



# Geary County

## 4-H NEWS



*A Newsletter for 4-H Families and Volunteers*

*February 2024*

### **Geary County 4-H Day**

**February 17<sup>th</sup>, First Presbyterian Church** (113 W. 5<sup>th</sup> St, Junction City)  
Included with this newsletter is the schedule of events and a map of the church to help you locate the rooms you will need. Please use either the West or South doors to enter the church. Parking lots are located South and West of the church.

### **4-H Day Reminders**

Don't forget to attend the 4-H Day Awards Ceremony immediately following 4-H Day in the church Dining Room. Also, don't forget to participate in Photography and Family & Consumer Science Judging between your other 4-H Day events.

### **In Case of Bad Weather**

Please listen to the KJCK radio station at 1420AM or visit [www.jcpost.com](http://www.jcpost.com) to learn about cancellation or postponement of 4-H events throughout the year. You can also check the Geary County K-State Research and Extension Facebook page for news and information.

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

Regional 4-H Day will be held on Saturday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> in Clay Center at the High School. Those eligible to compete will need to let the Extension Office know by Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup> if you plan to do so. This will allow us to turn in your name to be put on the Regional 4-H Day schedule.

### **4-H 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 GECOCAMP24 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, 2024. For more information about camp and to register, visit <https://www.rockspringsranch4hcamp.org/>.

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

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

### **Beef Weigh-in**

Weigh-in will be held on Sunday, March 17<sup>th</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.

## **Post-Secondary Education Scholarships**

Applications for county 4-H scholarships are due by March 1 and will be submitted online. The link for the county scholarship application and information can be found online at <http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/forms.html>. The County scholarships that are available this year will be the Paul and Clara Gwin Scholarship, the Ralph Dietrich Scholarship, two Ray and Nellie Smith 4-H Scholarships, the Flint Hills Preservation Coalition Scholarship, and three Geary County 4-H Foundation Scholarships (new this year). Applications for state 4-H scholarships are due by March 1 and will be submitted online. The state 4-H website (<https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/scholarships.html>) has a link to the online application and 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.

## **Upcoming Youth Livestock Events at K-State**

The K-State Youth Livestock Program has some exciting events planned for the upcoming months. Mark them on your calendar now and plan to attend!  
Junior Beef Producer Day – March 2 (register by February 12)  
Junior Sheep Producer Day – March 16 (register by February 26)  
More information on these events is available online at <https://www.asi.k-state.edu/research-and-extension/youth-programs/ks-jr-producer/index.html> or at the Extension Office. The K-State Youth Livestock Program has Twitter and Facebook accounts to keep everyone updated on information and deadlines. Go to the webpage listed above to find links to these accounts.

## **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 since judging contests are held during 4-H Day each year.

## **Judging Contests and Spring Shows**

Information about upcoming judging contests and spring shows can be found online at [http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/shows\\_judging%20contests.html](http://www.geary.k-state.edu/4-h/shows_judging%20contests.html).

## **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

## 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.

## No 4-H Building Fundraiser in 2024

The 4-H/Senior Citizens Building Committee has decided to pursue alternate ways to raise funds other than a yearly building fundraiser. They are not planning to hold a fundraiser this spring. Look for ways you can support the building coming soon!

## Alpha of Clovia at Kansas State University

Alpha of Clovia at Kansas State University is a house of former 4-H members that is focused on cooperative living. Clovia will be holding a spring hospitality weekend March 23-24 to welcome interested young women to see what Clovia is all about. Visit [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScK3N98AtemkqN91K\\_2qDy-BC4tuQ1-Dpq4h0OJJtHYTW7mAw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScK3N98AtemkqN91K_2qDy-BC4tuQ1-Dpq4h0OJJtHYTW7mAw/viewform) to register. Questions can be sent to [alphaofclovia@gmail.com](mailto:alphaofclovia@gmail.com).

## Youth Activity Day

The 4-H Ambassadors are excited to announce a new event – Youth Activity Day! This event will be held on April 21<sup>st</sup> from 2:00-3:30pm at the 4-H/Senior Citizens Center. Rotations with hands-on 4-H project activities will be offered in the following projects: Foods & Nutrition, Leadership, Photography, Rocketry, Self-Determined – Legos, Sewing & Textile Design (formerly Clothing Construction), Shopping in Style (formerly Clothing Buymanship), and Visual Arts. 4-H members and anyone interested in learning more about 4-H are invited to attend!

### February

- 5 4-H Council Meeting @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 7pm
- 12 Junior Beef Producer Day registration deadline
- 17 4-H Day @ JC 1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Church
- 18-19 Citizenship in Action Conference, Topeka
- 19 Holiday, Extension Office closed
- 26 Junior Sheep Producer Day registration deadline
- 26 Regional 4-H Day entries due to Extension Office
- 27 RSVP due for March Project Meeting Evening

### March

- 1 Geary County and Kansas 4-H Scholarship Applications due
- 2 Junior Beef Producer Day @ K-State
- 3 Family Game Night @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 6:00-7:30pm
- 4 4-H Project Meeting Evening @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 6:30pm
- 16 Junior Sheep Producer Day @ K-State
- 17 Beef Weigh-in, 2 to 3pm @ JC Livestock
- 23 Regional 4-H Day, Clay Center High School

### April

- 1 4-H Project Meeting Evening
- 21 Youth Activity Day @ 4-H/Senior Citizens Center – 2:00-3:30pm
- 21-27 National Volunteer Week

## Calendar of Events



**K-State Research and Extension  
Geary County**

119 E. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Junction City, KS 66441  
(785) 238-4161

February 2, 2024

Included with this newsletter is the schedule for 4-H Day 2024. Best of luck to everyone in all of your presentations and in the judging contests. No matter what you are participating in, don't forget to have fun and smile! 😊

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ginger D. Kopfer".

Ginger D. Kopfer  
County Extension Agent



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# Topic: Horticulture

Join Geary County  
Agriculture and Natural  
Resources Agent Kyler  
Langvardt for learning and  
hands-on activities related to  
the Horticulture project.



Date: 03/04/2024

Time: 6:30pm

Location: 4-H/Senior Citizens Center

# 4-H Project Meeting Evening

Please RSVP to the Extension Office  
by 5:00pm on Tuesday, February 27th  
by calling 785-238-4161 or  
emailing [gkopfer@ksu.edu](mailto:gkopfer@ksu.edu). No late  
registrations will be taken since we  
will need to buy supplies.



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Sunday,  
March 3  
6:00–  
7:30pm

# Family

Game  
Night



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**Sponsored by:**  
**The 4-H  
Ambassadors**

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Bring games and snacks and join the 4-H Ambassadors for a fun game night for the whole family. If there is enough interest, a pitch tournament will be organized.

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4-H/Senior Citizens Center  
1025 S. Spring Valley Road  
Junction City



**MODEL MEETINGS, GAVEL  
GAMES**

**DINING ROOM**

Room Monitors

8:00 - 8:30 Charles Strauss  
8:30 - 9:00 Braden Blockcolsky  
9:00 - 9:30 Sean Mueller  
9:30 - 10:00 Amelia Strauss  
10:00 - 10:30 Elaina Schmidt  
10:30 - 11:00 Kourtney Dibben  
11:00 - finish Ethan Goodyear

**Model Meetings**

\_\_\_ 8:00 Humboldt  
\_\_\_ 8:45 Blue Line  
\_\_\_ 9:30 Clarks Creek

**Gavel Games – Sr.**

\_\_\_ 10:15 Lyon Creek  
Clara Gfeller, Hanna Miller,  
Charles Strauss, Josie Strauss

**Gavel Games – Jr.**

\_\_\_ 10:45 Lyon Creek  
Declan Boehm, Gracen Gfeller,  
April Strauss, Charles Weigel,  
Emilia Weigel

**MUSIC  
PARLOR**

Room Monitors

8:00 - 8:30 Archer & Leo Anderes  
8:30 - 9:00 Hanna Miller & Troy  
Muckey  
9:00 - 9:30 Tyler Proietti  
9:30 - finish Blake Proietti

**Instrumental Solo – Sr.**

\_\_\_ 8:00 William Strauss  
\_\_\_ 8:10 Adrian Williams  
\_\_\_ 8:20 Reagan Kehoe  
\_\_\_ 8:30 Aurora Garrison  
\_\_\_ 8:40 Clara Gfeller  
\_\_\_ 8:50 Anna Tsuno

**Instrumental Solo – Jr.**

\_\_\_ 9:00 April Strauss  
\_\_\_ 9:10 Declan Boehm  
\_\_\_ 9:30 Kara McDonald  
\_\_\_ 9:40 Kyla McDonald

**Vocal Solo – Sr.**

\_\_\_ 9:50 Anna Tsuno

**DANCE, SOLO ACTING,  
READINGS**

**GYM/ACTS I & II ROOM**

Room Monitors

8:00 - 8:30 Kara McDonald  
8:30 - 9:00 Colden Blockcolsky  
9:00 - 9:30 Caden Goodyear  
9:30 - 10:00 Josie Strauss  
10:00 - 10:30 Aurora Garrison &  
Corabel Hock  
10:30 - finish Addison Gibson

**Solo Dance – Sr.**

\_\_\_ 8:00 Aurora Garrison

**Solo Acting – Sr.**

\_\_\_ 8:10 Amelia Strauss

**Reading – Sr.**

\_\_\_ 8:20 Newt Miller  
\_\_\_ 8:30 William Strauss  
\_\_\_ 8:40 Amelia Strauss  
\_\_\_ 8:50 Addison Gibson  
\_\_\_ 9:00 Ethan Goodyear

**Reading – Jr.**

\_\_\_ 9:10 Cade McCallum  
\_\_\_ 9:20 Arthur Strauss  
\_\_\_ 9:30 April Strauss  
\_\_\_ 9:40 Archer Anderes  
\_\_\_ 9:50 Leo Anderes  
\_\_\_ 10:00 Kara McDonald  
\_\_\_ 10:10 Kyla McDonald  
\_\_\_ 10:20 Addy Snider  
\_\_\_ 10:30 William Snider  
\_\_\_ 10:40 Macy Goodyear  
\_\_\_ 10:50 Corabel Hock

**DEMONSTRATIONS &  
ILLUSTRATED TALKS**

**VOYAGE THEATER ROOM**

Room Monitors

8:00 - 8:30 Clara Gfeller  
8:30 - 9:00 Lorelei Olson  
9:00 - 9:30 Macy Goodyear  
9:30 - 10:00 Adrian Williams  
10:00 - finish Ava Schmidt

**Demonstration & Ill. Talk – Jr.**

\_\_\_ 8:00 Ava Schmidt  
\_\_\_ 8:10 Gracen Gfeller  
\_\_\_ 8:20 Grant Slough  
\_\_\_ 8:30 Elena Svoboda  
\_\_\_ 8:40 Charles Weigel

**Demonstration & Ill. Talk – Sr.**

\_\_\_ 8:50 Kennedy Moreland  
\_\_\_ 9:00 Adrian Williams  
\_\_\_ 9:10 Clara Gfeller  
\_\_\_ 9:20 Deyton Dibben  
\_\_\_ 9:30 Eliot Oentrich  
\_\_\_ 9:40 Grady Oentrich  
\_\_\_ 9:50 Addison Gibson  
\_\_\_ 10:00 Caden Goodyear  
\_\_\_ 10:10 Ethan Goodyear

**SHOW & TELL, PUBLIC  
SPEAKING, SHARING, PROJECT**

**TALKS**

**ART ARK ROOM**

Room Monitors

8:00 - 8:30 Cade Snider  
8:30 - 9:00 Shevy Olson  
9:00 - 9:30 Donnigan Mueller  
9:30 - 10:00 Brittney Dibben  
10:00 - 10:30 April Strauss &  
Charles Weigel  
10:30 - finish Deyton Dibben

**Show & Tell**

\_\_\_ 8:00 Corabel Hock  
\_\_\_ 8:10 Emilia Weigel

**Public Speaking – Sr.**

\_\_\_ 8:20 Elaina Schmidt  
\_\_\_ 8:30 Josie Strauss  
\_\_\_ 8:50 Brittney Dibben  
\_\_\_ 9:00 Kourtney Dibben  
\_\_\_ 9:10 Addison Gibson

**Sharing**

\_\_\_ 9:20 Colton Muckey  
\_\_\_ 9:30 Martin Weigel

**Project Talks**

\_\_\_ 9:40 Macy Goodyear  
\_\_\_ 9:50 Troy Muckey  
\_\_\_ 10:00 Odynn Beamer  
\_\_\_ 10:10 Case Proietti  
\_\_\_ 10:20 Archer Anderes  
\_\_\_ 10:30 Leo Anderes  
\_\_\_ 10:40 Grason Fielder

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**All participants are asked to help with  
clean up as available. Check in at the  
Library to find out what needs to be done.**

## **4-H Day Awards Ceremony**

approximately 11:20am  
Church Dining Room

Plan to join us in celebrating the accomplishments of all 4-H Day participants!

### **4-H Members:**

Don't forget to participate in Photography Judging and Family & Consumer Science (FCS) Judging while attending 4-H Day! Participating in the Photography contest is a requirement to be selected for the State Fair Photography Judging team and participating in judging contests is a great item to list in your record book!

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

March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Clay Center High School

Purple ribbon winners qualify to attend in eligible categories

Entry due to Extension Office by February 26<sup>th</sup>

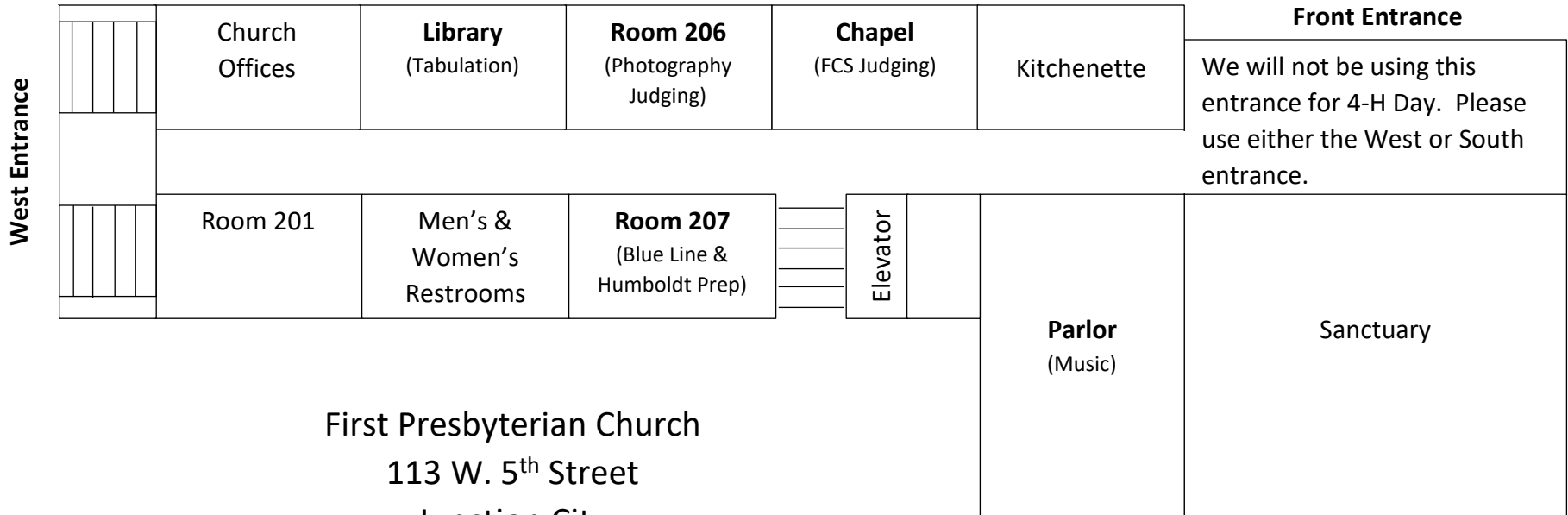
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First Presbyterian Church  
February 17, 2024



MAIN FLOOR



LOWER FLOOR

