

# Wabaunsee County 4-H News



K-State Research and Extension

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## Extension Office Update

We want to help spotlight all of the great things Wabaunsee County 4-Hers are doing in our weekly Extension Connection section of the Wabaunsee County Signal Enterprise. If you attend a project learning experience, please email a photo and description to Stephanie ([snmaike@ksu.edu](mailto:snmaike@ksu.edu)).

**Several members have not re-enrolled for the new year. Please get enrolled ASAP to be included on club rosters and communications locally and statewide!** If you need assistance with the enrollment process, please contact the office.

Please always remember that we are only a phone call or email away and are happy to help or answer any questions!

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## Small Ruminant Workshop

Save the date for the Small Ruminant Workshop to be held following small livestock tagging on Saturday, April 27. The workshop will include hands-on, project learning experiences. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks!

## Flint Hills 4-H Rabbit Raisers

A multi-county Rabbit group has formed and hosts monthly meeting project meetings. Youth enhance their Rabbit project skills while participating in leadership and citizenship opportunities. Please join Cherie at **2:00 p.m. on Sundays, February 18, March 24, and April 28.**

## February

- 1 **4-H Day Registration Deadline**
- 7 105 Town Hall Meeting, Prairie Heights Gym
- 12 **KSU Jr. Beef Producer Day Registration Deadline**
- 17 4-H Day, Wabaunsee High School
- 17-18 Shooting Sports Match, Johnson County
- 18 Rabbit Meeting, Marlow-Lietz, 2:00 p.m.
- 18-19 Kansas 4-H CIA, Topeka
- 19 **Extension Office Closed – President’s Day**
- 19 YQCA Training, E-Building, 11:00 a.m.
- 19 105 Town Hall Meeting, Wabaunsee Junior High Commons Area
- 20 105 Town Hall Meeting, Mission Valley Commons Area
- 24 Shooting Sports Match, Sedgwick County
- 26 **KSU Jr. Sheep Producer Day Registration Deadline**
- 26 Geology Meeting, E-Building Conference Room, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.

## March

- 1 **Gresing Memorial Applications Deadline**
- 1 **Kansas 4-H Scholarship Deadline**
- 2 KSU Jr. Beef Producer Day, KSU
- 5 105 Town Hall Meeting, Wabaunsee High School Commons Area
- 9 Shooting Sports Match, Jackson/Nemaha
- 16 KSU Jr. Sheep Producer Day, KSU
- 16-17 Shooting Sports Match, PT/RL
- 17 4-H Council Meeting, E-Building, 6:00 p.m.
- 23 Beef Tagging & Weigh-In, Jones Family Angus, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.
- 24 Rabbit Meeting, E-Building Conference Room, 2:00 p.m.
- 25 Geology Meeting, E-Building Conference Room, 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- 29 **Extension Office Closed – Good Friday**

## 2023-24 4-H Year Pictures

Please submit your photos throughout the year to be used in the annual slideshow at Achievement Night!  
OneDrive Folder: [https://bit.ly/23\\_24Pictures](https://bit.ly/23_24Pictures)

## Complete 2023-24 Enrollment NOW!

**Parents** – If you transport youth and/or work with them one on one, such as committee work; you should be a screened volunteer. Please create or update your 4HOnline profile ASAP. Stephanie will be in touch with Criminal Background Check information. **Volunteers** – Please update your 4HOnline profile ASAP. To receive the 4-H insurance coverage, your profile must be current.

When enrolling you will notice Kansas 4-H has reeled out new project name changes for the new year. Please check out the attached pdf with the complete list of 2023-24 Kansas 4-H Projects!



Beef	Sewing & Textile Design	Entomology
Dairy Cattle	Shopping in Style	Agronomy
Dairy Goats	Family Studies	Forestry
Dog	Fiber Arts	Horticulture & Landscape Design
Horse	Foods & Nutrition	Ag Mechanics Welding
Meat Goats	Health & Wellness	Building Block Engineering
Pets	Interior Design & Architecture	Astronomy
Poultry	Environmental Science	Computer Science
Rabbits	Geology	Electric & Renewable Energy
Sheep	Shooting Sports	Robotics
Swine	Wildlife	Aerospace/Rocketry
Veterinary Science		Small Engines
		Uncrewed Aircraft Systems
Communications	Civic Engagement	Woodworking
Performing Arts	Leadership	
Photography	Reading Adventures	
Visual Arts	Self-Determined	

### PREVIOUS PROJECT LISTING

Beef	Clothing & Textiles- Construction	Entomology
Dairy Cattle	Clothing & Textiles- Bismanship	Plant Science
Dairy, Goats	Family Studies	Plant Science- Field Crops
Dog Care & Training	Fiber Arts	Plant Science- Forestry
Horse	Foods & Nutrition	Plant Science- Horticulture
Meat Goats	Health & Wellness	STEM - Ag Mechanics
Pets (Including Cats)	Home Environment	STEM - Architectural Block Construction
Poultry	Environment Science	STEM - Astronomy
Rabbits	Geology	STEM - Computer Science
Sheep	Shooting Sports	STEM - Energy Management
Swine	Wildlife	STEM - Robotics
Veterinary Science		STEM - Aerospace/Rocketry
		STEM - Small Engines
Communications	Citizenship (Civic Engagement)	STEM - UAS
Performing Arts	Leadership	Woodworking
Photography	Reading	
Visual Arts	Self-Determined	

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## **Livestock enthusiasts – you no longer have to enroll in breeding and market individually!**

Good news for FairEntry too!

## **4-H Day 2024**

4-H Day is scheduled for **Saturday, February 17**. Please find the regulations in the GlideApp or attached to the newsletter email! This is a great opportunity to expand your project learning experiences and showcase opportunities for your record books!

**Entries due by 5:00 p.m. on February 1, 2024!**

## **Are you interested in Geology!?**

We are excited to share that Bengie and Theresa Foster are continuing to offer monthly county-wide project learning experiences! The last Monday of every month, plan to join Bengie for an educational, project meeting at the E-Building Conference Room. Please note the change in location for the new year. The E-Building is located at

When weather permits, plan to join them on an exciting, outdoor, educational excursion to build your collection! Parents are asked to stay with their youth attending.

### **Upcoming Geology meetings:**

Monday, January 29, 2024; 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
E-Building Conference Room

Monday, February 26, 2024; 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
E-Building Conference Room

Monday, March 25, 2024; 6:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
E-Building Conference Room

## **Fairground Usage for 4-H Events**

The fairgrounds are being used by many different organizations and individuals. Just a reminder, **4-H events are scheduled through the Extension Office**, so they can be added to the calendar. We want to make sure the buildings will be available to whomever needs them for club meetings, project learning experiences, etc. If your event will not be taking place, please let us know immediately so we can open it for someone else.

Effective for the 2024 year, all usage of the KanEquip Arena must be scheduled through the Fair Association Rental Committee.

### **Fair Association Rental Committee:**

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K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the event contact (Bernadette Trieb) two weeks prior to the start of the event at (785-765-3821 or [btrieb@ksu.edu](mailto:btrieb@ksu.edu)). Requests received after this date will be honored when it is feasible to do so.

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## 2024 Rock Springs 4-H Camp

Registration for 2024 Camp sessions is **OPEN now through May 1**. Wabaunsee County 4-H Council voted to pay **\$50/camper** who registers for Rock Springs 4-H Camp.

**Enter code: sunshinesmiles50** at registration to get the discount!

At Program Rally, RSR Staff shared exciting new specialty camp opportunities. Mini Camp is a 2-night camp for all rising 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> graders eager to go to RSR! Ranch Camp and Shooting Sports camp are for youth that want to specialize their camp experience to the specific interest area. These two specialty camps will be 5 nights, limited spots available.

**CALLING ALL ADVENTURERS CLIMBERS FLIPPERS & BUG CATCHERS!**

Registration for 4-H camp at Rock Springs Ranch is now open!

At Rock Springs Ranch, campers unplug, make friends, learn lifelong skills and have fun in the Flint Hills of Kansas.

**Register Now!**  
Visit us online to learn more about 4-H camp!

Mini-Camp	Half-Week	Week-Long	LIT	CIT
Rising 1st-3rd graders	Rising 3rd-12th graders	Rising 3rd-12th graders	Courtesy of Training	Courtesy of Training
Session #1: July 1-12	Session #1: June 25	Session #1: June 25-30	Session #1: June 25-30	Session #1: June 25-30
	Session #2: June 28-30	Session #2: June 25-30	Session #2: June 25-30	Session #2: June 25-30
	Session #3: June 30-1 July 1	Session #3: June 25-30	Session #3: June 25-30	Session #3: June 25-30

The cost of camp just too much? Contact the Extension Office to find out more about local and state campership opportunities.

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## Statewide Scholarship Changes

The 2024-25 scholarship process for State 4-H Scholarships and the Vanier Family Scholarship Program has been streamlined. This process has been designed to encourage more 4-H'ers to apply for these scholarships by simplifying and combining the process. Evaluation criteria has also been included to provide transparency throughout the entire process. Please note several of the larger changes listed below:

1. Applicants will provide a cover letter and resume as part of their application – the same resume may be used for both scholarship processes. Applicants are encouraged to have a separate cover letter for the State 4-H Scholarships from the Vanier Family Scholarship Program.
2. Evaluation materials are provided to increase the transparency of the process.
3. References do NOT submit a letter of recommendation – they will be asked to answer several short answer questions about the applicant. These questions can be found on the Kansas 4-H website (<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>).

For questions about the scholarship process, please reach out to Sarah Keatley at [keatley@ksu.edu](mailto:keatley@ksu.edu) or 620-366-0035.

## 2024 Wabaunsee County Fair

Start working within your club committees to design your “Country Night & Arena Lights” fair competitions.

There has been a change in the Kansas 4-H Policy regarding the livestock sales. Each local fair board can choose to change their local regulations. Previously our sale has been terminal but for 2024 and beyond, Wabaunsee County Fair Board has voted to align with the Kansas 4-H Policy and lift the terminal requirement. Therefore, animals that go through the livestock sale at the County Fair can still show at Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show. Locker Destinations will still be available and will be **final as of 5:00 p.m. on Friday, July 5**. Sign up will be released in June.

**2024 Wabaunsee County Fair: July 26-30, 2024**

## Junior Producer Days

The K-State Junior **Beef Producer Day** is scheduled for **Saturday, March 2**, with the K-State Junior **Sheep Producer Day** is scheduled for **Saturday, March 16**. Both events will be held in Weber Hall on the K-State campus in Manhattan. These events are one-day, family educational event that focuses on youth sheep projects.

Everyone who plans to attend must register, including both youth and adults! **The cost is \$20/person by the deadline**, or \$25/person after the deadline, for both events. Only those who register by the appropriate deadline will receive a t-shirt.

**Junior Beef Producer Day: March 2, 2024**  
**Deadline: February 12, 2024**

**Junior Sheep Producer Day: March 16, 2024**  
**Deadline: February 26, 2024**



**Tagging & Weigh-In**

**Beef**  
(Market, Commercial Heifer, Bucket Calf)  
**Tagging: March 23, 2024, 1:00 p.m.**  
Location: Jones Family Angus  
**Deadline: April 15, 2024, 5:00 p.m.**

**Small Livestock**  
(Goat, Sheep, Swine - Market & Commercial)  
**Tagging: April 27, 2024, 8:00 a.m.**  
Location: Wabaunsee County Fairgrounds  
**Deadline: May 20, 2024, 5:00 p.m.**

**YQCA Training**  
**February 19, 2024, 11:00 a.m.**  
E-Building Conference Room  
**April 27, 2024**  
Small Ruminant Workshop

 

## 2024 State Livestock Nomination

Again for 2024, official DNA envelopes must be ordered in advance! Don't wait to get your envelopes ordered or animals tagged. Please contact the office early to schedule the EID tagging of your **STATE ONLY** animals. Nominations must be postmarked by their deadline. Stay up-to-date with the State Nomination details [here](#).

**Market Beef Nomination Deadline: May 1**  
**Envelope Deadline: April 20**

**Small Livestock Nomination Deadline: June 15**  
**Envelope Deadline: June 5**

## 2024 Livestock Tagging Information

All animals that may be shown at either County or State 4-H events must be tagged. **Tagging is by family, animals do NOT have to be designated to a 4-Her until FairEntry submission, June 7<sup>th</sup> – July 5<sup>th</sup>!**

**BEEF** – Including Bucket Calves, Commercial Heifers & Market Heifers/Steers  
**Weigh-In & Tagging: March 23; 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.**  
**Jones Family Angus**

**Beef Tagging Deadline: April 15, 2024; 5:00 p.m.**

**GOAT, SHEEP, SWINE** – All species together to include Commercial & Market Animals  
**Weigh-In & Tagging: April 27; 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Wabaunsee County Fairgrounds**

**Goat, Sheep & Swine Tagging Deadline:**  
**May 20, 2024; 5:00 p.m.**

If you are unable to attend the designated weigh-in & tagging, please contact the office to schedule a time for Stephanie to tag your animals. Any animals not tagged by the specie specific deadline will not be eligible to show in the 4-H Division at the Wabaunsee County Fair.

## Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) Training

Stephanie will be hosting two YQCA trainings. Any youth planning to show at a State or National show must be YQCA certified. All members are strongly encouraged to become certified.

To register, please go to <https://yqcaprogram.org>. A \$3.00 fee will be due at registration. If you were certified last year, please login to your account. New families/members will need to register a new account. This is NOT through 4HOnline. Contact Stephanie ([snmaike@ksu.edu](mailto:snmaike@ksu.edu)) with questions.

**Monday, February 19, 11:00 a.m. \*Pizza Included**  
E-Building Conference Room

**Saturday, April 27, Small Ruminant Workshop**  
Wabaunsee County Fairgrounds

*Either session is subject to cancellation if fewer than 4 members register. Cancellations will be announced by 12 Noon, Friday before.*