Regional 4-H Day will be held on Saturday, March 26 in Clay Center at the high school. The schedule is posted on the Geary County 4-H website at http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/.

Leadership Clinic Opportunity
See the flyer included in this newsletter for the Leadership Clinic being sponsored by the 4-H Ambassadors on May 24 at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. This clinic is for current 2nd through 6th graders. RSVP by May 17.

Purple Power Pack Day Camp
See the flyer included in this newsletter for Purple Power Pack Day Camp to be held at Rock Springs on June 4. The day camp is for current 1st through 5th graders. Teen counselors 14 and older are being sought for the day camp as well. Registration is due by May 1.

The deadline to sign up for overnight 4-H camp and receive financial support from the Geary County 4-H Foundation is May 1. Those 4-H members who meet this deadline will have the $225 scholarship applied directly to their Rock Springs account as long as they were enrolled in 4HOnline by January 1, 2022. For more information about camp and to register, visit https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/.

April 4-H Project Meeting Evening Cancelled
The 4-H Project Meeting Evening scheduled for April 4 has been cancelled. Look for information in the next newsletter about the next Project Meeting Evening scheduled for May 2!

Building Fundraiser Help Needed
The Building Committee is requesting assistance from 4-H members and families for their fundraiser on April 2. 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 785-238-4161 or email thockett@ksu.edu if you can help.

4-H Building Fundraiser
It is almost time for the annual 4-H/Senior Citizens Center fundraiser scheduled for April 2. The Building Committee is counting on your support as 4-H and Extension functions use the building rent free. Doors open at 5pm with the meal served from 6pm to 6:45pm 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!
Fair Changes

- The following fair rule and schedule changes were made at or following the February 4-H Council meeting. A fair schedule is included with this newsletter.
  - Club Notebooks will have optional conference judging.
  - The Dog Show will be held Friday, July 15 at 6:00pm.
  - Livestock Champion Banners will be given for beef, goats, horse, sheep, and swine.
  - Photography and Visual Arts display areas will be switched.
  - Visual Arts classes will match state fair classes.

Beef Weigh-in

- Weigh-in will be held on Sunday, March 20 from 2:00 to 3:00pm at JC Livestock. We will be weighing and tagging market beef cattle. Please bring $3.00 for each tag that you will need.

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, 2022. The YQCA program did not renew the contract with their current provider and will be transitioning to a new platform on March 23. Everyone needs to download and print their current certificate by March 22. Once the transition occurs, users will lose access to their current account, including certificates. Youth who have begun, but not completed, the web-based course need to do so immediately. It must be completed prior to March 22 for them to receive their certificate. YQCA will release more details as the transition approaches. The new platform will launch on March 23. The website is live and is located at http://yqcaprogram.org/.

Kansas State University Animal Sciences Leadership Academy (KASLA)

- Applications are due by April 15 for KASLA. Hosted by the K-State Department of Animal Sciences and Industry and sponsored by the Livestock and Meat Industry Council Inc., the academy is an intensive four-day educational experience designed to enhance the leadership skills and animal science knowledge of students in grades 9-12. The program’s itinerary will feature interactive workshops, tours and mentor time with department faculty. Only 20 students will be accepted to each session. Sessions will be held June 22-25 and June 29-July 2. More details are available at https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/k-state-animal-science-leadership-academy/.

Judging Contests and Spring Shows

- 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.
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 22 in Salina with a registration deadline of June 1. Information for additional District Horse Shows are available online at https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/districthorseshows.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. Participants will not be allowed to pick classes from each district, only results from one of the districts attended will be used.

The state livestock nomination season is rapidly approaching and is moving to an online process. It is going to be IMPERATIVE for you to plan ahead this year. You will not be able to wait until the last minute and successfully complete the process. Market Beef nominations will be due on May 1. All other species, which includes commercial heifers, market swine, commercial gilts, market lambs, commercial ewes, and ALL meat goats, will be due June 15. You will need to order nomination DNA envelopes at least a week ahead of these deadlines. You can find full details for the nomination process at https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/.

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 Materials” tab.

The Kansas 4-H Sportfishing Tournament is available for youth in the Wildlife Sportfishing project. The contest runs throughout the year and will end September 15. Details and entry forms can be found online at https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/agriculture-and-natural-resources/sportfishing/index.html.

It’s time once again for K-State’s Integrated Pest Management Insect Art Contest! This year’s theme is “The Benefit of Insects”. The goal is to capture in an art piece that insects benefit us as a society and why they are important. Selected artwork will be used to promote the importance of insects and to create other educational items. Artists who have art selected will receive a certificate and a prize to recognize their achievement. Visit https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/ for more information. Postmark date to submit entries is April 15.
Shutterbugs in the Garden will be held April 23 at Botanica in Wichita and Shutterbugs at the Zoo will be held May 7 at the Lee Richardson Zoo in Garden City. These events are for 4-H Photography members, leaders, junior leaders, and parents and provide opportunities for youth to participate in hands-on sessions covering a variety of topics. Visit https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/photography/index.html for more information.

This annual event will be held April 24 from 10:00am to 3:00pm at the Ted Ensley Gardens at Shawnee Lake in Topeka. Registration and fee are due by April 1. The day will include hands-on classes in the park, online spotlights of careers in photography, youth photo judging contest, and videos to improve technical skills. Classes will be led by 4-H youth leaders. Find out more and register online at https://tinyurl.com/mamevyuy.

The annual Super 4-H Saturday Judging Contest, which includes Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Photography, and Livestock will be held in Hays at the Agricultural Research Center and the Fort Hays State University Livestock Pavilion on Saturday, March 26. Pre-registration is due by Friday, March 18. There is a $6 fee to participate that can be paid at the event. The day will also include a volunteer gathering/training component. A flyer with details and registration link is available at https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/shows_judging%20contests.html.

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 7 from 9:00am to 4:00pm and June 8 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at KanEquip in Wamego (18035 East Hwy 24). The cost is $30 to cover class material and lunch for both days. Register online at www.pottawatomie.ksu.edu by May 29.

K-State Open House will be held April 9 with free entertainment, career exploration activities, and student research exhibits serving as highlights for the day. More information will be available soon at http://www.k-state.edu/openhouse.

Rock Springs Ranch will host an open house on April 23 from 2:00-6:00pm. Families can visit Rock Springs to meet staff, tour camp, and get answers to questions. Tours will include the dining hall, cabins, activity center, pool, ropes course, horse barn, and more. Check out Rock Springs website (https://rockspringsranch.org/) or Facebook page for more information.
Change in Record Forms for Dog & Pet Projects

A change was recently communicated from the Kansas 4-H program in relation to record forms. Youth enrolled in the dog project and pet project should use the General Project Report Form instead of the Animal Project Report Form this year. All other animal projects should continue to use the Animal Project Report Form. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office.

Fair Auction Participation Requirement for 2022

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 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.

Hosting Opportunities for Summer Exchanges Limited for 2022

The Costa Rica 4-H Exchange through States’ 4-H recently has been cancelled for 2022 as have other exchanges States’ 4-H conducted previously except those with Japan. Kansas is expecting a decision on April 1 regarding the inbound and outbound IFYE program possibilities for 2022. For further information, visit https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/index.html. Contact for Japanese exchange programs is Pam Van Horn (pvanhorn@ksu.edu or 785-826-8917) or Chelsy Champlin (chelsycoen@gmail.com or 785-248-6131).

USDA Summer AgDiscovery Program

Youth in grades 7 to 11 are invited to apply for the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) summer AgDiscovery Program. There are 21 universities that work with USDA to offer middle and high school students a unique summer experience. Participants spend 2 to 4 weeks at a university exploring the field of agriculture. The only cost to participants is travel to and from the university campus. Each university offers different opportunities and activities that correlate to agriculture in that region of the United States. Deadline for application is March 31. More information can be found online at www.aphis.usda.gov/agdiscovery.
4-H Day Family & Consumer Science Judging Contest Results

Junior Division
Purple – Macy Goodyear
Blue – Jared Kline, Arthur Strauss, Grace Mueller
Red – Case Proietti, Gracen Gfeller

Intermediate Division
Purple – Olivia Kline
Blue – William Strauss, Tyler Proietti, Sean Mueller, Eloise Ryan, Deyton Dibben, Brittney Dibben, Lorelei Olson, Austin Sohnrey, Eliot Oentrich, Adrian Williams, Caden Goodyear, Clara Gfeller, Ray Boller
Red – April Strauss, Grady Oentrich, Colden Blockcolsky, Cade McCallum, Addison Gibson
White – Kaycee Brown, Newt Miller, Braden Blockcolsky

Senior Division
Purple – Shevy Olson, Amelia Strauss, Tava Gustafson
Blue – Charlie Strauss, Kourtney Dibben, Macie Muto, Ava Oentrich, Blake Proietti, Mikayla Dibben
Red – Hanna Miller, Jewels Williams, Cody Haycook, Josie Strauss, Cody Brown, Kaitlyn Sohnrey, Donnigan Mueller, Kaci Heller
White – Elaina Schmidt

Cloverbuds Participation – Odynn Beamer
Junior Division
Purple – Grace Mueller, Natalie Hall, Kinley McCallum, Macy Goodyear, Rylan Hicks
Blue – Bo Ryan, Jared Kline, Addy Snider, Kyla McDonald, Gracen Gfeller, Grayson Hicks
Red – Archer Anderes, Case Proietti, Grason Fielder, Arthur Strauss

Intermediate Division
Purple – Sean Mueller
Blue – Addison Gibson, Ethan Goodyear, Olivia Kline, Eliot Oentrich, Brittney Dibben, Eloise Ryan, Tava Gustafson, Lorelei Olson, Clara Gfeller, Ray Boller
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Congratulations!
March
18 Northwest Super 4-H Saturday registration deadline
19 Junior Sheep Producer Day, K-State
20 Beef Weigh-in, 2 to 3pm @ JC Livestock
25-27 Shooting Sports Instructor Training @ Rock Springs
26 Regional 4-H Day, Clay Center High School
26 Northwest Super 4-H Saturday, Hays
31 USDA Ag Discovery Program application deadline

April
1 Multi-County Photo Workshop registration deadline
2 4-H/Senior Citizens Center Building Fundraiser, setup 1pm, doors open 5pm, servers arrive 5:45pm, meal served 6pm
9 Kansas State University Open House
15 Insect Art Contest entry postmark deadline
15 Applications for Animal Science Leadership Academy due
17-23 National Volunteer Week
23 Rock Springs Ranch Open House, 2-6pm
23 Shutterbugs in the Garden @ Botanica in Wichita
24 Multi-County Photo Workshop, Topeka

May
1 Purple Power Pack Day Camp registration deadline for campers and counselors
1 Deadline to register for overnight camp at Rock Springs to receive financial support from Geary County 4-H Foundation
1 Market Steers & Market Heifers KSF/KJLS nomination deadline
2 Horse ID’s due to Extension Office by 5pm
2 Project Drop/Add deadline
2 Fair King & Queen applications due to Extension Office by 5pm
2 Project Meeting Evening
6 Ag Day
7 Shutterbugs at the Zoo @ Lee Richardson Zoo in Garden City
17 RSVP due for Leadership Clinic
17 Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 5:30-7pm
19 Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 6:30-8pm
20 Goats/Sheep/Swine must be tagged/tag forms due to Extension Office
20 Bucket Calf ID forms due to Extension Office by 5pm
24 Leadership Clinic @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 5:30-7:30pm
26 Purple Power Pack Day Camp Counselor Training @ Pottorf Hall in Manhattan, 6-9pm
29 Hazardous Occupation Training registration due

June
1 North Central District Horse Show entry deadline
1-3 Discovery Days @ K-State
4 Purple Power Pack Day Camp @ Rock Springs
5 Purple Power Pack Day Camp Counselors @ Rock Springs
6 4-H Council meeting, 7pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center
7 Hazardous Occupation Training, 9am-4pm @ KanEquip
8 Hazardous Occupation Training, 9am-3pm @ KanEquip
9 Pizza & Panel Painting Party @ Fairgrounds, 5:30pm
17-18 Teen Lock-in (look for details in future newsletters)
22 North Central District Horse Show, Salina
27 Fair pre-entries due to Extension Office by 5pm
March 15, 2022

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

Ginger D. Kopfer
County Extension Agent

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LEADERSHIP CLINIC

FOR CURRENT 2ND - 6TH GRADERS

Sponsored by the Geary County 4-H Ambassadors

Meet other youth and participate in fun, hands-on activities to develop leadership skills.

May 24TH
5:30-7:30pm
4-H/Senior Citizens Center

RSVP by May 17th to gkopfer@ksu.edu or 785-238-4161

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COME & JOIN US AT

PURPLE POWER PACK DAY CAMP

WHO 4-H youth that’ve completed grades 1st - 5th and
* Counselors that are 14 by June 4th

WHEN Saturday June 4th, 2022, 9am - 5pm

WHERE Rock Springs Ranch 4-H Camp

WHY Youth will explore, learn, play, and grow! A taste of camp w/ your local extension agents

HOW DO WE JOIN?! Register by May 1st
Campers - $30 tinyurl.com/P3Camp22
* Counselors - FREE! tinyurl.com/P3Counselors22

*Counselors will have a May 26 evening training and a June 4th-5th overnight experience after campers depart.

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MONDAY, JUNE 27
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 11
8:00-  4-H Clothing Construction Judging
11:30 a.m.  (Conference Method at Extension Office)
            (Schedule will be sent after pre-entry date)
Noon  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)
5:00 p.m. Breeding Livestock and Dairy Cattle/Goat
          Entry Forms Due

THURSDAY, JULY 14
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

FRIDAY, JULY 15
6:30 p.m.  4-H Dog Show

SATURDAY, JULY 16
9:00 a.m. Fair Clean-up
        4-H Barn and Building Set-up

SUNDAY, JULY 17
6:00 p.m.  4-H Horse Show

MONDAY, JULY 18
8:00 a.m. 4-H Livestock can be brought in
5:30 p.m.  (swine can be brought Monday or Tuesday)
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 - 4-H Market Beef, Goats, and Sheep
6:00 p.m.  Weigh-in

4:00 - 4-H entries accepted
7:00 p.m. (do not bring early)
5:30 p.m. ALL cattle/goats/sheep must be in place
6:45 p.m. 4-H Shepherd’s Lead
7:00 p.m. 4-H Dairy, Goat, and Sheep Show
7:00 p.m. All indoor 4-H exhibits in place
except Floriculture/Horticulture/Crops
NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

TUESDAY, JULY 19
ALL DAY  4-H Food Sale
7:30-9:30 a.m.  4-H Swine Weigh-in
9:30 a.m. All swine must be in place
8:30 a.m. Judging of 4-H Visual Arts
          (Conference Method)
9:30 a.m. Judging of 4-H Wildlife (Conference
          Method optional)
10:00 a.m. Judging of 4-H Club Notebooks
          (Conference Method optional), Pets,
          Reading (Conference Method optional),
          Shooting Sports (Conference Method
          optional), STEM (Conference Method)
11:00 a.m. 4-H Floriculture, Horticulture, Crops,
           Poultry, and Rabbit 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, 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. Poultry Entry Cards Due
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

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

8:00 a.m. 4-H Poultry Judging
8:30 a.m. 4-H Rabbit Judging
9:30 a.m. 4-H Cat Show
1:00 p.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 3:00 p.m.
5:00 p.m. **Deadline for registering 4-H project items for Auction**
          NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED
6:30 p.m. 4-H Swine Show
9:30 p.m. **Deadline for registering 4-H livestock for Auction**
          (or ½ hour after end of swine show) NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED

THURSDAY, JULY 21

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