Congratulations to these 4-H members in the graduating class of 2022: Chelsey Armbruster (Lyon Creek), Kacey Butler (Clarks Creek), Cody Haycook (Humboldt), Hannah Leasure (Brookside), Wyatt Miller (Lyon Creek), Jada Nabus (Humboldt), and Jewels Williams (Lyon Creek). Thanks for all of your contributions to the Geary County 4-H program and best wishes in all your future plans!

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.

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 also available on the web located at http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html. The forms located on this site are form-fillable for easy completion. Pre-entries can also be completed online at https://tinyurl.com/gecofairentry22. Please read over the fair book carefully for complete rules and exhibit options. Fair pre-entries are due online or to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on June 27.

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.

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. Please plan to pay this fee by the pre-entry deadline of June 27.
The After-Fair Celebration is tentatively scheduled for Friday, July 22 at the city pool from 7:15 to 9:00pm. Plan to join us to celebrate!

A panel painting party will be held at the fairgrounds on June 9. 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 6 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!

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 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](http://www.pottawatomie.ksu.edu) by May 29.

The Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trips will be headquartered out of the Old Iron Club in Fredonia and will be held June 10-12. Registration is due by May 27. T-Shirt and Geology box orders are due by May 20. Find out more information and register at [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/geology-field-trip/](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/geology-field-trip/).

Weigh-in and tagging for goats, sheep, and swine will be held on May 17 from 5:30 to 7:00pm and May 19 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 starting May 1. Goats, sheep, and swine must be tagged by May 20 and tag forms are due to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on May 20. Ear tags will cost $3.00 each.

Bucket Calf ID forms are due May 20 by 5:00pm in the Extension Office. Bucket Calf ID’s are required in order to show your calf at the County Fair. Forms are available online at [https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html](https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html). Contact the Extension Office for more information.

The Animal Science Webinar Series is a new program designed to give Kansas 4-H members an opportunity to learn more about the livestock industry, career opportunities, and good animal husbandry practices. Webinars will be hosted the fourth Monday of the month at 7:00pm and cover a variety of topics throughout the year. Participants need to register in advance to receive a link to the meeting and materials. For more information, including the registration link, visit [https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/animal-science-webinar-series.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/animal-science-webinar-series.html).
| **Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA)** | 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 YQCA 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. Visit [https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/qualityassurance.html](https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/qualityassurance.html) to register and complete training. |
| **Equine Webinar Series** | The Equine Webinar Series is a new program designed to give Kansas 4-H members an opportunity to learn more about horses and the horse industry in Kansas. Webinars will be hosted the third Monday of the month at 7:00pm and cover a variety of topics throughout the year. Participants need to register in advance to receive a link to the meeting and materials. For more information, including the registration link, visit [https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/equine-webinar-series.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/equine-webinar-series.html). |
| **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 is scheduled for June 22 in Salina with a registration deadline of June 1. 4-H members who are 9 years old and over (4-H age) will be eligible to participate. Information for additional District Horse Shows is available online at [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/horse/districthorseshows.html](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. 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 on level testing. Show entry is online at [https://tinyurl.com/NCDHS-2022](https://tinyurl.com/NCDHS-2022). |
| **South Central Kansas 4-H Horse Clinic** | This clinic will be presented by Kerry Kuhn Horsemanship at the Expo Center in Kingman June 14-15 from 9:00am to 5:00pm with a two-hour lunch break each day. Registration is $100 per day for youth. Topics will include fundamentals, body control, confidence, technique, and leadership. Registration is due by May 27. Register online at [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV_cT6K9xNhIiXDGbs](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/ife/form/SV_cT6K9xNhIiXDGbs). |
| **Ranchland Trust Photography Contest** | The Ranchland Trust of Kansas annual photography contest is open for entries from photographers of all ages until August 31. Photographs entered will showcase the natural beauty of ranching and grazing lands across Kansas. Participants may enter up to five photos. Find out more details and enter online at [https://ranchlandtrustofkansas.org/rtk-photo-contest/](https://ranchlandtrustofkansas.org/rtk-photo-contest/). |
Fair Exhibits: Home Environment vs. Woodworking vs. Visual Arts

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

Visual Arts 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 for Pullorum-Typhoid will be held Wednesday, July 6 at the fairgrounds from 5:30-6:30pm. All chickens and turkeys going to fair must be tested. Exhibitors who do not attend this testing are responsible for getting birds tested and showing proof of testing when birds are brought to the fair.

May
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
27 Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trip registration due
27 South Central KS 4-H Horse Clinic registration due
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 Panel Painting Party RSVP due to Extension Office by 5pm
6 4-H Council meeting, 7pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center
7 Hazardous Occupation Training, 9am-4pm @ KanEquip
7-8 Advanced Horse Judging Camp, K-State
8 Hazardous Occupation Training, 9am-3pm @ KanEquip
8 Beginner Horse Judging Camp, K-State
9 Kansas 4-H Horse Judging Contest
9 Pizza & Panel Painting Party @ Fairgrounds, 5:30pm
10-12 Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trip, Fredonia
15 Commercial Heifer/Market Lamb/Commercial Ewe/Market Hog/ Commercial Breeding Gilt/All Meat Goat nomination deadline
22 North Central District Horse Show, Salina
27 Fair pre-entries due online or to Extension Office by 5pm
May 17, 2022

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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