

Harvey County 4-H Happenings

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May & June 2025

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Wow, there is a ton of information in this month's newsletter. Please **LOOK** and **READ** it all the way through. We are starting to put fair things in the newsletter. Plus, there are many, many opportunities this summer for 4-H programming. We hope you can join us!

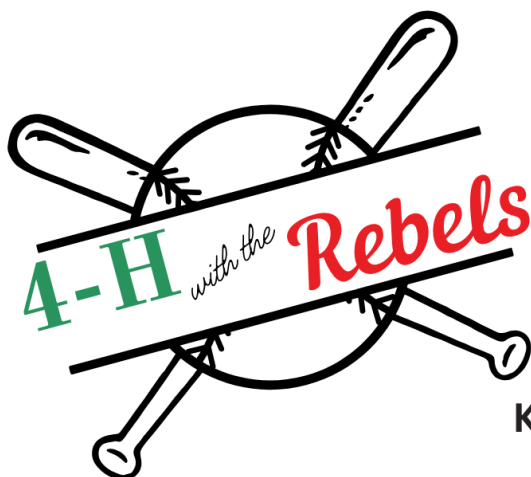
Even though there is a lot in this newsletter, the most important thing you can do right now is ensure you are enrolled in 4-H Online. If you are not enrolled in 4-H Online, you cannot enter the county fair. We pull all the enrolled kids from 4-H Online to the FairEntry system, and if you are not there, it will not allow you to enter classes for the fair.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. I want to hear from you, good and not so good. I hope everyone enjoys the start of their summer, in a few weeks!



County Wide News

Take Me Out to the Ballgame



Thursday, June 26th @ 7 PM
Kline-Scott Field at Centennial Park

This year we are thanking supporters of Harvey County 4-H with tickets to the Rebels baseball game. All 4-H members and their families get in free. Please come enjoy 4-H Night at the Rebels game with our supporters. Wear your 4-H gear!

Committee Updates

Spring Beef Show Committee and Spring Sheep and Goat Show Committee have met and have mostly finished up for the year. Thank you to all involved with those two committees. The Fair Awards Committee members have met a few times and are moving along. We are getting ready for the 4-H Recognition Night Committee and the Supporter of the Year Committee to start meeting. If you would like to be a part of either of those committees, please let Anne or Marcia know. You can follow along with the work the committees are doing in [this link](#). We will keep all the meeting minutes, information, and such in a Google Drive Folder so everyone can be in the know and help when and where they can.



Taysley came up with the winning 2025 Harvey County Fair theme that was chosen by the Harvey County 4-H Council.



2025 Fair Dates

- July 31 – Aug. 4
4-H & Open Class
- Aug. 7 – Aug. 10
Carnival, Concert,
Demo Derby

Go to <https://www.harvey.k-state.edu/free-fair/> or <https://harveycountyfair.com> for fair information.

We're Moving

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Moving Fall of 2025!

**Follow us on Facebook or sign
up for our monthly email
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!

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**MUST BE IN
4-H**

SUMMER AG EXPLORER PROGRAM



**VISIT DIFFERENT FARMS AND AGRICULTURAL
BUSINESSES IN HARVEY COUNTY**

**JUNE 5 - JUNE 26
EVERY THURSDAY
1 PM - 3:30 PM**

REGISTER ONLINE:

**[HTTPS://KSTATE.QUALTRICS.COM/JFE/F
ORM/SV_0ETYCABF6LG1002](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0ETYCABF6LG1002)**

FREE!



**MUST PROVIDE OWN
TRANSPORATION**

ACTIVITIES:

WEEK ACTIVES:
JUNE 5: WHEAT FARM
JUNE 12: DAIRY FARM
JUNE 19: TECH FARM
JUNE 26: SHEEP RANCH

**BASIC FARMING
FARM ANIMALS
HARVESTING
FLYING DRONES
MEAT INDUSTRY**

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Go [here](#) to sign up for the Summer Ag Explorer Program!



Photography INTERNSHIP

Eligibility:

- ✓ Enrolled in 4-H
- ✓ HS Freshman - Senior
- ✓ Interested in Photography
- ✓ Attend Pre-Fair training sessions
- ✓ Have DSLR or mirrorless Camera

THIS INTERNSHIP IS UNPAID

Contact Us



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Intern schedules will be adjusted to accommodate their fair entries so they can fully participate in their events.

Pre-fair training sessions dates have yet to be set.

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Calling All Photographers!

We're looking for high school 4-H'ers to join us as Photography Interns for the 2025 Harvey County Fair. Get real-world experience, build your portfolio, attend hands-on training, and help us capture the magic of the fair!

Apply now for a chance to be a Photography Intern here:

[Photo Intern Application](#)



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



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

Five Finger Contract

Thumb:

Be Positive, Stay Positive!

Index Finger:

Don't Point the Finger

Middle Finger:

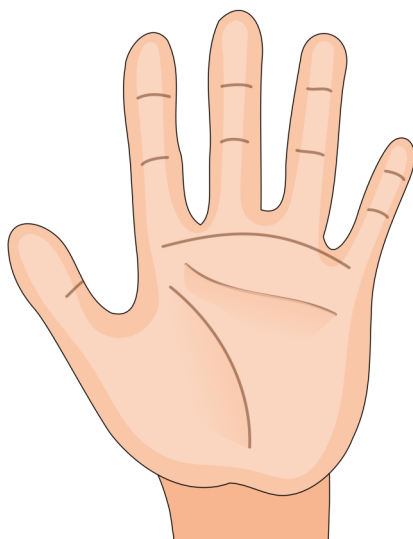
RESPECT!

Ring Finger:

Commitment

Pinky Finger:

The Little Things



The Five Finger Contract is a great and easy way to help all involved work on connecting with one another and supporting each other during an activity. At the beginning have everyone hold up their hand with all 5 fingers extended and go over the 5 agreements of the Five Finger Contract. Then during the activity anyone can help others who need a reminder of the 5 agreements simply by holding up their hand with all 5 fingers extended and simply saying, “Don’t forget the Five Finger Contract.” If you would like the details and full script of the Five Finger Contract, contact Marcia. This idea comes from Training Wheels by Michelle Cummings.

Thank You Volunteers!

We celebrated our amazing volunteers the week of April 20th through 26th. Volunteers have contributed well over 300 hours to Harvey County 4-H youth throughout the year!

THANK YOU FOR
MEATing
OUR NEEDS

AS A VOLUNTEER WITH HARVEY COUNTY 4-H



4-H Parent Corner

May 1st, also known as May Day, is traditionally a celebration of spring, renewal, and community. While it's not as widely observed in modern times, it offers a meaningful reminder of the importance of connection — especially with those who live closest to us: our neighbors.

As parents, our lives are often filled with packed schedules, school runs, sports practices, and work. It's easy to become isolated in our routines. But community matters — not just for us, but for our children. When kids grow up in a neighborhood where people know and care for one another, it fosters a sense of safety, belonging, and shared responsibility. May Day can be a simple but powerful opportunity to reintroduce those values.

Something as small as leaving a flower or note on a neighbor's doorstep, organizing a sidewalk chalk art day, or simply saying hello more often can make a big difference. Encouraging our children to participate in these acts helps them see the value of kindness, generosity, and neighborly care.

In today's fast-paced world, genuine human connection is more important than ever. This May Day, let's take a moment to slow down, look around, and intentionally reconnect with the people around us. By doing so, we're not just building stronger neighborhoods — we're teaching our kids the value of community and kindness in everyday life.



State & Other News

CALLING ALL ADVENTURERS CLIMBERS FLIPPERS & BUG CATCHERS!

Kansas 4-H Camp at Rock Springs Ranch is once again expanding to involve more opportunities for youth. 4-H Camp will be open to all youth ages 6-18. Camp options include traditional overnight camp with 3-night and 5-night options, a 2-night Mini Camp for younger kiddos, Leaders in Training (LIT) and Counselors in Training (CIT) for high school aged youth, Family Camp, and a few new Specialty Camps will be announced soon. For more details, go to rockspringranch4hcamp.org.

Youth can register for any session of interest. 4-H membership is not required to attend camp. Registration and payment will take place directly with Rock Springs Ranch at rockspringranch4hcamp.org. Registration opens on November 15. It is recommended to register early, as camp sessions will fill on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Harvey County 4-H Development Fund has set up to help pay for part of camp at Rock Spring Ranch. Any registered Harvey County 4-H youth can use coupon code **HVCO4-H25** for \$100 toward the cost of camp.

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 \(k-state.edu\)](http://k-state.edu/Records%20and%20Forms)



2025 Kansas 4-H Discovery Days: Building a Mindset for Leadership

When: June 4-6th, 2025

Where: Kansas State University Campus

Who: Youth ages 13-18 before January 1, 2025 are invited to register

Cost: \$235; some sessions may require an additional fee

Theme: Building a Mindset for Leadership

Registration: [Register online here!](#) Closes May 5th, 2025

Marcia Oden will be driving and chaperoning 4-H youth from Harvey County.

Discovery Days is a mini college experience designed for youth who are 13-18 years of age as of January 1. Youth will have the opportunity to select classes and attend social functions.

The primary purpose of 4-H Discovery Days is to gain new ideas and expand your 4-H experience. You experience this through action-oriented learning activities, fun tours, and great evening social events. You will meet new people, build leadership skills, and grow as a person!

- Help youth learn new ideas, techniques, and skills they can use personally and in their 4-H clubs or groups and communities
- Give youth in-depth training through [hands-on educational sessions](#) from content and youth development experts
- Prepare youth to make informed decisions about their careers and college path
- Enhance personal growth by giving opportunities to develop responsibility, confidence, independence, accountability, problem-solving, decision-making, and time management skills
- Help youth meet new people and make new friends from different places and with different backgrounds from across the state
- Provide an opportunity for youth to experience the K-State campus and its wealth of resources
- Develop college and career readiness skills that prepare participants academically and socially for a successful transition to college and life as an adult
- HAVE FUN!

Discovery Days participants will be included in a special recognition event honoring the State Project Award Winners. This event will be held in the K-State Student Union on the evening of Thursday, June 5th and will include an evening social and entertainment. More details to follow registration!



**Registration
Closes
May 16th**

**REGISTER
TODAY**

**JUNE
13-15**
CONCORDIA
KANSAS

**KANSAS 4-H
GEOLOGY
FIELD TRIP**



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For more
information
and the
registration link
for the
Kansas 4-H
Geology Field
Trip go [here](#).

*Beetles, bugs,
dragonflies and
more! It's time to
register for the
33rd Insect
Spectacular.*

Go [here](#) for more
information and
registration.

Registration
closes May 26.

Insect Spectacular 2025

Registration now open
June 27-28, 2025
El Dorado KS

For more information, check our
Insect Spectacular Event Webpage.

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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



County Project Information

<p>Shooting Sports Project Leaders: Justin Schrag & David Becker Email: jschrag3@gmail.com</p>	<p>If you are registered in any Shooting Sports disciplines, you are welcome to join "Shooting Sports Air rifle/bb gun" on GroupMe. Use the following link to join: https://groupme.com/join_group/106583767/TFunUX8X</p>
<p>Horse Project Leaders: Scott & Kelly Harder Email: skharder90@gmail.com</p>	<p>Horse ID's are due June 1st. Weather permitting and when the arena dirt work is completed, we hope to have some Sunday afternoon practices before school is out.</p>
<p>Rocketry Project Leader: Doug Stucky Email: dougstucky68@gmail.com</p>	<p>We will have the Rocketry Meeting May 5 at 6 PM at Camp Hawk. Bring your rockets. We will review information and work on rockets. Have your rockets ready for launch at the Rocket Launch on June 21 at 7:30 AM. Location will be shared later.</p>
<p>Geology Project Leaders: Sara Murphy & Phil Unruh Email: sjm0614@cox.net</p>	<p>We will have a Geology field trip with along with SG County to the Flint Hills on May 10. Call Sara (316-283-6934) for more information and if you plan on going (leave a message). The State Geology Field Trip will be June 13-15 in North Central Kansas with headquarters in Concordia. Information and registration have been emailed and can b found in this newsletter.</p>
<p>Poultry Project Leader: Email:</p>	<p>We will have 2 Poultry Project meetings. On Monday, May 12 at 6 PM in the Harvey County Courthouse basement, we will talk about general poultry information and showmanship. On Monday, July 7 at 6 PM (location TBD), we will talk about the different poultry classes for the fair.</p>
<p>Dog Project Leaders: Amy Brown & Marcia Oden Email: h2oskii@hotmail.com</p>	<p>The Harvey County Dog Show is June 28. In order to participate in the show you must attend at least 6 practices. We meet on Tuesdays at 6 PM at the Livestock Barn on the Harvey County Fair Grounds.</p>
<p>Other Projects</p>	<p>Be sure to enroll in projects in 4-H Online so that you get emails with information concerning those projects. Keep an eye out on your email for project information!</p>

2025 Harvey Co. FAIR 4-H / Open CALENDAR - Tentative

Exhibits Close 10 pm Every Night

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 – 8:30pm	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)
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

Sun., Aug 3	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	Charity Tug of War/Mud Volleyball registration
	2 pm	Bucket Calf Interviews
	2 pm	Mud Volleyball Tournament
	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
Mon., Aug 4	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
Tues., Aug. 5	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
Aug 7-9 Thurs., Aug. 7 Fri., Aug. 8 Sat., Aug 9	5 pm	Clean up 4-H Building & Livestock Barn
	6 – 10 pm	Carnival
	TBD	Concert / other events
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Sun., Aug 10	9 am – 4 pm	Harvey County Market in the Park
	5:30 pm	Parade – on West First Street
	TBD	Possible other events
	8 pm	Newton Saddle Club Bulls and Barrels
Sun., Aug 10	6:30 pm	Demo Derby
	6- 9 pm	Carnival

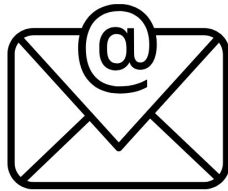
Upcoming 4-H Dates

May 2	Small Animal Tagging
May 10	HVCO/SGCO Geology Field Trip
June 4-6	Discovery Days
June 5, 12, 19, 26	Harvey County 4-H Summer Ag Explorer Program
June 13-15	State Geology Field Trip
June 21	Rocket Launch
June 21	Swine Clinic
June 25	Dog Show Entries Due
June 26	4-H Night at the Rebels Baseball Game
June 27-28	Insect Spectacular
June 28	Dog Show
July	Style Review
July 19	All Fair Entries Due
July 26	Horse Show
July 31 - August 10	Harvey County Free Fair

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