



# Geary County

## 4-H NEWS



*A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers*

*June 2026*

### 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 26<sup>th</sup>.**

### Fair Books

Most fair books have been distributed via club meetings or pick-up. 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>.

### 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>. We just found out that Remind is no longer sending text messages, only email and app notifications. All families are encouraged to download the app and allow notifications on your phone in order not to miss important reminders.

### Before Fair Set-up & After Fair Clean-Up

All 4-H families should plan to attend fair set-up on Saturday, July 18 at 9:00am at the Fairgrounds. Bring rakes, shovels, old rags, and buckets to help with the cleaning. After fair clean-up of the building will be held Thursday evening. Outdoor after fair clean-up will be held Friday, July 24 at 9:00am. Set-up/clean-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 26.

### 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 2026 fair logo! Check out the included flyer for more information. Orders are due Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at <https://messengerclothing.chippily.com/261389>. 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).

## **Dogs on Fairgrounds**

Fair Board has ruled that no dogs will be allowed on the fairgrounds during the Geary County Free Fair, July 19-23. Thanks for abiding by this rule!

## **Fair Auction Participation Requirement for 2026**

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 2026. 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.

## **Reminder: Fair Auction Premium Only for Livestock**

As in recent years, the livestock portion of the fair auction will be 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.

## **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. 2026 is not a designated testing year for Geary County.

## **After-Fair Celebration**

The After-Fair Celebration is scheduled for Friday, July 24 at the city pool from 7:15 to 9:00pm. Plan to join us to celebrate!

## **Fair Theme**

The 2026 fair theme is "Centennial Celebration" in recognition of 100 years of the Geary County 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.

## **Judging Contest Help Needed**

Adults and older youth are needed to help with the Horticulture and Photography Judging contests on Wednesday, July 22 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.

## **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 #4HBeyondReady. By doing this, you can help Geary County and Kansas 4-H create a stronger and more consistent brand.

## **Livestock Showmanship Clinic**

Check out the attached flyer with information on the upcoming 4-H Project Meeting Afternoon: Livestock Showmanship. It will be held Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00pm at the fairgrounds. RSVP is due by 5:00pm on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

## 4-H Public Revue Planning Meeting

A planning meeting for 4-H Public Revue will be held Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm at the Extension Office. All interested 4-H members and parents are invited to help plan the decorations for the event to be held on July 16<sup>th</sup>.

## Kansas State Fair & Kansas Junior Livestock Show Nomination Deadlines

The state livestock nomination season is an online process. It is going to be **IMPERATIVE** for you to plan ahead this year. You will not be able to wait until the last minute and successfully complete the process. Nominations for commercial heifers, market swine, commercial gilts, market lambs, commercial ewes, and ALL meat goats, will be due June 15. You will need to order nomination DNA envelopes at least 10 days ahead of this deadline. You can find full details for the nomination process at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/>. Details on YQCA requirements are included on this site as well.

## Dibben and Gfeller Earn State 4-H Scholarships

Congratulations to past Humboldt 4-H Member Kourtney Dibben and Lyon Creek 4-H Member Clara Gfeller on being awarded scholarships through the Kansas 4-H program. Kourtney was awarded the June Beaver 4-H Scholarship and Clara was awarded the Roger E. Regnier Scholarship and the Vanier Family Scholarship. Way to go Kourtney and Clara!

### June

- 3-5 Discovery Days @ K-State
- 5 Deadline to order DNA envelopes for livestock nominations due June 15
- 8 Livestock Showmanship Project Afternoon RSVP due by 5pm
- 14 4-H Project Afternoon: Livestock Showmanship (see the attached flyer)
- 15 Commercial Heifer/Market Lamb/Commercial Ewe/Market Hog/  
Commercial Breeding Gilt/All Meat Goat nomination deadline
- 17 4-H Public Revue Planning Meeting, 1:00pm at the Extension Office
- 19-20 Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, Iola
- 22 Horse Judging Camp at K-State
- 26 Fair pre-entries due through FairEntry by 11:59pm
- 26 \$5 per fair market animal for insurance due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 28 Fair t-shirt orders due online

### July

- 9 Fair Royalty Interviews, evening
- 13 Sewing Judging at the Extension Office, morning
- 13 Fashion Revue & Shopping in Style Judging, 4-H/Senior Citizens Center in the afternoon
- 13-16 Farm to Fashion Camp at K-State
- 15 Kansas State Fair Grand Drive livestock entries due
- 16 4-H Public Revue, setup 8:30am, practice 5:30pm, event 7:00pm
- 17 4-H Dog Show, 6:30pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center
- 18 Fairgrounds Setup, 9:00am
- 19-23 Geary County Free Fair
- 24 Outdoor Fairgrounds Cleanup, 9:00am
- 24 After Fair Family Celebration @ City Pool, 7:15-9pm
- 27-29 Vet Med ROCKS Summer Camp at K-State

### August

- 15 State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest, Manhattan
- 22 State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, Manhattan

## Calendar of Events

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June 2, 2026

Hope you are all enjoying summer and looking forward to the 2026 Geary County Free Fair! Don't forget that fair pre-entries are due through FairEntry by June 26 at 11:59pm.

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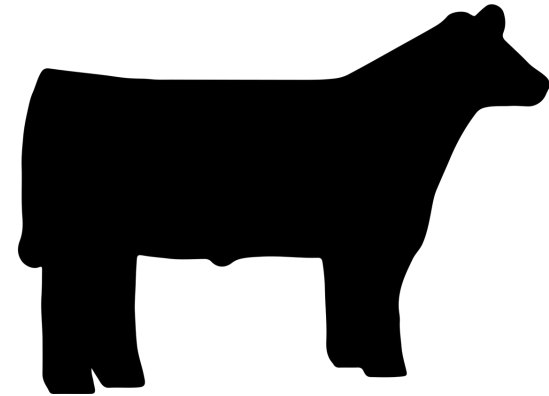
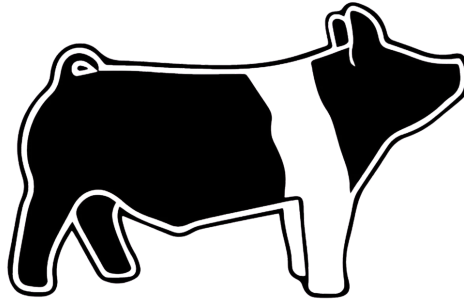
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Join us June 14<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm at the fairgrounds  
for a

# ***LIVESTOCK SHOWMANSHIP***



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Learn more about how to show beef, swine, goats, sheep, and horses.

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RSVP to Ginger at [gkopfer@ksu.edu](mailto:gkopfer@ksu.edu)  
or call the extension office at 785-238-4161  
by June 8th at 5pm!



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SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH**

**GEARY COUNTY FREE FAIR**



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