Activities kick off Friday in Lexington

This year’s annual Dawson County Fair will begin the week before school rather than in July as it’s occurred the past several years.

The fair, with the theme “Last Blast of Summer” offers everything from pig wrestling and stock dog competition to music, a demolition derby and 4-H events.

Located at the Lexington fairgrounds, the fair officially kicks off this Saturday and continues through Saturday, Aug. 11.

The Moore’s Greater Shows carnival opens Friday night and will be open every evening through Saturday, Aug. 11.

Family night is Wednesday evening.

Throughout the fair, vendors will be lined up in the commercial building who will sell merchandise and offer information on county agencies.

A long-time restaurant at the fair—the 4-H Cafe—will be open Saturday, Aug. 4, from 8 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, Aug. 5, from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.; Tuesday, Aug. 7, 8 am.-7:30 p.m.; Wed., Aug. 8, from 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m.; Thursday, Aug. 9, from 10 a.m.-9 p.m.; and Friday, Aug. 10, and Saturday, Aug. 11, from 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m.

Events are as follows:

Friday, Aug. 3: 9:30 a.m.—4-H superintendent’s meeting at 4-H exhibit building for family and consumer science related and other miscellaneous static exhibits; 4-H livestock superintendent’s meeting at 4-H Cafe.

Saturday, Aug. 4: 8 a.m.—8-10 a.m.—Check in 4-H bucket calves and feeder calves; noon—Clover Kid bucket calf show; 12:30 p.m. 4-H bucket calf show; 1 p.m. 4-H feeder calf show, 3-4:30 p.m.—Free root beer floats, Stevens Arena.

Sunday, Aug. 5: 8-8:30 a.m.—Check in shoot sports; 9 a.m. shooting sports competition, Stevens Arena.

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

Wednesday, Aug. 8: 10 a.m.-1 p.m.—Enter all 4-H food, miscellaneous and home environment static exhibits (except livestock and small animals); 1 p.m.—Judge all 4-H exhibits; 5 p.m.—Enter 4-H dogs; 6 p.m.—4-H dog show, Stevens Arena; 7-9:30 p.m., 4-H exhibits open to public after completion of judging and displaying; 7 p.m.—stock dog competition, outdoor arena.

Thursday, Aug. 9: 10 a.m.-9 p.m.—All 4-H buildings open; 4-5 p.m., enter 4-H small animals, pets and cats (release after show) and poultry and rabbits; 5:30 p.m.—interview and judge 4-H small animals, pets and cats; 6 p.m., 4-H rabbit show and 4-H poultry show; 5-8 p.m., enter 4-H beef, dairy, meat goats, sheep and swine, Stevens Arena; Rodeo, 7 p.m., outdoor arena.

Friday, Aug. 10: 6:30-8 p.m., exhibitor breakfast; 10 a.m.-9 p.m., all 4-H buildings open; noon—4-H beef show, Stevens Arena; 3-4:40 p.m.—Free watermelon feed, Stevens arena; 3-4:30 p.m., free watermelon feed; 6 p.m., 4-H sheep lead show, 7 p.m.—pig wrestling, outdoor arena.

Saturday, Aug. 11: 8 a.m.-5 p.m.—All 4-H buildings open; 8 a.m.—4-H swine show; 11 a.m.—4-H meat goat show; 11:30 a.m.—4-H dairy show; 1 p.m. 4-H sheep show, beginning

with pee wee lamb and goat lead, Stevens arena; 5 p.m.—Release 4-H livestock, 4-H family and consumer science, other 4-H exhibits; ; 7 p.m.—Crashfest Demo Derby, grandstand.

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