In addition, tentatively, Quiz Bowl will join Horse Judging and be hosted with our Kansas Horse Council partners at Equifest March 5-7 in Salina. This plan will be tentative until we learn more about Salina Co. health orders in mid-January. If COVID-19 restrictions prevent us from hosting these contests in the spring, the Horse Action Team is exploring virtual options. Announcements will be made as plans are finalized.

## **\*NEW\* Record Book Process**

We are excited to join the State in the new Record Keeping and Project Report process. Record keeping and Project Reporting are valuable skills taught to members of the Kansas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep a permanent record of all 4-H and Non-4-H Experience and are encouraged to summarize their experiences on the Kansas 4-H Project Report Form for project recognition.

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 in 10/2020 has the updated [Guide to Kansas 4-H Project Recognition](#). Watch for more information on preparing for the Regional Screening & State Project Judging processes.

### **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)