



News and Updates – Mid-July 2025

Right Now Reminder - Horticulture Judging Contest

The CKFF Horticulture Judging Contest will be held **TOMORROW, Saturday, July 19, 10:00 AM** at Sterl Hall. A workout to prepare for the contest will be hosted **this evening, Friday, July 19, starting at 6 PM** at Sterl Hall. You do not need to be enrolled in a plant science or pre-entered in the contest to participate. Everyone is welcome!

Judging Contest Opportunities at CKFF

All CKFF judging contests are open to all 4-Hers, you do not need to be pre-entered or enrolled in certain projects. It's a fun way to see what you know and learn some new things!

Horticulture – Saturday, July 19, 10:00 a.m. at Sterl Hall

Photography – Saturday, July 26, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Sterl Hall

Life Skills – Saturday, July 26, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. at Sterl Hall

Livestock – Sunday, August 3, 9:00 a.m. at Small Livestock Arena

Best One Click for ALL CKFF – 4-H Information!

All CKFF static conference judging schedules will be posted on our CTD District CKFF page:

<https://www.chisholmtrail.k-state.edu/fairs/ckff/CKFF.html>

In addition to judging schedules, this is also where the premium guide, quick schedule, forms, and live results may be found. ALL the things CKFF & 4-H are here!

Fair Set-up & Clean-up – BE THERE!

Help from ALL CKFF participating families is needed this coming Wednesday, July 23, 5:30 PM at Sterl Hall to get the exhibit space set up. This will involve moving and cleaning showcases as well as setting up tables, etc. We have nice cases that protect our work while allowing it to shine, but help is needed to get it ready. Please be there!

Help is also needed on **Wednesday, August 6, at 5:30 PM** to get everything cleaned up in Sterl Hall.

Reminder

ATVs/UTVs are not allowed on the fairgrounds unless specifically authorized by the fair board.

CKFF Livestock Specific

- o No livestock is allowed to be south of the large livestock arena or on 7th Street that runs east and west at the south end of the large livestock arena and poultry barn. Per usual, equine are NOT allowed on the west side of Pine Street except animals being used in Round Robin. Similarly, other livestock should not be on the east side of Pine Street.
- o There is to be no shared watering or feeding. The communal stock tank will not be available and water barrels set up for fire purposes are not to be used as stock tanks.

- o A manure containment area will be set up on the street at Pine and 8th streets. ALL animal waste is to be delivered to this area. Manure and used bedding may NOT be placed on the street, it MUST be taken to the containment area.
- o Due to the manure containment area taking up part of Pine Street, there can be no parking, even briefly, on the east side of Pine Street closest to the horse barns. This is by order of the Fire Chief for public safety. We realize it may not be convenient during check-in and check-out, but please don't make this something the fair board has to patrol and chase people down.

Noise Notice

There is a helicopter flyover planned for **Friday at about 7:30 PM during the rodeo**. It will be loud and may frighten animals. Please be aware.

CKFF Animal Check-in

Check-in is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 30, 8 AM to 1 PM with swine check-in extended from 6 AM to 10 PM**.

Sheep and Meat Goats

- Use the alley to the north, BEHIND the Armory to pull up to the SOUTH end of Barn 2 and unload.

Swine

- Use the north/south alley that runs parallel to the Small Livestock Arena and Barn 2 off NW 8th Street
- Enter from the north, exit to the south

Beef

- Due to the manure containment area taking up part of Pine Street, there can be no parking, even briefly, on the east side of Pine Street closest to the horse barns. This is by order of the Fire Chief for public safety. We realize this is not convenient during check-in and check-out.

Horses, Poultry, and Rabbits

- Be aware of the Pine Street restrictions.

CKFF Livestock Premium 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. Note: we have been told by Diamond A Processing that the cattle kept local this year by buyers will not be accepted at the locker any sooner than August 12.
- The livestock sale committee will not be responsible for transporting livestock that did not go through the sale to lockers, even if they have appointments. Only sale animals will be transported.

Stay Cool!

It wouldn't be fair season without a lot of hot days. Remember to take frequent breaks and take advantage of the air conditioning in Sterl Hall or the benches in the shade throughout the grounds. A cooled water fountain and water bottle filler is available in Sterl Hall.

[July-August CKFF Newsletter](#) (LIVE LINK!)

Your most recent newsletter contains tons of information regarding the Central Kansas Free Fair. Please take a moment to read it, it's a great reference.

As always, please let us know what questions you have. We are glad to help. Looking forward to seeing you soon!

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