



# Geary County

## 4-H NEWS



*A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers*

*August 2017*

If you are planning to have your state fair exhibits delivered by Extension Office staff, you need to have the exhibit to the office by **Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**. If it is a food item, you can deliver it from 7:00am to 7:30am on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. The entry cards will be in the office and already filled out for you. The following projects have special requirements or forms that the 4-H member will need to fill out and/or sign at the Extension Office.

Clothing: Clothing label on each item; Can include an index card or photo, no larger than 4" x 6" to give the judge any information which the exhibitor thinks would be helpful; To be considered for the wool award, attach a statement saying the material is 60% wool and to be considered for the wool award

Dog: 4-H Dog Show Immunization Record must be completed and presented to veterinarian at health check on the day of show

Energy Management: Sheet of operating instructions for any exhibit not self-explanatory; Batteries must be included if battery power is required

Fiber Arts: Clothing label on each item; Should include an index card no larger than 3" x 5" to give the judge any information on what parts of the exhibit they made, processes used, fiber content (exhibits indicating they are made of at least 60% wool will be eligible for the wool award), and whether it is from a kit or original design; For quilted items, indicate who did the quilting and binding

Foods/Food Preservation: Recipe (preservation recipes must include exhibitor name, recipe source, date of publication and altitude of residence); Can include a 3" x 5" index card to give the judge any information which the exhibitor thinks would be helpful; Food or Food Preservation Label

Photography: Exhibit form; On the back of the mount write exhibitor's name, photo class, and county

Poultry: Proof of blood testing within 90 days

Shooting Sports: Name, county, age and year in project should be on the front of the poster or display

SpaceTech Robotics: Exhibit Information Form; Written instructions for operation; Construction plans; 1 to 3 pages of photos or 5 minute video; exhibitor's name and county must be tagged or labeled in a prominent location

Wildlife: Name, county, age and year in project should be in a prominent location on the exhibit

Woodworking: Plans

Exhibits can be picked up at the Extension Office any time after Noon on Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate having exhibits picked up soon after the end of the fair.

### State Fair Exhibits

**Kansas State Fair Information**

Visit the Kansas State Fair website at <http://www.kansasstatefair.com> to check out the schedule of events, get maps, and see 4-H livestock results. You can find the fair book and link for non-livestock results at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html>. You are responsible for knowing the rules and requirements for your exhibit area which can be found in the fair book on the Kansas 4-H website. You can also get pages of the book at the Extension Office.

**Fair Thank You**

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the 2017 Geary County Free Fair. The fair would not be possible without 4-Hers, parents, and volunteers to help out. Extra thanks to all of the hard-working superintendents and assistants!

**Thank You from Open Class Volunteers**

Dear 4-H Members,  
THANK YOU!

Thank you for sharing your energies helping Open Class set up and tear down.  
Thank you for sharing your stories about fair.

Thank you for your entries in the Open Class Departments.

Thank you for letting us cut in the concession stand line so we could get back to our jobs.

Thank you for holding the door open as we came through with our arms full.

Thank you for listening when asked not to touch, run, and be loud.

Thank you for letting us see that 4-H – head heart, hands, health – is strong in Geary County 4-H members.

Sincerely,  
Open Class volunteers

**4-H Council**

Each club needs to select 2 youth and 2 adults as 4-H Council Representatives. The youth and adults that you select will be able to help make decisions about the county 4-H program. The next council meeting will be October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. We will be reviewing the fair, electing officers, and assigning committees for the coming year. The other meetings for the 2017-2018 year are scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup> and June 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Achievement Celebration**

The Achievement Celebration has been set for the evening of Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup>. Please put this date on your calendar and look for further details in upcoming newsletters.

**Club Summary Due Date**

Club summaries will be due by 5:00pm on October 2<sup>nd</sup> to the Extension Office. No late summaries will be accepted.

**Record Books & Award Applications due**

Record Books, Key Award Applications, I Dare You Award Applications, and Achievement Pin Applications are due to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on September 15<sup>th</sup>. No late items will be accepted. These items will be due to club leaders before this date, check with your leader(s) to find out when.

## **Record Book Forms**

Don't forget to use the Simplified KAP form for members 12 and younger and the original KAP form for members 13 and older. The forms, and hints to help you fill them out, are available on the web at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>. The forms should have also been included with the project materials given out at the beginning of the 4-H year. Please contact the Extension Office with questions.

## **County-wide Project Leaders Needed**

Do you have an interest or talent that you would like to share with 4-H members across the county during the next 4-H year? If so, please volunteer your time as a county-wide project leader by calling the Extension Office on or before October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Let's all work together to make finding leaders easier for each club!

## **4-H Pictures Needed**

Pictures are needed for a slide show showcasing the 4-H year at the Achievement Celebration. Pictures can be sent to, or dropped off at, the Extension Office or sent via email to [gkopfer@ksu.edu](mailto:gkopfer@ksu.edu) before October 2<sup>nd</sup>. We would like all 4-H clubs to be represented in the pictures. So, look through your stash of 4-H photos and pick some out right away!

## **National 4-H Week**

Don't forget National 4-H Week, October 1<sup>st</sup> through 7<sup>th</sup>. Now is the time to start thinking about how you and your club would like to celebrate.

## **Fair Lost & Found**

The following items were found at the fair and are available to be claimed at the Extension Office until the end of September when they will be disposed of: green umbrella, green Fire Department water bottle, stretchy rose gold ring, pink braided rope halter, pink/orange/yellow flowered reusable shopping bag, Chapman Track & Field tee (size S), Old Navy jeans (size 12 regular), Suns Out Guns Out tank (size L), Elk Expedition Colorado tee (size Youth S), black Nike shorts (size XS), black & blue Under Armour shorts (size S), Live Love Dance Repeat tee (size XL 18½ plus), Made for Life pink tee (size M), multi-colored spotted towel, black & green flip flops, black & gray OP flip flops, pink & green Under Armour tennis shoes (size 4Y).

## **Kansas Youth Leadership Forum**

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum is an exciting event for youth 14-18 years old as of January 1, 2018. This event will be held at Rock Springs, November 17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup>. Highlights of the forum will be inspirational speakers, workshops, and meeting new people. Contact the Extension Office or visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html> for more information and to register online. Registration will be open soon and classes will fill up, so don't delay. The registration deadline is October 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council**

Applications are available for the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council and are due October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Council members plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, Campference, and other events along with other duties. Contact the Extension Office for further information.

**4-H Ambassadors  
Wanted**

Ambassador applications are available at the Extension Office or online at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html> and are due by 5:00pm on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will be held in early October. This is a wonderful opportunity for older 4-H members to take a great leadership role.

Duties include:

- Promote the Geary County 4-H program
- Organize and facilitate promotional events
- Plan and sponsor events and activities

Requirements:

- 12-13 years old by January 1, 2018 for Junior Ambassadors
- 14 years old or older by January 1, 2018 for Senior Ambassadors
- 4-H member for at least 2 years
- Complete an application and interview process
- Letter of recommendation from a 4-H Club Leader
- Commit to at least a two-year term
- Completed Record Book
- Enrolled in Leadership Project
- Willingness to meet new people and promote new ideas
- Good human relation and communication skills
- Enthusiasm for 4-H!

**National 4-H  
Conference**

Applications will soon be available for the 2018 National 4-H Conference to be held April 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Delegates must be 15 to 18 years old as of January 1, 2018. The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. Up to six Kansas youth may be selected as delegates via an application and interview. Applications are due to the Extension Office in mid to late September. Contact the Extension Office for further information.

**Happy Birthday  
Kansas! Photo Contest**

Young people across Kansas from 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to enter the Happy Birthday Kansas! Photo Contest between August 1 and December 15, 2017. The contest theme this year is “Your Community History”. Winners will be announced as part of the state’s Kansas Day celebration on January 26, 2018 at the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka. Contest rules and information for submitting photographs are available at [www.happybirthdayks.org](http://www.happybirthdayks.org).

**Ranchland Trust of  
Kansas Photo Contest**

The Ranchland Trust of Kansas invites photographers to submit photographs for its sixth annual photo contest to showcase the natural beauty of ranching and grazing lands across the state. Photos may include landscape, livestock and people, with preference to grasslands, grazing land, ranchers, cattle, and much more. Participants may enter up to five photos. The entry deadline is September 1, 2017. For full contest rules and to enter, visit [www.ranchlandtrustofkansas.org](http://www.ranchlandtrustofkansas.org). For questions, please contact Samantha Weishaar at 785-273-5115 or [samantha@kla.org](mailto:samantha@kla.org).

## Dog Project Field Trip

A field trip is being planned for dog project members to KSDS Assistance Dogs, Inc. in Washington, KS this fall. Look for more details in the September 4-H Newsletter.

## Dog Conference

State 4-H Dog Conference will be held October 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Registration is due by October 8<sup>th</sup>. Registration should go live at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/index.html> around August 20<sup>th</sup>. Conference events include educational sessions, quiz bowl, skillathon, and many others. Cost is \$110 for full-time, \$65 for Saturday only, and \$45 for Sunday only. The Geary County 4-H Foundation will pay half of the fee for all Geary County 4-H members who fill out a scholarship request form.

## 2018 Fair Dates

The Fair Board has set the dates for the 2018 Geary County Free Fair. It will be held July 23-26 with pre-fair events occurring prior to that. The official schedule of 4-H fair events will be determined at the February 4-H Council meeting.



### August

- 19 State 4-H Horticulture and Livestock Judging Contests, Manhattan
- 30 Interstate Exchange Group Meeting, 6:30pm in Chapman

### September

- 7 State Fair exhibits due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 8 State Fair food exhibits may be brought to Extension Office 7-7:30am
- 8-17 Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
- 15 Recordbooks/Award Applications/Ambassador Applications due by 5pm
- 29-30 Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson

## Calendar of Events

### October

- 1 Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson
- 1-7 National 4-H Week
- 2 Club Summaries due by 5pm
- 2 Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Applications due
- 2 4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 7pm
- 7-8 48 Hours of 4-H Service Weekend
- 8 Dog Conference Registration due
- 15 KYLF Registration due
- 15 Achievement Celebration
- 21-22 Dog Conference @ Rock Springs

### November

- 5 4-H Foundation Bingo/Soup Supper
- 17-19 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs

**Achievement  
Celebration Special  
Awards**

Following is some information related to 4-H awards that are given at Achievement Celebration. Hopefully this will answer some questions and encourage 4-H members to apply or nominate someone for these awards.

**Outstanding Record Book Awards** – Awards are given for the top two record books in the age 12 and under and age 13 and older categories. Record books are nominated by club leaders and are judged by volunteers from another county.

**Rob Smith Citizenship Award** – This award was created in honor of Geary County 4-H member Rob Smith. Anyone 12 and under can apply by marking the box on your award summary form and turning in all of your 4-H records from the current year and past years. The record books are judged by Jerry and Marlene Smith.

**Outstanding Boy & Girl** – Club leaders can nominate 4-H members who are 14 and older for this recognition. Record books from these members are judged by volunteers from another county and 4-H club leaders are also given the chance to rank the candidates.

**Outstanding 4-H Project Leader** – 4-H Council votes on a 4-H project leader to win this award each year. If you have someone you would like to see recognized, tell your 4-H Council representatives.

**4-H Family of the Year** – 4-H Council votes on a 4-H family to win this award each year. If you have someone you would like to see recognized, tell your 4-H Council representatives.

**4-H Appreciation Award** – 4-H Council votes on an individual, couple, or business to win this award each year. If you have someone you would like to see recognized, tell your 4-H Council representatives.

**I Dare You Award** – The award is sponsored by the American Youth Foundation and can be given to two 4-H members each year. Applicants must have completed their sophomore year of high school. To apply, fill out the application and mark the appropriate box on your award summary form. Applications are available on the Geary County 4-H website and at the Extension Office.

**Apply Today!**

## Fair Judging Contest Results

Thanks to everyone who participated in the judging contests this year. Hope you had fun and learned something too!

### ***Horticulture Judging***

#### Cloverbud Division

Participation – Adrian Williams

#### Junior Division

Purple – Tava Gustafson, Gracie Erichsen,  
Blake Proietti

Blue – Cori Leasure, Grant Roeser, Hanna  
Miller, Kaitlyn Sohnrey, Clara  
Gfeller, Morgan Nabus

Red – Newt Miller

White – Jacob Roeser

#### Intermediate Division

Purple – Travis Leasure, Logan Nabus,  
Elijah Schmidt

Blue – Jewels Williams, Hannah Leasure,  
David McIlwain, Karley Kramer

#### Senior Division

Purple – Zachery Ferris, Aleeya Williams

Blue – Kaitlyn Butler, Rebekah Thomas

Red – Samantha Shefelton, Calen Boller,  
Jaydon Zima

White – Lydia Sohnrey

### ***Photography Judging***

#### Cloverbud Division

Participation – Adrian Williams

#### Junior Division

Purple – Tava Gustafson, Gracie Erichsen,  
Clara Gfeller, Morgan Nabus,  
Elizabeth Murphy

Blue – Hanna Miller, Kaitlyn Sohnrey,  
Grant Roeser

Red – Newt Miller, Cori Leasure

#### Intermediate Division

Purple – Jada Nabus, Karley Kramer,  
Chelsey Armbruster

Blue – Hannah Leasure, Kacey Butler,  
Travis Leasure, Shevy Olson

Red – Jewels Williams, David McIlwain,  
Weston Langvardt

White – Emmy Gfeller

#### Senior Division

Purple – Calen Boller

Blue – Aleeya Williams, Hailey Frazier,  
Lydia Sohnrey

Red – Rebekah Thomas, Rylie Ellis,  
Samantha Shefelton

White – Jaydon Zima

### ***Livestock Judging***

#### Cloverbud Division

Participation – Adrian Williams

#### Junior Division

Purple – Grant Roeser

Blue – Morgan Nabus, Blake Proietti,  
Kaitlyn Sohnrey, Jacob Roeser

Red – Tava Gustafson, Gracie Erichsen,  
Reece Langvardt, Newt Miller

White – Hanna Miller

#### Intermediate Division

Purple – Cassidy Miller, Jewels Williams,  
Karley Kramer, Paige Roeser

Blue – Weston Langvardt, Zoe Riggs,  
Taylor Gustafson, Kacey Butler,  
Emmy Gfeller, Macie Muto

Red – Wyatt Miller, Logan Nabus

White – Shevy Olson, Tate Miller, Elijah  
Schmidt, Chelsey Armbruster

#### Senior Division

Purple – Kaitlyn Butler, Rebekah Thomas,  
Calen Boller, Aleeya Williams

Blue – Lydia Sohnrey

Red – Lindsey Ascher, Rylie Ellis, Zachery  
Ferris





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Congratulations to everyone on all of your accomplishments at the 2017 Geary County Free Fair! Plan to finish the year off right by completing and submitting your record book and award applications to your club leader(s) in a timely manner.

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