

Harvey County 4-H Happenings

The Informer

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This newsletter has a lot of good information in it about spring events, project meetings, and state things. Make sure you look it over and mark your calendar with things you will need to know.

Now for the elephant in the room (virtual room because this is a newsletter). The 4-H fair dates have changed back to August 1-5.

What happened was, a group of parents got together to discuss the relationship with the Fair Board and the date change. What came from that meeting is a plan to attend the April Fair Board meeting and request that all 4-H and Open Class events be held that first weekend of August. The Fair Board did not give the parent group an answer, but waited till the next week to make their final decision. In the meantime, the parent group and myself were on the agenda with the Harvey County Commissioner's meeting for April 23rd. We had some kids stand up and present on what 4-H means to them and how the county fair is important to them and the program.

To side track here, those kids did AMAZING. I was blown away by the courage to speak at a commissioner meeting and the skills of public speaking that they showed. It was great! (you should watch it!)

Then after the kids spoke, I got up and explained some history behind the relationship and asking the Commissioners for help. Then it was the Fair Board's turn, where they got up and spoke about the reasonings behind the fair date change. The Commissioners encouraged the Fair Board to work together with us, the 4-H office, to better the relationship and put on a great county fair.

So that is how we got to the fair date changing twice. But **the 4-H fair date for 2024 is August 1-5.** Now I am sure you have questions about the schedule, set up times, clean up, etc. This is coming and will be provided as soon as we get it finalized. If you have more questions about the parent group please don't hesitate to reach out.

If the now fair dates conflict with your schedule; for example you rebooked your vacation to that weekend, please reach out. We will work with you!

As usual if you have any questions, comments or concerns I want to hear from you! Please reach out.



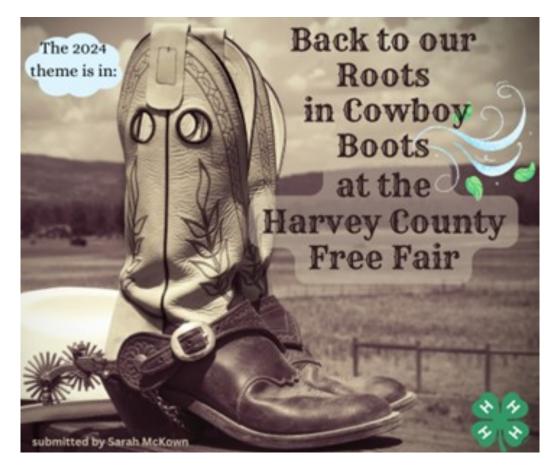


County Wide News



HORTICULTURE JUDGING

If you are interested in participating in Horticulture Judging, please contact Scott Eckert at seckert@ksu.edu or call the office at 316-284-6930. Practices will start soon.



Thank You Volunteers!

Our volunteers play a vital role in helping us reach 500+ youth in the Harvey County community.

We celebrated our amazing volunteers the week of April 21st - 27th.

Spotlight on: Hayden

This month we wanted to highlight just one kid that a lot of us do not know as well. Hayden is in the dog project and he is such a great Jr. Leader within the project. However, this highlight is about him setting a goal, setting steps to reach that goal, and achieving that goal. Hayden will be representing the USA in Belgium in July! You can read more about it here: https://bit.ly/4dePpei





HARVEY COUNTY 4-H HAS OVER
35 VOLUNTEERS WHERE THEY
PROVIDE OVER 100 HOURS
YEARLY TO OUR LOCAL 4-H
PROGRAM.

DURING NATIONAL VOLUNTEER
WEEK, WE ALWAYS GIVE THEM A
SMALL TOKEN OF OUR
APPRECIATION.
THIS YEAR'S GIFT WAS MADE
BY:
JACK NICHOLS
OF THE HESSTON 4-H CLUB.



HAPPY NATIONAL
VOLUNTEER WEEK
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Introducing:

Marcia Oden

4-H PROGRAM ASSISTANT 316-284-6930 marciaio@ksu.edu



SAVE THE DATE

Save the following dates for an opportunity to judge any of the following areas.

Southeast Challenge Day - June 25 - Emporia Photography, Horticulture, FCS, and Crops Southeast Livestock Day - June 27 - Yates Center

Livestock, Meats, & Sweepstakes

This is a regional event for the Southeast Area 4-H kids. We will send a call for those interested when registration is open.

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 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 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 will come later

11 AM - 4 PM — Walton Willing Workers

4 PM - 9 PM — Halstead Cloverleaf

Sunday August 4

**all times are subject to change

11 AM - 4 PM — Sedgwick Sunflowers

4 PM - 9 PM — Lucky 13

Monday August 5

11 AM - 4 PM — Burrton

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. 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.

4-74 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 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

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!

Empty 2L Pop Bottles with Lids Needed

Caleb, from Lucky 13 Club, is on the Engineering & Technology State Project Partnership Team which is leading the Launch Pad Legends rocketry session at Discovery Days. He is collecting 60-75 2L pop bottles with lids for this program. Please bring your empty, rinsed 2 L pop bottles with lids to the office during the month of May to help him out.



Reminder: Stay on Top of Record Books

Records Books, Scholarships & End of Year Documents are Due September 20

Zbooks is one way to put together and keep track of your record book entries. Go to the link below to learn more, see all the resources, and get started (or add to what you did last year)!

https://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/awards-and-recognition/ZBooks.html
The old paper version of Record Books will also be accepted.



County Project Information

| Bucket Calf | May 2nd 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM weigh day at the Fairgrounds. |
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| Leader: Lori Hurst | |
| Email: | |
| Lori kstatefan@hotmail.com | |
| Dog Project | We will continue to have dog meetings every other Tuesday at 6 PM |
| Leader: Amy Brown | in the barn at the Fairgrounds. We will be working on many disciplines. |
| Email: | |
| h2oskii@hotmail.com | |
| Rocketry | Complete your rockets with out paint to be ready to launch. If you |
| Leader: Doug Stucky | need any help reach out to Doug. Go to https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/ to find the rocketry forms to |
| Email: | complete and put with your rocket for when meeting with the judge at the County Fair. We are hoping to have the rocket launch in June. |
| dougstucky68@gmail.com | the boarty rain. We are noping to have the rocket launer in barie. |
| Cloverbuds | Cloverbud meeting will be 10:00AM, Saturday, May 18, at Salem |
| Leader: Lynette Redington | United Methodist Church, 115 Old Main, Newton. This is open to ALL Cloverbuds and at least one parent/guardian. We will go over some |
| Email: | basics of 4-H and share how and what could be entered into the Harvey County Free Fair in the 4-H categories. Two 4-H Junior Leaders |
| lredington12@gmail.com | will be present too! |
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| Other projects | Keep an eye out on your email! There will be project meetings starting up! |





State & Other News

CALLING ALL ADVENTURERS CLIMBERS FLIPPERS & BUG CATCHERS

ROCK SPRINGS RANCH 4-H CAMP

Kansas 4-H Camp at Rock Springs is expanding to involve more opportunities for youth. This year, there will be 2 specialty camps: Ranch Camp and Shooting Sports Camp. 4-H Camp will be open to all youth ages 8-18 with both three-night and six-night options. Cloverbuds now have the opportunity to attend Mini Camp.

Youth can register for any session of interest. 4-H membership is not required to attend. Registration and payment will take place directly with Rock Springs Ranch at rockspringsranch4hcamp.org. It is recommended to register early, as camp sessions will fill on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Use the Harvey County 4-H Development Fund discount code, HVCO4-H, when registering to use a \$100 scholarship for Harvey County 4-Hers.

Event Scholarship

Opportunity

Attending a Sate 4-H event and want support paying for this event? Then apply for a 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/documents
/Development%20Fund%20Scholarship%20
Application%202020.pdf

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Upcoming 4-H Dates

May 3 Sheep, Goat & Swine Tagging, Fair Grounds

May 3 Sheep/Goat Clinic

May 4 Spring Sheep & Goat Show

May 23 Ambassador Meeting 6 PM 4-H Building

June 5-7 Discovery Days, Kansas State University, Manhattan, KS

June Rocket Launch

June 27 4-H Council Meeting 7 PM 4-H Building

July 19 All County Fair Entries Due

*There may be some projects with earlier deadlines.

July 27 Horse Show

July 27 Dog Show

August 1-5 Harvey County Fair



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