Geary County 4-H News
A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

February 2024

Geary County 4-H Day

February 17th, First Presbyterian Church (113 W. 5th St, Junction City)
Included with this newsletter is the schedule of events and a map of the church to help you locate the rooms you will need. Please use either the West or South doors to enter the church. Parking lots are located South and West of the church.

4-H Day Reminders

Don’t forget to attend the 4-H Day Awards Ceremony immediately following 4-H Day in the church Dining Room. Also, don’t forget to participate in Photography and Family & Consumer Science Judging between your other 4-H Day events.

In Case of Bad Weather

Please listen to the KJCK radio station at 1420AM or visit www.jcpost.com to learn about cancellation or postponement of 4-H events throughout the year. You can also check the Geary County K-State Research and Extension Facebook page for news and information.

Regional 4-H Day

Regional 4-H Day will be held on Saturday, March 23rd in Clay Center at the High School. Those eligible to compete will need to let the Extension Office know by Monday, February 26th if you plan to do so. This will allow us to turn in your name to be put on the Regional 4-H Day schedule.

4-H 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/.

Sign Up to Receive 4-H Reminders

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

Beef Weigh-in

Weigh-in will be held on Sunday, March 17th from 2:00 to 3:00pm at JC Livestock. We will be weighing and tagging market beef cattle. Please bring $3.00 for each tag that you will need.
Applications for county 4-H scholarships are due by March 1 and will be submitted online. The link for the county scholarship application and information can be found online at http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html. The County scholarships that are available this year will be the Paul and Clara Gwin Scholarship, the Ralph Dietrich Scholarship, two Ray and Nellie Smith 4-H Scholarships, the Flint Hills Preservation Coalition Scholarship, and three Geary County 4-H Foundation Scholarships (new this year). Applications for state 4-H scholarships are due by March 1 and will be submitted online. The state 4-H website (https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html) has a link to the online application and more information.

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.

The K-State Youth Livestock Program has some exciting events planned for the upcoming months. Mark them on your calendar now and plan to attend!

- Junior Beef Producer Day – March 2 (register by February 12)
- Junior Sheep Producer Day – March 16 (register by February 26)

More information on these events is available online at https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html or at the Extension Office. The K-State Youth Livestock Program has Twitter and Facebook accounts to keep everyone updated on information and deadlines. Go to the webpage listed above to find links to these accounts.

A guide to 4-H judging contests can be found online at http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/judging_contest_guide.html. The guide includes information about what to expect during judging contests. The guide and the website include links to resources to help 4-H members prepare for the contests. Now would be a great time to check out this website since judging contests are held during 4-H Day each year.

Information about upcoming judging contests and spring shows can be found online at http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/shows_judging%20contests.html.

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.
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.

No 4-H Building Fundraiser in 2024

The 4-H/Senior Citizens Building Committee has decided to pursue alternate ways to raise funds other than a yearly building fundraiser. They are not planning to hold a fundraiser this spring. Look for ways you can support the building coming soon!

Alpha of Clovia at Kansas State University

Alpha of Clovia at Kansas State University is a house of former 4-H members that is focused on cooperative living. Clovia will be holding a spring hospitality weekend March 23-24 to welcome interested young women to see what Clovia is all about. Visit https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScK3N98AtemkqN91K_2qDy-BC4tuQ1-Dpq4h0OJItHYTW7mAw/viewform to register. Questions can be sent to alphaofclovia@gmail.com.

Youth Activity Day

The 4-H Ambassadors are excited to announce a new event – Youth Activity Day! This event will be held on April 21st from 2:00-3:30pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. Rotations with hands-on 4-H project activities will be offered in the following projects: Foods & Nutrition, Leadership, Photography, Rocketry, Self-Determined – Legos, Sewing & Textile Design (formerly Clothing Construction), Shopping in Style (formerly Clothing Buymanship), and Visual Arts. 4-H members and anyone interested in learning more about 4-H are invited to attend!

February

5 4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 7pm
12 Junior Beef Producer Day registration deadline
17 4-H Day @ JC 1st Presbyterian Church
18-19 Citizenship in Action Conference, Topeka
19 Holiday, Extension Office closed
26 Junior Sheep Producer Day registration deadline
26 Regional 4-H Day entries due to Extension Office
27 RSVP due for March Project Meeting Evening

March

1 Geary County and Kansas 4-H Scholarship Applications due
2 Junior Beef Producer Day @ K-State
3 Family Game Night @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 6:00-7:30pm
4 4-H Project Meeting Evening @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 6:30pm
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

April

1 4-H Project Meeting Evening
21 Youth Activity Day @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 2:00-3:30pm
21-27 National Volunteer Week
February 2, 2024

Included with this newsletter is the schedule for 4-H Day 2024. Best of luck to everyone in all of your presentations and in the judging contests. No matter what you are participating in, don’t forget to have fun and smile! 😊

Ginger D. Kopfer
County Extension Agent

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Topic: Horticulture

Join Geary County Agriculture and Natural Resources Agent Kyler Langvardt for learning and hands-on activities related to the Horticulture project.

Date: 03/04/2024
Time: 6:30 pm
Location: 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

Please RSVP to the Extension Office by 5:00 pm on Tuesday, February 27th by calling 785-238-4161 or emailing gkopfer@ksu.edu. No late registrations will be taken since we will need to buy supplies.

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Sunday, March 3
6:00–7:30pm

Sponsored by:

Game Night

Bring games and snacks and join the 4-H Ambassadors for a fun game night for the whole family. If there is enough interest, a pitch tournament will be organized.

4-H/Senior Citizens Center
1025 S. Spring Valley Road
Junction City
MODEL MEETINGS, GAVEL GAMES
DINING ROOM

Room Monitors
8:00 - 8:30 Charles Strauss
8:30 - 9:00 Braden Blockcolsky
9:00 - 9:30 Sean Mueller
9:30 - 10:00 Amelia Strauss
10:00 - 10:30 Elaina Schmidt
10:30 - 11:00 Kourtney Dibben
11:00 - finish Ethan Goodyear

Instruments Solo – Jr.
___ 9:00 April Strauss
___ 9:10 Declan Boehm
___ 9:30 Kara McDonald
___ 9:40 Kyla McDonald

Vocal Solo – Sr.
___ 9:50 Anna Tsuno

DANCE, SOLO ACTING, READINGS
GYM/ACTS I & II ROOM

Room Monitors
8:00 - 8:30 Kara McDonald
8:30 - 9:00 Colden Blockcolsky
9:00 - 9:30 Caden Goodyear
9:30 - 10:00 Josie Strauss
10:00 - 10:30 Aurora Garrison & Corabel Hock
10:30 - finish Addison Gibson

Solo Dance – Sr.
___ 8:00 Aurora Garrison

Solo Acting – Sr.
___ 8:10 Amelia Strauss

Reading – Sr.
___ 8:20 Newt Miller
___ 8:30 William Strauss
___ 8:40 Amelia Strauss
___ 8:50 Addison Gibson
___ 9:00 Ethan Goodyear

Reading – Jr.
___ 9:10 Cade McCallum
___ 9:20 Arthur Strauss
___ 9:30 April Strauss
___ 9:40 Archer Anderes
___ 9:50 Leo Anderes
___ 10:00 Kara McDonald
___ 10:10 Kyla McDonald
___ 10:20 Addy Snider
___ 10:30 William Snider
___ 10:40 Macy Goodyear
___ 10:50 Corabel Hock

DEMONSTRATIONS & ILLUSTRATED TALKS
VOYAGE THEATER ROOM

Room Monitors
8:00 - 8:30 Clara Gfeller
8:30 - 9:00 Lorelei Olson
9:00 - 9:30 Macy Goodyear
9:30 - 10:00 Adrian Williams
10:00 - finish Ava Schmidt

Demonstration & Ill. Talk – Jr.
___ 8:00 Ava Schmidt
___ 8:10 Gracen Gfeller
___ 8:20 Grant Slough
___ 8:30 Elena Svoboda
___ 8:40 Charles Weigel

Demonstration & Ill. Talk – Sr.
___ 8:50 Kennedy Moreland
___ 9:00 Adrian Williams
___ 9:10 Clara Gfeller
___ 9:20 Dayton Dibben
___ 9:30 Eliot Oentrich
___ 9:40 Grady Oentrich
___ 9:50 Addison Gibson
___ 10:00 Caden Goodyear
___ 10:10 Ethan Goodyear

SHOW & TELL, PUBLIC SPEAKING, SHARING, PROJECT TALKS
ART ARK ROOM

Room Monitors
8:00 - 8:30 Cade Snider
8:30 - 9:00 Shevy Olson
9:00 - 9:30 Donnigan Mueller
9:30 - 10:00 Brittney Dibben
10:00 - 10:30 April Strauss & Charles Weigel
10:30 - finish Dayton Dibben

Show & Tell
___ 8:00 Corabel Hock
___ 8:10 Emilia Weigel

Public Speaking – Sr.
___ 8:20 Elaina Schmidt
___ 8:30 Josie Strauss
___ 8:50 Brittney Dibben
___ 9:00 Kourtney Dibben
___ 9:10 Addison Gibson

Sharing
___ 9:20 Colton Muckey
___ 9:30 Martin Weigel

Project Talks
___ 9:40 Macy Goodyear
___ 9:50 Troy Muckey
___ 10:00 Odynn Beamer
___ 10:10 Case Proietti
___ 10:20 Archer Anderes
___ 10:30 Leo Anderes
___ 10:40 Grason Fielder

All participants are asked to help with clean up as available. Check in at the Library to find out what needs to be done.
GEARY COUNTY
4-H DAY

4-H Day Awards Ceremony
approximately 11:20am
Church Dining Room

Plan to join us in celebrating the accomplishments of all 4-H Day participants!

4-H Members:
Don’t forget to participate in Photography Judging and Family & Consumer Science (FCS) Judging while attending 4-H Day! Participating in the Photography contest is a requirement to be selected for the State Fair Photography Judging team and participating in judging contests is a great item to list in your record book!

Regional 4-H Day
March 23rd
Clay Center High School

Purple ribbon winners qualify to attend in eligible categories
Entry due to Extension Office by February 26th
First Presbyterian Church
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We will not be using this entrance for 4-H Day. Please use either the West or South entrance.