



Geary County

4-H NEWS



A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

September 2019

Officer Training

4-H Officer Training has been scheduled for **Tuesday, October 29th** at 6:30pm at Pottorf Hall on the Riley County Fairgrounds in Manhattan. This will be a multi-county training with Riley and Pottawatomie counties. All club officers should mark this on their calendars and plan to attend.

Record Book Screening

Geary County will be in charge of screening records from Dickinson County this year. Screening will be held **October 8th from 8:00am to 8:00pm**. Each club is responsible for providing at least 4 adults to screen records. Older 4-H members are also welcome to judge. The records will be located at the Extension Office. Please think about participating in this great learning experience that will help you to gain new ideas. You don't have to be a record book "expert" to participate.

4-H Enrollment

Required online enrollment for 4-H members is continuing for the 2020 4-H year. The system is currently shut down to prepare for enrollment but will reopen at 8:00am on October 1st. More information on how to re-enroll online is included in this newsletter.

Kansas 4-H Program Fee

Just a reminder that Kansas 4-H will continue to charge a \$15 fee per 4-H member (not including Cloverbuds) per year. Fortunately, the Geary County 4-H Foundation Board of Directors has agreed to pay this fee for all Geary County 4-H members at this time. Pay special attention to instructions included with this newsletter on how to complete the payment portions of enrollment. If you pay the fee by credit card or check, you will not be reimbursed.

National 4-H Week

Don't forget National 4-H Week, October 6th through 12th. Plan to participate in Geary County's National 4-H Week Spirit Week and 48 Hours of 4-H Service Weekend. Flyers with all of the details are included in this newsletter.

4-H Shooting Sports Meeting

Youth who are interested in 4-H Shooting Sports (BB, Shotgun, and Air Rifle) for the upcoming 4-H year are invited to a meeting on September 30th at 6:30pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. Please RSVP to Brittney Hinds (County Coordinator) at 785-210-5483 by September 26th. Pizza will be provided for dinner. Please plan to attend and get some great information and help our instructors to gauge interest for each project.

Club Summary Deadline	Club summaries are due by 5:00pm on October 1 st to the Extension Office. No late summaries will be accepted.
Achievement Celebration	Don't forget that the Geary County 4-H Achievement Celebration will be held Saturday, October 26 th at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. It will begin at 6:00pm with a potluck supper. Each family is asked to bring a main dish AND side dish or dessert. Table service and drinks will be provided. Hope to see you there to celebrate the end of another great 4-H year!
Achievement Celebration Set-up	Set-up for Achievement Celebration will be held on October 26 th at 8:30am at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. All help is greatly appreciated!
County-wide Project Leaders Needed	Do you have an interest or talent that you would like to share with 4-H members across the county during the next 4-H year? If so, please volunteer your time as a county-wide project leader by calling the Extension Office on or before October 1 st . Let's all work together to make finding leaders easier for each club!
4-H Pictures Needed	Pictures are needed for a slide show showcasing the 4-H year at the Achievement Celebration. Pictures can be sent to, or dropped off at, the Extension Office or sent via email to gkopfer@ksu.edu before October 1 st . We would like all 4-H clubs to be represented in the pictures. So, look through your stash of 4-H photos and pick some out right away!
Kansas Youth Leadership Forum	The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum is an exciting event for youth 14-18 years old as of January 1, 2020. This event will be held at Rock Springs, November 23 rd – 24 th . Registration fee is \$200, but the Geary County 4-H Foundation will pay half of the fee for Geary County 4-H members who complete a scholarship request form that is available at the Extension Office or at http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html . Highlights of the forum will be inspirational speakers, workshops, and meeting new people. Contact the Extension Office or visit http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html for more information and to register online. Registration is open now and classes will fill up, so don't delay. The registration deadline is October 15 th .
Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council	Online applications are available for the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council and are due October 1 st . Council members plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, Campference, and other events along with other duties. Contact the Extension Office for further information.
Milford Lake Cleanup Day	Milford Lake Cleanup Day is scheduled for Saturday, September 21 st . Volunteers are needed to help with this event and will meet at East Rolling Hills Shelter 1 at 9:00am. Volunteers will then go in groups to cleanup around the lake and will return to the shelter for lunch at noon. Please RSVP to Blake McPherran at 641-895-6939.

State 4-H Dog Conference

State 4-H Dog Conference will be held October 19th – 20th at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Registration is due by October 7th. Conference events include educational sessions, quiz bowl, skillathon, and many others. More information and link for required online registration (should be open soon) can be found at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/index.html>. Cost is \$125 for full-time participants, \$75 for Saturday only, and \$50 for Sunday only. The Geary County 4-H Foundation will pay half of the fee for Geary County 4-H members who complete a scholarship request form that is available at the Extension Office or online at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>.

4-H Council

Each club needs to select 2 youth and 2 adults as 4-H Council Representatives. The youth and adults that you select will be able to help make decisions about the county 4-H program. The next council meeting will be October 7th at 7:00pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. We will be reviewing the fair, electing officers, and assigning committees for the coming year. The tentative meeting agenda can be found online at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>. The other meetings for the 2019-2020 year are scheduled for February 3 and June 1.

State Fair Exhibits

If you sent exhibits to the State Fair, please plan to pick them up at the Extension Office at your earliest convenience. You can find non-livestock 4-H results at <https://faireentry.com/Fair/Results/3226> and 4-H livestock results will hopefully be available soon on the Kansas State Fair website at <https://www.kansasstatefair.com/>. Congratulations to all participants, it is an honor just to be able to enter exhibits, participate in judging contests, and show animals at the state fair!

Judging Team Participants

Congratulations to the following Geary County 4-H members who participated in judging contests at K-State in August and at the State Fair.
Livestock Judging: Kacey Butler, Ethan Goodyear, Tava Gustafson, Weston Langvardt
Horticulture Judging: Chelsey Armbruster, Zachery Ferris, Karley Kramer, Elizabeth Murphy, Logan Nabus, Blake Proietti, Aleeya Williams, Jewels Williams
Photography Judging: Rylie Ellis, Hannah Leasure, Brock Nabus, Morgan Nabus, Kaitlyn Sohnrey, Charles Strauss, Aleeya Williams, Jewels Williams

FSA Youth Loan Program

The FSA Youth Loan Program is designed to allow youth, ages 10 to 20, to own and operate a modest sized, income producing agricultural enterprise. FSA youth loan projects must have parental or guardian consent, and must be conducted in participation with an established organization, such as 4-H. With a viable business plan, FSA can loan up to \$5,000 to eligible rural youth who wish to gain valuable hands-on business experience as the owner and manager of an agricultural enterprise. Some common youth loan projects have been raising and breeding livestock, growing fruits or vegetables for resale, growing flowers or plants for resale, and producing field crops. Contact the Extension Office or FSA for more information.

Drones and Robotics SpaceTech Experience

The Kansas 4-H SpaceTech Program and the Kansas Cosmosphere located in Hutchinson are teaming up to provide a program that will feature drones and robotics. The experience begins Friday, October 4th at 4pm and will end Saturday, October 5th at 4pm. Cost is \$115 for youth and \$85 for adult chaperones (designed to be an adult-child experience). Registration includes 3 meals and an overnight indoor camping stay. Participants will receive introduction and education about drones and robots, including how to program robots and use sensors and how to pilot drones. There will be a tour of the Cosmosphere, a planetarium show, and a digital dome program. Visit <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events/index.html> for more information. Registration is due September 20th and will be limited, so don't delay.

Standards for Participation in Kansas FFA and 4-H Youth Development Educational Opportunities

The purpose of the standards outlined below are to assist in determining eligible participation in FFA and/or 4-H Youth Development learning experiences. Both 4-H and Agriculture Education/FFA promote teaching youth life skills. Each program exists to maximize the participants' knowledge of agriculture and its value to our communities while educating the young people to become productive citizens. Eligible youth may participate in both 4-H and FFA but should avoid duplication. The following standards of participation are used in delivering the 4-H and FFA programs in Kansas.

1. Agriculture Education teachers, FFA Advisors, Extension staff and local volunteers are encouraged to cooperate in sharing information and resources to provide educational opportunities for youth.
2. When young people are members of both 4-H and FFA, they must plan and manage separate projects, and/or supervised agriculture experiences (SAE) programs.
3. FFA and 4-H members may enroll in the same area of experience in 4-H and FFA, however; participants cannot identify, nominate, manage, keep records on, or exhibit the same plants, animals, etc. in both organizations. Members must designate exhibits as either FFA or 4-H at weigh-in, registration or similar deadline.
4. Members may participate in judging contests and related events in FFA and 4-H but cannot represent both organizations at a contest, show or event at the same time.
5. When 4-H and FFA are conducting collaborating activities, both the 4-H and FFA organizations must be represented through emblems and information on all signs, print materials and awards.
6. Collaborating FFA and 4-H activities or events are obligated to have supervision representation from both organizations.

Animals in the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

Just a reminder that the 4-H/Senior Citizens Building Committee has made the decision that no animals will be allowed in the kitchen or dining room at the building and animals will be allowed in the rest of the building by permission only. Please contact the Extension Office if you need to get permission for animals to be allowed in the building (permission has already been given for 4-H Dog and Rabbit project meetings). We ask that all 4-H families follow this policy.

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>.

Happy Birthday Kansas! Photo Contest

Young people across Kansas from 1st through 12th grade are invited to enter the Happy Birthday Kansas! Photo Contest between August 20 and December 15, 2019. The contest theme this year is to capture images of going to school in Kansas. Winners will be announced as part of the state's Kansas Day celebration in January at the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka. Find more information at www.happybirthdayks.org.

4-H Interstate Exchange

A new year has started for the Dickinson/Geary County 4-H Interstate Exchange group. In order to find an exchange partner, we need to know how many youth we have participating. To gather this information, a form is available at the Extension Office or online at <https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html> and due to the Extension Office by October 1 in order for youth to participate in the 2020-2021 exchange program. Youth 13 years and older (as of January 1, 2020) are invited to participate in interstate exchange. Additional information about exchange and requirements is included at the above website. Once we know who is participating we will send a doodle poll to find a meeting date that works for most to get together and begin planning.

International Exchange Opportunities for 4-H'ers in 2019

4-H members between the ages of 12 and 18 have the possibility of traveling to Costa Rica, Japan, Norway, Romania, South Korea, and Taiwan next year. Age requirements differ based on the program. 4-H alumni 19-25 may apply for individualized programs of 3 to 6 months in partner countries in Europe, Asia, and South America. Applications are due November 1st to Mary Kay Munson. You can find more information about the available exchange experiences and the application at <http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/index.html>. Contact Mary Kay Munson at 785-238-3189 or munson@ksbroadband.net for more information.

September

- 20 Robotics SpaceTech Experience registration due
- 21 Milford Lake Cleanup Day
- 27-29 Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson
- 30 4-H Shooting Sports Meeting @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 6:30pm

October

- 1 Club Summaries due by 5pm
- 1 Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Applications due
- 1 National 4-H Conference Applications due
- 1 Interstate Exchange Forms due to Extension Office
- 3 Ambassador Interviews, evening
- 4-5 Robotics SpaceTech Experience at Cosmosphere
- 6-12 National 4-H Week
 - 7 4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 7pm
 - 7 Dog Conference Registration due
 - 8 Record Book Screening @ Extension Office – 8am to 8pm
- 12-13 48 Hours of 4-H Service Weekend
- 15 KYLF Registration due
- 19-20 Dog Conference @ Rock Springs
 - 26 Achievement Celebration Set-up @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 8:30am
 - 26 Achievement Celebration @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 6pm
 - 29 4-H Officer Training @ Pottorf Hall in Manhattan – 6:30pm

Calendar of Events

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As the 2018-19 4-H year comes to a close, I would like to thank everyone who volunteered throughout the year. Without volunteers, 4-H would not be possible. We are very fortunate in Geary County to have so many people who care about 4-H and 4-H members!

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ginger D. Kopfer".

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County Extension Agent

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