



# Geary County

## 4-H News



*A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers*

*March 2025*

### **Regional 4-H Day**

Regional 4-H Day will be held on Saturday, March 22 in Clay Center at the high school. The schedule will be posted on the Geary County 4-H website when available at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/>.

### **4-H Overnight Camp Deadline for Financial Support**

The deadline to sign up for 4-H camp at Rock Springs and receive financial support in the amount of \$225 from the Geary County 4-H Foundation is May 1. Use the discount code GECOCAMP25 when you register to have these funds applied to your account. The code will need to be added for each camper's registration. In order to be eligible for this financial support, 4-H members must have been enrolled in 4HOnline by January 1, 2025. For more information about camp and to register, visit <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>.

### **Volunteer Screening**

Any Club Leaders, Project Leaders, and other adult volunteers in direct contact with youth will need to fill out a profile in 4HOnline and complete training if they haven't done so. Information about creating or updating a profile in 4HOnline and the required training offered through 4HOnline is available at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>. Thank you for helping to make sure Geary County 4-H members have a safe 4-H experience.

### **Fair Changes**

The following fair rule and schedule changes were made at the February 4-H Council meeting. A fair schedule is included with this newsletter.

- Livestock showman will choose which species to compete in Round Robin if qualified in multiple species.
- Livestock judges will rank each showmanship class 1-5 with overall rankings used to determine Round Robin participation from all divisions.

### **Coggins Testing for Geary 4-H Horse Show**

Due to the passage of KAR 9-7-14 from the Kansas Department of Agriculture, all equine exhibitions require proof of a negative ETA (Coggins) test for participation. To comply with the regulation, we will be requiring a negative test result in the last 12 months to show at the Geary County 4-H Horse Show. Test results will be required on June 1<sup>st</sup> in addition to the ID/Breed Registration papers. Please contact our office with questions about ETA (Coggins) testing or how to contact a veterinarian for testing.

**Fair Auction  
Participation  
Requirement for 2025**

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 2025. 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

**Qualifying for the State  
Fair 4-H Horse Show**

The procedure to qualify to participate in the State Fair 4-H Horse Show will continue for 2025. If you are interested in participating, please visit <https://www.kansas4-h.org/projects/animal-science/horse/HorseChangesPublic9.8.pdf> to read all of the details. Check this out now so you can start planning how you will qualify for the show in September.

**State Livestock  
Nomination Process  
for Kansas State Fair &  
Kansas Junior  
Livestock Show**

The state livestock nomination season is rapidly approaching and will continue to be an online process. It is going to be **IMPERATIVE** for you to plan ahead this year. You will not be able to wait until the last minute and successfully complete the process. Market Beef nominations will be due on May 1. All other species, which includes commercial heifers, market swine, commercial gilts, market lambs, commercial ewes, and ALL meat goats, will be due June 15. You will need to order nomination DNA envelopes at least 10 days ahead of these deadlines. You can find full details for the nomination process at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/nominated-livestock/>. Details on YQCA requirements are included on this site as well.

**Beef Weigh-In**

Weigh-in will be held on Sunday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2:00 to 3:00pm at JC Livestock. We will be weighing and tagging market beef cattle. Please bring \$3.00 for each tag that you will need.

**Insect Art Contest  
Opportunity**

It's time once again for K-State's Integrated Pest Management Insect Art Contest! This year's theme is "By the Light of the Moon: Insects at Night.". The goal is to explore why and how insects are active or inactive at night, then create artwork that fits the contest theme. Selected artwork will be used to create educational items. Artists who have art selected will receive a certificate and a prize to recognize their achievement. Categories include illustration of a real-life insect and 3-D. Visit <https://www.ksre.k-state.edu/pesticides-ipm/> for more information. Postmark date to submit entries is April 15.

**Feeding Your Future  
Agriculture Summer  
Camp**

High school students can learn about amazing career opportunities in agronomy, grain science, and food production through the "Feeding Your Future" 2025 summer youth camp. The camp will take place July 22-26 at K-State. Camp activities will feature agronomy, milling science, bakery science, and feed and pet food science. For more information, visit <https://www.ag.k-state.edu/ag-experiences/summer-camps/>.

**Super 4-H Saturday  
Northwest Judging  
Contests**

Saturday Judging Contest, which includes Crops, Entomology, Horticulture, Life Skills, Photography, and Livestock will be held in Colby on Saturday, March 22. Pre-registration is due by Monday, March 17 for sack lunch and afternoon project opportunities. The day will also include project opportunities in the afternoon for an additional fee and volunteer sessions. More information can be found online at <https://www.walnutcreek.k-state.edu/>.

**K-State Open House**

K-State Open House will be held April 12 with family-friendly free entertainment, career exploration activities, and student research exhibits serving as highlights for the day. Find more information at <http://www.k-state.edu/openhouse>.

**Spring Into  
Volunteering**

The Association of Kansas 4-H Volunteers invites you to “Spring Into Volunteering” on Saturday, April 26 from 9:00am to 3:00pm at K-State Salina. The registration fee of \$20 covers lunch, snacks, and materials. Register online by April 15 at <https://tinyurl.com/yc7x5vjz>. The agenda includes Preparing Youth for Real-World Opportunities, Personalities and How They Affect Volunteers, Facilitating Civic Engagement and Service, Keeping Kids Engaged, and Resources for You.

Junior Division

**Purple** – Kaeleah Walker

**Blue** – Emilia Weigel, Ayla Walker, Odynn Beamer, Natalie Briones

**Red** – Iris Briones, Remington Spellman, Corabel Hock

Intermediate Division

**Purple** – Austin Sohnrey, Cade McCallum

**Blue** – Eloise Ryan, Charles Weigel, Kinley McCallum, April Strauss, Macy Goodyear, Kara McDonald, Gracen Gfeller, Ray Boller

**Red** – Liam Kerns, Grace Mueller, Jared Kline

Senior Division

**Purple** – Brittney Dibben

**Blue** – Addison Gibson, Shevy Olson, Hanna Miller, William Strauss, Kourtney Dibben, Olivia Kline, Charlie Strauss, Kaitlyn Sohnrey, Eliot Oentrich, Lorelei Olson, Tava Gustafson, Deyton Dibben

**Red** – Grady Oentrich

**4-H Day Family &  
Consumer Science  
Judging Contest  
Results**



**Congratulations!**

**4-H Day Photography  
Judging Contest  
Results**

Junior Division

**Purple** – Corabel Hock, Lilly Fielder, Iris Briones

**Blue** – Odynn Beamer, Kaleah Walker, Ayla Walker, Emilia Weigel, Remington Spellman

**Red** – Will Snider, Elena Svoboda, Natalie Briones

Intermediate Division

**Purple** – Eloise Ryan

**Blue** – Kyla McDonald, Grace Mueller, Kara McDonald, Alexis Zajac, April Strauss, Charles Weigel, Lily Moreland, Cade Snider, Bo Ryan, Grant Slough, Jared Kline, Addy Snider, Cade McCallum, Macy Goodyear

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**Purple** – Hanna Miller, Kourtney Dibben, Brittney Dibben

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**Red** – Adrian Williams, Josie Strauss, Kennedy Moreland, Deyton Dibben, Addison Gibson, Newt Miller

**March**

17 Northwest Super 4-H Saturday registration deadline for sack lunch and afternoon project activities

22 Junior Sheep Producer Day @ K-State

22 Regional 4-H Club Days @ Clay Center

22 Northwest Super 4-H Saturday, Hays

23 Beef Weigh-in, 2 to 3pm @ JC Livestock

**April**

12 K-State Open House @ Manhattan

15 Insect Art Contest entry postmark deadline

26 “Spring Into Volunteering” @ K-State Salina, 9am-3pm

20-26 National Volunteer Week

**May**

1 Project Drop/Add deadline

1 Fair Royalty applications due to Extension Office by 5pm

1 Deadline to register for overnight camp at Rock Springs to receive financial support from Geary County 4-H Foundation

1 Market Steers & Market Heifers KSF/KJLS nomination deadline

2 Ag Day

20 Bucket Calf ID forms due to Extension Office by 5pm

21 Market Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 5:30-7pm

23 Market Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in @ fairgrounds – 6:30-8pm

24 Market Goats/Sheep/Swine must be tagged/tag forms due to Extension Office

**June**

2 ETA (Coggins) Negative Test Result, Horse ID’s or breed registration papers due to Extension Office by 5pm

2 4-H Council meeting, 7pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

2-3 Hazardous Occupation Training (tentative)

4-6 Discovery Days @ K-State

15 Commercial Heifer/Market Lamb/Commercial Ewe/Market Hog/  
Commercial Breeding Gilt/All Meat Goat nomination deadline

28 Fair pre-entries due through FairEntry

**Calendar of Events**

FRIDAY, JUNE 27

Deadline Pre-entries in:  
All Projects Due online through FairEntry  
Dog & Cat - health papers  
NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

MONDAY, JULY 14

8:00- 4-H Sewing & Textile Design Judging  
11:30 a.m. (Conference Method at Extension Office)  
(Schedule will be sent after pre-entry date)  
Noon 4-H Modeling Demonstration for  
Fashion Revue  
1:00 p.m. 4-H Fashion Revue & Shopping in Style  
Judging  
(Conference Method at 4-H Building)  
(Schedule will be sent after pre-entry date)

THURSDAY, JULY 17

8:30 a.m. 4-H Public Revue Setup  
5:30 p.m. 4-H Public Revue Practice  
7:00 p.m. 4-H Public Revue  
4-H Royalty Announcement

FRIDAY, JULY 18

6:30 p.m. 4-H Dog Show

SATURDAY, JULY 19

9:00 a.m. Fair Clean-up  
4-H Barn and Building Set-up

SUNDAY, JULY 20

6:00 p.m. 4-H Horse Show

MONDAY, JULY 21

8:00 a.m. - 4-H Livestock can be brought in  
5:30 p.m. (swine can be brought Monday or Tuesday)  
1:00 p.m. 4-H Food & Food Preservation  
Judging  
(Conference Method)  
(Sign up for judging times online)  
1:00 p.m. Judging of 4-H Photography  
(Conference Method)  
(Sign up for judging times online)  
4:00 - 4-H Market Beef, Goats, and Sheep  
6:00 p.m. Weigh-in  
**4:00 - 4-H entries accepted**  
**7:00 p.m.** (do not bring early)

5:30 p.m. ALL cattle/goats/sheep must be in place  
6:00 p.m. Exhibitor Meeting – Required for Dairy,  
Goat, and Sheep Show Participants  
6:45 p.m. 4-H Shepherd’s Lead  
7:00 p.m. 4-H Dairy, Goat, and Sheep Show  
**7:00 p.m. All indoor 4-H exhibits in place**  
except Agronomy Floriculture/  
Horticulture  
NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED

TUESDAY, JULY 22

ALL DAY 4-H Food Sale  
7:30-9:30 a.m. 4-H Swine Weigh-in  
8:30 a.m. Judging of 4-H Visual Arts  
9:30 a.m. All swine must be in place  
9:30 a.m. Judging of 4-H *Veterinary Science*, Wildlife  
10:00 a.m. Judging of 4-H Aerospace/Rocketry, Ag  
Mechanics Welding, Astronomy, Building  
Block Engineering, Club Notebooks,  
Computer Science, Pets, Reading  
Adventures, Robotics, Shooting Sports,  
Uncrewed Aircraft Systems  
11:00 a.m. 4-H Agronomy, Floriculture, Horticulture,  
Poultry, and Rabbit EXHIBITS IN PLACE  
11:00 a.m. Judging of 4-H Floriculture, Miscellaneous  
Projects  
11:30 a.m. Judging of 4-H Electric & Renewable  
Energy, Small Engines  
Noon Judging of 4-H Horticulture  
12:15 p.m. 4-H Bucket Calf practice in arena  
12:30 p.m. Judging of 4-H Agronomy, Entomology,  
Forestry, Fiber Arts, Geology  
1:00 p.m. Judging of 4-H Woodworking  
1:30 p.m. Judging of 4-H Banners, Interior Design &  
Architecture  
5:00 p.m. Exhibitor Meeting – Required for Beef  
Show Participants  
5:00 p.m. 4-H Bucket Calf - Consultation Judging  
7:00 p.m. 4-H Beef Show  
Show order- Bucket Calf, Breeding Beef,  
Showmanship, Market Beef

WEDNESDAY, JULY 23

- 8:00 a.m. 4-H Poultry Judging
- 8:30 a.m. 4-H Rabbit Judging
- 9:30 a.m. 4-H Cat Show
- 1:00 p.m. Photography and Horticulture Judging Contests  
4-H members can begin judging any time after the start of the contest, but all forms must be turned in by 3:00 p.m.
- 5:00 p.m. **Deadline for registering 4-H project items for Auction**  
NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED
- 6:00 p.m. Exhibitor Meeting – Required for Swine Show Participants
- 7:00 p.m. 4-H Swine Show
- 9:30 p.m. **Deadline for registering 4-H livestock for Auction**  
(or ½ hour after end of swine show) NO LATE REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED

THURSDAY, JULY 24

- 10:00 a.m. 4-H Round Robin  
(Beef, Dairy, Goat, Horse, Sheep, Swine)
- 11:30-11:50 a.m. 4-H Livestock Judging Sign-up (Fair Office)
- Noon 4-H Livestock Judging Contest
- 3:00 p.m. Livestock Auction Set-Up and Barn Clean-Up
- 4:30-6:30 p.m. 4-H Barbecue and Watermelon Feed
- 6:30 p.m. 4-H Project & Livestock Auction
- 8:00 p.m. RELEASE OF 4-H EXHIBITS  
**All premiums will be forfeited if 4-H exhibits are removed before 8:00 p.m.**
- 8:30 p.m. Clean up of Building  
Every 4-H member with exhibits is expected to stay until everything is cleaned, inside and out

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Check out this newsletter for lots of upcoming events and activities in 4-H! Hope everyone is enjoying the spring weather!

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County Extension Agent



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