## Fair time is coming to Norton County

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The 2005 Fair Premium books are available at the Norton County Extension office in the courthouse, the Chamber of Commerce and some businesses.

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The 2005 Norton County Fair will run Saturday-Saturday, July 23-30, with the kick off of the Fun Day Horse Show and 4-H Clothing Fashion Revue on Saturday, July 23.

The finalé will be the home-owned carnival and car races held Saturday, July 30.

The dog, cat and hand pet show was a prefair activity on Monday, and judging of the 4-H clothing was held on Tuesday.

All Norton County residents can enter one or more exhibits in open classes — livestock, poultry and rabbits, crops, horticulture, culinary, fancywork and handicrafts, flowers, home sewing, photography, quilts and art.

Each department has a listing of related classes.

There is a section on models for youth and adults who work with model crafts.

Entry day for most open classes is 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday, July 26, at the 4-H Building.

Monday's entries include 4-H rockets, 10-10:30 a.m.; 4-H and open class art, 10 a.m.noon; 4-H and open class photography, noon (4-H) and 4:30-5:30 p.m.(open); 4-H and open class woodwork, 4-4:30 p.m.; and open class youth and adult models, noon-2 p.m.

Horticulture and flowers are entered on Wednesday morning.

4-H and open class livestock are entered from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, July 26. (Swine must be entered by noon).

Consultation judging of open class quilts will be Tuesday afternoon starting at 1:30 p.m.

The open class culinary will be judged at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. Culinary can be entered between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. that day.

4-H entomology, electric, geology and small engines will be entered and judged at 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday.

4-H heritage arts includes crochet, knitting, needle arts, quilting, macrame and weaving. These will be entered Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and will be judged from 10 a.m. to noon on Wednesday.

The 4-H skill art and crafts will be entered found at www.discovernorton.com. and judged Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

On Saturday, July 23, the 4-H Fashion Revue will be at 7 p.m. and the fun day horse show at 9 a.m.. The 4-H horse show will begin at 9 a.m. Monday, July 25.

Pre-entries are requested for both of the horse shows and are due Thursday, July 21, in the Extension Office.

The exotic animal educational exhibit and petting zoo is set for Wednesday, July 27. Preentries are requested by July 21 for this exhibition. The 4-H Ambassadors will assist with the petting zoo.

There is a special school children division, where all youth up to 17 can enter exhibits in foods, textiles and handicrafts, quilts, afghans, flowers, plants, collections, sewing, woodworking, photography, and gardening and models.

Other events include the 4-H food sale, porkburger special, market animal sale, livestock shows, poultry and rabbit exhibits and shooting sports exhibition.

Special programs include a Gospel Concert featuring The Advocates on Tuesday sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance.

Wednesday evening will be the jackpot team roping, porkburger special and a free watermelon feed, sponsored by Jamboree Foods.

Thursday morning the Norton Fair Association will hold the 4-H and FFA challenge of champions which offers a \$250 scholarship, sponsored by Kowpoke Supply.

The round robin champion showmanship and 4-H and FFA livestock sale and the ranch rodeo will also be on Thursday.

Friday evening's schedule has the youth pedal power pull, sponsored by Phillips County Implement; mutton busting; kid's ranch rodeo; and the Blaine Younger Band.

The home-owned carnival will be in full swing 6:30-11:30 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday with a special kiddie armband night (1 ticket rides) Friday and regular arm band night Saturday.

One of the new attractions this year is the mechanical crane drag line prize game.

The shuttle tram will offer rides to and from the parking areas.

The carnival rides and games are all a volunteer service and anyone wishing to help should contact a member of the Norton County Community Service Association whose officers are Mick Miller, president; Curtis Eveleigh, vice president; Deanna Nelson, secretary; and Deb Eveleigh, treasurer.

The 2005 Fair Board president is Becky Delimont; vice president, Spencer Braun; secretary, Julie Thompson; and treasurer, Kathy Holste.

An on-line copy of the fair book can be found at www.discovernorton.com.





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