



Geary County

4-H NEWS



A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

October 2025

4-H Enrollment

Online enrollment continues for the 2025-26 4-H year. The system is open at <https://v2.4honline.com/>. Enrollment instructions are included with this newsletter email and are available at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>. A current project list is attached. 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.

National 4-H Week/48 Hours of 4-H

Don't forget National 4-H Week, October 5 through 11. 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 attached.

Celebrating 100 Years of Geary County Extension!

JOIN OUR CELEBRATION OF 100 YEARS OF COOPERATIVE EXTENSION IN GEARY COUNTY

**Thursday October 9TH, 3 to 6 PM at the K-State
Geary County Extension Office (119 East 9th Street)**



Swing by our office for a sweet treat, explore the history of our local cooperative extension and sign a guest book to mark your experience with our program.

**Greater Geary
Community Foundation
Match Day**

The Geary County 4-H Foundation is participating in the Greater Geary Community Foundation Match Day on October 21st. A flyer is included with this newsletter to tell you more. Please consider giving to the foundation and growing your donation through this event!

**Achievement
Celebration**

The Achievement Celebration has been set for the evening of Saturday, October 25th at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. Setup will be held at 1:00pm (all help is greatly appreciated). The celebration will begin at 6:30pm (we are starting a little later this year) 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!

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.

**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!

4-H Age Requirements

Kansas 4-H policy states that youth must be 7 years old before January 1 of a given year to join 4-H. This means that youth who are 7 years old by January 1, 2026 will be able to join 4-H as full members for the current 4-H year. All youth who turn 7 after January 1 will be able to join as Cloverbud members, but will have to wait until the next year to join 4-H as full members. The age for Cloverbud members is 5 or 6 as of January 1, 2026.

Fair Premium Checks

Do you have a premium check from the fair that you haven't cashed or deposited? If so, please take care of it as soon as possible. This helps us with bookkeeping and also makes sure the check is still good.

**Kansas Youth
Leadership Forum**

The Kansas Youth Leadership Forum is an exciting event for youth 14-18 years old as of January 1, 2026. This event will be held at Rock Springs, November 22-23. 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 and is due October 15 with a cost of \$215. 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>.

Judging Team Participants

Congratulations to the following Geary County 4-H members who participated in the Photography Judging Contest at the Kansas State Fair.

Intermediate Team: Kara McDonald, Lily Moreland, Grace Mueller, and Eloise Ryan

Senior Team: Brittney Dibben, Olivia Kline, Hanna Miller, and Kaitlyn Sohnrey
Special congratulations to Brittney Dibben who placed 6th, the intermediate team for placing 6th overall, and the senior team for placing 4th overall!

States' 4-H Outbound Opportunities

Travel opportunities are offered for 12-18-year-olds to Japan, South Korea, Taiwan, Costa Rica, and Argentina 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 online by November 1, 2025. Required interviews and the first orientation are November 23 in Junction City. For information on outbound exchanges, contact Mary Kay Munson, Kansas 4-H Exchange Coordinator at 785-375-3189 or mkm2@ksu.edu.

Applications for Outbound IFYE Exchanges

International exchange opportunities for 4-H alumni and other young adults ages 18-25 will be conducted in 2026 for 10 participants. The application and more information can be found at www.ifyeusa.org. For additional information, contact Mary Kay Munson at 785-375-3189 or mkm2@ksu.edu.

Calendar of Events

October

- 1 4HOnline Enrollment system open
- 1 Club Summaries due by 5pm
- 1 Kansas 4-H Youth Leadership Council Applications due
- 1 National 4-H Conference Applications due
- 3-5 Kansas Junior Livestock Show, Hutchinson
- 5-11 National 4-H Week
 - 6 48 Hours of 4-H Panel Painting RSVP due to Extension Office
 - 6 4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 7pm
 - 9 100 Years of Geary County Extension Celebration, 3-6pm at the Extension Office
 - 11 48 Hours of 4-H Panel Painting at Fairgrounds, 9:00am
- 11-12 48 Hours of 4-H Service Weekend
- 15 KYLF Registration deadline
- 18-19 4-H Dog Conference @ Rock Springs
- 21 Geary Community Foundation Match Day (support the Geary County 4-H Foundation <https://www.gearymatchday.com/>)
- 25 Achievement Celebration @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – setup 1pm, celebration 6:30pm

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

December

- 1 4-H Project Meeting Evening, 6:30pm



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October 1, 2025

Welcome to a new 4-H year! I'm so glad that you have chosen to be a part of the 4-H program in Geary County. Now is a great time to make goals for your 4-H projects and your 4-H year in general. Included with this newsletter is a sheet about setting project goals that was created for Kansas 4-H and should help you to set some great goals which will help you to achieve what you want. Best wishes as you set your goals for 4-H this year!

Ginger D. Kopfer
County Extension Agent



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Setting 4-H Project Goals

Name: _____ Club: _____ Year: _____

Now that you have selected your 4-H projects for the year, it is important to plan out what you would like to learn and accomplish. What new skills would you like to gain? Who is going to help you along the way? Setting measurable goals will help guide you through positive 4-H project learning experiences.

WHAT IS A GOAL?

A GOAL is . . . Deciding what you want do and learn in a 4-H project.
A road map. It helps you get where you want to go.

Your goals should have three parts that will allow you to measure and check your progress. The three parts of a good goal, include:

- 1. ACTION** — How are you going to do something.
- 2. RESULT** — What are you going to do. Be specific!
- 3. TIMETABLE** — When are you going to do it.

This worksheet is designed to help you set your 4-H project goals. Below are some examples of well-written goals:

Action	Result	Timetable	Who Will Help Me
I want to learn	about my bucket calf's nutritional needs	before county weigh-in.	Dad
I want to make	three nutritious snacks for the nursing home residents	by our June club meeting.	my project leader
I want to learn	about the aerodynamics of my rocket	before the spring launch.	Mom
I want to lead	a horse project meeting	by February.	my extension agent
I want to keep	accurate records of my photography project experiences and expenses	monthly.	my project leader & parents

CONTROL TEST: Do your goals pass the control test? Do you have control over all parts of what happens? If you can answer "yes," then you are ready to begin record keeping. For example, "I want to win grand champion with my cookies at the county fair," does not pass the control test. A 4-H member doesn't have control over ribbon placing.

Now it is your turn. Practice writing three goals that you would like to accomplish this 4-H year. If you need help, ask an adult to assist.

Action	Result	Timetable	Who Will Help Me
I want to . . .			
I want to . . .			
I want to . . .			

Time to begin. In the spaces provided on the next page, set your goals for each project you are enrolled in this year. Attach additional pages as necessary.

Please keep in mind that younger 4-H members will have fewer, less complex goals than older, more advanced 4-H members. A good rule of thumb is three to five goals per project for ages 7 to 10, four to eight goals per project for ages 11 to 13, and seven to 12 goals per project for ages 14 to 18.

PROJECT: _____ **4-H Member Age:** _____ **Years in Project:** _____

	Action, Timetable, Result	Who Will Help Me
Goal #1		
Goal #2		
Goal #3		
Goal #4		
Goal #5		

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Geary County 4-H Projects 2025 - 2026

AEROSPACE/ ROCKETRY

AG MECHANICS WELDING

AGRONOMY

ASTRONOMY

BEEF

BUCKET CALF (for youth ages 7 to 12 only)

BUILDING BLOCK ENGINEERING

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

CLOVERBUDS (for youth ages 5 & 6 only)

COMMUNICATIONS

COMPUTER SCIENCE

DAIRY CATTLE

DAIRY GOATS

DOG

ELECTRIC & RENEWABLE ENERGY

ENTOMOLOGY

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE Exploring Your Environment Water

FAMILY STUDIES Child Development Consumer Skills Family

FIBER ARTS

Crochet
Ethnic Arts
Knitting
Macrame
Needle Arts
Patchwork and Quilting
Rug Making
Spinning
Weaving

FOODS AND NUTRITION

FORESTRY

GEOLOGY

HEALTH & WELLNESS Bicycle Health/Fitness Outdoor Adventures Recreation

HORSE

HORTICULTURE & LANDSCAPE DESIGN Floriculture Horticulture

INTERIOR DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE

LEADERSHIP

MEAT GOATS

PERFORMING ARTS

PETS Cat Pets

PHOTOGRAPHY

POULTRY

RABBITS

READING ADVENTURES

ROBOTICS

SELF-DETERMINED

SEWING & TEXTILE DESIGN

SHEEP

SHOOTING SPORTS (Based on availability of certified instructors) BB Shotgun

SHOPPING IN STYLE

SMALL ENGINES

SWINE

UNCREWED AIRCRAFT SYSTEMS

VETERINARY SCIENCE

VISUAL ARTS

WILDLIFE Sport Fishing Wildlife

WOODWORKING



How can you participate in National 4-H Week?

- Get a yard sign at your September 4-H Club meeting or the Extension Office and proudly display it in your yard
- Monday - Go Green
 - join 4-H on the national level by wearing a green hat, clothing, face paint, etc. - anything green goes
- Wednesday - Proudly wear a 4-H shirt for 4-H Spirit Day
- Thursday - 4-H for Good
 - join 4-H on the national level to help us shine a light on all the good that 4-H does
 - share your own story or celebrate someone who is making a difference like another 4-H member or volunteer on social media #geco4h #KS4H #National4HWeek
 - send a thank you note to a 4-H volunteer or someone else who has made a difference in your life through 4-H
- Think of your own way to help others learn about 4-H



**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 11-12, 2025

How can I participate?

The Geary County project will be painting panels in the beef barn at the fairgrounds

Saturday, October 11

9:00am

Donuts will be provided and we will enjoy music and having fun together while we paint!

How do I sign up?

To volunteer, contact the Extension Office at 785-238-4161 or email Ginger at gkopfer@ksu.edu by Monday, October 6th.

What if I can't participate in this option?

Projects can also be done as individuals, so choose a project on your own and complete it October 11 or 12. 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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GEARY COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION**

**JOIN US FOR AN EVENING OF FUN
& FELLOWSHIP**

NOVEMBER 9

**4-H/SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
1025 S. SPRING VALLEY ROAD
JUNCTION CITY**

MEAL

5:30PM

BY DONATION

**CHILI
CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP
CRACKERS
CARROTS
CINNAMON ROLLS**

BINGO

6:15PM

\$1 PER CARD

**AROUND 8 GAMES WILL
BE PLAYED WITH FUN
PRIZES FOR THE
WINNERS!**



**The Geary County 4-H Foundation is a not for profit
organization for the purpose of supporting and promoting the
4-H program in Geary County.**

2025 Geary Community Match Day Donation Form

DONOR NAME(S) _____

Check here to remain anonymous, no information shared with participating funds: ☐

STREET ADDRESS _____ CITY/ST/ZIP _____

PHONE # _____ *EMAIL _____

*Indicate e-mail address above to receive an electronic gift acknowledgment for tax purposes. We do not share e-mail addresses.

For Office Use Only:

Check #: _____

Cash Receipt: _____

Credit Card: _____

Please write donation amount on line next to each organization. Gifts between \$25 & \$1,000 per agency will be matched at 50% up to a maximum of \$7,500 in matching funds per organization until match money is depleted.

	Fund
____ Big Brothers Big Sister	____ Geary County Senior Citizens, Inc.
____ Black History Trail-Geary County	____ Greater Geary Community Foundation Fund
____ Camp Tomah Shinga	____ Greater Geary Community Grants Fund
____ CASA of the 8th Judicial District	____ Highland Cemetery Association
____ Central Kansas Military Community Foundation	____ I.C.A.R.E. Intergenerational Center
____ Geary	____ Immanuel Lutheran Church
____ Church of the Covenant Endowment	____ Junction City Arts Council
____ Coronado Area Council Boy Scouts of America	____ Junction City Breakfast Optimist Club
____ Geary County	____ Junction City Community Baseball Club/JC Brigade
____ Crisis Center, Inc.	____ Junction City Family YMCA Inc.
____ Danger FC	____ Junction City Little Theater
____ Delivering Change, Inc.	____ Junction City Main Street
____ Disaster Recovery Fund-Geary County	____ Junction City Opera House/CL Hoover Opera House
____ Dorothy Bramlage Public Library Foundation	____ Junction City South Kiwanis Club Fund
____ East Ninth Street Mural Project	____ Junction City Wrestling Club
____ First Baptist Church	____ Konza Prairie Community Health Center
____ First Presbyterian Church	____ Ladies Reading Club
____ First Presbyterian Church Endowment Fund	____ LightMHK
____ First United Methodist Church	____ Little Theater Foundation, Inc.
____ Flint Hills Regional Council	____ Live Well Geary County, Inc.
____ Fresh Start Emergency Shelter, INC.	____ North Central Flint Hills Area Agency on Aging -Geary
____ Friends of Geary County Rural Fire	____ County
____ Friends of the Animals	____ Packages for Warriors-Hearts of America
____ Geary Community Healthcare Foundation	____ Pawnee Mental Health Services, Inc.
____ Geary Community Schools Foundation	____ Pilot Club of Junction City
____ Geary County 4-H Foundation Fund	____ St. Francis Xavier Parish Foundation
____ Geary County 4-H Senior Citizen Center	____ St. Francis Xavier School
____ Building Fund	____ St. Paul's Lutheran Church
____ Geary County Child Care Coalition	____ Stormont Vail Foundation Geary Fund
____ Geary County Fish & Game Association, Inc	____ The Magdalene Project Fund
____ Geary County Food Pantry/Wheels of Hope, Inc.	____ United Way of Junction City/Geary County
____ Geary County Historical Society	
____ Geary County Historical Society Endowment	

____ SUB-TOTAL (Row 1)

____ SUB-TOTAL (Row 2)

If paying by check, please write ONE CHECK made out to GGCF for the TOTAL amount of your

TOTAL DONATION (Row 1 + Row 2): \$ _____

- Complete & return at Match Day event on Tuesday, October 21 at the Junction City Municipal Building, from 7 AM - 5:30 PM
- Mail form with check made out to GGCF to P.O. Box 411, Junction City, KS 66441, postmarked by 10/21, received by 10/24.
- Visit GearyMatchDay.com to complete your donation between 12:00 AM and 11:59 PM on 10/15.



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