



Geary County

4-H NEWS



A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers

May 2024

Congratulations Graduates!

Congratulations to these 4-H members in the graduating class of 2024: **Cody Brown** (Clarks Creek), **Emmy Gfeller** (Blue Line), **Karley Kramer** (Humboldt), **Weston Langvardt** (Blue Line), **Travis Leasure** (Lyon Creek), **Donnigan Mueller** (Humboldt), **Macie Muto** (Humboldt), **Ava Oentrich** (Humboldt), **Creytin Sanner** (Blue Line), and **Elaina Schmidt** (Blue Line). Thanks for all of your contributions to the Geary County 4-H program and best wishes in all your future plans!

Fair Auction Participation Requirement for 2024

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 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.

Fair Books

Fair books should be distributed at May 4-H club meetings. If you do not attend your club meeting, please call the Extension Office to arrange to pick up your book as soon as possible following your meeting. The book is also available on the web located at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/fair.html>. Pre-entries will be filled out through FairEntry this year. This is an online fair management program that we will be using. Instructions on submitting pre-entries will be included with your fair book. Please read over the fair book carefully for complete rules and exhibit options. **Fair pre-entries are due through FairEntry by 11:59pm on June 28th.**

Fair Auction Changes for Livestock

Due to changes in Kansas 4-H policy, Fair Board has decided to make the livestock portion of the fair auction premium only. Livestock ownership will not be transferred to the buyer. 4-H members are responsible for disposition of all market animals. Kansas 4-H policy now allows 4-H members selling livestock through a premium only auction to maintain ownership and show those animals at future livestock shows. Non-livestock projects sold will continue to change ownership to the buyer. Those projects eligible for state fair may be reproduced for exhibit at the state fair.

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>.

Fair Livestock Insurance

A fee of \$5 per head for market beef, market lambs, market hogs, and market goats will be required at the time of fair pre-entry to purchase livestock insurance. This insurance will cover livestock from the time you leave home for the fair until you return home or the livestock changes ownership. Please plan to pay this fee by the pre-entry deadline of June 28.

Judging Contests and Spring Shows

Information about upcoming judging contests and spring shows can be found online at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/spring-shows/springshows.html>.

Hazardous Occupations Safety Training in Agriculture

Hazardous Occupations Safety Training in Agriculture is required by law for those 14 and 15 years of age to complete prior to working on a farm operated by anyone other than their parent or legal guardian. Older youth are also welcome to participate in a training hosted by multiple Extension Offices. Training details and registration can be found at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_5BDxEjUtAB55vsq. Registration is due by June 3.

Goat/Sheep/Swine Weigh-in

Weigh-in and tagging for goats, sheep, and swine will be held on May 21 from 5:30 to 7:00pm and May 23 from 6:30 to 8:00pm at the Fairgrounds. If you do not plan to attend weigh-in, ear tags can be picked up at the Extension Office. Goats, sheep, and swine must be tagged by May 24 and tag forms are due to the Extension Office by 5:00pm on May 24. Ear tags will cost \$3.00 each. If you plan to nominate livestock for state shows, you must attend weigh-in or make alternate arrangements for an extension agent to see the tag in the animal's ear in-person to meet state nomination requirements.

Bucket Calf ID Forms Due

Bucket Calf ID forms are due May 20 by 5:00pm in the Extension Office. Bucket Calf ID's are required in order to show your calf at the County Fair. Forms can be found online at <https://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>. Forms are also available at the Extension Office. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

Identification of Horses for 4-H Shows

Kansas 4-H Horse ID papers or breed association registration papers are due June 3 by 5:00pm in the Extension Office. This is required in order to show your horse at the County Fair and State Fair. They may also be required for other 4-H horse shows. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

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 2024. 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.

Horse Judging Camp

Calling all Youth Horse Judges! Do you want to enhance your evaluation and oral reasons skills? Then make sure to attend the KSU Youth Horse Judging Camp where you will work one-on-one with coaches and members of the KSU Intercollegiate Horse Judging Team. Practice to Purple! A one-day advanced camp will be held June 13 at Kansas State University. Find more information at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/judging-camps.html>. Registration is due by May 24.

Livestock Judging Camp

“Champions” Livestock Judging Camp is an intense camp designed for 4-H and FFA members (ages 14-18) who are seriously interested in enhancing their livestock judging and oral communication skills. Prior livestock judging experience is necessary for this camp. Payton Dahmer, KSU Livestock Judging Coach, will conduct the training to be held at Kansas State University. Two sessions are available during June with each session limited in number of participants. More information is available at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/extension/youth-programs/events/judging-camps.html>. Registration is due May 24.

Kansas State Fair & Kansas Junior Livestock Show Nomination Deadlines

The state livestock nomination season is 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. Nominations for 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.

Ranchland Trust Photography Contest

The Ranchland Trust of Kansas annual photography contest is open for entries from photographers of all ages until September 4. Photographs entered will showcase the natural beauty of ranching and grazing lands across Kansas. Participants may enter up to five photos. Find out more details and enter online at <https://ranchlandtrustofkansas.org/rtk-photo-contest/>.

Fair Exhibits: Interior Design & Architecture vs. Woodworking vs. Visual Arts

Interior Design & Architecture includes refinished and repurposed wood projects (ex. – fixing an old wooden chair by making it sturdier, sanding, and refinishing it).

Woodworking is heavily judged on construction and finish. These projects should be something that is made from a plan. They are made of wood and normally have to be assembled, sanded, and have some type of finish applied (ex. – stain).

Visual Arts projects can be made of wood, but do not usually require woodworking tools to make (ex. – anything made from a pre-cut kit, a picture frame made of popsicle sticks).

Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular

The Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, a two-day state-wide entomology workshop, will be held June 21-22 in Hays. The event is open to all youth and adult volunteers interested in 4-H entomology! Classes will include basic pinning, basic and advanced identification, insect photography, and much more. A parent or legal guardian must attend with their 4-H'er. More information including the registration link is available online at <https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/conferences-events/insect-spectacular/index.html>. Registration deadline is May 30.

K-State Vet Med ROCKS Summer Camps

Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine is giving youth an opportunity to experience "A Day in the Life of a Veterinary Student" at the 2024 Vet Med ROCKS summer camps. The series of day camps will take place July 28-31 and will include hands-on activities and learning from College of Veterinary Medicine students and faculty. Visit <https://www.vet.k-state.edu/admissions/rocks/> for more information.

Kansas State Fair 4-H Work Days

Kansas 4-H will have two buildings with exhibits at the Kansas State Fair starting in 2024. Two work days will be hosted in June to prepare for these changes. Youth (accompanied by an adult) and adults are invited to help at the state fairgrounds in Hutchinson on June 12 and/or 13 from 9:30am to 3:30pm. Tasks will include painting, moving exhibit cases, and more. Lunch will be included. Register online at https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bIvAExrDQLCKUku.

May

- 20 Bucket Calf ID forms due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 20 Rescheduled May Project Meeting Evening @ 4-H Building, 6pm (RSVP was due May 14)
- 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
- 24 Horse & Livestock Judging Camps registration deadline
- 24 Geology Field Trip registration due
- 30 Insect Spectacular registration due

June

- 3 Horse ID papers or registration papers due to Extension Office by 5pm
- 3 Hazardous Occupation Training registration due
- 3 4-H Council meeting, 7pm @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center
- 5 Deadline to order DNA envelopes for livestock nominations due June 15
- 5-7 Discovery Days @ K-State
- 12-13 Kansas State Fair 4-H Work Days, Hutchinson
- 13 Horse Judging Camp, K-State
- 14-16 Kansas 4-H Geology Field Trip, WaKeeney
- 15 Commercial Heifer/Market Lamb/Commercial Ewe/Market Hog/
Commercial Breeding Gilt/All Meat Goat nomination deadline
- 21-22 Kansas 4-H Insect Spectacular, Hays
- 28 Fair pre-entries due through FairEntry by 11:59pm
- 28 \$5 per fair market animal for insurance due to Extension Office by 5pm

Calendar of Events

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May 16, 2024

Summer is fast approaching – now is the time to begin working on those 4-H projects you haven't started yet. Don't put them off any longer! Also, don't forget to work on your record book and get it updated. Doing these things now will save time and stress when deadlines approach!



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