4-H Officer Training has been scheduled for **Thursday, November 3** at 6:30pm at Pottorf Hall on the Riley County Fairgrounds in Manhattan. This will be a multi-county training with Riley County. All club officers should mark this on their calendars and plan to attend.

Geary County will be in charge of screening our own records this year. Screening will be held **October 5 from 8:30am to 7:00pm** at the Extension Office. Each club is responsible for providing at least 4 adults to screen records. Older 4-H members are also welcome to judge. No parent will be allowed to screen records for their own child. 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 2022-23 4-H year. The system is currently shut down to prepare for enrollment but will reopen at 8:00am on October 1. More information on how to re-enroll online will be sent out via email on October 3.

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 2 through 8. Plan to participate in Geary County’s National 4-H Week opportunities and 48 Hours of 4-H Service Weekend. Flyers with all of the details are included with this newsletter.

The Achievement Celebration has been set for the evening of Saturday, November 5. Please put this date on your calendar and look for final details in the October newsletter.
Club Summary Deadline

Club summaries are due by 5:00pm on October 3 to the Extension Office. No late summaries will be accepted.

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 3. 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 3. We would like all 4-H clubs to be represented in the pictures. So, look through your 4-H photos and pick some out right away!

4-H Regional Leadership Events

4-H Regional Leadership Events are for youth 12 to 18 years old as of January 1, 2023 with a theme of Unearthing Possibilities! Date options and fees are included below.

Saturday, October 8 – Eastern Region – Rock Springs Ranch - $55
Saturday, October 22 – Central Region – K-State Salina - $35

You are welcome to attend either event, but Ginger will plan to attend and provide transportation for a limited number of youth to the event at Rock Springs. 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. Registration is due by September 23. Find more information and registration link at https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/regional-events/regional-forums/index.html. Don’t miss this opportunity to meet new people, learn new leadership skills, and enjoy fun classes!

Kansas Youth Leadership Forum

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum is an exciting event for youth 14-18 years old as of January 1, 2023. This event will be held at Rock Springs, November 19-20. 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 will be open by late September and is due October 15.

Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council

Applications are available for the Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council and are due October 1. Council members plan and conduct the Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Citizenship in Action, and other events along with other duties. 4-H members 14 to 18 years old as of January 1, 2023 are eligible to apply. Contact the Extension Office for further information.

Yard Signs for National 4-H Week

Yard signs for National 4-H Week are available at September 4-H Club meetings and at the Extension Office. If you pick up a yard sign, don’t forget to return it to your October club meeting or to the Extension Office so we can use them in future years.
State 4-H Dog Conference will be held October 22-23 at Rock Springs 4-H Center. Registration is due by October 1. Conference events include educational sessions, quiz bowl, skillathon, and many others. More information and link for online registration can be found at [https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/dog-conference/index.html](https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/dog/dog-conference/index.html). Cost is $150 for full-time participants and $80 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](http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html).

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 3 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 2022-2023 year are scheduled for February 6 and June 5.

If you sent exhibits to the State Fair, please plan to pick them up at the Extension Office any time after 8:00am on Tuesday, September 20. We appreciate having exhibits picked up soon after the end of the fair. You can find non-livestock 4-H results at [https://fairentry.com/Fair/Results/16853](https://fairentry.com/Fair/Results/16853) and 4-H livestock results will hopefully be available soon on the Kansas State Fair website at [https://www.kansasstatefair.com/](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!

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:** Emmy Gfeller, Ava Oentrich, Grant Slough, and Charles Strauss  
**Horticulture Judging:** Kourtney Dibben, Mikayla Dibben, Clara Gfeller, Blake Proietti, Jacob Roeser, and Elisabeth Smith  
**Photography Judging:** Chelsey Armbruster, Brittney Dibben, Kourtney Dibben, Olivia Kline, Sean Mueller, Macie Muto, Eloise Ryan, and Amelia Strauss

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.
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.

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 project meetings). We ask that all 4-H families follow this policy.

Young people across Kansas from 1st through 12th grade are invited to enter the Happy Birthday Kansas! Photo Contest with entries due by 5:00pm on January 9, 2023. The contest theme this year is “What Kansas Means to Me”. Winners will be announced as part of the state’s Kansas Day celebration on January 27, 2023 at the Kansas State Capitol in Topeka. Contest rules and information for submitting photographs is available at https://www.kshs.org/p/happy-birthday-kansas-contest/18622.

Noticing declining enrollment in the sheep project, a local sheep breeder has reached out to offer to donate a lamb to a limited number of new sheep project members. Those selected for this (first-come, first-serve) will be required to buy a 2nd lamb at a discount and will need to provide their own location for housing the lambs, feed, etc. Contact the Extension Office by December 1st if you are interested.
States' 4-H Outbound Applications for 2023
Due November 1, 2022

Applications for Outbound IFYE Exchanges Due November 1

Travel opportunities are offered for 12-18-year-olds to Japan, South Korea, Taiwan and Costa Rica through States’ 4-H International Exchange Programs. Minimum age varies by country. Check out https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/states-4h-international-exchange-program/index.html for more information. Completed applications are due November 1, 2022 to Mary Kay Munson, State Exchange Coordinator. Required interviews and the first orientation are November 20 in Junction City. For information on outbound exchanges, contact Mary Kay Munson, Kansas International Exchange Coordinator at 785-375-3189 or mkm2@ksu.edu.

Kansas young adults 18-25 are eligible to travel abroad to one or two countries where they will have multiple host families through the IFYE Exchange Program. Options are offered for two months, three months and 6 months beginning in June 2023. A link to the online application is available at https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/global-citizenship/international-4-h-youth-exchange-program/index.html. Interested persons may contact Mary Kay Munson at 785-375-3189 or mkm2@ksu.edu. To meet the Kansas application deadline, they should be submitted to IFYE USA by November 1 and notify Munson that they are submitting an application.

Calendar of Events

September
- 20 State Fair Exhibits can be picked up at Extension Office after 8am
- 23 Record Books & Award Applications due by 5pm
- 23 Ambassador Applications due by 5pm
- 23 Regional Leadership Forum registration due
- 30 48 Hours of 4-H project RSVP’s due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 30 Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson

October
- 1-2 Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson
  - 1 Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Applications due
  - 1 National 4-H Conference Applications due
  - 1 Dog Conference Registration due
- 2-8 National 4-H Week (see flyer for more information)
  - 3 Club Summaries due by 5pm
  - 3 4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 7pm
  - 5 Record Book Screening @ Extension Office – 8:30am to 7pm
  - 8 Eastern Region Leadership Forum, Rock Springs
  - 8 484H Monster Myths trail guides @ Milford State Park, 4-9pm
- 8-9 48 Hours of 4-H Service Weekend
  - 9 Meal kit assembly 484H project @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 1:30pm
  - 11 Ambassador Interviews, evening
  - 14 484H fall door hangers due to Extension Office
  - 15 KYLF Registration due
- 22 Central Region Leadership Forum, Salina
- 22-23 Dog Conference @ Rock Springs

November
- 3 4-H Officer Training @ Pottorf Hall in Manhattan – 6:30pm
- 5 Achievement Celebration
- 13 4-H Foundation Bingo/Soup Supper
- 19-20 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs
As the 2021-22 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!

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County Extension Agent

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How can you participate in National 4-H Week?

- Proudly wear a 4-H shirt (Kansas 4-H has chosen Tuesday, October 4 for Spirit Day)
- Post to social media each day (use #geco4h)
  - Sunday – your favorite 4-H memory
  - Monday – something you learned through 4-H
  - Tuesday – a photo of you wearing your 4-H shirt for Spirit Day
  - Wednesday – your favorite 4-H project
  - Thursday – shout-out to a volunteer or older 4-H member who has helped you in your 4-H journey
  - Friday – your most memorable ribbon or award earned in 4-H
  - Saturday – your favorite 4-H event
- Send a thank you note to a 4-H volunteer or someone else who has inspired you in 4-H
- Create a poster to hang at school or a local business
  - tell about what you can do through 4-H
  - tell about a spark you have found through 4-H
    (A spark is a passion for an interest or skill that lights a fire in a young person’s life, providing energy, joy, purpose, and direction)
- Think of your own way to help others learn about 4-H

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What is 48 Hours of 4-H?
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.

When will it be held?
48 Hours of 4-H will be October 8-9, 2022

How can I participate?
In Geary County, we are giving you three options for participation.

1) Create take-home meal kits for participants in the Healthy Together Senior Community Meals program. Volunteers will package meals on Sunday, October 9 at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center starting at 1:30pm.

2) Design or color a fall door hanger for Brookdale Senior Living residents. Door hanger templates will be mailed to you and you are asked to return them to the Extension Office by October 14.

3) Volunteer at Milford State Park to help with the Monster Myths program by serving as a trail guide on Saturday, October 8 from 4:00 to 9:00pm.

How do I sign up?
To volunteer, contact the Extension Office at 238-4161 or email Ginger at gkopfer@ksu.edu by Friday, September 30 at 5:00pm.

What if I can’t participate in any of these options?
Projects can also be done as individuals, so choose a project on your own and complete it October 8 or 9. Make sure to register your project at www.Kansas4-H.org/484H. A list of ideas of things to do can also be found on this website in the 484H Guide.

Let’s work together to make a difference in our community!

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