

EVENING ENTERTAINMENT



Adam Calvert & Sawyer Brown
Friday,
July 10th, 2026
7:00 PM



Ole 60
Saturday,
July 11th, 2026
8:30 PM



Midstates Championship Rodeo
Tue. - Thurs.
July 7th-9th, 2026
7:30 PM



Fair Schedule

Tuesday, July 7, 2026

- 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 4-H Interview Judging of Foods and Gardening, 4-H Building
- 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. 4-H / FFA Assigned Stalls and Pens Available for: Horse and Livestock, except Lactating Dairy and Feeder Calves, Small Animals, except Dog, Cat, or Companion Animal.
- No Trailers are allowed to enter the grounds after 5pm.
- 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM - OPEN CLASS ONLY: Exhibit check in all exhibits. Exhibits received after 11:00 A.M. will be displayed but not judged.
- 1:00 PM – Open Class Judging and 4-H Building set up.
- 5:00 PM – 11:00 PM – 4-H Building Open
- 7:30 p.m. MID-STATES CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO, Grandstand Arena
- 9:00 p.m.-12:00 p.m. DJ Kraemer and Dance, Activity Center

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

- All Livestock, Horses, and Small Animals Must Be in Place by Noon (refer to General Rule #3) Except for lactating Dairy, Feeder Calves, Dog, Cat, and Wild Game.
- 9:00 a.m. Swine Check-in / Weigh-in
- 10:00 a.m. 4-H / FFA Dog Show & Open Class Show, TBA
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. 4-H Building Open
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Open Class Building Open
- 12:00 p.m. – All Animals must be in place.
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Sheep and Goats Check-in / Weigh-in 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. Bucket Calf Check-in / Weigh-in
- 2:00 p.m. Beef Cattle, Breeding Beef, and Market Beef Check-in / Weigh-in
- 4:00 p.m. 4-H Livestock Judging Contest, South Side of Livestock Arena
- 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Heart of America Carnival Open

- 7:10 p.m. 4-H Members meet by 4-H Office to walk to the Grandstand for introduction prior to the rodeo; wear your 4-H T-shirt.
- 7:30 p.m. MID-STATES CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO & 4-H NIGHT, Grandstand Arena
- 10:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. DJ Kraemer and Dance, Activity Center

Thursday, July 9, 2026

- 8:30 a.m. Dairy Show, North Side of Livestock Arena
- Lactating cows must be in place by 9:00 a.m.
- Dairy Goat Show to follow Dairy Show
- 9:00 a.m. 4-H / FFA Horse Show, Grandstand Arena
- ALL CLASSES – All English, Halter, Showmanship, Pleasure, Horsemanship, Trail, Reining, Western Riding, Poles, and Barrels.
- 9:30 a.m. 4-H / FFA Hog Show, South Side of Livestock Arena
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Open Class Building Open
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. 4-H Building Open
- 1:00 p.m. 4-H / FFA Rabbit Show, Small Animal Building
- 4-H Bucket Calf Interviews, 4-H Office
- 2:00 p.m. Cloverbud
- 3:00 p.m. Beginning Bucket Calf
- 3:30 p.m. Advanced Bucket Calf & Second-year Bucket Calf
- 5:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. Dairy Educational Event, Northside of Livestock Arena and stalling area
- 6:00 – 10:00 p.m. Heart of America Carnival Open
- 7:00 p.m. – Quilt of Valor Presentation, Grandstand Arena
- 7:30 p.m. MID-STATES CHAMPIONSHIP RODEO & VETERAN NIGHT, Grandstand Arena

Friday, July 10, 2026

- 9:00 a.m. 4-H / FFA Sheep Show (including bottle lamb), South Side of Livestock Arena
- 4-H / FFA Meat Goat Show to Follow Sheep Show (including bottle goat)
- 9:00 a.m. 4-H / FFA Cat Show, Activity Center
- Open Class Cat Show to Follow
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Open Class Building Open
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. 4-H Building Open
- 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Stocker Feeder Weigh-in (must in place by 1:00 p.m.)
- 1:30 p.m. 4-H / FFA Beef Show, North Side of Livestock Arena 3:00 p.m. 4-H / FFA Companion Animal Show, 4-H Office
- 6:00 – 11:00 p.m. Heart of America Carnival Open
- 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. – UNL Athlete Meet and Greet inside Arena – must purchase ticket to concert to enter.
- 7:00 p.m. Opening Act – Adam Calvert
- 8:30 p.m. Main Event: Country Music Artist: SAWYER BROWN
- 10:00 p.m.- 1 a.m. Band – No Drinking on Grounds – Dance, Activity Center

Saturday, July 11, 2026

- 7:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Breakfast, Food Court
- 9:00 a.m. 4-H Bucket Calf Show, North Side of Livestock Arena
- Show Order (subject to change): Cloverbud
- Beginning Bucket Calf
- Advanced Bucket Calf
- Second-year Bucket Calf
- 10:00 a.m. 4-H / FFA Poultry Show, Small Pet Building
- Open Class Poultry Show to Follow
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. Open Class Building Open
- 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m. 4-H Building Open
- 1:00 p.m. – Kids Tractor Pull – sponsored

- by the Madison County Sheriff's Office, TBA
- 3:00 p.m. – 4-H Fashion Show, Indoor Arena
- 4:00 – 11:00 p.m. Hearts of America Carnival Open
- 7:00 p.m. Opening Act: Son's of Habit
- 8:30 p.m. Main Event: OLE 60
- 10:00 p.m. – Band – Kenny K and the Dead Cowboys -Dance, Activity Center

Sunday, July 12, 2026

- 8:00 a.m. – Release of 4-H Animals
- TBA – Church Service, Activities Center
- 10:00 am. – 4:00 p.m. Open Class Building Open
- 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 4-H Building Open
- 11:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. – 4-H Fun Day Events (flyers will be posted with schedule of events)
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Payment of 4-H Premiums, 4-H Office
- 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. Release of 4-H Exhibits, 4-H Building 4:00 p.m. – All 4-H Animals and Trailers need to be off the grounds by 4pm.
- 4:00 – 10:00 p.m. Heart of America Carnival Open
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Payment of Open Class Premiums, Open Class Building
- 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Release of Open Class Exhibits, Open Class Building
- 6:00 p.m. 4-H Office Closed
- 6:00 p.m. – Extreme Rodeo with Double S Bull Company

Events Subject to Change without Notice

Safety Tips For Fairs And Carnivals

Carnivals, county fairs and street festivals can make for fun family outings. The nice weather just beckons people outdoors, and weekend after weekend resourceful carnival goers can probably find a fair nearby. But revelers need to make sure their experiences are as safe as they are fun.

The Outdoor Amusement Business Association estimates 500 million guests visit carnivals, fairs and festivals each year. More than half of them participate in mobile amusement rides, among other recreational pursuits. Such pursuits can not only be fun, but they also can be dangerous, especially for young children. As a result, parents taking their kids along to enjoy this wholesome fun should consider the following precautions.

* Be prepared. Research the fair or carnival and know what to expect when you arrive. How big is it? What are the types of attractions and what vendors will be included? What is the parking situation? Are strollers allowed? Knowing what to expect can make the occasion a little less stressful. If your child is old enough to understand, explain what the fair entails and how it can

be crowded and noisy.

* Dress for the weather. It is important to wear sturdy, comfortable footwear. Many carnivals are set up in fields or empty parking lots. There will be a lot of walking, and you want to be sure you are comfortable. Check the weather before going and dress for the temperature. Wear hats to shield your faces from the sun and lather on plenty of sunblock for protection. Avoid wearing any dangling clothes and jewelry. Tie back long hair to reduce your risk of accidents on rides.

* Identify security guards or a security kiosk upon entering. Let children know where safety personnel are stationed. Establish a meet-up point that is very conspicuous should anyone get separated from the group. This central location will be checked first and should be easily identifiable for young children. Instruct the child to stay there until you find him or her.

* Put your mobile phone number in your child's pocket. Put your name or "Mom/Dad" on a sheet of paper with a contact number and put it in your son or daughter's pocket.

Should he or she get lost, the child can approach a security guard and give that person your phone number.

* Take a current photo of the kids. Use your smartphone or camera to snap a picture of your children when you arrive at the event. This way you will have a method of helping others identify them should they get lost.

* Observe the rides in advance. Watch rides before you get in line to try them out. Figure out if it is appropriate for a child and acclimate anyone who is nervous. Carnival rides often have a "you must be this tall to ride" sign at their entrance gates.

* Look for inspection stickers. Carnival rides often have to be inspected for safety. If the ride doesn't have a current inspection sticker, don't ride it.

* Stay hydrated. Pack plenty of bottled water for the day. Fairs make a lot of money on concession sales, and buying beverages all day can get expensive. Dehydration is common when spending hours outdoors in warm weather. It can make a person dizzy and feeling sick to

their stomach. If you feel thirsty, you already are dehydrated.

* Eat light. If you will be riding a lot of rides, it's better to eat light meals beforehand. Heavy, greasy foods in your stomach coupled with motion sickness can lead to trouble. Wait until after you have gotten your fill of the rides before indulging in funnel cake.

* Stick together. It can be tempting to separate when you get to the carnival, as older children may not be interested in the same rides as their younger siblings. But separating increases the risk of someone getting lost.

* Seek shelter in a storm. Thunderstorms can roll in unexpectedly. Remember, lightning will seek the easiest method to reaching the ground. Tall rides could be strike points. Get out of the weather and move indoors or to a car if possible.

Carnivals and fairs are staples of the warm-weather season across the country. These enjoyable outings are even more fun when families play it safe.

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