



# Geary County

## 4-H NEWS



*A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers*

*August 2019*

If you are planning to have your state fair exhibits delivered by Extension Office staff, you need to have the exhibit to the office by **Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00pm**. If it is a food or produce item, you can deliver it from 7:00am to 7:30am on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. The entry cards will be in the office and already filled out for you. The following projects have special requirements or forms that the 4-H member will need to fill out and/or sign at the Extension Office.

Clothing: Clothing label on each item; Can include an index card or photo, no larger than 4" x 6" to give the judge any information which the exhibitor thinks would be helpful; To be considered for the wool award, attach a statement saying the material is 60% wool and to be considered for the wool award

Dog: 4-H Dog Show Immunization Record must be completed and presented to veterinarian at health check on the day of show

Entomology: Name and county clearly marked

Fiber Arts: Clothing label on each item; Should include an index card no larger than 4" x 6" to give the judge any information on what parts of the exhibit they made, processes used, fiber content (exhibits indicating they are made of at least 60% wool will be eligible for the wool award), and whether it is from a kit or original design; For quilted items, indicate who did the quilting and binding

Foods/Food Preservation: Recipe (preservation recipes must include exhibitor name, recipe source, date of publication and altitude where processed, if using Mrs. Wage's or Ball mixes indicate the date the mix was purchased); Can include a 3" x 5" index card to give the judge any information which the exhibitor thinks would be helpful; Food or Food Preservation Label

Photography: Exhibit form; On the back of the mount write exhibitor's name, photo class, and county

SpaceTech Robotics: Exhibit Information Form; Written instructions for operation; Construction plans; 1 to 3 pages of photos or 5-minute video; Robot programming information; Exhibitor's name and county must be tagged or labeled in a prominent location

Visual Arts: Exhibit Release Form

Wildlife: Name, county, age and year in project should be in a prominent location on the exhibit

Woodworking: Plans

Exhibits can be picked up at the Extension Office any time after Noon on Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate having exhibits picked up soon after the end of the fair.

### State Fair Exhibits

**Kansas State Fair Information**

Visit the Kansas State Fair website at <http://www.kansasstatefair.com> to check out the schedule of events, get maps, and see 4-H livestock results. You can find the fair book and link for non-livestock results at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html>. You are responsible for knowing the rules and requirements for your exhibit area which can be found in the fair book on the Kansas 4-H website. You can also get pages of the book at the Extension Office.

**Fair Thank You**

A big thank you to everyone who helped with the 2019 Geary County Free Fair. The fair would not be possible without 4-Hers, parents, and volunteers to help out. Extra thanks to all of the hard-working superintendents and assistants!

**4-H Council**

Each club needs to select 2 youth and 2 adults as 4-H Council Representatives. The youth and adults that you select will be able to help make decisions about the county 4-H program. The next council meeting will be October 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. We will be reviewing the fair, electing officers, and assigning committees for the coming year. The other meetings for the 2019-2020 year are scheduled for February 3<sup>rd</sup> and June 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Achievement Celebration**

The Achievement Celebration has been set for the evening of Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup>. Please put this date on your calendar and look for further details in upcoming newsletters.

**Club Summary Due Date**

Club summaries are due by 5:00pm on October 1<sup>st</sup> to the Extension Office. No late summaries will be accepted.

**Record Books & Award Applications due**

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 13<sup>th</sup>. No late items will be accepted. These items will be due to club leaders before this date, check with your leader(s) to find out when.

**Record Book Forms**

Don't forget to use the Simplified KAP form for members 12 and younger and the original KAP form for members 13 and older. The forms, and hints to help you fill them out, are available on the web at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>. The forms should have also been included with the project materials given out at the beginning of the 4-H year. Please contact the Extension Office with questions.

**4-H Pictures Needed**

Pictures are needed for a slide show showcasing the 4-H year at the Achievement Celebration. Pictures can be sent to, or dropped off at, the Extension Office or sent via email to [gkopfer@ksu.edu](mailto:gkopfer@ksu.edu) before October 1<sup>st</sup>. We would like all 4-H clubs to be represented in the pictures. So, look through your stash of 4-H photos and pick some out right away!

**County-wide Project  
Leaders Needed**

Do you have an interest or talent that you would like to share with 4-H members across the county during the next 4-H year? If so, please volunteer your time as a county-wide project leader by calling the Extension Office on or before October 1<sup>st</sup>. Let's all work together to make finding leaders easier for each club!

**National 4-H Week**

Don't forget National 4-H Week, October 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup>. Now is the time to start thinking about how you and your club would like to celebrate.

**Fair Lost & Found**

The following items were found at the fair and are available to be claimed at the Extension Office until the end of September when they will be disposed of:

elephant necklace	red/grey bead bracelet
purple water bottle	black water bottle
orange Hereford tee (size S)	grey/white Cody Johnson cap
green ladies jacket	green ladies tee (size XL)
red bucket filled with brushes/livestock washing supplies	

**Kansas Youth  
Leadership Forum**

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum is an exciting event for youth 14-18 years old as of January 1, 2020. This event will be held at Rock Springs, November 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>. Highlights of the forum will be inspirational speakers, workshops, and meeting new people. Contact the Extension Office or visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html> for more information and to register online. Registration will be open soon and classes will fill up, so don't delay. The registration deadline is October 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Kansas 4-H Youth  
Leadership Council**

Applications will soon be available for the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council and are due October 1<sup>st</sup>. Council members plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, Campference, and other events along with other duties. Contact the Extension Office for further information.

**National 4-H  
Conference**

Applications will soon be available for the 2019 National 4-H Conference to be held March 28<sup>th</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup> at the National 4-H Center in Chevy Chase, Maryland. Delegates must be 15 to 18 years old as of January 1, 2020. The National 4-H Conference is a working conference in which youth and adults assist in the development of recommendations to help guide 4-H Youth Development Programs nationally and in their communities. Up to six Kansas youth may be selected as delegates via an application and interview. Applications are due online by October 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact the Extension Office for further information.

**Happy Birthday  
Kansas! Photo Contest**

Young people across Kansas from 1<sup>st</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to enter the Happy Birthday Kansas! Photo Contest between August 20 and December 15, 2019. The contest theme this year is to capture images of going to school in Kansas. Winners will be announced as part of the state's Kansas Day celebration in January at the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka. Contest rules and information for submitting photographs are available at [www.happybirthdayks.org](http://www.happybirthdayks.org).

Ambassador applications are available at the Extension Office or online at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html> and are due by 5:00pm on September 13<sup>th</sup>. Interviews will be held the evening of October 3<sup>rd</sup>. This is a wonderful opportunity for older 4-H members to take a great leadership role.

Duties include:

- Promote the Geary County 4-H program
- Organize and facilitate promotional events
- Plan and sponsor events and activities

Requirements:

- 12-13 years old by January 1, 2020 for Junior Ambassadors
- 14 years old or older by January 1, 2020 for Senior Ambassadors
- 4-H member for at least 2 years
- Complete an application and interview process
- Letter of recommendation from a 4-H Club Leader
- Commit to at least a two-year term
- Completed Record Book
- Enrolled in Leadership Project
- Willingness to meet new people and promote new ideas
- Good human relation and communication skills
- Enthusiasm for 4-H!

**4-H Ambassadors  
Wanted**

The Geary County Historical Society is requesting homemade pies for their annual ice cream social fundraiser on September 15<sup>th</sup>. Pies can be dropped off at the Historical Society Museum (530 N. Adams St, Junction City) on Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00pm, Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00pm, or Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup> before noon. Due to lack of space, they prefer pies that don't need to be refrigerated. If you have questions, contact the Historical Society at (785) 238-1666.

**Request for Pies from  
Historical Society**

State 4-H Dog Conference will be held October 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Registration is due by October 7<sup>th</sup>. Registration should soon be live at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/index.html>. Conference events include educational sessions, quiz bowl, skillathon, and many others. Cost is \$125 for full-time, \$75 for Saturday only, and \$50 for Sunday only. The Geary County 4-H Foundation will pay half of the fee for all Geary County 4-H members who fill out a scholarship request form.

**Dog Conference**

The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Program and the Kansas Cosmosphere located in Hutchinson are teaming up to provide a program that will feature drones and robotics. The experience begins Friday, October 4<sup>th</sup> at 4pm and will end Saturday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. Cost is \$115 for youth and \$90 for adult chaperones (designed to be an adult-child experience). Registration includes 3 meals and an overnight indoor camping stay. Participants will receive introduction and education about drones and robots, including how to program robots and use sensors and how to pilot drones. There will be a tour of the Cosmosphere, a planetarium show, and a digital dome program. Visit <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html> for more information. Registration is due September 20<sup>th</sup> and will be limited, so don't delay.

**Drones and Robotics  
SpaceTech Experience**

## Interstate Exchange

The inaugural meeting of the 2020-2021 Dickinson/Geary County 4-H Interstate Exchange group will be held on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Chapman Community Center in the 500 block of Marshall Street. Youth 13 years and older as of January 1, 2020 are invited to attend. If you are interested in participating in the exchange program, please read over the information posted at <https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html> and make sure that you can fully commit to all requirements. If you are interested in participating with the exchange program but cannot attend this meeting, please contact the Extension Office prior to this meeting so we can keep you informed.



### August

- 17 State 4-H Horticulture Judging Contest, Manhattan
- 24 State 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, Manhattan

### September

- 5 State Fair exhibits due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 6 State Fair food and produce exhibits may be brought to Extension Office from 7-7:30am
- 6-15 Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
- 10 Interstate Exchange Meeting, 6:30pm at Chapman Community Center
- 13 Record Books & Award Applications due by 5pm
- 13 Ambassador Applications due by 5pm
- 16 State Fair Exhibits can be picked up at Extension Office after noon
- 20 Robotics SpaceTech Experience registration due
- 27-29 Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson

### October

- 1 Club Summaries due by 5pm
- 1 Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Applications due
- 1 National 4-H Conference Applications due
- 3 Ambassador Interviews, evening
- 4-5 Robotics SpaceTech Experience at Cosmosphere
- 6-12 National 4-H Week
  - 7 4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 7pm
  - 7 Dog Conference Registration due
- 12-13 48 Hours of 4-H Service Weekend
- 15 KYLF Registration due
- 26 Achievement Celebration
- 19-20 Dog Conference @ Rock Springs

### November

- 10 4-H Foundation Bingo/Soup Supper
- 23-24 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs

## Calendar of Events

**Achievement  
Celebration Special  
Awards**

Following is some information related to 4-H awards that are given at Achievement Celebration. Hopefully this will answer some questions and encourage 4-H members to apply or nominate someone for these awards.

**Outstanding Record Book Awards** – Awards are given for the top two record books in the age 12 and under and age 13 and older categories. Record books are nominated by club leaders and are judged by volunteers from another county.

**Rob Smith Citizenship Award** – This award was created in honor of Geary County 4-H member Rob Smith. Anyone 12 and under can apply by marking the box on your award summary form and turning in all of your 4-H records from the current year and past years. The record books are judged by Jerry and Marlene Smith.

**Outstanding Boy & Girl** – Club leaders can nominate 4-H members who are 14 and older for this recognition. Record books from these members are judged by volunteers from another county and 4-H club leaders are also given the chance to rank the candidates.

**Outstanding 4-H Project Leader** – 4-H Council votes on a 4-H project leader to win this award each year. If you have someone you would like to see recognized, tell your 4-H Council representatives.

**4-H Family of the Year** – 4-H Council votes on a 4-H family to win this award each year. If you have someone you would like to see recognized, tell your 4-H Council representatives.

**4-H Appreciation Award** – 4-H Council votes on an individual, couple, or business to win this award each year. If you have someone you would like to see recognized, tell your 4-H Council representatives.

**I Dare You Award** – The award is sponsored by the American Youth Foundation and can be given to two 4-H members each year. Applicants must have completed their sophomore year of high school. To apply, fill out the application and mark the appropriate box on your award summary form. Applications are available on the Geary County 4-H website and at the Extension Office.

**Apply Today!**

## Fair Judging Contest Results

Thanks to everyone who participated in the judging contests this year. Hope you had fun and learned something too!

### ***Horticulture Judging***

#### Junior Division

- Purple – Austin Sohnrey, Lorelei Olson
- Blue – Tyler Proietti, April Strauss, Eliot Oentrich, Brock Nabus
- Red – Deyton Dibben, Newt Miller, Matt Zlotow
- White – Jacob Roeser

#### Intermediate Division

- Purple – Logan Nabus, Blake Proietti, Elizabeth Murphy
- Blue – Karley Kramer, Shevy Olson, Clara Gfeller, Morgan Nabus, Kaitlyn Sohnrey, Kourtney Dibben, Mikayla Dibben, Josie Strauss, Ava Oentrich, Macie Muto, Grant Roeser, Gracie Erichsen, Hanna Miller, Loagan Holm, Travis Leasure, Grady Oentrich
- Red – William Strauss, Cori Leasure, Tava Gustafson, Kaci Heller, Amelia Strauss
- White – Brittney Dibben

#### Senior Division

- Purple – Aleeya Williams, Jewels Williams, Zach Ferris
- Blue – Chelsey Armbruster, Hannah Leasure, Kaitlyn Butler, Jordyn Hubley
- Red – Calen Boller, Wyatt Miller

### ***Photography Judging***

#### Junior Division

- Purple – Brock Nabus
- Blue – Jacob Roeser, Nicholas Murphy, Lorelei Olson, April Strauss, Deyton Dibben, Austin Sohnrey
- Red – Newt Miller, Matt Zlotow
- White – Eliot Oentrich

#### Intermediate Division

- Purple – Charlie Strauss, Kaitlyn Sohnrey
- Blue – Logan Nabus, Morgan Nabus, Clara Gfeller, Kourtney Dibben, Gracie Erichsen, Amelia Strauss, Elizabeth Murphy, Karley Kramer, Macie Muto, Paige Roeser, Travis Leasure, Elaina Schmidt, Shevy Olson

### ***Photography Judging, cont.***

#### Intermediate Division

- Red – Josie Strauss, Hanna Miller, William Strauss, Weston Langvardt, Mikayla Dibben, Reece Langvardt, Loagan Holm, Brittney Dibben, Kaci Heller, Cori Leasure, Grady Oentrich
- White – Ava Oentrich, Tava Gustafson

#### Senior Division

- Purple – Calen Boller, Rylie Ellis, Wyatt Miller
- Blue – Aleeya Williams, Jewels Williams
- Red – Chelsey Armbruster, Hannah Leasure

### ***Livestock Judging***

#### Junior Division

- Purple – Jacob Roeser
- Blue – Caden Goodyear, Ava Schmidt
- Red – Eliot Oentrich
- White – Austin Sohnrey, Newt Miller

#### Intermediate Division

- Purple – Ethan Goodyear, Weston Langvardt, Tava Gustafson, Taylor Gustafson, Grant Roeser, Morgan Nabus, Paige Roeser, Emma Hinds, Avery Gustafson Houser, Kaci Heller
- Blue – Emmy Gfeller, Cassidy Miller, Karley Kramer, Amelia Strauss, Clara Gfeller, Macie Muto, Grady Oentrich, Ava Oentrich, Josie Strauss, Brittney Dibben
- Red – Mikayla Dibben, Kourtney Dibben, Reece Langvardt, Loagan Holm, Kaitlyn Sohnrey, Hanna Miller
- White – Elaina Schmidt, Gracie Erichsen

#### Senior Division

- Purple – Kacey Butler, Rylie Ellis, Calen Boller, Kaitlyn Butler, Zach Ferris
- Blue – Aleeya Williams
- Red – Chelsey Armbruster, Wyatt Miller, Jewels Williams, Mason Muto



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Congratulations to everyone on all of your accomplishments at the 2019 Geary County Free Fair! Plan to finish the year off right by completing and submitting your record book and award applications to your club leader(s) in a timely manner.

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## 2019 Geary County Free Fair 4-H Schedule Survey

A suggestion was made to look at rearranging the fair schedule for 4-H in order to spread out project judging and livestock shows. Please provide feedback below or online at [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eXtZhVGDasG3kXP](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eXtZhVGDasG3kXP) by Monday, September 16<sup>th</sup>. Complete only one survey per family. Paper surveys should be returned to the Extension Office.

My family is in favor of changing the fair schedule in the following ways (mark all that apply):

- Additional pre-fair judging to occur the week before fair during morning or afternoon  
(Pre-fair judging is judging that would happen prior to fair, exhibits would be brought for judging, taken home and then returned to fair to be displayed with ribbons for the duration of fair, similar to the way clothing judging is conducted currently.)
- Additional pre-fair judging to occur the week before fair on evenings or weekend
- Livestock shows happening during other daytime hours instead of only late afternoon/evening
- Additional day added to the fair schedule
- None of the above

Please provide additional comments below.