Extension Office Update
We miss seeing you and hope that you are all staying healthy! Through the challenges inflicted by the spread of COVID-19, we are learning to work together through more innovative ways. As Stephanie Maike has taken on a more active role in 4-H programming, please send any 4-H concerned emails to all three staff members.

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much!” – Helen Keller.

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

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Spring Shows
A joint meeting of the Wabaunsee County spring livestock and swine shows was held on April 16th, via Zoom. An idea was proposed to hold a virtual show, due to restrictions placed on Extension Staff by K-State. There were several reasons for the decision to not have a virtual show run by 4-H including: cost-effectiveness of going through a professional platform, the value it would have for our county 4-Hers, as well as the difficult process of recording and uploading these videos.

The Extension Office received 40 surveys back. We want to thank everyone involved in this process for your time, input and understanding.

May
1 Project Add/Drop Deadline
1 Horse IDs Due
1 4HOnline Enrollment Closes
1 Market Beef Nominations Due

June
11 Emerald Circle, Virtual KAP Ceremony – Part 1
15 Commercial Heifer & Small Animal Nominations Due
18 Emerald Circle, Virtual KAP Ceremony – Part 2

Facebook
Wabaunsee County Extension is now on Facebook! 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!

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.
**Purple Power Pack 4-H Camp**
Unfortunately, Purple Power Pack Camp has been cancelled for June 2020. We look forward to alternative camp experiences and attending with you all in 2021!

**Project Add/Drop Deadline**
All 4-H families have access to their 4-Hers project lists on 4HOnline. You can see which projects you are enrolled in by signing into your 4HOnline account. Please check each 4-Hers account prior to May 1! The deadline to add or drop a project is May 1. If you are not enrolled in your project by May 1, you will not be able to exhibit in the 4-H division in that project at the Fair. If you have concerns, please contact the Extension Office BEFORE May 1.

**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! Please join us to celebrate the youth exhibiting 4-H’s core values of mastery, independence, generosity and belonging. Look for more information on how to stream the event.

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

**Nominations & Tagging**
We are only tagging state nominated livestock at this time. We will let you know by the end of May to inform you with the plan for county fair tagging.

Market Beef Nominations are due **May 1st**!
Commercial Heifer & Small Animal Nominations (SF & KJLS) are due **June 15th**. Please contact Stephanie Melhus for tags or with questions.

**2020 Seniors**
COVID-19 has taken a lot of our normal away this year, but somethings we cannot postpone to a later date. Our seniors have worked hard for the last thirteen years through their academics, sports, 4-H and other extracurricular activities. Graduation is a time to spotlight and support our seniors as they move forward into the “real world”. Please show your seniors some extra love this year as they move on to make “The Best Better”.

Emma Michaelis – Newbury 4-H Club
   Wabaunsee High School
Luke Stuhlsatz – Newbury 4-H Club
   Wabaunsee High School
Bryce Tharman – Newbury 4-H Club
   Wabaunsee High School
Casen Thowe – Newbury 4-H Club
   St. Marys High School
Falisha Willier – Happy Valley 4-H Club
   Wabaunsee High School

**2020 Fair Theme**
4-H Council chose “Dancing with the Steers” for the 2020 Fair Theme. We are actively planning and beyond excited to see all your projects you’ve been busy working on during “quarantine”!

Wabaunsee County Fair Dates are July 24-28
**MEMBER HIGHLIGHT**

**Gaige Smith**

I am Gaige Smith and I have been in 4-H for 8 years. I joined because I wanted to shoot BB gun with Flint Hills Jr. Shooters and am currently enrolled in BB Gun and Air Rifle. My biggest accomplishment was medaling at every meet 2 years ago and making the team for nationals. Although I do not hold any offices, I have many leadership roles at every competition and practice, especially the year I medaled at every meet. I was one of the top shooters that year. 4-H has provided me with too many favorite memories to name. I really enjoy working on the float and being in the parade. I also like to attend matches and play games with my teammates all day. Favorite memory was last year after State when about 50 of us went to El Coral for dinner, it was loud and fun.

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**MEMBER HIGHLIGHT**

**Kyra Smith**

I am Kyra Smith and I have been in 4-H for 6 years. I first joined Flint Hills Jr. Shooters so I could take pictures and enter them into the county fair. I am currently enrolled in Archery and Photography. My biggest accomplishment so far, is making it to state last year for archery. I do not hold any offices but have leadership roles when I help Coach Theel with the younger kids during archery practice. My favorite memories are helping build the float and be in the parade. Also, when I qualified for State last year, Coach Theel was so excited for me.

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**4-H Member Highlights**

Enjoy the great articles that was 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.

June – Friendly Farmers & Newbury  
July – Happy Valley & Maple Hill Hustlers  
August – Flint Hills Jr. Shooters

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**Thank you, Volunteers!**

A huge thank you to all our volunteers. Your time and dedication do not go unnoticed and our program would not be what it is without you. We value our volunteers and the partnership we have formed and will continue to form in the years to come.