



Geary County

4-H NEWS



A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

May 2021

Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to these 4-H members in the graduating class of 2021: **Jordan Jenkins** (Blue Line), **Kaitlyn Butler** (Lyon Creek), and **Rylie Ellis** (Humboldt). Thanks for all of your contributions to the Geary County 4-H program and best wishes in all your future plans!

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 arrange 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 will be form-fillable for easy completion. You can also pre-enter online at <https://tinyurl.com/gecofaireentry21>. Please read over the fair book carefully for complete rules and exhibit options. **Fair pre-entries are due by 5:00pm on June 30th.**

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.

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 market price of 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.

Latest COVID-Related Protocol

K-State Research and Extension has changed policies related to COVID-19 restrictions. Geary County Extension and 4-H will now be following Geary County guidelines. Currently, Geary County strongly encourages, but does not require, wearing masks and practicing social distancing. Any participant, volunteer, etc. is allowed to follow more restrictive measures for themselves. For example, individuals who want to wear masks even though they are not required are free to do so. If you feel most comfortable joining remotely, contact your club leader or the leader of the activity or event to discuss options.

Panel Painting Party

A panel painting party will be held at the fairgrounds on June 10th. 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 June 3rd 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!

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>.

Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in

Weigh-in and tagging for goats, sheep, and swine will be held on May 18th from 5:30 to 7:00pm and May 20th 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 21st and tag forms are due to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on May 21st. Ear tags will cost \$3.00 each.

Bucket Calf ID Forms Due

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. The form can be found online at <https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

District Horse Show

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 (North Central) is scheduled for July 1st in Salina with a registration deadline of June 1st. 4-H members who are 9 years old and over (4-H age) will be eligible to participate. Enter online at <https://tinyurl.com/NCDHS-2021>. Information for additional District Horse Shows is available at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/districthorseshow.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. Time is running out to complete horse Achievement Level testing. All District Horse Show participants will need to have completed Level 1 testing by the district show deadline. Contact the Extension Office to get started.

KSU Youth Horse Judging Camps

Beginning Section

June 1st

Weber Hall, KSU

\$45 fee due by May 17th

Contact the Extension Office or James Lattimer at (785) 532-2840 or jlattimer@ksu.edu for more information.

Advanced Section

June 2nd – 3rd

Weber Hall, KSU

\$150 fee due by May 17th

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>.

Poultry Testing for Fair

Pullorum-Typhoid poultry testing for the fair is scheduled for Wednesday, July 7th from 5:30 to 6:30pm at the fairgrounds. All chickens and turkeys entered in the fair must be tested. Ducks can be tested for Avian Influenza (this is optional). There is no cost for testing.

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)

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. 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>.

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 five other Extension Offices on June 8th from 9:00am to 4:00pm and June 9th 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 28th.

Invitation to Participate in Dickinson County 4-H Basketball Tournament

This event will be held either July 24th or June 26th starting at 8:30am at the District Gymnasium in Chapman. Entry fee is \$10 per team. The tournament is an annual tradition in Dickinson County that encourages teamwork and wellness in members and their clubs. For the 2021 tournament, Geary County 4-H clubs are again invited to participate. The deadline is June 1. More information was included in club boxes to be discussed at May club meetings. This information is also available at the Extension Office. Questions can be addressed to the Chisholm Trail Extension District Abilene Office at 785-263-2001.

Northwest Super 4-H Saturday

Load the vehicle and head to Hays for an amazing Super 4-H Saturday. All 4-H youth and adults across Kansas are invited to participate in a full day of learning experiences on Saturday, June 5, on the Fort Hays State University campus. Six judging contests and an adult gathering will be offered. Registration deadline is May 28. Find more information and a registration link online at <https://cottonwood.k-state.edu/ellis-county4h/>.

Midwest 4-H Photography Challenge

The Minnesota 4-H Photography Committee is excited to announce a new photography challenge open to all 4-H youth in grades K-13 across the Midwest. The “Capture What’s Great in Midwest States” 4-H Photography Challenge will run through 11:59pm on June 30th. More information can be found at <https://z.umn.edu/Midwest-states-photo-challenge>. Don’t forget to register at <https://z.umn.edu/Midwest-states-photo-reg>. Prizes will be awarded to the top images and random prize drawing winners will also be recognized.

Fair Theme

The 4-H Ambassadors and fair board have agreed on a Hawaiian theme for the 2021 Geary County Free Fair. You will see this theme at Public Revue and throughout the fair. Clubs are encouraged to include the theme in food table displays and herdsman decorations if they so choose.

Flyers Included with the Newsletter

Check out the two flyers included with this newsletter. One will tell you about a supply drive the Ambassadors are sponsoring for troops deployed from Fort Riley and the other will tell you about a way you can support the Geary County 4-H Foundation when you shop at Dillon’s Foods Stores. Your support in both of these ways is greatly appreciated!

May

- 15 Virtual Discovery Days registration deadline
- 15 Campference registration deadline
- 15 Champions Livestock Judging Camp registration deadline
- 17 KSU Youth Horse Judging Camp registration deadline
- 18 Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 5:30-7pm
- 20 Bucket Calf ID’s due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 20 Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 6:30-8pm
- 21 Goats/Sheep/Swine must be tagged/tag forms due to Extension Office
- 28 Hazardous Occupations Training registration deadline
- 28 Northwest Super 4-H Saturday registration deadline

June

Calendar of Events

- 1 North Central District Horse Show entry deadline
- 1 Dickinson County 4-H Basketball Tournament entry deadline
- 1 Beginning Horse Judging Camp, K-State
- 1-4 Virtual 4-H Discovery Days
- 2-3 Advanced Horse Judging Camp, K-State
- 3 Panel Painting Party RSVP due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 5 Northwest Super 4-H Saturday, Hays
- 7 4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H Building – 7pm
- 8 Hazardous Occupation Training, 9am-4pm @ KanEquip
- 9 Hazardous Occupation Training, 9am-3pm @ KanEquip
- 10 Panel Painting Party @ Fairgrounds – 5:30pm
- 15 Commercial Heifer/Market Lamb/Commercial Ewe/Market Hog/
Commercial Breeding Gilt/All Meat Goat state nominations must
be postmarked
- 17 Camp Counselor Training begins 5pm @ Rock Springs
- 18-21 4-H Camp @ Rock Springs
- 27-30 4-H Campference @ Rock Springs
- 28-30 Flint Hills Farm to Fashion Camp @ KSU
- 30 Fair Pre-entries due by 5pm
- 30 Midwest Photography Challenge entries due

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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".

Ginger D. Kopfer
County Extension Agent

K-State Research and Extension is committed to providing equal opportunity for participation in all programs, services and activities. Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by contacting the event contact (Ginger Kopfer) two weeks prior to the start of the event at gtkopfer@ksu.edu or 785-238-4161. Requests received less than two weeks before the event will be honored when it is feasible to do so.

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GEARY COUNTY 4-H SUPPLY DRIVE COMPETITION FOR THE TROOPS

*Items collected will be donated to
deployed troops from Fort Riley.*

Ideas for donations:

- *Non-perishable foods in their original packaging (sunflower seeds, beef jerky, crackers, etc.)*
- *Chewing gum*
- *Batteries (any kind)*
- *Condiments or sauces*
- *Socks*
- *Shampoo & Conditioner*
- *Body wash*
- *Female hygiene products*
- *Lip balm*

*Tip: Don't mix food items with
hygiene items*

BRING ITEMS TO
YOUR JUNE 4-H CLUB
MEETING

Winning club (most items donated per member) will get an ice cream party during the county fair.



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GEARY COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION

Dillons Food Stores Community Rewards Program Information & Sign-up Instructions

The Dillons Community Rewards program makes fundraising easy by donating to local organizations, like the Geary County 4-H Foundation, based on the shopping you do every day. Once you link your Card to an organization, all you have to do is shop at Dillons and swipe your Shopper's Card. Any transactions moving forward using the Shopper's Card number associated with your digital account will be applied to the program, at no added cost to you. Dillons donates annually to participating organizations based on your percentage of spending as it relates to the total spending associated with all participating Dillons Community Rewards organizations.

STEP 1: Log in or create an account at
www.dillons.com

STEP 2: Click on your name in the top right corner and select My Account

STEP 3: Click on Community Rewards on the left side of the screen (toward the bottom)

STEP 4: Search JS901 or Geary County 4-H Foundation Inc

STEP 5: Click Enroll

Find out more about the Community Rewards Program at
<https://www.dillons.com/i/community/community-rewards>.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!