

Harvey County 4-H Happenings

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March and April are crazy busy times here in the office. We are planning and preparing for weekend events, managing registrations for those events, and so much more. It is also the time we get to see kids and families for the first time in many months, so we are excited to be busy and get started with the busy 4-H season.

This newsletter does not have much in it, but it does have some schedules and dates that you do need to make note of. They are important dates for up and coming events or Spring Shows that are happening.

The other big thing to make note of. There are a handful of families who have not re-enrolled in 4-H Online for this coming year. If you are reading this and that is you, please re-enroll asap. You will start missing details as we are sending important information via 4-H Online.

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County Wide News

Committee Updates

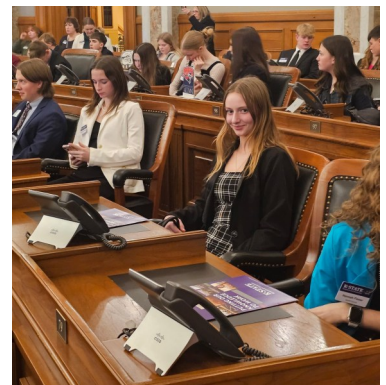
Spring Beef Show, Fair Awards, and Spring Sheep and Goat Show Committees have met and are moving right along. If you would like to follow along with the work they are doing, you can find it all in [this link](#). We will house all the meeting minutes, information, and such in a Google Drive Folder. This will allow everyone to be in the know and help when they can where they can. If you are interested in joining a committee, please reach out and we will make sure to add you to the list.

There are 5 committees for Harvey County 4-H youth and adults to join:

*Fair Awards Spring Beef Show 4-H Recognition Night
Spring Sheep & Goat Show Supporter of the Year*

CIA - Citizenship In Action

We had 2 4-H youth from Harvey County attend Citizenship in Action this year. We also had 1 4-H youth from Harvey County help lead CIA as part of the Kansas 4-H Youth Council. They all had a great time learning about the legislative process as they debated and voted on a mock bill in the Senate and House Floors at the Capitol in Topeka, touring the Capitol, and meeting our Senator, Stephen Owens.



The Harvey County 4-H Volunteer Resource Booklet

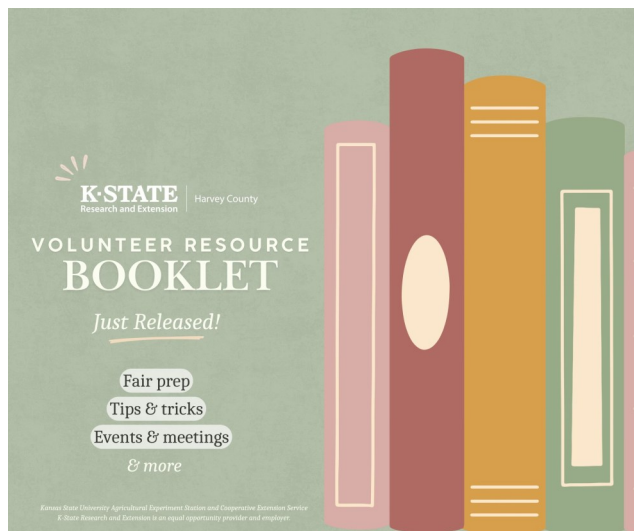
We are putting together the

Harvey County 4-H Volunteer Resource Booklet!

This booklet will be a game-changer for 4-H families, connecting them with experienced volunteers who can help with:

- ✓ Answer project-related questions
- ✓ Help families prepare for the fair
- ✓ Share tips and tricks
- ✓ Organize project meetings or weekend events

Want to help?



The Fair Theme for the 2025 Harvey County Fair is:

BLUE JEANS AND COUNTRY DREAMS AT THE HARVEY COUNTY FREE FAIR

Taysley came up with the winning theme that was decided 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
- Schedule will be shared later.

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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

Volunteers are the bread and butter of our local program. Without volunteers we would not be able to accomplish what we accomplish, reach as many youths as we do, and provide the great education that we do. Without volunteers doing this great work, we would not be able to shape the next generation of our community. Because of the great work volunteers do, I wanted to share some highlights that you have accomplished this past 4-H year.

- We had over 180 kids enrolled in 4-H who in turn brought 1,278 exhibits to the County Fair. Showcasing all the great work they learned, from you.
- We have 15 club leaders that put in at least 3 hours a month preparing and implementing monthly club meetings. That is around 36 hours a year they give back to the program.
- We had 21 new 4-Hers this past year. That is from the work you have done formally or informally.
- Within club meetings, you give back to your communities yearly.
- Within project meetings, you help kids find their spark and grow in their personal development.

I could go on and on about the work volunteers do for our local organization. Again, volunteers are the bread and butter of our local program. We thank you for the work you do and are proud to have you be a part of our team. Thank you.

SPRING INTO VOLUNTEERING

FOR ANYONE SERVING AS A 4-H VOLUNTEER OR CONSIDERING IT!

SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2025 IN SALINA, KS

SAVE THE DATE

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The poster features a purple background with a white gear icon on the left and a photograph of two women working together at a table. The text is in white and yellow. The 4-H logo is in the top right corner.

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4-H Parent Corner

I want to share some exciting updates from our Fair Awards Committee! There are two major changes this year that we believe everyone will appreciate.

- 1.Changes to Awards** Every project will receive an award this year, meaning every 4-Her has the opportunity to walk away with more than just a ribbon. Additionally, we've made some updates to the awards themselves—Showmanship Champions will now receive buckles, and other standard awards have been refreshed.
- 2.We Need Your Help!** With more awards, we need more funding. The best way to secure sponsorships is for 4-Hers and their families to reach out to potential donors. I recently sent information and sample scripts to club leaders to assist with these efforts at your next club meeting. We truly appreciate all that families do for the community and understand this is an extra ask, but having 4-Hers take the lead in these conversations will help build valuable skills and strengthen community connections.

The email to club leaders includes detailed information and supporting documents. We've also divided potential sponsors by club to help distribute the effort. However, if you have additional ideas, consider reaching out to local hardware stores, restaurants, insurance agencies, or other small businesses in your area.

Our goal is to have most sponsorships secured by the end of May. We understand that life gets busy, and some potential sponsors may not be contacted—if that happens, please let us know.

A Helpful Tip:

Family members, call ahead and schedule an appointment before making their ask.

If you have any questions, please reach out to me or any committee member. We appreciate everyone's help in making this year's awards program a success!

Thank you!

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 Sate 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)

County Project Information

Beef Project

Leader: Barbara Roux

Email: norbar@mtelco.net

Beef Weigh Day: March 1, 2025

Spring Beef Show: March 29, 2025

Beef Weigh In Information:

Starts at 10:00 AM, Saturday, March 1

6307 N Hillside, Walton, Jim Brubacher Farm

Directions: Hillside and Walton Rd (60th) north on Hillside, west side of road. Enter south drive, south side of round top.

We will be using single animal scales under the chute, processing will be done in one location.

In order to show at the County Fair, you MUST weigh & tag at Weigh Day. If you cannot bring your animal please try to get someone else to bring your animal to be weighed and tagged THAT DAY. As a last resort, call the office and make alternate arrangements BEFORE weigh day. We will NOT tag any animals after weigh day.

Horse Project

Leaders: Scott & Kelly Harder

Email: skharder90@gmail.com

If you are planning to be involved with the Horse Project this year, please be sure to sign up for the Horse Project on 4-H Online. We are hoping to get a few spring practices in. Watch your email.

Rocketry Project

Leader: Doug Stucky

Email: dougstucky68@gmail.com

The weather is getting nice outside, which means it's time to begin thinking about getting those model rockets built and ready for launch. We will be having an informative meeting and model building time soon. Pay attention to your email. Should you have any questions in advance of the meeting, please call or text Doug.

Geology Project

Leaders: Sara Murphy & Phil Unruh

Email: sjm0614@cox.net

If you are planning to be involved with the Geology Project this year, please be sure to sign up for the Geology Project on 4-H Online. Watch for email in the future about geology field trips.

<p>Dog Project Leader: Amy Brown & Marcia Oden Email: h2oskii@hotmail.com</p>	<p>Meeting - Tuesday, March 4, 6PM, Fair Grounds Barn</p> <p>We will discuss project goals briefly and get a plan of our year. Be prepared to share you goals for this project with us. You must have proof of vaccinations to bring your dog. Please carefully review previous correspondence for responsibilities and pre practice activities. Please let Amy or Marcia know if you will attend, or if you have questions.</p>
<p>Cloverbuds Leader: Lynnette Redington Email: lredington12@gmail.com</p>	<p>Cloverbud Meeting - Saturday, March 1, 2025, 10 AM, Salem United Methodist Church in Newton</p> <p>This is open to ALL Cloverbuds and at least one parent/guardian. We will go over some basics of 4-H and dig into a few project areas. If you have questions, contact Lynnette Redington.</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

	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
Sun., Aug 3	8 pm	Saddle Club Rodeo
	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	6 – 10 pm	Carnival
Thurs., Aug. 7	TBD	Concert / other events
Fri., Aug. 8	TBD	Concert /other events
Sat., Aug 9	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

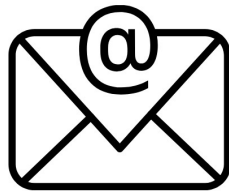
Upcoming 4-H Dates

March 1	Beef Weigh Day
March 22	Beef Clipping Clinic
March 29	Spring Beef Show
April 20-26	National Volunteer Week
April 24	Ambassadors Meeting
April 24	4-H Council Meeting
April 26	Spring Sheep & Goat Show
May 2	Small Animal Tagging
June 4-6	Discovery Days
July 31 - August 10	Harvey County Free Fair

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