

**MAY/JUNE 2016**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MAY

- 4 Rescheduled District 5 Council Meeting – (Senators need to call your Extension Office for details.)
- 21 Duel County Prospect Show – Nebraska
- 21 Kit Carson County Prospect Show
- 27 Beef and Hog Clinic – Phillips County Fairgrounds, Holyoke. Flyer in this newsletter.
- 28 Showdown on the Plains Prospect Show – Sedgwick County Fairgrounds, Julesburg. Flyer in March/April newsletter.
- 31 Sheep and Goat Clinic – Phillips County Fairgrounds, Holyoke. Flyer in this newsletter.

### JUNE

- 2 Poultry Academy – Yuma County Fairgrounds – Call 332-4151 to register.
- 6 State 4-H Conference Registration Deadline
- 7 Yuma County Cake Show. Flyer in this newsletter.
- 7-10 Wild Bug Fish Camp – Buena Vista, CO. Flyer in this newsletter.
- 17-19 Shooting Sports Family Camp – Victor, CO. More info in this newsletter.
- 20-24 Youth Robotics Day Camp – Washington County Event Center, Akron. Flyer in this newsletter.
- 21 Sportfishing/Flyfishing Clinic – Stalker Pond, Wray
- 21-24 State 4-H Conference – Fort Collins – Registration closes June 6.
- 25 Yuma County 4-H Schooling Show – Yuma County Fairgrounds. Flyer in this newsletter.
- 25-July 2 Citizenship Washington Focus

### JULY

- 6-8 Western Heritage Camp – Boggsville Historical Site, Las Animas, CO. More info in this newsletter.

#### **KIT CARSON COUNTY FAIR**

July 27-August 1

#### **PHILLIPS COUNTY FAIR**

July 20-24

#### **SEDGWICK COUNTY FAIR**

July 27-31

#### **YUMA COUNTY FAIR**

August 6-10

#### **EASTERN COLORADO ROUNDUP (WASHINGTON COUNTY)**

July 26-30

#### Kit Carson County

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# OPPORTUNITIES AND ACTIVITIES

## State 4-H Conference

June 21-24

Colorado State University  
Fort Collins



This year's State 4-H Conference's theme is "Waves of Change, Oceans of Opportunities." 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, public speaking, prepared speech, impromptu speech, and parliamentary procedure. Various leadership workshops will be held. There will also be two dances and water games. If you are interested in attending this amazing experience, please contact your Extension Office no later than May 6, 2016. To attend conference, you need to be 14 years and older (4-H age).

## Youth Camp Offers Robotics Activities

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 to use four programmable sensors on the robots and apply them to different navigation challenges. The youth will also be doing a few 4-H Junk Drawer Robotics challenges involving more basic engineering of movable components.



The Youth Robotics Camp is set for June 20-24, 2016 in the Washington County Event Center in Akron. The day camps will run from 8:30 a.m. to 11:55 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 10, 2016.

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 camp, contact Gisele Jefferson at the Washington County Extension Office at 970-345-2287 or by email at [Gisele.jefferson@colostate.edu](mailto:Gisele.jefferson@colostate.edu).

## Wild Bug Fish Camp

The annual Wild Bug Fish Camp will be held June 7-10, in the Buena Vista area. We will be camping at high altitude (8000+feet) 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 1<sup>st</sup>**. The number of participants is limited, so register early!

## Western Heritage Camp

This year we are excited to introduce Western Heritage Camp to be held July 6-8 at Boggsville Historical Site south of Las Animas. Boggsville was established in 1862 and is the first un-fortified settlement in southeastern Colorado along the historic Santa Fe Trail. It is also well known as the final home of trapper, guide, and explorer, Kit Carson.

Campers will be able to pitch a tent and camp out under the stars on the site. They will learn historic outdoor skills like campfire cooking and adobe brick building. Campers will learn the history of eastern Colorado, touring Boggsville and Bent's Old Fort. Help developing their characters for the Western Heritage project will also be provided. Registration will be \$65 and due by Tuesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>. For information and to register, go to <http://goldenplains.colostate.edu> and Click on Western Heritage Camp.

# LIVESTOCK

## MQA Certification/Recertification Workshops

### You Must Attend an MQA Workshop

1. First 2 years taking livestock project.
2. Once at 12 years of age.
3. Once at 15 years of age.

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.

2016 Northeast Colorado MQA Workshops		
Date/Time	County	Location
May 3, 4:30-7:00 pm	Adams	Adams County Fairgrounds
May 10, 4:00-6:30 pm	Morgan	Fairgrounds, Brush
May 11	Weld	
May 20	Larimer	



## 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](http://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](https://colorado4h.org/project_resources/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf).

## Display Boards and Record Covers

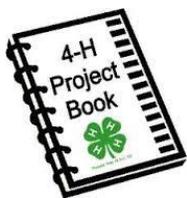
The Extension Office has show boards available for your project displays and record book covers for record book pages. The boards and covers cost \$3 each.

# 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!



# KIT CARSON COUNTY

*Mick Livingston (4-H Youth Development/Livestock)*

*Scott Stinnett (4-H Youth Development)*

## MAY

- 2 4-H Project Add/Drop DEADLINE, Horse Project ID/Leases DUE in Extension Office
- 9 Sheep Weigh-in – Fairgrounds
- 9 Swine & Goat Nomination DEADLINE
- 14 Shooting Sports – Second Shoot
- 21 Prospect Cattle, Sheep & Goat Show/CJSA Swine Show - Fairgrounds
- 30 Holiday, Extension Office Closed
- 31 Shooting Sports – Shotgun Only

## JUNE

- 1 Kit Carson County 4-H Memorial Scholarship Due in Extension Office
- 3-4 Shooting Sports Family Campout Third and Fourth Shoot/Not Shotgun – Flagler
- 7-10 Wild Bug Fish Camp – Buena Vista
- 14-15 Beecher Island Camp – Beecher Island
- 21-24 State 4-H Conference – Fort Collins
- 26 Shooting Sports – Fifth Shoot
- 27 Cow Patty Bingo Ticket Money DUE

## JULY

- 4 Holiday, Extension Office Closed
- 6-8 Western Heritage Camp – Boggsville, CO
- 19 4-H Fashion Review & Clothing Judging
- 22 4-H Project Entry, except foods, cake decorating, and quilting
- 23 4-H Quilt Entry
- 23 4-H Project Judging
- 25 4-H Foods and Cake Decorating Project Entry and Judging
- 25-30 **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 21<sup>st</sup>** 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.

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 detail and to register.

### Wild Bug Fish Camp

2016 Camp is set for June 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>, in the Buena Vista area. 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.

### KCC Shooting Sports Camp

The annual county shooting sports camp will be held June 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> at Flagler Lake, in conjunction with regular 4-H shoots on both Saturday and

### Western Heritage Camp

This year we are excited to introduce Western Heritage Camp to be held July 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> at Boggsville Historical Site south of Las Animas. 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 21<sup>st</sup>-24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Market Sheep Weigh-In

Sheep weigh-in will take place at the fairgrounds, Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 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

Market swine and goat projects will not be weighed-in prior to the fair. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to nominate their own animal 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 – two profiles (one of each 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 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m.**, no exceptions!

## Horse IDs and Lease Affidavit

This year, **ALL** 4-H members with horse projects will need to fill out **NEW** Horse ID forms and a Lease Affidavit. Forms are available on the KCC 4-H web page or at the Extension Office. All forms need to be turned in to the Extension Office by **Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>**. If you have any questions, contact Scott at the Extension Office.

## 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.



## 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 27<sup>th</sup>**.

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.

## 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 2016 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](http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/index.php) or there are CDs, which include general projects, livestock and family & 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 decoration and quilts), primary 4-H record books and ag mechanics will take place **Friday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>**. Quilting projects will be checked in **Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Foods and cake decorating projects will be checked in **Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**.

## 2016 Fair Booth Theme

The 2016 Fair Booth theme is "4-H Grows Here." Call the Extension Office to reserve your club booth space.

# PHILLIPS COUNTY

Kindra Plumb (4-H Associate)

## MAY

- 1 Lamb and goat weigh-in, 3-4 p.m., Phillips County Fairgrounds
- 2 Swine ID due (online)
- 6 State Conference registrations due in office
- 16 Phillips County Fair Board Meeting
- 24 Phillips County 4-H Council Meeting
- 27 Beef and Hog Showmanship Clinic, 4 p.m., Phillips County Fairgrounds
- 30 Holiday, Extension Office Closed
- 31 State Fair nominations for market swine, lambs, and goats due
- 31 Sheep and Goat Showmanship Clinic, 9 a.m., Phillips County Fairgrounds

## JUNE

- 1 Cloverbud Mini Camp, 9-11:30 a.m., Haxtun Community Center
- 7-10 Wild Bug Fish Camp, Buena Vista, CO
- 11 Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest – Larimer County
- 14-15 Beecher Island Bash
- 20 Phillips County Fair Board Meeting
- 21-24 State 4-H Conference – Fort Collins

## JULY

- 1 Cow Patty Bingo tickets due in office (check with your leader for club deadline)
- 4 Holiday, Extension Office Closed
- 6 Cloverbud Mini Camp – Ortner Room, 9-11:30
- 11 Phillips County Fair Board Meeting
- 15 Livestock and Horse pre-entries due (online)
- 15 Club completion sheets due in office
- 16 Fairgrounds clean-up day
- 19 Interview Judging
- 20-24 **PHILLIPS COUNTY FAIR**



### Colorado 4-H Foundation Raffle

Once again, the Colorado 4-H Foundation will raffle off a 2016 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.

### 2016 Colorado State 4-H Conference June 21-24, 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 several state contests as well as various leadership workshops. **New for this year: Phillips County 4-H members who are interested in attending state conference must participate in a contest.** For more information on this requirement, please contact Kindra in the Extension Office. If you are interested in attending contact the Extension Office **no later than May 6.** To attend conference, you need to be 14 years and older (4-H age). The 4-H Council budgets money to help send members each year.

### Horse Practices



Horse practices will begin with classroom nights on May 9, 16 and 23. These will start at 6 p.m. and will be in the Extension Office. Ride nights will begin on May 30 at 6 p.m.

Contact Denise Smith with questions.

### 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 Friday, May 27, with beef from 4-6 p.m. and hogs from 6-8 p.m. The sheep and goat clinic will be Tuesday, May 31, 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.

### Cow Patty Bingo Fundraiser

The Phillips County 4-H Council will once again be doing the 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 and \$20 for five. **Money and ticket stubs are due in the Extension Office by July 1. 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 \$0.50 per ticket turned in by July 1. If the tickets and money are not received by July 1, the club will forfeit the \$0.50 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! ☺

## 2016 Phillips County Fair, "Remember When..."

Updates, rule changes, reminders, etc.:

- *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.
- The completed Jr. Livestock Sale consignment form is due to the Extension Office by 6 p.m., Friday, July 22.
- Livestock weigh in and entry information:
  - Market animal weigh in and entry: **Wednesday, July 20, 5-8 p.m. Weigh in order will be sheep, goats, cattle, and hogs. Ultrasounds will be performed at this time.**
  - Rabbit and poultry entry: **Wednesday, July 20, 4-8 p.m.**
- The livestock exhibitor meeting at fair will take place Thursday, July 21, 8 a.m. in the livestock show arena. **You need to attend this meeting!**
- A beef fitting demonstration will take place following the exhibitor meeting.
- **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.
- Market goat weight range has been changed to 55-110 lbs.
- Poultry changes:
  - Exhibitors are limited to four market chicken entries (i.e.: two broiler/fryers and two roasters OR three broiler/fryers



and one roaster, etc.) Sex of chicken does not matter.

- Chickens will be weighed at entry – weight ranges are:
    - Pen of three:** minimum for each is 3 lbs., maximum is 6 lbs.
    - Broilers/fryers:** 6-8 weeks; minimum 3 lbs., maximum 6 lbs.
    - Roasters:** 8-12 weeks; minimum 6 lbs.
  - Breeding chicken classes:
    - Dual Purpose:** cock, hen, cockerel, pullet, young trio, old trio
    - Egg Production:** hen, pullet, young trio, old trio
  - Show birds – Purebreds Only: cock, hen, cockerel, pullet, young trio, old trio
  - All birds will be required to have leg bands. Please use the bands provided by the Extension Office.
- Phillips County Fashion Revue: **Friday, July 22, 5:30 p.m. (during BBQ at Homesteader's Park).** Even if you are not enrolled in a clothing project, please consider participating in this fun event!

### Interview Judging



Interview judging is scheduled for July 19 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 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.**

**Don't Forget!**

**Phillips County Extension in on Facebook!  
Like our page and receive 4-H and general  
Extension updates!**

# SEDGWICK COUNTY

Jessica Harrington (4-H Associate)

## MAY

- 1 Lamb & Goat Weigh-in – Fairgrounds, 1-2 p.m.
- 2 Swine IDs due, hard copy due in Extension Office
- 6 State 4-H Conference registration due in Extension Office
- 27 State Fair Nominations for market swine, lambs, and goats due
- 30 Holiday, Extension Office Closed

## JUNE

- 21-24 State 4-H Conference – Fort Collins

## JULY

- 15 Horse levels testing (written and riding) deadline
- 15 Horse Show entries due in Extension Office
- 15 Livestock entries due in Extension Office
- 15 Club completion sheets due in Extension Office
- 22 .22 and Shotgun Competition – Julesburg Gun Club
- 23 Interview Judging – Sedgwick County Fairgrounds, Exhibit Building
- 23 Archery Competition – Fairgrounds
- 27-31 **SEDGWICK COUNTY FAIR**



### Colorado 4-H Foundation Raffle



Once again, the Colorado 4-H Foundation will raffle off a 2015 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 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 15**. Written tests must be taken in the Extension Office. You will be contacted to set up a time to complete your Level I 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, concessions at the Prospect Show, Thursday night meal, and selling 4-H Foundation raffle tickets, etc. 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 for record book pages. The boards and folders cost \$3.00 each. Please stop in the office if you need one.

### E-Records

E-Record books can be found at: [http://www.colorado4h.org/project\\_resources/index.php](http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/index.php). It is strongly recommended that you start working on your record books soon. Do not wait until the last minute!



## 2016 Sedgwick County Fair Updates

- All animals should be fed and have their stall or pens cleaned by 8 a.m. each morning and 7 p.m. each evening.
- Vet Check and Stalling of animals will be July 27<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 p.m.
- Weigh-in will be held July 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 4:30 p.m. Ultrasounds will be done at the time of weigh-in. The order of 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 Member 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.
- No feed will be left in any barns unless it is in a sealed container.

## Interview Judging Reminders

All 4-H members enrolled in a General 4-H project and/or 4-H Livestock projects, including those who are exhibiting a catch-it animal are expected to participate in Interview Judging. Members must complete an interview for each 4-H project in which they are enrolled, for the project to be considered complete and be eligible to exhibit at the Sedgwick County Fair and 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 22, 2016. Members should contact the Extension Office to get permission to reschedule their interview. All 4-H members are **encouraged** to attend Interview Judging at their appointed time. Members who do not attend Interview Judging or 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 E-Record to be considered a completed project. **General Project** record book will be due at the time of the members project Interview Judging on

July 23, 2016 to be considered a completed 4-H project and be eligible for premiums and awards. **Livestock Project** member's record books are to be completely up to date and submitted to their Interview Judge for review at the time of their interview. Their completed records will be due in the Sedgwick County Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on August 5<sup>th</sup> for final judging, for this project to be considered a completed 4-H project. Member 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.

# WASHINGTON COUNTY

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

Jamie Axtell (4-H & Youth Development)

## MAY

- 9 State Conference Registration Due
- 9 Sheep/Goat Weigh-In – Fairgrounds, 3:30-6:30 p.m.

## JUNE

- 1 State Fair Market Goat, Lamb, and Swine Nominations due to Extension Office
- 20 4-H Council Meeting – Courthouse Annex, 7 p.m.
- 20-24 Robotics Camp
- 21-24 State 4-H Conference – Fort Collins

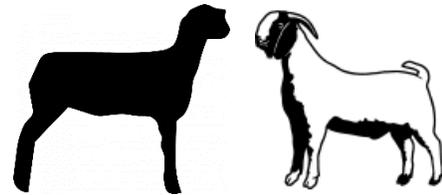
## JULY

- 1 Club Completion Sheet due to Extension Office
- 19 Interview Judging, Fashion Revue, Livestock/Catch-it Record Books Due
- 26-30 **EASTERN COLORADO ROUNDUP**



## Livestock Camps

We will NOT be hosting regional livestock camps this summer; however, we are hoping to add some local mini-camps or showmanship workshops. Let us know if you have a specific project need and we will try to accommodate it.



## Sheep/Goat Weigh In

Monday, May 9<sup>th</sup>

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.

## State 4-H Conference

June 21-24

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 9. 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.

## 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 1<sup>st</sup>). Rabbits and Poultry must be owned 30 days prior to fair (July 1<sup>st</sup>).

## Livestock Weight Limits for Fair

Market Lambs – 100-170 lbs

Market Hogs – 220-280 lbs

Market Goats – 50-110 lbs

Market Steers – 1050-1550 lbs

Market Heifers – 1000-1550 lbs

Market Rabbits – Pen of three meat class  
(less than 70 days, 5 pounds)

Market Poultry – Pen of three fryer (13.5-16.5 lbs)

Pen of three broiler (16.5 lbs and up)

## MARKET POULTRY CHANGE!

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

## **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 but save the following dates for activities: June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup>. All programs will take place at 2:00 p.m.

## **T-Shirt Promotion**



The Washington County Farm Bureau is working with local sponsors to offer every 4-H and FFA member in our county with a free t-shirt during fair week. Be sure to check with your club leader or FFA advisor to get your shirt ordered.

## **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.



**Congratulations to:**

**Shayna Mason**

**Washington County Delegate**

# YUMA COUNTY

*JoLynn Midcap (4-H Youth Development Coordinator)*

*Joy Akey (Family & Consumer Sciences)*

## MAY

- 4 District 5 4-H Council Meeting at Extension Office (rescheduled)
- 7 Market Sheep & Goat Weigh-in, Bucket Calf Tagging.
- 7 State Outdoor Skills Contest
- 6 State 4-H Conference Registrations due in Extension Office
- 8 Mother's Day
- 9 Swine Nominations due in Extension Office **(NO EXCEPTIONS)**
- 16 Yuma County Fairboard – Fairgrounds, 7:30 pm
- 26 Food Booth Committee – Extension Office, 6:00 pm
- 30 Holiday, Extension Office Closed

## 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.
- 1 Yuma County 4-H Council – Eckley, 7:00 pm – Election of Officers
- 2 Poultry Academy – More info in this newsletter.
- 3 Friday Night Rides – More info in this newsletter.
- 7 Yuma County Cake show – Flyer in this newsletter.
- 16 Cloverbud Meeting – More info in this newsletter.

## JUNE continued

- 17-19 Victor Family Shoot – Victor, CO
- 19 Father's Day
- 20 Yuma County Fairboard – Fairgrounds, 7:30 pm
- 21 Sportfishing/Flyfishing Clinic –Wray Fish Hatchery – Flyer in this newsletter.
- 21-24 State 4-H Conference – Fort Collins
- 25 Yuma County 4-H Schooling Show – Flyer in this newsletter.

**25-July 2** Citizenship Washington Focus

**TBA** Dog Workouts

## JULY

- 4 Holiday, Extension Office Closed
- 7 Cloverbud Meeting – More info in this newsletter.
- 18 Yuma County Fairboard – Fairgrounds, 7:30 pm
- 22 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> National Bank, Kirk; 3:00 pm – Outback Fuel & Feed, Idalia; 4:30 pm – Extension Office, Wray.

## AUGUST

- 1 Fairgrounds Clean-up Day
- 2 Fashion Revue - Wray
- 4 Interview Judging
- 6-10 **YUMA COUNTY FAIR**



### **Congratulations to:**

Washington Focus Delegates, Ashleigh Hendrix and Ashley Danforth. They were selected to represent Yuma County at the 2016 Citizenship Washington Focus in June.

### **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!

### **General and Home Economics Achievement Award**

Last year Yuma County was privileged to have an anonymous donor provide \$200 cash award to Michael Buoy and Kahlee Lapp. 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.

## 2016 Changes and Additions for the Yuma County Fair

- Parade Theme: "LOOKING TO THE FUTURE OF YUMA COUNTY"
- Grandstand Show: "OLD DOMINION" 9:00 p.m. Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> Admission \$20.00. Standing Room \$25.00
- 2016 sale order: Rabbit, Poultry, Dairy, Swine, Goats, Beef, Sheep
- Yuma County Ministerial Associations Program – "JUAN RIOS & MEI-LEING" in concert - 7:00 p.m., Sunday, August 7<sup>nd</sup>
- 4-H Working Ranch Horse Show will be held Monday, August 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 a.m.
- Be sure to check possible changes in General and FCE 4-H project exhibit requirements.
- In the following events, participants may only compete in one event: Mutton Busting or Baby Bull Riding
- Animals missing consignment deadlines may not be eligible to sell at the Jr. Livestock Sale.
- As it applies to the dog show, females in heat may be allowed to show if the superintendent is notified at least 24 hours prior to the show.

### Display Boards Available in Extension Office

You can purchase display boards for fair displays in The Extension Office for \$3.00. These fold in on the sides and are the size required by the State Fair Syllabus.

### Friday Night Rides

Will start at 6:00, Friday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

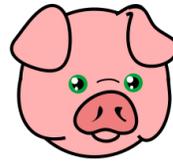


### Sheep/Goat Weigh-in and Bucket Calf Tagging

If you are enrolled in the Market Sheep or Market Goat project, the weigh-in date is set for Saturday, May 7 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.

### Unofficial Swine Weigh-In Option at Fair



This year, on a trial basis, 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 am until 10:00 am. 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. Please help to make this an orderly and smooth process as it will have a bearing on whether or not this process is continued in the future.

### 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.

**Thursday, June 16** – Leathercraft  
10:30 to 11:30, Extension Office

**Thursday, July 7** – Foods  
10:30 to 11:30, Extension Office

**Tuesday, July 21** – Clothing  
10:30 to 11:30, Extension Office

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### **FLYERS:**

- Beef, Hog, Sheep & Goat Clinic Flyer
- Showdown on the Plains Prospect Show
- Wild Bug Fish Camp
- Yuma County Cake Show
- Sportfishing Clinic
- Youth Robotics Day Camp
- Yuma County 4-H Schooling Show
- Western Heritage Camp

