



# Geary County

## 4-H NEWS



*A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers*

*July 2021*

**Fair Dates to Remember**

**Monday, July 12<sup>th</sup>**

Morning Clothing Construction Judging – Extension Office  
 Afternoon Fashion Revue Judging – 4-H/Sr. Citizens Center

**Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**

8:00am Dog Show – 4-H/Sr. Citizens Center  
 10:30am Fair Clean-up/Barn and Building Set-up (bring rakes, shovels, old rags, buckets, etc. plus your own bottle for water to help you stay hydrated)

**Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**

6:00pm Horse Show

**Monday, July 19<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Tuesday, July 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:30-9:30am Swine Weigh-In

**Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup>**

1:00pm Photography and Horticulture Judging Contests

**Thursday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Noon Livestock Judging Contest  
 8:00pm Exhibit Release  
 8:30pm Fair Clean-up

**Fair Auction Requirement**

4-H members will be required to attend 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 2021. Official record of meetings attended will be the club secretary's book. This rule will be enforced at the 2021 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 2021, buyers will again be asked to sign-off that the youth have visited them before any money will be released.

**4-H BBQ**

Help is needed to set-up for, serve, and clean-up after the 4-H BBQ on Thursday at the County Fair. Each club will need to have at least 2 adults and 2 4-H members working for the entire time of 4:00 to 7:00pm. Extra help will be requested earlier that day for preparation of the meal. Each club is asked to submit their list of workers to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Food Stand Details**

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.

**Fair Exhibitor Numbers**

Don't forget to put your exhibitor number on all entry cards for Fair. These numbers were included in the June 4-H Newsletter.

**Public Revue Talent**

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 12<sup>th</sup> or sign up at Fashion Revue Judging.

**Photography and Horticulture Judging Contests**

The 4-H Photography and Horticulture Judging Contests will be held on Wednesday, July 21<sup>st</sup> 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!

**4-H Judging Contest Guide**

A guide to 4-H judging contests can be found online at [http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/judging\\_contest\\_guide.html](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.

**After-Fair Family Celebration**

4-H Council has decided to have an After-Fair Family Celebration again this year. This event will be held on Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> 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!

**Fair Theme**

The 4-H Ambassadors and fair board have agreed on a Hawaiian theme for the 2021 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.

**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>.

**Dogs on Fairgrounds**

Fair Board has ruled that no dogs will be allowed on the fairgrounds during the Geary County Free Fair, July 18-22. Thanks for abiding by this rule!

## **Conference Judging**

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>.

## **Valuables at Fair**

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.

## **Foods Exhibit Tables**

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 Hawaiian theme for 2021. 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.

## **Fair Score Sheets**

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](http://www.geary.k-state.edu/county_fair/exhibit_resources.html).

## **Round Robin Champion Recognition**

Thanks to the sponsorship of Agri Trails Coop, we now have a plaque to recognize the grand champion Round Robin recipient of the fair each year. The champion's name will be engraved on the plaque that will be on display at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center in the showcase.

## **2021 Herdsman Trophy**

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.

## **Loading-Out Fair Livestock**

The load-out process for livestock on Thursday evening of the fair will be done in the following order: 1) locker plants; 2) individual animals returning home. You are allowed to load tack out ahead of the 8:00pm release time, but not animals or you will forfeit all premiums. Your cooperation in this load-out process is greatly appreciated.

## **Staying Overnight at the County Fair**

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 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

## Horse ID Papers

Don't forget to bring your horse ID papers with you to the 4-H Horse Show. You are required to have these papers in order to participate.

## Ambassador Sponsored Activities at Fair

The Ambassadors will be sponsoring the following during the fair:

- 4-H information table in the rabbit area during the evenings
- Barnyard Olympics Monday following the dairy/goat/sheep show
- Old Timers showmanship Tuesday following the beef show (nominated adults will show sheep, nominations will be taken Monday evening 6 to 8pm and Tuesday evening 6pm to just before selection of market beef champions at the 4-H information table, \$5 to nominate and \$5 to decline participation, money raised will go to the Ronnie Thomas Memorial and the Grady Erichsen Memorial, look for signs at fair or talk to an Ambassador for more information)
- recording videos of exhibits and 4-H members talking about exhibits
- everyone is encouraged to wear a Hawaiian shirt for the swine show in memory of Grady Erichsen

Plan to participate in these Ambassador-sponsored activities!

## 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.

## Geary County Free Fair on Facebook

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.

## 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.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup>. Look to the fair book to see which classes are eligible for State Fair entry. A 4-H member must receive a purple ribbon in one of these classes and be 9-18 years old as of January 1, 2021 to exhibit at state fair. The exception to the August 1<sup>st</sup> pre-entry deadline is for livestock. Livestock must be pre-entered by July 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Kansas State Fair Exhibitor Handbook

The 2021 Exhibitor Handbook for the Kansas State Fair is now available for download on the Kansas 4-H website at <http://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 10<sup>th</sup> through 19<sup>th</sup> with some 4-H exhibit judging occurring September 8<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>. If you are willing to assist, please let the Extension Office know by August 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Achievement  
Celebration**

The Achievement Celebration has been set for the evening of Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm. Please put this date and time on your calendar and look for further details in upcoming newsletters.

**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 17<sup>th</sup>. 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. Look for updated Achievement Pin Applications for 2021 to come out by the middle of August with changes due to COVID-related limitations.

**Club Summary Due  
Date**

Club summaries will be due by 5:00pm on October 1<sup>st</sup> to the Extension Office. No late summaries will be accepted. Updated 2021 applications were distributed via club boxes and are available online at <https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>.

**48 Hours of 4-H  
Committee Members  
Wanted**

4-H Council has created a committee for 48 Hours of 4-H planning. If you are interested in being a part of the committee, please contact the Extension Office to volunteer. 48 Hours of 4-H is a Kansas 4-H service challenge that was created as a way to challenge 4-H members to explore their service capabilities – “To Make the Best Better” in their communities, counties, and across the state. This committee will meet to select 48 Hours of 4-H service opportunities for Geary County 4-H members.

**Record Book Work  
Time**

Record Book Work Time will be held August 2<sup>nd</sup> at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center from 6:00 to 7:30pm. Attend this event to get help working on your record book and get all your record book questions answered. Come hungry...pre-packaged ice cream treats will be provided! Four \$25 gift cards sponsored by the Geary County 4-H Foundation will be drawn at 4-H Achievement Celebration on November 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Calendar of Events**

**July**

- 7 Poultry Testing for Fair, 5:30-6:30pm @ fairgrounds
- 8 Fair Queen Interviews, evening
- 12 Clothing/Fashion Revue Judging
- 15 Kansas State Fair livestock entries due
- 15 Public Revue
- 17 4-H Dog Show, 8:00am
- 17 Fair Clean-up at 10:30am, Fairgrounds
- 18-22 Geary County Free Fair
- 23 After Fair Family Celebration @ City Pool, 7:15-9pm

**August**

- 2 State Fair pre-entries due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 2 State Fair volunteer pre-entries due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 2 Record Book Work Time, 6 to 7:30pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center
- 11 Kansas State Wheat Expo, El Dorado
- 14 State 4-H Horticulture Judging, Manhattan
- 21 Livestock Sweepstakes Contest, Manhattan

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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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# **2021 GEARY COUNTY FREE FAIR 4-H RESPONSIBILITIES**

**This is the list of responsibilities for the 2021 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, HOME ENVIRONMENT, MISCELLANEOUS, PETS, READING, SHOOTING SPORTS & WILDLIFE**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Amy Blockcolsky

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Jordan Jenkins, Cori Leasure, Hannah Leasure, Travis Leasure, William Strauss

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Jessica Bobbett, Jody Jenkins, Ashley King, Lori Strauss

## **BEEF & BUCKET CALF**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENTS: Jim & Sarah Schmidt

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Brandon Dibben, Heath Gfeller, Phillip Goodyear, Scott Miller, Lindsey Snider

RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

## **CAT**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Stephanie Gfeller

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Clara Gfeller, Emma Hinds

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Brittney Hinds

## **CLOTHING & FASHION REVUE**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Liz Roeser

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Kacey Butler, Rylie Ellis, Gracie Erichsen, Karley Kramer, Reece Langvardt, Macie Muto, Jacob Roeser, Paige Roeser

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Abby Anderes, Joanna Erichsen, Kelly Kramer, Heather Ryan

## **CROPS, FLORICULTURE & HORTICULTURE**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Marcie Proietti

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Kaitlyn Butler, Kaci Heller, Brock Nabus, Jada Nabus, Blake Proietti

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Karla Butler, Lisa Nabus

## **DOG**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Jacque Shane

RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

## **ENERGY MANAGEMENT, FIBER ARTS, FORESTRY, GEOLOGY/LAPIDARY & STEM**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENTS: Erin Bradley & Regan Schultz

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Lillyana Bradley, Sebastian Schultz

## **FOODS & NUTRITION, PRESERVATION**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Lara Strauss

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Emmy Gfeller, Addison Gibson, Ethan Goodyear, Madalynn Harold, Olivia Harold, Heston Jahnke, Olivia Kline, David McIlwain, Shevy Olson, Elaina Schmidt, Kaitlyn Sohnrey, Amelia Strauss, Charles Strauss, Josie Strauss, Aleeya Williams, Jewels Williams

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Jennifer Gibson, Natalie Harold, Kristel Jahnke, Vickie Kline, Noelle Olson, Kevin Shane, Lynn Sohnrey, Marti Williams

## **GOATS & SHEEP**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: David Butler

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Jorgan Beck, Rod Gfeller, Eric Hinds, Todd Kline, Caleb Strauss, Rebekah Thomas

RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

## **HORSE**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Morgan Todd

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Cody Brown, Taylor Gustafson, Nora Kvacik, Colton Weeks

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Jason Brown, Lori Brown, Jamie Dickson, Teresa Douthit, Shelbi Gustafson, Janice Hannagan, Joseph Kvacik, Cory Vercher

RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Jodi Zima

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Chelsey Armbruster, Lindsey Ascher, Tava Gustafson, Cody Haycook, Colton Holm, Logan Holm, Logan Nabus, Morgan Nabus, Zoey Peterson, Creytin Sanner

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Amy Alexander, Jeannette Ascher, Marjaul Ferris, JoAnn Haycook, Meggan Holm, Amanda Peterson, Judy Sanner

## **POULTRY**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Resia Muto

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Deyton Dibben, Lucas Laudick, Eliot Oentrich

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Ray Boller, Nathen Kozlowski, Mike Taylor

## **SWINE**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Mark Miller

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Daniel Anderes, Luke Erichsen, Heath Gfeller, Doug Holm, Lynn Langvardt, Randy Nabus, Justin Roeser, Jim Schmidt

RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

## **VISUAL ARTS**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Kasey Donoho

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Brittney Dibben, Kourtney Dibben, Mikayla Dibben, Alana Donoho, Allyson Donoho, Alyce Donoho, Zach Ferris, Cassidy Jahnke, Hanna Miller, Newt Miller, Wyatt Miller, Matt Zlotow

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Dianna Dibben, Pam Miller, Molly Sederlin, Kristina Zlotow

## **WOODWORK**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Garry Berges

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Ava Oentrich, Grady Oentrich, Grant Roeser

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Travis Berges, Kelli McCallum, Heather Oentrich

## **ROUND ROBIN**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENTS: Beef, Goats & Sheep, Horse, and Swine Superintendents

RIBBONS: Fair Royalty