

# Walnut Creek Extension District

## July 2026 WCED Monthly Newsletter

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## 2026 County Fair Dates

### Lane County Fair

July 13<sup>th</sup> - July 18<sup>th</sup>

Premium Auction Saturday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM

### Ness County Fair

July 20<sup>th</sup> - July 25<sup>th</sup>

Premium Auction Saturday, July 25<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM

### Rush County Fair

July 27<sup>th</sup> - August 1<sup>st</sup>

Premium Auction Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> at 5 PM

## Come join us at our County Fairs!

Experience the best of summer at our three county fairs! Three weeks of local pride, outstanding youth exhibits, top-quality livestock, and family fun. Each fair offers its own lineup of entertainment, food, and community traditions, giving you multiple chances to celebrate the talent and hard work that make our counties shine. Join us throughout July and be part of the events that bring each of our communities together.

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# 2026 Lane County Fair Schedule



**2026**  
**LANE COUNTY FAIR**  
*Stars, Stripes & Summer Nights*

**Friday, July 10th**  
6:00 pm Fair Set Up

**Saturday, July 11th**  
8:00 am 4-H/Open Horse Show

**Monday, July 13th**  
9:00 am Sewing & Textiles Judging, Shopping in Style to follow. (First Christian Church)

**Tuesday, July 14th**  
6:30 pm Lane Scott Dinner

**Wednesday, July 14th**  
8-9:00 am Check in all indoor exhibits (4-H & Open Class)  
9:00 am Consultation Judging on indoor exhibits  
3:00 pm 4-H Building opens to the public  
5:30 pm 4-H Bake Sale in 4-H Building  
5:30-7:30 pm Free Hamburger Feed  
6:00 pm Ice Cream Social  
6:30 pm 4-H Showcase and Bake Auction  
8:00 pm Lawn Mower Races

**Thursday, July 15th**  
7-9:00 am Check in animals  
12:00 pm Rabbit, Poultry, Hand Pets, & Dog Judging  
4-H Building open to the public  
6:30 pm 4-H Beef Show  
6:15-6:45 pm Pedal Pull Registration  
7:00 pm Kids Pedal Pull  
8:00 pm Jr. Corn Hole Tournament

**Friday, July 16th**  
9:00 am 4-H Swine Show/ Sheep & Goat Show  
9:00 am 4-H Building opens to the public  
5:30 pm Parade Line up on Eagle Street  
6:00 pm Parade down Long Street  
7:00 pm KPRA Rodeo  
8:00 pm Pro Corn Hole Tournament

**Saturday, July 17th**  
8:30/9:00 am Contingency Plan for Parade  
9:00 am Round Robin Showmanship  
10:00 am Mud Volleyball  
3:00 pm 4-H Award Ceremony in 4-H Building  
5:00 pm Livestock Sale at the Morton Building  
4-H Sponsors & Buyers appreciation supper immediately following the sale  
7:00 pm KPRA Rodeo  
9:00 pm Livestock Check Out  
9 pm - 12 am Free Dance featuring Traveling Mulberries  
10:00 pm Firework Display (weather permitting)

**Sunday, July 18th**  
8-3:00 pm Exhibit Pick Up  
5:00 pm Fair Clean Up

More information at [www.walnutcreek.k-state.edu/county-fairs/](http://www.walnutcreek.k-state.edu/county-fairs/)

# 2026 Ness County Fair Schedule

## Ness County Fair July 21-25th 2026



### Monday, July 20th

9:00am 4-H Clothing and 4-H Photography

Judging at the Baptist Church

7:00pm 4-H & Open Class Horse Show



### Tuesday, July 21st

5:30pm Parade Entry & Line-up

6:00pm Parade Start

6:30pm Watermelon Feed @ Fairgrounds

Served by Historical Society

7:00pm Good Old Fashion All American Fun Kickoff



### Wednesday, July 22nd

8:00am – 10:00am 4-H and Open Class Indoor Exhibit  
Entries accepted

9:00am - 8:00pm 4-H Concessions stand open

9:00am 4-H Foods Judging

10:00am All 4-H and Open Class indoor exhibit judging

11:30am Cloverbud Judging at the East End Booth

Building

1:00pm 4-H Visual Arts Judging

5:00pm All 4-H Livestock needs to be in place

6:00pm 4-H Foods Auction and Public Style Review

7:00-10:00pm Ness Co Amusement Rides Open

7:00pm Ice Cream Social @ Fairgrounds

7:30pm Gospel Concert Featuring, Honorable Mentions

### Thursday, July 23rd

8:00am-9:30am Livestock Weigh in

9:00am Rabbit, Poultry, Hand Pets, and Dog Show

9:00am – 8:00pm 4-H Concessions Stand Open

6:00pm Free Will Donation Meal by Ness City Fire

Department

7:00pm 4-H Beef Show/ Celebrity Beef Show

7:00-10:00pm Ness Co Amusement Rides Open



### Friday, July 24th

9:00am Swine, Sheep, and Goat Show

9:00am – 8:00pm 4-H Concessions Stand Open

3:30pm Farm Bureau 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Cherry Tomato Contest

5:00pm Farm Bureau Association Turtle Races

5:30pm GBT Free Hot Dog Feed

5:30pm Registration for Pedal Pull

6:00pm Pedal Pull

7:00pm Ness Co Amusement Rides Open

7:00pm Kids Buckaroo Rodeo @ Arena

Zero-turn Lawn Mower Races, *following kids Rodeo*

7:00pm Wings and Beer Garden Open

7:30pm Cornhole Registration

8:00pm Cornhole Contest



### Saturday, July 25th

8:30am 5k Color Run/Walk

9:00am Round Robin Contest

9:00am -8:00pm 4-H Concessions Stand Opens

11:00am Mud Volleyball

1:00pm Livestock Auction / 4-H Awards

Livestock Dismissal Following the auction

4:30 Ness Co BBQ Smoke-off Contest Judging

6:00pm NBHA Barrel Race

6:00pm BBQ Smoke-off Taste Testing

6:00pm Beer Garden Open

7:00pm Ness Co BBQ Smoke-off Awards

7:00pm Ness Co Amusement Rides Open

8:00pm - 11:00pm Phil Vandel



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# 2026 Rush County Fair Schedule

## 2026 Rush Co. Fair Schedule of Events

### Saturday, July 25

8:00 am Fair Set Up

### Monday, July 27

7:00 pm Public Fashion Revue  
La Crosse City Auditorium  
Open Class **Online Entries CLOSE**

### Tuesday, July 28

6:00-8:00 pm Open Class Early Entries accepted  
Except foods, crops, horticulture

### Wednesday July 29

8:00-10:00 am **Open Class - Check-In all entries**  
5:30 -7:00 pm GBTA Hotdog Feed & SJN Bank Ice Cream

5:45 pm Flag Ceremony- VFW & American Legion  
Opening Ceremony- 4-H Members  
Immediately following is the 4-H Food Auction

7-11:00 pm RCAC Carnival, (rides only)

7:00 pm THE SOUND  
Sponsored by Rush County Churches

8:00 pm THE ABLES—OLD TIME COUNTRY

### Thursday July 30

8:30 am 4-H & Open Class Swine, Sheep, Goat and  
Dairy Goat Show (each show will begin  
20 minutes after previous show has ended)

1:30 pm 4-H Dog and 4-H Pet Show

2:00 pm 4-H Rabbit Show & Open Class Rabbits

3:00 pm 4-H Poultry & Open Class Poultry

5:30 pm 4-H & Open Class Bucket Calf Show

5:30 pm Popsicle Night by Schneider Works

5:30 pm FARM BUREAU MEET & GREET

7-11:00 pm RCAC Community Carnival

7:00 pm FLYING DEBRIS

8:30-11:00 pm SHIPROCK - 80's Group

### Friday July 31

8:30 am 4-H & Open Class Beef Show

5:30 pm Pictures of Champions

6:00 pm Ice Cream with Midland Marketing

6:30 pm Hot Laps

7:00 pm Rumble at the Bullring

7-11:00 pm RCAC Community Carnival

10-12:00 pm THE ROCKETS

### Saturday August 1

8:00 am 5K Walk/Run

9:00 am Round Robin Showmanship

10:00 am Men's Slow Pitch—TBD

12:30 pm Rush Co Fair Corn Hole Tournament

4:00 pm Buyer Ice Cream Social

5:00 pm 4-H Closing Ceremonies  
& Livestock Auction

6-7:30 pm **Premium money pick-up—Fair Office**  
**NOTE change of time from past yrs.**

7-11 pm RCAC Community Carnival

TBA RAFFLE DRAWING

6-8 pm MARK STAGGS—IMPERSONATOR

8-11 PM PHIL VANDEL BAND

9:00 pm **All Exhibits Released**

### Sunday August 2

8:00 am Fair Clean-up—Thanks Volunteers!



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Rush County Fair  
July 29-August 1

For more information:  
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Rush County Fair Association



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# 2026 Market Wheat Show



## 2026 Sponsors

Midland Marketing Group

Bartlett Grain Company

Post Rock Ag

Cooperative Grain & Supply

DE Bondurant Grain Company, Inc

Garden City Coop, Inc - Dighton



Please have samples turned in by:

**Thursday, July 9th**

## Entry Rules

- It's FREE to enter
- Complete the crop information card
- Submit 5 pounds of combine run wheat in a gallon-sized bag
- Only one entry per variety or blend grown
- Judging criteria: Protein, Test Weight, Dockage, and Shrunken or Broken.
- Results will be on display at the Lane, Ness, and Rush County Fairs
- Leave samples & cards at participating elevators or at the Extension Offices in Dighton, Ness City, and LaCrosse by Thursday, July 9th!

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**Save a gallon of your best wheat to enter.  
Samples are due July 9th!**