



# Gove County 4-H Fair News

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## Fair Work Days

Workdays at the 4-H Fair Grounds this year will be **Thursday, July 2 & Friday, July 10**, from 4:00 p.m. until all jobs are completed. All clubs are asked to work. **It is mandatory you be at 1 of the 2 pre-fair clean-ups before fair and the 1 following fair or premium money will be forfeited.**

### Boys & Girls Bathrooms

1. Clean sinks and toilets.
2. Wash stalls and walls for dirt, foot prints, etc.
3. Put out toilet paper and check paper towels as needed.
4. Clean mirrors.
5. Wash bathroom doors and light switch plates.
6. Empty trash cans and put in liners or bags.
7. Clean & disinfect showers.
8. Spot clean cinder block walls in hall.
10. Wipe down baby changing stations.
11. Sweep and mop bathroom floors

### Clean large meeting room in building

1. Empty trash into dumpster – put new trash bags in.
2. Dust display cases and furniture with a dry rag. **No liquid cleaner or water** is to be used on cabinets.
3. Get clothes racks and mannequins from storage building and dust off.
4. Set up the 4-H Building in preparation for the fair.
8. Clean water fountain.

**Please bring gloves, cleaning supplies, screw drivers, screws, drills, hammers, buckets, hoes, ladders, weed eaters, large stapler's and cherry pickers, rakes & wheelbarrows, etc. to SECOND fair cleanup.**

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> work day will be held on Friday, July 10, at 4:00 p.m.**

1. Place bleachers and livestock backdrop for pictures.
3. Empty trash and replace bags or liners.
4. Weed eat where needed.
5. Set up Rabbit Cages.
6. Set up horse pens.
7. Trim trees if needed.
8. Pull weeds.
9. Sweep all sidewalks after
10. Set up 2<sup>nd</sup> Building for additional project display

## Fair Board Meeting

Next **Fair Board** Meeting is Friday, July 10, 2026, after clean up at the Gove Co. 4-H Building, Grainfield.

Fair Board will hear any requests 4-H members may have to be absent from the food and livestock sales. This needs to be done in order for someone to take a 4-H member's place at the auctions and still receive the premium.

Gove County Fair Board will hear any request for 4-H Members who did not make the minimum attendance requirement.

Letter must be received by GCFB member seven days prior to the start of fair (July 6<sup>th</sup>).

## Clothing Project Judging

**Theme: "Harvesting Memories"**

This year the judging will be held July 10, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Catholic Education Center, 289 Cedar Street, Grainfield, and Public Revue will be Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the 4-H Building.

**Cost Per Wear Forms are required for ALL Fashion Revue divisions. Include a 4 x 6 picture of exhibitor in outfit & fabric swatch if constructed with entry.**

The Clothing Project judging has three major sections.

**First section:** Fashion Revue (*Shopping in Style and Sewing & Textile Design categories*) are for any 4-H member who wishes to purchase an outfit and model it. Those in the Fashion Revue contest, will appear only once before the judging wearing

your outfits. **4 outfits** will be the limit, with one of those outfits having a "Shopping in Style" entry. You will need to fill out the top half of a Clothing and Textiles Presentation Evaluation Score Card prior to the judging. **You will need to bring to the judges table when you model.**

- **entry card**
- **picture**
- **scorecard & cost per wear form**

There will **NOT** be call backs.

To be eligible for State Fair Fashion Revue you must be enrolled in Shopping in Style or Sewing & Textiles Designs, have been declared a winner at county level and must be 10-18 years of age, but not yet 19. Alternates may participate if winners cannot attend.

**Second section: Shopping in Style (Buymanship)** for any 4-H member enrolled in the project. This was new to Kansas 4-H in 2024 and includes poster/display boards based on age. A total of 4 entries per participant is allotted. Only 1 has to be included in your Fashion Revue totals. The other 3 can be of members choice. Due to our space availability, not all entries will be able to display in the fair building. State Fair eligible is purple ribbon and age 9-18 years old as of January 1, 2026.

**Third Section: Sewing & Textile Designs**. This is formerly known as Clothing Construction. The judge will inspect your sewing and alterations from complete patterns to recycled clothing garment. Participants can make pillows, aprons, bags, shirts, pants, etc. This category does NOT include quilted items. The quilted projects are to be judged along with Fiber Arts. Sewing & Textile Designs participants eligible for Kansas State Fair must receive a purple award or higher and be the 4-H age of 9 or older. Sr. level participants must choose between Fashion Revue or Sewing & Textile Designs for Kansas State Fair if they qualify for both in the same outfit. Contact Extension office for more details

You may pick up the number of forms you need at our office or print your own from website

<https://www.goldenprairie.k-state.edu/4-h/govecountyfair.html>

When you get your fair books, be sure to read this section over carefully.

There is **one Fashion Revue Score Card, Cost Per Wear Form, Clothing & Textiles Evaluation** per family included in this newsletter. Please feel free to make copies & fill out for each outfit.

Public Style Revue Descriptions will be DUE in Extension Office by: **Monday, July 6, 2026**. We also need volunteers to help make the public revue possible. Please contact us if you are willing to help decorate, put together script, line up kids, etc.

## Food Stand

Broken Handle & Meraki Market will be in charge of our 2026 food stand. Please pay all tabs at lunch stand daily.

Broken Handle and Meraki Market will also be serving the BBQ meal.

## 4-H Food Sale

The food sale will be Wednesday, July 15, during the Public Style Revue. **It is very important for each 4-Her to seek two buyers to come to the sale** in order to keep the prices up where you'd like to see them.

In order to be ready for the sale the first evening, we are asking each 4-H member to bring two flats or boxes (cakes and pies from the cake and pie contests and cookie jars not selected to sell at the livestock auction may be included in these flats.)

**Please bring flats on Wednesday morning for the food sale, with your name marked on them. It is highly recommended to decorate your flat.**

Guidelines for the sale will be as follows:

1. 4-H members must be present to sell unless you have petitioned the 4-H Fair Board for an excused absence.

2. 4-H members may sell only two flats or boxes of food he or she is enrolled in. **Recipes are required for all exhibits. Please include 2 – one for judge and one for Food Sale Buyer.**
3. 4-Her's should designate at the time of judging if they wish to sell their food. There will be a sign-up sheet at the Extension Desk while foods are being judged until 1 p.m.
4. A portion of the product will remain on display for the remainder of the fair.
5. If you are making cookies or cupcakes, you will need to bring an extra dozen or two to give your buyer something to buy. They need to get something for the money they are spending.

### **Foods Project Entries**

Please make sure that your entries arrive by the designated entry time.

**Foods Check-in:** July 15  
• 7-8:30 a.m.

**Foods Check-In** is provided by our superintendents to help members with their entries: Check class numbers, recipes, etc., so we can limit disqualifications.

# Entry Cards

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 Ceremony

Opening Ceremony will be Tuesday, July 14, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. **Smoky River 4-H Club** will be in charge.

# 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!!

# REMINDER

Fair Pre-entries are open on June 10, 2026 & are **DUE** in Extension Office by **June 30, 2026**

Please go to: <http://govecountyks.fairentry.com> to enter registrations.

A tutorial video can be found here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e85NDAb9GOM>  
Call the office if you have any questions!

# REMINDER

## Age Divisions

Jr. Division - 7-10 (as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> of current year)  
Int. Division – 11-13 (as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> of current year)  
Sr. Division – 14-18 (as of Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> of current year)

# Ribbons

Stickers will be used again this year in place of ribbons during Fair. The Grand and Reserve Grand Rosettes will be displayed with projects.

Ribbon packets will be available for pick-up at the Extension Office starting July 25 after lunch, please call the office before picking them up to ensure they are done.

# 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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

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
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Fair Clean Up – July 10
- 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Fair – 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Extension Desk

Anyone not listed by the deadline, NOON, July 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

July 13<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup>

Gove County Fair

# Volunteers Needed

We welcome new volunteers to step up and learn the ropes from our experts as their families age out of the program! 4-H is built on volunteerism, we look forward to working with you.

**Job duties may include:**

- Ribbon placement on projects
- Helping Display Projects in Building
- Horse Show Gate Operator, Announcers, Discipline Equipment changes
- Public Fashion Review Decorator & Coordinator
- Judging Contest Kit Observer
- Helping Photograph Event

***Any amount of time you can offer will be greatly appreciated!***

Please contact the Golden Prairie Extension District Office in Grainfield if you are interested in helping out this year!

(785) 673-4805 by July 8<sup>th</sup>

**Gove County 4-H**

*Along With*

**Gove County Fair Board**

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**2026  
4-H Fair  
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**June 12, 2026**

Dear 4-H Families,

The fair is drawing near! What an exciting time of year. **There are some changes.** Articles in the letter will pertain to all families. We suggest that you highlight information which is important to your family and keep each letter in a folder or notebook for future reference. Make sure you read the fair book and keep checking for emails from this office.

Sincerely,



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Sincerely,



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