

## Dawson County fair split this year

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### 4-H events the week before fair activities get underway

Four-H'ers across the county are working with animals and poultry, growing produce, sewing, putting together displays and more.

They'll show off their skills during the 4-H part of the fair which is Saturday, July 27 through Saturday, Aug. 3.

Three days later, on Wednesday, Aug. 7, the Dawson County Fair kicks off with a carnival, exhibits and entertainment.

Ann Johnson, event coordinator/office manager, said the fair was split this year because some 4-H'ers will participate in two-a-day sports practices when fair events begin on Aug. 7.

As a result, 4-H activities are the prior week with the exception of the 4-H dog show which is Thursday, Aug. 8.

The fair, with the theme "Fun for the Whole Herd," ends on Sunday, Aug. 11.

The Moore's Greater Shows carnival opens Wednesday, Aug. 7, and will remain open every evening through Saturday, Aug. 11.

Family night is Wednesday evening.

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### 4-H activities

A long-time restaurant at the fair—the 4-H Cafe—will open Saturday, July 27, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

The rest of the week, cafe hours are: Monday, July 29, 8 a.m.-10 p.m.; Tuesday, July 30, and Wednesday, July 31, 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 1, 8 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, Aug. 2, 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Saturday, Aug. 3, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

The 4-H exhibit building is open from 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Tuesday, July 20, through Friday, Aug. 2. On Saturday, Aug. 3, the building is open from 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

Events are as follows:

Saturday, July 27: 8-8:30 a.m.—Check in shooting sports, 9 a.m.—Shooting sports competition, Stevens Arena.

Monday, July 29: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.—Enter all 4-H food, miscellaneous, ag & home environment static exhibits (except livestock and small animals); 1 p.m.—Judge all static 4-H exhibits.

Tuesday, July 30: 7 a.m.—Enter 4-H roping and working ranch horses; 7:30 a.m.—Enter other 4-H horses and begin 4-H horse show in outdoor arena; 8:30 a.m.—4-H horse show in Stevens Arena.

Wednesday, July 31: 8-10 a.m.—Enter bucket and feeder calves; 12:30 p.m.—4-H bucket calf show, Stevens Arena; 1 p.m.—4-H feeder calf show, Stevens Arena; 3-4:30 p.m.—Root beer floats in Stevens Arena.

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Thursday, Aug. 1: 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m.—Enter 4-H beef, dairy, meat goats, sheep, swine, poultry, rabbits, small animals; 3 p.m.—Public rocket shoot off; 4-5 p.m.—Enter small animals, pets and cats, release after show; 5:30 p.m.—Interview and judge 4-H small animals, pets and cats, west bleachers of Stevens Arena; 6 p.m.—4-H rabbit and poultry shows, west bleachers of Stevens Arena.

Friday, Aug. 2: 6:30-8 a.m.—Exhibit breakfast; 8 a.m.—4-H beef show, Stevens Arena; 1 p.m.—4-H Sheep, goat, dairy shows; 2:30-4 p.m.—Free watermelon feed; 6 p.m.—4-H Sheep lead show (wool garment and lamb)—Stevens Arena west bleachers.

Saturday, Aug. 3: 8 a.m.—4-H swine show, Stevens Arena; 1:30-3 p.m.—Release 4-H livestock, family & consumer science, other 4-H exhibits.

For more information, contact the Dawson County Extension office at 308-324-5501.

### Fair activities

The carnival will open at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 7, which will be Family Night with discounted arm bands. Participants in the give away are asked to bring two cans of food for a food pantry and winners of the contest will be announced Thursday night at the carnival.

Bingo with prizes is scheduled at the 4-H Cafe, from 6:30-8:30 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 7, through Saturday, Aug. 10.

Carnival hours begin at 6 p.m. through Sunday, Aug. 11.

Other events are as follows:

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Sunday, Aug. 4: 6:30 p.m.—Stock car races, Dawson County Raceway.

Tuesday, Aug. 6: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.—Set up commercial displays, Commercial Building; 6-8 p.m.—Enter open class exhibits.

Wednesday, Aug. 7: 8 a.m.-4 p.m.—Set up commercial exhibits, Commercial Building; 8 a.m.-1 p.m.—Enter open class exhibits, Open Class Building; 10 a.m.-noon—Entries for Pen of “3,” Dawson County Cattleman, Beef Barn. More information, contact John Schroeder, 308-325-5624; noon-6 p.m.—Livestock evaluation judging for Pen of “3;” 6-10 p.m.—Open Class Building and Commercial Building open to public; 6:30 p.m.—Pioneer Farm Family and fair person of the year, grandstands; 6:45 p.m.—Cloggers, jazz, hip hop, taekwondo exhibit, grandstands.

Thursday, Aug. 8: 4-10 p.m.—Open class entries in open class building; 5 p.m.—Check in dogs, Stevens Arena; 6 p.m.—4-H Dog Show; 6-9 p.m.—Vendor booths open, Commercial Building; 7 p.m.—Rough Stock Rodeo, Dawson County Outdoor Arena, adults, \$7; 6-12, \$3; free for 5 and under.

Friday, Aug. 9: 4-10 p.m.—Open class entries, Open Class Building; 5-7:30 p.m.—Dawson County Cattleman BBQ, Stevens Arena; 5 p.m.—Silent auction followed by live auction, Stevens Arena; 5:30 p.m.—Sign up for pig wrestling, Dawson County Outdoor Arena; 6-9 p.m.—Vendor booths open, Commercial Building; 7 p.m.—Pig wrestling, Dawson County Outdoor Arena, adults, \$7; 6-12, \$3; 5 and under free; 8:30-11:30 p.m.—Beer garden, Stevens Arena; 9-11:30 p.m.—Dawson County Cattleman Dance, Stevens Arena.

Saturday, Aug. 10: 10 a.m.-noon—Cowboy Golf, Dawson County Fairgrounds; 1-8 p.m.—Open class entries, Open Class Building; 4-8 p.m.—Vendor booths open, Commercial Building; 7:30 p.m. Demo Derby, Dawson County Raceway, adults, \$10; 6-12 years, \$5; 5 and under free; 8 p.m.—Open class and commercial entries released, any remainder released on Monday, Aug. 13, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 11: 9-10 p.m.—Open class entries released; 6:30 p.m.—Stock car races, Dawson

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