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Chisholm Trail District - Dickinson County 4-H Youth Development News & Updates

July - August 2025



FRIENDS OF 4-H PICNIC Wednesday, July 9th at 6:30 p.m. at Sterl Hall

· Fried chicken, baked beans, rolls, and drinks will be provided

- All 4-H families will bring homemade salad and dessert to feed 15 people
- \cdot 4-H clubs will be charged for West's fried chicken (\$10 per family)

· 4-H families please bring your own table service

This event is a way to say "thank you" for the many ways our businesses and individuals across the county support the 4-H youth development program. This is our time to let 4-H supporters know how much we appreciate them! There will be a free swim for all supporters and 4-Hers from **8:00 to 9:30 p.m.**, courtesy of Abilene Parks and Recreation and the City of Abilene.

• We will have activities for the entire family in the time between the end of the picnic and the free swim. Please plan to participate!

EACH CLUB IS TO PROVIDE A DOOR PRIZE and check it in at the front table. Check with your leader for your club work assignment!

Favorite Food Show

The Family Living Committee has scheduled the Favorite Food Show for **Saturday, July 19th** with online entries due via ckff.fairentry.com by **July 10th**. The theme for this year's event is Brunch. More information may be found on our 4-H events page at: https://www.chisholmtrail.k-state.edu/4_h/events/Events.html

Congratulations to our State Project Winners!

Huge congratulations to our FOUR Kansas 4-H Project Winners! Josslyn DePew, Fragrant Hilltoppers, Dog; Justin Latzke, Navarre Boosters, Electrical and Renewable Energy; Eyler Holt, Detroit Ramblers, Meat Goat; and Carleigh Abeldt, Holland Sunflowers, Sheep. Super Work!

County Committees

The county committees have been showing outstanding leadership and producing some high-quality events! Thank you to those who have chosen to be active committee members!

LEADERS - Club Pictures Needed

Please submit a club picture to the Extension Office ASAP so that it can be included in the special 4-H edition. I have a picture if your club participated in model meetings this year. These are needed ASAP, email to chisholmtrail@listserv.ksu.edu

Welcome to Shelby, Bailey, Addie and Allie!

Working hard as part of our office team this summer are 4-H program assistants Bailey Woody and Addie Berens, our horticulture intern Allie Stuchlik, and our summer engagement intern Shelby Neal. Please introduce yourself when you have a chance and make them feel welcome! All of them will be out at fairs and other events this summer and will be able to help with questions.

Tri-County Free Fair

The Tri-County Free Fair will be held **July 10th – 12th** in Herington. Schedule and the link to pre-enter via FairEntry may be found at https://www.chisholmtrail.k-state.edu/fairs/tri-county/Tri-county.html with additional fair info at: https://www.tricountyfairks.com/

4-H Leadership SQUAD Meeting

When: Monday, August 25, 7:00 p.m.

Where: Extension Office, Conference Room

Who: Any 4-Her (middle school and up) who's interested in learning about and practicing leadership and promoting 4-H! Let us know if you'd like to be on the email list!

SQUAD sign-up to help with CKFF activities: https://bit.ly/squadckffsignup

CKFF Horticulture Judging Contest

The CKFF Horticulture Judging Contest is scheduled for **Saturday, July 19, 10:00 AM** at Sterl Hall. The contest will consist of plant identification, judging classes, and a written test. Contest Superintendent, Jessica Murphy, will be hosting a workout (practice session) prior to the event. Please email her if you have questions at murphyjrenae@gmail.com. You do not need to be enrolled in a plant science project to participate. **Review Work-Out:**

There will be a work-out to review the plants for the Plant Identification portion of the test on Friday, July 18, from 6 - 7 PM at Sterl Hall.

Resources available:

- List of potential Plant ID specimens: <u>https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horticulture-judging/docs/Horticulture_ID_Score_Card.pdf</u>
- Videos/Reading written test questions will come from: https://www.kansas4-h.org/educationalexperiences/project-based-events/contests/horticulturejudging/docs/2025/2025%20STUDY%20MATERIAL.pdf
- Judging Sheet example: https://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/contests/horticulturejudging/docs/2007%20Judging%20sheet.pdf

Dickinson County 4-H Council

Date: Monday, July 21 Time: 6:45 p.m. – officers, 7:30 p.m. – full council Place: Extension Office, Conference Room

Join us on Social Media!

Facebook: Chisholm Trail Extension District Instagram: ChisholmTr_KSRE

Photography Mounting Boards and Bags Available

In addition to photo mount boards for **\$1.25** each, our office has display bags available for **\$.25** each. These should be used for the photos you plan to exhibit at TCFF and CKFF.

CKFF 4-H Helpers List

The list of 4-H helpers for the CKFF is included with this newsletter. Please check it over carefully. If you did not get signed up and would like to help, please contact our office. We will look to fill spaces in those divisions with less than four helpers first. The superintendents are counting on your assistance at the fair!

Electrical Code Reminder for CKFF

No one can use any electrical devices with the 2-prong cord attached to a 3-prong adapter. The device must have a commercial grade 3-prong electrical cord.

Ice Available at CKFF

Bags of ice will be available at the fair. Visit the CKFF office to purchase your bags.

Wood Chips NOT Available at CKFF

All livestock exhibitors are required to provide their own bedding. The fair board will not have wood chips available for sale this year.

CKFF Fair Guide

Your fair guide with CKFF information is included in this mailing. Some reminders:

- * July 10th ALL 4-H/FFA exhibits must be entered online at ckff.fairentry.com
- * 4-H market livestock owner certification and drug withdrawal form **plus** feed and care record for market beef will be submitted with **Livestock Sale Intent to Sell Cards** following livestock shows. Please turn them in **promptly** following shows.
- * All 4-H/FFA market livestock entries will require the exhibitor's YQCA certificate number. Have that number handy when entering.
- * Most entries that are judged via conference judging will ask you to select a judging time. Please track those as you make selections for your family so as not to "double book". If you are not given the option to select judging times, a schedule will be made based on entries.
- * See our District Fairs page for CKFF information: <u>https://www.chisholmtrail.k-state.edu/fairs/ckff/CKFF.html</u>

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals ***REQUIRED for ALL market livestock exhibitors***

Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA) training is required for all 4-H/FFA members exhibiting market livestock - beef, sheep, swine, and meat goats - at the Central Kansas Free Fair and all youth exhibiting livestock at the Kansas State Fair and Kansas Junior Livestock Show. **This training may still be done online and must be completed by the CKFF July 10 entry deadline.** Complete the online request form at <u>https://bit.ly/registeryqca</u> ASAP to receive an online coupon code and instructions if you have not yet completed this training that is provided free of charge to Dickinson County 4-H members through a donation from MKC.

Decorated Cookie Jar Auction

The following clubs will be making cookies and decorating a cookie jar to be auctioned at the CKFF livestock sale this year: **Newbern Wideawakes, Sand Spring Rustlers, Solomon Wranglers, and Willowdale.** Proceeds go to the Dickinson County 4-H Council to fund the county-wide program. **Keep in mind that cookies sell best when lots of club members are there to display their jar!**

CKFF Food Sales

Sterl Hall – Saturday, July 26, during foods judging. Proceeds to Dickinson County 4-H Council.

Hints on Exhibiting Horticulture and Floriculture

K-State Research & Extension publications <u>Exhibiting Fruits and Vegetables</u> and <u>Preparing Cut Flowers for</u> <u>Exhibit</u> are excellent resources for 4-H members and adults that are planning to exhibit their vegetables or flowers. These publications are often used by judges as they evaluate fair entries and may be found by visiting: <u>http://www.ksre.ksu.edu/bookstore/</u>. The University of Illinois Extension has prepared a series of YouTube videos on how to prepare produce for the fair. These videos give step by step instructions on how to select and groom various types of vegetables for exhibit. Available at: <u>http://www.youtube.com/user/UIExtension</u>.

<u> CKFF Special Baking – Angel Food Cake</u>

Enter your angel food cake made with King Arthur flour in the annual Special Baking Contest from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m., **Saturday, August 2,** at Sterl Hall. Prizes are being sponsored by the King Arthur Flour Company with youth and adult divisions. Complete rules (i.e. must UPC from King Arthur flour!) are listed in the premium guide. Angel food cake and ice cream will be served after the judging.

Reminders on Club Banners from Joetta Nagely, CKFF Banner Superintendent



-Colors: light on dark or dark on light.....when standing at a distance, letters or whole words can be lost if there is not a contrast in color.

-Cover several areas of 4-H don't duplicate by saying the same thing twice.

-Balance for the male and female audience make it appealing for both.

-No 3-D..... please check the rules in the fair paper.

-Lettering......not too small. Must be able to read from a distance.

-Background when using felt, be careful it stretches. Smooth edges look nicer.

-Enter your banner at the Tri-County Fair. Making a banner costs money and one more premium check will help pay for the supplies.

- Club name **may not** be on the front of the banner as part of the design.

2025 CKFF Theme: Just a Small-Town Throwdown

Foods and Clothing Labels

Labels are required in clothing and fiber arts exhibits. Exhibitors can make their own label on a piece of cloth with a permanent or laundry type marker. Labels should be about 3" x 2½" in size and include exhibitor name, class number, county and number of pieces in exhibit, i.e. 1 of 2, 2 of 2. **The Food Preservation Labels have been updated – be sure you are using the newest labels.** For Foods items, there is a label template available for download at: http://www.kansas4-h.org/events-activities/fairs/kansas-state-fair/index.html under "Foods and Nutrition" and "Food Preservation." We have some printed and available at the office.

Food Safety of Frostings and Fillings

Research has been done and resources are available as you make decisions about frostings and fillings to use with fair exhibits. Food safety is essential and not all frostings and fillings are safe to store at room temperature. Information and a calculation worksheet may be found at: https://www.rrc.k-state.edu/judging/index.html. For food safety purposes, any entries with frostings and fillings must calculate the amount of sugar in the frosting/filling recipe only. **Calculation must be attached to entry, or the placing will be lowered one ribbon when judged.** Frosting and fillings need to contain more than 65% sugar for safety.

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CKFF State Fair Intent to Exhibit Form

Please have the Intent to Exhibit Form for eligible Kansas State Fair exhibits completed by **Wednesday, August 6**th. This online form (QR code) will be available to all eligible participants at the CKFF. It is the exhibitor's responsibility to make sure that this online form is submitted. This form will ensure proper data entry for the Kansas State Fair. Each 4-H participant will receive one free ticket to attend the fair instead of a ribbon premium. *Non-perishable exhibits will be due in our office by or before Tuesday, September 2, while non-perishable exhibits must be at our office before 4:30 PM on Wednesday, September 3.*

CKFF Livestock Sale Reminders

The sale committee reserves appointments with local butchers for animals that are sold IN THE SALE and kept local by the buyer. Families are responsible for making their own locker appointments and transporting to the locker any animals they plan to keep or sell privately. Appointments reserved by the CKFF livestock sale committee for sale buyers WILL NOT be used for animals that did not go through the sale. In case there is a gap between the sale and when the locker can accept sale animals, families continue to be responsible for animal care and feeding.

CKFF Livestock Auction

- * Sale will be on Monday, August 4th, starting at 9:00 a.m.
- We will have rotation of the species. Grand and reserve champions will be sold first.
- * Drinks (tea and water) will be served by 4-H youth. The clubs are on a rotation schedule so that only four clubs each year are needed to serve drinks. Two to three 4-Hers per club are needed.
- Sale Serving Schedule: 1st shift - 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. 2nd shift - 10:30 a.m. to end of sale

Drink Table:

1st shift – Fragrant Hilltoppers 2nd shift – Holland Sunflowers **Bleacher Servers:** 1st shift – Jolly Jays 2nd shift – Mt. Ayr Go-Getters

Hints for CKFF Beef Exhibitors

- Stall Cards need to be up for each animal by Thursday (you can get them at the weigh-in table by the scales)
- The feed alley is where all of the hay, straw, feed, etc. should go, not behind the cattle
- Blocking chutes should be down after the show and removed from the cattle area
- Keep the stalls clean and the animals clean while in their stalls
- Have your animals tied correctly and use a neck rope
- Water the animals extra when it's very hot
- After feeding your animals, pull the feed pans so they are not getting stepped on
- If you pull your animals out to feed them around the trees, don't walk away you need to attend to them until they are done and clean up behind them

Remember the goal is a safe and clean area to work in as well as a nice place for fair visitors. The beef superintendents award an individual herdsman award to one person that does an outstanding job during the fair taking care of their animals as well as helping their club try to win the stall award. Please see beef superintendents Roger Forsyth or Greg Acheson with questions.

DK 4-H Leadership SQUAD Activities for 4-H Families at CKFF

Barn Dance

When: Saturday, August 2, 8:00 – 10:00 PM Where: Small Livestock Arena

Root Beer Floats

When: Sunday, August 3, 2:00 – 4:00 PM Where: Sterl Hall

Special Champions Meat Goat Show



The Special Champions Meat Goat Show is scheduled for **Wednesday**, **July 30**, during the Central Kansas Free Fair. This event allows kids with special needs to work with a 4-H member in showing a goat. Volunteers and meat goat project "coaches" are needed. Coaches and participants will meet at **6 PM** with the show scheduled for **7 PM**.

Coach/Volunteer Sign-up Special Champion Participant Si

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Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot Enrollment

It is time to enroll for the 2025 Kansas 4-H and FFA Wheat Variety Plot program. The program begins fall of 2025 and goes through September 2026. Contact our office if you are interested in participating, Jill will need to complete an online enrollment for you by **August 1**. New participants will receive a large plot sign, and five individual variety signs along with wheat seed.



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Kansas State Fair Information

Livestock Entry Deadline: Kansas State Fair 4-H/FFA Beef, sheep, swine meat goat, dairy goat, dairy cattle, and horse entries are **due July 15**! Check the Kansas Youth Livestock Page for entry links.

State Fair Volunteers Needed: The assistance provided by Extension staff, teens, and adult volunteers is vital to the success of the 4-H Division at the State Fair. This is a great leadership and citizenship opportunity! To volunteer and receive a free admission ticket, let the Extension Office know what division you would like to help with by **August 6**.

Tickets: Discounted tickets may be ordered for 4-H families at the Extension Office. Please plan to pay for the tickets when you place your order. The deadline to order advance tickets from the Extension Office is **August 6**.

48 Hours of 4-H in 2025

The weekend after National 4-H Week is the perfect opportunity to plan a service project. Invite your friends, clubs, adult volunteers and 4-H Alums too! Find all the information on the state 4-H website and start planning your projects.

Who: 4-H Members, 4-H Clubs, Friends, Adult Volunteers, Parents, 4-H Alumni
It's time to make plans for your club to participate. www.Kansas4H.org/484H

Livestock Sweepstakes

The 2025 Kansas 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes is scheduled for **August 23-24** on the K-State campus in Manhattan, KS. The 4-H Livestock Sweepstakes event includes the state 4-H livestock judging contest, meat judging contest, livestock skillathon, and livestock quiz bowl.

Make It with Wool Competition

The Kansas Make It with Wool Competition will be in **November** and the entry deadline is in early **October**. All wool must be tested for wool percentage before the event. More information is available by contacting the state director, Kristine Goosen, kansasmiww@gmail.com. Consider using wool for one of your sewing projects this year and compete at this fun event!

Kansas 4-H Wordmark Policy

The K-State Research and Extension/4-H wordmark is required on all 4-H marketing and publishing materials, including print, digital, apparel, and merchandise. This means if your club or project group is creating a t-shirt or other apparel, this wordmark is required. More information about the wordmark may be found at: http://www.kansas4-h.org/resources/marketing/. Resources are available for local printers to work through the KSU license process.

This logo is required on shooting sports posters along with the Kansas 4-H shooting sports logo.



Vet Med ROCKS Camps at K-State

K-State's College of Veterinary Medicine is giving elementary, middle school, high school and college students an opportunity to experience "A Day in the Life of a Veterinary Student" at Vet Med ROCKS summer camps, **July 28-30**. More information at https://www.vet.k-state.edu/admissions/rocks/.

Summer Programming – DON'T MISS OUT!

This summer we have a Summer Engagement Intern in the district, Shelby Neal. She will be offering multiple hands-on learning opportunities throughout the summer. She is also available to come to your club, community group, or event to share hands-on learning. For upcoming events please visit our website

https://www.chisholmtrail.k-state.edu/4_h/summer-stem/untitled.html. Please share events when you see them pop-up on social media. For more information or to schedule a program with Shelby, please call the office at (785) 263-2001.

July 29th - August 4th - Central Kansas Free Fair (Abilene) - Come and Go Events

Tri-County Fair – Pickle Power on Thursday, July 10 from 10 AM to noon and Community Carnival on Friday, July 11 in the evening

Online ZBooks Available for 4-H Record Keeping

Record keeping and Project Reporting are valuable skills taught to members of the Kansas 4-H program. Members are encouraged to keep a permanent record of all 4-H and non-4-H experience and are encouraged to summarize their project experiences on the Kansas 4-H Project Report Form for project recognition. To help you through this process, please refer to the Guide to Kansas 4-H Project Recognition. Couple of items to make note of:

- Youth may choose to use either record keeping option: a.) the fillable PDF Project report forms or b.) the online ZBooks software. **Using ZBooks is highly recommended!**
- The Permanent Record is included in ZBooks. If you choose to keep records with ZBooks, do not feel like you have to transfer over all of your previous years' activities into the online Permanent Record. Start with this year and attach it to your previous document.

Click here for instructions and video tutorials for using ZBooks





2025 Family Fair Guide Central Kansas Free Fair

Entry Information and Judging Schedules

Please keep these tips handy, but remember the **Fair Premium Guide is the official reference.** The Premium Guide is available online at <u>https://www.chisholmtrail.k-state.edu/fairs/ckff/CKFF.html</u>. This "Family Fair Guide" is designed to help your family prepare for the fair. Please review it carefully for rule changes, entry deadlines, judging schedules, and other important information.

Best of luck in preparing your fair exhibits! Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions. *We have ordered each DK 4-H family a hard copy of the CKFF Premium Guide. We will send an email when they are available.

Ways to Enhance Your Fair Experience

- Keep a positive attitude, help others, and have fun.
- Keep livestock stalls neat and presentable.
- Think safety first at the fairgrounds. Keep livestock securely tied.
- Watch out for all fair visitors, especially children.
- Be considerate of other 4-Hers and animals at all times.
- If you have any concerns, talk to the proper division superintendent. If the matter cannot be resolved, then speak to an Extension Agent.
- Youth and parents are encouraged to submit <u>signed suggestions for future fairs in writing</u>. These may be left at the Fair Information Office or the CKFF Office. The CKFF Board has a grievance policy that must be followed for complaints.
- Read your CKFF Fair Premium Guide.

*Exhibit Release – All 4-H and Open Class Exhibits will be released Sunday, 3 p.m. CKFF will not be responsible for exhibits left after 4 p.m. Premium Checks – 4-H and Open Class checks will be available after August 25, at the Extension Office. Checks must be picked up within 30 days and cashed within 90 days of the close of the fair. No premium checks will be mailed. After 90 days, any premium checks not cashed will be considered a donation to the Central Kansas Free Fair. **Livestock Sale Checks** – Will be available as soon as the animals pass slaughter inspection and have been proved to comply with all CKFF rules. (For livestock sold in the premium sale and any other animals sold for slaughter.)

REMINDER: You must show proof of thanking the buyer(s) before you will receive your livestock sale check. Please do this right after the fair.

4-Hers must still refer to individual department for entry and exhibit information. If there is a discrepancy, the Fair Premium Guide is the final word.

Judging Contests

You do not have to be enrolled in the project area to participate in the contest. All 4-Hers are encouraged to participate in the learning experience. Club teams, in most contests (3 top participants), are eligible for cash club awards.

<u>Horticulture</u> – Saturday, July 19, 10:00 a.m. at Sterl Hall <u>Photography</u> – Saturday, July 26, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Sterl Hall <u>Life Skills</u> – Saturday, July 26, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Sterl Hall <u>Livestock</u> – Sunday, August 3, 9:00 a.m. at Small Livestock Arena

ONLINE PRE-ENTRY REQUIRED

- All entries are to be submitted on-line by July 10 using FairEntry at ckff.fairentry.com
- Instructions are posted at: <u>https://www.chisholmtrail.k-state.edu/fairs/ckff/CKFF.html</u>

CHECKLISTS

- Market Animals (Beef, Goat, Sheep, Swine) and Breeding Animals
 - Review all special instructions in department
 - On-line entry using FairEntry (will need tag/tattoo/ear notches and breed)
 - Owner Certification of Market Animals will be included with Intent to Sell cards. Make sure cards are completed immediately following livestock shows
 - Enter showmanship. Reminder: animals used in showmanship classes must have been entered in either a 4-H market or breeding class by the showmanship exhibitor.
 - Beef: Proof of breed is required to show in purebred classes.
 - All 4-H/FFA **market livestock** entries will require the exhibitor's YQCA certificate number. Have that number handy when entering.

• Equine

- Review all special instructions in department
- On-line entry using FairEntry for each class you wish to enter (halter, pleasure, western horsemanship, showmanship, all timed events, and horseless horse showmanship) (*will need common name*)

• Dog

- o Review all special instructions in department
- Must have attended at least 3 dog project meetings for showmanship/obedience and 3 project meetings for agility to be eligible
- Present current vaccination record at show.
- On-line entry using FairEntry for each class you wish to enter (showmanship, obedience, agility, and rally) (*will need dog name, size, and predominant color*)
- Cat
 - o Review all special instructions in department
 - o Must have attended at least one county cat meeting to be eligible
 - Present proof of current vaccinations at show.
 - On-line entry using FairEntry (will need animal's name)
- Bucket Calf
 - *Review all special instructions in department*
 - On-line entry using FairEntry for both Bucket Calf and Decorator Bucket Calf (will need animal's name)
- Dairy/Dairy Goat
 - Review all special instructions in department
 - On-line entry using FairEntry, (will need breed, animal name, birthdate, and tag number)
 - Enter showmanship on-line also

Club Banners and Officer Books must be checked in Saturday before fair by NOON at Sterl Hall

FASHION REVUE JUDGING & PUBLIC REVUE

Monday, July 28 – Emmanuel Church

- Pre-Fair Judging for Fashion Revue by schedule on Monday, with the public Fashion Revue held that evening at 7:00 p.m.
- Pre-entry required by July 10 on-line through FairEntry. A schedule will be emailed with attachments which must be completed and presented at the time of check-in for judging: Script Card, Cost Per Wearing Sheet, printed photo of 4-Her wearing outfit.
- Projects are now named Shopping in Style and Sewing and Textiles instead of purchased and constructed. For Shopping in Style, the boys and girls classes have been combined but are still divided by age divisions (junior, intermediate, senior). Both senior AND intermediate champions and reserve champions will be eligible to compete at the Kansas State Fair.

SEWING & TEXTILE DESIGN, SHOPPING IN STYLE (posters/displays) & FIBER ARTS JUDGING

(Includes crochet, knitting, needle arts, patchwork and quilting, rug making, spinning, weaving, ethnic arts, and macramé) Wednesday, July 30, starting at 1:00 p.m., Sterl Hall

- > Judging times will be assigned based on pre-entries.
- > Each garment/item must have an identifying clothing label sewn into the article prior to judging.
- Wool Garment Competition is open to any 4-Her enrolled in a clothing, knitting, or crochet project who has constructed a garment with at least 60% wool fiber content. No pre-entry required; tell the judge your entry is eligible for the wool garment awards.
- > Other Important Clothing Note <u>Only constructed clothing will be exhibited at the fair.</u>

FOODS JUDGING

Saturday, July 26, starting at 9:00 a.m., Sterl Hall

- Select judging times in FairEntry.
- > Check classes and rules in the Fair Premium Guide.
- Approximately 5 minutes is allotted to each exhibit.
- 4-H leader and/or parents are welcome to sit with the 4-Her and listen to the judge's comments. Please allow the 4-Her to do the talking.
- Educational Exhibits will be judged at the same time food is judged. 4-Hers are encouraged to make an educational exhibit; you can also exhibit 3 food items and 1 flop.

4-H Food Sale During foods judging Sterl Hall – Proceeds go to 4-H Council



Special Baking Competition – Angel Food Cake

- Adult and Youth Divisions and must use King Arthur Flour and provide UPC label from bag or opened bag of King Arthur Flour
- > 4-Hers can enter the Special Baking Competition (using King Arthur Flour)
- See Open Class Foods Division for details.
- Entries are checked-in Saturday, August 2, from 1:00 2:00 p.m. Judging begins at 2:00 p.m.
- > Angel food cake and ice cream will be available after the contest.

FOOD EXHIBITING TIPS

FREEZING – Freezing baked products before the fair is acceptable. Be sure they are completely thawed before judging. Use good storage containers; airtight plastic containers are recommended. Thaw baked goods slowly (in the refrigerator) in the container, bag, or wrap in which they are frozen. This minimizes moisture loss.

BAKING TIPS

- Practice making baked entries several times before the final preparation of your fair entry. \geq
- \geq Start early so you can improve your skills and make changes to recipes.
- \triangleright Drop cookies are dropped from a spoon onto a cookie sheet. They may or may not be flattened.
- > Bar cookies may be cake-like or compact and chewy. They are cut into bars when cool.
- Do not overmix muffin or cupcake batter; overmixing causes tunnels. \geq
- Foam cakes should have a rough, slightly cracked top crust. Exhibit in upright position with top crust showing. \triangleright
- Use solid shortening to grease pans rather than oil or spray. \geq
- Whole wheat products are to contain at least 50% whole wheat flour. \triangleright
- Quick breads do not contain yeast.
- Grease muffin pans and quick bread pans on the bottom only to avoid a "fry line" around the top edge of the \geq baked product.
- > Use hydrogenated shortening instead of butter or margarine in cake frostings. It has a melting point of 127° F and produces a better product in hot weather.
- Follow guidance on Frostings and Fillings provided at <u>https://www.rrc.k-state.edu/judging/index.html.</u> \triangleright Calculations must be made prior to judging or you will be dropped one ribbon placing.

Remember to thank the sponsors of the fair

awards. Sponsors are listed on the back of the award or in the Fair Premium Guide. Without sponsors the fair would not be possible.

Thank-you postcards will be traded for special awards earned. A sincere personal note is expected on each thank-you.



Department	Check-In	Weigh-In	Judging	Release
4-H Beef	Wednesday 8 a.m1 p.m.	Wednesday 7 p.m.	Friday 8 a.m.	Sunday 3 p.m.
O.C. Beef	Wednesday 3 p.m7 p.m.		Friday following 4-H	Sunday 3 p.m.
4-H Bucket. Calf	Wednesday 8 a.m1 p.m.		Saturday 4:30 p.m.	Sunday 3 p.m.
4-H Dairy	Wednesday 8 a.m1 p.m. (In milk on show day)		Friday, 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 3 p.m.
O.C. Dairy	Wednesday 3 p.m7 p.m. (In milk on show day)		Friday, after 4-H	Sunday 3 p.m.
4-H Dairy Goat	Wednesday 8 a.m1 p.m.		Friday following Dairy Cattle	Sunday 3 p.m.

Department	Check-In	Weigh-In	Judging	Release
O.C. Dairy Goat	Wednesday 3 p.m7 p.m. (In milk on show day)		Friday following 4-H	Sunday 3 p.m.
4-H Meat Goat	Wednesday 8 a.m1 p.m.	Wednesday Exhibitor Meeting 3:45, Weigh-in 4 p.m.	Thursday 6 p.m.	Sunday 3 p.m.
O.C. Meat Goat	Wednesday 3 p.m7 p.m.		Thursday following 4-H	Sunday 3 p.m.
4-H Equine	Wednesday 8 a.m1 p.m.		Thursday 8:30 a.m.	Saturday after 8 AM /Sunday 3 p.m.
O.C. Equine	Sunday 8:00 a.m.		Sunday 8:00 a.m.	After judging
4-H Cat	Thursday, July 24, 6 p.m.		Thursday July 24, 6:30 p.m.	After judging
4-H Dog	Tuesday, July 22, 9 a.m.		Tuesday July 22, 9 a.m.	After judging
4-H Poultry	Wednesday 8 a.m1 p.m.		Thursday 9:00 a.m.	Sunday 3 p.m.
O.C. Poultry	Wednesday 8 a.m1 p.m.		Thursday morning after 4-H	Sunday 3 p.m.
4-H Rabbit	Wednesday 8 a.m1 p.m.		Thursday 8:30 a.m.	Sunday 3 p.m.
O.C. Rabbit	Wednesday 3 p.m7 p.m.		Thursday morning after 4-H	Sunday 3 p.m.
4-H Swine	Wednesday 8 a.m1 p.m.	Thursday 8 a.m.	Saturday 8 a.m.	Sunday 3 p.m.
O.C. Swine	Wednesday 3 p.m7 p.m.	Market Thursday 8 a.m.	Saturday morning after 4-H	Sunday 3 p.m.
4-H Sheep	Wednesday 8 a.m1 p.m.	Wednesday Exhibitor Meeting 3:45, Weigh-in 4 p.m.	Friday Breeding 5:00 p.m. Market. 6:30 p.m.	Sunday 3 p.m.
O.C. Sheep	Wednesday 3 p.m7 p.m.		Friday following 4-H Breeding	Sunday 3 p.m.
4-H Round Robin			Sunday, 2:00 p.m.	
4-H Agronomy	Thursday 9 a.m 11 a.m.		Thursday 1 p.m.	Sunday 3 p.m.
O. C. Crops	Thursday 9 a.m 11 a.m.		Thursday 1 p.m.	Sunday 3 p.m.
4-H Floriculture	Thursday 9 a.m 11 a.m.		Conference Judging by schedule	Sunday 3 p.m.
O.C. Floriculture	Thursday 9 a.m 11 a.m.		Thursday following 4-H	Sunday 3 p.m.
4-H Horticulture	Thursday starting at 9 a.m.		Conference Judging by schedule	Sunday 3 p.m.
O.C. Horticulture	Thursday 9 a.m 11 a.m.		Thursday after 4-H	Sunday 3 p.m.
4-H Clothing, & Fiber Arts	Wednesday starting at 1 pm		Wednesday as scheduled	Sunday 3 p.m.
4-H Electricity & Woodworking	Saturday before fair as Scheduled		Saturday before fair as scheduled	Sunday 3 p.m.
FFA Ag Mechanics	Wednesday 3-7 p.m.		Thursday 10 a.m.	Sunday 3 p.m.
Special Baking	Saturday 1-2 p.m.		Saturday 2 p.m.	
4-H Fashion Revue	Monday, July 28	At Emmanuel Church	Monday, July 29 as scheduled	Public Revue – July 28 @ 7:00 p.m.
4-H Foods	Saturday before fair as scheduled		Saturday before fair as scheduled	Sunday 3 p.m.

Department	Check-In	Weigh-In	Judging	Release
O.C. Foods	Wednesday 3 p.m7 p.m.		Thursday 9 a.m.	Sunday 3 p.m.
4-H Interior Design	Saturday before fair as scheduled	Judged with Visual Arts	Saturday before fair as scheduled	Sunday 3 p.m.
O.C. Craft	Wednesday 3-7 p.m.		Thursday 9 a.m.	Sunday 3 p.m.
O.C. Needlework	Wednesday 3-7 p.m.		Thursday 9 a.m.	Sunday 3 p.m.
O.C. Art	Wednesday 3-7 p.m.		Thursday 9 a.m.	Sunday 3 p.m.
4-H Visual Arts	Saturday before fair as scheduled	Judged with Interior Design	Saturday before fair as scheduled	Sunday 3 p.m.
4-H Banner	Saturday before fair, Submitted by 12:00 PM		Saturday before fair **NO CONFERENCE JUDING**	Sunday 3 p.m.
4-H Forestry, Geology, Entomology	Saturday before fair as Scheduled		Saturday before fair as scheduled	Sunday 3 p.m.
4-H SpaceTech	Saturday before fair as Scheduled		Saturday before fair as scheduled	Sunday 3 p.m.
4-H Other Projects	Saturday before fair as scheduled		Saturday before fair as scheduled NO conference judging for club officer books	Sunday 3 p.m.
4-H Photography	Saturday before fair as scheduled		Saturday before fair as scheduled	Sunday 3 p.m.
O.C. Photography	Wednesday 3-7 p.m.		Thursday 9 a.m.	Sunday 3 p.m.
4-H Fiber Animal	Wednesday 8 a.m1 p.m.		Saturday 10 a.m.	Sunday 3 p.m.
O.C. Fiber Animal	Wednesday 3 p.m7 p.m.		Saturday following 4-H	Sunday 3 p.m.

Conference Judging

Purpose: the judge wants to learn more about you and your project.

- What to expect: conversation and questions about your project...
 - Tell me about how you selected this particular exhibit to compete this year for fair.
 - What was your favorite part of this exhibit?
 - What was the most important thing you learned?
 - If you had the chance to do this exhibit again, what would you change?
 - Where did you learn how to _____?
 - Tell me more about _
 - What part was the most difficult?
 - What was the easiest?
 - How will you use what you learned next time?

Hints

- Keep eye contact with the judge.
- Sit attentively in your chair, try not to wiggle around.
- No gum!
- Speak to the judge, answer questions directly.
- Even though they may be sitting nearby, avoid looking to your adults for information.
- Listen carefully to the feedback the judge gives.
- Ask questions!

PRACTICE!

2025 Central Kansas Free Fair Theme Just a Small Town Throwdown



Central Kansas Free Fair 4-H/FFA Division Fair Helpers Superintendents/Assistant Superintendents This is the ONLY notification you will receive

Helpers should be age 10 or older. Your job as a helper will be specifically outlined for you by your department superintendent(s). It will consist mainly of helping with entries on entry day, watching exhibits at assigned times through the week, and any other items required in a particular department as requested by the superintendent(s). You will need to work at least <u>4 hours</u> to receive a fair pass good for one night of grandstand entertainment. Your pass will be given to you by your department superintendent **AFTER** you have completed your work assignments. We are counting on you and if there is any reason you cannot work at your assigned time, please call the Extension Office or the superintendent of your assigned department to plan for another work time.

Most livestock helpers should report on Wednesday during check-in times. Other departments, please be there just before the check-in or judging times. Check in with your department superintendent as soon as you arrive.

For Fair Entry, Winners Walkway, Foods, and Photography divisions, the superintendents of those projects will contact the 4-H Helpers prior to fair to set up a work schedule for fair week.

Find your name on the following list. If you do not find your name and you want to volunteer, check with department superintendents to see if they need any more help. Fair passes are not guaranteed if you were not signed up by the deadline.

Enjoy yourself and thank you for your help with the Central Kansas Free Fair!





2025 CKFF Helper List					
Rocketry, Ag Mech, etc. Saturday, July 26, 9 am - 2 pm, Superintendent:	Mason Kuntz, Conner Overturf, Kaesen Phillips, Steven Bogart	Cat Thursday, July 24, 6:30 pm, Superintendent: Bailey Woody	Cora Hedstrom	Winners Walkway Various, as scheduled, Superintendent: Melody Baetz, Barbie Woody, Katie Kohman, Kelly Coup	KaAnn Baetz, Carleigh Abeldt, Kierstyn Coup, Quincy Coup
Visual Arts/Interior Design Saturday, July 26 9 am, Superintendent: Leah Hern, Asst. Superintendent: Lynne Murphy, Michele Livingston	Kaylee Livingston, Katy Gans, Wakeen Whitehair, Adeline Laughlin	Clothing/Fiber Arts Wednesday, July 30, 1-3 pm, Superintendent: Becky Dibben	Joss DePew, Ava Hedstrom, Allison Rose	Floriculture Judging Thursday, July 31,12:00, Superintendent: Laura Hoffman	Janessa Latzke
Banner Check In Saturday, July 26, 12 PM, Superintendent: Joetta Nagely	Elliot Rock, Carmen Rock	Crops/Horticulture Thursday July 30. 10:00 a.m. Superintendent: Michele Snowball	Godric Baetz, Jace Latzke, Dalton Davidson	Foods Display Saturday, July 26, Superintendent: Robin Schlesener	Mae Greene, Clara Collins, KaAnn Baetz
Beef Check In Wed. July 30, 8- 1, Weigh In Wed 7 pm, Show Friday 8 am, Superintendents: Greg Acheson, Roger Forsyth, Asst. Superintendents: Jensen Woodworth, Elizabeth Perks	Addison Acheson, Kinsey Acheson, Axie Shrack	Fair Entry Various, as scheduled, Superintendents: Shawna Riffel & Becky Chase	Kierstyn Coup, Layla Pickerign	Foods Judging Saturday, July 26, Superintendents: Lori Foth Asst. Superintendent: Katie Wieters, Kerby Chase, Heidi Schlesener	Adeline Laughlin, Jade Wilson, Josie Wilson, Tatum Gentet
Bucket Calf Check in Wed. July 30, 8- 1, Show Saturday 4:30, Superintendent: Jennifer Wilson, Asst.Superintendent: Rodney Wilson, Dawn Wilson	Riley Schremmer, Lorelai Kuntz	Dog Tuesday, July 22, 9:00 am, Superintendent: Natalie Strickland	Bentley Strickland, Dylan Hemmy	Food Sale Saturday, July 26, Superintendent: Jennifer & Jacob Andres	Emil Pickerign, Kynlie Phillips, Charlottle Laughlin
Dairy Check In Wed. July 30, 8- 1, Show Friday Cattle 8:30, followed by Goats, Goat Superintendent: Ashley Dester, Asst Superintendent: Bill Jackson Cattle Superintendent: Jo Emia	Colt Dester	Photography Saturday,July 26, 9- 1:30, Superintendent: Ashley Loucks	Carina Greene,Jace Loucks, Layla Pickerign, Jordan Bartlett	Sheep Check In Wed. July 30, 8- 1, Weigh In Wed 4:30, Breeding Sheep Show Friday 5:00, Market Lamb Show Friday 6:30, Superintendents: Kevin Harris, Sherry Reinhardt	Matthew Stoffer, Katie Stoffer, Campbell Stoffer, Asher DePew
Meat Goats Check In Wed. July 30, 8- 1, Weigh In Wed. 7-8, Show Thursday 6:00, Superintendent: Mackenzie Riffel, Asst. Superintendents: Laird Riffel & Tom Lehman	Reese Whitehair, Eyler Holt	Poultry Check In Wed. July 30, 8-1, Show Thursday 9 a.m. Superintendent: Carrie Hill, Asst Superintendent: Barbie Woody	Brogan Woody, Alice Hill	Swine Check In Wed. July 30, 8- 1, Weigh In Thursday 8 am, Show Saturday 8 am Superintendents: Loran Lefert, Nathan Zook, Kris Bogart, Trevor Martin	Ava Brown, Brinley Zook, Aubrie Zook, Ruby Kohman, Christine Stoffer
Equine Check In Wed. July 30, 8- 1, Show Thursday 8:30 am, Report by 8:00 am, Superintendent: Katie Purdue & Susan Buckley	Gabe Boyd, Charlie Purdue, Lexi Buckley	Rabbit Check In Wed. July 30 8-1 Judging Thursday 8:30 am, Superintendents: Marion & Dwight Kamm, Susan Mueller	Audrey Dester, Victoria Jackson, Anna Holt, Keaton Gentet	Other Projects Saturday, July 26, 9 - 2, Superintendent: Susan Hettenbach	Roper Lefert
Photography Judging Contest Saturday, July 26, 9-1:30, check-in with Jill Martinson	Ray Whitehair, Westley Whitehair	Round Robin Report Sunday by 1:00 pm, Superintendent: Paula Acheson, assistants: Nick Acheson, Ross Freeman	Brianna Hill	Woodworking/Electricity/ Forestry/ Entomology/ Geology Saturday, July 26, 9-12, Superintendent: Jody Ehrich	Kaiden Kuntz, Justin Latzke, Nolin Hartman
Fiber Animal Saturday August 2,10:00 am, Superintendent: Barbie Woody	Brogan Woody	Fashion Revue Monday July 28th as scheduled. Superintendents: Kelly Coup and Katie Kohman	Reese Whitehair, Joss DePew, Kaden Hitz, Quincy Coup, Grace Lefert	Favorite Foods Show Saturday July 19, 4:00 p.m. Superintendent: Shawna Riffel and Jennifer Latzke	Ava Hedstrom, Cora Hedstrom, Jade Wilson, Josie Wilson, Mae Greene, Janessa Latzke, Zach Dean, Layla Pickerign

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tavorite Food Show Brunch - Flavors of Fellowship! July 19th @ 4pm

Any 4-Her can Participate Hope to see you there!

More details in the 4-H Newsletter

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Chisholm Trail District Dickinson County



CENTRAL KANSAS FREE FAIR GUIDE

Entries for <u>ALL</u> 4-H projects must be pre-entered by:

<u>JULY 10, 2025 @ 11:59 PM</u>

Pre-entry link for CLUB exhibits: <u>https://bit.ly/CKFFCLUBENTRY</u> Pre-entry link for ALL individual exhibits: <u>www.ckff.fairentry.com</u>

Saturday, JULY 19

10:00 am Horticulture Judging Contest (Sterl Hall)
 4:00 pm Favorite Food Show (Sterl Hall)

Sunday, JULY 20

2:00 pm Royalty Interviews (Sterl Hall)

Tuesday, JULY 22

9:00 am Dog Show (Sterl Hall)

Thursday, JULY 24

6:00 pmCat Check In6:30 pmCat Show (Sterl Hall)

Saturday, JULY 26

Judging by schedule (Sterl Hall): 9:00 am Foods & Nutrition Visual Arts **Interior Design & Architecture** Woodworking Aerospace/Rocketry Ag Mechanics Welding **Building Block Engineering Computer Science Electric & Renewable Energy Robotics Small Engines Uncrewed Aircraft Systems** Entomology Geology Forestry Photography **Miscellaneous/Other Projects**

Saturday, JULY 26 (continued)

9:00 am - noon Walk-in judging contests (Sterl Hall):

- Photography
- Life Skills

Noon Club banners and officer books must be submitted (not conference judged)

Monday, July 28

8:30 am Fashion Revue (Emmanuel Church) Judging by schedule:

- Sewing & Textile Design
- Shopping in Style

7:00 pm Public Fashion Revue & Royalty Coronation (Emmanuel Church)

Tuesday, July 29

1:00 pm

4:00 pm CKFF Parade

Wednesday, July 30

8:00 am – 1:00 pm Livestock check-in (all)

- Beef, Bucket Calf
- Dairy (cattle & goats)
- Equine
- Sheep
- Meat Goat
- Poultry
- Rabbit Swine
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- Fiber Animals

Judging by schedule (Sterl Hall)

- Sewing & Textile Design
- Fiber Arts
- Shopping in Style displays & posters



CENTRAL KANSAS FREE FAIR GUIDE

Wednesday, July 30 (cont.)

Livestock weigh-ins

- Sheep & Meat Goat Exhibitor Meeting – 3:45 pm
- Meat goat 4 pm
- Breeding sheep 4 pm
- Sheep 4:30 pm
- Beef 7:00 pm
- 6:00 pm Special Champions Goat Show Participant Report Time (SLA)
 7:00 pm Special Champions Goat Show (SLA)

Thursday, JULY 31

8:00 am	Equine Show
	(Equine Exercise Arena)
8:00 am	Swine weigh-in (Barn 2)
8:30 am	Rabbit Show
9:00 am	Poultry Show

- 10:00 am Judging by schedule Agronomy, Horticulture (Sterl Hall)
- 12:00 pm Judging by schedule Floriculture entries (Sterl Hall)
- 6:00 pm Meat Goat Show

Friday, AUG 1

8:00 am Beef Show (Large Livestock Arena)
8:30 am Dairy Cattle Show, Dairy Goats to follow (SLA)

Friday, AUG 1 (continued)

5:00 pm	Sheep/Breeding Sheep Show
	(LLA)
6:30 pm	Market Lamb Show (LLA)

Saturday, AUG 2

8:00 am	Swine Show (Small Livestock Arena)
10:00 am 1:00 pm 2:00 pm	Fiber Animal Show (LLA) Special Baking Entry Check-in Special Baking Competition (SH)
4:30 pm	Bucket Calf Show (LLA)
8 – 10 pm	4-H Barn Dance by SQUAD (SLA)
1:00 pm 2:00 pm 4:30 pm	Special Baking Entry Check-in Special Baking Competition (SF Bucket Calf Show (LLA)

Sunday, AUG 3

8:00 am	Open Class Horse Show
9:00 am	Livestock Judging Contest Registration (SLA)
9:30 am	Livestock Judging Contest
2:00 pm	Round Robin Show (LLA/SLA/EEA)
2:00 – 4:00 pi	m – 4-H family root beer float

2:00 – 4:00 pm – 4-H family root beer floats by SQUAD

3:00 pm Exhibits Released, except sale livestock & those still showing in Round Robin

Monday, AUG 4

9:00 am Livestock Sale (LLA)

Details to Keep in Mind for ALL Exhibits:

- July 10 at 11:59 PM ALL 4-H exhibits must be pre-entered
- Most conference judging will be scheduled through FairEntry when exhibits are pre-entered

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