



# Geary County

## 4-H NEWS



*A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers*

*May 2019*

### **Congratulations Graduates!**

Congratulations to these 4-H members in the graduating class of 2019: **Calen Boller** (Humboldt), **Thane McDaniel** (Blue Line), **Lauren Moon** (Brookside), **Mason Muto** (Humboldt), **Corbin Sanner** (Blue Line), **Marques Story** (Humboldt), **Blake Vercher** (Clarks Creek), and **Chalee Williamson** (Humboldt). Thanks for all of your contributions to the Geary County 4-H program and best wishes in all your future plans!

### **Change to Fair Auction Participation Requirements for 2019**

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 2019. Official record of meetings attended will be the club secretary's book. This requirement does not limit fair participation, only participation in the auction. The decision to make this change was made by the Fair Board after much discussion and consideration, and on recommendation to make a change from the 4-H Council. Notification was sent out via hard copy mail and email along with being printed in the newsletter so families can plan ahead now to make sure they meet the requirement if youth want to participate in the auction.

### **Fair Books**

Fair books should be distributed at May 4-H club meetings. If you do not attend your club meeting, please call the Extension Office to make arrangements to pick up your book as soon as possible following your meeting. The book and pre-entry forms are all available on the web located at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html>. The forms located on this site are all form fillable for easy completion. Please read over the fair book carefully for complete rules and exhibit options. **Pre-entries are due to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on June 28<sup>th</sup>.**

### **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>.

### **Fair Livestock Insurance**

A fee of \$5 per head for market beef, market lambs, market hogs, and market goats will be required at the time of fair pre-entry to purchase livestock insurance. This insurance will cover livestock from the time you leave home for the fair until you return home or the livestock changes ownership. The insurance is optional for breeding beef and breeding sheep. Please plan to pay this fee when you turn in your pre-entry forms.

**After-Fair Celebration**

The After-Fair Celebration will be held on Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at the city pool from 7:15 to 9:00pm. Plan to join us to celebrate!

**Panel Painting Party**

A panel painting party will be held at the fairgrounds on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. The party will start with pizza provided by the Geary County 4-H Foundation at 5:30pm. Please RSVP to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on May 21<sup>st</sup> so we will be able to buy adequate pizza and painting supplies. Plan to wear your painting clothes and join us for some work and fun!

**Campference**

Campference will be held June 23-26 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. This is an event for 12-14 year old youth as of January 1, 2019. 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 is due by May 15<sup>th</sup> unless all the spots fill sooner (Campference has filled fast the last couple of years). Fee is \$280, 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. Register online and get more information at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/camping/campference/index.html>.

**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](http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/shows_judging%20contests.html).

**Hazardous Occupations Safety Training in Agriculture**

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 May 28<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 4:00pm and May 29<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.pottawatomie.ksu.edu) by May 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in**

Weigh-in and tagging for goats, sheep, and swine will be held on May 21<sup>st</sup> from 5:30 to 7:00pm and May 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30 to 8:00pm at the Fairgrounds. If you do not plan to attend weigh-in, ear tags can be picked up at the Extension Office. Goats, sheep, and swine must be tagged by May 24<sup>th</sup> and tag forms are due to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on May 24<sup>th</sup>. Ear tags will cost \$3.00 each.

**District Horse Show**

The District Horse Show will be held July 1<sup>st</sup> in Salina. Level 1 testing must be passed by the entry deadline which is June 1<sup>st</sup>. 4-H members who are 9 years old and over (4-H age) will be eligible to participate in the District Horse Show to qualify for the State Fair. Enter online at <https://tinyurl.com/NCDHS-2019>.

## **Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trip**

The Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trips will be headquartered out of Belleville and Rosalia this year and will be held June 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup>. Registration is due by May 24<sup>th</sup>. Find out more information and register at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/geology-field-trip/>.

## **Insect Spectacular**

Beetles, bugs, dragonflies and more! It's time to get registered for the 2019 Insect Spectacular scheduled for June 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Headquarters for the event will be the Kansas Wetlands Education Center located northeast of Great Bend. The workshop is open to anyone interested in insects. Registration deadline is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Find out more information and register at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/insect-spectacular/index.html>.

## **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)**

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) is a new, national, multi-species youth livestock quality assurance program that covers food safety, animal well-being, and character development through age-appropriate educational curriculum. 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. Exhibitors who will be participating as a 7-year-old will be exempt for this year. 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, 2019. Contact the Extension Office for instructions on how to complete the online training.

## **Livestock Judging Camp**

“Champions” Livestock Judging Camp is an intense camp designed for 4-H and FFA members (ages 14-18) who are seriously interested in enhancing their livestock judging and oral communication skills. Prior livestock judging experience is necessary for this camp. Chris Mullinix, KSU Livestock Judging Coach, will conduct the training to be held at Kansas State University. Three sessions are available during June with each session limited in number of participants. Cost for the camp is \$300 and registration is due by May 20<sup>th</sup>. More information is available at the Extension Office or online at <http://www.asi.k-state.edu/students-and-programs/youth-programs/judging-camps.html>.

## **Bucket Calf ID Forms Due**

Bucket Calf ID forms are due May 20<sup>th</sup> by 5:00pm in the Extension Office. Bucket Calf ID's are required in order to show your calf at the County Fair. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

## **Kansas 4-H State Wheat Expo in Kingman**

Check out the annual Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo on Wednesday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Expo Center in Kingman. The wheat expo is open to all 4-H family members and 4-H leaders. There will be eight contests open to youth members with cash prizes and ribbons awarded. There is a \$6 per person registration cost. Pre-registration will be required by July 29<sup>th</sup>. For more information about the wheat expo, visit <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/wheat/index.html>. For additional questions contact Deryl Waldren at 785-462-6281 or [dwaldren@ksu.edu](mailto:dwaldren@ksu.edu).

## Horticulture Judging Practice

The horticulture judging practice scheduled for Thursday, May 2 has been moved to a different date and a different location. We will meet at 2679 Race Lane, Chapman, KS at the home of Stan and Betty Lewis at 6:00 PM on Thursday, May 16. (Their home is just south of the Chapman exit on interstate.) Please park in the circle drive below their driveway. We will have the chance to identify 20+ live items on our identification list. This will be a GREAT learning experience and preparation for the contest. Please bring your own water bottle. If you have questions, call Connie Poland at 785-479-6673.

## Food Judges Training

Do you have interest in and experience with baking? Are you interested in helping educate 4-H youth through judging foods and/or food preservation? This training is for you! Whether you are new or a returning judge, come learn about judging a variety of foods entered by talented 4-H members. When & Where: May 31, 2019 1:00pm-5:00pm at the 4-H/Sr. Citizens Center Cost: \$3.00 (includes resource materials and snacks) Contact: Deb Andres, Geary County Family & Consumer Sciences Agent Registration: Deadline is 5:00pm on Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Call the Extension Office at 238-4161 to register. A minimum of 10 registrations must be received by the deadline in order for the class to be held.

## 4-H Academy...Explore Your Pathway

The 4-H Academy will be held June 23-26 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. The academy is designed to help youth 13 and older to explore, learn and ask the experts to satisfy their deeply-rooted curiosity to understand more about the topic they choose. Cost is \$300 (some pathways may have additional 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. Registration is open now and the deadline is May 15<sup>th</sup>. Contact the Extension Office for more information. Available pathways are:

Horse: Some never outgrow the love of horses; so come spend quality time learning about these beautiful and fascinating animals. This pathway is designed especially for the beginning, novice horse enthusiast that does not have the opportunity to have their own horse.

Photography: Gain the skills that will take your photography talent to the next level. Work with industry professionals, educational experts and other passionate photo enthusiasts to truly grow on your path to be a professional photographer.

Leadership: Ever wonder how your unique strengths make it easier for you to navigate high school, college and the world of work? The CliftonStrengths pathway presented by the K-State Strengths Office in partnership with the Department of 4-H Youth Development will help individuals learn more about their top 5 talent themes, how they are turning them into strengths, and discover how their top 5 plays a role on a team.

Global Positioning System: Campers will participate in an exploration of GPS and how it is used to identify locations across the globe. They will learn to use handheld GPS technology and conclude with a real-world project.

Environmental: Join us and learn from professional wildlife biologists, botanists, and ecologists. Subject matter will include wildlife and plant identification, species diversity, conservation ethics, wildlife tracking, predator-prey dynamics, population management, fishing, shooting sports, and much more.

**Fair Exhibits:  
Home Environment vs.  
Woodworking vs.  
Crafts**

Home Environment includes refinished and repurposed wood projects (ex. – fixing an old wooden chair by making it more sturdy, sanding, and refinishing it).

Woodworking is heavily judged on construction and finish. These projects should be something that is made from a plan. They are made of wood and normally have to be assembled, sanded, and have some type of finish applied (ex. – stain).

Crafts projects can be made of wood, but do not usually require woodworking tools to make (ex. – anything made from a pre-cut kit, a picture frame made of popsicle sticks).

**Fair Poultry Testing  
Waived for 2019**

Due to the low risk of spread of pullorum disease and a nationwide shortage of antigen needed to conduct pullorum-typhoid testing in poultry, the Kansas Department of Agriculture Division of Animal Health is waiving poultry testing requirements for county fairs for 2019. You will not have to show proof of testing in order to enter poultry at the 2019 Geary County Free Fair.

**May**

- 15 Campference & 4-H Academy registration due
- 16 Horticulture Judging Practice, 6pm @ home of Stan & Betty Lewis
- 20 Bucket Calf ID forms due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 20 KSU Livestock Judging Camp registration due
- 21 Pizza & Panel Painting Party RSVP due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 21 Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 5:30-7pm
- 22 Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 6:30-8pm
- 22 Hazardous Occupation Training registration due
- 23 Pizza & Panel Painting Party @ Fairgrounds, 5:30pm
- 24 Goats/Sheep/Swine must be tagged/tag forms due to Extension Office
- 24 Food Judges Training registration due
- 24 Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trip registration due
- 28 Hazardous Occupation Training, 9am-4pm @ KanEquip
- 29 Hazardous Occupation Training, 9am-3pm @ KanEquip
- 29-31 Discovery Days @ K-State
- 31 Food Judges Training, 1-5pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

**Calendar of Events**

**June**

- 1 District Horse Show entry due online
- 1 Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular registration due
- 3 4-H Council Meeting, 7pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center
- 7 Camp Counselor Training begins 5pm @ Rock Springs
- 7-9 Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trip, Belleville or Rosalia
- 8-11 4-H Camp @ Rock Springs
- 10 Beginning Horse Judging Camp, K-State
- 11-12 Advanced Horse Judging Camp, K-State
- 15 Commercial Heifer/Market Lamb/Commercial Ewe/Market Hog/  
Commercial Breeding Gilt/All Meat Goat state nominations must  
be postmarked
- 21-22 Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, Great Bend
- 23-26 Campference @ Rock Springs
- 23-26 4-H Academy @ Rock Springs
- 28 Fair pre-entries due to Extension Office by 5pm

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Summer is fast approaching – now is the time to begin working on those 4-H projects you haven't started yet. Don't put them off any longer! Also, don't forget to work on your record book and get it updated. Doing these things now will save time and stress when deadlines approach!

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

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