

GREENWOOD COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

Kansas State University Extension - Greenwood County ~ Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm

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June

- 1 FairEntry Opens!**
- 5 Small Livestock DNA envelope order deadline**
- 9-12 Kansas Range Youth Camp**
- 10-13 K-State Animal Science Leadership Academy**
- 18 SE Area Contests - Emporia**
- 13 GW Co Fair Shooting Sports entries due in FairEntry**
- 15 Small Livestock & Commercial Heifer nominations deadline**
- 19-20 Insect Spectacular, Iola**
- 20 GW Co Fair Archery Competition @ 9am**
- 21 GW Co Fair Shotgun Competition @ 4pm**
- 21 Shooting Sports Banquet @ 7pm**
- 27 Photo Mounting Clinic - Eureka Downs @ 10am**

July

- 1 FairEntry Closes!**
- 2 SE Area Livestock Contest in Erie, KS**
- 3 Extension Office Closed - 4th of July Holiday**
- 18 County Fair - Consultation Judging, 8am**
- 18 County Fair 4-H Horse Show, 5pm**
- 22 County Fair Clothing Judging day - 8:30am**
- 22 Public Fashion Revue - 7pm**
- 24-27 Greenwood County Fair**

August

- 1 Deadline for Kansas State Fair Horse Entries and Qualification Completion**
- 3 Kansas State Fair Entries due to office by 4:30pm**
- 15 KJLS Entries due**

September

- 1 Ambassador Applications to office by 4:30pm**
- 11-20 Kansas State Fair**

2026 Fair buildings Setup & Take-down

Lots of help is needed for set-up and take-down of display spaces. Tables, racks, and shelves must be set up and arranged. Adults and older 4-H'ers and some pickup trucks are needed.

Clubs assigned to help with set up Thursday, July 23rd, at 6pm are:

- Racing Wranglers
- Willow Valley Go-Getters
- Fancy Mustangs

Clubs assigned to help with take down on Monday July 27th at 12:00 pm are:

- Madison Pacesetters
- Harmony Sunflowers

We appreciate your help with all of this. It doesn't take long when everyone pitches in.

Trash Duty During the Fair

Friday:

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| 9am-12pm | Racing Wranglers |
| 12-3pm | Fancy Mustangs |
| 3-9pm | Madison Pacesetters |

Saturday:

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| 9am-3pm | Harmony Sunflowers |
| 3-9pm | Fancy Mustangs |

Sunday:

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| 9am-3pm | Willow Valley Go-Getters |
| 3-9pm | Racing Wranglers |

Monday:

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| 9am | All Clubs |
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Concessions

Friday:

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| 9am-9pm | Harmony Sunflowers |
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Saturday:

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| 9am-9pm | Kind Like Kenlee |
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Sunday:

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| 4-9pm | GW County Shooting Sports |
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Entomology Project Meeting

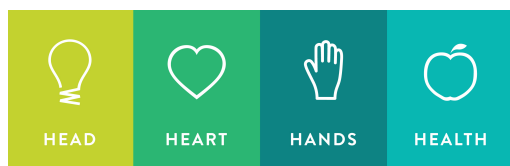
Our goal at the June 6th Entomology project meeting will be to get your insect collections ready for the County Fair. Beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Allen County Extension Office, we will work on getting insects arranged and in the display box. Please bring your insect (hopefully with labels on them), your display box, Order labels and box labels ready to put in your box. If you are still needing help with pinning, bring those supplies and insects. If you have not gotten the spreadsheet to make your labels on, bring a zip drive. This will be the last group meeting I will have before the County Fairs begin. Questions? Call Vicky at (620)804-9170.

Challenge of Champions

This is an agriculture skill-a-thon competition for 4-H & FFA youth ages 16-18 as of January 1st of this year. The competition will be held on Monday, July 27 from 2-3pm in the Concourse Building. Those wishing to compete must complete an entry form and submit it to either 4-H Foundation President, Jamie Nelson or Ag Agent, Clinton Laflin by **noon** on Sunday, July 26. Entry forms and competition rules can be found at the end of this newsletter. The winner will have the opportunity to go on to compete for one of two \$2,250 scholarships at the Challenge of Champions hosted by the Kansas Fairs & Festivals Association at the Kansas State Fair on September 20th.

2026 Greenwood County Fair T-Shirts

Don't forget!!! The Fair T-Shirt order form is due (with payment) to the Extension Office by 4:30pm on Friday, June 5th. The order form is at the end of the Newsletter.



Building Watch Times

Each club has assigned times for watching the Concourse Building. Please have 1 adult & 1 youth for each floor of the building. "Watch" responsibilities are:

- Keep a watchful eye on exhibits and fair goers
- Visitors should not handle exhibits. (Especially watch the Arts & Crafts area)
- Responsible for 4-H Food Sale items
- Kansas State Fair entry sheets
- Straighten exhibits, posters, etc., if needed
- Do not let children run or roughhouse through the buildings

Assigned times are:

Friday

- 3-6pm Willow Valley Go-Getters & Madison Pacesetters
- 6-9pm Willow Valley Go-Getters

Saturday

- 9-12pm Fancy Mustangs
- 12-3pm Willow Valley Go-Getters
- 3-6pm Harmony Sunflowers
- 6-9pm Madison Pacesetters

Sunday

- 7:30-9am Racing Wranglers
- 9-12pm Madison Pacesetters
- 12-3pm Racing Wranglers
- 3-6pm Fancy Mustangs
- 6-9pm Harmony Sunflowers

Monday

- 9-11am Harmony Sunflowers

SEA Youth Challenge Day (SEA Regional Contest)

When: Thursday, June 18th

Where: Lyon County Anderson Building in Emporia
Contests available: Horticulture, Crops, FCS, and Photography.

Upcoming 2026 Dates

- FairEntry Opens - June 1
- Shooting Sports Entries Due - June 13
- SE Area Contest - June 18
- Insect Spectacular - June 19-20
- Shooting Sports - Archery June 20

- Shooting Sports - Shotgun - June 21
- Shooting Sports Banquet - June 21
- Photo Mounting Clinic - June 27
- FairEntry Closes - July 1
- SE Area Contest - Meats & Skillathon - July 2 @ Erie
- Greenwood County Fair - July 24 - 27

2026 Fair Schedule

June 20 GW Co Fair Archery Competition @ 9am

June 21 GW Co Fair Shotgun Competition @ 4pm

July 1 4-H & Open Class Fair Entries due in FairEntry

July 18 GW Co Consultation Judging - 8am to Noon

July 18 GW Co 4-H Horse Show @ 5pm

July 22 Clothing & Fiber Arts Judging & Public Style Revue

Friday, July 24

8:30am 4-H Foods & Visual Arts Consultation Judging

8:30-11:30am Acceptance of Non-Livestock Exhibits

8:30-11:30am Acceptance of 4-H/FFA Livestock Exhibits
**Beef ONLY Weigh-in Thursday night, 7-8pm

11:30-12pm Livestock Exhibitor Meeting - Showbarn Arena

11-3pm Exhibit areas closed to the public for judging

12-7pm 4-H Council Bake Sale - Turf Room

4pm 4-H/FFA Poultry Show - SW Corner Showbarn

7pm 4-H/FFA Beef Show - Showbarn

Saturday, July 25

8am 4-H/FFA Swine Show - Showbarn

9a-noon Community Health & Wellness Safety Fair
(sponsored by GWCH Foundation)

10am-4pm Youth Water Inflatables - Free to all

11:30am 4-H/FFA Sheep Show - Showbarn

1pm 4-H/FFA Rabbit Show - SW Corner Showbarn

2pm 4-H Tractor Operator Contest

4pm 4-H/FFA Dairy Goat Show - Showbarn

5pm 4-H/FFA Meat Goat Show - Showbarn

7-8:30pm Free Watermelon (sponsored by G&W Foods)

7:30pm Barnyard Olympics (sponsored by FFA Boosters)
Followed by: Gaga Ball - Showbarn
Youth Dance (ages 12-18) Outdoors, cost: \$5 per person

Sunday, July 26

7:30-10:30am Shriners Pancake Breakfast, Concourse Bldg

8:30-9:30am Sunday Worship Service - Showbarn

10am-noon GW Co 4-H Whiffle Ball Game

12:30pm Pedal Power Tractor Pull - Showbarn

2pm Cornhole Tournament (sponsored by Madison
FFA & Boosters)

2-4pm Sundaes on Sunday (sponsored by Reece
Christian Church)

3pm Fish Casting Contest

4:30pm 4-H Bucket Calf Show

6pm Lamb Lead-In Contest

6:30pm Parade of Pre-Fair Champions, followed by 4-H/
FFA "Round Robin" Showmanship Finals

Monday, July 27

9:30am Youth Livestock Judging Contest - Showbarn

11-12pm Release of 4-H/FFA & Open Class Exhibits

12pm Fairgrounds Clean-up; Followed by Livestock
Sale Set-up

2-3pm Challenge of Champions

5:30pm Livestock Buyer Appreciation Dinner, followed by
Friend of Fair Presentation

7pm 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale

4-H Council Corner

The 4-H Council met on Monday, May 18th at 7:00 pm at the GW Co. Courthouse.

Items vote on were:

- The Buyer's Meal will be catered by S&B BBQ and served by club members (money is due from clubs to the Extension office by July 13th)
- Fair Dance will be held & cost to attend will be \$5/person. Gaga ball will be held in place of a movie.
- Fair t-shirts will be ordered for all Council members that signed up to help with events.

The next 4-H Council meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 13th at 7 pm. Fairgrounds clean-up will be at 6 pm.

Consultation Judging Changes

Indoor projects will be judged through consultation judging again this year. All projects except for Agronomy and Horticulture will be judged consultation style. What this means is that youth will sign up for time slots to sit down with a judge, have their exhibits evaluated, and receive feedback from that judge on their exhibit. This is the same as how Visual Arts, Photography, Clothing, Fiber Arts, and Foods have been done in the past. Consultation judging will be done on the Saturday (18th) before the fair in the Concourse building. Clothing will remain on the same day (Wednesday), as well as foods and visual arts (Friday). Consultation judging is not required, but strongly encouraged, as we believe the feedback from the judges will benefit our youth. **Even if a youth does not partake in consultation judging, their exhibits must be brought to the respective judging day or their exhibit will not be judged.** If you have questions please reach out to Alisha or Clinton.

SE Area District Livestock Judging Contest

When: Thursday, July 2nd

Where: TBD—Erie

This contest will determine who represents Greenwood County at the State 4-H Contest hosted in Manhattan in August. All are welcome at the District contest, but youth must be at least 9 years old to compete at the State Sweepstakes Contest in August. Registration information will be sent out as soon as it's available.



4-H/FFA Fair Premium Sale Policy Reminders

This policy is regarding eligibility for the Livestock Sale from the Greenwood County 4-H Foundation:

- Livestock sale participants are required to attend a minimum of 4 monthly meetings.
- The livestock sale is terminal for all animals. Grand and Reserve Grand in each species are required to sell. Fair participants will be limited to one animal in the sale **with the exception that in the event that a participant has more than one Grand and/or Reserve Champion, the participant will be required to sell ALL Grand and/or Reserve Champions.**
- Requiring all Grand and Reserve Champions to sell ensures the quality and integrity of the program.
- Each fair participant has the right to withdraw their animal from the grand drive if they wish not to sell it.

For questions, contact Jamie Nelson, President of Greenwood Co 4-H Foundation. Other members include Mike Mallek, Natalie Boone, Kim Gaines, Doris Decker and Luke Westerman.

Each 4-H member who wishes to sell an animal in Greenwood County 4-H Premium sale must:

1. Attend at least four monthly meetings of the club in which they are enrolled. Attendance will be counted from October 1st - June 30th; with the official record being the 4-H Club Secretary.
2. Have a signed copy (both 4-H'er and guardian must sign) of the Greenwood County Fair Livestock Premium Sale Rules on file with the Extension Office by **May 29th!**

4-H Foods & Nutrition Rule for Frostings & Fillings at the GW Co Fair & KSF

Please note the rule concerning frostings and fillings. The rule is as follows:

- For food safety purposes, any entries with frostings & 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 & fillings need to contain more than 65% sugar for safety. Examples on how to calculate this percentage are included in the publication located at:
<https://bookstore.ksre.ksu.edu/pubs/MF3544.pdf>

Save the Date for 48 Hours of 4-H

October 10-11, 2026: Now is the time to save the date for the 2026 48 Hours of 4-H Service Challenge by starting to discuss and plan now. More information is available [HERE](#)

Greenwood County Fair Photography Special Category Award

1. Photography judging will be on Saturday, July 18th starting at 8am.
2. Do **not** label your exhibit. Superintendent will place label on exhibits when they are brought in for judging. Keep your bags unsealed.
3. Kim Gaines will be sponsoring a photo category "4-H Spirit Photography Special Category Award." One color entry per 4-H member (needs to be enrolled in the photography project) that depicts the spirit and promotion of the 4-H organization. A \$20.00 cash prize will be awarded.

Guidelines are:

- Photos could be selected to go to the state fair under the color category.
- If entering your color photo in the special award there will be a sticker to apply to your entry.
- This is a one winner category.
- All members would acknowledge that the GWCO Extension and Research office and/or ambassadors would use these photos for publication and promotion.
- Upon being selected for these possible projects, a digital file will need to be submitted to the extension office at a later date.
- The photo would not be eligible for open class.
- This would not increase the number of photos a 4-H member could enter at the county level.

Greenwood Co 4-H Shooting Sports

Fair entries are due June 13th for County Archery and Shotgun events at Eureka Lake

- **Saturday, June 20** - Archery Shoot @ 9am
 - **Sunday, June 21** - Shotgun Shoot @ 4pm, followed by Shooting Sports Awards Banquet @ 7pm
- County Fair Banquet will be at the Fairgrounds. Please mark your calendars!

Also, there is a private Facebook group for communicating practice notices and any potential rainouts. If you aren't already connected, please reach out to: [Greenwood County 4-H Shotgun \(Kansas\)](#) or [Greenwood County 4-H Archery](#)

For any questions, contact Drew Ramsey, Shotgun Instructor @ (620) 583-2748, Brad Boulanger, Archery Instructor @ (620) 583-8008 or Annissa Boulanger, Coordinator @ (620) 583-4100.

2026 Greenwood County Fair T-Shirt Order Form

The Greenwood County 4-H Foundation is selling 2026 Greenwood County Fair T-Shirts. Please fill out the form below and return **with payment** to the Extension Office by 4:30pm on Friday, **June 5th!** T-Shirts will be blue in color with a white logo. Cost will be \$15 each. Please make **checks payable to the Greenwood County 4-H Foundation.** Thank you for your support!!

Name: _____ Email: _____

Sizes (please note how many you are ordering):

_____ Youth X-Small (4/5)

_____ Youth Small (6/8)

_____ Youth Medium (10/12)

_____ Youth Large (14/16)

_____ Adult X-Small

_____ Adult Small

_____ Adult Medium

_____ Adult Large

_____ Adult X-Large

_____ Adult XX-Large (add'l \$2)

_____ Adult XXX-Large (add'l \$2)

Total: _____



2026 Fair Changes/Updates

Agronomy and Horticulture are now under building exhibits

- Shooting Sports is in its own department

Building Block Engineering

- “Exhibit made from kit” is now only ages 7-10 – county only

Educational Project Exhibits

Foods

- Make sure to include references used to create exhibit

- Lowered one ribbon placing if not on disposable plate or cake board and in a plastic bag. Large bags are available at the extension office (\$0.25)
- Preservation – use matching jar and lid brands

Food Gift Package

- Do not cellophane wrap baskets
- Include Sugar Percentage worksheet if basket contains frosting or glaze

Photography

- Removed Digital Composite Class
- Mounting instructions available through QR code – will have a mounting day in June

Shopping in Style

- Only Juniors can make posters
- Intermediates and Seniors have to use a tri-fold

Visual Arts

- Descriptions are now listed in the fair book of each class

Woodworking

- Only one class now per age division
- Projects entered under “Any Woodworking Project”
- “Refinished/Repaired” is still a county-only project

Updated rule: participants must wear a nice shirt or a current Greenwood County Fair t-shirt to show or sell livestock

Reminder: Each exhibitor must groom his or her own animal. The exhibitor may have assistance only from a Greenwood County 4-H livestock leader or FFA advisor. The exhibitor’s immediate family or other Greenwood County 4-H or FFA members.

Livestock Designation Card (formerly Intent to Sell form)

- Updated – everyone (beef, meat goat, swine, sheep) will have to fill one out now and submit by 1:00 PM on Sunday
- Allows us to have a record of where every animal ends up

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GREENWOOD COUNTY LIVESTOCK DESIGNATION CARD

EACH AND EVERY ANIMAL, BREEDING AND MARKET, MUST HAVE THIS CARD COMPLETED

Name _____ 4-H Club _____
4-H Tag Number _____ Fair Weight _____ Ribbon Placing _____

Please circle all that apply: Premium Sale Base
 Take Home Locker _____ (name)

Carcass Buyer Name & Phone # _____

☐ Carcass has been sold ☐ Carcass is available for sale ☐ Carcass Contest

This designation card must be turned in by 1:00pm on Sunday, July 26, 2026. If card is not turned in by 1:00pm your animal will NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE PREMIUM SALE.

4-H Member Signature

Parent Signature

Phone

SALE PARTICIPANT: FILL OUT REVERSE SIDE COMPLETELY



SOUTHEAST AREA 4-H YOUTH CHALLENGE DAY

- Registration 9:30 AM
- NO FEE THIS YEAR
- Intermediate Division - ages 9 - 13 (before January 1st)
- Senior Division - ages 14 - 18 (before January 1st)
- Crops, FCS, Horticulture, and Photography Contests

EVENT SCHEDULE

9:30 AM

Registration begins for all contests.

10:00 AM

All contest instructions given.

10:15 AM

All contests begin. Horticulture is a timed contest and must be completed first.

- FCS and Photo will offer a non-competitive/mini experience for 7-8 years old (free).

12:00 PM

Contests Completed.
Lunch on your own.

1:15 PM

Award Ceremony

2:00 PM

Contest Officials & Walkthrough

- Snacks will be provided

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For Questions, please contact:

Horticulture

Travis Carmichael: 620-341-3220, trcarmic@ksu.edu

Photography

Maddy Wallace: 316-321-9660, mgwallac@ksu.edu

Crops

Brian Rees: 620-341-3220, bree@ksu.edu
Jill Barnhardt: 620-364-5313, jlbarnhardt@ksu.edu

FCS - Family and Consumer Science

Becky Reid: 620-221-5450, bkreid@ksu.edu
Cassidy Collins: 620-364-5313 cecollins@ksu.edu

9:30 AM

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JUNE

**LYON COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS**

2700 US-50,
EMPORIA, KS 66801

Greenwood County Fair

Challenge of Champions Entry Form

Monday, July 27, 2026 (2pm-3pm)

Concourse Building

Entry Form – must be submitted by Sunday at noon of the Greenwood County Fair

Submit forms to either 4-H Foundation President, Jamie Nelson, or Ag Agent, Clinton Laflin

*Required Fields

*First Name:_____ *Last Name:_____ *Age:_____

*Phone:_____ *Email:_____

*Youth Signature:_____

(The above signature verifies that you agree to abide by the General Rules of the Greenwood County Fair Challenge of Champions competition.)

*Parent/Guardian Signature:_____

General Rules

- 1 Contestants must be at least 16 years of age but not over 18 years of age as of January 1, current year.
- 2 There will be a Champion and Reserve Champion of the competition. The Champion will have the opportunity to compete at the Kansas State Fair Challenge of Champions in September that is hosted by the Kansas Fairs & Festivals Association. That Champion has until August 5th to decide if they will compete. Should they choose not to, then the Reserve Champion will serve as an alternate and have the opportunity to go on and compete.
- 3 The Superintendent of the contest, in cooperation with the contest committee, will be in charge of the contest. They shall have the authority for the interpretation of the policies.
- 4 The contestants will be furnished with placing cards and any other necessary forms. No contestant will be allowed to have books, notes, pamphlets, phones, or electric devices out during the contest.
- 5 While contest is in session there shall be **no communication** among contestants or anyone other than the facilitator of the competition.

4-H CLUB LEADERS NOTES

FairEntry: Opens June 1st, and closes July 1st! Shooting Sports entries are due June 13th!

Small Livestock & Commercial Heifers Nominations: Must be postmarked by June 15th.

Poultry Banding: Will be on Thursday, May 28th at 6:30 PM at the fair grounds.

Horse Identification: Please remind members wishing to show at the County Fair that registration papers are no longer accepted as forms of ID. It must be the Horse ID form. Also, all exhibitors must show proof of a negative EIA Coggins test for each horse.

Fair Changes: A list of fair changes has been sent out to families. There have not been any major or large changes to projects this year. We will be doing consultation indoor judging again this year on Saturday, July 18th.

Consultation Judging: Sign-ups for judging spots will be the same as in years past and done via SignUpGenius links emailed to families. Being in-person for consultation judging is not required. However, exhibits still need to be dropped off at the proper date, time, and location so that they can be judged.

4-H Ambassador Program Please encourage your high school age members to be thinking about applying to be a 4-H Ambassador. Applications will be due September 1st.

Social Media: If you have photos from club events or meetings that you would like shared on our Facebook page please email the photos and a caption to Alisha. We are happy to share flyers for club fundraising events too!

Volunteer Screening: If you know of any 4-H volunteers that have not registered and gone through the screening process, please let the office know immediately! The Extension Office wishes to ensure that ALL Greenwood County 4-H Volunteers, both new and old, have gone through the appropriate steps of screening to be 4-H Volunteers. Per the Kansas 4-H Policy Handbook: It is a privilege, not a right, to be a 4-H Volunteer.

Please encourage your families to not wait until the last minute to complete their county fair entries! If they are having issues, they can reach out to us. We would rather help a family with an issue instead of them not being able to show at the fair.

