



# Geary County

## 4-H NEWS



*A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers*

*March 2023*

### **Regional 4-H Day**

Regional 4-H Day will be held on Saturday, March 25 in Clay Center at the high school. When the schedule is available, it will be posted on the Geary County 4-H website at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/>.

### **4-H Overnight Camp Deadline for Financial Support**

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, 2023. For more information about camp and to register, visit <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>.

### **Sign Up to Receive 4-H Reminders**

The Extension Office is using the Remind program to send 4-H-related reminders to 4-H families. To sign up to receive reminders, go to <https://www.remind.com/join/geco4h>.

### **Building Fundraiser Help Needed**

The Building Committee is requesting assistance from 4-H members and families for their fundraiser on March 25. Servers are needed for the evening and will report at 5:45pm. Setup help is needed at 5:30pm on Friday, March 24. Call the Extension Office at 785-238-4161 or email [gkopfer@ksu.edu](mailto:gkopfer@ksu.edu) if you can help.

### **4-H Building Fundraiser**

It is almost time for the annual 4-H/Senior Citizens Building fundraiser scheduled for March 25. 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 \$15. 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!

### **Volunteer Screening**

Any Club Leaders, Project Leaders, and other adult volunteers in direct contact with youth will need to fill out a profile in 4HOnline and complete training if they haven't done so. Information about creating or updating a profile in 4HOnline and the required training offered through 4HOnline is available at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>. Thank you for helping to make sure Geary County 4-H members have a safe 4-H experience.

**Qualifying for the State  
Fair 4-H Horse  
Show/North Central  
District Horse Show**

The procedure to qualify to participate in the State Fair 4-H Horse Show will be different for 2023. If you are interested in participating, please visit <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/HorseChangesPublic9.8.22.pdf> to read all of the details. Check this out now so you can start planning how you will qualify for the show in September. The North Central District 4-H Horse Show will be held Wednesday, June 28 in Salina. Details and entry information will be available soon. This will be a great show to get qualified for the State Fair 4-H Horse Show.

**State Livestock  
Nomination Process  
for Kansas State Fair &  
Kansas Junior  
Livestock Show**

The state livestock nomination season is rapidly approaching and will continue to be 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 10 days 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/>. Details on YQCA requirements are included on this site as well.

**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. KASLA will be held June 21-24, 2023. More details are available at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/k-state-animal-science-leadership-academy/>.

**Insect Art Contest  
Opportunity**

It's time once again for K-State's Integrated Pest Management Insect Art Contest! This year's theme is "Insect Superheroes". The goal is to explore why real-life insects can be considered superheroes. Selected artwork will be used to create educational items. Artists who have art selected will receive a certificate and a prize to recognize their achievement. Categories include illustration of a real-life insect superhero, illustration of a fictional insect superhero, and 3-D. Visit <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/> for more information. Postmark date to submit entries is April 14.

**Fair Auction  
Participation  
Requirement for 2023**

4-H members will be required to attend in-person 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 2023. 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.

**Photography  
Submission  
Opportunities**

The Geary County Extension Office is looking for images to use on notecards that will be printed and given to Extension Council members and others. The theme for images this year is Geary County Landscapes. Geary County 4-H members enrolled in the photography project are eligible to submit up to 5 photos each. Photos are due online at <https://tinyurl.com/GeCoPhoto23> by September 1.

The Kansas 4-H Foundation is looking for images that could be used on birthday and celebration cards that will be sent to donors who support 4-H. Photos can be emailed to Maria Childs at [maria@ks4h.org](mailto:maria@ks4h.org).

**Multi-County Photo  
Workshop**

This event will be held April 16 from 3:00 to 7:15pm at Rock Springs Ranch. Registration and fee are due by March 30. The workshop keynote will be Aurora Dora Redman, who captures the Great Northern Lights. Sessions will be youth and professional led, covering various topics and will take participants into sundown to practice and capture night techniques. Find out more and register online at <https://sites.google.com/view/4-h-photo-workshop-23/home>.

**Super 4-H Saturday  
Northwest Judging  
Contests**

The annual Super 4-H Saturday Judging Contest, which includes Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Photography, and Livestock will be held in Colby on Saturday, March 25. Pre-registration is due by Friday, March 17. There is a \$7 fee to participate that can be paid at the event. The day will also include project opportunities in the afternoon for an additional fee and volunteer sessions. More information can be found online at <https://www.walnutcreek.k-state.edu/>.

**K-State Open House**

K-State Open House will be held April 1 with family-friendly free entertainment, career exploration activities, and student research exhibits serving as highlights for the day. Find more information at <http://www.k-state.edu/openhouse>.

**Rock Springs Ranch  
Open House**

Rock Springs Ranch will host an open house on April 23 from 1:00-4:00pm. 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://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/upcoming-events/>) or Facebook page for more information.

**Spring Into  
Volunteering**

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers invites you to “Spring Into Volunteering” on Saturday, April 22 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at K-State Salina. The registration fee of \$20 covers lunch, snacks, and materials. Register online by April 1 at <https://tinyurl.com/SIV2023>. Payment can be submitted to the Extension Office by the April 1 deadline. The agenda includes 4-H Thriving research, technology to support volunteers, strengthening 4-H Clubs, engaging all 4-Hers, Cloverbuds, 48 Hours of 4-H, and celebrating volunteers.

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

Cloverbud Division

**Participation** – Emilia Weigel, Odynn Beamer

Junior Division

**Purple** – Macy Goodyear, Charles Weigel IV

**Blue** – Declan Boehm, Arthur Strauss

Intermediate Division

**Purple** – Lorelei Olson, Addison Gibson, Kara McDonald, Austin Sohnrey

**Blue** – Tyler Proietti, Olivia Kline, Case Proietti, April Strauss, Adrian Williams, Colden Blockcolsky, Braden Blockcolsky

**Red** – Addi Sederlin, Aurora Garrison, Deyton Dibben, Eliot Oentrich, Newt Miller, Maddi Sederlin, Raymond Boller Jr.

**White** – Brock Nabus

Senior Division

**Purple** – Mikayla Dibben, Shevy Olson, Amelia Strauss, Josie Strauss, Macie Muto, Brittney Dibben, Charles Strauss

**Blue** – Grady Oentrich, Morgan Nabus, Cody Brown, Ava Oentrich, Blake Proietti, Tava Gustafson, Kaitlyn Sohnrey, Nora Kvacik

**Red** – William Strauss, Hanna Miller, Karley Kramer, Nagomi Yamamoto, Kourtney Dibben

**White** – Cori Leasure

Cloverbuds

**Participation** – Odynn Beamer, Emilia Weigel

Junior Division

**Purple** – Declan Boehm

**Blue** – Malik Hyder, Charles Weigel IV, Kyla McDonald

**Red** – Camden Kramer, Archer Anderes, Arthur Strauss, Macy Goodyear

**White** – Grason Fielder

Intermediate Division

**Purple** – Roman Garrison, Olivia Kline

**Blue** – Brock Nabus, Aurora Garrison, Cade Snider, Grant Slough, Deyton Dibben, Addison Gibson, Ava Schmidt, Lorelei Olson, Cade McCallum, Tyler Proietti, Newt Miller, Braden Blockcolsky, Maddi Sederlin

**Red** – Kara McDonald, Eliot Oentrich, Adrian Williams, April Strauss, Austin Sohnrey, Case Proietti, Colden Blockcolsky, Addi Sederlin

**White** – Raymond Boller Jr.

Senior Division

**Purple** – Kourtney Dibben, Brittney Dibben

**Blue** – Cody Brown, Nora Kvacik, Macie Muto, Elaina Schmidt, Shevy Olson, Ava Oentrich, Hanna Miller, Morgan Nabus, Blake Proietti, Karley Kramer

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



## Calendar of Events

### March

- 17 Northwest Super 4-H Saturday registration deadline
- 18 Junior Meat Goat Producer Day @ K-State
- 24-26 Shooting Sports Instructor Training @ Rock Springs
- 24 4-H/Senior Citizens Building Fundraiser Setup, 5:30pm
- 25 Regional 4-H Day, Clay Center High School
- 25 4-H/Senior Citizens Building Fundraiser, doors open 5pm, servers arrive 5:45pm, meal served 6pm
- 25 Northwest Super 4-H Saturday, Colby
- 30 Multi-County Photo Workshop registration deadline

### April

- 1 Kansas State University Open House
- 1 "Spring Into Volunteering" registration due
- 3 4-H Project Meeting Evening @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center, 6:30pm
- 14 Insect Art Contest entry postmark deadline
- 15 Applications for Animal Science Leadership Academy due
- 16 Multi-County Photo Workshop, Rock Springs
- 16-22 National Volunteer Week
- 22 "Spring Into Volunteering" @ K-State Salina, 9am-3pm
- 23 Rock Springs Ranch Open House, 1-4pm

### May

- 1 Project Drop/Add deadline
- 1 Fair King & Queen applications due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 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
- 1 Project Meeting Evening
- 5 Ag Day
- 16 Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 5:30-7pm
- 18 Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 6:30-8pm
- 19 Goats/Sheep/Swine must be tagged/tag forms due to Extension Office
- 22 Bucket Calf ID forms due to Extension Office by 5pm

### June

- 1 Horse ID's or breed registration papers due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 1 North Central District Horse Show entry deadline
- 5 4-H Council meeting, 7pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center
- 6-7 Hazardous Occupation Training
- 7-9 Discovery Days @ K-State
- 8 Pizza & Panel Painting Party @ Fairgrounds, 5:30pm
- 21-24 Animal Science Leadership Academy, K-State
- 28 North Central District Horse Show, Salina
- 30 Fair pre-entries due to Extension Office by 5pm



# 4-H GROWS HERE



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Check out this newsletter for lots of upcoming events and activities in 4-H! Hope everyone is enjoying Spring Break!

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## Topic: Quality Care of Animals

Join Geary County  
Agriculture Agent, Kyler  
Langvardt, to learn about  
caring for livestock. Hands-  
on activities will be included!

Date: 04/03/2023

Time: 6:30pm

Location: 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

# 4-H Project Meeting Evening

Please RSVP to the Extension Office  
by 5:00pm on Tuesday, March 28 by  
calling 785-238-4161 or  
emailing [gkopfer@ksu.edu](mailto:gkopfer@ksu.edu). No late  
registrations will be taken since we  
will need to buy supplies.

A future 4-H Project  
Meeting Evening will  
be held on the first  
Monday of May. Topic  
to be announced.



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