Congratulations to these 4-H members in the graduating class of 2020: Lindsey Ascher (Brookside), Zachery Ferris (Lyon Creek), Morgan Goodwin (Clarks Creek), Jordyn Hubley (Lyon Creek), Mason Shrader (Humboldt), Jenna Weeks (Humboldt), and Aleeya Williams (Lyon Creek). Thanks for all of your contributions to the Geary County 4-H program and best wishes in all your future plans!

- All in-person Extension-sponsored events including all 4-H programming by employees and volunteers must be moved to virtual environments or cancelled through July 4th.
- If you have a meeting, such as a club or project meeting, that you would like to hold virtually, we suggest using Zoom. Let Ginger know if you need assistance as Zoom is a program used by the Extension Office on a regular basis. Zoom bombing has become more common recently. To prevent this, we suggest not making notices about zoom meetings public, using a password for your meeting, changing the screen sharing option to “host only”, and encouraging users to update their Zoom program so it has the most up-to-date security features.
- The Extension Office re-opened to the public on May 18th. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00am to 5:00pm. We ask that you not visit the office if you are feeling ill. If you visit the office, please comply with social distancing and posted signs. As always, we can also be reached by phone at 785-238-4161 or by email.

Due to COVID-19 and its effect on 4-H meetings Fair Board has changed the meeting requirement for auction participation for 2020. 4-H members will be required to attend at least 2 regular monthly meetings of the 4-H club in which they are enrolled between October 1 and the auction 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.

A listing of At-Home and Virtual Resources continues to be updated online at https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/resources.html. Check out these amazing resources!
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 book editing is in process and the updated book will be posted online at https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html as soon as it is finished (hopefully by the end of the week). Once fair books are printed, they will be mailed to 4-H families along with pre-entry forms. Form fillable pre-entry forms will also be available on the site listed above for easy completion. Once you receive it, 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 30th.**

The deadline for King and Queen applications will be June 1st. The requirement to visit a club meeting will be removed for 2020. The requirement that candidates have to be club nominated will also be removed for 2020. If you are eligible, you may apply. Eligibility guidelines, more information, and the application are available online at https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html.

Bucket Calf ID forms are due May 20th by 5:00pm in the Extension Office. Bucket Calf ID’s are required in order to show your calf at the County Fair. Forms can be found online at https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html. We suggest emailing forms to gkopfer@ksu.edu or mailing forms to the office before the deadline. Papers can also be brought in-person to the Extension Office.

4-H members enrolled in market meat goat, sheep, and swine projects received an email detailing tagging procedures for 2020. Important dates are listed below.  
May 22nd – Tag request due online at https://tinyurl.com/Geary2020Tags  
May 27th – Drive-through pickup of tags between 6:00 and 7:00pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center (if this does not work for you, contact Ginger for further options)  
June 12th – Tagging form and pictures due to the Extension Office  
More information and forms can be found online at https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html.

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.

With no District Horse Shows being held this summer to qualify for the State 4-H Horse Show, the plan is for the state show to be open to all 4-H horse project members who meet age qualifications, enter by August 1st, and have passed Level 1 testing before July 15th. Contact Ginger to get started on level testing.
Youth for the Quality Care of Animals  
(YQCA)

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. 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. Please contact Ginger if you would like to get certified so you can receive further information about the online training including how to get a discount for the training.

If you have questions, contact Chuck or Ginger at the Extension Office.

Discovery Days is Going Virtual!

The Kansas 4-H Discovery Days event will be available virtually in 2020. Sessions will be offered live on the mornings of May 27th, 28th, and 29th. Participants will have the opportunity to engage with recorded content in the afternoons or whenever they are able. Keeping with the spirit of Discovery Days, participants will also have opportunities to listen to keynote speakers, take part in peer-to-peer small group breakout sessions, and do service learning projects. Discovery Days is open to youth who are 13-18 years old as of January 1, 2020. The event is free, but participants are asked to register in order to receive the links to participate in sessions. Register online at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_ezdhZoVtY044MDj.

4-H Insect Spectacular Goes Virtual!

Make plans to join in the virtual 4-H Insect Spectacular on June 15th (beginners), 17th (advanced), and/or 19th (notebooks and displays). Details and a link to register will be available soon at https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/insect-spectacular/index.html. All sessions will begin at 7:00pm.

Calendar of Events

May
20 Bucket Calf ID’s due to Extension Office by 5pm
22 Market Meat Goat/Sheep/Swine tag request due online
22 Virtual Camp Counselor Training online registration due
27 Drive-through livestock tag pickup, 6-7pm @ 4-H/Sr. Citizens Center

June
1 King & Queen Applications due to Extension Office by 5pm
1 4-H Council Zoom Meeting, 7pm (Council members received an email with further information about joining the Zoom meeting)
9 Virtual Camp Counselor Training, 5:30-7:00pm
12 Livestock Tagging Forms & Pictures due to Extension Office
12 Purple Power Pack Virtual Campfire, 8:30pm
15 Commercial Heifer/Market Lamb/Commercial Ewe/Market Hog/
  Commercial Breeding Gilt/All Meat Goat state nominations must be postmarked
30 Fair pre-entries due to Extension Office by 5pm
May 18, 2020

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!

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2020 Virtual Camp Opportunities

While we are extremely disappointed not to be able to participate in 4-H Camp at Rock Springs this summer, we have created some virtual opportunities to help keep campers and counselors connected during this time.

All camp-age youth will receive a camp newsletter in June from the Purple Power Pack. The newsletter will contain camp recipes, a scavenger hunt, information on taking a night hike, and more!

Below is information about the Virtual Campfire and on the back of this page is information about Virtual Counselor Training.
2020 PURPLE POWER PACK
VIRTUAL 4-H CAMP
COUNSELOR TRAINING

--develop communication skills--
--connect or re-connect with other teens--

JUNE 9, 2020 • 5:30-7:00 PM
REGISTER ONLINE AT:
HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/P3CCT2020
REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAY 22ND
OPEN TO YOUTH 14 & OLDER

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