



Geary County

4-H NEWS



A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

May 2023

**Congratulations
Graduates!**



Congratulations to these 4-H members in the graduating class of 2023: **Mikayla Dibben** (Humboldt), **Alyce Donoho** (Brookside), **Loagan Holm** (Clarks Creek), **David McIlwain** (Humboldt), **Logan Nabus** (Humboldt), **Paige Roeser** (Humboldt), **Lane Svoboda** (Lyon Creek), and **Meilia Taylor** (Brookside). Thanks for all of your contributions to the Geary County 4-H program and best wishes in all your future plans!

**Fair Auction
Participation
Requirement for 2023**

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 2023. 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.

Fair Books

Fair books should be distributed at May 4-H club meetings. If you do not attend your club meeting, please call the Extension Office to arrange to pick up your book as soon as possible following your meeting. The book and pre-entry forms are also available on the web located at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html>. The forms located on this site are form-fillable for easy completion. Pre-entries can also be completed online at <https://tinyurl.com/gecofaireentry23>. Please read over the fair book carefully for complete rules and exhibit options. **Fair pre-entries are due online or to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on June 30.**

**Sign Up to Receive 4-H
Reminders**

The Extension Office is using the Remind program to send 4-H-related reminders (including fair items) to 4-H families. To sign up to receive reminders, go to <https://www.remind.com/join/geco4h>.

Fair Livestock Insurance

A fee of \$5 per head for market beef, market lambs, market hogs, and market goats will be required at the time of fair pre-entry to purchase livestock insurance. This insurance will cover livestock from the time you leave home for the fair until you return home or the livestock changes ownership. Please plan to pay this fee by the pre-entry deadline of June 30.

After-Fair Celebration

The After-Fair Celebration is tentatively scheduled for Friday, July 28 at the city pool from 7:15 to 9:00pm. Plan to join us to celebrate!

Panel Painting Party Cancelled

Due to scheduling conflicts, the panel painting party scheduled for June 9 has been cancelled. Plan to join us for panel painting in 2024!

Judging Contests and Spring Shows

Information about upcoming judging contests and spring shows can be found online at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/spring-shows/springshows.html>.

Hazardous Occupations Safety Training in Agriculture

Hazardous Occupations Safety Training in Agriculture is required by law for those 14 and 15 years of age to complete prior to working on a farm operated by anyone other than their parent or legal guardian. Older youth are also welcome to participate in a training hosted by Geary and five other Extension Offices on June 6 from 9:00am to 4:00pm and June 7 from 9:00am to 2:30pm at KanEquip in Wamego (18035 East Hwy 24). The cost is \$30 to cover class material and lunch for both days. Register online at www.pottawatomie.ksu.edu by May 27.

Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in

Weigh-in and tagging for goats, sheep, and swine will be held on May 16 from 5:30 to 7:00pm and May 18 from 6:30 to 8:00pm at the Fairgrounds. If you do not plan to attend weigh-in, ear tags can be picked up at the Extension Office. Goats, sheep, and swine must be tagged by May 19 and tag forms are due to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on May 19. Ear tags will cost \$3.00 each.

Bucket Calf ID Forms Due

Bucket Calf ID forms are due May 22 by 5:00pm in the Extension Office. Bucket Calf ID's are required in order to show your calf at the County Fair. Forms can be found online at <https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>. Forms are also available at the Extension Office and can be mailed on request. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

Identification of Horses for 4-H Shows

Detailed information about identification of horses for 4-H shows was mailed to horse project members. If you did not receive this information, please contact the Extension Office. Kansas 4-H Horse ID papers or breed association registration papers are due June 1 by 5:00pm in the Extension Office. This is required in order to show your horse at the County Fair, District Horse Show, and State Fair. They may also be required for other 4-H horse shows. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

Qualifying for the State Fair 4-H Horse Show

The procedure to qualify to participate in the State Fair 4-H Horse Show will be different for 2023. If you are interested in participating, please visit <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/HorseChangesPublic9.8.22.pdf> to read all of the details. The county fair 4-H Horse Show will meet this requirement. You can find other 4-H show opportunities online at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/districthorseshow.html>. Check this out now so you can start planning how you will qualify for the show in September.

North Central District Horse Show

The North Central District 4-H Horse Show will be held Wednesday, June 28 in Salina with a registration deadline of June 1. Registration information can be found online at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/districthorseshow.html>. The show is open to all 4-H Horse project members regardless of age.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

Any youth 7 years of age and older who will be exhibiting a market or breeding animal at the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or Kansas Junior Livestock Show is required to obtain YQCA certification. Members who are 7 years old may only attend an instructor-led course and have a parent/guardian attend with them, if this applies to you please contact the Extension Office. YQCA certification numbers will be submitted through the nomination process for market animals, and at the time of entry for exhibitors who only have registered purebred breeding animals. Visit <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/2023%20YQCA%20Requirement%20Flyer.pdf> to register and complete training.

Photography Submission Opportunity

The Geary County Extension Office is looking for images to use on notecards that will be printed and given to Extension Council members and others. The theme for images this year is Geary County Landscapes. Geary County 4-H members enrolled in the photography project are eligible to submit up to 5 photos each. Photos are due online at <https://tinyurl.com/GeCoPhoto23> by September 1.

Ranchland Trust Photography Contest

The Ranchland Trust of Kansas annual photography contest is open for entries from photographers of all ages until August 31. Photographs entered will showcase the natural beauty of ranching and grazing lands across Kansas. Participants may enter up to five photos. Find out more details and enter online at <https://ranchlandtrustofkansas.org/rtk-photo-contest/>.

Fair Exhibits: Home Environment vs. Woodworking vs. Visual Arts

Home Environment includes refinished and repurposed wood projects (ex. – fixing an old wooden chair by making it sturdier, sanding, and refinishing it).

Woodworking is heavily judged on construction and finish. These projects should be something that is made from a plan. They are made of wood and normally have to be assembled, sanded, and have some type of finish applied (ex. – stain).

Visual Arts projects can be made of wood, but do not usually require woodworking tools to make (ex. – anything made from a pre-cut kit, a picture frame made of popsicle sticks).

Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular

The Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, a two-day state-wide entomology workshop, will be held June 16-17 in Manhattan. The event is open to all youth and adult volunteers interested in 4-H entomology! Classes will include basic pinning, basic and advanced identification, insect photography, and much more. A parent or legal guardian must attend with their 4-H'er. More information including the registration link is available online at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/insect-spectacular/index.html>.

K-State Vet Med ROCKS Summer Camps

Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine is giving youth an opportunity to experience "A Day in the Life of a Veterinary Student" at the 2023 Vet Med ROCKS summer camps. The series of day camps will take place July 30 – August 2 and will include hands-on activities and learning from College of Veterinary Medicine students and faculty. Visit <https://www.vet.k-state.edu/admissions/rocks/> for more information.

May

- 15 Discovery Day registration due
- 15 Geology Field Trip registration due
- 15 State 4-H Horse Judging Contest registration due
- 16 Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 5:30-7pm
- 18 Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 6:30-8pm
- 19 Goats/Sheep/Swine must be tagged/tag forms due to Extension Office
- 22 Bucket Calf ID forms due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 26 Insect Spectacular registration due
- 27 Hazardous Occupation Training registration due

June

- 1 Horse ID papers or registration papers due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 1 North Central District Horse Show entry deadline
- 5 Teen Lock-in RSVP due by 5pm
- 5 4-H Council meeting, 7pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center
- 5 Deadline to order DNA envelopes for livestock nominations due June 15
- 6 Hazardous Occupation Training, 9am-4pm @ KanEquip
- 7 Hazardous Occupation Training, 9am-2:30pm @ KanEquip
- 7-9 Discovery Days @ K-State
- 8 ~~CANCELLED Panel Painting Party~~
- 9-11 Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trip, Manhattan
 - 9 Teen Lock-in starts at 8pm
 - 10 Teen Lock-in ends at 8am
- 13-14 Advanced Horse Judging Camp, K-State
- 14 Beginner Horse Judging Camp, K-State
- 15 Kansas 4-H Horse Judging Contest
- 15 Commercial Heifer/Market Lamb/Commercial Ewe/Market Hog/
Commercial Breeding Gilt/All Meat Goat nomination deadline
- 16-17 Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, Manhattan
- 28 North Central District Horse Show, Salina
- 30 Fair pre-entries due online or to Extension Office by 5pm
- 30 \$5 per fair market animal for insurance due to Extension Office by 5pm

Calendar of Events

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May 15, 2023

Summer is fast approaching – now is the time to begin working on those 4-H projects you haven't started yet. Don't put them off any longer! Also, don't forget to work on your record book and get it updated. Doing these things now will save time and stress when deadlines approach!



Ginger D. Kopfer
County Extension Agent

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4-H Teen Lock-In

FRI. JUNE 9, 8PM – SAT. JUNE 10, 8AM
4-H/SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

Open to Geary County 4-H Members age 12 and older as of Jan. 1, 2023
RSVP to the Extension Office at 785-238-4161 or cstrauss@ksu.edu by 5:00pm June 5
\$5 fee will be charged at the door

Schedule will include:

- Leadership/Teamwork Activities
- Yard Games
- Making a Pizza Snack
- Additional Snacks
- Service Project
- Movie & Games

Participants should plan to bring:

- water bottle
- pillow & blanket/sleeping bag
- snacks
- \$5 fee

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