

Harvey County 4-H Happenings

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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. Be sure to also pay attention to email and social media for programming opportunities that may not make it into this newsletter. 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



Jaeann came up with the winning 2026 Harvey County Fair theme that was chosen by the Harvey County 4-H Council.



2026 Fair Dates
July 30 - August 3
4-H & Open Class

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

Join the Horticulture Judging Team



If you are interested in joining the 4-H Horticulture Judging Team, please contact Scott by email (seckert@ksu.edu) or call the office to be included as practice times are planned.



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 come help.

Thursday, July 30

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

Friday, July 31

11 AM - 4 PM — Macon Lakers

4 PM - 9 PM — Halstead Cloverleaf

Saturday, August 1

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

11 AM - 4 PM — Sedgwick Sunflowers

4 PM - 9 PM — Lucky 13

Sunday, August 2

10:30 AM - 5 PM — Hesston

Monday, August 3

11 AM - 4 PM — Walton Willing Workers

Donations:

Please donate fresh fruit for fruit salad—melons, grapes, and berries. Please bring to the Food Stand during the Fair. No oranges, cuties, or things that do not work in a fruit salad.

Other Donations:

Are you willing to donate 1/4 lb Beef patties or Pork patties?

*Would you, your family, your club, or group like to make a monetary donation to help with supplies and food items? **Contact Marcia at 316-284-6930 or marciajo@ksu.edu.***

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

Team Bonding with Training Wheels

Team Bonding refers to fun, recreational programs that may involve some networking and rapport building.

- Designed around a simple goal.
- Outcome is having a good time.
- May follow a specific schedule...or not.
- Does not require reflection time.
- Can act as a stand alone event.



Contact Marcia for Team Bonding activities from the “Training Wheels Ultimate Kit Field Guide” by Michelle Cummings to do with your club members. There are many activities

that take simple supplies you may have on hand or you can check out supplies for activities.

THANKS FOR
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HARVEY COUNTY 4-H
VOLUNTEERS
MAKE OUR PROGRAM GREAT

Thank You Volunteers!

We celebrated our amazing volunteers the week of April 19th through 25th.

Volunteers have contributed well over 300 hours to Harvey County 4-H youth throughout the year!



Are you looking for ways to help your 4-H youth learn and grow in a particular project? There are many resources available. Check out the [Kansas 4-H Projects](#) page as a starting point to explore Kansas 4-H project opportunities. On that page you will find the Project Categories that lead to the Individual Project Pages. On each Individual Project Page you can find links to: Spark Pages, Things to Learn & Do, Project Materials with Resources and Guidelines/Rules, Awards & Recognition, Events & Activities, and Career Exploration. You can also go to Kansas [Clover Classroom](#) where you can find Kansas 4-H Project Challenges with ideas to explore and work on for some projects. You can also take a look at [The Harvey County 4-H Project Resource Guide](#). If you are still needing more, contact the office to see what curriculum we have on hand, ask questions, or to see what other resources we can help you with. Finally, another resource is to ask 4-H youth and their families who have been in a particular project for tips and help - I am sure they would love to share what they know!



State & Other News

Kansas 4-H Events

To see a list and detail information about various Kansas 4-H Project-Based Events offered throughout the year go to [Project-Based Events](#).



ROCK SPRINGS RANCH

Sign up for camp at Rock Springs Ranch. Harvey County 4-H Youth use coupon code *HVCO4-H26* for \$100 toward camp from the Harvey County 4-H Development Fund. Go to [Rock Springs Ranch](#) for dates and to register.



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 \(k-state.edu\)](#)



2026 Kansas 4-H Discovery Days: Lead with Heart, Think with Courage, Act with Wisdom

When: June 3-5, 2025

Where: Kansas State University Campus

Who: Youth ages 13-18 before January 1, 2026 are invited to register

Cost: \$245; some sessions may require an additional fee

Theme: Building a Mindset for Leadership

Registration: [Register online here!](#) Closes May 8, 2026

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!

New This Year

- FCS Contest will be held in conjunction with Discovery Days. It is listed as a session youth can choose from the Class Session Catalog.
- TALENT SHOW! Sign-up to participate in the talent show when registering for the event, but a two minute video URL will need to be submitted by May 8th, 2026 to Kansas4h@ksu.edu.

2026 KANSAS 4-H GEOLOGY FIELD TRIP REGISTRATION OPEN



When: June 12-14th 2026

Where: Southeast with
Headquarters at Parsons Middle
School

Registration Deadline: May 15th



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KS 4-H Geology Field Trip

June 12-14, 2026

Parsons, Kansas

For more information
and the registration link go
to [Geology Field Trips | K-
State | Kansas State Univer-
sity](#)

Registration closes May 15.

KS 4-H Insect Spectacular.

June 19-20, 2026
Iola, Kansas

Go to [Kansas 4-H Insect
Spectacular | K-State | Kan-
sas State University](#) for
more information and the
registration link.

Registration closes May 25.



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JUNE 19-20, 2026 IOLA, KS

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County Project Information

Shooting Sports Project Leaders: Justin Schrag & David Becker Email: harveycountyshooting-sports@gmail.com	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
Horse Project Leaders: Scott & Kelly Harder Email: skharder90@gmail.com	Horse ID's are due June 1st. If you want to be a part of the Horse project be sure to select it in 4-H Online so you don't miss communication.
Rocketry Project Leader: Doug Stucky & Scott Oden Email: dougstucky68@gmail.com	Keep working on building your rockets. Remember, no plastic fins! Be sure to work on precision and attention to detail. Pay attention to email communication for a rocket launch date in June.
Geology Project Leaders: Phil Unruh Email: philunruh03@gmail.com	Save the date for the State Geology Trip on June 12-14 somewhere in southeast Kansas. Pay attention to Kansas 4-H social media, website, or email for more information soon.
Bucket Calf Project Leader: Aaron & Lori Hurst Email: lori_k-stastefan@hotmail.com	Weigh day will be on May 9, 2026 at 9 AM at the Livestock Barn on the Harvey County Fair Grounds with a meeting following the weigh-in.
Dog Project Leaders: Amy Brown & Marcia Oden Email: h2oskii@hotmail.com	The Harvey County Dog Show is the morning of July 25.
Other Projects	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!

2026 Harvey Co. FAIR 4-H / Open SCHEDULE

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

Date	Time	Event
Wed., July 29		
	6 pm	Set up of 4-H, Commercial Buildings and Livestock Barn
Thurs., July 30		
	4-6 pm	4-H Food Judging 4-H Sewing and Textiles 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 pm	Sheep & Meat Goat –Check in
	6 – 9 pm	Rabbit & Poultry 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., July 31		
	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 Open and 4-H Geology, followed by Entomology Judging
	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 1		
	8 am	Livestock Judging Registration
	8:30 am	Livestock Judging Competition
	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 Mud Volleyball registration
	Noon	Mud Volleyball Tournament starts
	1 pm	Bucket Calf Interviews
	2:30 pm	Bucket Calf Show
	4 pm	Dog Costume Contest / Bucket Calf Costume Contest
	4:30 pm	Fashion Revue – 4-H Building
	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 2		
	8 am	Farm Bureau/MKC Breakfast
	8:30 am	4-H & Open Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goat Show
	9 am	4-H & Open Beef Show
	1 pm	Youth Horticulture Judging
	4 pm	Round Robin Practice
	4 pm	Poultry & Rabbit Clean Up
	5 pm	Non-Sale Livestock released
Mon., Aug 3		
	12:45 pm	Registration for Barnyard Olympics
	1 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. 4		
	5 pm	Clean up 4-H Building & Livestock Barn
Aug 6-9	6 – 10 pm	Carnival
Thurs., Aug. 6	5 pm	Food Trucks
	7:30 pm	Concert –(bring lawn chair)
Fri., Aug. 7	5 pm	Food Trucks
	7:30 pm	Concert – (bring lawn chair)
Sat., Aug 8	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 9		
	6:30 pm	Demo Derby
	6- 9 pm	Carnival

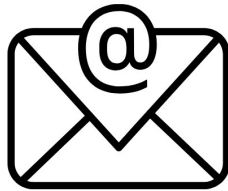
Upcoming 4-H Dates

May 8	Small Animal Tagging, Fair Grounds
May 28, 6 PM	Ambassadors Meeting, Extension Office
June 3-5	Discovery Days, Manhattan
June 4, 11, 16, 25	Harvey County 4-H Summer Ag Explorer Program
June 12-14	State Geology Field Trip
June 19-20	Insect Spectacular, Iola
June TBD	Rocket Launch
June 25, 7 PM	4-H Council Meeting, Extension Office
July TBD	Style Review
July 17	All Fair Entries Due
July 22	Ambassadors Meeting, Extension Office
July 25	Dog Show
July 25	Horse Show
July 30 - August 9	Harvey County Free Fair

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