Regional 4-H Day will be held on Saturday, March 28th in Clay Center at the high school. The schedule will soon be posted on the Geary County 4-H website at http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/.

June 10-13, 2020 @ Rock Springs 4-H Center
Fee: $125 for Geary County 4-H members, $250 for non-4-H’ers
For 4-H members and friends who have completed 2nd through 7th grades by the time of camp. Registration is due May 8th (registration form will soon be posted at http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/ and will also be included in the April Newsletter). All Geary County 4-H members who were enrolled by January 1 and complete a scholarship request form that is available at the Extension Office or at http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html will pay only $125 for camp in 2020. The Geary County 4-H Foundation is paying the other half of the camp fee. The Extension Office is now able to accept credit and debit cards to pay registration fees. If a card is used, a fee of 2.7% will be charged to cover our fees for providing this service.

Counselors are needed for 4-H camp again this year. Counselors must be at least 14 years old by the time of camp. Applications are available at the Extension Office or online at http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html and are due by May 8th. Counselors are required to attend training on June 9th starting at 5:00pm and then are expected to be at camp June 10-13. The fee for all Geary County counselors will be paid by the Geary County 4-H Foundation. This is a great experience for older 4-H members, so please consider applying!

Information about upcoming judging contests and spring shows can be found online at http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/shows_judging%20contests.html.

The Pesticide Safety and Integrated Pest Management Program is hosting an insect-themed art contest for Kansas 4-H members and art students. The artwork created by Kansas youth will be used to create a card game to be distributed to Kansas schools. Entries are due April 3rd. More information on rules and how to submit an entry can be found online at https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/.
The following fair rule and schedule changes were made at the October or February 4-H Council meeting.

- Any **livestock** can be brought to the fair between 8:00am and 7:00pm on Monday, this is optional except for beef as listed below.
- Sign-up for **Food & Food Preservation** judging will be done online (more information about this will be released closer to fair).
- **Photography** judging will be held Monday of fair starting at 1:00pm. Sign-up for Photography judging will be done online (more information about this will be released closer to fair).
- **Beef weigh-in** will be held on Monday of fair from 4:00-6:00pm.
- **All cattle** must be in place by 6:00pm Monday of fair.
- Entering a **Horse** in walk/trot and walk/trot horsemanship classes means you cannot enter in advanced horsemanship classes on the same horse.
- **Swine** weigh-in will be Tuesday from 7:30 to 9:30am.
- **Goat and Sheep** weigh-in will be Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:00am.
- Judging of **Horticulture** exhibits will start at Noon on Tuesday.
- **Round Robin** will begin at 10:00am on Thursday. If you are selected grand or reserve champion showman of your respective species, you must provide an animal of that species for round robin showmanship or forfeit your opportunity to show in the round robin contest. Those who are selected in more than one species will represent in the first species that they win. Third through 5th place showman will be designated in each species as alternates to participate as needed.
- **Livestock Judging Contest** sign-up will be from 11:30 to 11:50am on Thursday with the contest starting at Noon.

**What is it?**

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that covers food safety, animal well-being, and character development through age-appropriate educational curriculum.

**Who needs to get certified?**

Any youth 8 years of age and older who will be exhibiting a market or breeding animal at the Kansas State Fair Grand Drive or Kansas Junior Livestock Show is required to obtain certification. Members who are 7 years old may only attend an instructor-led course and have a parent/guardian attend with them. While 7-year-old members are encouraged to attend training, it will not be required for KJLS until 2021. YQCA certification numbers will be submitted through the nomination process for market animals, and at the time of entry for exhibitors who only have registered purebred breeding animals. All youth should complete the training by June 15, 2020.

Chuck Otte from the Geary County Extension Office is offering a YQCA Training that will meet this requirement on Thursday, April 23rd at 6:30pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. Please RSVP to gkopfer@ksu.edu or 785-238-4161 by Friday, April 17th. If you have questions, contact Chuck or Ginger at the Extension Office.

**K-State Open House**

K-State Open House will be held April 18th from 9:00am to 3:00pm with free entertainment, career exploration activities, and student research exhibits serving as highlights for the day. For more information, including a schedule of events, visit [http://www.k-state.edu/openhouse](http://www.k-state.edu/openhouse).
Now is a great time to get started on your horse Achievement Level testing if you haven’t already done so. All District Horse Show participants will need to have completed Level 1 testing by the district show deadline. In order to participate in the 4-H horse show at the Kansas State Fair, 4-H members must qualify at a District Horse Show. Geary County’s district show is scheduled for June 29th in Salina with a registration deadline of June 1st. Information for additional District Horse Shows can be found online at https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/docs/2020%20District%20Horse%20Show%20Information.doc.

The newly revised 4-H Horse Show Rule Book has been sent to all families with members enrolled in the horse project. The book can also be found online at http://www.bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/S133.pdf. Revisions included the following: youth may own the horse themselves or use an immediate family-owned horse (immediate family: parent, stepparent, brother, sister, stepsibling, grandparent, or legal guardian); if a 4-H member identifies a family-owned horse, one additional horse may be leased and identified; and 4-H members may participate in their county designated District Horse Show plus one additional District Horse Show of their choosing (before entering the Kansas State Fair the member must choose their qualifying district, they will not be allowed to qualify in classes from both districts).

Beginning Section
June 8th
Weber Hall, KSU
$40 fee due by May 11th
Contact the Extension Office or James Lattimer at (785) 532-2840 or jlattimer@ksu.edu for more information.

Advanced Section
June 9th – 10th
Weber Hall, KSU
$130 fee due by May 11th

Load the vehicle and head to Hays for an amazing Super 4-H Saturday. All 4-H youth and adults across Kansas are invited to participate in a full day of learning experiences on Saturday, March 21st, on the Fort Hays State University campus. Specific contest and workshop details are available at https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/ellis-county4h/4hevents/ellis_nw4hJudging.html.

USDA’s Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) partners with various universities and colleges throughout the country to deliver the AgDiscovery program. AgDiscovery is a unique opportunity for students to gain a first-hand look at the many career paths open to them in the agricultural sciences. For those interested in an agricultural career, AgDiscovery is a great way to get started. This 2 to 4-week summer outreach program targets middle and high school students. There is no cost to the program. Applications can be submitted online at www.aphis.usda.gov/agdiscovery. Deadline is March 20th.

Celebrate Earth Day by volunteering for the annual city clean-up “Operation Clean Sweep” on Saturday, April 18th from 8:00am to noon. Volunteers should report to Spin City at 915 South Washington. RSVP to JCPD Sergeant Eliel Borges at (785) 762-5912 ext. 3623 or eliel.borges@jcks.com.
Discovery Days will be held May 27-29 at Kansas State University. This event is open to all youth 13 to 18 years old by January 1, 2020. The theme this year is “2020 A Vision for the Future”. The Discovery Days fee is $195 plus class fees, but Geary County 4-H members who were enrolled by January 1 and complete a scholarship request form that is available at the Extension Office or at http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html will only pay half of the fee, the Geary County 4-H Foundation will pay the other half. Delegates will have the opportunity to attend classes of their choosing and will participate in evening activities such as dances. Register online and get more information at http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/discovery-days/index.html before the classes that you want to take fill up! Registration is scheduled to open on March 16th and the deadline is April 15th. Contact the Extension Office with questions.

Campference will be held June 22-25 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. This is an event for 12 to 14-year-old youth as of January 1, 2020. The Kansas 4-H Youth Council combined the best aspects of a camp and a conference into an event for middle school youth who still want the ‘fun’ of 4-H camp, but who also want to challenge themselves to develop critical skills. The pace of the conference will be upbeat, combining fun-filled games with time to talk, listen, and learn. Registration will be open in late March and is due by May 15th unless all the spots fill sooner (Campference has filled fast the last couple of years). More information will soon be available at http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/camping/campference/index.html.

The Dog Action Team is seeking ideas for the 2020 Kansas 4-H Dog Conference theme and t-shirt design. The 4-H member who creates the winning design idea will receive a free Dog Conference registration for the 2020 event. Please submit ideas to Shane Potter at potters@ksu.edu by April 15th. Include your name, county, address, and email address along with your theme idea in text and sketch form.

Looking for some fun and excitement this summer? Host a new friend from Japan in your home July 23 – August 17. Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities to 23 families this summer. Host families are needed for a Japanese boy or girl; most are aged 12 and 13, with a few delegates aged 14 or older. Host family assignments need to match each delegate with an American same-gender host sibling. Any Kansas family with children age 10-16, who is interested in the Japanese culture, may host. The focus is everyday family life. Contact Rose Scott at 785-388-2009 or sixtykid2@gmail.com for more information.

The next opportunity to certify Shooting Sports discipline instructors will be March 27-29 at Rock Springs. The training begins Friday evening and will conclude Sunday afternoon. If you or someone you know might be interested in becoming a shooting sports instructor, contact the Extension Office. Registration deadline and deadline for completing online training modules is March 15th.
The Building Committee is requesting assistance from 4-H members and families for their fundraiser on March 28th. Setup help is needed at 1:00pm and servers are needed for the evening and will report at 5:45pm. Call the Extension Office at 238-4161 or email cstrauss@ksu.edu if you can help.

It is almost time for the annual 4-H/Senior Citizens Center fundraiser scheduled for March 28th. The Building Committee is counting on your support as 4-H and Extension functions use the building rent free. The dinner will be catered by Ricky’s Café of Hanover. Doors open at 5pm with the meal served from 6pm to 7pm followed by the live auction. Ticket price is $10 age 12 and under and $13 age 13 and over. Tickets can be purchased at the door, from the Senior Center, Extension Office, or building committee members. Monetary donations from clubs, members, or families are welcome and appreciated!

Hazardous Occupations Safety Training in Agriculture is required by law for those 14 and 15 years of age to complete prior to working on a farm operated by anyone other than their parent or legal guardian. Older youth are also welcome to participate in a training hosted by Geary and six other Extension Offices on June 2nd from 9:00am to 4:00pm and June 3rd from 9:00am to 3:00pm at KanEquip in Wamego (18035 East Hwy 24). Registration will be available online soon at www.pottawatomie.ksu.edu.

**March**

14 Junior Sheep Producer Day, K-State
15 Shooting Sports Instructor Training registration due
20 AgDiscovery Program application deadline
21 Northwest Super 4-H Saturday, Fort Hays State University
27-29 4-H Shooting Sports Instructor Training, Rock Springs
28 Regional 4-H Day, Clay Center High School
28 4-H/Senior Citizens Center Building Fundraiser, setup 1pm, doors open 5pm, servers arrive 5:45pm, meal served 6pm
30 Interstate Exchange Meeting, 6:30pm in Chapman

**April**

2 Project Meeting RSVP due to Extension Office by 5pm
3 Insect-Themed Art Contest deadline
6 Project Meeting Evening, Foods & Nutrition
15 KSU Animal Sciences Leadership Academy Applications due
15 Dog Conference Theme submission deadline
15 Discovery Days online registration closes
17 YQCA registration due to Extension Office by 5pm
18 Kansas State University Open House
18 City Cleanup
23 Youth for the Quality Care of Animals training, 6:30pm @ 4-H Building

**May**

1 Horse ID’s due to Extension Office by 5pm
1 Project Drop/Add deadline
1 Market Steers & Market Heifers KSF/KJLS nomination deadline
1 Ag Day
4 Project Meeting Evening
8 Camp registration & Counselor Applications due to Ext. Office by 5pm
Fair Auction Participation Requirement for 2020

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 2020. 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.

4-H Day Family & Consumer Science Judging Contest Results

Junior Division
Purple – Jared Kline, Tyler Proietti, Case Proietti, Austin Sohnrey, Deyton Dibben
Blue – Eliot Oentrich

Intermediate Division
Purple – Olivia Kline, Brittney Dibben, Josie Strauss, Blake Proietti
Blue – Charlie Strauss, Emmy Gfeller, Kaitlyn Sohnrey, Karley Kramer, Morgan Nabus
Red – Tava Gustafson, Cori Leasure, Travis Leasure, Adrian Williams, Grady Oentrich, Amelia Strauss
White – Newt Miller, Hanna Miller, Ethan Goodyear, Kourtney Dibben

Senior Division
Purple – Jewels Williams
Blue – Kaitlyn Butler, Ava Oentrich
Red – Hannah Leasure, Aleeya Williams, Macie Muto, Mikayla Dibben, Wyatt Miller

4-H Day Photography Judging Contest Results

Junior Division
Purple – Eliot Oentrich
Blue – Austin Sohnrey, Jared Kline, Evelyn Alexander, Adrian Williams, Tyler Proietti, Case Proietti, Deyton Dibben
Red – Mae Alexander

Intermediate Division
Purple – Elaina Schmidt, Kourtney Dibben
Blue – Blake Proietti, Brittney Dibben, Morgan Nabus, Emmy Gfeller, Ethan Goodyear, Charlie Strauss, Kaitlyn Sohnrey, Amelia Strauss
Red – Josie Strauss, Tava Gustafson, Karley Kramer, Cori Leasure, Olivia Kline, Addison Gibson, Grady Oentrich
White – Hanna Miller, Brock Nabus, Travis Leasure, Newt Miller

Senior Division
Purple – Wyatt Miller, Aleeya Williams, Creytin Sanner
Blue – Mikayla Dibben, Macie Muto, Jada Nabus, Rylie Ellis
Red – Hannah Leasure, Jewels Williams, Ava Oentrich

Congratulations
March 12, 2020

Check out this newsletter for lots of upcoming events and activities in 4-H! Pay special attention to information on 4-H Camp and other summer opportunities. Hope everyone is enjoying Spring Break!

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**Topic: Foods & Nutrition**

Program participants will make meals in a jar to take home while learning about food safety and proper ingredient measuring.

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**4-H Project Meeting Evening**

**Date:** 04/06/2020  
**Time:** 6:30pm  
**Location:** 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

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An additional 4-H Project Meeting Evening will be held on May 4th. Topic to be announced.

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Please RSVP to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on Thursday, April 2nd by calling 785-238-4161 or emailing cstrauss@ksu.edu. No late registrations will be taken since we will need to buy supplies.

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TUESDAY, JUNE 30
Deadline Pre-entries in all projects due
   Dog & Cat - health papers
   Horse - entry forms
   Poultry - entry forms
   Fashion Revue - entry forms
NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

MONDAY, JULY 13
8:00 a.m. 4-H Clothing Construction Judging
   (Conference Method at Extension Office)
   (Schedule will be sent after pre-entry date)
11:30 a.m. 4-H Modeling Demonstration for Fashion Revue
1:00 p.m. 4-H Fashion Revue Judging
   (Conference Method at 4-H Building)
   (Schedule will be sent after pre-entry date)

THURSDAY, JULY 16
8:30 a.m. 4-H Public Revue Setup
5:30 p.m. 4-H Public Revue Practice
7:00 p.m. 4-H Public Revue
   4-H King and Queen Announcement

SATURDAY, JULY 18
2:00 p.m. 4-H Dog Show

SUNDAY, JULY 19
1:00 p.m. Fair Superintendents Meeting
1:30 p.m. Fair Clean-up
   4-H Barn and Building Set-up

MONDAY, JULY 20
8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Livestock can be brought in
   (this is optional)
1:00 p.m. 4-H Food & Food Preservation Judging
   (Conference Method)
   (Sign up for judging times online)
1:00 p.m. Judging of 4-H Photography
   (Conference Method)
   (Sign up for judging times online)
4:00 p.m. 4-H Beef Weigh-in
6:00 p.m. All cattle must be in place
4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Entries accepted (do not bring early)

MONDAY, JULY 20 (continued)
7:00 p.m. All indoor exhibits in place.
   except Floriculture, Horticulture,
   and Crops

7:00 p.m. 4-H Horse Show

TUESDAY, JULY 21
7:30-9:30 a.m. 4-H Swine Weigh-In
9:30-11:00 a.m. 4-H Goat and Sheep Weigh-In

ALL DAY 4-H Food Sale
8:30 a.m. Judging of 4-H Arts & Crafts
   (Conference Method)
9:30 a.m. Judging of 4-H Wildlife (Conference Method optional)
10:00 a.m. Judging of 4-H Club Notebooks, Pets,
   Reading (Conference Method optional),
   Shooting Sports (Conference Method optional),
   SpaceTech (Conference Method)
11:00 a.m. Floriculture, Horticulture, Crops, Dairy,
   Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep, and Swine
   EXHIBITS IN PLACE
11:00 a.m. Judging of 4-H Floriculture (Conference Method),
   Miscellaneous Projects
   (Conference Method optional)
11:30 a.m. Judging of 4-H Energy Management
   (Conference Method)
Noon Judging of 4-H Horticulture
12:15 p.m. 4-H Bucket Calf practice in arena
12:30 p.m. Judging of 4-H Entomology, Geology & Lapidary,
   Crops, Forestry, 4-H Fiber Arts
   (Conference Method)
1:00 p.m. Judging of 4-H Woodwork (Conference Method)
1:30 p.m. Judging of 4-H Home Environment
   (Conference Method), Banners
2:00 p.m. ALL LIVESTOCK ENTRY CARDS & FORMS DUE
   Beef - Sheep - Swine - Dairy - Goat - Poultry
   OVERNIGHT PERMISSION FORMS DUE
2:00 p.m. All exhibits must be marked with exhibit cards
4:00 p.m. 4-H Dairy and Goat Show
TUESDAY, JULY 21 (continued)
5:00 p.m. 4-H Bucket Calf - Consultation Judging
7:00 p.m. 4-H Beef Show
Show order- Bucket Calf, Breeding Beef, Showmanship, Market Beef

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22
8:00 a.m. 4-H Poultry Judging
8:30 a.m. 4-H Rabbit Judging
10:00 a.m. Photography and Horticulture Judging Contests
(4-H members can begin judging any time after the start of the contest, but all forms must be turned in by Noon)
1:30 p.m. 4-H Cat Show
4:30 p.m. Shepherd’s Lead
5:00 p.m. Deadline for registering 4-H project items for Auction
NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED
5:00 p.m. 4-H Sheep Show
7:00 p.m. 4-H Swine Show
10:00 p.m. Deadline for registering 4-H livestock for Auction
(NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED
THURSDAY, JULY 23
10:00 a.m. 4-H Round Robin
(Beef, Dairy, Goat, Horse, Sheep, Swine)
11:30-11:50 a.m. 4-H Livestock Judging Sign-up (Fair Office)
Noon 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
3:00 p.m. Livestock Auction Set-Up and Barn Clean-Up
4:30-6:30 p.m. 4-H Barbecue and Watermelon Feed
6:30 p.m. 4-H Project & Livestock Auction
8:00 p.m. RELEASE OF 4-H EXHIBITS
All premiums will be forfeited if 4-H exhibits are removed before 8:00 p.m.
8:30 p.m. Clean up of Building
(Every 4-H member with exhibits is expected to stay until everything is cleaned, inside and out)

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