**Fair Dates to Remember**

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<td>9:00am Fair Clean-up/Barn and Building Set-up (bring rakes,</td>
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<td>Tuesday, July 19</td>
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<td>8:00pm Exhibit Release</td>
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**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 2022. Official record of meetings attended will be the club secretary’s book. This rule will be enforced at the 2022 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 2022, 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 11. |
| **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 11 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 20 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! 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. |
| **4-H Judging Contest Guide** | 4-H Council has decided to have an After-Fair Family Celebration again this year. This event will be held on Friday, July 22 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! |
| **After-Fair Family Celebration** | The 4-H Ambassadors and fair board have agreed on a patriotic theme for the 2022 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. |
| **Fair Theme** | |
| **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](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 17-21. Thanks for abiding by this rule! |
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.

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 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 patriotic theme for 2022. 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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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 18. 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.
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.

Exhibitors, spectators, and volunteers are all encouraged to wear a Hawaiian shirt for the swine show on Wednesday evening of fair in memory of Grady Erichsen.

Fair Poultry testing for Pullorum-Typhoid will be held Wednesday, July 6 at the fairgrounds from 5:30-6:30pm. All chickens and turkeys going to fair must be tested. Exhibitors who do not attend this testing are responsible for getting birds tested and showing proof of testing when birds are brought to the fair.

Feeling creative? Decorate any kind of squash for the Special Decorated Squash Contest for the Open Class Division of the fair. Home grown or purchased squash decorated with natural or artificial items can be entered Monday, July 18 from 3-7pm or Tuesday, July 19 from 8:30-11am. Entries will be judged on Wednesday at 6:15pm with prizes awarded in youth (ages 4 to 17) and adult divisions. You do not have to be enrolled in 4-H or the horticulture project to enter. Complete contest information is available at http://www.gearycountyfair.org.

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.

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.

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.

Any 4-H member who wants to enter an exhibit at the State Fair must pre-enter with the Extension Office by August 1. Look to the fair book to see which classes are eligible for State Fair entry. For most divisions, a 4-H member must receive a purple ribbon in one of these classes and be 9-18 years old as of January 1, 2022 to exhibit at state fair. The exception to the August 1 pre-entry deadline is for livestock. Livestock must be pre-entered by July 15.

The 2022 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.
Volunteers are being sought to help with the 4-H portion of the Kansas State Fair which will be held September 9 through 18 with some 4-H exhibit judging occurring September 7 and 8. If you are willing to assist, please let the Extension Office know by August 1.

The Achievement Celebration has been set for the evening of Saturday, November 5. Please put this date on your calendar and look for further details in upcoming newsletters.

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 23. 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.

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.

Club summaries will be due by 5:00pm on October 3 to the Extension Office. No late summaries will be accepted. Updated 2022 applications were distributed via club boxes and are available online at [https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html](https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html).

Attention all chocolate lovers: join the Geary County 4-H summer interns to make chocolate souffles on July 5 from 6-8pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. Registration deadline is June 30 by 5pm. Register by emailing kaitlyn25@ksu.edu or calling the Extension Office at 785-238-4161.

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June 29, 2022

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

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the event contact (Ginger Kopfer) two weeks prior to the start of the event at gkopfer@ksu.edu or 785-238-4161. Requests received less than two weeks before the event will be honored when it is feasible to do so.

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2022 GEARY COUNTY FREE FAIR 4-H RESPONSIBILITIES

This is the list of responsibilities for the 2022 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: Braden Blockcolsky, Colden Blockcolsky, Cori Leasure, Hannah Leasure, Travis Leasure, William Strauss, Meilia Taylor
ADULT ASSISTANTS: Jessica Bobbett, Lori Strauss, Jill Sump, Mike Taylor

BEEF & BUCKET CALF
ADULT SUPERINTENDENTS: Jim & Sarah Schmidt
ADULT ASSISTANTS: Brandon Dibben, Heath Gfeller, Phillip Goodyear, Lindsey Snider
RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

CAT
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Stephanie Gfeller
YOUTH SUPERINTENDENT: Clara Gfeller

CLOTHING & FASHION REVUE
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Liz Roeser
YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Kacey Butler, Gracie Erichsen, Karley Kramer, Reece Langvardt, Macie Muto, Paige Roeser, Elaina Schmidt
ADULT ASSISTANTS: Abby Anderes, Karla Butler, Joanna Erichsen, Kelly Kramer, Heather Ryan

FLORICULTURE & HORTICULTURE
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Marcie Proietti
YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Brock Nabus, Jada Nabus, Blake Proietti, Tyler Proietti, Grant Roeser, Jacob Roeser
ADULT ASSISTANTS: Chrissy Hessler, Lisa Nabus

DOG
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Jacque Shane
RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

ENERGY MANAGEMENT, ENTOMOLOGY, FIBER ARTS, GEOLOGY/LAPIDARY & STEM
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Erin Bradley
YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Layla Bradley, Lillyana Bradley, Elisabeth Smith
ADULT ASSISTANT: Rebekah McDonald, Carey Smith

FOODS & NUTRITION, PRESERVATION
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Lara Strauss
YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Emmy Gfeller, Caden Goodyear, Ethan Goodyear, Loagan Holm, Lorelei Olson, Shevy Olson, Addi Sederlin, Maddi Sederlin, Kaitlyn Sohnrey, Amelia Strauss, Charles Strauss, Josie Strauss, Adrian Williams, Jewels Williams
ADULT ASSISTANTS: Lacey Fielder, Meggan Holm, Ashley King, Patti Noriega, Noelle Olson, Molly Sederlin, Lynn Sohnrey, Marti Williams
GOATS & SHEEP
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: David Butler
ADULT ASSISTANTS: Rod Gfeller, Chrystal Hall, Todd Kline, Lynn Langvardt, Rebekah Thomas
RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

HORSE
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Morgan Todd
YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Cody Brown, Kaycee Brown, Nora Kvacik
ADULT ASSISTANTS: Jason Brown, Lori Brown, Jamie Dickson, Teresa Douthit, Shelbi Gustafson, Joseph Kvacik, Danielle Stenger, Jacob Stenger
RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

PHOTOGRAPHY
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Jodi Zima
YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Chelsey Armbruster, Alyce Donoho, Addison Gibson, Tava Gustafson, Cody Haycook, Olivia Kline, Kennedy Moreland, Logan Nabus, Morgan Nabus, Zoey Peterson, Creytin Sanner
ADULT ASSISTANTS: Marjaul Ferris, Jennifer Gibson, JoAnn Haycook, Vickie Kline, Kera Moreland, Amanda Peterson, Judy Sanner

POULTRY
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Resia Muto
YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Deyton Dibben, Lucas Laudick, Eliot Oentrich
ADULT ASSISTANTS: Ray Boller, Nathen Kozlowski

SWINE
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Mark Miller
ADULT ASSISTANTS: Daniel Anderes, Luke Erichsen, Heath Gfeller, Randy Nabus, Justin Roeser, Jim Schmidt
RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

VISUAL ARTS
ADULT SUPERINTENDENTS: Ashley Wagenblast and Kristina Zlotow
YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Brittney Dibben, Kourtney Dibben, Mikayla Dibben, Alana Donoho, Allyson Donoho, David McIlwain, Hanna Miller, Newt Miller, Wyatt Miller, Domnigan Mueller, Sean Mueller, Bryce Toms, Matt Zlotow
ADULT ASSISTANTS: Dianna Dibben, Julie Glasgow, Pam Miller, Robert Mueller, Kevin Shane, Jillian Toms

WOODWORK
ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Garry Berges
YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Ava Oentrich, Grady Oentrich
ADULT ASSISTANTS: Travis Berges, Kelli McCallum, Heather Oentrich

ROUND ROBIN
ADULT SUPERINTENDENTS: Beef, Goats & Sheep, Horse, and Swine Superintendents
RIBBONS: Fair Royalty
Sponsored by the 4-H Ambassadors

4-H FAIR ACTIVITIES

Old Timers Showmanship
- Tuesday evening after beef show
- Participants will show pigs
- Nominations taken during beef show at Ambassador table
- $5 minimum to nominate, matching funds to decline participation
- Winner will receive a $25 Amazon gift card
- Money raised will be donated to the Grady Erichsen Memorial and the Ronnie Thomas Memorial

Scavenger Hunt
- Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday
- Find a patriotic star hidden in the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center or on the fairgrounds
- Turn it into the fair office for a prize

Shaving Cream Whiffle Ball
- Tuesday
- 2:30pm

Cornhole Tournament
- Thursday afternoon
- Teams of 2
- Get a sign-up sheet at the fair office
- Sign-up due Monday, 8:00pm
- Bracket will be posted

Barnyard Olympics
- Monday evening after sheep/goat show
- Teams of 5
- Get a sign-up sheet at the fair office
- Sign-up due Monday, 6:30pm
- First place team members will receive prizes

Questions? Ask one of the 4-H Ambassadors
Kacey Butler
Kourtney Dibben
Mikayla Dibben
Clara Gfeller
Cody Haycoo

Karley Kramer
Hanna Miller
Macie Muto
Jada Nabus
Logan Nabus

Morgan Nabus
Ava Oenrich
Jewels Williams