

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Golden Plains Area Newsletter

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

- 1** National Western Stock Show Market Livestock entries due.
- 1-3** Colorado Leadership Camp (CLC) – Glenwood Springs

DECEMBER

- 1** Applications for National Western Stock Show Catch-A-Calf Contest due.

JANUARY 2020

- 11-26** National Western Stock Show. Visit www.nationalwestern.com for complete schedule.
- 17** National Western Stock Show 4-H Day. More info in this newsletter.
- 25-27** Leadership Development Conference – More info in this newsletter.
- 27** 4-H Day at the Capitol.



LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
CONFERENCE

The annual Leadership Development Conference (LDC) will be held January 25-27, 2020 in Denver. Interested youth can contact your local office to pre-register by January 9th. LDC is a fun, educational weekend promoting leadership development and community service. The event is open to youth 14 and over and registration is typically around \$150.00 (plus lodging). Opportunities exist to stay and participate in the annual 4-H Day at the Capitol on Monday, January 27. Members are given the opportunity to tour the state capitol and watch as the proclamation for 4-H Day is adopted. Details are available at your local County Extension Office or at www.colorado4h.org.

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Colorado State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Kit Carson, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, and Yuma Counties cooperating.

Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.

Becoming a 4-H Family

With the start of the new 4-H, families will begin to discuss joining 4-H and what the roles and responsibilities are for parents and youth. One key suggestion for all new families to remember is to make sure to ask lots of questions! Parents are vital to a successful 4-H club and to the success of their child in the program. Here are a few ways parents can help their child:

- Enroll in 4-H
- Select one or more 4-H projects to participate in
- Attend 4-H club meetings
- Determine club and county 4-H requirements
- Help your child complete any 4-H responsibilities he or she may have volunteered for, been elected to or selected for
- Support your child's 4-H work.

Parents can support their child's 4-H project in many different ways. For the 4-H members who have regular project meetings, parents will need to make sure the 4-H member attends the meetings. Parents can help gather any materials the child will need and arrange transportation to and from the meetings. If there is no project leader, parents will be asked to help their child with the project. The head club leader or Extension Office may be able to locate a knowledgeable individual who can help complete the project. 4-H members will need to become familiar with their project materials and may need to complete various activities in order to complete the project. 4-H members will also need parental support and guidance when completing exhibits and record books for county fair.

While becoming involved in 4-H may be a big commitment, the benefits for both the 4-H member and parent are numerous. As a 4-H parent, you will get the opportunity of helping your child learn and grow. You'll share many wonderful experiences, which will improve your relationship with your child. 4-H parents get the privilege of watching their child mature with confidence and success. Parents also benefit by feeling that they are making a contribution to the youth in the community.

Many 4-H parents worry about the time commitment of 4-H. While 4-H does take time, here is a simple breakdown of the time you can expect to commit to 4-H. The 4-H year runs October 1-September 30. 4-H is a year-long commitment. Most months (but not all) will have a club meeting. Meetings typically last 30 minutes to 1 ½ hours. Depending on the project(s) that your child enrolls in, you can plan on 1-3 hours per week of project work. Keep in mind that the majority of projects are not year-round commitments. The exception to this is typically livestock and animal projects.

There is always help available for new and "seasoned" 4-H parents. If you encounter questions or concerns during the course of the 4-H year, consider asking the following individuals for help: the head 4-H club leader, 4-H project leader, other experienced 4-H parents, other families who are enrolled in the same projects and the Extension Office staff.



Considering New Projects for 2020?

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Welcome to the Colorado 4-H Record Book Tracker

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

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



The Power of Experiential Learning

4-H's slogan is "Learn By Doing." As 4-H agents, volunteer leaders and parents, we want 4-H members to learn about and experience real-life situations in a safe environment. One way to take the "Learn By Doing" approach ever further is to implement the experiential learning model to teach life skills.

The experiential learning approach allows youth to experience something with minimum guidance from an adult. Instead of being told the answers, youth are presented with a question, problem, situation or activity in which they must make sense of by themselves. The difference between the learn by doing approach and the experiential approach is the reflective processing that takes place after the "doing" portion of the activity. The adults working with the youth become a facilitator of the learning process and often become a "co-learner" in the activity.

There are five steps in the experiential learning model, the first being experience the activity, perform it, do it. This is the step in which youth are engaged and active. Except for basic instructions on organization, safety or time requirements, youth "do" before being told or shown how.

The next two steps, share and process, make up the "reflect" portion of the experiential learning model. Youth have the opportunity to share results, reactions and observations publicly. They can describe the results of their experience and their reactions. Youth then process by discussing and looking at the experience. They can analyze and reflect and can relate the experience to the targeted subject matter and life skills being learned.

The final two steps, generalize and apply, provide activities or questions for youth to help summarize what they have experienced. Youth generalize to connect the experience to real-world examples. They can connect the subject matter and life skill discussion to the larger world. The last step is for youth to apply what was learned to a similar or different situation. Youth use the new subject matter and life skill experiences in other parts of their lives.

4-H projects are based on the experiential learning model. 4-H members are able to experience, share, process, generalize and apply what they've learned through their 4-H projects to other areas in their life. The goal of 4-H is to develop citizenship, leadership, responsibilities and life skills through experiential learning programs and a positive youth development approach.



New Project Manuals for 2019-2020

Cake Decorating ---new manuals. All 4-H members will need a new manual. Please make sure that you recycle your old cake decorating manuals.

Beekeeping---is now a state project!

OPPORTUNITIES AND ACTIVITIES

National Western Stock Show

The National Western Stock Show will be January 11-26, 2020. 4-H Day at the National Western Stock Show is Friday, January 17th. Group tickets are only available if they are purchased early. All Colorado 4-H families and invited guests are eligible for discounted prices on reserved seating. Discounts are not available at the Stock Show Box Office. For a complete schedule, visit www.nationalwestern.com.



National Western Stock Show Catch-A-Calf

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

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

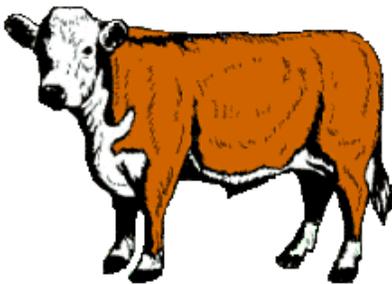
The program began in 1935 when 10 boys caught 10 sponsored calves. The contest quickly caught on, and the program grew to include 52 calves by 1942. Soon after World War II, the program settled at 40 calves per year, which is where the number continues to stand today.

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

Contestants must have reached the age of twelve years but must be under nineteen years of age as of December 31, 2018 and participate in a 4-H Club as an active member in 2019. It is highly recommended that a member not enter this contest if they plan to be away at college or from home during the time of raising the calf.

Catch-a-calf contests in the Coliseum will be held Friday, January 12th during the matinee rodeo performance, Saturday, January 13th during the matinee rodeo performance and Sunday, January 14th during the matinee and evening rodeo performances.

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



4-H Livestock Judging

Have you ever wondered what the judges were looking for as you watched a livestock show? How would you like to make better decisions when selecting your 4-H livestock project animal? 4-H Livestock Judging is an exciting way to learn more about livestock selection and improve your public speaking and reasoning skills while having fun and meeting new friends.

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

During a contest youth place several classes of four head of livestock including beef, sheep, swine and goats. They are placed on their value using their conformation and genetic profile. Individually, each contestant analyzes the animals and decides how he or she thinks they should be placed and then marks their card accordingly.

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

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

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

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

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

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



Horse Judging and Horse Bowl

Horse Judging is similar to livestock judging except it is only horses. During a contest, youth place several classes of four head of horses in either a halter or performance class. They are placed on their value using their conformation or performance of the discipline. Individually, each contestant analyzes the horses and decides how he or she thinks they should be placed and then marks their card accordingly. Following the placing of the classes the youth then give oral reasons for their placing to a reasons taker. There are 2-4 reason classes for each contest. Colorado has several contests in which youth participate, culminating with the state horse judging contest at Colorado State University in late June during State 4-H Conference. The top three winning teams from the state contest are awarded the opportunity to travel to national contest.

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

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



Western Heritage Project

The 4-H Western Heritage Project combines a comprehensive study of the Old West with the fastest growing shooting sports discipline in the world – western action shooting. The purpose of this project is to provide an avenue for 4-H members and adult leaders to experience the lifestyles and cultures of the Old West from the period of around 1860- 1900 through a living history approach to learning while instilling the concepts of gun safety and personal responsibility. Members dress in Old West clothing, shoot replica firearms of the frontier period, and expand their knowledge of U.S. history.

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

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

4-H Shooting Sports Outcomes Include:

- Learning and applying the fundamentals of the safe handling of firearms
- Placing life-skill development over competition
- Providing an enjoyable and action-oriented shooting sports activity that attracts and retains 4-H members and their families
- Promote 4-H Cowboy Action Shooting and historical study to 4-H programs across the nation
- Each year culminates in a championship event where 4-H members shoot for the fastest time, take a history exam, and have their clothing knowledge assessed. It's not always the fastest shooter who wins.

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



KIT CARSON COUNTY

Scott Stinnett (4-H Youth Development / Livestock)

NOVEMBER

- 1-3 Colorado Leadership Camp, Glenwood Springs
28-29 Thanksgiving HOLIDAY (Extension Office Closed)

DECEMBER

- 1 National Western Stock Show Catch-a-Calf Entries Due
24 Christmas Eve HOLIDAY (Extension Office Closed)
25 Christmas HOLIDAY (Extension Office Closed)

JANUARY 2020

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15 4-H Enrollment DEADLINE
17 4-H Day at National Western Stock Show
25-26 Leadership Development Conference, Denver



A New 4-H Year!

It is the beginning of a new 4-H year. Time to re-enroll and recruit new 4-H members and volunteers. There have been a few changes to the projects for 2019-2020. Read the project selection guide for complete details. We are still searching for someone to fill the vacant Extension Agent position. Please spread the word so we can find a great new agent for our county. Have a great and successful 4-H year!

Scott C. Stinnett

Area Extension Agent,
4-H Youth Development / Livestock

Congratulations New County Council Officers

Elections were held at the September County Council meeting. Here are the newly elected Kit Carson County 4-H Council Officers for 2019-2020: President – Lance Homm, Vice President – Veronica Cody, Secretary/Treasurer – Sarah Leoffler, Reporter – Chastine Kocher, Senator – Lance Homm, Senator – Riley Shean, Adult Leaders - Debbie Babbitt and Craig Schaal, and Adult Sponsors – Debbie and Bob Homm

4-H Youth and Volunteer Enrollment



4-H Members: Enrollment forms for the 2019 – 2020 4-H year will be available soon and are due to the Extension office by 5:00 p.m. by the **deadline of Tuesday, January 15th**. Please remember to complete both sides of the enrollment form -- in addition to the signed completion agreement. Re-enrollments received after the deadline will be assessed a \$10-per-member late fee. (The late fee does NOT apply to leaders or new members.) Keep in mind, you do not have to wait until the January deadline to return your

enrollment paperwork.

Manuals and record books will be ordered after the first of the year and depending on how soon enrollment information is received and payments are made. Literature orders will not be placed until payment is received in the Extension office. Each club will be billed for books and family fees.

Volunteers: Re-enrolling volunteers need to have their paperwork in by January 15th. New 4-H volunteers need to complete the background check as before and must also complete the **Colorado 4-H Volunteer Orientation**. This orientation is available online or you can attend a training that Scott will be scheduling during the winter. Information will be available with enrollment paperwork.

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

Online Enrollment Option: 4-H members and volunteers have the option to complete their enrollment through the 4-HOnline system. If you decide to enroll online, please remember to fill out, sign and return the completion agreement to the office. Your online enrollment will not be activated until this form is received in the office.

If you were enrolled in 4-H in 2018 – 2019, **DO NOT** re-enter your personal information -- it is already online. Go to www.4-Honline.com. Be sure you select: "I have a Profile." Enter your family name and password and proceed to enroll.

If you remember the email you provided, but **not your password**, select "I forgot my password", enter the email address you gave your county, and click "Send my

password." A new password will be sent to the email account you listed for your family. **Please be sure that your email client is set to accept messages from "4HOnline.com."** If you don't receive an email within 15 minutes call your County Extension Office for assistance

2019-2020 4-H Projects

When you pick up your enrollment packet, you may have questions about the various projects. Go to the Kit Carson County 4-H webpage and look at the **Project Selection Guide** that Jean has put together. You can also request to borrow a copy of a project manual to see what is involved in completing the project

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

Western Heritage Project: Kit Carson County is again offering the Western Heritage discipline as a part of our 4-H shooting sports program. Last year was the fourth year of a state competition. There was a fourth Western Heritage Camp held at Leadville, Colorado. We look forward to another camp this year at a new location.

Project Workshops and Clinic

If you need help with a new project, want to explore other projects or would like to help others with a project area, Scott is looking for volunteers and 4-H members to help teach project workshops and clinics. Contact the Extension office with your learning needs or what you would like to teach to others. Let's share what we know!

Blue Ribbon Livestock Blog

Are you new to livestock projects? Not new, but need some advice or suggestions? Check out the Blue Ribbon Livestock Blog. It is written by Scott and other Extension Agents from Colorado. The information is practical and hopefully helpful for your large animal livestock projects.

Livestock & Horse Judging / Quiz Bowl Contests

If you are interested in learning about Livestock Judging, Horse Judging, Animal Science Quiz Bowl or Horse Bowl, there will be informational meetings on various dates throughout the winter. Keep a watch in the newsletter and Facebook for information and dates. If

you have other questions, contact Scott at the Extension Office.

Leadership Development Conference

Mark your calendars for the 2020 Leadership Development Conference in Denver, January 25-27. Registration opens in December on 4HOnline. Registration has not been sent yet, but County Council will pay \$65 of the cost. This conference is designed for members 14 and older. Workshops focus on leadership and the government and ends with a visit to the State Capitol on Monday, Jan. 27th. More information can be found at: http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/ldc/index.php

2020 KCC Fair Junior Superintendents

4-H members (12 and older) and interested FFA members who would like to volunteer as junior superintendents at the 2020 Kit Carson County Fair are encouraged to sign up now. Duties of this very important volunteer position can vary from helping with livestock weigh-ins and shows to checking in and organizing exhibits.

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

All positions will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. Call the Extension office at 346-5571 or email Scott, to sign up for your first-choice project area.

Please DO NOT sign up to be a livestock superintendent of a specie you will be showing. The deadline to sign up is **Thursday, February 1, 2020**

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

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

PHILLIPS COUNTY

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25-27 Leadership Development Conference - Denver

FEBRUARY

- 1** Market Beef Weigh In, 9 a.m., Livestock Pavilion – Alt Date February 8.



Enrollment information for 2019-2020

We are encouraging all re-enrolling members and leaders to complete your enrollment by December 15, 2019. The deadline for all re-enrolling members will be January 15, 2020. Leaders, please re-enroll by this time also. **NEW families** will have until March 1, 2020 to enroll. The project add/drop deadline has been moved from April 15 to May 1. Even if you are unsure about your projects, please go ahead and enroll. You will have until the add/drop deadline to make final project selections. Keep in mind – the Extension Office will order project manuals for any new projects you enroll in. If you do not want a manual, please let the Extension Office know.

All enrollments will be completed in 4HOnline. Please go to the following website to enroll: <https://colorado.4honline.com>. Your leaders will have online enrollment instructions if you have questions. Re-enrolling 4-H members/families: please remember that you already have a profile – you **DO NOT** need to set up a profile! Only new families will select “I need to set up a profile” when they first log in. If you have forgotten your password, please select “I forgot my password” and follow the directions. Additionally, if you are unsure what email address you used to log in, please give the Extension Office a call. We have that information on file. If you have questions about the online enrollment process at any time, please give Carrie a call at 854-3616

State 4-H Project List

For the most current list of state 4-H projects, please either contact the Extension Office, or visit the state 4-H website at www.colorado4h.org.

Colorado Leadership Conference

Phillips County will be sending 8 members to the Colorado Leadership Conference, which will be November 1-3 in Glenwood Springs. Conference attendees are: Carter Lock, Addison Oliver, Tessa Gales, Lucy Mares, Braden Plumb, Kash Workman, Kanin Koberstein & Kinsley Koberstein. Brian Kailey, Krystal Koberstein and Jess Beck will be taking members to the conference. Make sure to ask these members about their experience.

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Phillips County Fair 2020

The 2020 county fair dates are July 21-26, with interview judging on July 21. Mark your calendars now!

Phillips County Achievement Program and National 4-H Week

Phillips County 4-H members celebrated National 4-H Week, October 6-12, by decorating hay bales and placing them around Holyoke and Haxtun, doing radio interviews, putting 4-H placemats out at local restaurants and attending a Phillips County Commissioner's meeting to witness the 4-H Week Proclamation signing.

The annual Achievement Program was held Sunday, Oct. 6 at the Phillips County Event Center. Congratulations to the following members: **First year members:** Sarah Adams-Mattox, Aden Ayala, Owen Brubacher, Kira Christensen, Roslynn Doorn Jack Frerichs, Farrah Koberstein, Charlotte Kramer, Eva Kramer, Leroy Lee, Jaelyn Miner, Amairany Montelongo, Mikah Myers-Oberle, Ryan Schlachter, Kylee Smith, Baron Starkebaum, Tenley Becker, Haeden Daniel, Avery Horton, Reese Horton, Addison Mason, Wyatt Mason, Alexis Montelongo and Rhettly Schlachter.

Fifth year members: Siena Donnelson, Kelsie Hadeen, Lucinda Mares, Alexis Nelson, Brendon Nelson, Addison Oliver, Sarah Schlachter, Megan Walker, Layna Wear and Colby Weber

Tenth year members: Morgan Kumm, Theron Roll and Tristen Roll

Eleventh year members: Austen Struckmeyer, Baylor Struckmeyer and Jeff Miner

Twelfth year members: Lauren Bergner, Kaylee Camblin and Rebecca Owens

Thirteenth year member: Janessa Lutze, Keegan Shaw and Alex Vieselmeyer

First year leaders: Julie Haake and Kyle Gordon

Fifth year leaders: Hillary Heier, Russell Heier, Thom Simpson and Janna Smith

Twenty year leader : Ron Anderson

I Dare You Youth Leadership Award,

sponsored by Rick and Kathy Haynes: Kylee Workman

2018 Phillips County Friend of 4-H: Kindra Plumb



2019-2020 Phillips County Council Officers and Representatives

Congratulations to the newly-elected council officers and representatives: President – Lauren Bergner; Vice President – Brooklyn Plumb; Secretary – Addison Oliver; Treasurer – Janessa Lutze; Reporter – Lucy Mares; Parliamentarian – Baylor Struckmeyer; Historian – Paige Oliver; Photographer – Braden Plumb; Senators – Lauren Bergner and Brooklyn Plumb; Alternate Senators – Janessa Lutze and Baylor Struckmeyer; Leader Advisors – Mendi Lutze and Joan Owens; Better Beef Makers Representatives – Lucy Mares and Jack Frerichs; Challengers Representatives – Isaac Strauss and Cassidy Porter; Haxtun Pioneers Representatives – Jaelynn Miner and Jeff Miner; Holyoke Centennial Representatives – Baylor Struckmeyer, Hunter Donovan and Kylee Smith; Paoli Hustlers Representatives – Addison Oliver and Brooklyn Plumb; Raising Ranchers Representatives – Layna Wear and Elia Wear.

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SEDGWICK COUNTY

Rena Howell, 4-H Program Coordinator

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- 1 New Year's Day: Office Closed
- 7-26 National Western Stock Show, Denver
- 15 **4-H Enrollment Deadline**
- 25-26 Leadership Development Conference, Denver

FEBRUARY

- 2 Market Beef Weigh-in, 12:30 p.m. at the Sedgwick County Fair Grounds

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Congratulations to our 2020 Council Members!

President:	Alison Woodhams	Vice President:	Tad Lechman
Secretary:	Megan Lindsay	Treasurer:	Katelyn Reichman
Reporter:	Carlie Brandt	Senators:	Kyle Brandt & Jayden Aulston
Leader Advisor: Sherri Brandt			

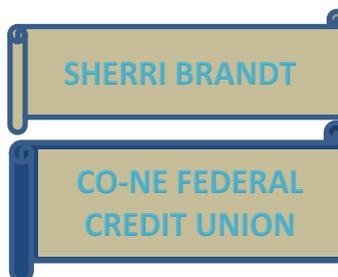
Achievement Night Highlights

Sedgwick County ended National 4-H week with our annual Achievement Program. Here are some of the winners and recipients from Achievement Program:

Members recognized for years in 4-H

- 10 - Nolan Carlson
- 5 - Bella Campbell, Cash Campbell, Emma Haynes, and Levi Reichman
- 1 - Bodie Burkholder, Boone Burkholder, Clayton Beard, Dannika Wilson, Grady Wilson, Jaquelyn Villalobos, Jennifer Toyne, Kyson Stretesky, Laneden Bosco, and Ryder Huser

2019 Friend of 4-H



2019 Kevin Reichman Outstanding 4-H'er



Congratulations to all the winners and thanks to all who helped!

4-H Enrollment has begun!

All enrollment is done through 4-H Online once again. This includes enrollment for camps conferences and other state activities. If you are re-enrolling and cannot remember your password, DO NOT CREATE ANOTHER PROFILE, just contact the Extension office. If you are unable to get access to a computer or internet, or just need help enrolling, stop by during office hours 8am – 3:30pm and we will be happy to assist you. Enrollment is open in Sedgwick County until January 15th. Visit <https://co.4honline.com> and get enrolled! To help get more members, bring your friends to a meeting, and tell them about your projects you do at fair, talk about 4-H during school and all the cool things you can do! We would love to see some new faces and new members this year!

CONGRATULATIONS State Fair Winners!!

Sedgwick County had an amazing Stat Fair! Here are the winners:

General Projects:

Exhibitor	Class	Placing
Madisen Adams	Beginning Clothing STEAM 1 Pillow Jr	6th Place
Riley Adams	Woodworking - Nailing It Together Int.	Qualifier
Karsen Blochowitz	Ceramics - Overglazes Sr.	Champion
Carlie Brandt	.22 Rifle Int.	Qualifier
Kyle Brandt	Intro to Leathercraft and Stamping Sr.	4th Place
Kyle Brandt	Shotgun Sr.	Qualifier
Luca Duncan	Artistic Clothing - Upcycle your Style	4th Place
Luca Duncan	Heritage Arts - Non Fiber Arts	4th Place
Paige Graham	Ceramics - Unfired Finishes Sr.	Reserve Champion
Paige Graham	Scrapbooking Album Sr.	Qualifier
Natalie Lanckriet	Scrapbooking - Two Page Layout Jr.	9th Place
Lauryn Lindsay	Ceramics - Underglazes Jr.	Champion, Reserve Grand
Katelyn Reichman	Magic of Electricity Int.	Reserve Champion
Katelyn Reichman	Foods and Nutrition - Muffins Int	Qualifier
Katelyn Reichman	Mastering Photography Unit 2 Int.	3rd Place
Levi Reichman	Cake Decorating Unit 1 Jr.	Qualifier
Levi Reichman	Controlling the Image Unit 2 Jr.	Champion
Dannika Wilson	Foods and Nutrition - No Bake Cookies	10th Place
Dannika Wilson	One Scrapbooking Page Jr.	3rd Place
Grady Wilson	Archery Jr.	9th Place

Livestock:

Exhibitor	Class	Placing
Bella Campbell	Market Goats Medium Weight	8 th Place
Bella Campbell	Lambs – Black Face Medium Heavy Division	5 th Place
Bella Campbell	Lambs – Black Face Heavyweight Division	1 st Place
Bella Campbell	Lambs – Black Face Heavyweight Division	3 rd Place
Bella Campbell	Lamb Showmanship Intermediate	5 th Place
Cash Campbell	Market Goat Heavy Weight	11 th Place
Cash Campbell	Lambs – Black Face Heavyweight Division	5 th Place
Cash Campbell	Lamb Showmanship Jr.	5 th Place



WASHINGTON COUNTY

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

Jamie Axtell (4-H & Youth Development)

NOVEMBER

- 2 Youth Sewing Club, 3-5 p.m., Courthouse Annex
- 4 Baked Potato Supper and Silent Auction, Events Center, Akron, 5-7 p.m.
- 8 Youth Cooking Club, 9-11 a.m., Courthouse Annex
- 11 VETERAN'S DAY Holiday Observed Office Closed
- 18 GAME CHANGER Activity, 5:30 p.m. Courthouse Annex
- 18 4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Courthouse Annex
- 28-29 THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY, Office Closed

DECEMBER

- 13 Youth Cooking Club, 9-11 a.m., Courthouse Annex
- 24-25 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY, Office Closed
- 31 Re-enrollment deadline!

JANUARY

- 1 NEW YEAR HOLIDAY. Office Closed
- 20 4-H Council Meeting, Courthouse Annex, 7:00 p.m.



County 4-H Council

County 4-H Council meets Monday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the Courthouse Annex. Please come to represent your club and offer suggestions for the upcoming year. The carnival and raffle will be discussed. Come early for a special workshop highlighting computer science and coding. Please RSVP if you plan to attend the workshop and a light meal will be served.

Come be a GAME CHANGER With Us!

This October, 4-H launched the 2019 National Youth Science Day (NYSD) challenge called Game Changers. Designed by Google and West Virginia Extension service, Game Changers teaches kids ages 8-14 how to use computer science (CS) to create games, solve problems and engage with topics they're passionate about.

Game Changers uses physical activity and puzzles to teach kids important CS concepts and problem-solving skills, creating real-world connections between computer science and civic engagement, healthy living and agriculture.

Come explore this activity with us on **Monday, November 18th at 5:30 p.m.** at the courthouse annex. This is open to any age and will be a fun, hands on way to explore computer science. Stay afterwards for our county 4-H council meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. RSVP is recommended and a light dinner will be served. Call 345-2287 to RSVP.

Colorado 4-H Leadership Development Conference

The annual LDC conference will be held January 25-26 in Denver. The LDC conference is a fun,

educational weekend promoting leadership development and community service. The event is open to you 14 and over and registration is typically around \$150 (plus lodging). Scholarships are available from the county council that typically cover half of the cost.

Opportunities exist to stay and participate in the Annual 4-H Day at the Capitol on Monday, January 27. Members are given the opportunity to tour the state capitol and watch as the proclamation for 4-H day is adopted. Contact Jamie if you are interested in attending.

Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a week-long 4-H citizenship program for youth ages 14-19. The program, typically scheduled for the third or fourth week of June, is a great opportunity for our older members. Participants travel as a state delegation and explore the sights while focusing on citizenship and leadership development through workshops and activities. The county council typically offers scholarships that cover the majority of the cost for one or two members from the county to attend. If you are interested in learning more, contact the Extension office. Interested applicants will need to apply in January of 2020.

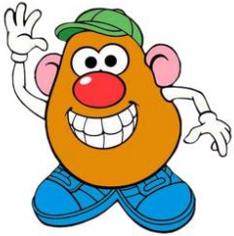
PROJECTS

A full project list can be found on the state website at <http://co4h.colostate.edu/resources/projectlist.pdf>. We also offer a few **County Projects** or you can enroll in the **Self-Determined Project** and create your own 4-H project. These county and self-determined projects can be completed and exhibited at county fair; but, they can not be entered in State Fair.

Project Manuals

Manuals are available to help members learn more about their projects. Some manuals are required for certain projects (i.e. photography). To order a manual, please contact your club leader or the Extension office.

POTATO SUPPER.....



Our county council and 4-H clubs will be hosting our annual Baked Potato Bar Supper on Monday, November 4th at the Events Center in Akron from 5-7 p.m.

All clubs are responsible for assisting with service and set-up/clean-up. A sign-up sheet is in the Extension Office to request a time and duty. Clubs are also asked to bring approximately 24 servings of dessert per club.

A silent auction will take place during the event and all clubs are reminded to bring at least 4 items for the auction. Items can be handmade, donated from local businesses, or purchased. All proceeds will help support our county programs.

CONTACT US!

Please feel free to reach out to our office for help. We are located in the Courthouse Annex which is located at 181 Birch Avenue, just NE of the County Courthouse. Our main phone line is 970-345-2287 and our fax is 970-345-2288. Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. For news and reminders, follow our county facebook page "Washington County Colorado 4-H".

THANK YOU!

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

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

Now is the Time to Enroll!

The new 4-H year is officially underway and it's time to think about getting yourself re-enrolled. Enrollment is open through our online system at <https://co.4holine.com>. You are asked to login to your family account and re-enroll any members and/or adult leader volunteers that want to be active in the coming year. Reminder that wnay family with previously

enrolled members/leaders will already have a profile in the system. Click "I forgot my password" and enter your family email account to reset the password if needed. **DO NOT CREATE A NEW PROFILE!** For anyone needing help with the process, computers and/or assistance is available anytime during business hours (8-4:30) at the Extension office at 181 Birch in Akron. All returning members must re-enroll by December 31st.

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

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

Achievement Program Highlights

A big thank you to the Busy Beavers 4-H club for hosting this year's achievement program held on October 27th. Some highlights included the following awards:

Leaders Choe : Milo Kendrick (Outstanding Junior), Emily Williams (Outstanding Intermediate), Kacyn Kessinger (Outstanding Senior)

Outstanding Junior Member: Emmalee Gailus (Citizenship), **Outstanding Intermediate Members:** Jayden Wade (Achievement), Audrey Wade (Citizenship), Maranda Mason (Leadership)

Outstanding Senior Members: Mariah DeMers (Achievement), Sarah Cook (Pursuit of Excellence), Joanna Cook (Citizenship), Jared Mason (Leadership)

Salute to Excellence Award: Elijah Myers

Dare to Be You Award: Sara Wylie

Outstanding Leaders: Busy Beavers Volunteer, Sam Slusser

Friend of 4-H: Bank of Colorado (Akron), Ryan Libra

Club Excellence Awards: Sunnyside

Sara Eatherton Horsemanship Award: Xandor Bethel

Livestock Record Book: (Sponsored by Y-W Electric) Winners are as follows: **JR.** 1st Place – Milo Kendrick, 2nd Place – Clay Axtell, (rest of top ten in no particular order) Roxanne Engle, Emmalee Gailus, Clara Hermes, Colton Hermes, Ayden Marrero, Tayah Parmenter, Tysie Parmenter, Reagan Torres **INT.** 1st place – Jake King, 2nd place – Addicyn Kessinger, (rest of top ten in no particular order) Gabrielle Hermes, Nicholas Hermes, Charlie Kendrick, McKenna Jesse, Peighton Marrero, James Vorce, Audrey Wade, Jayden Wade **SR.** 1st place – Peighton Kendrick, 2nd place – Joslyn King, (rest of top ten in no particular order) Joanna Cook, Sarah Cook, Mariah DeMers, Wesley Floyd, Deanna Harman, Kacyn Kessinger, Montana Mason, Justin Traxler.

YUMA COUNTY

JoLynn Midcap (4-H/Youth)

Joy Akey (Family & Consumer Sciences)

<p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>1 NWSS Livestock Entries Due</p> <p>1-3 Colorado Leadership Conference – Glenwood Springs</p> <p>9 Creative Cooks Contest – Please call the Extension Office if you are interested see flyer.</p> <p>11 VETERAN’S DAY – Office Closed</p> <p>13 Head Leader Meeting – Eckley Community Center – 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>18 Fairboard Meeting – Wray – 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>28-29 THANKSGIVING – Office Closed</p> <p>DECEMBER</p> <p>1 National Western Catch-a-Calf applications due, must be postmarked. Applications are available.</p> <p>25 CHRISTMAS – Office Closed</p> <p>TBA Livestock Judging Organizational Meeting Call the Extension Office if Interested</p>	<p>JANUARY</p> <p>1 NEW YEAR’S DAY – Office Closed</p> <p>7 Yuma County 4-H Leader’s Banquet – More information to come</p> <p>8 LDC Registrations Due in Extension Office</p> <p>11-26 National Western Stock Show – Denver</p> <p>17 4-H Day National Western Stock Show</p> <p>25-27 Leadership Development Conference - Denver</p> <p>27 4-H Day at the Capitol</p> <p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>1 4-H MEMBER/LEADER ENROLLMENTS DUE IN 4HONLINE.COM</p> <p>5 Yuma County 4-H Council Meeting – Idalia</p> <p>12 Snow Date Yuma County 4-H Council Meeting</p> <p>14-16 Youthfest</p> <p>18 Citizenship Washington Focus applications due in Extension Office</p> <p>29 Yuma County 4-H and FFA Beef Weigh In</p>
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Just A Reminder

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

Yuma County Leaders’ Banquet

The Yuma County 4-H Leaders’ Banquet will be held on January 7, 2020 in Wray. Leaders, please watch your mailboxes for further information.

Yuma County Creative Cooks Contest

November 9, 2020
9:00 – 11:00 a.m.

Wray High School Commons Area

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



DATE CHANGE!!!

This year, the add/drop deadline for Yuma County 4-H will be Friday, May 1, 2020. Please mark this date on your calendar so you will be enrolled in all of your correct projects by May 2. There will be no project changes that can be made after this date.

Congratulations to Achievement Award Winners

First Year Members: Ayla Ashauer, Rayland Buckley, Scarlett Crossland, Maci Daugherty, Melia Daugherty, Teagen Galles, Tripp Gustafson, Blake Hardwick, Kaitlyn Helling, Asher Hendrix, Cade Henry, Carter Imhof, Beckett Kite, Brigette Kite, Broderick Kite, Grady Lengel, Saul Mattox, Lydia Mekelburg, Quinn Mekelburg, Beau Monk, Addie Noble, Ariella Oestman, Charles Oestman, Clara Oestman, Gemma Oestman, Isabel Oestman, Jillian Ridnour, Benjamin Riggelman, Steven Seward, -Kielian, Kamryn Sharp, Sarah Smith, Molly Stults, Heidi Thompson, Paulo Trujillo, Ty Weathers, Levi Whetzel

Fifth Year Members: James Brandner, Andrew Buoy, Maddison Clapper, Kaycee Clark, Parker Dressel, Sidney Freeman, Ethan Gonzales, Sharon Greek, Colin Hardwick, Samantha Heath, Austin Hendrix, Jailyn Mekelburg, Casey Midcap, Kale Morris, William Noble, Karla Perez, Callie Richards, Faith Ridnour, Miles Rutledge, Chloe Smith, Eric Tracy, William Vance, Joshia Whetzel, Isabella Young, Jada Young

Tenth Year Members: Jaelyn Adler, Rilyn Akey, Preston Blach, Hanna Ellis, Emily Idler, Kolby Midcap, Trinity Parrish, Cade Rockwell, Cole Rockwell, Tommy Staggs

Eleventh Year Members: Chasey Blach, Ashleigh Hendrix, Kahlee Lapp, Sydnee Roth

Fashion Revue Medals: Shelby Clark, Sawyer Fonte, Kaitlyn Helling, Dellia Lenz, Grady Linman, Grace Schaffner, Cheyanne Sievers

Record Book Winners:

Beef – Junior Champion – Quinn Mekelburg; Junior Reserve Champion – Addison Imhof; Intermediate Champion – Kaitlyn Meisner; Intermediate Reserve Champion – Casey Midcap; Senior Champion – Bradie Midcap; Senior Reserve Champion – Kolby Midcap
Dairy Animal – Intermediate Champion – Jailyn Archer; Intermediate Reserve Champion – Jaelyn Mekelburg
Goat – Junior Champion – Kaycee Clark; Junior Reserve Champion – Luke Freeman; Intermediate Champion – Sydney Fonte; Intermediate Reserve Champion – Lyndsey Mekelburg; Senior Champion – Briahna Keeler; Senior Reserve Champion – Hanna Ellis
Horse – Junior Champion – Kayson Hatch; Junior Reserve Champion – Brylee Meisner; Intermediate Champion – Kaitlyn Meisner; Intermediate Reserve Champion – Sidney Freeman; Senior Champion – Shyla Hatch; Senior Reserve Champion – Jazmine Danner
Sheep – Junior Champion – Tatum Soehner; Junior Reserve Champion – Teagen Galles; Intermediate Champion – Lyndsey Mekelburg; Intermediate Reserve Champion – Camron Woltemath; Senior Champion – Rylie Robson
Small Animals – Junior Champion – Kayson Hatch; Junior Reserve Champion – Hunter Drullinger; Intermediate Champion – Chloe Smith; Intermediate Reserve Champion – Miles Rutledge; Senior Champion – Makia Adler; Senior Reserve Champion – Shyla Hatch
Swine – Junior Champion – Brylee Meisner; Junior Reserve Champion – Hailey Clapper; Intermediate Champion – Maci Daugherty; Intermediate Reserve Champion – Melia Daugherty; Senior Champion – Bradie Midcap; Senior Reserve Champion – Jaden Dodsworth

Horse Advancement Levels:

Western Level I – Sidney Freeman, Austin Hendrix, Maggie Linman, Brylee Meisner, Addie Noble
Western Level II – Kaitlyn Meisner, Sharon Greek, Jordlynn Wiltfang, Jazmine Danner, Austin Hendrix
Western Level III – Kennedy McCasland
Working Ranch Horse Level I – Austin Hendrix, Addie Noble, Maggie Linman
Working Ranch Horse Level II – Kaitlyn Meisner, Addie Noble, Jordlynn Wiltfang, Sharon Gree, Austin Hendrix
Working Ranch Horse Level III – Alyssa Greek

English Level I – Kayson Hatch, Kaitlyn Meisner
English Level II – Sharon Greek

Gymkhana Champions:

Novice – Addie Noble
Junior – Alyssa Clark
Senior – Chasey Blach

Horse Champions:

Junior – Addie Noble
Intermediate – Will Noble
Senior – Grace Schaffner

Outstanding Boy and Girl Achievement Award:

Logan Klein, Maddie Lapp

“I Dare You Award”

Luke Freeman

Extension Agent’s Award

Heather Vance

Club Herdsman Winners

Beef – Pleasant Valley Hustlers
Dairy – AgCellence
Goat – Ace High
Horse – AgCellence
Sheep – Idalia Starlighters
Swine – Arena Magic
Small Animal - Wauneta

Clubs with Projects 100% Completed

Ace High, AgCellence, Arena Magic, Beecher Island, Broken Spur, Eckley Trailblazers, Heartstrong Phoenix, High Plains, Liberty Country Challengers, Pleasant Valley Hustlers, Wauneta

Clubs Receiving Gold Seals for Their Charter

Ace High, AgCellence, Arena Magic, Beecher Island, Broken Spur, Eckley Trailblazers, Heartstrong Phoenix, High Plains, Liberty Country Challengers, Pleasant Valley Hustlers, Wauneta

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