



Geary County

4-H NEWS



A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

March 2021

In-Person 4-H Club & Project Meetings

Good news! We have received the official approval from K-State Research and Extension to allow in-person 4-H club and project meetings beginning April 1st. Please read over the flyer included with this newsletter for some steps that everyone is asked to follow in order to keep participants as safe as possible. If you can't or won't agree to follow these steps, please plan to join meetings via the Zoom option that will be given.

Regional 4-H Day

Live Zoom Model Meetings and Gavel Games for Regional 4-H Day will be held on Saturday, March 27th. Brookside 4-H Club will be representing Geary County in the Model Meeting category and club leaders have been provided with further details. All other presentations will be submitted via recorded video links with a deadline of midnight on March 27th. Further information was emailed to those eligible to participate. If you have questions, contact the Extension Office.

4-H Camp

Coming soon...4-H Camp information! Check your email the week of March 22nd for full information on 4-H Camp 2021.

Campference

Campference will be held June 27-30 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. This is an event for 12 to 14-year-old youth as of January 1, 2021. Participants will experience the feel of a conference, while enjoying the 'camp' activities Rock Springs has to offer. This is a great transitional opportunity, as tweens go from being a camper to attending educational conferences. 4-H Campference will feature workshops about opportunities in the 4-H program and how to better communicate with others. Detailed information will be available online at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/camping/campference/index.html> in April.

K-State Open House

K-State Open House will be held virtually April 8-10. The event will include real-time fun and entertainment, virtual tours, exploration of academic programs, experiencing campus life, and more. For more information, including a schedule of events (coming soon), visit <http://www.k-state.edu/openhouse>.

4-H Family BINGO

Don't forget to complete your 4-H Family BINGO and submit photos at <https://tinyurl.com/GeCo4HBingo> by the deadline of April 1st. The bingo "card" was included in the February newsletter. All those who complete a BINGO and submit photos will receive a 4-H surprise!

Beef Weigh-in

Weigh-in is scheduled for Sunday, March 28th from 2:00 to 3:00pm at JC Livestock. We will be weighing and tagging market beef cattle. Breeding beef do not need to be tagged unless you are planning to show a commercial heifer at state fair or junior livestock show. 2nd year bucket calves were tagged at the 2020 fair, but can be brought in to be weighed. Only market animals weighed at weigh-in will be eligible for the rate of gain award at the fair. To meet Geary County and K-State Research & Extension guidelines, plan to wear a face mask while around any people outside of your household. Face masks will be provided if needed. If you cannot agree to wearing a face mask, contact the Extension Office for alternative options to tag market beef. Bring \$3.00 for each tag that you will need.

State Livestock Nomination Season Approaching

The state livestock nomination season is rapidly approaching! The 2021 materials will be distributed to counties by the end of the month and will also be available online at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/>. Market Beef nominations will be due on May 1, 2021. All other species, which includes commercial heifers, market swine, commercial gilts, market lambs, commercial ewes, and ALL meat goats, will be due June 15, 2021. Please remember there is not a registered breeding doe show at either state show, so all meat goats must be nominated to be eligible. The nomination deadlines are firm postmark deadlines. Any nomination envelope or package received must have a visible postmark prior to the deadline, or it will not be accepted. Certified mail is highly encouraged. Families are also encouraged to use the checklist provided for each specie to make sure their nominations are complete. Incomplete or incorrect nominations will be returned to the family and cost \$20 to correct.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

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 7 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, if this applies to you please contact the Extension Office. 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, 2021. Certification can be done online at <https://yqca.learnrow.io/Account/Login>. Kansas 4-H members may use their family 4HOnline credentials to log in and register for the appropriate training. Cost is \$12 per participant. You can find web-based certification instructions at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/YQCA.html>.

Livestock Events and Spring Shows

Information about upcoming camps, clinics, and local livestock events being held across Kansas can be found online at https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/camps_clinics_localevents/index.html. Information about spring shows can be found online at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/spring-shows/index.html>.

Horse Level Testing

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 July 1st in Salina with a registration deadline of June 1st. Information for additional District Horse Shows should be available online soon at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/index.html>. 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, 4-H members must indicate through which District Horse Show. There will be no picking of classes from each district, only results from one of the districts attended will be used.

Virtual Horse Panorama

Registration for the Kansas 4-H Virtual Panorama- Hippology, Quiz Bowl, and Speech Contest is now available and will close March 22nd. Contact the Extension Office for the registration link. Virtual rules for the three divisions plus the tentative schedule are available online at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/index.html>. Additional participant information, links, and orientation videos will be sent to registrants after March 22nd. Each contest is \$10 per youth, and they may enter as many contests as they are eligible for. Additional information regarding the digital uploads (photography, logo, poster, PowerPoint, ad layout, exhibition model horse show) is also available at the above website. These divisions are free to enter. The upload period will be March 26-April 7.

K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy (KASLA) 2021 Hybrid Program

Applications are now available, and are due April 15th, for the 2021 K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy, June 15-18. This year's program will offer a hybrid format of virtual instruction, followed by a closing, one-day, in-person experience on the Kansas State University campus. As we navigate the uncertainty of the Coronavirus Pandemic, we are excited to continue our mission of engaging high school students in animal science learning and leadership development. Students will participate in tours and workshops virtually beginning on Tuesday, June 15, through Thursday, June 17. Conditions permitting, students will gather on the K-State campus Friday, June 18, to connect with their cohort, faculty, and industry leaders. Participation is limited to 20 students to ensure individualized attention from counselors, professors, and industry leaders. No housing will be provided in 2021, and transportation to and from the event will be the responsibility of the participant. All other costs have been generously provided by LMIC. We are excited to get back in the classroom with a new group of future industry leaders! For questions about the academy, visit www.asi.ksu.edu/KASLA or contact Sharon Breiner, Director, at sbreiner@ksu.edu or 785-532-1267.

Youth Livestock Educational Resources Available

There are several livestock project resources available on the KSU Youth Livestock program website (www.YouthLivestock.ksu.edu), including digital versions of the show guides, videos, and graphics. They may be found under the “Educational Resources” tab. The 2020 junior sheep day videos, as well as the content from the 2021 junior swine and meat goat producer weeks, are available to those who may find them useful.

Shutterbugs at Botanica

Shutterbug events are photography workshops put on across the state by the Kansas State 4-H Photography Action Team. Workshops are typically scheduled as a morning session and concentrate on a variety of aspects of composition. Examples of sessions include: Portfolio, I have a camera-now what?, Panning, Close-ups, Aperture Settings, and Kaleidoscopes/Reflections. Shutterbugs at Botanica will be held at the Botanica Gardens in Wichita on May 1, starting at 9:15am. Fee will be the Botanica entry fee of \$9 per person. No pre-registration is required.

Host a Japanese Youth This Summer

Looking for some fun and excitement this summer? Host a new friend from Japan in your home July 23 – August 18. Kansas 4-H International Exchange Programs are offering hosting opportunities to 22 families this summer. Host families are needed for a Japanese boy or girl between the ages of 13 and 15. 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 Pam Van Horn at 785-826-8917 or pvanhorn@ksu.edu for more information. Other than the exchange with Japan, all other inbound and outbound exchange partners for States’ 4-H summer international exchanges have decided not to conduct exchanges for this summer.

Calendar of Events

March

- 15-20 Junior Meat Goat Producer Week
- 27 Regional 4-H Day live virtual Model Meetings & Gavel Games
- 27 Regional 4-H Day electronic presentation submissions due by midnight
- 28 Beef Weigh-in, 2 to 3pm at JC Livestock

April

- 1 4-H Family BINGO photo submission deadline
- 1 April Project Meeting Evening RSVP due by 5pm
- 5 Project Meeting Evening, 6:30pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center
- 8-10 Kansas State University Open House
- 15 KSU Animal Sciences Leadership Academy Applications due

May

- 1 Market Steers & Market Heifers KSF/KJLS nomination deadline
- 1 Shutterbugs at Botanica
- 3 Horse ID’s due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 3 Project Drop/Add deadline
- 3 Project Meeting Evening
- 18 Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 5:30-7pm
- 20 Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 6:30-8pm
- 21 Goats/Sheep/Swine must be tagged/tag forms due to Extension Office

**Fair Auction
Participation
Requirement for 2021**

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 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.

Junior Division

Purple – Austin Sohnrey

Blue – Gracen Gfeller

Intermediate Division

Purple – Kaitlyn Sohnrey, Kassidy Jahnke, Olivia Harold

Blue – Maddi Sederlin, Tava Gustafson, Charles Strauss, Clara Gfeller, Amelia Strauss, Braden Blockcolsky, Colden Blockcolsky, Hanna Miller, Grady Oentrich, Gracie Erichsen, Kourtney Dibben

Red – Newt Miller, Deyton Dibben, Brittney Dibben, Lorelei Olson, Kourtney Dibben, Addi Sederlin, Adrian Williams

Senior Division

Purple – Meilia Taylor, Madalynn Harold

Blue – Shevy Olson, Mikayla Dibben, Josie Strauss, Jewels Williams

Red – Ava Oentrich, Wyatt Miller

**Winter 4-H Family &
Consumer Science
Judging Contest
Results**

Junior Division

Purple – Gracen Gfeller, Jared Kline, Austin Sohnrey

Intermediate Division

Purple – Kassidy Jahnke, Kourtney Dibben, Clara Gfeller

Blue – Tava Gustafson, Brittney Dibben, Lorelei Olson

Red – Colden Blockcolsky, Charles Strauss, Adrian Williams, Hanna Miller, Addi Sederlin, Braden Blockcolsky, Grady Oentrich

White – Kaitlyn Sohnrey, Maddi Sederlin, Deyton Dibben, Newt Miller

Senior Division

Purple – Macie Muto, Shevy Olson, Ava Oentrich, Mikayla Dibben

Blue – Heston Jahnke, Chelsey Armbruster

Red – Meilia Taylor, Wyatt Miller, Jewels Williams

White – Josie Strauss

**Winter 4-H
Photography Judging
Contest Results**



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Check out this newsletter for lots of upcoming 4-H opportunities! Hope everyone is enjoying Spring Break!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ginger D. Kopfer".

Ginger D. Kopfer
County Extension Agent

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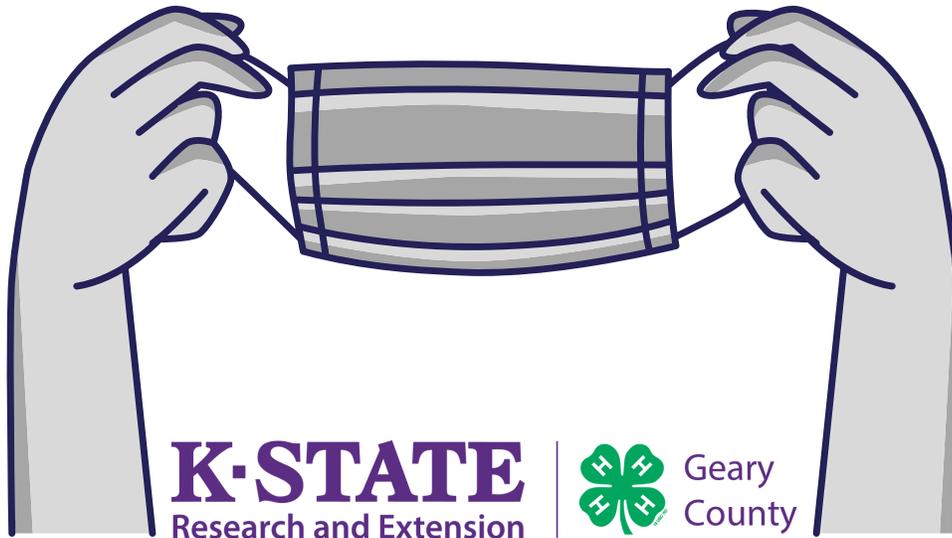
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Welcome Back In-Person

Geary County 4-H

*We are all excited to hold our face-to-face meetings again.
Here are a few reminders on how to keep us all safe!*



Before the Meeting:

- ✓ **Stay at home if you feel symptoms-** We will have a virtual option for you to join us if you cannot make it or feel safer participating from your home.
- ✓ **Please bring a face covering-** Fortunately, we all already recognize each other from ZOOM; therefore, please be sure to wear a face covering during our meeting. If you are unable or refuse to wear a face covering over your nose and mouth, please join us virtually and we'll see you on Zoom!
- ✓ **Wear face covering properly-** As tempting as it is to lower your face mask to talk, fight that temptation! Proper protection will cover your mouth **AND** your nose, not only your chin.
- ✓ **Wash your hands-** Knock out some of those germs prior to coming! Wash those hands with soap and water for a minimum of 20 seconds prior to leaving your home.

During the Meeting:

- ✓ **Avoid physical greetings-** It is natural to want to shake each other's hands, high five, or give a touch on the shoulder, but **REMEMBER-** It's safer to give a little wave or even a nice, quick head nod.
- ✓ **Social distance-** If we can read something our neighbor is holding, then we are **TOO** close! Please maintain a social distance of at least 6 feet from each other to reduce any risk of transmitting COVID-19.
- ✓ **Practice good hygiene-** Have an itch on your face? Twinkle your nose like in "Bewitched" (ask your parents!) Do your best to not touch your face! Need to cough or sneeze? Cough or sneeze into your elbow but remember not to "elbow bump" with that same elbow to greet someone.
- ✓ **Be wise: Sanitize-** Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to get rid of germs, but in case you can't find a sink- we have you covered! We will have sanitizing bottles available for your convenience.
- ✓ **Speak loudly-** Don't be afraid to let your voice be heard. Those in the room and on Zoom need to hear you!
- ✓ **Fun and games-** Recreation helps us get to know each other. Choose games that don't require shared equipment or contact!
- ✓ **Snack wisely-** Pre-packaged is the way to go!
- ✓ **Stay on task-** Let's keep our agenda goals in mind so we can make needed decisions, learn, have fun together, and make it home safe.



After the Meeting:

- ✓ **Disinfect surfaces-** Don't disappear too quickly! We will need to disinfect our chair and table area prior to leaving.
- ✓ **Avoid physical greetings-** Give a little wave or head nod again on your way out.
- ✓ **Wash your hands-** You have heard this often, but repetition is good for the mind! Make sure to wash your hands again when you get home.

Topic: Plant Science

Program participants will learn how to transplant flowers into a pot for summer-long blooms. Bring a 6-inch (or similar) diameter pot to practice transplanting. All other supplies will be provided.

Date: 04/05/2021

Time: 6:30pm

Location: 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

Plan to wear a face mask covering your nose and mouth. If this doesn't work for you, contact Ginger for other participation options.

4-H Project Meeting Evening

Please RSVP to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on Thursday, April 1st by calling 785-238-4161 or emailing gkopfer@ksu.edu. No late registrations will be taken since we will need to purchase adequate supplies.

An additional 4-H Project Meeting Evening will be held on May 3rd. Topic to be announced.



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