

Harvey County 4-H Happenings

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This newsletter is all things fair and end-of-year documents! (Which is so weird to start preparing for the end-of-year items.) Please take time to read it thoroughly and don't hesitate to reach out with any questions.

A few highlights to note:

- **All fair entries must be submitted through FairEntry.** If you're new to FairEntry and find it confusing, please reach out—we're happy to help! A common mistake is submitting all entries for one child and clicking the big green "Submit" button before entering for other children. Don't worry—if this happens, contact us and we can approve the first set so you can go back in and finish the rest.
- **FairEntry deadline for 4-H is July 19.** Please mark your calendar—there are *no exceptions* to this deadline.
- **End-of-year documents are due September 19.** This includes Club Leader paperwork, record books, membership pins, Outstanding 4-Her nominations, senior scholarships, and more. Everything is already open and ready for submissions! We'll send out more info after the fair, but if you're feeling ambitious, you're welcome to start now.

Let's make this a great fair season—we're here to support you every step of the way!



County Wide News



In June, we hosted a Rebels game with all the 4-H fun! Ambassadors greeted fans as they came to the game. Wyatt threw out the first pitch. Abby talked about our 4-H program the meaning of the 4-H Pledge between innings.



IMPORTANT FAIR LINKS



Fair Entry:

<https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/22382>

Fair Schedule:

<https://harveycountyfair.com/schedule/>

Fair Rule Book:

<https://harveycountyfair.com/2025-fairbook/>

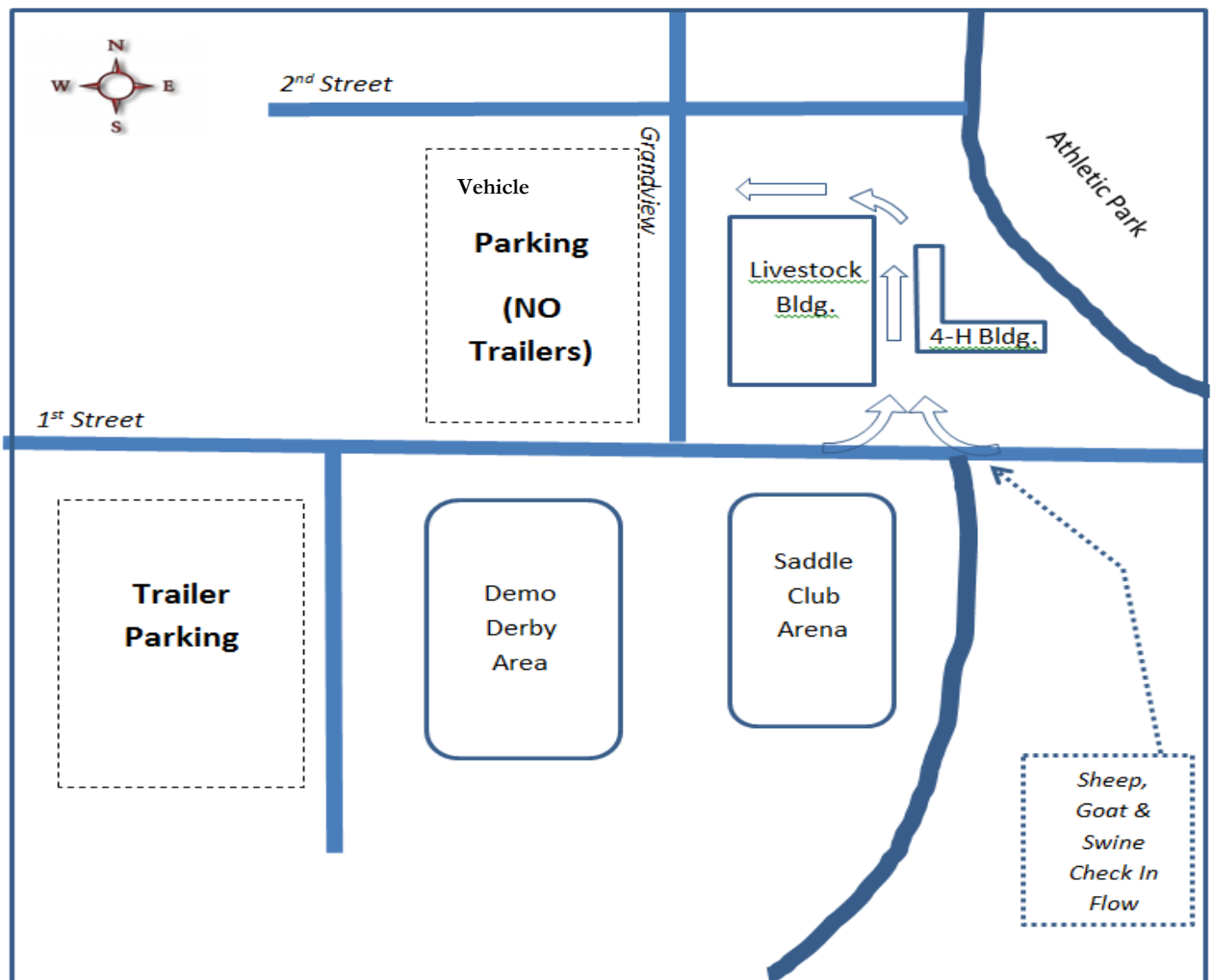
2025 Harvey County Fairgrounds Parking

Sheep, Goat, Swine and Beef Check In: All trailers will enter off of 1st Street between the Commercial Building and the Livestock Barn, heading north. When it's your turn, you will turn along the North side of the Livestock Barn, heading west, where you will unload for weigh in. No need to back up to wash rack! Please unload tack as quickly as possible so the next person can unload. Pick up will be the same process.

Parking: There will be **NO PARKING** in between Commercial Building and Livestock Barn on Thursday from 3-9 PM, **NO EXCEPTIONS**. Signs will be posted about parking restrictions.

Trailer Parking: The designated trailer parking is across 1st Street, west of the Demo Derby Area. There will be **NO TRAILER PARKING** in the lot west of Livestock Barn on Grandview throughout the entire fair.

**This is all subject to change. You will be notified if it is.



NEW: Fair Set-Up & Clean-Up!!

Part of having a successful fair is our set-up and clean-up going well. For that to happen, we need attendance at both. This is part of every 4-Her's responsibilities in helping to have a successful fair.

New For Fair Set-Up: We will set up the whole grounds on July 30th, starting at 6 pm, instead of over two days like previous years. This will be setting up the barns, cleaning display cases, putting the food stand screens in, and moving around displays that need to be moved.

For Clean-Up: This will start at 5 pm on Tuesday for ALL buildings. This is putting display cases back, sweeping, picking up stalls and cleaning up bedding. This will run differently than previous years. Here is how it will run differently:

The Fair Association will not be in attendance for set-up or clean-up. Which means they will not have the skid loader or dump truck for bedding. We will have to bring our own. Here is my ask: If you have a rakes, scoop shovels, and wheel borrows please plan on bringing them. If you have a dump truck please get in contact with me so we can plan on having a few of those as well.

The set-up and clean-up process will require many families and is an important part of putting on a fair. The Extension Office expects families to participate in both setting up and cleaning up of the fair. We understand that the end of fair is typically during meet the teacher night or other things right before school starts but it is our obligation to leave the fairgrounds better than we found it.

A Letter from the Harvey County Fair Board

Dear 4-H Families,

The Harvey County KS Fair Association extends our best wishes for a fun, rewarding, and successful fair experience this year!

We want to inform you of an important update regarding the Champion Foods and Livestock Sale. Beginning this year, all buyer payments will be made directly to the Harvey County KS Fair Association and the Fair Association will issue checks to 4-H/FFA members. A detailed letter for buyers will be mailed out shortly.

Following the fair, the Extension Office will assist families with the process of contacting their primary buyers to share thank-you messages and to coordinate the steps needed to pick up your checks from the Extension Office.

You may also notice improvements and updates around the fairgrounds — thank you for helping us keep them looking their best! Your continued support and cooperation make a big difference.

We look forward to seeing you at the fair!

Sincerely,

Harvey County KS Fair Association



Fair Food Stand

The 4-H Food Stand serves as the main fundraiser for our 4-H programming in Harvey County, with proceeds going to the 4-H Council. All 4-H Clubs are assigned a shift to work during the fair. Each club is responsible to provide workers during the hours below. Adults and youth are required to work the whole time while the club is working their shift. We understand the shifts will not work for everyone in your club. We have tried to not overlap major judging events during shifts that clubs would have the highest attendance in those.

We have also have breakfast on Saturday morning, 7-9 AM. We are looking for individuals to sign up for that shift to work for one hour. We will send a link out later for that sign up.

Thursday July 31

4 PM - 9 PM—Ambassadors and 4-H Council

Friday August 1

11 AM - 4 PM — Sedgwick Sunflowers

4 PM - 9 PM — Hesston

Saturday August 2

7 AM - 9 AM — Breakfast - Come help if you can

11 AM - 4 PM — Walton Willing Workers

4 PM - 9 PM — Halstead Cloverleaf

Sunday August 3

10:30 AM - 5 PM — Lucky 13 & Macon Lakers

Monday August 4

11 AM - 4 PM — Burrton

Donations: Please donate fresh fruit like previous years. Fresh fruit can be donated the week of Fair. Please do NOT donate oranges, cuties, or anything that does not work in a fruit salad. We are looking for things like watermelon, grapes, or cantaloupe. ***We are also looking for hamburger patty donations. If you are willing to donate hamburger patties, please call the office and let us know how many patties per pound.***

4-H Food Stand Expectations

Everyone reports to Food Stand Manager.

Minimum: 3 adults and 3 members per club per shift + Food Stand Manager

No one is allowed in the Food Stand that is under the age of 7 years old

Upon entering the 4-H Food Stand, each worker will:

Be sure they are wearing a clean shirt and shoes and wash their hands.

Cashier Duties: (MUST BE AN ADULT)

- Receive money bag from 4-H staffer
- Ensure proper payment is received for each order
- Ensure proper change is provided, as necessary
- Record any transactions on family/individual tabs

Customer Service: (May be 4-H member or adult)

- Record each order on one slip AND add it up
- Inform food prep of order
- Provide slip and money to Cashier and return any change to customer
- Does NOT touch food or drinks (stays at the window)
- Clean tables in eating area as needed

Food Runner: (May be 4-H member or adult)

- Receive verbal order from Customer Service and fill or inform Cook(s)
- Restock drink refrigerator
- Hand off order to customer (only one to pass food to customer)
- Clean tables in eating area as needed

Cook: (MUST BE AN ADULT)

- Receive order from Food Runner
- Keep hot foods stocked and ready

sneak peak of 2025 FAIR AWARDS

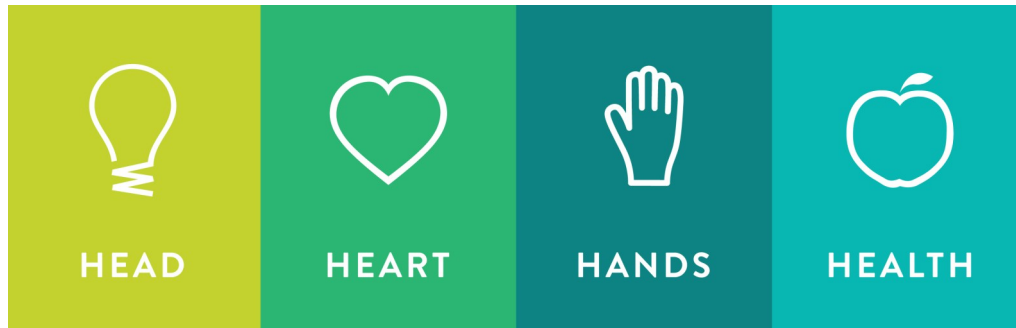


NEW this year. All projects will have the chance to win an award. Awards will be handed out during shows, after the event, or at 4-H premium pick-up. Thanks to our committee and all the hard work clubs and families have done to secure sponsors to provide awards! We have over 150 awards to give this year!



Caught Doing Good

Last year we started the “Caught Doing Good” survey at the county fair and we are bringing it back! Go to https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_08u46xesh0QmR2C, save it to your phone, and submit all the 4-Hers you see doing great work! I would love to have lots and lots to showcase on our Facebook page after the county fair!



4-H Float in the Harvey County Fair Parade

NEW this year! Since the parade is not happening during scheduled 4-H events, the office is putting together a float for anyone who wants to ride and toss candy out! We will be bringing in a trailer on Tuesday of clean up for families to help decorate that evening. If you are wanting to ride, walk, ride a bike with our float on Saturday, August 9, please let Anne know. If you have small hay bales for float and are willing to donate, please reach out to Anne as well. More information will be coming, but if you are willing and wanting please mark your calendars and let Anne know you will be joining her!

HARVEY COUNTY 4-H AWARDS

In preparation for our annual 4-H Recognition Night, all Project Record Books, pin applications, and other award applications are due in the Extension Office no later than **September 19, 2025**. Please respect the due dates that your Club Leaders have set up.

The applications, forms, and instructions are available on our website:

https://www.harvey.k-state.edu/4-h/record_keeping_and_awards/

Project Record Books

Harvey County uses the Record Books to select County Champions in 4-H projects. Project Record Keeping may be recorded through ZBOOKS online or on the Form Fillable PDFs. All Project Record documents need to be printed and compiled in a 3-prong folder or appropriate sized binder.

Member Achievement Pins

Kansas 4-H Member Achievement pins are designed to recognize 4-H members as they reach milestones throughout their 4-H journey. The pins are awarded in a series: Membership, Bronze, Clover, Emerald, Silver, Silver Guard, Leadership, Gold, and Gold Guard. Member Achievement Pins are different than project pins and recognize a 4-H'er for overall 4-H growth and involvement. 4-H members should turn these applications into their Club Leader along with their record book.

Outstanding 4-H'er Award

This award recognizes Harvey County 4-H members who have demonstrated leadership and dedication to the Harvey County 4-H program. Four \$50 awards are given out. 4-H members may only receive this award once in each age group. This form can be completed by Club Leaders, Volunteers, 4-H Members or by self-nomination. Nominees must fit into the 2 age groups; 13-15 and 16+ and actively enrolled in Harvey County 4-H. 4-H'ers who have already been given this award are not eligible to reapply in the same age group.

Harvey County Volunteer of the Year

This award recognizes a Harvey County 4-H volunteer who demonstrate exceptional service to Harvey County 4-H. Harvey County 4-H will continue with nominating the winner for The Kansas 4-H Salute to Excellence Award.

4-H Club Seals

A seal is awarded to a 4-H Club each participation year that requirements are met. The seals are white, red, blue, and purple. Your 4-H Club may try for any seal without regard to the seals previously received. Please turn in all other end of the year documents at this time as well

Development Fund College Student Scholarship

This scholarship application is intended for students who have been active Harvey County 4-H members who graduated May of 2024 and are enrolled as full-time post-secondary students in the fall 2024.

4-H Recognition Night

Save the Date:

October 2025

Doors Open at 5:30 PM

Dinner at 6:00 PM

Salem United Methodist Church

Newton, KS

All 4-H Members, Families, Sponsors, & Supporters are Welcome

This is a time to show appreciation to 4-H supporters & sponsors and to celebrate 4-H achievements!

We're Moving

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Moving Fall of 2025!

**Follow us on Facebook or sign
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newsletter for exact dates!**

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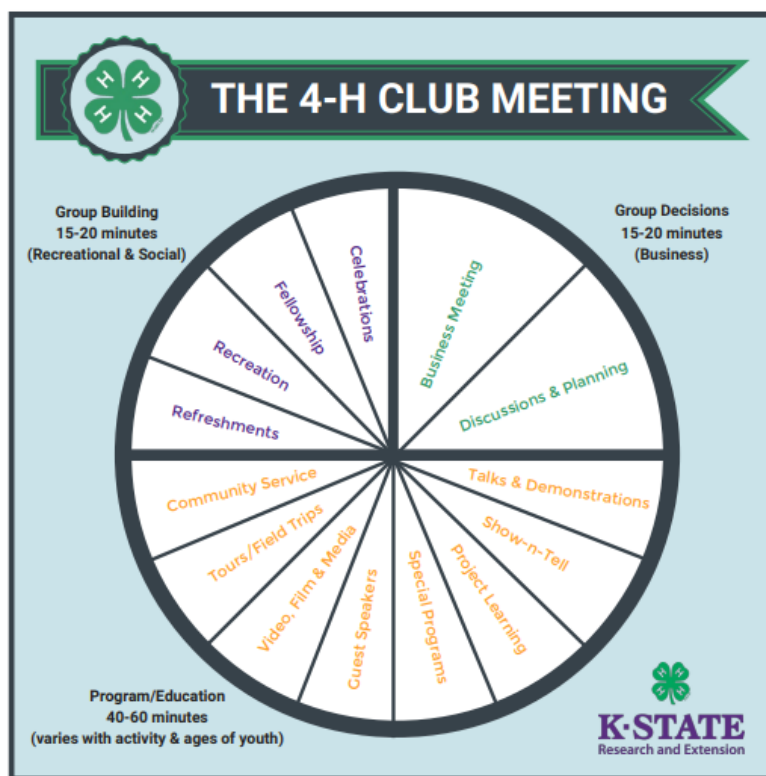
Our new home will be on the third floor of the Pine Street Building, above the Harvey County Health Department. Come see us!

4-H Volunteer News

When you believe in the power of young people, it is important to stay up to date with theories, resources, policies, and much more. Staying up to date with the “hip” things these days takes a lot of work. Hopefully this part in the newsletter will help with keeping you up to date. ---Anne

Club Seal & Self-Assessment

On June 27, all club leaders will receive their yearly responsibilities letter. Most things are the same as usual, but this year the club seal document will be required to be turned in and a new self-assessment document will also be required. The club seal is a great way to keep your club on track with all the parts a club meeting needs to have throughout the year. The self-assessment is a great for two reasons. One, for you to assess yourself and check in to see where you are at. It is not to “ding” a volunteer or anything like that. The second reason it is great, it allows me to see where you as a volunteer might be at and where we can improve. Improvement might be trainings, more detailed information to pass along, or areas that I need to be paying more attention to. No volunteer will check of “always” on each of the 20 statements nor do I expect you to. My hope is you will be able to check in with where you are at and where you can grow your club.



4-H Meeting Wheel Resource: https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/4-h-meeting-wheel-resource_4H1136.pdf

More Than a Fair Entry

It is the fair newsletter and that means we are in full fair mode in the office. As a volunteer, you are as well helping 4-Hers and families get their projects ready for the county fair. I know Fair is very important to the 4-H year, but each project is more than a fair entry. They are learning experiences, opportunities for citizenship, leadership growth, and much more. Go to https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/download/4-h-project-more-than-a-fair-entry_4H1132 to see how a 4-H project is more than a fair entry.

4-H Parent Corner

Many Hats



Parents, you truly have one of the hardest jobs during fair week. You're the keeper of the schedule, the emotional support system, the cheerleader, the packer, the planner, and the double-checker—you wear all the hats. Fair is the most important part of the 4-H season, where your 4-Her grows, builds friendships, develops leadership, and receives valuable feedback. It's also when their dreams can either take flight or face challenges.

Through all the heat, stress, and long days, remember the 4-H motto: To Make the Best Better. That's what we're all here to do. There will be moments when you or your 4-Her feel overwhelmed or frustrated. In those times, take a deep breath, say the motto, and breathe out. Our 4-Hers are always watching how we respond, learning from us not just through words, but through our actions. It's easy to feel stretched thin when you're everything for your child—but in those tough moments, return to the heart of it: we're here to Make the Best Better.

Let's have an amazing fair—I can't wait to see all the incredible work your 4-Hers have done!

Employer Matching Gift

If you employer doing a matching program for volunteer hours and you are wanting to donate that back to Harvey County 4-H, we have finally figured out how to do that! Please visit

<https://www.kansas4hfoundation.org/ways-give/> They have a section called "Employer Matching Gift" that has a search bar which connects to employers and links the forms they may need. It's always good to communicate with your HR department if you have any questions, but this can be a good starting point! In the end, the money cannot come directly to our office, since we are not a 501C3, but it can go to the Kansas 4-H Foundation office and then be written back to us. If you have any questions please reach out!



4-H ALUMNI

Are you a 4-H Alumni? Go to this [survey](#) to let us know how you are doing!



State & Other News

Event Scholarship Opportunity

Attending a State 4-H event and want support paying for this event?
Then apply for a Harvey County 4-H Development Fund Event Scholarship.

It is a simple two question process.
Turn it into the office once completed.

To find the application use this link:

[Records and Forms \(k-state.edu\)](https://k-state.edu/records-and-forms)

Kansas State Fair September 5-14, 2025



**Pre-entries are due August 8 in the Extension Office.
This includes static, communications, dog, poultry, and rabbit entries.**

4-H entries that qualified to go to the Kansas State Fair MUST pre-enter.

The 2025 Kansas State Fair 4-H Exhibitor Handbook and any forms are available online at
the [Kansas State Fair - 4-H Division webpage](#).

KSF Beef, Sheep, Swine and Goat Entries: Due in the Kansas State Fair Office by July 15
Dairy and Horse Entries: Check with the Extension Office

**** There will be no premiums for the 2025 Kansas State Fair ****

More Info will come when projects are due in the Extension Office.



cool careers

Student Edition



1

Want to know how to get started with our NEW Cool Careers contest?

2

You, or a group up to four 4-H members, select a job or profession within one of your 4-H projects you want to learn more about.

3

Identify someone in that profession you would like to interview and get the ball rolling!



Plan your interview questions & storyboard



Interview your professional & video/film



Edit video segments & add music & graphics

Use technology you already have access to:
phone, tablet,
video camera
or laptop!

For video examples,
graphics, music content and
registration form visit
www.kansas4-H.org



2025 Harvey Co. FAIR 4-H / Open CALENDAR

Exhibits Close 10 pm July 31, Aug. 1-3

Date	Time	Event
Wed., July 30		
	6 pm	Set up of 4-H, Commercial Buildings and Livestock Barn
Thurs., July 31		
	4-6 pm	4-H Food Judging 4-H & Open Rocketry, 4-H Robotics, & 4-H Building Block Judging
	5:30 – 6:30 pm	4-H & Open Woodworking Check In
	6 – 7:30 pm	Sheep & Meat Goat –Check in
	6 – 9 pm	Rabbit Check In
	6:30 – 8:00 pm	Swine – Check in & weigh in – All Swine must be on the grounds.
	6:30 pm	4-H & Open Woodworking Judging
	6:45 pm	Small Engines & Electricity Judging
	7 – 9 pm	Early Check in for Open Class (except Dept. F – Crops, Garden & Floriculture AND Div. 100 Open Class Foods)
Fri., Aug 1		
	8 – 10 am	Exhibit Check In (Check Dept. for specific check in times.)
	8 – 10 am	Exhibit Check In – Family & Consumer Sciences Division
	8 – 10 am	Open & 4-H Floriculture, Horticulture + Crop check in
	8 – 10 am	Sheep and Goat Weigh In
	8 – 11 am	4-H & Open Poultry Check in
	8:30 – 10 am	4-H Photography Judging
	10 a.m.	4-H Breeding Beef Check In
	10:30 am	4-H Project Displays, Posters & Notebooks Judging Open Family & Consumer Sciences Division Judging
	11 am	4-H Market Beef Weigh In
	11 am	4-H & Open Judging begins for the following: Crops, Garden, Floriculture & Forestry Veggie Garden Judging Open & 4-H Geology Judging
	Noon	4-H Booths and Banner Judging 4-H Arts & Crafts & Fiber Arts Judging
	12:30 pm	4-H FFA Poultry Show 4-H Entomology Judging
	2 pm	4-H Rabbit Show
	4 – 8 pm	4-H Foods Silent Auction
	5:30 pm	4-H Swine Judging
	8 pm	Newton Saddle Club Rodeo

Sat., Aug 2		
	9 – 11 am	Ag Fest
	9:15 am	Pedal Pull Registration, Athletic Park
	10 am	Pedal Pull Contest
	10:30 am	Registration for Turtle Races, Athletic Park
	11 am	Turtle Races

	1 pm – 3 pm	4-H FCS Judging – 4-H Building
	1 pm	Mud Volleyball registration
	2 pm	Mud Volleyball Tournament
	2 pm	Bucket Calf Interviews
	3 pm	Dog Costume Contest / Bucket Calf Costume Contest
	5 pm	4-H & Open Sheep Judging, Showmanship Sheepless Sheep Showmanship 4-H & Open Breeding Meat Goat followed by 4-H Market & Showmanship
	8 pm	Saddle Club Rodeo
Sun., Aug 3		
	8 am	Farm Bureau/MKC Breakfast
	8:30 am	Bucket Calf Show
	9 am	4-H & Open Beef Show
	After beef show	4-H & Open Dairy Goat Show 4-H & Open Dairy Show
	1 pm	Youth Horticulture Judging
	3 pm	Round Robin Practice
	4 pm	Poultry & Rabbit Clean Up
	5 pm	Non-Sale Livestock released
Mon., Aug 4		
	8 am	Livestock Judging Registration
	8:30 am	Livestock Judging Contest
	12:15 pm	Registration for Barnyard Olympics
	12:30 pm	Barnyard Olympics
	4 – 6 pm	All other exhibits released
	4:30 pm	Round Robin Showmanship Contest
	6 pm	Watermelon Feed
	6:30 pm	Announcement of Judging Contests & Round Robin Winners
	7 pm	4-H Livestock & Champion 4-H Food Auction
Tues., Aug. 5		
	5 pm	Clean up 4-H Building & Livestock Barn
Aug 7-9		
Thurs., Aug. 7		
	5 pm	Food Trucks
	7:30 pm	Concert – Jake Wingfield & Kyle Flickinger from Wheat State Revival / Hunter Spicer (bring lawn chair)
Fri., Aug. 8		
	5 pm	Food Trucks
	7:30 pm	Concert – Taylor Vincent & the Jaded Few (bring lawn chair)
Sat., Aug 9		
	9 am – 4 pm	Harvey County Market in the Park
	5:30 pm	Parade – on West First Street
	8 pm	Newton Saddle Club Bulls and Barrels
Sun., Aug 10		
	6:30 pm	Demo Derby
	6- 9 pm	Carnival

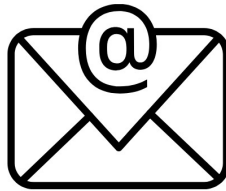
Upcoming 4-H Dates

July 7, 6 PM	Poultry Project Meeting, Courthouse Community Room (basement)
July 19	All Fair Entries Due
July 19	Sewing & Textiles, Style Review, and Style Review Judging
July 26	Horse Show
July 31 - August 10	Harvey County Free Fair
August 8	State Fair Entries Due
August 9	Harvey County Fair Parade
August 28	4-H Council Meeting
September 5-14	Kansas State Fair
September 19	Awards/End of Year Documents Due
October 1	4-H New Year
October 5-11	National 4-H Week
October 11-12	48 Hours of 4-H
October	Recognition Night

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