A big thank you to everyone who helped with the 2022 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!

If you are sending exhibits to state fair, you need to have the exhibit to the Extension Office by **Tuesday, September 6th at 5:00pm**. If it is a food or produce item, you can deliver it from 7:00am to 7:30am on Wednesday, September 7th. 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

**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, 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; Gift Baskets – answer these questions on a piece of paper: What is the intended use?, What food safety precautions were taken during and after preparation?; Food or Food Preservation Label

**Geology:** Photo release form

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

**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 8:00am on Tuesday, September 20th. We appreciate having exhibits picked up soon after the end of the fair.
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.

Chuck Otte Retirement Celebration

As you may have heard, Chuck Otte is retiring from the Extension Office effective September 2nd. Details about the retirement celebration are included below.

Chuck’s Retirement Celebration
Saturday, August 27
2:00-4:00pm come-and-go reception
4:00pm sit-down “Chuck Roast” with an emcee and panel of friends/colleagues to make comments
4-H/Senior Citizens Center (1025 S. Spring Valley Rd, Junction City)
Wear your Hawaiian-themed shirt or outfit

Yard Signs for National 4-H Week

Yard signs for National 4-H Week will be made available at September 4-H Club meetings. Signs will also be available to be picked up at the Extension Office. Size of signs is 24 inches by 18 inches and they will come with a metal holder to stake the sign into the ground. Plan to get one at your club meeting or the Extension Office and promote 4-H during this special week! We ask that signs are returned to October club meetings or to the Extension Office so we can use them in future years.

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 3rd 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 2022-2023 year are scheduled for February 6th and June 5th.

Achievement Celebration

The Achievement Celebration has been set for the evening of Saturday, November 5th. 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 3rd 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 23rd. 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.
Don’t forget that we are using 4-H Project Report Forms again this year. Age divisions for these records are 7 to 9, 10 to 13, and 14 and older. There is a different Project Report Form for each age division for animal projects and for general (non-animal) projects. For the Dog project and the Pet project (including Cat), use the general project report form. For all other animal projects, use the animal report form.

Options for completing your record book:
1 - Form-fillable versions are available on the Kansas 4-H website at https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ProjectRecognition.html
2 - Online ZBooks software
   The Permanent Record is included in ZBooks. If you choose to keep records with ZBooks, you will start the permanent record with the current year and simply attach it to your previous document after printing. Visit https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html for access to ZBooks and helpful tutorials. This software works on all platforms. In ZBooks, pictures can be entered in landscape or portrait format. At the end of the year, you will print your Project Report Forms and Permanent Record and submit them just like you would in previous years. If you want to try ZBooks, click on the link above and create a family account and then profiles for each of your 4-H members. If you have questions or problems while using the program, they have a wonderful live chat feature that you can use.
3 - Hard copies of record forms and award applications are available at the Extension Office. Award forms can also be found online at http://www.geary.ksstate.edu/4-h/forms.html.

Four $25 gift cards sponsored by the Geary County 4-H Foundation will be drawn at 4-H Achievement Celebration on November 5 from all youth who turn in a completed record book (personal page, permanent record, and KAP’s for all projects). You must be present at Achievement Celebration to win.

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 before October 3rd. We would like all 4-H clubs to be represented in the pictures. So, look through your 4-H photos and pick some out right away!

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 3rd. Let’s all work together to make finding leaders easier for each club!

Don’t forget National 4-H Week, October 2nd through 8th. Now is the time to start thinking about how you and your club would like to celebrate.
4-H Ambassadors Wanted

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 23rd. Interviews will be held the evening of October 11th. 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, 2023 for Junior Ambassadors
- 14 years old or older by January 1, 2023 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!

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum is an exciting event for youth 14-18 years old as of January 1, 2023. This event will be held at Rock Springs, November 19-20. 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 mid-October and is due November 1st.

Applications are available for the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council and are due October 1st. Council members plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, and other events along with other duties. 4-H members 14 to 18 years old as of January 1, 2023 are eligible to apply. Contact the Extension Office for further information.

National 4-H Conference

Applications are available for the 2023 National 4-H Conference to be held in the spring. Delegates must be 15 to 18 years old as of January 1, 2023. 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 1st. Contact the Extension Office for further information.

Opportunity for New Sheep Project Members

Noticing declining enrollment in the sheep project, a local sheep breeder has reached out to offer to donate a lamb to a limited number of new sheep project members. Those selected for this (first-come, first-serve) will be required to buy a 2nd lamb at a discount and will need to provide their own location for housing the lambs, feed, etc. Contact the Extension Office by December 1st if you are interested.
August
20  Livestock Sweepstakes Contest, Manhattan
27  Chuck Otte Retirement Celebration, 2-5pm @ 4-H Building

September
6  State Fair exhibits due to Extension Office by 5pm
7  State Fair food and produce exhibits may be brought to Extension Office from 7-7:30am
7-8  Judging of 4-H State Fair Indoor Exhibits
9-18  Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson
11  State 4-H Photography Judging at State Fair
20  State Fair Exhibits can be picked up at Extension Office after 8am
23  Record Books & Award Applications due by 5pm
23  Ambassador Applications due by 5pm
30  Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson

October
1-2  Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson
1  Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Applications due
1  National 4-H Conference Applications due
2-8  National 4-H Week
3  Club Summaries due by 5pm
3  4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 7pm
8  Eastern Region Leadership Forum, Rock Springs
8-9  48 Hours of 4-H Service Weekend
11  Ambassador Interviews, evening
22  Central Region Leadership Forum, Salina
22-23  Dog Conference @ Rock Springs

November
1  KYLF Registration due
5  Achievement Celebration
13  4-H Foundation Bingo/Soup Supper
19-20  Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs

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

- pink towel
- toddler leather sandal (size 4)
- black shorts (size XL)
- JC c/o 2029 blue tee (size L)
- DARE cut-off grey tee (size S)
- Live Generously grey tee (no tag)

Passing along this opportunity from faculty in Applied Human Sciences at Kansas State University.

Hi Kansas teens and parents! We are offering FREE online educational programming on healthy relationships for teens aged 13 to 19! If you are interested in (or you want your teen to learn about) how to build and maintain healthy relationships, please click the link below and learn more about us! You can sign up for our program on our website. The program includes interactive asynchronous online curriculum with biweekly synchronous Zoom sessions.

https://relationship-goals.learnworlds.com/
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 each age category (7 to 9, 10 to 13, 14 and older). 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 or their chosen representatives.

**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 – Case Proietti
- Blue – Natalie Hall
- Red – Addy Snider, Gracen Gfeller, Grace Mueller, Grason Fielder

**Intermediate Division**
- Purple – Elisabeth Smith, Austin Sohnrey, Jacob Roeser, Grady Oentrich
- Blue – William Strauss, Adrian Williams, Morgan Nabus, Olivia Kline, Clara Gfeller, Sean Mueller, Eliot Oentrich, Lorelei Olson, Brock Nabus, Brittney Dibben, Cade McCallum, Deyton Dibben, April Strauss, Tyler Proietti
- Red – Colden Blockcolsky, Sammie Hall, Jared Kline, Braden Blockcolsky, Addi Sederlin, Cade Snider
- White – Maddi Sederlin

**Senior Division**
- Purple – Blake Proietti, Gracie Erichsen, Mikayla Dibben, Chelsey Armbruster, Macie Muto, Jada Nabus, Kourtney Dibben, Shevy Olson
- Blue – Travis Leasure, Paige Roeser, Jewels Williams, Karley Kramer, Donnigan Mueller, Josie Strauss, Grant Roeser, Kaitlyn Sohnrey
- Red – Hannah Leasure, Amelia Strauss, Cori Leasure, Emmy Gfeller, Loagan Holm

**Photography Judging**

**Junior Division**
- Purple – Gracen Gfeller, Grace Mueller
- Blue – Jared Kline
- Red – Bo Ryan, Addy Snider

**Intermediate Division**
- Purple – Brock Nabus, William Strauss, Adrian Williams
- Blue – Morgan Nabus, Grady Oentrich, Braden Blockcolsky, Clara Gfeller, Colden Blockcolsky, Sean Mueller, Addi Sederlin, Olivia Kline, Eloise Ryan, Brittney Dibben, April Strauss, Grant Slough

**Senior Division**
- Purple – Macie Muto, Chelsey Armbruster, Travis Leasure
- Blue – Jewels Williams, Amelia Strauss, Jada Nabus, Emmy Gfeller, Charles Strauss, Josie Strauss, Karley Kramer, Mikayla Dibben, Shevy Olson, Kourtney Dibben
- Red – Hannah Leasure, Ava Oentrich, Paige Roeser, Weston Langvardt, Donnigan Mueller, Tava Gustafson
- White – Kaitlyn Sohnrey, Cori Leasure

**Livestock Judging**

**Junior Division**
- Purple – Nolan Langvardt
- Blue – Macy Goodyear, Case Proietti, Addy Snider
- Red – Archer Anderes, Grason Fielder, Jared Kline, Gracen Gfeller

**Intermediate Division**
- Purple – Morgan Nabus, Grant Slough, Grady Oentrich, Colden Blockcolsky, Ethan Goodyear
- Blue – Brittney Dibben, Eliot Oentrich, Kaycee Brown, Olivia Kline, Deyton Dibben
- Red – Caden Goodyear, Jacob Roeser, Adrian Williams, Tyler Proietti, Braden Blockcolsky, Cade Snider, Ava Schmidt, Clara Gfeller
- White – Austin Sohnrey, Newt Miller

**Senior Division**
- Purple – Cody Brown, Emmy Gfeller, Ava Oentrich, Charles Strauss, Grant Roeser
- Blue – Weston Langvardt, Tava Gustafson, Mikayla Dibben, Paige Roeser, Nora Kvacik, Josie Strauss, Macie Muto, Kourtney Dibben, Blake Proietti
- Red – Karley Kramer, Kaitlyn Sohnrey, Jewels Williams, Hanna Miller
August 15, 2022

Congratulations to everyone on all of your accomplishments at the 2022 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.

Ginger D. Kopfer
County Extension Agent

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