



# Geary County

## 4-H NEWS



*A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers*

*July 2024*

### Fair Dates to Remember

#### Monday, July 15

Morning      Clothing Construction Judging – Extension Office  
Afternoon     Fashion Revue/Shopping in Style Judging – 4-H/Sr. Citizens Center

#### Thursday, July 18

8:30am        Public Revue Set-up – 4-H/Sr. Citizens Center  
5:30pm        Public Revue Practice – 4-H/Sr. Citizens Center  
7:00pm        Public Revue – 4-H/Sr. Citizens Center

#### Friday, July 19

6:30pm        Dog Show – 4-H/Sr. Citizens Center

#### Saturday, July 20

9:00am        Fair Clean-up/Barn and Building Set-up (bring rakes, shovels, old rags, buckets, etc. plus your own water bottle)  
after clean-up      Make ice cream with the 4-H interns

#### Sunday, July 21

6:00pm        Horse Show

#### Monday, July 22

1:00pm        Foods Judging & Photography Judging  
4:00-6:00pm    Market Beef/Goat/Sheep Weigh-In  
4:00-7:00pm    Indoor entries accepted

#### Tuesday, July 23

7:30-9:30am    Swine Weigh-In

#### Wednesday, July 24

1:00pm        Photography and Horticulture Judging Contests

#### Thursday, July 25

Noon            Livestock Judging Contest  
8:00pm        Exhibit Release  
8:30pm        Fair Clean-up

### Fair Auction Requirement

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 2024. Official record of meetings attended will be the club secretary's book. This rule will be enforced at the 2024 fair.

### Auction Reminder

Just a reminder that 4-H members who sell an item in the project auction or an animal in the livestock auction need to personally thank the buyer. The Extension Office will notify you when the buyer ribbons and certificates are ready that you will take to the buyer. The 4-Her needs to speak to the buyer, this is not a task for parents. In 2024, buyers will again be asked to sign-off that the youth have visited them before any money will be released.

## **4-H BBQ**

Help is needed to set-up for, serve, and clean-up after the 4-H BBQ on Thursday at the County Fair. Each club is asked to provide a minimum of 5 adult and 5 youth volunteers. Sign up for a time online at <https://tinyurl.com/FairBBQ24>. Some time slots have been filled, but more help is needed!

## **Food Stand Details**

Smokin' Wille's BBQ will be managing and providing workers for the concession stand this year. Charge cards will still be available for 4-H families.

## **Public Revue Talent**

Any 4-H member may participate in the Public Revue by presenting a talent number. If you are interested, you can either contact the Extension Office by noon on July 15 or sign up at Fashion Revue Judging.

## **Photography and Horticulture Judging Contests**

The 4-H Photography and Horticulture Judging Contests will be held on Wednesday, July 24 at the Fair. The contests begin at 1:00pm. 4-Hers can begin judging any time after the start of the contest, but all forms must be turned in by 3:00pm. You do not have to be enrolled in any specific projects to participate. Please plan to judge!

## **4-H Judging Contest Guide**

A guide to 4-H judging contests can be found online at [http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/judging\\_contest\\_guide.html](http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/judging_contest_guide.html). The guide includes information about what to expect during judging contests. The guide and the website include links to resources to help 4-H members prepare for the contests. Now would be a great time to check out this website.

## **After-Fair Family Celebration**

4-H Council has decided to have an After-Fair Family Celebration again this year. This event will be held on Friday, July 26 at the city pool from 7:15 to 9:00pm and will include swimming and snacks. Please plan to attend and celebrate the end of fair!

## **Fair Theme**

The 4-H Ambassadors and fair board have agreed on the theme "Christmas in July" for the 2024 Geary County Free Fair. You will see this theme at Public Revue and throughout the fair. Clubs are encouraged to include the theme in food table displays and herdsman decorations if they so choose.

## **Sign Up to Receive 4-H Reminders**

The Extension Office is using the Remind program to send 4-H-related reminders (including fair items) to 4-H families. To sign up to receive reminders, go to <https://www.remind.com/join/geco4h>.

## **Valuables at Fair**

Just a reminder that electronics, valuables, and other items should not be left lying around during the fair. The 4-H/Senior Citizens Center is a public building and should be treated as such, including the restrooms.

## **Fair Score Sheets**

Score sheets that will be used for judging of fair exhibits are posted online so you can check them out prior to judging. They are located at [http://www.geary.k-state.edu/county\\_fair/exhibit\\_resources.html](http://www.geary.k-state.edu/county_fair/exhibit_resources.html).

**Conference Judging**

Parents and leaders who wish to observe conference judging should check with the Superintendent of the division to see if that is acceptable with the judge. If so, they can watch and listen to the judging, but should not enter into the conference between the 4-Her and the judge in any way. More information about preparing youth and parents for conference judging can be found at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html>.

**Foods Exhibit Tables**

Foods exhibits will be displayed on club tables again this year. 4-H Council passed a motion to leave decorations up to the clubs with the decorations limited to tiers and a tablecloth in order to save space for exhibits. The fair has a theme of “Christmas in July” for 2024. Clubs can choose to use this or a different theme for decorations. Some clubs with few exhibits may have to share a table with another club.

**2024 Herdsman Trophy**

The Herdsman Trophy will be presented to the club who keeps their areas in the livestock barn the cleanest and neatest. In addition, part of the award will be based on each club’s percentage of participation in pre-fair clean-up/set-up. Don’t forget to sign in if you help with this so that you can get credit. See the fair book for more information.

**Staying Overnight at the County Fair**

4-H members who plan to stay overnight at the fair to care for livestock are responsible for having the form turned in at the 4-H Fair Office by 5:00pm on Monday, July 22. All 4-Hers must have a 4-H parent stay with them that will be responsible for their safety and behavior. One parent will be responsible for NO more than six 4-Hers. A sibling over 18 may sign to stay only with his/her siblings. At 11:00pm all 4-Hers and youth that do not have permission to stay must leave the fairgrounds.

**Horse ID Papers/Breed Registration Papers**

Don’t forget to bring your horse ID papers or breed registration papers (whichever you used to identify your horse for 4-H this year) with you to the 4-H Horse Show. You are required to have these papers in order to participate.

**Swine Show**

Exhibitors, spectators, and volunteers are all encouraged to wear a Hawaiian shirt for the swine show on Wednesday evening of fair in memory of Grady Erichsen.

**Poultry Testing for Fair**

Fair Poultry testing for Pullorum-Typhoid is now being done on a rotational basis with each county being required to test every 3 years. 2024 is not a designated testing year for Geary County.

**Intern-Led Fair Activities**

Join the 4-H Interns for the following during the fair:  
July 20<sup>th</sup>, following fair clean-up      Make ice cream  
July 24<sup>th</sup>, 10:30am                      hands-on Round Robin demonstration  
July 24<sup>th</sup>, 3:00pm                        youth activities during ice cream social  
July 25<sup>th</sup>, 4:30-6:30pm                youth activities during BBQ

## **Looking for a White Christmas Tree**

We are looking for a 4.5 foot or taller white Christmas tree to use as a decoration for Public Revue. If you or someone you know is willing to lend us a white tree, please contact the Extension Office.

## **Decorated Squash Contest @ Fair**

*Got Squash? Got left over craft materials? Be creative!!* Make it a family affair. Decorate any kind of squash for the Open Class Fair. Home grown or purchased squash decorated with natural or artificial items can be entered Monday, July 22 from 3:00 to 7:00pm or Tuesday, July 23 from 8:30-11:00am. Winners will be announced Wednesday at 4:30pm with prizes awarded in Youth (4-10 and 11-15) and Adult (16 and over) Divisions. You do not have to be enrolled in 4-H. Complete contest information is available at <http://www.gearycountyfair.org>. Don't forget, 4-H members can enter Open Class Youth Horticulture, Floriculture, and Agriculture classes if you are not entering the equivalent 4-H classes.

## **Tips for Fair Foods Exhibits**

A document including tips for foods exhibits at the county fair is now online at <https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html>. This document includes tips for freezing and baking along with a recipe for frosting that works well for fair exhibits. If your exhibit has frosting and/or filling, check out letter O on page 57 of the fairbook to find out more about calculating the amount of sugar to make sure your product is food safe. This is required or the exhibit will be lowered a ribbon placing.

## **Fair Social Media**

Please like and share posts from the Geary County Free Fair Facebook page to help us get the word out about fair events and activities. As you post 4-H pictures and information on your own social media, please use the hashtags #geco4H, #KS4H, and #4HGrowsHere. By doing this, you can help Geary County and Kansas 4-H create a stronger and more consistent brand.

## **Pre-entry of State Fair Exhibits**

Any 4-H member who wants to enter an exhibit at the State Fair must pre-enter with the Extension Office by August 1. Look to the fair book to see which classes are eligible for State Fair entry. For most divisions, a 4-H member must receive a purple ribbon in one of these classes and be 9-18 years old as of January 1, 2024 to exhibit at state fair. The exception to the August 1 pre-entry deadline is for livestock. Livestock must be pre-entered by July 15. You can pre-enter exhibits online this year at [https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_9LdqJbyGDR0qkAe](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9LdqJbyGDR0qkAe).

## **Kansas State Fair Exhibitor Handbook**

The 2024 Exhibitor Handbook for the Kansas State Fair is now available for download on the Kansas 4-H website at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html>. You can also get copies of sections of the book at the Extension Office.

## **Assistance for Kansas State Fair**

Volunteers are being sought to help with the 4-H portion of the Kansas State Fair which will be held September 6 through 15 with some 4-H exhibit judging occurring September 5. If you are willing to assist, please let the Extension Office know by August 1.

## Purple Power Pack Day Camp

Registration is open for the Purple Power Pack 4-H Day Camp scheduled for Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at Rock Springs Ranch (just South of Junction City). The day camp is for 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> graders at the time of camp. 8<sup>th</sup> grade and older Counselors are also needed. Counselor Training will begin August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm. Check out the flyer at <https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/> for more details. Cost for Geary County 4-H campers is \$25 with the Geary County 4-H Foundation paying the other half of the fee. There is no cost for counselors. Registration/application deadline is July 15. The link for camper registration is <https://tinyurl.com/P3Camp24> and for counselors is <https://tinyurl.com/P3Counselors24>.

## Achievement Celebration/Record Book Incentive

The Achievement Celebration has been set for the evening of Saturday, November 2. Please put this date on your calendar and look for further details in upcoming newsletters. Four \$25 gift cards sponsored by the Geary County 4-H Foundation will be drawn at 4-H Achievement Celebration from all youth who turn in a completed record book (personal page, permanent record, and Project Report Forms for all projects). You must be present at Achievement Celebration to win.

## Record Books & Award Applications due

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 20. 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.

## Club Summary Due Date

Club summaries will be due by 5:00pm on October 1 to the Extension Office. No late summaries will be accepted. Updated 2024 applications were distributed via club boxes and are available online at <https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>.

## Calendar of Events

### July

- 10 Fair Preparation Workshop, 4-6pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center
- 10 Online Fair Conference Judging Sign-up deadline, 11:59pm
- 11 Fair Royalty Interviews, evening
- 15 Registration deadline for 4-H Day Camp
- 15 Sewing/Fashion Revue/Shopping in Style Judging
- 15 Kansas State Fair Grand Drive livestock entries due
- 18 Public Revue
- 19 4-H Dog Show, 6:30pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center
- 20 Fair Clean-up at 9:00am, Fairgrounds
- 21-25 Geary County Free Fair
- 25 Kansas 4-H Wheat Expo registration due
- 26 After Fair Family Celebration @ City Pool, 7:15-9pm

### August

- 1 State Fair pre-entries & volunteers due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 10 State 4-H Horticulture Judging, Manhattan
- 12 Kansas State Wheat Expo, Manhattan
- 17 Livestock Sweepstakes Contest, Manhattan
- 23 Purple Power Pack Counselor Training, 7:00pm @ Rock Springs
- 24 Purple Power Pack Day Camp, Rock Springs

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County Fair time is almost here. Make sure to read this newsletter thoroughly for important fair information. Best of luck with fair preparations!

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# **2024 GEARY COUNTY FREE FAIR 4-H RESPONSIBILITIES**

**This is the list of responsibilities for the 2024 Fair. Please take this list seriously and show up to help where you are listed. Contact the superintendent for the area you will be working in to see when and where they need help and how that fits into your schedule. If you are unable to help, please find a replacement and contact the superintendent to notify them.**

**Superintendents:** It is suggested that you contact your helpers ahead of fair and let them know when you need help and to check their schedules. Remember you will want plenty of help on set-up day to get your area arranged as you wish to have it. Please feel free to recruit additional help if needed.

## **BANNERS, CLOVERBUDS, CLUB NOTEBOOKS, INTERIOR DESIGN & ARCHITECTURE, MISCELLANEOUS, READING, SHOOTING SPORTS, VETERINARY SCIENCE & WILDLIFE**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Amy Blockcolsky

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Braden Blockcolsky, Colden Blockcolsky, April Strauss, William Strauss, Juliet Waehner

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Courtney Boehm, Lori Strauss

## **BEEF & BUCKET CALF**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENTS: Jim & Sarah Schmidt

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Brandon Dibben, Lacey Fielder, Heath Gfeller, Phillip Goodyear, Lindsey Snider

RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

## **CAT**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Stephanie Gfeller

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENT: Clara Gfeller

## **SEWING, FASHION REVUE & SHOPPING IN STYLE**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Liz Roeser

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Gracie Erichsen, Ethan Goodyear, Karley Kramer, Hanna Miller, Macie Muto, Brock Nabus, Eloise Ryan

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Joanna Erichsen, Gaea Hock, Kelly Kramer, Heather Ryan

## **AGRONOMY, FLORICULTURE & HORTICULTURE**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Marcie Proietti

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Blake Proietti, Case Proietti, Tyler Proietti, Grant Roeser, Jacob Roeser

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Lisa Nabus

## **DOG**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Jacque Shane

RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

## **ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY, ELECTRIC & RENEWABLE ENERGY, ENTOMOLOGY, FIBER ARTS, GEOLOGY & SMALL ENGINES**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Emma Littich

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Kasen Krinhop, Travis Leasure, Kara McDonald, Elisabeth Smith

ADULT ASSISTANT: Mindy Krinhop, Rebekah McDonald, Carey Smith

## **FOODS & NUTRITION, PRESERVATION**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Lara Strauss

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Lorelei Olson, Shevy Olson, Ava Schmidt, Elaina Schmidt, Cade Snider, Austin Sohnrey, Kaitlyn Sohnrey, Amelia Strauss, Charles Strauss, Josie Strauss, Adrian Williams

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Abby Anderes, Ashley King, Haley Kramer, Mary Muckey, Noelle Olson, Cecilia Weigel, Marti Williams

## **GOATS & SHEEP**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Lindsey Ascher, Kacey Butler & Kaitlyn Butler

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Rod Gfeller, Todd Kline, Lynn Langvardt, Caleb Strauss, Rebekah Thomas

RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

## **HORSE**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Morgan Todd

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Cody Brown, Kaycee Brown, Grant Slough

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Jason Brown, Lori Brown, Jamie Dickson, Teresa Douthit, Shelbi Gustafson, Joseph Kvacik, Tom Svoboda

RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

## **PHOTOGRAPHY**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Lauren Moon

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Addison Gibson, Tava Gustafson, Reagan Kehoe, Olivia Kline, Kennedy Moreland, Donnigan Mueller, Sean Mueller, Morgan Nabus, Weston Reed, Creytin Sanner

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Jennifer Gibson, Lacey Kehoe, Vickie Kline, Kera Moreland, Robert Mueller, Melissa Reed, Judy Sanner, Michelle Zajac

## **POULTRY**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Mikayla Dibben

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Ray Boller Jr., Deyton Dibben, Jared Kline

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Ray Boller, Resia Muto

## **SWINE**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Rebekah Thomas

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Daniel Anderes, Luke Erichsen, Heath Gfeller, Mark Miller, Randy Nabus, Justin Roeser, Jim Schmidt

RIBBONS: Fair Royalty

## **VISUAL ARTS**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENTS: Kristina Zlotow

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Brittney Dibben, Kourtney Dibben, Caden Goodyear, Cori Leasure, Newt Miller, Matt Zlotow

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Jessica Bobbett, Dianna Dibben, Pam Miller, Christine Poole, Jill Sump

## **WOODWORKING**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENT: Garry Berges

YOUTH SUPERINTENDENTS: Cade McCallum, Ava Oentrich, Eliot Oentrich, Grady Oentrich

ADULT ASSISTANTS: Travis Berges, Kelli McCallum, Heather Oentrich

## **ROUND ROBIN**

ADULT SUPERINTENDENTS: Beef, Goats & Sheep, Horse, and Swine Superintendents

RIBBONS: Fair Royalty



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**\*NEW IN 2024\***  
**Line Dancing**

- Monday evening after goat/sheep show
- In the livestock arena

## Old Timers Showmanship

- Tuesday evening after beef show
- Participants will show pigs
- Nominations taken during beef show at Ambassador table
- \$5 to nominate, \$10 to decline participation
- Winner will receive a \$25 Amazon gift card
- Money raised will be donated to the Grady Erichsen Memorial and the Ronnie Thomas Memorial



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# 4-H FAIR ACTIVITIES

## Barnyard Olympics

- Wednesday evening after swine show
- Teams of 5
- Get a sign-up sheet at the fair office
- Sign-up due Wednesday, 6:30pm
- First place team members will receive prizes

## Questions? Ask one of the 4-H Ambassadors

Brittney Dibben	Karley Kramer	Ava Oentrich
Kourtney Dibben	Kara McDonald	Grady Oentrich
Clara Gfeller	Hanna Miller	Blake Proietti
Addison Gibson	Macie Muto	Tyler Proietti
Olivia Kline	Morgan Nabus	Elaina Schmidt

# Geary County Fair Prep

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## ***When***

July 10th  
4-6pm

## ***Where***

4-H/Senior  
Citizens Center

Great for young 4-H  
Families or youth in  
new projects!

## ***Why?***

We want to help you with your  
fair projects!

We will help with any projects!

- Practice conference judging
- A chance to test your recipes
- Photo mounting help

Ask us about  
your fair  
questions!

## ***Contact***

Feel free to contact us if you  
have any questions!

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Please bring  
unfinished projects to  
work on!