Geary County
4-H NEWS

A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

July 2024

Fair Dates to Remember

Monday, July 15
Morning  Clothing Construction Judging – Extension Office
Afternoon  Fashion Revue/Shopping in Style Judging – 4-H/Sr. Citizens Center

Thursday, July 18
8:30am  Public Revue Set-up – 4-H/Sr. Citizens Center
5:30pm  Public Revue Practice – 4-H/Sr. Citizens Center
7:00pm  Public Revue – 4-H/Sr. Citizens Center

Friday, July 19
6:30pm  Dog Show – 4-H/Sr. Citizens Center

Saturday, July 20
9:00am  Fair Clean-up/Barn and Building Set-up (bring rakes, shovels, old rags, buckets, etc. plus your own water bottle)
           after clean-up  Make ice cream with the 4-H interns

Sunday, July 21
6:00pm  Horse Show

Monday, July 22
1:00pm  Foods Judging & Photography Judging
4:00-6:00pm  Market Beef/Goat/Sheep Weigh-In
4:00-7:00pm  Indoor entries accepted

Tuesday, July 23
7:30-9:30am  Swine Weigh-In

Wednesday, July 24
1:00pm  Photography and Horticulture Judging Contests

Thursday, July 25
Noon  Livestock Judging Contest
8:00pm  Exhibit Release
8:30pm  Fair Clean-up

Fair Auction Requirement

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 rule will be enforced at the 2024 fair.

Auction Reminder

Just a reminder that 4-H members who sell an item in the project auction or an animal in the livestock auction need to personally thank the buyer. The Extension Office will notify you when the buyer ribbons and certificates are ready that you will take to the buyer. The 4-her needs to speak to the buyer, this is not a task for parents. In 2024, buyers will again be asked to sign-off that the youth have visited them before any money will be released.
Help is needed to set-up for, serve, and clean-up after the 4-H BBQ on Thursday at the County Fair. Each club is asked to provide a minimum of 5 adult and 5 youth volunteers. Sign up for a time online at https://tinyurl.com/FairBBQ24. Some time slots have been filled, but more help is needed!

Smokin’ Wille’s BBQ will be managing and providing workers for the concession stand this year. Charge cards will still be available for 4-H families.

Any 4-H member may participate in the Public Revue by presenting a talent number. If you are interested, you can either contact the Extension Office by noon on July 15 or sign up at Fashion Revue Judging.

The 4-H Photography and Horticulture Judging Contests will be held on Wednesday, July 24 at the Fair. The contests begin at 1:00pm. 4-Hers can begin judging any time after the start of the contest, but all forms must be turned in by 3:00pm. You do not have to be enrolled in any specific projects to participate. Please plan to judge!

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.

4-H Council has decided to have an After-Fair Family Celebration again this year. This event will be held on Friday, July 26 at the city pool from 7:15 to 9:00pm and will include swimming and snacks. Please plan to attend and celebrate the end of fair!

The 4-H Ambassadors and fair board have agreed on the theme “Christmas in July” for the 2024 Geary County Free Fair. You will see this theme at Public Revue and throughout the fair. Clubs are encouraged to include the theme in food table displays and herdsman decorations if they so choose.

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.

Just a reminder that electronics, valuables, and other items should not be left lying around during the fair. The 4-H/Senior Citizens Center is a public building and should be treated as such, including the restrooms.

Score sheets that will be used for judging of fair exhibits are posted online so you can check them out prior to judging. They are located at http://www.geary.k-state.edu/county_fair/exhibit_resources.html.
Parents and leaders who wish to observe conference judging should check with the Superintendent of the division to see if that is acceptable with the judge. If so, they can watch and listen to the judging, but should not enter into the conference between the 4-Her and the judge in any way. More information about preparing youth and parents for conference judging can be found at http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html.

Foods exhibits will be displayed on club tables again this year. 4-H Council passed a motion to leave decorations up to the clubs with the decorations limited to tiers and a tablecloth in order to save space for exhibits. The fair has a theme of “Christmas in July” for 2024. Clubs can choose to use this or a different theme for decorations. Some clubs with few exhibits may have to share a table with another club.

The Herdsman Trophy will be presented to the club who keeps their areas in the livestock barn the cleanest and neatest. In addition, part of the award will be based on each club’s percentage of participation in pre-fair clean-up/set-up. Don’t forget to sign in if you help with this so that you can get credit. See the fair book for more information.

4-H members who plan to stay overnight at the fair to care for livestock are responsible for having the form turned in at the 4-H Fair Office by 5:00pm on Monday, July 22. All 4-Hers must have a 4-H parent stay with them that will be responsible for their safety and behavior. One parent will be responsible for NO more than six 4-Hers. A sibling over 18 may sign to stay only with his/her siblings. At 11:00pm all 4-Hers and youth that do not have permission to stay must leave the fairgrounds.

Don’t forget to bring your horse ID papers or breed registration papers (whichever you used to identify your horse for 4-H this year) with you to the 4-H Horse Show. You are required to have these papers in order to participate.

Exhibitors, spectators, and volunteers are all encouraged to wear a Hawaiian shirt for the swine show on Wednesday evening of fair in memory of Grady Erichsen.

Fair Poultry testing for Pullorum-Typhoid is now being done on a rotational basis with each county being required to test every 3 years. 2024 is not a designated testing year for Geary County.

Join the 4-H Interns for the following during the fair:
July 20th, following fair clean-up Make ice cream
July 24th, 10:30am hands-on Round Robin demonstration
July 24th, 3:00pm youth activities during ice cream social
July 25th, 4:30-6:30pm youth activities during BBQ
Looking for a White Christmas Tree

We are looking for a 4.5 foot or taller white Christmas tree to use as a decoration for Public Revue. If you or someone you know is willing to lend us a white tree, please contact the Extension Office.

Decorated Squash Contest @ Fair

Got Squash? Got left over craft materials? Be creative!! Make it a family affair. Decorate any kind of squash for the Open Class Fair. Home grown or purchased squash decorated with natural or artificial items can be entered Monday, July 22 from 3:00 to 7:00pm or Tuesday, July 23 from 8:30-11:00am. Winners will be announced Wednesday at 4:30pm with prizes awarded in Youth (4-10 and 11-15) and Adult (16 and over) Divisions. You do not have to be enrolled in 4-H. Complete contest information is available at http://www.gearycountyfair.org. Don’t forget, 4-H members can enter Open Class Youth Horticulture, Floriculture, and Agriculture classes if you are not entering the equivalent 4-H classes.

Tips for Fair Foods Exhibits

A document including tips for foods exhibits at the county fair is now online at https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html. This document includes tips for freezing and baking along with a recipe for frosting that works well for fair exhibits. If your exhibit has frosting and/or filling, check out letter O on page 57 of the fairbook to find out more about calculating the amount of sugar to make sure your product is food safe. This is required or the exhibit will be lowered a ribbon placing.

Fair Social Media

Please like and share posts from the Geary County Free Fair Facebook page to help us get the word out about fair events and activities. As you post 4-H pictures and information on your own social media, please use the hashtags #geco4H, #KS4H, and #4HGrowsHere. By doing this, you can help Geary County and Kansas 4-H create a stronger and more consistent brand.

Pre-entry of State Fair Exhibits

Any 4-H member who wants to enter an exhibit at the State Fair must pre-enter with the Extension Office by August 1. Look to the fair book to see which classes are eligible for State Fair entry. For most divisions, a 4-H member must receive a purple ribbon in one of these classes and be 9-18 years old as of January 1, 2024 to exhibit at state fair. The exception to the August 1 pre-entry deadline is for livestock. Livestock must be pre-entered by July 15. You can pre-enter exhibits online this year at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9LdqJbyGDR0qkAe.

Kansas State Fair Exhibitor Handbook

The 2024 Exhibitor Handbook for the Kansas State Fair is now available for download on the Kansas 4-H website at https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html. You can also get copies of sections of the book at the Extension Office.

Assistance for Kansas State Fair

Volunteers are being sought to help with the 4-H portion of the Kansas State Fair which will be held September 6 through 15 with some 4-H exhibit judging occurring September 5. If you are willing to assist, please let the Extension Office know by August 1.
Registration is open for the Purple Power Pack 4-H Day Camp scheduled for Saturday, August 24th at Rock Springs Ranch (just South of Junction City). The day camp is for 2nd through 5th graders at the time of camp. 8th grade and older Counselors are also needed. Counselor Training will begin August 23rd at 7:00pm. Check out the flyer at [https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/](https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/) for more details. Cost for Geary County 4-H campers is $25 with the Geary County 4-H Foundation paying the other half of the fee. There is no cost for counselors. Registration/application deadline is July 15. The link for camper registration is [https://tinyurl.com/P3Camp24](https://tinyurl.com/P3Camp24) and for counselors is [https://tinyurl.com/P3Counselors24](https://tinyurl.com/P3Counselors24).

The Achievement Celebration has been set for the evening of Saturday, November 2. Please put this date on your calendar and look for further details in upcoming newsletters. Four $25 gift cards sponsored by the Geary County 4-H Foundation will be drawn at 4-H Achievement Celebration from all youth who turn in a completed record book (personal page, permanent record, and Project Report Forms for all projects). You must be present at Achievement Celebration to win.

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 20. No late items will be accepted. These items will be due to club leaders before this date, check with your leader to find out when.

Club summaries will be due by 5:00pm on October 1 to the Extension Office. No late summaries will be accepted. Updated 2024 applications were distributed via club boxes and are available online at [https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html](https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html).

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County Fair time is almost here. Make sure to read this newsletter thoroughly for important fair information. Best of luck with fair preparations!

Ginger D. Kopfer
County Extension Agent

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2024 GEARY COUNTY FREE FAIR 4-H RESPONSIBILITIES

This is the list of responsibilities for the 2024 Fair. Please take this list seriously and show up to help where you are listed. Contact the superintendent for the area you will be working in to see when and where they need help and how that fits into your schedule. If you are unable to help, please find a replacement and contact the superintendent to notify them.

Superintendents: It is suggested that you contact your helpers ahead of fair and let them know when you need help and to check their schedules. Remember you will want plenty of help on set-up day to get your area arranged as you wish to have it. Please feel free to recruit additional help if needed.

BANNERS, CLOVERBUDS, CLUB NOTEBOOKS, INTERIOR DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE, MISCELLANEOUS, READING, SHOOTING SPORTS, VETERINARY SCIENCE & WILDLIFE
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Amy Blockcolsky
YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Braden Blockcolsky, Colden Blockcolsky, April Strauss, William Strauss, Juliet Waehner
ADULT ASSISTANTS: Courtney Boehm, Lori Strauss

BEEF & BUCKET CALF
ADULT SUPERINTENDENTS: Jim & Sarah Schmidt
ADULT ASSISTANTS: Brandon Dibben, Lacey Fielder, Heath Gfeller, Phillip Goodyear, Lindsey Snider
RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

CAT
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Stephanie Gfeller
YOUTH SUPERINTENDENT: Clara Gfeller

SEWING, FASHION REVUE & SHOPPING IN STYLE
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Liz Roeser
YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Gracie Erichsen, Ethan Goodyear, Karley Kramer, Hanna Miller, Macie Muto, Brock Nabus, Eloise Ryan
ADULT ASSISTANTS: Joanna Erichsen, Gaea Hock, Kelly Kramer, Heather Ryan

AGRONOMY, FLORICULTURE & HORTICULTURE
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Marcie Proietti
YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Blake Proietti, Case Proietti, Tyler Proietti, Grant Roeser, Jacob Roeser
ADULT ASSISTANTS: Lisa Nabus

DOG
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Jacque Shane
RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRIC & RENEWABLE ENERGY, ENTOMOLOGY, FIBER ARTS, GEOLOGY & SMALL ENGINES
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Emma Littich
YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Kasen Krinhop, Travis Leasure, Kara McDonald, Elisabeth Smith
ADULT ASSISTANT: Mindy Krinhop, Rebekah McDonald, Carey Smith

FOODS & NUTRITION, PRESERVATION
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Lara Strauss
YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Lorelei Olson, Shevy Olson, Ava Schmidt, Elaina Schmidt, Cade Snider, Austin Sohnrey, Kaitlyn Sohnrey, Amelia Strauss, Charles Strauss, Josie Strauss, Adrian Williams
ADULT ASSISTANTS: Abby Anderes, Ashley King, Haley Kramer, Mary Muckey, Noelle Olson, Cecilia Weigel, Marti Williams
GOATS & SHEEP
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Lindsey Ascher, Kacey Butler & Kaitlyn Butler
ADULT ASSISTANTS: Rod Gfeller, Todd Kline, Lynn Langvardt, Caleb Strauss, Rebekah Thomas
RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

HORSE
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Morgan Todd
YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Cody Brown, Kaycee Brown, Grant Slough
ADULT ASSISTANTS: Jason Brown, Lori Brown, Jamie Dickson, Teresa Douthit, Shelbi Gustafson, Joseph Kvacik, Tom Svoboda
RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

PHOTOGRAPHY
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Lauren Moon
YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Addison Gibson, Tava Gustafson, Reagan Kehoe, Olivia Kline, Kennedy Moreland, Donnigan Mueller, Sean Mueller, Morgan Nabus, Weston Reed, Creytin Sanner
ADULT ASSISTANTS: Jennifer Gibson, Lacey Kehoe, Vickie Kline, Kera Moreland, Robert Mueller, Melissa Reed, Judy Sanner, Michelle Zajac

POULTRY
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Mikayla Dibben
YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Ray Boller Jr., Deyton Dibben, Jared Kline
ADULT ASSISTANTS: Ray Boller, Resia Muto

SWINE
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Rebekah Thomas
ADULT ASSISTANTS: Daniel Anderes, Luke Erichsen, Heath Gfeller, Mark Miller, Randy Nabus, Justin Roeser, Jim Schmidt
RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

VISUAL ARTS
ADULT SUPERINTENDENTS: Kristina Zlotow
YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Brittney Dibben, Kourtney Dibben, Caden Goodyear, Cori Leasure, Newt Miller, Matt Zlotow
ADULT ASSISTANTS: Jessica Bobbett, Dianna Dibben, Pam Miller, Christine Poole, Jill Sump

WOODWORKING
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Garry Berges
YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Cade McCallum, Ava Oentrich, Eliot Oentrich, Grady Oentrich
ADULT ASSISTANTS: Travis Berges, Kelli McCallum, Heather Oentrich

ROUND ROBIN
ADULT SUPERINTENDENTS: Beef, Goats & Sheep, Horse, and Swine Superintendents
RIBBONS: Fair Royalty
**4-H FAIR ACTIVITIES**

**Sponsored by**
the 4-H Ambassadors

**Old Timers Showmanship**
- Tuesday evening after beef show
- Participants will show pigs
- Nominations taken during beef show at Ambassador table
- $5 to nominate, $10 to decline participation
- Winner will receive a $25 Amazon gift card
- Money raised will be donated to the Grady Erichsen Memorial and the Ronnie Thomas Memorial

**NEW IN 2024**

**Line Dancing**
- Monday evening after goat/sheep show
- In the livestock arena

**Barnyard Olympics**
- Wednesday evening after swine show
- Teams of 5
- Get a sign-up sheet at the fair office
- Sign-up due Wednesday, 6:30 pm
- First place team members will receive prizes

**Questions? Ask one of the 4-H Ambassadors**

Brittney Dibben  
Kourtney Dibben  
Clara Gfeller  
Addison Gibson  
Olivia Kline  

Karley Kramer  
Kara McDonald  
Hanna Miller  
Macie Muto  
Morgan Nabus  

Ava Oentrich  
Grady Oentrich  
Blake Proietti  
Tyler Proietti  
Elaina Schmidt
Geary County Fair Prep

**When**
July 10th
4-6pm

**Where**
4-H/Senior Citizens Center

**Why?**
We want to help you with your fair projects!
We will help with any projects!
- Practice conference judging
- A chance to test your recipes
- Photo mounting help

**Contact**
Feel free to contact us if you have any questions!
Kacey: kmbutler@ksu.edu
Emma: elittich@ksu.edu

Great for young 4-H Families or youth in new projects!

Please bring unfinished projects to work on!