The multi-county 4-H Officer Training normally held in Manhattan will not be held this year. Look for more information on additional officer training opportunities and resources coming soon! One date you can put on your calendar is Sunday, December 6th at 2:00pm. 4-H Extension Agents from the Northeast Region of Kansas are planning small group officer sessions via Zoom to have discussions and answer questions that officers may have at that time.

Geary County will be in charge of screening records from Dickinson County this year. Screening will be held October 8th from 8:30am to 7:00pm. 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 in the North section at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center so that we can spread out a little more. Screeners will be required to wear face masks which will be available if needed. 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.

Required online enrollment for 4-H members is continuing for the 2021 4-H year. 4HOnline is upgrading to version 2.0 which will look different than it has in previous years. Once we know the system is up and running and working correctly, you will receive further information about enrolling. This should happen shortly after October 1st.

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 that will be sent out with enrollment information on how to complete the payment portions of enrollment. If you pay the fee by credit card or check, you will not be reimbursed.

Don’t forget National 4-H Week, October 4th through 10th. Check out the included flyer for ways that you can participate in National 4-H Week!

4-H exhibit results from the Kansas State Fair can be found online at https://www.fairentry.com/Fair/Results/14323. Congratulations to all Geary County exhibitors!
Club Summary Deadline

Club summaries will be due by 5:00pm on October 1st to the Extension Office. No late summaries will be accepted. Updated 2020 applications were distributed via club boxes and are available online at [https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html](https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html).

48 Hours of 4-H

Look for more information coming soon about 48 Hours of 4-H opportunities. 48 Hours of 4-H is a Kansas 4-H service challenge that was created as a way to challenge 4-H members to explore their service capabilities – “To Make the Best Better” in their communities, counties, and across the state. It will be held October 10th through 11th. As always, individual projects can also be done. If you choose to do this, make sure to register your project at [www.Kansas4-H.org/484H](http://www.Kansas4-H.org/484H). A list of ideas of things to do can also be found on this website in the 484H Guide.

Achievement Celebration

The Achievement Celebration scheduled for November 1st has been cancelled due to continuing COVID restrictions. Plans are underway to celebrate the achievements of 4-H members at club meetings this fall.

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 1st. Let’s all work together to make finding leaders easier for each club!

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum (KYLF) will be held virtually in 2020. KYLF is for youth 14-18 years old as of January 1, 2021 and will be held November 21-22. Contact the Extension Office or visit [http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html](http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/kansas-youth-leadership-forum/index.html) for more information and to register online. Registration will be open soon. The registration deadline is November 10th. Components of KYLF will include a speaker, election of the new Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council, workshops, small groups, and some fun too!

Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council

Applications are available for the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council and are due online by September 21st. 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.

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 5th 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 [https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/resources.html](https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/resources.html). The other meetings for the 2020-2021 year are scheduled for February 1st and June 7th.
The 2020 State 4-H Dog Conference and Quiz Bowl will be hosted as a virtual event November 6th through 8th. Participants in the event will have the opportunity to engage with experts on dog care and training through live presentations and question and answer sessions. The 4-H Dog Action Team is currently working to finalize plans for registration which will open soon. Registration will be free for the virtual event. Pre-registration will be requested to allow speakers to prepare and so information can be sent to participants. During registration, youth may choose to take part in a 4-H Dog Quiz Bowl which will be done on an individual basis instead of the traditional team quiz bowl. Find out more at https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/index.html when it becomes available.

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.
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 November 2nd in order for youth to participate in the 2021-2022 exchange program. Youth 13 years and older (as of January 1, 2021) 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. The first fundraising opportunity for participants is to sell greenery. To get a fundraising packet and further information, contact the Extension Office. Orders will be due in mid-October.

4-H members between the ages of 12 and 18 have the possibility of traveling to Argentina, 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, Latin America, Australia, Asia, and Africa. Applications are due November 2nd 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 785-238-3631 or munson@ksbroadband.net for more information.

Record Books, Key Award Applications, I Dare You Award Applications, and Achievement Pin Applications are due to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on September 25th. No late items will be accepted. These items will be due to club leaders before this date, check with your leader to find out when. Achievement Pin Applications and the Key Award Application have been updated for 2020 and are available online at https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html.

### September
21 Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Applications due
21 National 4-H Conference Applications due
25 Record Books & Award Applications due by 5pm
25 Ambassador Applications due by 5pm

### October
1 Club Summaries due by 5pm
2-4 Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson
4-10 National 4-H Week
5 4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 7pm
6 Ambassador Interviews, evening
8 Record Book Screening @ 4-H Building – 8:30am to 7pm
10-11 48 Hours of 4-H Service Weekend

### November
2 Interstate Exchange Forms due to Extension Office
5 4-H Ambassador Meeting @ 4-H Building – 6pm
6-8 Virtual Dog Conference & Quiz Bowl
10 KYLF Registration due
21-22 Virtual Kansas Youth Leadership Forum
Thanks to everyone who participated in the judging contests in an online format this year. Hope you had fun and learned something too!

**Horticulture Judging**

**Junior Division**
- Purple – Adrian Williams
- Blue – Lorelei Olson, Deyton Dibben
- Red – Grant Slough

**Intermediate Division**
- Purple – Hanna Miller
- Blue – Kourtney Dibben, Brittney Dibben, Addison Gibson
- Red – Shevy Olson

**Senior Division**
- Purple – Macie Muto
- Blue – Mikayla Dibben
- Red – Jewels Williams, Aleeya Williams

**Photography Judging**

**Junior Division**
- Purple – Deyton Dibben
- Blue – Adrian Williams, Lorelei Olson, Grant Slough

**Intermediate Division**
- Purple – Shevy Olson, Hanna Miller, Addison Gibson
- Blue – Kourtney Dibben
- Red – Brittney Dibben

**Senior Division**
- Purple – Jewels Williams, Aleeya Williams
- Blue – Macie Muto
- Red – Mikayla Dibben

**Family & Consumer Science Judging**

**Junior Division**
- Purple – Deyton Dibben, Lorelei Olson, Grant Slough, Adrian Williams

**Intermediate Division**
- Purple – Hanna Miller, Addison Gibson, Shevy Olson
- Blue – Brittney Dibben, Kourtney Dibben

**Senior Division**
- Purple – Mikayla Dibben
- Blue – Jewels Williams, Aleeya Williams
September 16, 2020

As the 2019-20 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!

Ginger D. Kopfer  
County Extension Agent

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How can you participate in National 4-H Week?

- Proudly wear a 4-H shirt

- Use the National 4-H Week Facebook photo frame provided by National 4-H

- Participate in the 4-H Coloring contest
  - two coloring pages are available on the Geary County 4-H website [https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/](https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/)
  - due to the Extension Office by Thursday, October 8th
  - the top 3 entries will be posted to Facebook and all entrants will receive a prize at their November 4-H club meeting

- Check your mail for a package containing a 4-H face mask and button for each 4-H member in your family – proudly wear these throughout the week (thanks to the Geary County 4-H Foundation for sponsoring the face masks!)

- Think of your own way to help others learn about 4-H