

Harvey County 4-H Happenings

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This is the newsletter for ALL fair things. Lots of details are in this newsletter along with up coming end of year things. It is an important newsletter, please make sure you read it and ask any questions you may have!

To highlight a few parts in the newsletter: All entries will be made with FairEntry. If this is your first year using FairEntry and it is confusing, please reach out. We are more than willing to help you out. One common mistake is families with multiple kids enter all their entries for kid 1 and then hit the big green submit button before entering entries for kid 2. Not a problem, reach out and we will approve the entries which will allow the parent to go back in and finish adding the entries. Deadline to enter your entries for 4-H is July 19th. Please don't miss this deadline because there will be no exceptions.

The end of year documents are due September 20th this year. This is all documents: Club Leader required documents, record books, membership pins, outstanding 4-Her nominees, senior scholarships, etc. All of this is open and ready for submissions. We will send more details out via email after the county fair, but if you are ambitious and wanting to get it done now (or mostly done) they are ready for you to start!

New to the newsletter for now and the future newsletters you will find a Volunteer page and a Parent page. These pages will be dedicated to those specific groups with resources, ideas, thoughts and much more. I hope you enjoy the additions!

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County Wide News



4-H Night at the Rebels

Last month we hosted a Rebels game with all the 4-H fun! Hayden threw out the first pitch with his dog Onyx. Both of them are gearing up to travel abroad, check out the last newsletter on why they are traveling! We also had a few Ambassadors talk about our program and teach the 4-H Pledge to the audience. It was a fun night and we have some ideas for next year and inviting supporters for a free night of fun!



Important Fair Links

Fair Entry:

<https://harveycountyfair.fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/20605>

Fair Schedule:

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

Fair Rule Book:

<https://harveycountyfair.com/2024-fairbook/>



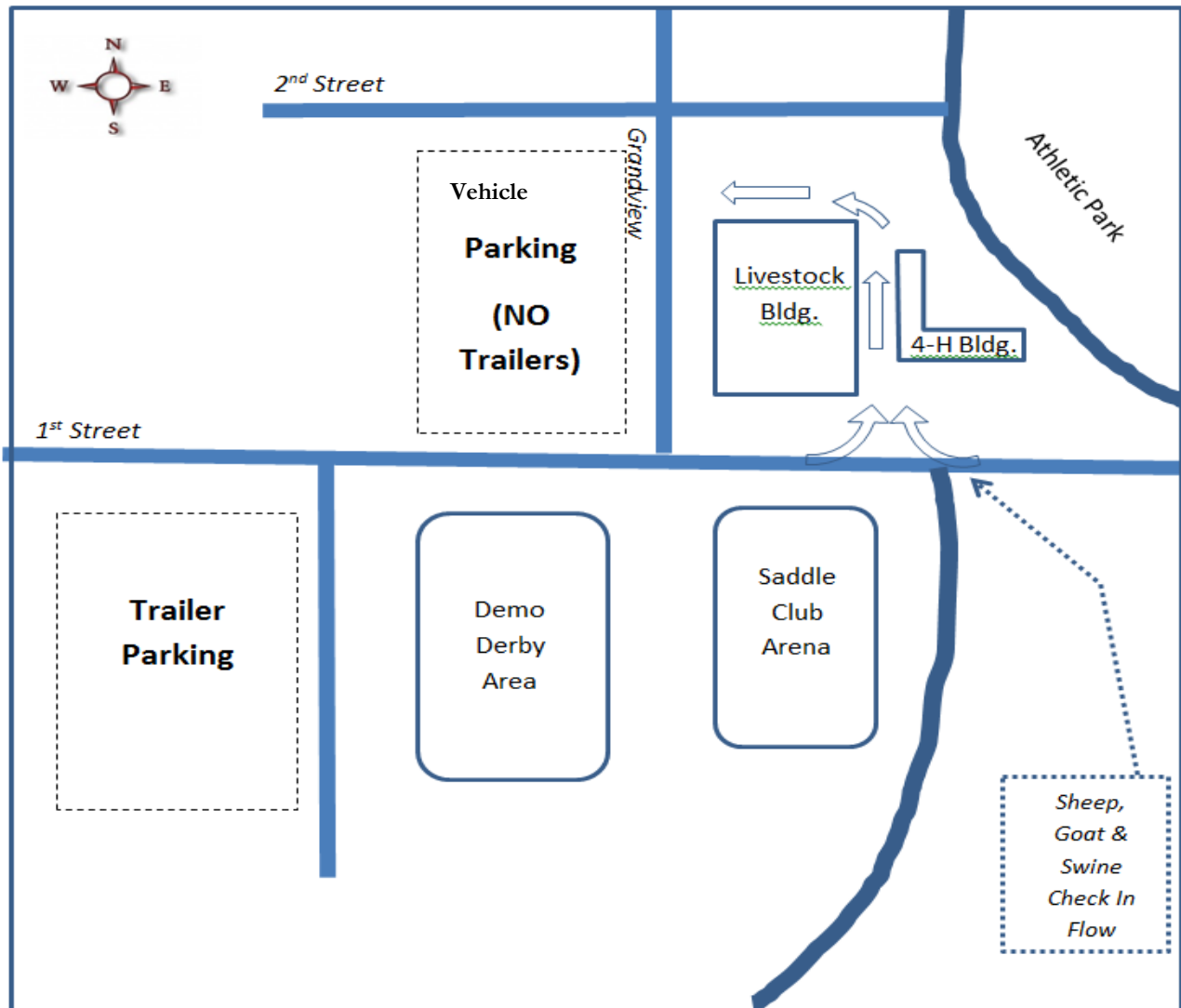
2024 Harvey County Fairgrounds Parking

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.



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.

For Set-Up: We will be setting up the 4-H and Commercial Buildings and rabbits/poultry areas on Tuesday at 6:30 PM and the Livestock Barn on Wednesday at 6 PM. This will operate like previous years – which is cleaning display cases, sweeping, setting up the screens for the food stand, setting up pens, getting stalls ready and anything else we typically do that I have failed to list.

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

I hope that your work on your fair projects is progressing well. Have a wonderful time at the fair!

Sincerely,

Gail Lanier

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 the whole time 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.

We also have breakfast to Saturday morning, 7-9 AM. We are looking for individuals to sign up for that shift to work. Here is the link to sign up:

<https://forms.gle/JkQN57n8se9zEHxX9>

Thursday August 1

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

Friday August 2

11 AM - 4 PM — Hesston

4 PM - 9 PM — Macon Lakers

Saturday August 3

7 AM - 9 AM Breakfast — Sign Up at link above

11 AM - 4 PM — Walton Willing Workers

4 PM - 9 PM — Halstead Cloverleaf

Sunday August 4

11 AM - 4 PM — Sedgwick Sunflowers

4 PM - 9 PM — Lucky 13

Monday August 5

11 AM - 4 PM — Burrton

***all times are
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change*

**If a time does not work for your club, please switch with another club that is willing.
If clubs do switch, please let the office know.**

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.

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:

Put on an apron and head covering. This will remain on while in the Food Stand. Wash hands.

Cashier: (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

Sous Chef: (MUST BE AN ADULT)

- Prep/Restock pie slices
- Prep fruit salad -wash, cut, and put 1 cup in each container
- Wash up food prep area as used
- Assist with Food Runner role as need arises

(The Food Runner's main role is to collect food from the Cook, grab drinks, and deliver to customer)

4-H Recognition Night

Save the Date:

October 12, 2024

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!



4-H Float in the 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 throw 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 10, 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!

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!



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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 20, 2024**. 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

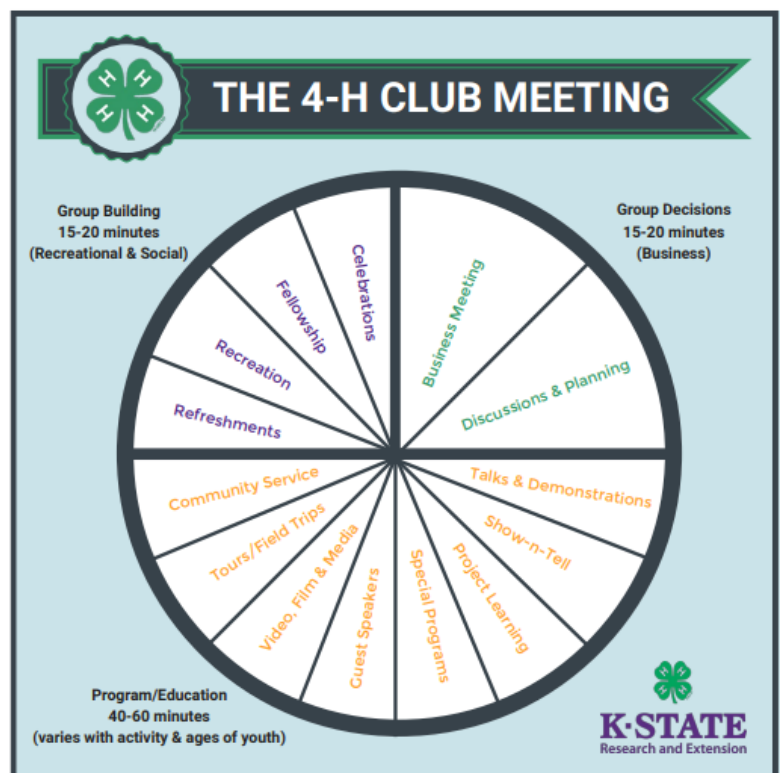
This scholarship application is intended for students who have been active Harvey County 4-H members who graduated May of 2024 and are enrolled as full-time post-secondary students in the fall 2024.

4-H 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

July 1, is when 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.

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4-H Parent Corner

A Tough Job

Parents, you have the toughest job when it comes to fair. You are the keeper of the schedule, the emotions manager, the hype man, the packer, the planner, the double checker. You have many, many jobs when it comes to fair. It is the most important part of the 4-H season. It is a time where your 4-Her grows, makes friends, builds leadership skills, and receives feedback. It is a time your 4-Her's hopes and dreams either come true or fall short. The one thing to keep in mind, even in all of the heat and stress, is the 4-H motto - To Make the Best Better. And that is what we are here to do. There will be times you or your 4-Her are feeling stressed, frustrated, or mad. Keep that motto in your head, take a deep breath in, repeat that motto and breath out. Our 4-Hers are watching us and how we react to events that are happening. It is so easy to fly off the handle when you are the everything for your 4-Her. But we have to remember, we are here To Make the Best Better. Let's have a great and fantastic fair this year and I cannot wait to see all the hard 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/waystogive/> 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.

To find the application, go to the link below.

It is a simple two question process.

Turn it into the office once completed.

To find the application use this link:

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

Kansas State Fair September 6-15, 2024



Pre-entries are due August 9 in the Extension Office. This includes foods, vegetables, photos, dog, rocketry, visual arts, woodworking, etc.

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

The 2024 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

Horse: Check with the Extension Office

**** There will be no premiums for the 2024 Kansas State Fair ****

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

Upcoming 4-H Dates

July 6	Rocket Launch
July 19	All County Fair Entries Due
July 20	Sewing & Textiles, Shopping in Style, and Fashion Review Judging
July 24	Ambassador Meeting
July 26 & 27	Dog Show
July 27	Horse Show
August 1-5	Harvey County Fair
August 9	State Fair Entries Due
August 10	Harvey County Fair Parade
August 22	4-H Council Meeting
September 6-15	Kansas State Fair
September 20	Awards/End of Year Documents Due
October 1	4-H New Year
October 12	4-H Recognition Night
October 12-13	48 Hours of 4-H

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