

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2016

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

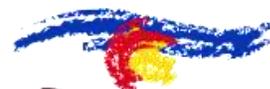
- 1 National Western Stock Show Market Livestock entries due.
- 5 Fitting and Showing clinic – Blind Badger Ranch, Fort Morgan – 3:00 p.m. Call your local Extension Office for more details.
- 4-6 Colorado Leadership Camp (CLC) – Glenwood Springs

DECEMBER

- 1 Applications for National Western Stock Show Catch-A-Calf Contest due.
- 19 Babysitting Basics Training – Yuma – more info in this newsletter.

JANUARY 2017

- 7-22 National Western Stock Show. Visit www.nationalwestern.com for complete schedule.
- 13 National Western Stock Show 4-H Day. More info in this newsletter.
- 28-30 Leadership Development Conference – More info in this newsletter.
- 30 4-H Day at the Capitol.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
CONFERENCE

The annual Leadership Development Conference (LDC) will be held January 28-30, 2017 in Denver. Interested youth can contact your local office to pre-register by January 9th. LDC is a fun, educational weekend promoting leadership development and community service. The event is open to youth 14 and over and registration is typically around \$150.00 (plus lodging). This conference is in conjunction with the annual 4-H Day at the Capitol where members can be present during the Proclamation for Colorado 4-H Day. Tours of the state capitol will be available. Details are available at your local County Extension Office or at www.colorado4h.org.

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Considering New Projects for 2017?

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Welcome to the Colorado 4-H Record Book Tracker

Attention 4-H members! You now have a way to keep track of your expenses, inventory, and activities through the new 4-H Tracker App. This app will allow you to enter items at the time of purchase through any device that will access the Internet. Also you will be able to track all the activities done throughout your projects. This tracker can be used for any 4-H project. What a great way to keep up-to-date on your 4-H e-records. You will be able to pull reports from this app and add them to your e-record.

So let's get started! Go to <http://co4htracker.colostate.edu/>, click on Instructions, where you will find step-by-step instructions on how to Create an Account and use the app. You will need to create an account first and then get approved before you can start to enter any information.



This I Believe

Sometimes it really pays off to clean out old files in an office. While doing some office cleaning in the Phillips County Office, the office secretary stumbled across an old document. The pages are slightly yellowed, there appear to be stains of some kind on the front page and a few pages are curled or torn, but the message in this particular document couldn't be more accurate. The author of the document is unknown. He or she wrote about the continuing youth development which happens in 4-H, and wrote this paper, titled, “This I Believe.” The following is a summary of the paper and really hits the mark in terms of 4-H and positive youth development.

“The 4-H boys and girls are more important than the 4-H project.” 4-H'ers enroll in 4-H to learn life skills through the projects they take in 4-H. Youth development also occurs through club meeting participation, fundraising, community pride activities, public speaking opportunities and leadership conferences, just to name a few. The development of the youth into a productive citizen is the goal of 4-H, not the development of the project itself.

“4-H is not trying to replace the home, the church, and the school – only supplement.” To be a truly well-rounded individual, youth need to have support and direction from various individuals, groups and other organizations. To be a truly successful 4-H member will require the support and guidance from parents/guardians, grandparents and other caregivers or family members. 4-H can work hand-in-hand with the

knowledge children are learning everyday by providing them an opportunity for hands-on application of that knowledge.

“4-H’ers should be their own best exhibit.” 4-H members may get so wrapped up in their project, and displaying or showing that project, that they forget their own appearance or manners. 4-H works to instill values such as good sportsmanship, gratitude, and showing kindness to others.

“No 4-H award is worth sacrificing the reputation of a 4-H member or leader.” While everyone enjoys winning, there usually is only one “winner” in regards to projects displayed at county fair. However, as long as the 4-H member worked hard and learned life lessons by completing the project and participating in 4-H, each member is a winner because of the knowledge and skill gained. Upholding the high morals and values of the 4-H program will teach young members what the true reward of participating in 4-H really is.

“Competition is a natural human trait and should be recognized as such in 4-H. It should be given no more emphasis than other fundamentals in 4-H.” Competition is everywhere we turn in our American culture. While competition can be a good thing, it also may end up driving youngsters away from the 4-H program. To truly accomplish the goals of the 4-H program, the “competition” should be within the 4-H member. Can he or she do something better as the result of 4-H participation? If the answer is yes, then the 4-H goals have been achieved.

“Learning how to do the project is more important than the project itself.” 4-H strives to teach young members the skills they will need to be a successful adult. The projects 4-H members enroll in are simply avenues to teach these skills.

“Many things are caught rather than taught.” We all know children are natural mimics of what they see or hear. 4-H leaders are the models for their 4-H club members. Their enthusiasm for projects or club activities is shared by members and other parents. Some of the most heart-warming 4-H stories are based upon this principle – the leader set the example and the 4-H member copied it.

“A blue ribbon child with a red ribbon pig is more desirable than a red ribbon child and blue ribbon pig.” This is really what 4-H is all about; the development of each youth. The project is simply the vehicle used to teach life lessons and skills. 4-H members develop through the opportunities to make decisions on their own. Sometimes, they may make wrong decisions; however, youngsters will learn from their choices without harsh consequences.



“To ‘learn by doing’ is a fundamental in any sound educational program and characteristic of the 4-H program.” How many of us learn and retain knowledge better when we’re able to experiment “hands-on?” Learning by doing gives 4-H members direct experience with something new. Because members experienced something, chances are the youngster is more likely to remember it longer and more accurately. 4-H offers many opportunities to “learn by doing.”

“Every member needs to be noticed, to be important, to achieve and to be praised.” 4-H believes in giving members significant recognition such as praise, attention and compliments to let the member know that what he or she has done is worthwhile.

If you have any questions about 4-H, or would like to volunteer for your local county 4-H program, please call your Extension Office or visit www.colorado4h.org. Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.

OPPORTUNITIES AND ACTIVITIES

Fidget Quilts & Walker Caddies for Nursing Homes

Monday, November 14, 2016

1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Washington County Extension Meeting Room, Akron



This nation-wide movement provides colorful activity quilts, made and donated by volunteers, to seniors battling dementia. Keeping their hands and minds busy is calming and helpful! Check it out at <http://www.with-heart-and-hands.com/2015/08/making-fidget-quilts-for-alzheimers.html> or at <http://www.nancyzieman.com/blog/sewing-2/sew-an-alzheimers-activity-mat/>. We're also sewing up several walker caddies for residents.

Bring a sewing machine, some brightly colored fabrics, and your smile! **Each quilt or matt needs some zippers, buttons, pockets, yarns, cords, and other fun and textured items.** This is a great way to practice sewing – and do a community service project with your skills.

Space limited to 12 youth each day! RSVP to reserve a spot!

For more info contact: Gisele Jefferson 970-345-2287 or email Gisele.jefferson@colostate.edu



Robotics Leader Training

Tuesday, November 22, 2016

10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Washington County Extension Meeting Room, Akron



Anyone interested in robotics? We have a robotics training opportunity (for adults) coming up in the Golden Plains Area. It is open to any adults interested in teaching youth about LEGO EV3 robotics.

At the training, you will get to build a basic robot using the LEGO EV3 kit. The training will also cover basic programming functions, as well as a few more advanced programming techniques. Lunch will be provided.

If you are interested in participating, please contact Gisele Jefferson by November 10th.

Feel free to contact Gisele Jefferson with any questions at 970-345-2287 or Gisele.jefferson@colostate.edu.



National Western Stock Show

The National Western Stock Show will be January 7-22, 2017. 4-H Day at the National Western Stock Show is Friday, January 13th. Group tickets are only available if they are purchased early. All Colorado 4-H families and invited guests are eligible for discounted prices on reserved seating. Discounts are not available at the Stock Show Box Office. For a complete schedule, visit www.nationalwestern.com.

LIVESTOCK

National Western Stock Show Catch-A-Calf

The National Western Stock Show Catch-A-Calf Program is a great program designed to promote youth development and understanding of the cattle industry. This program can provide youth with an opportunity to be part of one of the best programs at the National Western Stock Show. Youth who choose to participate in this contest may have a range of experiences such as raising, feeding and showing beef cattle.

4-H members come from Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Wyoming to compete in NWSS longest running program of practical beef cattle management. In just over 70 years, the Catch-A-Calf Contest has awarded nearly 3,000 steers to 4-H members.

The program began in 1935 when 10 boys caught 10 sponsored calves. The contest quickly caught on, and the program grew to include 52 calves by 1942. Soon after World War II, the program settled at 40 calves per year, which is where the number continues to stand today.

Applicants must be between the ages of 12 and 18 as of December 31, 2016 to apply and they must also be enrolled in 4-H at the time application. Successful catchers must have adequate facilities

available to house their steer as they are responsible for the care, feeding, handling of their animal and return with the animal one year later as a market steer. The market animals are judged on rate of gain, quality of fitting and carcass quality. The exhibitor is judged on showmanship, their record book and a personal interview.

Contestants must have reached the age of twelve years but must be under nineteen years of age as of December 31, 2016 and participate in a 4-H Club as an active member in 2016. It is highly recommended that a member not enter this contest if they plan to be away at college or from home during the time of raising the calf.

Catch-a-calf contests in the Coliseum will be held Friday, January 13th during the matinee rodeo performance, Saturday, January 14th during the matinee rodeo performance and Sunday, January 15th during the matinee and evening rodeo performances.

The applications to participate in this year's Catch-A-Calf program at NWSS are now available online at <http://www.nationalwestern.com/catch-a-calf/> or contact your local Extension Office for more information.



4-H Livestock Judging



Have you ever wondered what the judges were looking for as you watched a livestock show? How would you like to make better decisions when selecting your

4-H livestock project animal? 4-H Livestock Judging is an exciting way to learn more about livestock selection and improve your public speaking and reasoning skills while having fun and meeting new friends.

“My experiences in 4-H Livestock Judging changed me as a person and brought me out of my shell,” said Ben Cooley, associate professor of animal science and livestock judging coach at Northeastern Junior College. “I was a quiet young man and the experiences gave me an opportunity to learn to speak in front of people. I gained confidence as well.”

During a contest youth place several classes of four head of livestock including beef, sheep, swine and goats. They are placed on their value using their conformation and genetic profile. Individually, each contestant analyzes the animals and decides how he

or she thinks they should be placed and then marks their card accordingly.

Following the placing of the classes the youth then give oral reasons for their placing to a judge. There are 3-6 reason classes for each contest.

Colorado has 8-12 contests in which youth participate, culminating with the state livestock judging contest at Colorado State University in late June. The top three winning teams from the state contest are awarded the opportunity to travel to national contests in Denver, CO, Kansas City or Louisville, KY.

Livestock judging members improve their analytical, reasoning, speaking and communication skills, all of which are valuable tools they can use throughout their entire life. At contest and workouts, members meet and make new friends they will

keep for a lifetime.

“Livestock Judging gave me opportunities that I would not have otherwise had,” said Molly Witzel, former Kit Carson County livestock judging team member. “It taught me to express my opinion in a positive way and offered me a chance to develop leadership skills that I have used many times since.”

Colorado has one of the stronger youth livestock judging programs in the nation. Colorado youth are recruited by college livestock judging coaches across the western United States, with many receiving scholarship to assist in their education costs.

Livestock judging practices will be starting in your county soon. If you are interested please contact your local Extension Office for more information.



Horse Judging and Horse Bowl

Horse Judging is similar to livestock judging except it is only horses. During a contest, youth place several classes of four head of horses in either a halter or performance class. They are placed on their value using their conformation or performance of the discipline. Individually, each contestant analyzes the horses and decides how he or she thinks they should be placed and then marks their card accordingly.

Following the placing of the classes the youth then give oral reasons for their placing to a reasons taker. There are 2-4 reason classes for each contest. Colorado has several contests in which youth participate, culminating with the state horse judging contest at Colorado State University in late June during State 4-H Conference. The top three winning teams from the state contest are awarded the opportunity to travel to national contest.

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Horse Bowl is a quiz bowl style competition of equine knowledge. Contestants participate as a team of 4 or 5 and will answer questions as individuals and as a team. Questions will be asked one-on-one and as toss ups. Contestants should be knowledgeable in all aspects of equine production including breeds, anatomy, nutrition, training, health care, management, and tack and equipment. Colorado has several contests in which youth participate, culminating with the state horse bowl contest at Colorado State University in late June during State 4-H Conference. The top winning team from the state contest are awarded the opportunity to compete at the national contest during National Western Stock Show.

Those interested in participating in Livestock Judging, Horse Judging, and Horse Bowl, can contact their local Extension Office for its organizational meeting dates and times.

KIT CARSON COUNTY

Mick Livingston (4-H Youth Development/Livestock)

Scott Stinnett (4-H Youth Development)

NOVEMBER

- 4-6 Colorado Leadership Conference – Glenwood Springs
- 11 VETERAN’S DAY – Office Closed
- 24-25 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – Office Closed
- 29 Livestock Judging, Horse Judging, and Horse Bowl Meeting – 6:30 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 1 National Western Stock Show Catch-a-Calf Entries Due
- 15 4-H Enrollment DEADLINE
- 26 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Office Closed

JANUARY

- 2 NEW YEAR’S HOLIDAY – Office Closed
- 13 4-H Day at National Western Stock Show
- 27-29 Leadership Development Conference - Denver



County Council Officers

Congratulations to the new Kit Carson County 4-H

Council Officers for 2016-17:

- Brooke Corliss– President
- Angela Cristelli – Vice President
- Brianna Anderson – Secretary/Treasurer
- Brandi Einspahr – Reporter
- Angela Cristelli – Senator
- Jazlynn Foose – Senator
- Bob Homm – Adult Leader
- Debbie Homm – Adult Leader
- Dale Anderson – Adult Sponsor
- Kari Fox – Adult Sponsor

There is a new form for all adult members to complete this year. The Annual 4-H Volunteer Appointment Agreement is an agreement between the adult volunteer leader and CSU Extension stating the responsibilities of both. A sample form will be included in each club’s enrollment packets.

Main Leaders: Please inform the Extension office with the contact information of any new families who are joining your club, so they may be included when sending out newsletters and other information this fall. (You do not have to wait until you receive their project enrollment paperwork.)

Enrollments

Enrollment forms for the 2016-2017 4-H year are due to the Extension office by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, Dec. 15. Please remember to complete both sides of the enrollment form -- in addition to the signed completion agreement.

Re-enrollments received after the deadline will be assessed a \$10-per-member late fee. (The late fee does NOT apply to leaders or new members.) Keep in mind, you do not have to wait until the December deadline to return your enrollment paperwork.

Manuals and record books will be ordered after the first of the year and depending on how soon enrollment

information is received and payments are made. Literature orders will not be placed until payment is received in the Extension office. Each club will be billed for books and family fees.



Online Enrollment Option

4-H members have the option to complete their enrollment through the 4-HOnline system. If you decide to enroll online, please remember to print the forms and return them to the Extension office. Members must also sign the completion agreement.

If you were enrolled in 4-H in 2015-2016, DO NOT re-enter your personal information -- it is already online. Go to www.4-Honline.com or click the “Enroll in 4-H” on the left side of the goldenplains.colostate.edu/ website. Be sure you select: “I have a Profile.” Enter your family name and password and proceed to enroll.

If you remember the email you provided, but **not your password**, select "I forgot my password", enter the email address you gave your county, and click "Send my password." A new password will be sent to the email account you listed for your family. **Please be sure that your email client is set to accept messages from "4HOnline.com."** If you don't receive an email within 15 minutes call your County Extension Office for assistance.

2017 KCC Fair Junior Superintendents

4-H members (12 and older) and interested FFA members who would like to volunteer as junior superintendents at the 2017 Kit Carson County Fair are encouraged to sign up now. Duties of this very important volunteer position can vary from helping with livestock weigh-ins and shows to checking in and organizing exhibits.

Junior superintendents who participate during this busy week will receive a free rodeo armband and a thank you gift donated by generous members of the local community.

All positions will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the Extension office at 346-5571 or email Scott, to sign up for your first-choice project area. Please DO NOT sign up to be a livestock superintendent of a specie you will be showing. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, February 1, 2017.

Areas that need Jr. Supers and number needed for each:

3 Beef	1 4-H Clothing/Fashion
2 Swine	Revue
2 Horse	1 4-H Heritage Arts/Child
2 Poultry	Care, etc.
2 Rabbits	1 Small Animals
1 Ag Mechanics	1 Living Arts (paintings)
1 4-H Food/Cake	2 General Living Arts
Dec.	1 Living Arts Photography
	1 Open Class Foods

Leadership Development Conference

Registration is available for members 14 and older and opens in December on 4HOnline and is \$125, but County Council will pay \$55. Cost to members will be \$70. Workshops focus on leadership and the government and ends with a visit to the State Capitol on Monday, Jan. 30th. More information can be found at: http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/ldc/index.php

Shooting Sports Requirement



A reminder that all 4-H members who wish to participate in shooting sports must complete Hunter's Education before participating in any Kit Carson County 4-H shooting sports practices.

Western Heritage Project

The 4-H Western Heritage Project combines a comprehensive study of the Old West with the fastest growing shooting sports discipline in the world – western action shooting. The



purpose of this project is to provide an avenue for 4-H members and adult leaders to experience the lifestyles and cultures of the Old West from the period of around 1860- 1900 through a living history approach to learning while instilling the concepts of gun safety and personal responsibility. Members dress in Old West clothing, shoot replica firearms of the frontier period, and expand their knowledge of U.S. history.

Educational Impacts of the 4-H Western Heritage Project Include:

Connecting today's youth with the values and traditions of our past; Preserving and gaining an appreciation for the heritage of the Old West in the time period of 1860-1900; Instilling an investigative interest in American Frontier history leading to personal research and increased knowledge of the Old West; Recognizing the accomplishments and importance of both men and women from a variety of cultures and races that contributed to the history of the Old West; Enhancing learning by participation in living-history through the use of historically accurate, firearms, clothing, and accessories; and Encouraging visits to local, state, regional, and national museums.

4-H Shooting Sports Outcomes Include:

Learning and applying the fundamentals of the safe handling of firearms; Placing life-skill development over competition; Providing an enjoyable and action oriented shooting sports activity that attracts and retains 4-H members and their families; Promotes 4-H Cowboy Action Shooting and historical study to 4-H programs across the nation;

Each year culminates in a championship event where 4-H members shoot for the fastest time, take a history exam, and have their clothing knowledge assessed. It's not always the fastest shooter who wins.

This project is now active in Montana, Missouri, Texas, Oregon, Kansas, and Oklahoma with more states requesting training each year. Check out the website at <http://www.4-hwesternheritageproject.org/>

Kit Carson County is offering the Western Heritage discipline as a part of our 4-H shooting sports program. Last year was the first year of a state competition. Last year also included the first Western Heritage Camp held at Boggsville Historic Site near Las Animas. We look forward to another camp this year at a new location.

PHILLIPS COUNTY

Kindra Plumb (4-H Associate)

NOVEMBER

- 4-6 Colorado Leadership Conference – Glenwood Springs
- 9 Council Budget Committee Meeting – Extension Office
- 11 VETERAN’S DAY – Office Closed
- 13 Phillips County Council Meeting – Ortner Room – 4:00 p.m.
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- 15 4-H Enrollment Deadline (all new and re-enrollments)
- 7-22 National Western Stock Show – Denver
- 28-30 Leadership Development Conference - Denver

FEBRUARY

- 4 Market Beef Weigh In – Phillips County Fairgrounds – 9-10 a.m.



Enrollment information for 2017



We are asking all re-enrolling 4-H members to please complete their enrollment by *December 15, 2016* to give Kindra and Carrie more

time to get members and projects organized. The mandatory deadline for re-enrollment and new enrollment is *January 15, 2017*. All enrollments will once again be completed on 4HOnline. Please go to the following website to enroll:

<https://colorado.4honline.com>. Your leaders will have online enrollment instructions if you have questions.

Re-enrolling 4-H members/families: please remember that you already have a profile – you DO NOT need to set up a profile! Only new families will select “I need to set up a profile” when they first log in. If you have forgotten your password, please select “I forgot my password” and follow the directions. Additionally, if you are unsure what email address you used to log in, please give the Extension Office a call. We have that information on file.

If you have questions about the online enrollment process at any time, please give Carrie or Kindra a call at 854-3616.

Colorado Leadership Conference

Phillips County will be sending 15 4-H members to the Colorado Leadership Conference, to be held November 4-6 in Glenwood Springs. Conference attendees are: Owen Knode, Ashton Ayala, Ryan Tempel, Christopher Durbin, Kayden Porter, Maclin Tempel, Taylor

Trumper, Tanley Andersen, Kassidy Porter, Jessie Bornhoft, Hailey Durbin, Alyssa Lock, Brooklyn Plumb, Allie Thompson and Kylee Workman. Staci Tempel and Kindra Plumb will be taking the members to the conference. Make sure and ask these 4-H members about their experience!

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Encourage your friends to try 4-H in 2017!

Phillips County Achievement Program and National 4-H Week

Phillips County 4-H members celebrated National 4-H Week, October 2-8, by decorating large round hay bales and placing them in Holyoke and Haxtun, doing radio interviews and attending a Phillips County Commissioner's meeting to witness the 4-H Week Proclamation signing. 4-H members also assisted Kindra with elementary school visits to Haxtun and Holyoke 3rd and 4th graders.



The annual Achievement program was held Sunday, October 2 at the Haxtun Community Center. Congratulations to the following members and leaders for earning their member and leader pins. Congratulations also go to the individuals who received awards.

First year members: Avian Calderon, Wyatt Goodwin, Mikayle Kliber-Voigt, Tate Michael, Cassidy Goodwin, Amber Gulley, Caiden Krueger and Bobbi Starkebaum. Also earning 1st year pins were cloverbuds: Haylie Carpenter, Tanner Haynes, Gradyn Helgoth, Paige Oliver, Ethan Renner, Taryn Thayer and Reece Trumper.

Fifth year members: Tanley Andersen, Kaitlyn Kent, Braden Plumb, Kayden Porter, Tristen Ferguson, Owen Knode, Kassidy Porter and Taylor Trumper.

Tenth year members: Tyler Camblin, Josilyn Lutze, Alex Vieselmeyer, Janessa Lutze, Keegan Shaw and Austin Vieselmeyer.

Eleventh year member: Drew Stewart.

Twelfth year member: Sidney Struckmeyer.

First year leaders: Bryant Benson, Jeff Plumb, ChristiAnne Gibson, Anita Marlow, Jessica Oliver, Joan Owens, Summer Struckmeyer and Staci Tempel.

Fifth year leaders: Cheri Bornhoft, Tracy Roll, Pam Struckmeyer and Julie Thayer.

Tenth year leader: Darrell Tomky.

Twenty-fifth year leader: Karin Kramer.

“I Dare You” Youth Leadership Award (sponsored by Rick and Kathy Haynes): Tanley Andersen.

2016 Phillips County Friend of 4-H: Ron and Sharon Thompson.

Phillips County Fair, 2017

The 2017 fair dates have been set: July 26-30, with interview judging on July 25. *Mark your calendars now!*

2017 Phillips County Council Officers

Congratulations to the newly elected council officers and representatives: President – Kylie Donovan, Vice President – Lauren Bergner, Secretary – Brooklyn Plumb, Treasurer – Rebecca Ownes, Reporter – Hunter Donovan, Senators – Drew Stewart and Rebecca Owens, Alternate Senators – Janessa Lutze and Lauren Bergner, Parliamentarian – Drew Stewart, Historian – Morganne Kumm, Leader Advisors – Mardi Stewart and Mendi Lutze, Better Beef Makers Club Representatives – Lucinda Mares, Challengers Club Representatives – Rebecca Owens and Morganne Kumm, Holyoke Centennial Club Representatives – Baylor Struckmeyer and Hunter Donovan, Paoli Hustlers Club Representatives – Brooklyn Plumb and Kaitlyn Kent, Raising Ranchers Club Representatives – Josie Schlachter and JC Steggs.

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SEDGWICK COUNTY

Jessica Harrington (4-H Associate)

OCTOBER

23 Sedgwick County Achievement Program – Fairgrounds Exhibit Building – 5:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

4-6 Colorado Leadership Conference – Glenwood Springs



To All Sedgwick County 4-H Members, Parents and Leaders...



Congratulations on a successful 2016 Sedgwick County Fair. Extension personnel would like to thank each one of you for your hard work and dedication during fair and throughout the year. We're looking forward to a great 2017!

4-H Achievement Program

Mark your calendars now for the annual 4-H Achievement Program, which will be held Sunday, October 23rd. It will be held at the Sedgwick County Fairgrounds Exhibit Building starting at 5:30 p.m. with a potluck supper. You will not need to bring a Main Dish this year, we will be serving pulled pork. Families whose last name begins with A-M, please bring a dessert. Families, whose last name begins with N-Z, please bring a salad or vegetable. Please remember to bring your own table service and serving spoons for your potluck dishes. We are looking forward to showcasing the accomplishments of all 4-H members! Please plan to join us in this celebration of achievements!

4-H Council Representatives

Each club will need to have their 2016-17 council representatives (two representatives and one alternate) elected by October 3rd in order to have new and old council representatives in attendance at the October 9th meeting to elect officers. Please call the office or email Jessica to let us know who your new council representatives are!

Council Officer Elections

Do you want to help lead Sedgwick County 4-H? If so, please consider running for a Sedgwick County Council Officer! Officer positions are: president, vice president, secretary, reporter, senators, alternate senator, and a leader advisor. A description of each of these positions can be found on the council officer application

form. All 4-H youth in Sedgwick County are eligible to hold an office on the 4-H Council. It is not required that you be a past council representative or an officer to apply for an office. However, only council members are eligible to vote for officers. **If you are interested in running for an office, please contact the Extension Office.**

Applicants should be prepared to do a short campaign before elections to let the council know why you feel you are the best candidate for the position(s) you are applying for. No long speeches will be necessary, but you should be able to speak to your friends and fellow 4-H members about your abilities. It is important to know that each office requires a commitment of effort on your part. As an officer, you should be available to attend the council meetings. Please take these responsibilities seriously! Your commitment as a council officer forms a strong and successful council! *We encourage new faces and new ideas on the council!*



Nominate Outstanding 4-Hers

Kevin Reichman Memorial Outstanding 4-Her Award

This award goes to an all-around outstanding 4-H member. Criteria for this award include the following:

- Participation in activities in Sedgwick County 4-H Council
- 4-H project work, assisting leaders and other 4-H members
- Attitude about school and life
- Exhibit leadership in 4-H, school, and community.

For more information about this award, please contact the Extension Office.

Friends of 4-H Award

This is the time to recognize those outstanding individuals and businesses who are tremendous supporters of Sedgwick County 4-H. There are two awards: one to an individual and one to a business, both of which have had a significant impact on the 4-H program and the community through their generosity.

On-line Enrollment



4-H enrollment will once again be completed on-line for the 2017 4-H year. Open enrollment begins October 16th. Step-by-Step instructions will be made available to your Club Leaders if you have questions or contact the Extension Office at 970-474-3479. The key to successful on-line enrollment is to ask for help if you have questions. Bev and Jessica will be happy to help you through the process. If you don't have computer and/or internet access, you can complete your enrollment in the Extension Office.

Colorado Leadership Conference

Attention all 6th through 9th graders! Please be thinking about attending the Colorado Leadership Conference, to be held November 4th-6th in Glenwood Springs, CO. There are numerous workshops available and many fun activities planned. This is a great opportunity to meet other 4-Hers from across the state of Colorado! Scholarships are available through the Extension Office! If this is something you are interested in contact the Extension Office immediately.

Fair Premiums

There are still quite a few fair premium checks in the Extension Office. Please stop in to pick up your check as soon as possible. If your check is still in the office after that, it will be turned back to the fair board. The 4-H member or a parent is required to sign for your check so you will need to stop in the office to get it; we cannot mail them out. Please contact the office with any questions.

State Fair Results!

Congratulations to the following state fair participants!

Allie Bernhardt – Grand Champion Junior Ceramics-Unfired Finishes

Karsen Blochowicz – Grand Champion Intermediate Ceramics-Underglazes

Chloe Thode – Champion Junior- Overglazes

Jordin Nail – Reserve Champion Senior Ceramics-Overglazes

T.J. Lechman – 10th Place Junior Woodworking-Nailing It Together

Katelyn Reichman – Qualifier Junior Photography-Focus on Photography

Ashley Pirrie – Qualifier Junior Cooking 101



WASHINGTON COUNTY

Gisele Jefferson (4-H & Youth Development/Family & Consumer Sciences)

Jamie Axtell (4-H & Youth Development)

NOVEMBER	
11	VETERAN'S DAY – Office Closed
14	Baked Potato Supper and Silent Auction – Events Center, Akron – 5-7 p.m.
14	Fidget Quilts and Walker Caddies – Extension Office – 1-4 p.m.
21	4-H Council Meeting – Courthouse Annex – 7:00 p.m.
22	Robotics Leader Training – Extension Office – 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
24-25	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – Office Closed

DECEMBER	
23-26	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Office Closed
31	Re-enrollment DEADLINE!
JANUARY	
2	NEW YEAR HOLIDAY – Office Closed
APRIL	
7	Annual 4-H Carnival – Akron
MAY	
1	Add/Drop and New Enrollment DEADLINE!



Achievement Program Highlights



A big thank you to the Misc. Mavericks and Shooting Stars 4-H clubs for hosting this year's achievement program held on October 16th. Some highlights include the following awards:

Outstanding Junior/Int Members: Tate Schrock (Achievement), Raeya Schrock (Leadership), and Cora Schrock (Citizenship)

Leader's Choice Outstanding Member: Taylor Benish, Mariah DeMers, Madison Thompson

Oustanding Leaders: Randy Schoenecker, Corey and Teresa Traxler

Friend of 4-H: Scott and Virginia Sachtjen.

Club Excellence Awards: Gold – Sunnyside

General Project Record Books: Junior Champion, Cora Schrock; Intermediate Champion, Nadalyn Poss; Intermediate Reserve Champion, Tate Schrock; Senior Champion, Madison Thompson; Senior Reserve Champion, Elijah Myers.

Sara Eatherton Horsemanship: Jayna Lockard

Ultrasound Carcass Contest: Sheep: (Sponsored by Zoetis) 1st Kacyn Kessinger, 2nd Addicyn Kessinger, 3rd Cassie Chapin **Swine:** (Sponsored by Colorado Pork Producers Council) 1st Cassie Chapin, 2nd Levi Basler, 3rd Kennedy Kjosness **Goat:** (Sponsored by Scott and Gena Ramey/Roger and Connie Gray) 1st Zach Marrero, 2nd Shayna Mason, 3rd Peighton Marrero.

Livestock Record Books: (Sponsored by Y-W Electric) Winners are as follows: **Junior:** 1st Place – Jake King, 2nd Place – Peighton Marrero, (rest of top ten in no particular order) James Vorce, Audrey Wade, Jayden Wade, Jacob Perry, Nicholas Hermes, Maranda Mason, Bohden Klinzmann, Gabrielle Hermes. **Intermediate:** 1st place – Joslyn King, 2nd place – Jayna Lockard, (rest of top ten in no particular order) Sarah Cook, Sara Wylie, Zach Marrero, Joanne Cook, Kacyn Kessinger,

Anthoneya Schaffert, Ana Lockard, Deanna Harman. **Senior:** 1st place – Cassie Chapin, 2nd place – Antonya Schaffert, (rest of top ten in no particular order) Justin Traxler, Sandra Lockard, Gabe Chapin, Tyler Wylie, Kaylee Traxler, Patrick Cook, AJ Miller, Karly Pflager.

Congratulations...

To Sunnyside, winner of the Annual Hay Bale Decorating Challenge!



Thank You!

A special thanks to the Akron Lions Club for a very generous donation to our 4-H Program. In an effort to help reach every club and member, the donation will be used to help offset state member fees by \$5/member! This will reduce the amount owed per member from \$25 to \$20. Be sure to help us thank the Lions Club by sending a kind word to them at Akron Lions Club, PO Box 474, Akron CO 80720.

Special thanks to Y-W Electric for sponsoring \$20 cash prizes to all record book winners. Please take time to thank them at Y-W Electric, Attn: Andy Molt, Box Y, Akron CO 80720.

Potato Supper



Our county council and 4-H clubs will be hosting our annual Baked Potato Bar Supper on Monday, November 14th at the Events Center in Akron from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$8/adult, \$5/ kids age 6-12 and Free/ kids under 6.

All clubs are responsible for assisting with service and set-up/clean-up. A sign-up sheet is in the Extension Office to request a time and duty. Clubs are also asked to bring approximately 36 servings of dessert per club.

A silent auction will take place during the event and all clubs are reminded to bring at least 3 items for the auction. Items can be handmade, donated from local businesses, or purchased. Posters for the event are available if your club would like to help spread the word for the event. All proceeds will help support our county programs.

Now is the Time to Enroll!

The new 4-H year is officially underway and it's time to think about getting yourself re-enrolled. All members previously enrolled in 4-H must re-enroll by December 31st. Enrollment is open again through our online system at <https://co.4honline.com>. You are asked to login to your family account and re-enroll any members and adult leader volunteers that want to be active in the coming year. Reminder that any family with previously enrolled members or leaders will already have a profile in the system. Click "I forgot my password" and enter your family email account to reset the password if needed. **DO NOT CREATE A NEW PROFILE!** For anyone needing help with the process, computers and/or assistance is available anytime during business hours (8-4:30) at the Extension office at 181 Birch in Akron.

Enrollment fees are typically \$25 per member but will be reduced to \$20/member this year thanks to a donation from the Lions Club. Be sure to also ask your club if they provide any assistance for these dues.

New members are welcome anytime in the year. To help us bring in some members, try to bring a friend to a meeting, talk about 4-H at school or invite a neighboring family to join in at an activity. New members are ALWAYS welcome and we'd love to see some new faces this year!

COUNTY 'Member in Good Standing' POLICY

Just a reminder that Washington County and Colorado 4-H have a "Member in Good Standing" policy. As written in the state policy manual, a member in good standing includes abiding by the 4-H Code of

Conduct, meeting deadlines, attending a majority of club and project meetings, and completing at least one project. To complete a project, members are required to

1. Participate in a 4-H related (subject matter or audience) demonstration or other speech-arts presentation.
2. Participate in a 4-H sponsored community service activity.
3. Complete any county level requirements such as a record book, exhibit, etc.

While this state policy has always been in effect, the county has really had no way to determine a member's level of participation. Effective October 1, 2015, all club leaders are required to sign off on every member's participation before county fair and at the end of the 4-H year. All members must meet county/state policy as well as club policy (if applicable). Members not in good standing may not be able to participate in certain county, state or national events. An appeals process will be set up for appeals to be heard from the county 4-H council.

Record Book Folders

Starting this year, we are inviting members to utilize new 4-H record book covers instead of three ring binders to house their record books. The folders take up much less room and seem to keep the record pages more protected. The folders are available from the office for \$3. The folders can expand for larger books but members are only required to submit their most current records covering the current project year. We ask that members not submit more than 3 years of records, the large books just get to be too hard to handle when transporting them to judges.



Project Manuals

Manuals are available to help members learn more about their projects. Some manuals are required for certain projects (i.e. photography). To order a manual, please contact your club leader or our office for an order form. Manuals cannot automatically be ordered in 4honline this year.

County 4-H Council

County 4-H Council meets Monday, November 21st at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex. Please come to represent your club and offer suggestions for the upcoming year. The carnival and raffle will be discussed and final decisions will be made on county policies for the upcoming year. For questions, contact Jamie Axtell at 345-2287 or jamie.axtell@colostate.edu.

YUMA COUNTY

JoLynn Midcap (4-H Youth Development Coordinator)

Joy Akey (Family & Consumer Sciences)

NOVEMBER

- 4-6** Colorado Leadership Conference – Glenwood Springs
- 11** VETERAN’S DAY – Office Closed
- 12** Creative Cooks Contest – More info in this newsletter.
- 15** Head Leader Meeting – Eckley Community Center – 6:30 p.m.
- 24-25** THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY – Office Closed

DECEMBER

- 1** National Western Catch-a-Calf applications due, must be postmarked. Applications are available.
- 5** Gingerbread Decorating Party – Yuma – More info in this newsletter.
- 7** Gingerbread Decorating Party – Wray – More info in this newsletter.
- 19** Babysitting Basics Training – Yuma – More info in this newsletter.
- 26** CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY – Office Closed

JANUARY

- 2** NEW YEAR HOLIDAY – Office Closed
- 4** Yuma County 4-H Leader’s Banquet
- 7-22** National Western Stock Show - Denver
- 9** LDC Registrations Due in Extension Office
- 13** 4-H Day National Western Stock Show
- 28-30** Leadership Development Conference - Denver
- 30** 4-H Day at the Capitol

FEBRUARY

- 1** **4-H MEMBER/LEADER ENROLLMENTS DUE IN 4HONLINE.COM**
- 1** Yuma County 4-H Council Meeting - Idalia
- 8** Snow Date Yuma County 4-H Council Meeting
- 10-12** Youthfest
- 18** Citizenship Washington Focus applications due in Extension Office
- 25** Yuma County 4-H and FFA Beef Weigh In – 162 Feeding Days



Just a Reminder

All 4-H Members are required by state policy to do at least one community service project and at least one project demonstration/speech. Now is a great time to sit down as a club and start planning out these activities. While you are at it, take time to plan out yearly meetings, fundraisers, and club tours. Having a schedule set ahead of time makes it easier for everyone to plan ahead. Once you’ve set these dates, share them with our office so we can help promote them.

Yuma County Leaders’ Banquet

The Yuma County 4-H Leaders’ Banquet will be held in January 2017. Leaders, please watch your mailboxes for further information.

Colorado 4-H Leadership Development Conference



The annual LDC Conference will be held January 28-30 in Denver. Details will soon be available but interested youth should contact the Extension Office to pre-register by January 9th. The event is open to youth 14 and over and registration is typically around \$150 (plus lodging). The 4-H Council will help with expenses. More information in the main part of this newsletter.

Congratulations to Achievement Award Winners

First Year Members: Lawton Annen, Jalyn Archer, Damian Brown, Deacon Brown, Serria Chambers, Vic Chambers, Rozlynn Crossland, Jamie Egloff, Wyatt Fonte, Benjamin Foreman, Alyson Gardner, Lauren Gonzales, Tyson Hansen, Brandy Henrickson, Aliya Hickman, Ellie Jeurink, Cora Johnson, Kolt Johnson, Noel Klein, Jade Lungwitz, Bridger Lynch, Samuel Meisner, Cordelia Nicholson, Leona Powell, Brodie Riggelman, Ozzi Ritchey, Alexa Sampson, Kaitlyn Schwartz, Cassidy Schwartz, Kayla Schwartz, Alyssa Smith, Hallie Southards, Morgan Stults, Daken Torrence, Tate Towns, Aedyn Tribelhorn, Reese Weatherly, Makenzie Weathers, Kennedy Webster, Anna Wolf, and Camron Woltemath

Fifth Year Members: Makia Adler, Zaiden Annen, Shelby Blach, Michael Buoy, Kayden Chappell, Ryan Cockerill, Shyanne Conde, Coy Fell, Gillian Fell, Rex Fell, Pason Frank, Kyler Goegelein, RayAnne Griffin, Shyla Hatch, Alicen Hendrix, Tara Hubbard, Tabatha Jones, Emily McGinnis, Jayci Mekelburg, Jeff Miner, Tristin Niccoli, Page Packer, Abby Probasco, Hannah Ridnour, Jackelin Robles, Stefania Robles, Grace Schaffner, Braden Smith, Koy Smith, Terek Southards, John Turvey, Kayle Weatherly, and Jordlynn Wiltfang

Congratulations to Achievement Award Winners (continued)

Tenth Year Members: Ashlea Churchwell, Courtney Collins, Breelynn Frank, Luke Hull, Madison Idler, Taylor Lapp, Mariya Mekelburg, Shae Lynn Mekelburg, Hannah Niccoli, Jocelyne Pacheco, Sadie Smith, and Tylyn Zwirn

Eleventh Year Members: Hannah Lenz, Jayson Serl, Ty Thurston, and Alyssa Valko

Fashion Revue Medals: Johanna Anderson, Rylann Brigham, Kaylee Etl, Gillian Fell, Emily Jeurink, Lyndsey Mekelburg, Cordelia Nicholson, Ozzi Ritchey, and Hallie Southards

Beef Carcass Winners: Champion – Kyler Goeplein; Reserve Champion – Bradie Midcap

Record Book Winners:

Small Animals – Junior Champion – Isabella Young; Junior Reserve Champion – Miles Rutledge; Intermediate Champion – Makia Adler; Intermediate Reserve Champion – Katherine Thompson; Senior Champion – Heather Vance; Senior Reserve Champion – Garrett Gilliland;

Horse – Junior Champion – Sidney Freeman; Junior Reserve Champion – Kaitlyn Meisner; Intermediate Champion – Alicen Hendrix; Intermediate Reserve Champion – Shyla Hatch; Champion – Ashleigh Hendrix; Senior Reserve Champion – Katelyn Shaw



Sheep – Junior Champion – Lyndsey Mekelburg; Junior Reserve Champion – Camron Woltemath; Intermediate Champion – Jayci Mekelburg; Intermediate Reserve Champion – Abigail Whetzel; Senior Champion – Cade Rockwell; Senior Reserve Champion – Cole Rockwell

Swine – Junior Champion – Silas Baucke; Junior Reserve Champion – Kaden Webster; Intermediate Champion – Tristin Niccoli; Intermediate Reserve Champion – Jaden Dodsworth; Senior Champion – Mariya Mekelburg; Senior Reserve Champion – Emily Idler

Beef – Junior Champion – Camron Woltemath; Junior Reserve Champion – Silas Baucke; Intermediate Champion – Jada Young; Intermediate Reserve Champion – Zaiden Annen; Senior Champion – Hannah Lenz; Senior Reserve Champion – Kaycee Roth

Dairy Animal – Junior Champion – Jailyn Mekelburg; Junior Reserve Champion – Jalyn Archer; Intermediate Champion – Lainey Mekelburg

Goat – Junior Champion – Lyndsey Mekelburg; Junior Reserve Champion – Daken Torrence; Intermediate Champion – Brieahna Keeler; Intermediate Reserve Champion – Taylor Ringlein; Senior Champion – Railyn Akey; Senior Reserve Champion – Heather Vance

Horse Advancement Levels: Level I Western – Kallen Blach, Jazmin Danner, O.C. Jones, Justin Leth, Kennedy McCasland, Emily McGinnis, Kaitlyn Meisner, William Noble, and Paloma Olivares; Level II Western – Kallen Blach, Shyla Hatch, Tabatha Jones, Grady Linman, William Noble, and Paloma Olivares; Level III Western – Chasey Blach

“I Dare You Award” – Hallee Conde; Kenzie McCasland

Extension Agent Award – Taylor Lapp

Yuma County Creative Cooks Contest

November 12, 2016

9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Wray High School Commons Area

Put your creative talents to the test and put together a creative table setting for a meal, party, picnic, or camp site. You do not need to be in the 4-H Foods project to enter. A registration form and more information are available in the Extension Office. Registration forms are due November 7, 2016.



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