

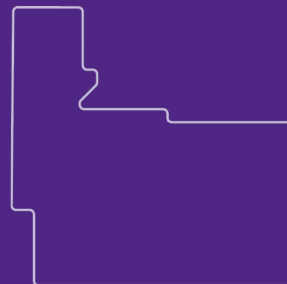


2023-2024 ANNUAL REPORT

MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN GEARY COUNTY

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Geary County





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GEARY COUNTY EXTENSION SUPPORTERS,

Thank you for another tremendous year of programming in our county. Extension has continued to thrive in Geary County thanks to the many supporters and volunteers who work to see the places that we live and work bettered. As we've celebrated the work done by former staff and welcomed new faces to Geary County K-State Research and Extension, we continue to look for new and innovative ideas that will benefit our county and the state of Kansas. With work in areas such as youth development, agriculture and natural resources, health, home, family and community development, we hope as you read this report you see what Extension can offer for you at every stage of your life. Here's to many new connections, opportunities for learning and growth over the next year!

Ginger Kyler Renae



100 YEARS OF GEARY CO. EXTENSION 1925-2025

2025 marks the 100th anniversary of Cooperative Extension programming in Geary County! From 1925 when programming focused on riding a motorbike cross county culling chicken flocks all the way to 2025, we look to continue bettering the lives of Geary County residents by bringing the resources and knowledge of Kansas State University to the people. We look forward to the next year of celebrations!



DEVELOPING TOMORROW'S LEADERS

SUMMER YOUTH LEARNING AND GROWTH

With the assistance of two 4-H Youth Programming Interns, over 1,800 Geary County youth attended summer educational programming activities focused on healthy living, finance, animal production and more. 50 plus educational lessons at school district summer programs, the 12th street community center and the Geary County Free Fair allowed for positive youth development even in a busy summer season.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING AREAS

- Geary County 4-H
 - Ambassador Program
 - Geary County Fair
 - Awards and Recognition
 - Travel and Conferences
 - Volunteer Management
 - Club Officer Training
- Geary County 3rd Grade Agriculture Day
- After School Programming
- Youth Day Camp
- School Enrichment Butterfly Program

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GROWING AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

RAISING SAFE, QUALITY BEEF IN GEARY CO.

In partnership with the Kansas Beef Council, over 100 area livestock producers attended a Beef Quality Assurance (BQA) Training at JC Livestock Sales in Junction City. During the training, participants heard from a registered veterinarian and K-State specialist about topics such as vaccination protocol, safe handling of cattle. All producers left the meeting being BQA certified, showing their commitment to raising safe and productive livestock.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING AREAS

- Food for Thought Luncheon Series
- Youth Tractor and Machinery Safety Training (HOSTA)
- Poisonous Plant Training
- Soil and Forage Testing
- Water Quality Testing
- Farm and Ranch Transition
- Land Values and Leases
- Lawn and Garden Consultations
- Group and Organization Facilitation

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HEALTH, HOME AND FAMILY

GUIDING SENIORS THROUGH MEDICARE

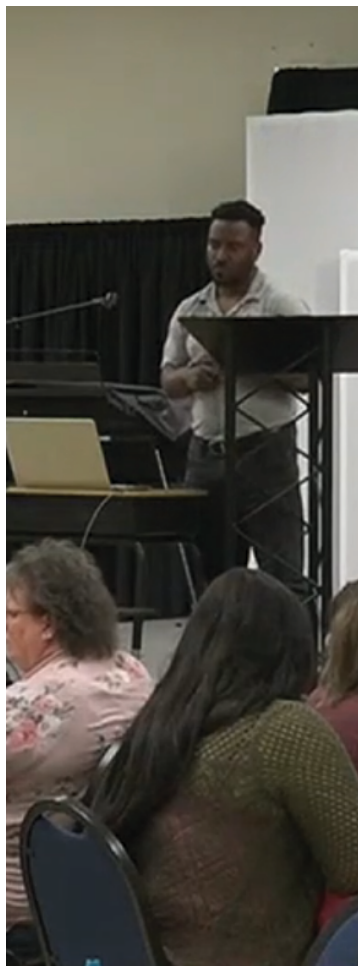
Over 200 senior aged county residents will be counseled through the Medicare open enrollment season. As a certified Senior Health Insurance Counselor (SHICK), our team is able to help seniors save an estimated total of over \$200,000 each year while navigating processes that are difficult to understand for those unaware of their options. In addition to individual counseling sessions, public updates are held to spread the word of the opportunities for seniors.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAMMING AREAS

- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program Education (SNAP-Ed)
 - School and Farmer's Market Programming
- Walk Kansas
- Geary County Childcare Coalition (GC3C)
- Dining With Diabetes
- Family Resource Management
- Fall Prevention and Exercise Class
- Estate Planning Basics

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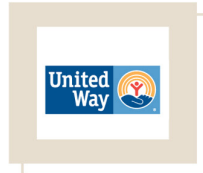
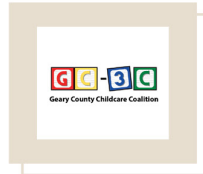


COMMUNITY VITALITY OF GEARY COUNTY

PARTNERING TO MAKE A BETTER COMMUNITY

In addition to their specialties, our agents and staff each serve with a variety of Geary County community organizations who we believe share in our vision of a healthier, more vibrant place to live.

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS SERVED



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