



# Geary County

## 4-H NEWS



*A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers*

*June 2024*

### Youth Volunteer Opportunity

The Senior Center is having a 4<sup>th</sup> of July picnic on July 3<sup>rd</sup> and is looking for youth volunteers. Volunteers are needed from 10:00am to 2:00pm. Contact the Senior Center at 785-238-4015 to volunteer.

### Fair Pre-Entry

Instructions on submitting pre-entries for fair were included with your fair book and can be found online at <https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html>. **Fair pre-entries are due through FairEntry by 11:59pm on June 28<sup>th</sup>.**

### 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 Clean-Up & Set-up

All 4-H families should plan to attend fair clean-up and set-up on Saturday, July 20 at 9:00am at the Fairgrounds. Bring rakes, shovels, old rags, and buckets to help with the cleaning. Clean-up/set-up will count towards the Herdsman Award again this year so make sure you sign in at the picnic shelter or inside the building.

### 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. Please plan to pay this fee by the pre-entry deadline of June 28.

### Fair T-Shirts

The Geary County Free Fair Board is excited to announce the opportunity for 4-H members, families, volunteers, supporters, and others to order t-shirts branded with the 2024 fair logo! The order options include youth and adult sizes. To look at the options and order shirts, go to <http://coachsassistant.gtmsportswear.com/20244HFAIR>. You will pay for shirts via the website when you order. Shirts will be available for pickup at the fair (more information will be shared with those who order shirts). Deadline to order is June 28.

### Dogs on Fairgrounds

Fair Board has ruled that no dogs will be allowed on the fairgrounds during the Geary County Free Fair, July 21-25. Thanks for abiding by this rule!

**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.

**Fair Auction Changes  
for Livestock**

Due to changes in Kansas 4-H policy, Fair Board has decided to make the livestock portion of the fair auction premium only. Livestock ownership will not be transferred to the buyer. 4-H members are responsible for disposition of all market animals. Kansas 4-H policy now allows 4-H members selling livestock through a premium only auction to maintain ownership and show those animals at future livestock shows. Non-livestock projects sold will continue to change ownership to the buyer. Those projects eligible for state fair may be reproduced for exhibit at the state fair.

**Fair Books**

All fair books should have been distributed via club meetings, pick-up, or mail. If you have not received a fair book, please call the Extension Office to arrange to pick one up or have it mailed to you. The book is also available on the web located at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html>.

**After-Fair Celebration**

The After-Fair Celebration is scheduled for Friday, July 26 at the city pool from 7:15 to 9:00pm. Plan to join us to celebrate!

**Fair Theme**

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.

**Poultry Testing for Fair**

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.

**Judging Contest Help  
Needed**

Adults and older youth are needed to help with the Horticulture and Photography Judging contests on Wednesday, July 24 from 1:00 to 3:00pm. Those who volunteer will be assisting with conducting the contests by helping youth sign-up and begin judging, reading for youth who need assistance, answering questions, and making sure that no cheating occurs. If you can help, contact the Extension Office.

**Fair Score Sheets**

Score sheets that will be used for judging of fair exhibits are currently being updated and will be posted online by June 20 so you can check them out prior to judging. They will be located at [http://www.geary.k-state.edu/county\\_fair/exhibit\\_resources.html](http://www.geary.k-state.edu/county_fair/exhibit_resources.html).

## Geary County & Kansas 4-H Social Media Hashtags

As you post 4-H pictures and information on 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.

## 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.

## Dibben Earns State 4-H Scholarship

Congratulations to former Humboldt 4-H Member, Mikayla Dibben on being awarded the June Beaver Scholarship through the Kansas 4-H program. Way to go Mikayla!

## Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo in Pratt

Check out the annual Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo on August 12 at Pottorf Hall at Cico Park in Manhattan. The wheat expo is open to all 4-H family members and 4-H leaders. There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. Attendees will tour the Kansas Wheat Innovation Center and the Hal Ross Flour Mill. There is a \$10 per person registration cost. Pre-registration will be required by July 25. For more information about the wheat expo, visit <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/index.html>. For additional questions contact Kelsey Nordyke at 620-222-1311 or [klndyke@ksu.edu](mailto:klndyke@ksu.edu).

### June

- 14-16 Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trip, WaKeeney
- 15 Commercial Heifer/Market Lamb/Commercial Ewe/Market Hog/  
Commercial Breeding Gilt/All Meat Goat nomination deadline
- 21-22 Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, Hays
- 28 Fair pre-entries due through FairEntry by 11:59pm
- 28 \$5 per fair market animal for insurance due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 28 Fair T-Shirt Orders due

### July

- 11 Fair Royalty Interviews, evening
- 15 Registration deadline for 4-H Day Camp
- 15 Sewing/Fashion Revue/Shopping in Style Judging
- 15 Kansas State Fair Grand Drive livestock entries due
- 18 Public Revue
- 19 4-H Dog Show, 6:30pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center
- 20 Fair Clean-up at 9:00am, Fairgrounds
- 21-25 Geary County Free Fair
- 25 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo registration due
- 26 After Fair Family Celebration @ City Pool, 7:15-9pm

## Calendar of Events

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Hope you are all enjoying summer and looking forward to the 2024 Geary County Free Fair! Don't forget that fair pre-entries are due through FairEntry by June 28 at 11:59pm.



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