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34rd Annual County Fair

Activities include ice cream social, talent contest, kids' petting zoo

Bring the family and plan on spending the day at Old Cowtown Museum this Saturday, Oct. 8, for the 34rd Annual County Fair. From 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., there will be entertainment around every corner of Cowtown's grounds, re-creating the atmosphere of a real 1870's-style community block party. Regular admission rates will be charged (see below). Cowtown is located at 1865 W. Museum Blvd.

Throughout the day, both kids and adults will have their pick of activities and entertainment that include: Midway games; wheelbarrow, sack and three-legged races; tug-of-war competitions; live music; and a petting zoo with farm animals. And no county fair would be complete without lots of food – hot dogs, candy, chips, sarsaparilla and more.

Four special events on the County Fair's lineup include:

- **Youth Talent Contest, 11:30 a.m., Empire House**
Youth between ages of 5-12 can sign up that day to dazzle the audience with singing, dancing or whatever unique talent they possess. The audience will pick the winner.
- **Free Ice Cream Social and Mock Political Debates, 12:30 p.m., Gazebo behind Saloon**
Part of Cowtown's re-creation of an old-time mayoral race. Mock candidates will address the public as free ice cream is scooped out to hungry fair-goers.
- **Cutest Baby Contest, 2:30 p.m., Train Depot**
The contest is open to anyone who wants to show off their little ones. Just show up to participate. Two age categories: Under 12 months and 12-24 months. The audience will pick the winner.
- **Vintage Base Ball Tournament, all day, Farm Field near DeVore Family Farm**
Five teams representing Wichita, Jetmore, Kan., Emporia, Kan., and Dallas will be competing for the Vintage Base Ball crown using 19th century rules and competing in period reproduction uniforms. The tournament schedule is posted on OldCowtown.org.

More information about Cowtown's 34rd Annual County Fair is available by calling (316) 219-1871.

Cowtown admission prices are: Adults, \$7.75; senior citizens, \$6.50; youth ages 12-17, \$6; and children ages 4-11, \$5.50. Children under 4 and museum members admitted free of charge.