



Gove County 4-H Fair News

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Helpful Pages for Fair Projects

Check out this link to our 4-H Fair Page. These are some of the items listed on the page
[Gove County Fair Page](#)

- Preparing Baked Foods Exhibits
- Fair Book
- Food Safety of Frostings & Fillings
- Fair Schedule
- Cost Per Wear for/Fashion Revue Scorecard
- Posted Newsletters
- Cat Record Sheet
- Dog Record Sheet
- Pet Record Sheet
- Rabbit Record Sheet
- Judging Poultry at the County Fair

Livestock Sale Buyer Thank You's

All Kids need to give their Livestock Sale Buyer a **Thank You** the night of the sale.

Quinter 4-H Club Each 4-Her Selling Livestock will need to be responsible for their own Thank You!

Smoky River 4-H Club Please send your Livestock picture to Dusty Zerr by July 10th.

Second Work Day Friday, July 10, 2026

For the evening's activities, we will begin at 4:00 p.m.

Jobs still to be done:

1. Full Outside Clean-up & Set-up

Cost Per Wear forms are NOW REQUIRED for all age groups.

Photo Matte Boards and Sleeves are available for sale at the Extension Office for \$2.00/set

NOTICE
The **Visual Arts & Crafts** Exhibit Judging has been scheduled to begin judging at 4:00 p.m. on Monday, July 13, 2026.

Style Revue Judging Schedule

Scripts are due Monday, July 6, in the Extension Office.

For those of you who are enrolled in the buymanship or constructed fashion revue, you appear **in your outfit** before the judge one time only. You should have 1 entry card per outfit and picture of you in your outfit and picture of the project. You will also need one 4-H Fashion Revue Evaluation Scorecard for each entry. This is available on the: [Cost Per Wear Form and Fashion Revue Evaluation Form](#).

Bring this to the person lining you up to the judge with your entry card. Remember, you **DO** need pictures for the county judging. There **WILL NOT** be call backs so a picture of you in each outfit attached to the evaluation are very important. This is for both Buymanship and Construction projects. You may model your garments in any order you choose. It will not make any difference.

Please note: The judging will be held at St. Agnes Catholic Education Center, in Grainfield, on Friday, July 10, at 10:00 a.m., and the Public Style Revue will be at the 4-H Building on Wednesday, July 15, at 7:00 p.m. Good Luck to all of you!!

ATTENTION:
Shopping In Style & Sewing & Textile Designs Participants
Remember – we have two judges this year so you need to be at the judging early & be ready to go by 10:00 a.m.
Judge #1 – Shopping In Style, Fashion Revue
Judge #2 – Sewing & Textile Designs, Fashion Revue

Style Revue Participants

For all those who are enrolled in Sewing & Textile Designs and Shopping In Style, you will need to bring the following to the fair:

1. Your Sewing & Textile Designs and/or Shopping In Style projects.
2. Your fashion revue score card for each Sewing & Textile Designs outfit.
3. Your fashion revue score cards for each Shopping In Style outfit.
4. 4 x 6 picture of you in the outfit.

Open Class - For those of you who participate but are not enrolled, the display at the fair is optional. You may bring your outfits if you would like to.

Ideas for Questions

Following is a list of possible clothing construction and style revue questions you might be asked during a conference evaluation. Try not to answer with only a "yes" or "no" answer. Of course, there will probably not be time for all of them.

1. Why did you select these colors?
2. What kind of care will the garment(s) need?
3. What is the fiber content?
4. Why did you take this project?
5. How much experience did you have before you started this project?
6. What did you like most about the project?
7. What did you like least about the project?
8. What did you do the first time in this project?
9. Where did you get help?
10. What new things did you learn?
11. How will you use what you have learned?
12. What would you like to learn next?
13. If you were to do the project again, would you do anything differently? How do you feel your project could be improved?

14. How does this garment fit in with the other garments in your wardrobe?
15. Where do you plan to wear this garment?
16. What accessories are you planning or what accessories do you already have to wear with this garment?
17. What do you think your ribbon placing should be?

Fair Entry Tags

Entry cards will be printed at Extension Office and be available for pickup on the first day of fair. Cards will be sorted by Family.

Livestock cards will be kept by Extension until ribbons have been placed. Families are strongly encouraged to look them over for any corrections to be made in advance of shows.

Please place red mark on scratched entries & place back in family folder. Markers will be provided.

No Handwritten Cards will be accepted. To keep our records straight, we can no longer accept hand written cards. Extension Staff advise you to register for any class that might come to fair for your family. We can sort out scratches during judging times.

Open Class exhibit cards are available from a Fair Board Member (Dusty Zerr) and must be paid for at the time of pick up. They will be available at both clean ups as well. No Fee for 4-H Youth or in-county participants.

After Fair Clean Up July 16, 2026

Please remember that **everyone** has clean up duties at the fairgrounds after the fair.

We clean up on the last evening of the fair, so that we won't have to schedule a clean-up at a later date. Here are the jobs to be done:

- Restrooms
- Large meeting room area
- Pick up litter on the Grounds
- Load table & chairs into

storage building on racks.
ALL FAMILIES SHOWING LIVESTOCK – Clean livestock area and your own pens.

Please remember that all the work has to be done. It will be very welcome if you get done early with your job to help someone else out with their work. **All livestock exhibitors must sign out with livestock chairperson!!**

Let's have a good clean up!

Herdsmanship Award

This year one belt buckle will be given out for overall herdsman. There will be a grand champion of each species: beef, sheep, swine, goat, and horse. They will receive grand champion prize.

A few things that the judge will be looking for are:

1. Proper care and feeding of animals.
2. Exhibitor conduct (your attitude and behavior in and around the barn, willingness to help others, politeness, no foul language, etc.)
3. Proper stall and pen identification.
4. Cleanliness of animals, alleys and stalls.
5. Safety of animals, use of equipment in a safe manner and safety of other exhibitors.
6. Presentation of your area: arrangement, cleanliness, organization of equipment, colorful (decorate your area if you wish)

**If you choose to decorate your area, I would encourage you to make sure that it is a positive reflection of 4-H, possibly relates to the fair theme and/or promotes the species that you are exhibiting.

Camper Fee \$35

Due by Tuesday, July 14, 2026
Please make check payable to:
Gove Co. Fair Board
Please submit to Dusty Zerr

Contests at the 2026 Gove County 4-H Fair

Public Contest

Tallest Corn Plant
Contest sponsored by



Nutrien Ag Solutions is sponsoring the tallest corn plant contest open to all Kids Only-Ages 3 to 18 years old at the Gove County Fair!
Check in a plant at the fair on **Wednesday, July 15th** from **5:00-7:00 p.m.** and receive a **FREE Nutrien Ag T-Shirt.**
(While supplies last.)

Rules

Bring your tallest stalk cut at ground level (no rootball). Measurement will be from the lowest brace root to the tallest extended leaf.

Prizes for 1st and 2nd Place

Any questions call-Lyle Fischer
785-259-6693



New for this year:

**Livestock
Fitting Contest**

July 15th @ 3pm

4-H Judging Contests

Ag Challenge of
Champions Contest

July 13, 2026
1 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Life Skills Judging
Contest**

July 13, 2026
1 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Photography
Judging Contest**

July 13, 2026
1 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Entomology
Judging Contest**

July 13, 2026
1 p.m. – 8 p.m.

**Livestock
Judging Contest**

July 14, 2026
5:30 p.m.

2026 GOVE COUNTY FAIR SCHEDULE

All open class judging will immediately follow 4-H judging.

Thursday, July 2, 2026

4:00 p.m. First Clean Up 4-H Building & Fairgrounds

Friday, July 10, 2026

10:00 a.m. Clothing Construction & Buymanship Judging-St. Agnes Educational Ctr.

4:00 p.m. Final Set Up & Clean Up 4-H Building & Fairgrounds

Monday, July 13, 2026

7-9:00 a.m. Check in for Horse Show (Must have Coggins papers)

9:00 a.m. Horse Show

1:00 p.m. Life Skills Judging Contest

1:00 p.m. Photography Judging Contest

1:00 p.m. Entomology Judging Contest

1:00 p.m. Ag Challenge of Champions

4:00 p.m. Visual Arts/Crafts Exhibit

Judging Photography Exhibit Judging

Tuesday, July 14, 2026

7-9:00 a.m. Check- In 4-H & Open Class Livestock
(TRAILERS ON SITE BY 8:30 AM)

9:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony (Smoky River 4-H Club)

10:00 a.m. Booth & Banner

10:15 a.m. Judging of Remaining Static Exhibits

1:30 p.m. Check In Rabbits & Poultry

2:00 p.m. Rabbit & Poultry Show

3:30 p.m. **Nex-Tech** Train

5:30 p.m. Livestock Judging Contest

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

8:00 a.m. Open Class Livestock Entries

9:00 a.m. Small Animal Livestock Show
Swine Showmanship
Breeding Swine
Market Swine
Goat Showmanship
Breeding Goats
Market Goats
Sheep Showmanship
Breeding Ewe
Market Sheep

Wednesday, July 15, 2026, continued

7-8:30 a.m. Foods Check-In

8:30 a.m. Open Class ONLY Foods Judging

9:00 a.m. 4-H Foods Judging

2:00 p.m. Pet Show

-Rabbits, Cats, Aquarium, Etc.

3:00 p.m. Fitting Contest

3:30 p.m. **Nex-Tech** Train

5-7:00 p.m. Tallest Corn Contest- **Nutrien Ag**
**Prizes for 1st & 2nd, t-shirts while supplies last.*

5:30 p.m. Siruta Pedal Pull Sign-In

6:00 p.m. Siruta Pedal Pull Contest;

7:00 p.m. Style Revue, Food Auctions, &

Inside Trophy Presentation

8:30 p.m. Barnyard Olympics- **Quinter FFA**

Thursday, July 16, 2026

8:00 a.m. Open Class Livestock Entries

9:00 a.m. Large Animal Livestock Show

Bucket Calf Showmanship

Bucket Calf

Return Bucket

Calf Beef

Showmanship

Breeding Beef

Market Beef

12:30 p.m. Round Robin (Sr.'s Only)

1-6:00 p.m. Activities for All Ages

1-8:00 p.m. Promote Your Business Day Booths

3:30 p.m. Nex-Tech Train

5:30 p.m. BBQ Appreciation Meal- **Broken Handle**

6:30 p.m. Livestock Trophy Presentations

6:45 p.m. Celebrity Showmanship Contest

7:00 p.m. Livestock Auction, Pie Sale, & Gary Evans Memorial Cookie Jar Sale

*****Fair Clean Up IMMEDIATELY Following Livestock Sale*****

Judging Time Spot Sign Up Sheets

Sign up information are for the following project areas only:

Photography Visual Arts Visual Crafts Foods

Judging time spots will go back to paper sign-up sheets for the 2026 fair season. Please stop by the office, call during office hours, or see us at the following events to get members names on the list:

- Clothing Project Judging – July 10
- 2nd Fair Clean Up – July 10
- 1st Day of Fair – 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Extension Desk

Anyone not listed by the deadline, NOON, July 13th will be assigned to the end of the list by Extension Staff. Notifications will be sent out as reminders.

Judges time is important to us and other fairs. Please let us know ASAP if you no longer need your scheduled spot.

REMINDER

Fair Pre-entries are DUE in Extension Office by **June 30, 2026**

Please go to: [Gove County Fair Entry](#) to enter registrations.

A tutorial video can be found here:

<https://youtu.be/e85NDAb9GOM>

Call the office if you have any questions!

Entry Card Scratches

Please place red mark on scratched entries & place back in family folder. Markers will be provided.

It is very important to let us know about scratched events. This way the judge and judge's assistants know not to wait for you and for our records!!

We kindly ask that families limit being a "no show" for scratched events. Please contact an Extension Staff member to let us know you will not be exhibiting in the project.

Thanks!!

Gove County Fair Board will have a sign-up sheet posted for all 4-H members to pick a Grand Champion Prize. Prizes will only be ordered for the individuals that receive a Grand Champion ribbon at fair.

Thank You!!
Gove County Fair Board

Camper Fee

\$35

Due by Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Please make check payable to:
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Please submit to Dusty Zerr

4-H Families and Fair Board members!

Charge Accounts are for Foodstand Purchases Only & MUST be paid BEFORE livestock auction on July 16th!

NO Open Class Fees Charged on Account

NO camper fees Charged on Account

The Gove Co. Fair Board appreciates your cooperation!



Judging Reminders:

- Speak loud and clearly
- Wear nice, clean clothing
- Give your full attention to the judge
- Tell your story! Judge's love to hear the trial and error parts that ended with a successful exhibit.
- Be kind to others and celebrate victories!
- Mind your manners, thank the judge and /or assistant for their time.
- Thank the volunteers, fair would not happen without them!
- Thank Fair Board and Extension. Lots of thoughtful, hard work went into this week!

We Appreciate You!!

Gove County 4-H Council has decided to celebrate our time together and provide each active Gove County 4-H member with a \$10 voucher to the concession stand. Members may use this all in one order or spread it out during the week. Keep track of your own amounts please, and have a great fair week!

Livestock Herdsmanship

A Feeding Animals – 20 points

Feed animals in a timely manner & feed appropriately	1	2	3	4	5
Animals taken out for exercise	1	2	3	4	5
Feed Pans not left in the stalls	1	2	3	4	5
Offer clean & fresh water in a timely & appropriately manner	1	2	3	4	5

B Exhibitor Conduct – 20 points

Attitude & conduct in & around barn(s)	1	2	3	4	5
Be polite & no foul language	1	2	3	4	5
No tobacco or alcohol in or around barns	1	2	3	4	5
Willingness to help others	1	2	3	4	5

C Safety & Pen Identifications – 20 points

All exhibits use official Exhibitor's ID Card. Fill out completely	1	2	3	4	5
Animals handled in a safe manner	1	2	3	4	5
Equipment & feed stored safely	1	2	3	4	5
Equipment used in a safe manner	1	2	3	4	5

D Presentation of your area – 20 points

Clean stalls, bedding, alley ways & tie outs	1	2	3	4	5
Animals stalled, penned, or tied out appropriately at night	1	2	3	4	5
Arrangement & organization of your area	1	2	3	4	5
Colorful	1	2	3	4	5

E Appearance of animal – 20 points

Clean animal in stalls	1	2	3	4	5
No shavings and/or manure, etc. adhering to the animals	1	2	3	4	5
Animals properly stalled, tied, or penned to prevent runaways	1	2	3	4	5
Animals comfortable & relaxed depending on appropriate weather & environmental conditions	1	2	3	4	5

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**2026
4-H Fair
Information**

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June 22, 2026

Dear 4-H Families,

FairEntry is now open. Please look over the fair book to help aide in selecting classes. The extension office will review entries for approval. Contact us if have questions. We look forward to seeing everyone at the Fair!

Sincerely,



Hadley Folsom
4-H Program Manager

Sincerely,



Jennifer Ackerman
Office Professional