

WASHINGTON COUNTY

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MARCH

19 4-H County Council Meeting, Extension Office, Akron – 7:00 p.m.,

APRIL

2 Raffle Tickets Due to Extension Office

13 Carnival, Events Center, Akron

15 District 5 4-H Meeting, Yuma, 2:00 p.m.

16 Meat Quality Assurance Training (MQA), Events Center, Akron

16 4-H County Council Meeting, Events Center – 7:00 p.m., following MQA

MAY

1 **Add/Drop Deadline!!!**

1 Dog ID, Horse ID, Swine ID Due

7 Sheep/Goat Weigh In



Meat Quality Assurance Training (MQA)

Monday, April 16 from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Washington County Events Center – Akron

Livestock producers, including 4-H and FFA members, play an important role in providing consumers with a safe, wholesome product. It is imperative that youth livestock projects are held to the highest standard. 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 costs.” As a result, we have implemented a strong Meat Quality Assurance program in Colorado. Through MQA workshops, youth learn ethics and good production practices needed to produce a high quality, desirable product for the American consumer.

We encourage all exhibitors to attend the training each year; however, you are **REQUIRED** to attend if you meet the following criteria:

1. First 2 years taking a livestock project
2. Swine exhibitors age 8-12
3. Age 12 and Age 15 (As of Dec 31, 2016)

The training is self-guided so you can take as much time as you want to walk through various stations about topics such as animal ID, injections, feeds, or ethics. Supper will be provided for all attending courtesy of the Junior Livestock Sale Committee. If you can't make it to this date or location, please contact the office for alternative dates in the area.

Livestock projects considered in this policy include Market/Breeding Beef, Market/Breeding Goat, Market/Breeding Swine, Market/Breeding Sheep,

Rabbits (only market/breeding, not pet rabbit) and Poultry. No cloverbud members are required to attend but are welcome to come.

Livestock Judging

If you are interested in livestock judging, please contact the Extension office ASAP.

Raffle & Carnival Reminders

Just a reminder that raffle tickets stubs and money are due in the Extension Office on or before **APRIL 2**. ALL tickets, sold and unsold, should be returned! If you'd like additional tickets to sell, you can pick those up from the Extension Office prior to April 2nd. The raffle drawing will take place during our annual carnival to be held April 13th at the Events Center. Each club will be responsible for at least one booth space. If you still need to sign up for a booth, contact the Extension Office. This year's theme is “4-H Fiesta” so try to plan your décor and prizes accordingly. For questions, contact the office at 345-2287.



4-H Council Meeting

March 19, 2018

Courthouse Annex 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Items:

Finalize carnival details and MQA
Spring Event Planning
4-H Talent Show Planning

Add/Drop Deadline Approaching



Just a reminder that the deadline to add or drop projects is May 1st. Please contact our office if you add/drop a project online.

Upcoming Livestock and Horse Deadlines

Market lamb and goat weigh-in will be held at the fairgrounds on Monday, May 7th from 3:30 – 7:00 p.m. All market lambs/goats MUST be weighed in on this date to be eligible to show at the county fair - NO EXCEPTIONS!

Market swine will NOT be weighed in. IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to nominate your pigs for the county fair. To nominate your pig(s), start by picking up nomination forms and ear tags at the Extension Office. Tag your pigs and take three photos of each – one of each side plus one of the pig's head showing the tag, clearly readable. Complete the form by filling out the tag number and description of each pig. You will also need to record ear notches on the nomination form. These nomination forms, completely filled out with ear notch information and the three pictures, must be returned to the office by May 1 at 4:30 p.m. for eligibility in the county fair show. NO EXCEPTIONS! This applies to all 4-H and FFA members exhibiting market hogs.

Horse ID Forms must be completed online prior to May 1. Complete instructions can be found in your e-record or by contacting the office. Please feel free to bring in photos to our office to be scanned and uploaded if you need assistance.

Save the Date!

Did you know that all 4-H members age 14 and older can attend the annual Colorado State 4-H conference in June? Take part in leadership workshops, participate in the state livestock judging contest, start a quiz bowl team, give a speech or sign up for one of the many other contests that are offered. The dates of the conference are set for June 19-22. The conference takes place on campus at Colorado State University in Ft. Collins. We provide transportation to and from the event and lodging is provided in the campus dorms. Contact us now to learn more!

Need Project Help?



Don't hesitate to contact our office for help with your projects. We can offer personal help, put you in touch with a project leader, or help provide written project materials.

Project manuals are available, prices vary and some clubs offer assistance in purchasing these for their active members. A variety of online project resources are available on the state 4-H website including project tip sheets and Colorado State Fair project guidelines. Visit the page at www.colorado4h.org. Local and regional camps, workshops and clinics may be available, check this newsletter or follow us on Facebook on our "Washington County Colorado 4-H" page.

