

MAY

- 1** Horse and Dog ID's Due
- 5-7** Refashion Retreat - Pueblo
- 12** State 4-H Conference Registration Deadline
- 13** Fiber Fun Fest – Larimer County Fairgrounds
- 20** Kit Carson County 4-H/FFA Prospect Show – more info in this newsletter.
- 27-28** Western Heritage State Shoot – more information in this newsletter.
- 31** Be Somebody Day Camp – more information in this newsletter.

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JUNE

- 3** Yuma County Progress Show
- 6** Yuma County Cake Show – see flyer for more information.
- 7-10** Wild Bug Fish Camp – Stagecoach Reservoir – flyer in this newsletter.
- 12-16** Youth Robotics Day Camp – Washington County Event Center, Akron – flyer in this newsletter
- 15** Sportfishing Clinic – Stalker Pond, Wray
- 20-23** State 4-H Conference – Fort Collins – Registration closes May 12.
- 24** Yuma County 4-H Schooling Show – Yuma County Fairgrounds – flyer in this newsletter.
- 25-July 1** Citizenship Washington Focus
- 26** Beef & Swine Showmanship Clinic – Phillips County
- 27** Sheep & Goat Showmanship Clinic – Phillips County
- 27-29** Western Heritage Camp – Fort Garland – more info in this newsletter.

JULY

- 1** Yuma County Working Ranch Horse Clinic – Noble Residence – call the Yuma County Extension Office to RSVP.



KIT CARSON COUNTY FAIR

July 24-29

PHILLIPS COUNTY FAIR

July 26-30

SEDGWICK COUNTY FAIR

August 2-6

YUMA COUNTY FAIR

August 5-9

**EASTERN COLORADO ROUNDUP
(WASHINGTON COUNTY)**

July 25-29

OPPORTUNITIES AND ACTIVITIES

Western Heritage State Shoot

If you have members in the Western Heritage project, Larimer and Yuma counties would like to invite you to attend the 2017 Western Heritage Invitational on May 27-28. Registration is now open online and should close on May 10. Check in is Saturday morning between 7:00-8:30. Coaches will meet at 8:30 and shooting starts at 9:00. See flyer for more information.

Wild Bug Fish Camp

The annual Wild Bug Fish Camp will be held June 7-10, at the Stagecoach Reservoir. We will be camping with an abundance of wildlife and fishing nearby. This is a great opportunity to learn about nature and the environment. This year you will get to try your hand at shooting bows, black powder rifles and .22 rifles under the supervision of the Colorado Division of Wildlife and trained shooting sports instructors. Campers will also participate in activities including outdoor survival training, fishing, wildlife management, rangeland ecology and management, and a community service project. You can meet lots of new friends and enjoy some outdoor country cooking as well. Visit <http://goldenplains.colostate.edu/> to download registration forms or contact the Kit Carson County Extension Office at 719-346-5571 – **deadline June 1st**. The number of participants is limited, so register early!

State 4-H Conference – June 20-23 Colorado State University, Fort Collins

State 4-H Conference provides great training and an opportunity for 4-H members, leaders, and Extension agents to strengthen their leadership skills. It also hosts the following state contests including: Livestock Bowl, Livestock Judging, Consumer Choices, Consumer Bowl, Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Hippology, Horse Demonstration and Public Speaking, Prepared Speech, Impromptu Speech and Parliamentary Procedure. Don't miss this great opportunity to strengthen your leadership skills and meet new friends from all around our state. Any member (14 years or older) is eligible to attend. To register, you must complete the online registration form by May 12. Contact the office for a complete schedule and registration details.

Western Heritage Camp

This year's Western Heritage Camp will be held June 27-30 at Fort Garland, CO. Campers will be able to stay in the historic cavalry barracks and relive the history of the fort through the museum and historical presentations. Attendees will see much of the history of the area by touring local museums as well as the Sand Dunes. Campfire meals will be typical of the 1850-1870 time period. Help with developing your characters for the Western Heritage project will also be provided. Registration will be \$75 and due by Friday, June 16th. For information and to register, go to http://goldenplains.colostate.edu/4h/4h_CAMPS.html and look under Western Heritage Camp.

Youth Robotics Day Camp



Colorado State University Extension is offering a Youth Robotics Day Camp, aimed at introducing youth to simple programmable robotics and beginning engineering design concepts. Youth 9 to 14 years of age may attend the day

camp at Akron.

Over the span of five mornings the youth will build and program the Lego Mindstorm NXT™ and EV3 Robots, and learn some of the computer science that makes for some smart tools, as well as fun toys. They will learn to use four programmable sensors on the robots and apply them to different navigation challenges.

The Youth Robotics Camp is set for June 12-16, 2017 in the Washington County Event Center in Akron. The day camps will run from 8:30 a.m. to 11:50 a.m. each day, with all camp materials and snacks provided. The camp fees have been kept very low – only \$30 per camper. Space is limited. All youth must be registered by June 5, 2017. Youth who participated in previous years may attend again, as they will be working on more difficult building and programming challenges.

For more information and registration materials for the camps, contact Gisele Jefferson at the Washington County Extension Office at 970-345-2287 or by email at Gisele.jefferson@colostate.edu.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

4-H 101

RECORD BOOKS: One of the basic requirements of 4-H is to complete a record book for each project. Whether your project is sportfishing or market swine, we hope that you will learn the importance of keeping accurate records. For some projects, you may be keeping a record of the activities and practice sessions you've had while completing the project. You may also be asked to track all income and expenses. For livestock projects, you will be asked to record all health treatments for your animals. Remember in different counties require different books and all counties have different deadlines so check with your local Extension Office to make sure that you are meeting the requirements.

COUNTY FAIR DEADLINES: Summer is nearly here and many of us are already looking ahead to county fair. All fairs will have deadlines that you will be asked to meet and rules you will have to follow so be sure to keep in touch with your local Extension Office to obtain that information. All fairs will produce an official fairbook with rules and regulations. Some books are mailed to all members while others are available to download or purchase. Also be sure to watch your mail in late June or early July for a local "county fair" edition of this newsletter. Some important items to watch for include: Livestock ownership dates, Livestock Weigh-In Dates, Record Book Requirements, Entry Deadlines, Stall Reservation Deadlines, Project Requirements, and Livestock Weight Limits.

PROJECT COMPLETION: Have you been working on your project yet? Be sure to start early and ask for help if you need assistance. Start with ordering your project manual through your local Extension Office. Get involved this summer with project camps and workshops. Work with your local club leader, project leader or Extension Office to develop your project and ensure that it meets project guidelines. Show off your project during a club tour or as part of your club demonstration.

INTERVIEW JUDGING: For all your general or family/consumer science projects (check with your local Extension Office for official guidelines), you will be required to participate in Interview Judging prior to or during your county fair. You will be notified by your local Extension Office of the time and date you will need to interview. On that date, you will bring your completed project and/or project display board along with your record book to be judged. A project judge will sit with you and ask a few questions about your project while they judge your work.

NOW WHAT?: It's never too early to start on your projects! Whether it's breaking a steer to lead or learning cake decorating techniques, the earlier you start working and practicing, the more successful your project will be. The same is true for record book completion. Don't wait until the last minute! Ongoing project planning and project demonstration will minimize stressful situations down the road. A few final tidbits for a successful 4-H year are:

- Attend scheduled club meetings. You will benefit greatly through the leadership, public speaking, and team work skills learned and practiced while at meetings. Plus you will be on top of all 4-H happenings!
- If you don't know, don't hesitate to ask questions. Project leaders, head club leaders, Extension Staff and other 4-H families are ready for the opportunity to help.
- Don't be afraid to try something new. You never know where you may find "hidden" talents.
- Read all information that comes from club leaders and the Extension Office.
- Learn from your successes and mistakes.
- Make new friends! And most importantly, Have Fun!

Display Boards and Record Covers

The Extension Office has show boards available for your project displays and record book covers for record book pages. The boards and covers cost \$3 each. These also make great science fair boards.

Record Book and Project Requirements

It's not too early to start thinking about your project's requirements and record books! Electronic record books for all projects are available online. Go to: www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/index.php for your livestock and general project record books. If you are enrolled in a general project, it is a very good idea to read through the State Fair Exhibit Requirements for your project; *these are the requirements you will be judged on in your county*. To find your project requirements, got to: https://colorado4h.org/project_resources/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf.

LIVESTOCK

MQA Certification/Recertification Workshops



Public confidence in our meat products is extremely important to the success of the livestock industry. Youth livestock projects play an important role in building or losing the trust of our consumers. It is important that youth livestock exhibitors exceed the standard in producing quality, defect-free livestock for our consumers. In the past, a very small number of exhibitors have given youth livestock shows a bad name by using unethical and unsafe techniques to “win at all cost.” As a result, we have implemented a strong Meat Quality Assurance program in Colorado. Through the MQA workshops youth learn ethics and good production practices needed to produce a high quality, desirable product for the American Consumer. If you need to attend this year, you will be notified by your county Extension office prior to the workshop.

You have the option to test out of the workshop at 12 and 15 years of age but it is highly recommended to attend a workshop instead. The workshops allow for hands on learning and experience. For those of you that participated last year, it will be the same layout. There will be different stations pertaining to the 10 Good Production practices set up at each location and you will have the chance to observe and learn with real supplies and equipment. You will have the opportunity to come any time during the listed period as long as you are able to participate at each station. Allow yourself one hour. The following chart explains when and where the workshops will be. Keep in mind that dates and/or times and locations are subject to change so stay posted and be sure to call your local Extension office if you have any questions.

2017 Northeast Colorado MQA Workshops		
Date/Time	County	Location
May 6, 2017	El Paso	
May 8, 2017, 4:30-7:00 p.m.	Adams	Fairgrounds, Henderson
May 10, 2017, 4:30-7:00 p.m.	Adams	Bennett H.S. Ag Shop, Bennett
May 15, 2017, 4:00-6:30 p.m.	Morgan	Fairgrounds, Brush
May 16, 2017, 4:00-6:30 p.m.	Morgan	Fairgrounds, Brush
May 17, 2017, 4:00-7:00 p.m.	Weld	Greeley
May 18, 2017	Larimer	Loveland
May 19, 2017	Larimer	Loveland

KIT CARSON COUNTY

Mick Livingston (4-H Youth Development/Livestock)

Scott Stinnett (4-H Youth Development)

MAY

- 1 4-H Project Add/Drop DEADLINE, Horse Project ID/Leases DUE in Extension Office
- 15 Sheep Weigh-in – Fairgrounds
- 15 Swine & Goat Nomination DEADLINE
- 20 Prospect Cattle, Sheep & Goat Show/CJSA Swine Show - Fairgrounds
- 21 Shooting Sports – Second Shoot
- 29 Holiday, Extension Office Closed
- 30 Shooting Sports – Shotgun Only
- 31 Be Somebody! Program, Burlington

JUNE

- 3-4 Shooting Sports Family Campout Third and Fourth Shoot/Not Shotgun – Flagler
- 7-10 Wild Bug Fish Camp – Stagecoach Reservoir, Oak Creek, CO
- 10 Shooting Sports Fourth Shoot/Shotgun Only

JUNE *continued*

- 20-23 State 4-H Conference – Fort Collins
 - 25 Shooting Sports – Fifth Shoot
 - 27-30 Western Heritage Camp – Fort Garland
 - 28 Cow Patty Bingo Ticket Money DUE
- ## JULY
- 4 Holiday, Extension Office Closed
 - 18 4-H Fashion Review & Clothing Judging
 - 21 4-H Project Entry, except foods, cake decorating, and quilting
 - 24 4-H Project Judging
 - 24 4-H Quilts, Foods and Cake Decorating Project Entry and Judging

24-29 KIT CARSON COUNTY FAIR



4-H & FFA Prospect Show

The KCC 4-H Council Livestock Committee will host their annual beef, lamb and goat prospect show on **Saturday, May 20th** at the fairgrounds in Burlington. Plainview 4-H Club will host a CJSA swine show that weekend as well. Volunteers are needed to assist with the show. Anyone interested in helping, contact Scott at the Extension Office.

Be Somebody!

On May 31st, the first Be Somebody! Program for 4-H members age 1-13, will be held in Burlington at the Community Center. The Be Somebody! Program will help youth recognize and develop their personal character and leadership skills. Contact Scott for more information.

KCC Shooting Sports Camp

The annual county shooting sports camp will be held June 3rd & 4th at Flagler Lake, in conjunction with regular 4-H shoots on both Saturday and Sunday. Tents or campers are welcome. Saturday evening's meal and Sunday brunch will be available to all campers for \$5 per meal. Contact the Extension Office for more details and to register.



Wild Bug Fish Camp

2017 Camp is set for June 7th-10th, in the Stagecoach Reservoir. Activities will include Outdoor Survival Training, Shooting Sports, Fishing,

Wildlife Management, Rangeland Ecology and Management, and a community service project. Contact the Extension Office for more details and to register.

Western Heritage Camp



This year's Western Heritage Camp to be held June 27th-30th at Fort Garland. Campers will be able to camp on the site and learn outdoor skills and history related to Western Heritage projects. Contact the Extension Office for more details and to register.

State 4-H Conference

State 4-H Conference will be June 20th-23rd on the CSU campus in Ft. Collins. Several contests, workshops and award ceremonies will be held during the State Conference. If you are interested in going, contact Scott at the Extension Office.

Display Boards & Record Book Binders

General 4-H project and Shooting Sports display boards and three-ring binders for livestock and general 4-H project record books are available for purchase from the Extension Office – cost \$3 each.

(For livestock members with multiple years in the same project, please include records for the two most recent years, along with the current project year's records.)



Open Livestock Scale

The fairgrounds scale will be open for you to weigh your livestock **by appointment only**. Contact the Extension Office to set up an appointment with Scott or Mick.

Market Sheep Weigh-In

Sheep weigh-in will take place at the fairgrounds, **Monday, May 15th from 3:30 to 6 p.m.** A weigh-in fee of \$5 per head is due at the time of weigh-in. All members must weigh their market lambs at this time in order to be eligible to show and sell at the Kit Carson County Fair, no exceptions!

Market Swine & Goat Nominations

It is the responsibility of the youth exhibitor to nominate their market swine and goat projects to be eligible to show and sell at the KCC Fair. Exhibitors must complete a nomination form, as well as tag and photograph each animal. A total of three color photographs per animal must be submitted – left side, right side, and one close-up photograph of the animal's ear tag (the tag number must be legible). Swine exhibitors must also include ear notches on the nomination form.

Nomination forms and ear tags are available at the Extension Office. A fee of \$3.50 per head must be paid when the tags are picked up. Completed nomination forms and photographs are due to the Extension Office by **Monday, May 15th at 5:00 p.m.**, no exceptions!

Cow Patty Bingo Tickets

Cow Patty Tickets have been distributed to club and main leaders. Ticket stubs and money should be returned to the Extension Office as soon as possible. All money & ticket stubs must be turned in to the Extension Office by **5:00 p.m. Monday, June 28th**. Clubs will receive \$1.00 per ticket sold and turned in prior to the deadline. The club or clubs selling the grand prize ticket will receive an additional \$50.00.

Horse IDs and Lease Affidavits

4-H members with a **NEW** horse projects will need to fill out a Horse ID form and a Lease Affidavit and have them turned in to the extension office by **May 1st**. Forms are available on the KCC 4-H web page or at the extension office. If you have questions, contact Scott at the Extension Office.

Dog IDs

Any dog used for the Dog Project must have an ID turned in by **May 1st**. Contact Scott for more information on Dog IDs.

2017 Fair Booth Theme

The 2016 Fair Booth theme is “Building Our Future on 100 Years of Heritage”. Call the Extension Office to reserve your club booth space.

4-H Project Requirements

4-H Project Syllabus: The syllabus contains important exhibit information and requirements for general, family & consumer science, shooting sports, and primary projects. Remember to check the syllabus for specific display details as you prepare your projects for the fair. The 2017 KCC Fair 4-H Project Syllabus is available at the Extension Office.

Show Boards & Binders: Display boards and record book binders are available for purchase at the Extension Office for \$3.00 each. Posters, foam core boards, and display cases are no longer acceptable display items.

Fair Book: 4-H Livestock and Open Class entry information can be found in the Fair Book when it becomes available.

E-Records: Don't wait until the week before fair to start your record books! E-records are available to download from the Colorado 4-H website. Visit: http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/index.php or there are CDs, which include general projects, livestock and family and consumer science records, available from the Extension Office for \$1.00.



Fair Project Entry: Project check-in for 4-H general projects, 4-H shooting sports, 4-H home economics (except foods, cake decorating and quilts), primary 4-H record books and ag mechanics will take place **Friday, July 21st**. Quilts, foods, and cake decorating projects will be checked in **Monday, July 24th**.



PHILLIPS COUNTY

Kindra Plumb (4-H Associate)

<p>MAY</p> <p>1 Horse ID's due</p> <p>7 Market Sheep and Goat weigh-in, 3-4 p.m. Phillips County Fairgrounds</p> <p>8 Swine ID's due online by midnight</p> <p>15 Phillips County Fair Board Meeting</p> <p>21 Phillips County 4-H Council Meeting, 4 p.m., Ortner Room</p> <p>29 Holiday, Extension Office Closed</p> <p>30 Ronald McDonald House community pride activity</p> <p>30 State Fair nominations for market swine, lambs, and goats due</p> <p>31 Be Somebody! Program, Burlington</p> <p>JUNE</p> <p>2 Cloverbud Mini Camp, 9-11:30 a.m., Ortner Room</p> <p>4-8 Jefferson/Phillips County Exchange Program</p> <p>7-10 Wild Bug Fish Camp, Stagecoach Reservoir</p> <p>19 Phillips County Fair Board Meeting</p>	<p>JUNE continued</p> <p>20-23 State 4-H Conference – Fort Collins</p> <p>26 Beef and Hog Showmanship Clinic, 5:30 p.m., Phillips County Fairgrounds</p> <p>27 Sheep and Goat Showmanship Clinic, 9:00 a.m., Phillips County Fairgrounds</p> <p>JULY</p> <p>3 Cow Patty Bingo tickets due in office (check with your leader for club deadline)</p> <p>4 Holiday, Extension Office Closed</p> <p>10 Cloverbud Mini Camp, Haxtun Community Center, 9-11:30</p> <p>17 Phillips County Fair Board Meeting</p> <p>17 Livestock and Horse pre-entries due online</p> <p>17 Club completion sheets due in office</p> <p>22 Fairgrounds clean-up day</p> <p>25 Interview Judging</p> <p>26-30 PHILLIPS COUNTY FAIR</p> 
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Colorado 4-H Foundation Raffle



Once again, the Colorado 4-H Foundation will raffle off a 2017 Ford XLT F-150 super crew pickup, in addition to other cash prizes.

The tickets are one ticket for \$5 or five tickets for \$20. Remember, 40% of the ticket sales in Phillips County will come back to the Phillips County 4-H Council, or to your club if your club chooses to sell tickets. If you or your club is interested in selling tickets, or would like to purchase tickets, please contact the Extension Office.

2017 Colorado State 4-H Conference June 20-23, Fort Collins

State Conference provides great training and is an opportunity for 4-H members and leaders to strengthen their leadership skills. State Conference also hosts the following state contests: livestock bowl, livestock judging, consumer choices, consumer bowl, horse bowl, horse judging, hippology, horse demonstration and public speaking, prepared speech, impromptu speech and parliamentary procedure. Phillips County 4-H members must participate in a contest to attend State Conference. For more information, please contact Kindra. To attend, you must be 14 years (4-H age) or older.

Horse Practices

Ride nights will begin Monday, May 22, 6 p.m. Horse members: watch your email inboxes for more information from Denise and Jessica.

Livestock Showmanship Clinics

Phillips County will be hosting two FREE livestock showmanship clinics to help 4-H and FFA members prepare for fair. The beef and hog clinic will be Monday, June 26, with beef from 5:30-7 p.m. and hogs from 7-8:30 p.m. The sheep and goat clinic will be Tuesday, June 27, 9 a.m. – noon. Please bring your animal and any supplies used for showmanship. This will be a great opportunity for you to learn from experienced showmen and practice with your animal before fair.

Take a Look At These Upcoming 4-H Opportunities!

Ronald McDonald House community pride activity:

May 30, Aurora. 4-H members age 12 and up are invited to participate in this activity. We will be planning, preparing and serving a meal for families who are staying in the Aurora Ronald McDonald House. After we finish with the activity, we will be doing a fun activity (possibly Boondocks or Jump Street). Space is limited so call soon if you're interested!

Jefferson County/Phillips County Exchange:

June 4-8. This is a new program for 11-13 year olds. The program will start out in Phillips County, where we will meet the Jefferson County 4-H members. We will tour Double W Dairy, Ballyneal, Anderson Wheat Farms and possibly other areas/businesses. After two days in Phillips

County, we will travel to Jefferson County, where we will get to hike, fish, participate in an astrology program, visit Red Rock Amphitheater, Bandimere Speedway plus a few other activities. This is an opportunity for you to learn more about your home county, meet lots of new friends and learn about an urban county and how 4-H operates in their county. Space is limited to the first ten members who sign up. The exchange trip will cost approximately \$70. Call Kindra with questions or to register.

Cow Patty Bingo Fundraiser



The Phillips County 4-H Council will once again be doing Cow Patty Bingo for a fundraiser. Please see your club leader if you haven't received your tickets to sell yet. Tickets are \$5 for one or \$20 for five. Money and ticket stubs are due to the Extension Office by July 3. Your leader will probably have an earlier club deadline. All tickets you receive *must* be sold. If you are having trouble selling your tickets, talk to your club leader soon – don't wait! Your club leader may know of another club member who may be able to help you sell some tickets. Clubs will receive \$.50 per ticket turned in by July 1. If the tickets and money are not received by July 3, the club will forfeit the \$.50 incentive. The bingo contest will occur Saturday after the parade at the fairgrounds. The winner will receive \$500, with \$150 in consolation money. Remember, this is the only fundraiser the Council does each year. The money raised is helping to assist you as a 4-H member with different 4-H activities. If you have any questions, please contact Kindra at the Extension Office. *Happy selling!* ☺

2017 Phillips County Fair "A Barn Raising Good Time"

Updates, Rule Changes, Reminders, etc.

- **Schedule change:** The livestock round robin contest has been moved to Saturday, July 29, 1 p.m. The Jr. Livestock Sale will follow round robin at 2:30 (this is NOT a time change for the sale). The Fair Board, Livestock Committee and Extension personnel hope that this change will attract a larger audience to watch the round robin competition.
- **Thank you's:** All thank you's (sale and general fair thank you) must be turned in to the Extension Office before you are able to get your sign out slip. Sign out slips will be given out from the Extension Office rather than the superintendents.
- **Sunday Schedule:** Due to the round robin moving to Saturday, release of livestock and general projects will occur earlier on Sunday. Release of all projects and premium payout will begin at 9 a.m. Sunday morning.

- **Reminder:** The Jr. Livestock Sale is terminal for all livestock sold through the sale, including rabbits and poultry.
- No decorations of any kind allowed on sale animals.
- Junior Livestock Sale consignment forms are due Friday, July 28, 6 p.m.
- **Livestock weigh in and entry info:**
 - Market animal weigh-in and entry: Wednesday, July 26, 5-8 p.m. Weigh-in order will be: sheep, goats, cattle and hogs. Carcass ultrasounds will be performed at this time.
 - Rabbit and poultry entry: Wednesday, July 26, 4-8 p.m.
- **Livestock Exhibitor meeting:** Thursday, July 27 8 a.m. All livestock exhibitors need to be in attendance!
- **Livestock exhibitors:** Make sure your pens/stalls/cages are cleaned by 8 a.m. and again by 7 p.m. each evening. Remember – the public is walking through the barns throughout fair and we want to give them the best impression we can! Superintendents will be giving friendly reminders if your area needs attention.
- **All poultry** will be required to have leg bands. Please use the bands provided by the Extension Office.
- **Rabbit:** There will no longer be any crossbred 4-H rabbit classes.

Interview Judging



Interview Judging is scheduled for July 25 at the Event Center. All general and FCS projects will be scheduled for an interview. You are highly encouraged to attend your scheduled interview; however, if you absolutely cannot make it, you need to complete an absentee interview judging form prior to Interview Judging. If you do not participate in Interview Judging, your project will not be eligible for Grand or Reserve Grand Champion, and Unit or Reserve Unit Champion, which also means your project will not be eligible for state fair. However, if your project is the only one in its unit and the judge gives the project a blue ribbon and deems it state fair quality, that project will be eligible for state fair. The interview judging schedule will be mailed around the beginning of July. Cloverbuds are also encouraged to participate in interview judging and will have a scheduled time to meet with the interview judge and show their crafts they completed at cloverbud mini camps. Livestock members are not required to participate in interview judging; however, all livestock members are required to show in showmanship in at least one species at fair.

SEDGWICK COUNTY

Jessica Harrington (4-H Associate)

MAY

- 1 All Horse, Dog, Rabbit, Poultry ID forms and Breeding Livestock Proof of Ownership due
- 7 Lamb & Goat Weigh-in, Fairgrounds, 12-1 p.m.
- 11 State 4-H Conference registration due in Extension Office
- 12 Swine IDs due, hard copy due in Extension Office
- 29 Holiday, Extension Office Closed

JUNE

- 1 State Fair Nominations for Market Swine, Lambs, and Goats due
- 20-23 State 4-H Conference – Fort Collins

JULY

- 14 Horse levels testing (written and riding) deadline
- 14 Horse Show entries due in Extension Office
- 14 Livestock entries due in Extension Office
- 14 Club completion sheets due in Extension Office
- 23 Archery Competition – Fairgrounds
- 28 .22 and Shotgun Competition – Julesburg Gun Club
- 29 Interview Judging – Sedgwick County Fairgrounds, Exhibit Building

AUGUST

- 2-6 **SEDGWICK COUNTY FAIR**



Colorado 4-H Foundation Raffle

Once again, the Colorado 4-H Foundation will raffle off a 2017 Ford F-150 Crew Cab, with trailer backup assist, remote start, Eco Boost V6 engine, 10 speed auto transmission, Microsoft Sync entertainment system and much more, in addition to other cash prizes. The tickets are one ticket for \$5 or five tickets for \$20. Remember, 40% of the ticket sales in Sedgwick County will come back to the Sedgwick County 4-H Council.

Scale and Crate Available for Use

The Sedgwick County Fair Board has a portable scale and a slide in animal crate available for use by Sedgwick County 4-H members. Both pieces of equipment require a \$100 deposit. When you are finished, both are required to be power washed before being returned. If you are interested in borrowing either item, contact a Fair Board member.

Horse Level Testing

All horse project members must be Level I certified to be eligible to show at the Sedgwick County Fair. Testing must be completed by **July 14**.

Written tests must be taken in the Extension Office. Members should call the Office to setup a time to

come in and take the written levels test. You will be contacted with a day and time to complete your level 1 riding test.

Just a Reminder for All Members...

To be considered a member in good standing (**and eligible to exhibit at fair**), each member will need to do one club demonstration, participate in one club community pride activity (not a fund raiser) and participate in a 4-H Council activity. Examples of council activities include: the pancake supper and selling 4-H Foundation raffle tickets, etc. If you have questions about this particular requirement, please contact the Extension Office. If you have any questions about this particular requirement, please contact the Extension Office.

Display Boards and Record Book Folders

The Extension Office has show boards available for record book pages. The boards and folders cost \$3.00 each. Please stop in the office if you need one.

Lamb/Goat Weigh-In

Anyone interested in Showing Lambs or Goats at State Fair please be at weigh-in by 12:00 p.m. on Sunday May 7th in order to complete the retinal scan.



Interview Judging Reminders

Interview Judging will be held July 29, 2017. All general projects and catch-it-animal projects will be asked to complete interview judging.

Livestock and horse project members will not be required to do interview judging; however, the compromise to not doing these interviews is to complete all of the above completion requirements and participate in showmanship at fair.

All Horse project members will be required to take their written test at Interview Judging. Members will not be scheduled a time to take this test you may come in anytime between 9:00 -11:00 a.m.

All General project members must complete an interview for each 4-H project in which they are enrolled, for the project to be considered complete and to be eligible to exhibit at the Sedgwick County Fair and to be eligible for awards and premiums. Members unable to attend their scheduled interview due to extenuating circumstances, will remain eligible for awards and premiums by rescheduling and completing their required interviews no later than 4:00 p.m. July 28, 2017. Members should contact the Extension Office to get permission to reschedule their interview.

All General Project 4-H members are encouraged to attend Interview Judging at their appointed time. Members who do not attend Interview Judging or do not complete a rescheduled interview will not be eligible to exhibit their project at the Sedgwick County Fair and will be considered an incomplete project.

All 4-H projects (General and Livestock) require a completed 4-H project record book to be considered a completed project. **General project record books will be due at the time of the members project Interview Judging on July 29, 2017** to be considered a completed 4-H project and be eligible for premiums and awards.

Livestock project completed record books will be due in the Sedgwick County Extension Office by 4:30 P.M. on August 11th for final judging, for this project to be considered a completed 4-H project. Members who do not submit a completed record book may be asked to forfeit all premiums

and awards earned in that project at the fair and their project will be incomplete.

2017 Sedgwick County Fair Updates

- General Projects will not be released until after the Buyers Appreciation Dinner on Sunday August 6th. General Project members should plan to pick up their projects between 5 – 7 p.m. on Sunday August 6th.
- All animals should be fed and have their stalls or pens cleaned by 8 a.m. each morning and 7 p.m. each evening.
- Vet Check and Stalling of animals August 2nd 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- Weigh in will be held August 2nd starting at 4:30 p.m. Ultrasounds will be done at the time of weigh in. The order for weigh in will be: beef, sheep, goats and swine.
- Following Vet Check and Stalling of animals there will be a meeting at 4:15 p.m. for All 4-H/FFA Livestock Members in the Indoor Arena.
- A member will be allowed to weigh in no more than four animals per species.
- Large wood shavings are the required bedding in the small animal housing facility.
- Feed will need to be in a sealed container in a designated tack area.



WASHINGTON COUNTY

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

Jamie Axtell (4-H & Youth Development)

MAY

- 8 Sheep/Goat Weigh-In, Fairgrounds, 3:30-6:30 p.m.
- 12 State Conference Registration Due
- 31 Be Somebody! Program, Burlington

JUNE

- 1 State Fair Market Goat, Lamb, and Swine Nominations due to Extension Office
- 12-16 Robotics Camp, Akron
- 19 4-H Council Meeting, Courthouse Annex, 7 p.m.
- 20-23 State 4-H Conference, Fort Collins

JULY

- 1 Club Completion Sheets due to Extension Office
- 18 Interview Judging, Fashion Revue, Livestock/Catch-it Record Books Due
- 25-29 **EASTERN COLORADO ROUNDUP**



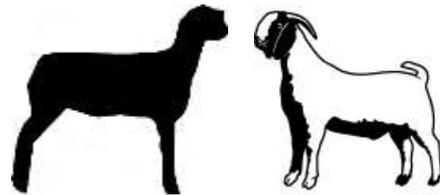
State 4-H Conference June 20-23

Colorado State University – Fort Collins

State 4-H Conference provides great training and an opportunity for 4-H members, leaders, and Extension agents to strengthen their leadership skills. It also hosts the following state contests including: Livestock Bowl, Livestock Judging, Consumer Choices, Consumer Bowl, Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Hippology, Horse Demonstration and Public Speaking, Prepared Speech, Impromptu Speech and Parliamentary Procedure. Don't miss this great opportunity to strengthen your leadership skills and meet new friends from all around our state. **Any member (14 years or older) or leader that wants to attend is eligible for a scholarship from county 4-H Council.** To register, you must complete the online registration form by **May 12**. Contact the office for a complete schedule and registration details. We will be encouraging a livestock quiz bowl team again this year so contact us if you are interested in joining! Open to Age 14 and Older.

Be Somebody Program

This is a local leadership workshop designed for 4-H members age 11-13. The one day event will promote personal development and leadership through fun and engaging activities. Registration is just \$10. Contact the office today if you are interested or need more information.



Sheep/Goat Weigh In Monday, May 8th 3:30-6:30 p.m. Fairgrounds, Akron

All market lambs and goats **MUST** be weighed in on this date to be eligible to show at county fair - **NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Livestock Ownership Deadlines for Fair
Just a reminder that the following deadlines must be met to show at the county fair: Breeding goats, breeding sheep and breeding cattle must be owned 60 days prior to fair (June 1st). Rabbits and Poultry must be owned 30 days prior to fair (July 1st).

Livestock Weight Limits for Fair

- Market Lambs – 100-170 lbs
- Market Hogs – 220-290 lbs
- Market Goats – 50-110 lbs
- Market Steers – 1000-1550 lbs
- Market Heifers – 1000-1550 lbs
- Market Rabbits – Pen of three meat class (less than 70 days, 3-6 pounds)
- Market Poultry – Pen of three fryer (13.5-16.5 lbs)
Pen of three broiler (16.5 lbs and up)

Meat Quality Assurance Reminder

If you were required to attend MQA/PQA but missed our program, please contact the office ASAP for dates and availability in other counties.

MARKET POULTRY CHANGE!

Only one pen of market poultry will be allowed per exhibitor due to limited barn space.

Fair Horse Superintendent Needed!

If you know of someone who might be interested in assisting with the fair horse show, please contact the Extension office or the fairboard. Volunteers are also needed to help with summer horse programs.

Cloverbud Members



A cloverbud refers to our youngest 4-H members who are ages 5-7. Cloverbuds do not enroll in a project; instead, they focus on learning more about 4-H. Cloverbud members complete a cloverbud

record book. If they choose, they can participate in our interview judging prior to fair. At that time, they will turn in their record book and present a "judge" with a poster they've made that will be displayed during fair.

Over the course of the summer, we will provide a few activities geared to our cloverbuds. More information will be sent out in May.

Council Update

The county council met Monday, April 17 at 7:00 p.m. Updates were given on the carnival and raffle plus lots of announcement were made regarding upcoming deadlines and activities. The council discussed state conference and a motion was made and approved that council will pay for half of the registration/lodging costs for participants attending. Council members also discussed a community service project that they are working on. After the recent fires in the area, the members would like to organize a firehouse supply drive for our county firehalls. This project will be shared with our district which includes Yuma, Phillips, Sedgwick, Kit Carson and Washington County. More information will come soon. The next council meeting will be held June 19 at 7:00 p.m. Election of officers will take place in June.

Carnival and Raffle Wrap-Up

The carnival was a huge success with a great turnout. In total, clubs will be receiving \$1,210.25 in proceeds. The theme of Barnyard was well received and special thanks should be given to the Otis Jackrabbits for providing the free petting zoo. Participants in the carnival were asked to vote on the booth with the best décor. Congratulations to Sunnyside for taking top honors with their "Hen house" cake walk booth.

We also had a great raffle fundraiser selling \$3,389 in tickets. Thank you to all who worked so hard to make both so successful! Just a few reminders for next year regarding the raffle. Please ensure that all tickets are returned, even if they are unsold. Also make sure that all tickets are filled in, we had lots of books turned in this year with only the top ticket filled out. Finally, please make sure that checks are payable to Washington County 4-H, not your club.



YUMA COUNTY

JoLynn Midcap (4-H Youth Development Coordinator)

Joy Akey (Family & Consumer Sciences)

MAY

- 1 Horse and Dog ID Forms Due
- 6 Market Sheep & Goat Weigh-in, Bucket Calf Tagging.
- 8 Swine Nominations due in Extension Office **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**
- 14 Mother's Day
- 15 State 4-H Conference Registrations due in Extension Office
- 12 Yuma County Fairboard – Fairgrounds, 7:30 pm
- 27-28 State Western Heritage Shoot
- 29 Holiday, Extension Office Closed
- 31 Be Somebody! Program – Burlington

JUNE

- 1 Colorado State Fair Nominations for Goats, Swine, and Sheep due
- 1 All 4-H Add/Drop project enrollments due in the Extension Office.
- 2 Friday Night Rides – More info in this newsletter.
- 3 Yuma County Progress Show
- 6 Yuma County Cake show – Flyer in this newsletter.
- 8 Food Booth Committee – Extension Office, 6:00 pm
- 13 Cloverbud Meeting – More info in this newsletter.
- 14 Yuma County 4-H Council – Yuma, 7:00 pm – Election of Officers
- 15 Sportfishing/Flyfishing Clinic –Wray Fish Hatchery – Flyer in this newsletter.
- 18 Father's Day

JUNE continued

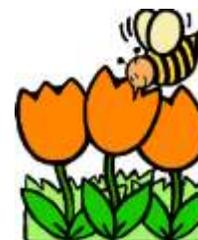
- 19 Yuma County Fairboard – Fairgrounds, 7:30 pm
- 20-23 State 4-H Conference – Fort Collins
- 24 Yuma County 4-H Schooling Show – Flyer in this newsletter.
- 27 Cloverbud Meeting – More info in this newsletter.
- 25-July 1 Citizenship Washington Focus
- TBA Dog Workouts

JULY

- 1 Ranch Horse Clinic – Noble Home – please call Extension Office to RSVP
- 4 Holiday, Extension Office Closed
- 11 Cloverbud Meeting – More info in this newsletter.
- 17 Yuma County Fairboard – Fairgrounds, 7:30 pm
- 18 Cloverbud Meeting – More info in this newsletter.
- 21 Record Books and Pre-entry cards due in the Extension Office. This includes Junior and Open Class livestock and small animals. Pick up location: 1:30 pm –Yuma Federal Credit Union, Yuma; 2:30 pm – 1st National Bank, Kirk; 3:00 pm – Outback Fuel & Feed, Idalia; 4:30 pm – Extension Office, Wray.
- 31 Fairgrounds Clean-up Day

AUGUST

- 1 Fashion Revue - Wray
- 3 Interview Judging
- 4 Yuma County Dog Show
- 5-9 **YUMA COUNTY FAIR**



THANK YOU!



From the bottom of our hearts, we would like to send out a thank you to all of the clubs that helped with the Blackham, Conde, and Turvey Benefit. It is such a great feeling that our community will come together to

support our “families” in their time of need and it was a good evening for fellowship and generosity. Thank you for being part of our 4-H Family!

General & Home Ec Achievement Award

Last year Yuma County was privileged to have an anonymous donor provide \$200 cash award to John Turvey and Allison Turvey. The award is based on outstanding achievement related not only to their projects, but to their 4-H involvement as a whole. The General and Home Economics Achievement award will

be given again this year and is determined by what is recorded in your record books. Be sure to keep good records so you are eligible for this award! Keep track of all the activities you do, committees you serve on, the help you give another member or sibling with a 4-H activity, community service, etc. Look for more tips on filling out your record book in the Fair Newsletter issue.

Congratulations to:

Washington Focus Delegate, Kahlee Lapp. She was selected to represent Yuma County at the 2017 Citizenship Washington Focus in June.

Friday Night Rides

Will start at 6:00, Friday June 2nd at the home of Ray Hendrix. This kickoff will include a potluck meal so please bring a main dish or side dish to share. Drinks will be provided.

Accidental Insurance Sponsors

Wray State Bank is again sponsoring accidental insurance for all members and leaders of Yuma County. It would be great if you would drop them a note of thanks for their continued support of Yuma County 4-H. They would really appreciate hearing from you, or if you are in the bank tell them thanks!

Sheep/Goat Weigh-in and Bucket Calf Tagging

If you are enrolled in the Market Sheep or Market Goat project, the weigh-in date is set for Saturday, May 6th from 9:00 am-11:00 am. Please make sure that all your lambs and goats are scrapies tagged, prior to coming to the weigh-in location. We will be tagging and weighing- in at the Blackham Residence and the Yuma County Fairgrounds.

Please attend the Yuma location if you need retinal scanned for state fair. These are also the times and locations to tag bucket calves. Open class baby calves do not need to be tagged.

2017 Livestock Record Books

After much time attempting to develop a more user friendly livestock manual, I have come to the unfortunate conclusion that I am unable to accomplish what I have envisioned in my mind. My sincerest apologies for getting your hopes up that we might have a newer and easier record book. We have made a few changes, though, so here is what needs to happen. You can come to the extension office and purchase a new CD, or you can contact me directly at jolynn.midcap@colostate.edu and I will email you the version that you need. Thank you for your patience and, although it is not all that I had hoped it would be, there are still some very small changes to this record book that it will still be a better version than what we have previously been using.

Cloverbud Meetings

If you are between the ages of 5-7 and are enrolled as a cloverbud, we have some great activities planned for you! Please call the Extension Office to let us know that you will be joining us.

Tuesday, June 13 – Gardening
10:30 to 11:30, TBA

Tuesday, June 27 – Foods
10:30 to 11:30, TBA

Tuesday, July 11 – Embryology
10:30 to 11:30, TBA

Tuesday, July 18 – Artistic Clothing
10:30 to 11:30, TBA

Unofficial Swine Weigh-In Option at Fair



Exhibitors will be allowed to have the option to get an unofficial weight for their market swine as they unload Saturday morning of the fair from the start of unloading 6:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. Exhibitors will have to let the people helping to unload know whether they want to weigh or go straight to their pens. Once a pig has gone into the barn there will no longer be an option to weigh them prior to the official weigh-in. Exhibitors are encouraged to only weigh pigs that they have questions about other than all of them so that the unload process goes smoothly. The Swine Superintendent and/or fairboard reserve the right to discontinue the weighing of pigs as they arrive for any reason they deem proper.

2017 Changes and Additions for the Yuma County Fair

- Parade Theme: “IT’S NOT JUST ALL ABOUT COWS AND PLOWS”
- Any parade entry that wins a First, Second, or Third place in their category will not be eligible for the Sweepstakes Prize.
- Any check from prize money for the parade that is not cashed within 90 days will be void.
- Grandstand Show: “CANAAN SMITH” 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 8th Admission \$20.00. Standing Room \$25.00
- 2017 sale order: Rabbit, Poultry, Dairy, Goats, Beef, Sheep and Swine
- Market animals will **NOT** have minimum rate of gain requirement to show in the Yuma County Fair market shows.
- Be sure to check possible changes in General and Home Ec 4-H project exhibit requirements.
- Camper space reservations **MUST** be paid in full prior to interview judging day.
- All sheep must be clipped with no more than 1/4” of hair on their body, excluding their legs from the knee down, from the hock down and tip of the tail.
- Junior poultry exhibitors will be limited to 4 cages per exhibitor.
- Junior rabbit exhibitors will be limited to 4 cages per exhibitor.
- Open class poultry exhibitors will be limited to 4 cages per exhibitor.
- Open class rabbit exhibitors will be limited to 4 cages per exhibitor.

In case you were not aware... the Yuma County Extension Office has temporarily moved to the Elections Center just to the west of the courthouse in Wray. We are unsure of how long we will be in our new office, but most likely, it will be through the summer. Please feel free to stop by and tell us hello if you are in the area.

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- Astronomy for Everyone
- Western Heritage Invitational
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- Mini Sportfishing Clinic
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- Western Heritage Camp
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