



Geary County

4-H NEWS



A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

November 2025

Officer Training

4-H Officer Training has been scheduled for **Sunday, November 9** starting at 3:00pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center and will be finished by 4:15pm in time to set up for the 4-H Foundation Bingo/Soup Supper that evening. All club officers should mark this on their calendars and plan to attend.

Officer Training Make-Up

We will continue the procedure used in the past for those unable to attend officer training. To make up that training, and have it count for your club, first call or stop by the Extension Office and let us know what office you hold and get your training materials. The training materials will include a worksheet that you will need to fill out. Once this is completed, you can contact the Extension Office at 785-238-4161 or email Ginger at gkopfer@ksu.edu to schedule an appointment to go over the information and ask questions. These appointments can be in-person or via Zoom and should take approximately 10 minutes. You will then be counted as having completed officer training for this year. Meetings must be completed by December 22nd at the latest.

Foundation Fundraiser Help Needed

The 4-H Foundation is requesting help from 4-H members to set up for and serve drinks at the Bingo/Soup Supper event planned for November 9. Set up helpers will need to arrive at the 4-H Building on that day at 4:15pm and servers will need to arrive by 5:15pm. Please consider helping and contact the Extension Office at 785-238-4161 or email gkopfer@ksu.edu if you will be available. 4-H members have directly benefitted from the 4-H Foundation paying the program fee and half of the fee for attendance at camps and conferences as well as benefitting in other ways. Think about giving back by helping with this event!

Enroll in 4-H

<https://v2.4honline.com>

Use the code QYDTAO for payment

4-H Enrollment

Online enrollment continues for the 2025-26 4-H year. The system is open at <https://v2.4honline.com/>. Step-by-step enrollment instructions and a list of projects were sent via email with the October newsletter and are available at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>. The Geary County 4-H Foundation will pay the \$15 enrollment fee for all Geary County 4-H members (there is no fee for Cloverbuds). You will need to input the coupon code QYDTAO. If you pay the fee by credit card or check, you will not be reimbursed. Adult volunteers are encouraged to enroll now as well (instructions are available at the above website).

Enrollment Deadline for Foundation Scholarship Support

The Geary County 4-H Foundation has set an enrollment deadline of January 1 in order to receive scholarship funding from the foundation for the current 4-H year. Please make sure 4-H members are enrolled by January 1 in order to receive any event scholarship funds (including 4-H Camp) and/or post-secondary education scholarships made available by the foundation.

4-H Day

4-H Council has chosen Saturday, March 7th for Geary County 4-H Club Day. Please mark this date on your calendars and look for further information and entry materials in the January 4-H Newsletter.

4-H Council Officers

The first 4-H Council meeting of the year was held on October 6th. Congratulations to these 4-H members who were elected as officers:

President – Kaitlyn Sohnrey
Vice President – Tava Gustafson
Secretary – Eloise Ryan
Treasurer – Gracen Gfeller
Reporter – April Strauss

4-H Council Committees

Listed below are the 4-H Council Committees for 2025-2026. If you are interested in joining any of these committees, please call the Extension Office. Any help would be appreciated and could fulfill a requirement on your Achievement Pin Application!

-Fair BBQ	-Public Revue	-Fair Board
-4-H Day	-Finance	-National 4-H Week
-Achievement Celebration		

Record Book Judging Thanks!

Thanks to all of the adults who participated in record book judging. Your help is greatly appreciated! The volunteers who helped to judge were:

<u>Blue Line</u>	<u>Humboldt</u>
Abby Anderes	Jennifer Gibson
Gaea Hock	Robert Mueller
Haley Kramer	Marcie Proietti
Lindsey Snider	Kevin Shane
Casey Swartz	Rebecca Walker

<u>Clarks Creek</u>	<u>Lyon Creek</u>
Amy Blockcolsky	Marjaul Ferris
Lori Brown	Stephanie Gfeller
Deb Gustafson	Carey Smith
Shelbi Gustafson	Lori Strauss
Noelle Olson	Marti Williams

2026 Fair Theme

The fair theme for 2026 will be a birthday theme in celebration of the 100th Geary County Fair and 100 years of Extension in Geary County. The theme will be titled “Centennial Celebration”.

**Fair Auction
Participation
Requirement for 2026**

4-H members will be required to attend in-person 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 2026. 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.

**Geary County and
Kansas 4-H Post-
Secondary
Scholarships**

Applications for county and state 4-H scholarships are due by January 5th. The link for the county scholarship application and information can be found online at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>. The list of county scholarships that are available this year will be the Paul and Clara Gwin Scholarship, the Ralph Dietrich Scholarship, two Ray and Nellie Smith 4-H Scholarships, the Flint Hills Preservation Coalition Scholarship, and three Geary County 4-H Foundation Scholarships. The state 4-H website (<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>) has a link to the online application and more information for state scholarships. An email with additional details was sent to all senior 4-H members on October 27th. If you did not receive that email or would like a copy, contact Ginger at 785-238-4161 or gkopfer@ksu.edu.

**Record Book Online
Option**

An online record book option is available for use by Kansas 4-H members. Youth may choose to use the online ZBooks software or the fillable PDF Project Report Forms. The Permanent Record is included in ZBooks. If you choose to keep records with ZBooks for the first time this year, you will start the permanent record with the current year and simply attach it to your previous document after printing. Visit <https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html> for access to ZBooks and helpful tutorials. This software works on all platforms and should make keeping up with record books throughout the year a lot easier. In ZBooks, pictures can be entered in landscape or portrait format. At the end of the year, you will print your Project Report Forms and Permanent Record and submit them just like you would in previous years. If you want to try ZBooks, click on the link above and create a family account and then profiles for each of your 4-H members. If you have questions or problems while using the program, they have a wonderful live chat feature that you can use.

Calendar of Events

November

- 3 Ambassador Meeting, 6:30pm at 4-H/Senior Citizens Center
- 9 4-H Officer Training @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center, 3:00-4:15pm
- 9 4-H Foundation Bingo/Soup Supper – setup 4:15pm, event 5:30pm
- 22-23 Kansas Youth Leadership Forum, Rock Springs
- 25 4-H Project Meeting RSVP due by 5pm to Extension Office

December

- 1 4-H Project Meeting Evening @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center, 6:30pm

January

- 1 Enrollment deadline to receive support from the 4-H Foundation
- 5 County and State Scholarship deadline



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During this time of year when we focus on being thankful, I wanted to share a few things that I continue to be thankful for:

- 4-H members with a positive attitude for learning and having fun
- Parents who support 4-H members in that learning and having fun, without doing the work for them
- 4-H volunteers who give their time and talents to the program
- our 4-H Ambassadors who continue to amaze me with their energy, creativity, and hard work
- Extension Office colleagues who care about and contribute much to the 4-H program

Best wishes for a very Happy Thanksgiving! I hope you also have much to be thankful for!

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Topic: Visual Arts

Bring your creativity and join us to make embroidery hoop holiday wreaths!



Date: 12/01/2025

Time: 6:30pm

Location: 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

4-H Project Meeting Evening

Please RSVP to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on Tuesday, November 25th by calling 785-238-4161 or emailing gkopfer@ksu.edu. No late registrations will be taken since we will need to buy supplies.



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