



# Geary County

## 4-H NEWS



*A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers*

*March 2024*

### Regional 4-H Day

Regional 4-H Day will be held on Saturday, March 23 in Clay Center at the high school. The schedule is posted on the Geary County 4-H website at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/>.

### 4-H Overnight Camp Deadline for Financial Support

The deadline to sign up for 4-H camp at Rock Springs and receive financial support in the amount of \$225 from the Geary County 4-H Foundation is May 1. Use the discount code GECOCAMP24 when you register to have these funds applied to your account. The code will need to be added for each camper's registration. In order to be eligible for this financial support, 4-H members must have been enrolled in 4HOnline by January 1, 2024. For more information about camp and to register, visit <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>.

### Volunteer Screening

Any Club Leaders, Project Leaders, and other adult volunteers in direct contact with youth will need to fill out a profile in 4HOnline and complete training if they haven't done so. Information about creating or updating a profile in 4HOnline and the required training offered through 4HOnline is available at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>. Thank you for helping to make sure Geary County 4-H members have a safe 4-H experience.

### Fair Changes

The following fair rule and schedule changes were made at the February 4-H Council meeting or to stay in line with state fair rules. A fair schedule is included with this newsletter.

- For the 7 to 9-year-old division, participants in Sewing & Textile Design will be required to construct only 50% of outfits for **Fashion Revue**. For example, if they made a top, they can buy the bottoms and vice versa.
- Champions in the 10 to 13-year old **Fashion Revue** divisions are now eligible for state fair.
- The number of cookies, muffins, etc. for **Foods** exhibits will be dropped from 4 to 3. The classes are now by age instead of by type of item exhibited.
- Foods** items with frostings and fillings must calculate the amount of sugar in the frosting/filling portion of the recipe for food safety purposes.
- Classes added to **Shooting Sports** and **Wildlife** divisions.
- Display and poster classes added to **Shopping in Style** division.
- The **Swine** show will be held at 7:00pm the Wednesday evening of fair instead of 6:30pm.
- Veterinary Science** division added.
- The **Visual Arts** exhibit limit will be 4 per class per exhibitor, keeping the total limit per exhibitor at 8.

**Fair Auction  
Participation  
Requirement for 2024**

4-H members will be required to attend in-person at least 4 regular monthly meetings of the 4-H club in which they are enrolled between October 1 and June 30 to participate in the project/livestock auction held at the end of the fair in 2024. Official record of meetings attended will be the club secretary's book. This requirement does not limit fair participation, only participation in the auction. Plan ahead now to make sure youth meet the requirement if they want to participate in the auction

**Congratulations to  
Grant Slough for Horse  
Panorama**

Congratulations to Geary County 4-H member Grant Slough for his excellent showing at the recent 4-H Horse Panorama. Grant was part of the 1<sup>st</sup> place team in the Open Hippology contest and placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the contest individually. Way to go Grant!

**Qualifying for the State  
Fair 4-H Horse Show**

The procedure to qualify to participate in the State Fair 4-H Horse Show will continue for 2024. If you are interested in participating, please visit <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/HorseChangesPublic9.8.pdf> to read all of the details. Check this out now so you can start planning how you will qualify for the show in September.

**State Livestock  
Nomination Process  
for Kansas State Fair &  
Kansas Junior  
Livestock Show**

The state livestock nomination season is rapidly approaching and will continue to be an online process. It is going to be **IMPERATIVE** for you to plan ahead this year. You will not be able to wait until the last minute and successfully complete the process. Market Beef nominations will be due on May 1. All other species, which includes commercial heifers, market swine, commercial gilts, market lambs, commercial ewes, and ALL meat goats, will be due June 15. You will need to order nomination DNA envelopes at least 10 days ahead of these deadlines. You can find full details for the nomination process at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/>. Details on YQCA requirements are included on this site as well.

**Kansas State  
University Animal  
Sciences Leadership  
Academy (KASLA)**

Applications are due by April 15 for KASLA. Hosted by the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council Inc., the academy is an intensive four-day educational experience designed to enhance the leadership skills and animal science knowledge of students in grades 9-12. The program's itinerary will feature interactive workshops, tours, and mentor time with department faculty. KASLA will be held June 5-8, 2024. More details are available at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/k-state-animal-science-leadership-academy/>.

**Insect Art Contest  
Opportunity**

It's time once again for K-State's Integrated Pest Management Insect Art Contest! This year's theme is "Incognito: Insects in Disguise". The goal is to explore how and why insects camouflage. Selected artwork will be used to create educational items. Artists who have art selected will receive a certificate and a prize to recognize their achievement. Categories include illustration of a real-life insect and 3-D. Visit <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/> for more information. Postmark date to submit entries is April 15.

**Feeding Your Future  
Agriculture Summer  
Camp**

K-State's College of Agriculture is excited to introduce a new opportunity for high school students to learn about amazing career opportunities in agronomy, grain science, and food production through the "Feeding Your Future" 2024 summer youth camp. The camp will take place July 16-20 at K-State. Camp activities will feature agronomy, milling science, bakery science, and feed and pet food science. For more information, visit <https://www.ag.k-state.edu/ag-experiences/summer-camps/>.

**Super 4-H Saturday  
Northwest Judging  
Contests**

The annual Super 4-H Saturday Judging Contest, which includes Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Photography, and Livestock will be held in Hays on Saturday, March 23. Pre-registration is due by Friday, March 15 for sack lunch and afternoon project opportunities. There is an \$8 fee to participate that can be paid at the event. The day will also include project opportunities in the afternoon for an additional fee and volunteer sessions. More information can be found online at <https://www.walnutcreek.k-state.edu/>.

**K-State Open House**

K-State Open House will be held April 6 with family-friendly free entertainment, career exploration activities, and student research exhibits serving as highlights for the day. Find more information at <http://www.k-state.edu/openhouse>.

**Rock Springs Ranch  
Open House**

Rock Springs Ranch will host an open house on April 21 from 1:00-4:00pm. Families can visit Rock Springs to meet staff, tour camp, and get answers to questions. Tours will include the dining hall, cabins, activity center, pool, ropes course, horse barn, and more. Check out Rock Springs website (<https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/upcoming-events/>) or Facebook page for more information.

**City Clean-up**

Celebrate Earth Day by volunteering for the annual city clean-up "Operation Clean Sweep" on Saturday, April 27 from 8:00am to noon. Volunteers should report to Spin City at 915 South Washington. RSVP to Cindy Sinklier at JCPD (785) 762-5912 ext. 3603 or [cindy.sinklier@jcks.com](mailto:cindy.sinklier@jcks.com).

**Spring Into  
Volunteering**

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers invites you to "Spring Into Volunteering" on Saturday, April 20 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at K-State Salina. The registration fee of \$20 covers lunch, snacks, and materials. Register online by April 5 at <https://tinyurl.com/yc7x5vjz>. Payment can be submitted to the Extension Office by the April 5 deadline. The agenda includes 4-H Thrive Model, Record Books, Facilitating Sparks in SPIN Clubs, Hands-on Learning Techniques, and more.

**Apply Now for Hosting  
Exchange Participants  
this Summer**

2024 is an excellent time for families to explore other cultures through exchange programs. If your family is interested in hosting an exchange participant this summer, visit <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/index.html>. Exchange participants are expected from two countries. Interested families should apply now for the full array of options. The exchanges have summer hosting periods of 3 to 4 weeks.

**4-H Day Family &  
Consumer Science  
Judging Contest  
Results**

Cloverbud Division

**Participation** – Kaleah Walker

Junior Division

**Purple** – Kyla McDonald, Charles Weigel, Corabel Hock, Ayla Walker

**Blue** – Arthur Strauss, Declan Boehm

**Red** – Odynn Beamer, Emilia Weigel

**White** – Alexis Zajac

Intermediate Division

**Purple** – Lily Kvacik

**Blue** – Deyton Dibben, Jared Kline, Kara McDonald, Braden Blockcolsky, Colden Blockcolsky, Grace Mueller, Eliot Oentrich, April Strauss

**Red** – Eloise Ryan, Bo Ryan, Tyler Proietti, Ray Boller, Case Proietti

**White** – Lorelei Olson, Cade McCallum, Gracen Gfeller

Senior Division

**Purple** – Olivia Kline, Amelia Strauss

**Blue** – Brittney Dibben, Sean Mueller, Shevy Olson, Josie Strauss, Grady Oentrich, Hanna Miller, Blake Proietti

**Red** – Kourtney Dibben, Clara Gfeller, Nora Kvacik, Charles Strauss, William Strauss, Addison Gibson, Tava Gustafson, Donnigan Mueller

**White** – Juliet Waehner, Macie Muto

Cloverbuds

**Participation** – Kaleah Walker

Junior Division

**Purple** – Alexis Zajac, Corabel Hock

**Blue** – Camden Kramer, Arthur Strauss

**Red** – Declan Boehm, Ayla Walker, Will Snider, Grason Fielder, Emilia Weigel, Kyla McDonald

**White** – Charles Weigel, Odynn Beamer

Intermediate Division

**Purple** – Tyler Proietti, Deyton Dibben, Jared Kline, Lorelei Olson

**Blue** – April Strauss, Cade Snider, Adrian Williams, Macy Goodyear, Gracen Gfeller, Grace Mueller, Colden Blockcolsky, Kara McDonald, Bo Ryan

**Red** – Eliot Oentrich, Braden Blockcolsky, Eloise Ryan, Case Proietti, Ava Schmidt, Cade McCallum

**White** – Archer Anderes, Ray Boller

Senior Division

**Purple** – Blake Proietti

**Blue** – Amelia Strauss, Shevy Olson, Kourtney Dibben, Donnigan Mueller, Brittney Dibben, Olivia Kline, Elaina Schmidt, Hanna Miller, Charlie Strauss, Addison Gibson, Josie Strauss, Grady Oentrich, Sean Mueller, Macie Muto

**Red** – William Strauss, Tava Gustafson, Kennedy Moreland

**White** – Ethan Goodyear, Newt Miller, Juliet Waehner

**4-H Day Photography  
Judging Contest  
Results**

  
**Congratulations!**

## Calendar of Events

### March

- 15 Northwest Super 4-H Saturday registration deadline for sack lunch and afternoon project activities
- 16 Junior Sheep Producer Day @ K-State
- 17 Beef Weigh-in, 2 to 3pm @ JC Livestock
- 23 Regional 4-H Day, Clay Center High School
- 23 Northwest Super 4-H Saturday, Hays

### April

- 1 4-H Project Meeting Evening @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center, 6:30pm
- 5 "Spring Into Volunteering" registration due
- 6 Kansas State University Open House
- 15 Applications for Animal Science Leadership Academy due
- 15 Insect Art Contest entry postmark deadline
- 20 "Spring Into Volunteering" @ K-State Salina, 9am-3pm
- 21 Youth Activity Day @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 2:00-3:30pm
- 21 Rock Springs Ranch Open House, 1-4pm
- 21-27 National Volunteer Week
- 27 Junction City Clean-up

### May

- 1 Project Drop/Add deadline
- 1 Fair Royalty applications due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 1 Deadline to register for overnight camp at Rock Springs to receive financial support from Geary County 4-H Foundation
- 1 Market Steers & Market Heifers KSF/KJLS nomination deadline
- 3-5 Shooting Sports Full & Update Instructor Training @ Rock Springs
- 6 Project Meeting Evening
- 10 Ag Day
- 20 Bucket Calf ID forms due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 21 Market Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 5:30-7pm
- 23 Market Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 6:30-8pm
- 24 Market Goats/Sheep/Swine must be tagged/tag forms due to Extension Office

### June

- 3 Horse ID's or breed registration papers due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 3 4-H Council meeting, 7pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center
- 4-5 Hazardous Occupation Training (tentative)
- 5-7 Discovery Days @ K-State
- 5-8 Animal Science Leadership Academy, K-State
- 15 Commercial Heifer/Market Lamb/Commercial Ewe/Market Hog/  
Commercial Breeding Gilt/All Meat Goat nomination deadline
- 28 Fair pre-entries due through FairEntry



# 4-H GROWS HERE

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March 15, 2024

Check out this newsletter for lots of upcoming events and activities in 4-H! Hope everyone is enjoying Spring Break!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ginger D. Kopfer".

Ginger D. Kopfer  
County Extension Agent



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## Topic: Banking Basics for Youth

We all know how money is used, but do we know safe banking habits that protect our money? Come learn what general bank services are available to youth, how to manage resources safely, and what you need to know about managing your accounts. This hands-on and interactive project meeting, taught by Geary County Family & Consumer Science Agent Deb Andres, offers 4-H youth the opportunity to learn about the ins and outs of banking basics. There will be games and prizes, too!

Date: 04/01/2024

Time: 6:30pm

Location: 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

# 4-H Project Meeting Evening



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# YOUTH ACTIVITY DAY



4-H members and anyone interested in learning more about 4-H are invited to attend!

Rotations with fun, hands-on 4-H project activities will be offered in the following projects:

- Building Block Engineering
- Leadership
- Rocketry
- Shopping in Style
- Foods & Nutrition
- Photography
- Sewing & Textile Design
- Visual Arts

**Sunday, April 21**  
**2:00-3:30pm**



**4-H/Senior Citizens Center**  
**1025 S. Spring Valley Road**  
**Junction City**

Questions?

Contact the Geary County Extension Office at 785-238-4161

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FRIDAY, JUNE 28

Deadline Pre-entries in:

All Projects Due *online through FairEntry*  
Dog & Cat - health papers  
NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

MONDAY, JULY 15

8:00- 4-H Sewing & Textile Design Judging  
11:30 a.m. (Conference Method at Extension Office)  
(Schedule will be sent after pre-entry date)  
Noon 4-H Modeling Demonstration for  
Fashion Revue  
1:00 p.m. 4-H Fashion Revue & *Shopping in Style*  
Judging  
(Conference Method at 4-H Building)  
(Schedule will be sent after pre-entry date)

THURSDAY, JULY 18

8:30 a.m. 4-H Public Revue Setup  
5:30 p.m. 4-H Public Revue Practice  
7:00 p.m. 4-H Public Revue  
4-H Royalty Announcement

FRIDAY, JULY 19

6:30 p.m. 4-H Dog Show

SATURDAY, JULY 20

9:00 a.m. Fair Clean-up  
4-H Barn and Building Set-up

SUNDAY, JULY 21

6:00 p.m. 4-H Horse Show

MONDAY, JULY 22

8:00 a.m. - 4-H Livestock can be brought in  
5:30 p.m. (swine can be brought Monday or Tuesday)  
1:00 p.m. 4-H Food & Food Preservation  
Judging  
(Conference Method)  
(Sign up for judging times online)  
1:00 p.m. Judging of 4-H Photography  
(Conference Method)  
(Sign up for judging times online)  
4:00 - 4-H Market Beef, Goats, and Sheep  
6:00 p.m. Weigh-in  
**4:00 - 4-H entries accepted**  
**7:00 p.m.** (do not bring early)

5:30 p.m. ALL cattle/goats/sheep must be in place  
6:00 p.m. *Exhibitor Meeting – Required for Dairy,  
Goat, and Sheep Show Participants*  
6:45 p.m. 4-H Shepherd’s Lead  
7:00 p.m. 4-H Dairy, Goat, and Sheep Show  
**7:00 p.m. All indoor 4-H exhibits in place**  
except Agronomy Floriculture/  
Horticulture  
NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

TUESDAY, JULY 23

ALL DAY 4-H Food Sale  
7:30-9:30 a.m. 4-H Swine Weigh-in  
8:30 a.m. Judging of 4-H Visual Arts  
9:30 a.m. All swine must be in place  
9:30 a.m. Judging of 4-H *Veterinary Science*, Wildlife  
10:00 a.m. Judging of 4-H Aerospace/Rocketry, Ag  
Mechanics Welding, Astronomy, Building  
Block Engineering, Club Notebooks,  
Computer Science, Pets, Reading  
Adventures, Robotics, Shooting Sports,  
Uncrewed Aircraft Systems  
11:00 a.m. 4-H Agronomy, Floriculture, Horticulture,  
Poultry, and Rabbit EXHIBITS IN PLACE  
11:00 a.m. Judging of 4-H Floriculture, Miscellaneous  
Projects  
11:30 a.m. Judging of 4-H Electric & Renewable  
Energy, Small Engines  
Noon Judging of 4-H Horticulture  
12:15 p.m. 4-H Bucket Calf practice in arena  
12:30 p.m. Judging of 4-H Agronomy, Entomology,  
Forestry, Fiber Arts, Geology  
1:00 p.m. Judging of 4-H Woodworking  
1:30 p.m. Judging of 4-H Banners, Interior Design &  
Architecture  
*5:00 p.m. Exhibitor Meeting – Required for Beef Show  
Participants*  
5:00 p.m. 4-H Bucket Calf - Consultation Judging  
7:00 p.m. 4-H Beef Show  
Show order- Bucket Calf, Breeding Beef,  
Showmanship, Market Beef

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

- 8:00 a.m. 4-H Poultry Judging
- 8:30 a.m. 4-H Rabbit Judging
- 9:30 a.m. 4-H Cat Show
- 1:00 p.m. Photography and Horticulture Judging Contests  
4-H members can begin judging any time after the start of the contest, but all forms must be turned in by 3:00 p.m.
- 5:00 p.m. **Deadline for registering 4-H project items for Auction**  
NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED
- 6:00 p.m. *Exhibitor Meeting – Required for Swine Show Participants*
- 7:00 p.m. 4-H Swine Show
- 9:30 p.m. **Deadline for registering 4-H livestock for Auction**  
(or ½ hour after end of swine show) NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED

THURSDAY, JULY 25

- 10:00 a.m. 4-H Round Robin  
(Beef, Dairy, Goat, Horse, Sheep, Swine)
- 11:30-11:50 a.m. 4-H Livestock Judging Sign-up (Fair Office)
- Noon 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
- 3:00 p.m. Livestock Auction Set-Up and Barn Clean-Up
- 4:30-6:30 p.m. 4-H Barbecue and Watermelon Feed
- 6:30 p.m. 4-H Project & Livestock Auction
- 8:00 p.m. RELEASE OF 4-H EXHIBITS  
**All premiums will be forfeited if 4-H exhibits are removed before 8:00 p.m.**
- 8:30 p.m. Clean up of Building  
Every 4-H member with exhibits is expected to stay until everything is cleaned, inside and out