

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Golden Plains Area Newsletter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2023

JANUARY

7-22 National Western Stock Show

28-30 Leadership Development Conference

FEBRUARY

20 District 1 Leadership Camp

25-26 Hunter Safety Class - Yuma

MARCH

24-26 Youthfest

4-H Scholarships

Attention graduating seniors! You may be interested in applying for state 4-H scholarships. It's simple to apply for them as they all have the same application. Fill it out once and you have applied for all scholarships. The application is available from January 2 to April 1, 2023.

For more information on state scholarships, go to <http://co4hfoundation.extension.colostate.edu/benefits/Colorado-4-h-foundation-scholarships/>.



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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.

Babysitter Basics Training Class

Monday, Feb 13, 2023—Yuma

Monday, Feb 27, 2023—Wray



- ⇒ Cost: \$25.00 to cover materials and snacks
- ⇒ Bring a brown bag lunch and a drink



LEARN TO BECOME A RESPONSIBLE BABYSITTER

Session Includes:

- Child Safety
- First Aid & Emergency
- Feeding & Nutrition
- Stages of Child Development
- Discipline
- Ways to entertain children
- Business of babysitting



PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED by Feb 6

- Participants must be 11-14 years old
- Minimum of 8 registrations required
- Instructed by Joy Akey - CSU Golden Plains Area Extension, Family & Consumer Science Agent (Yuma County)
- Certificates/ I.D. cards upon successful completion of the course
- Students receive a First Aid & Emergency pocket card.
- Fill out the registration slip and return it with the fee to:
 - CSU Yuma County Extension
 - 310 Ash Street, Suite B
 - Wray, CO. 80758
- OR call the Extension Office at 332-4151
- OR email: jolynn.midcap@colostate.edu

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<https://extension.colostate.edu/statements-on-access-and-nondiscrimination/>

Babysitter Basics Training Class Registration

(Please check one location)

_____ Feb 13, 2023 - **Yuma**

_____ Feb 27, 2023 – **Wray**

Registration (with payment) due by Feb 6, 2023

Name: _____ Age: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Fee paid: _____ ****Please make check payable to YUMEX****

It's Cold. Give Them A Drink

Scott Stinnett, Extension Specialist, 4-H Youth Development / Livestock

When it is cold providing water may seem like the last thing to worry about, right? Wrong! Providing water is as important during cold weather as it is in the heat of summer. Two big reasons. First, water in the body cells helps the body to maintain body temperature. Think about a pot filled with water on a stove compared to an empty skillet. Which one takes longer to cool down after cooking, the full pot or empty skillet? Water is really good at maintaining temperature, so be sure your animals are fully hydrated. Second, water is important for proper digestion. All our livestock and especially the ruminants (cattle, sheep and goats) need adequate water to digest the feed they are given. And the feed provides energy for them to make their own body heat. Again, WATER IS THE MOST IMPORTANT NUTRIENT, even when it's cold.



Contest focus – Another contest that members can compete in at the Colorado State 4-H Conference is the demonstration contest. A demonstration gives members the opportunity to prepare, organize and present an idea to other members. You can teach your club how to tie different knots, make a certain type of food, program a robot, or the uses for different types of wood. It is usually 3-5 minutes in length and an effective demonstration is a “Show-How” event. A great demonstration will show poise, originality, confidence, accuracy in subject knowledge and the ability to speak and act in front of others. A successful demonstration will also help members grow personally and strengthen their confidence. Once you're done you will feel proud of yourself for taking part in a County event and talking to an audience. You will boost your confidence to try other events.

Each participant is encouraged to demonstrate a topic or activity that interests you. Anything goes and the sky's the limit!! Remember to be a successful 4-H Demonstrator, you must understand what you are demonstrating, keep it simple and comfortable to do, and most of all have fun doing it! Contact the Extension office if you believe you have prepared a state contest worthy demonstration.

What is a Demonstration?

Demonstration is an opportunity for any 4-H participant to prepare, organize and present an idea by using visual aids and teaching skills. Such things as showing a friend how to tie a knot, take a picture or play cribbage are all examples of giving a demonstration.

Why should I do a Demonstration?

Giving a demonstration in front of an audience will help you to think on your feet and to speak in front of a group of peers and families. This is a great and fun way to begin to prepare you for more challenging events that may involve public speaking.

What will I get out of doing a Demonstration?

4-H Project Spotlight: Leathercraft

There have been major updates in the Leathercraft project. Here is the information you need to know in order to choose which unit you will enroll in. **It is suggested (not required) to do Units 1-3 in order.** Units 4-9 may be taken in any order, the primary skill being developed (the new technique you're learning) in the project will help determine which unit to exhibit in. **Note: Any dyeing, color shading, antique/stain, and finishing techniques may be used in units 4-9.**

UNIT 1 INTRODUCTION TO LEATHERCRAFT AND CREATIVE STAMPING-One completed article or one set of articles on a single layer of leather. Examples: belt, bookmark, wrist bracelet, set of coasters and one completed article with at least two pieces of leather that are hand sewed together with lacing and/or thread stitching. **Not Permitted: Carving, solid-color dyeing, color shading, or machine stitching.**

UNIT 2 BEGINNING LEATHER CARVING-Exhibit three samples and one article. Any floral pattern can be used as long as it meets the requirements of this unit. **Not Permitted: Pictorial carving or figure carving, staining/antiquing, solid color dyeing, color shading, or machine stitching.**

UNIT 3 INTERMEDIATE LEATHER CARVING- one completed article, matching set, or picture/wall hanging that includes at least one of the major skills: traditional carving, inverted carving, or silhouette carving techniques. Clear finish, staining/antiquing, two tone finishes, and background dyeing are allowed in Unit 3. No machine stitching allowed. Lacing and hand stitching are optional in this unit. **Not Permitted: Pictorial carving or figure carving, solid color dyeing, color shading, or machine stitching.**

UNIT 4 ADVANCED STAMPING- One completed article, matching set, or picture/wall hanging using an advanced stamping design. Minimal carving is allowed for effect. Lacing, hand sewing, or machine sewing are optional in Unit 4.

UNIT 5 ADVANCED LEATHER CARVING-One completed article, matching set, or picture/wall hanging using advanced traditional carving, figure carving, pictorial carving, decorative swivel knife carving, embossing or filigree work.

UNIT 6 SEWING LEATHER-One completed article, matching set or garment made primarily by sewing leather. The focus of this unit is developing sewing construction skills. Judging will be based more on construction and sewing than on tooling. All lacing, hand sewing, or machine sewing techniques are acceptable in Unit 8.

UNIT 7 BRAIDING AND UN-TOOLED LEATHER-One completed article, matching set or picture/wall hanging constructed with un-tooled leather using one or more of these leather art techniques: Lacing, braiding, expanding, sculpting, or molding leather. Lacing, hand sewing or machine sewing are optional in Unit 7.

UNIT 8 MASTER LEATHERCRAFT-One completed article, matching set or picture/wall hanging using multiple leather working techniques. Lacing, hand sewing, or machine sewing are optional in Unit 6.

UNIT 9 MAKING AND REBUILDING SADDLES-One completed saddle (a new build or rebuild of existing saddle). The leather may be either tooled or un-tooled and may be finished in any suitable fashion. All lacing, hand sewing, or machine sewing techniques are acceptable in Unit 9.



KIT CARSON COUNTY

Scott Stinnett (4-H Youth Development/Livestock) McKayla Stephen (Family and Consumer Science/4-H Youth Development)

2023 Dates to Remember

January

- 1 New Year's Day
- 2 Office Closed (County Holiday for New Year's)
- 13 Enrollment forms are due in the office for re-enrolling 4-H members and leaders

February

- 1 KCC Fair Junior Superintendent Applications Due
- 6 KCC 4-H Council Meeting (Bethune School)
- 11 KCC Fair Beef Weigh-in 8 A.M. to 10 A.M.
- 20 Extension Office Closed - Presidents Day Holiday

NWSS Passes

We have a limited number of NWSS day passes and badges if you are going. Badges are for loan and to be returned so others may use them. These passes and badges will only get you in the gates at NWSS. 4-H day at NWSS is Friday, January 13, 2023.

Leadership Development Conference

Leadership Development Conference (LDC) will be Saturday, January 28 through Monday, January 30, 2023, at the Renaissance Hotel in Denver. County Council will cover the entire hotel cost, and half of the \$230 registration fee. To register, contact the Extension office and pay the remaining amount of \$115 by 5:00 P.M. January 3, 2023. The first 5 youth registered can ride up with Scott. If we have more than 5, we will need help with transportation.

YouthFest

Plans for Youth Fest are still up in the air. The State 4-H office has not announced dates and a location at this time. From previous conversations with the state office it most likely will be in Pueblo again and the age groups may change. Please watch for more information as the plans are confirmed.

Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a week-long 4-H citizenship program for youth ages 15-19 that takes place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center and Washington D.C. Every summer, thousands of young people participate in the program, which provides opportunities for them to strengthen their communication, leadership, and citizenship skills, and experience hands-on learning using the historical backdrop of Washington, DC.

Kit Carson County 4-H Council offers two partial scholarships to pay a part of the total cost. Members wanting to attend should fill out an application available at the Extension Office. The applications will be ranked to determine the amount paid by the council. The remainder of the balance will be the responsibility of the delegate.

After CWF, members who attended will be asked to create a booth for the KCC Fair and give oral presentations at a county council meeting and the 4-H Achievement Program.

We are waiting for registration dates and costs to be announced by the state 4-H office. If you are interested please contact the office and let us know.

Livestock Judging and Horse Judging

4-H members interested in judging livestock or horses should contact Scott at the Extension office. If we have enough youth interested and find a few coaches to help out, we can put together a team. You do not have to be enrolled in a livestock or horse project to participate.

Spring Exhibit

Keep in mind the Spring Exhibit for 2023! Begin thinking about projects you would like to present at the exhibit. This is an opportunity for 4-Hers to prepare their foods project, cake decorating project, and practice interview judging. 4-Hers in clothing construction can also bring an old garment, or even a new one to practice speaking with the judge about their project. This is primarily an opportunity to practice talking to the judge for the County Fair. The date and location are to be determined.

Cloverbud Projects

Cloverbud project packets will resume January 5th! The packets will be available for pickup at the Extension office at the beginning of every month through July. McKayla puts them together a few at a time so if you are picking up several, call ahead if possible. Also, if you have ideas for packets let McKayla know!

If leaders are picking them up for clubs and would like to pick up a few months at a time please get in touch with McKayla and make arrangements.

Project Days

We will be planning some project days for Fridays, Mondays and Spring Break in 2023. Watch for announcements on Facebook or from your club leaders.

Record Book Workshop

We will be holding record book workshop opportunities throughout the year as well. They will be held on Fridays and Mondays. For specific projects, call or email Scott and McKayla to schedule. Be on the lookout for upcoming dates!

Shooting Sports

Shooting sports will be getting underway soon. **2023 Mandatory Safety Training** for ALL participants will be held at **1:30 PM, Sunday, March 19th** at the Burlington Gun Club. **All shooting sports members are required to attend.** Range cleanup will be immediately after safety training. Bring your warm work clothes and gloves. Discipline trainings will take place beginning at 1:30 PM on **April 16th** at the Burlington Gun Club. **All participants must complete hunter's education before participating in any shooting activities.** For more information on hunter's education Go to: <http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HunterEducation.aspx>.

2023 Official Shooting Dates

All official shoots will be at the Burlington Gun Club. Shotgun will start at 9 AM and all other disciplines at 1:30 PM. Here are the dates:

First Shoot	April 30 th
Second Shoot	June 4 th
Third Shoot	June 25 th
Fourth Shoot	July 9 th
Backup Date	July 16 th

Adult Volunteer Shooting Sports Discipline Trainings

Enrolled adult 4-H volunteers or senior 4-H members wanting to attend a discipline training, please contact Scott at the Extension Office. Dates will be:

March 3-5, Morgan County –

Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun

March 10-12, Weld County –

Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun

March 17-19, Pueblo County –

Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunting & Outdoor Skills, Western Heritage

March 24-26, Garfield County –

Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunting & Outdoor Skills, Western Heritage

Beef Weigh In

Beef Weigh-in will be **SATURDAY February 11th, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM.***NEW TIMES**

Any market beef cattle who may be showing at the KCC fair, or will be nominated for the Colorado State Fair, must weigh in during those times in order to be eligible to show at either fair. **CATTLE MUST BE BROKE TO LEAD ACROSS SCALES.** This is due to safety concerns and wear and tear on the scale equipment.

Cattle that cannot be led across will not be weighed in.

There will be 163 days between weigh-in and fair. Weight ranges have changed for 2023 at fair. Market heifer weights will be 1,000 to 1,600 pounds and market steer weights will be 1,100 to 1,600 pounds. No minimum rate of gain requirement for the livestock sale at fair, but this weight will be used to determine the animal's rate of gain.

Cost is \$5 per animal (for tags and scale certification and scale repairs) If you do not have a brand inspection for your calves it can be done at weigh in as well.

Junior Superintendents

4-H members 12 years and up, who are interested in being Junior Superintendents for the 2023 KCC Fair need to contact the Extension office and apply by February 1st. We ask that junior livestock superintendents not apply for a specie they intend to show at the fair.

There are several positions still needing to be filled. Please call the office as soon as possible if you can help us out! 719-346-5571.

Meat Quality Assurance (MQA)

*****April 12, 2023 *****

Burlington Community Center

Postcards will be sent to those 4-H members who need to go through the program.

PHILLIPS COUNTY

January

- 1/2: Phillips County 4-H Council Meeting
- 1/6: LDC Registration Deadline
- 1/7-1/22: National Western Stock Show
- 1/9: Livestock Committee Meeting
- 1/16: Fair Board Meeting
- 1/29-1/30: Showdown of the Plains Cattle Show
- 1/29-1/31: Leadership Development Conference

February:

- 2/1: Enrollment deadline for Returning Members!
- 2/2: Phillips County 4-H Council Meeting
- 2/4: Market Beef Weigh-In
- 2/4: Ownership Deadline for Market Beef
- TBD: Livestock Judging Practice Starts

Down the Road:

- 3/1: Enrollment Deadline for NEW Members
- 4/3: Phillips County MQA
- 4/15: Animal Care & Housing Forms Due

Don't Miss Out on the 2022-2023 4-H Year

It is time to start enrolling for the 2022-2023 4-H year! Instructions for re-enrolling have been sent to all previous 4-H members, so please check your emails. For new 4-H members, you will need to stop by the Extension Office. I have prepared a welcome packet that tells you all about 4-H and gives instructions on how to get involved! Please note enrollment deadlines!

Returning 4-H Members: February 1, 2023

New 4-H Members: March 1, 2023

If you need any help with enrollment, please ask!

Attention Graduating Seniors!

You may be interested in applying for state 4-H scholarships. For more information on state scholarships go to:

co4hfoundation.extension.colostate.edu.

If you would like help applying for scholarships or need letters of recommendation, please reach out! I (Jessie) am here to help!

New: Livestock Record Books

I am excited to announce that Phillips County 4-H will be transitioning to a county livestock record book instead of using the state book. The goal of this is to retain older 4-H members and to teach

Adults: Looking for a way to serve in 4-H?

Phillips County is looking for adults who want to volunteer as Project Leaders. We are looking for volunteers for the following projects:

- Ceramics
- Clothing Construction
- Quilting
- Photography
- Scrapbooking
- Global Citizenship
- Leadership
- Sports fishing
- Gardening
- Wildlife Conservation
- Shooting Sports

If you are interested in becoming a Project Leader, please reach out, we would love to have you!

Leadership Development Conference!

Open to 4-H members 14-18 years of age! Join members from around the state to learn valuable leadership skills. The theme is Avengers "Helping Those in Need". The event will be held January 28-30 in Denver. Youth can register for the event in 4-H Online under the Events Tab, please call for help or more information.

Showdown on the Plains

Join us for our third annual Showdown on the Plains! The cattle show will be January 27-29th with heifers showing on Saturday and steers showing Sunday. Early registration ends on January 21st! For more information, please see the show's Facebook page!

Project Add & Drop Date

If you need some extra time to decide which projects to take for the year, don't sweat it! You have until April 15th to add or drop projects for the year! This means you can stop by the office, flip through manuals, and look over exhibit requirements to ensure that you are taking projects that excite you and teach you!

Important Websites

We use different websites to get the most information out to 4-H members and their families! Below is a list of important websites that will lead you to information that will allow you to be successful in your 4-H projects.

To access your own 4-H member or family profile:

<https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>

To access resources for your projects including manuals, tip sheets and Record Books:

<https://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/colorado-4-h-project-information/>

To access the 4-H policy:

<https://co4h.colostate.edu/policy/4H-Policy-Handbook.pdf>

Also, be sure to follow us on Facebook to learn about important updates and upcoming events!

New Year, New Programming

Have a great 4-H programming idea you have been wanting to share? Here is one way you can! Fill out this short survey to give input about what the next 4-H year might look like! Remember, this is for 4-H and should not be used for County Fair topics, please bring those idea up to the Fair Board and Livestock Committee! Fill out this survey by January 1 for a chance at free 4-H gear! The link is: <https://bit.ly/PC4hsurvey>

Changes to State 4-H Projects

There have been several changes made to the unit names of State 4-H projects. These projects are leathercraft, photography, filmmaking, scrapbooking, heritage arts, electricity, and metalworking. These changes are all highlighted on the state project list. There also has been a computer science project added to the projects offered by Colorado 4-H! You can see a full list of projects at:

<https://co4h.colostate.edu/resources/projectlist.pdf>



SEDGWICK COUNTY

Josilyn Lutze, 4-H Program Coordinator

JANUARY

- 2 New Year's Day: Office Closed
- 8 4-H 101 Day
- 28-30 Leadership Development Conference

FEBRUARY

- 1 **4-H Enrollment Deadline**
- 12 Market Beef weigh-in 12:30-1:30
- 20 District 1 Leadership Conference

MARCH

- 5 **Council Fundraiser- Chili Supper**



APRIL

- 1 4-H Scholarships Due
- 2 **MQA: 2-5pm Fairgrounds**

MAY

- 1 Ownership deadlines for breeding beef, sheep and goats. Dog & Horse ID forms due in 4-H Online
- 1 Animal Care & Housing Form Due
- 7 Swine ID forms due
- 7 Sheep & Goat Weigh-in
- 15 **Add/Drop deadline**

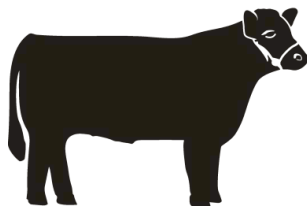
4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

Sedgwick County 4-H enrollment will close at midnight on February 1st. If you need assistance, or need to use a computer, call or stop into the office. The office phone number is 970-474-3479. Reminder: You do not need to decide on all projects when enrolling. May 15th, is the project add/drop deadline. The Extension office recommends enrolling for all projects that you are interested in, then dropping the others later.

MARKET BEEF WEIGH-IN

Market beef weigh-in will be held at the Sedgwick County Fairgrounds on **Sunday, February 12th starting at 12:30 p.m.**

Please be on time! You will need the brand



inspection paper or official bill of sale at this time to prove ownership. If you do not weigh-in, you are not eligible to show at county fair. Remember, 4-H members are not required to attend weigh-in if they have prior commitments; however, your animal will need to be weighed-in at this time. If someone else is weighing your animals, we will need to know which animal belongs to which child **AT THE TIME OF WEIGH-IN** in order to accurately complete our paperwork. For safety reasons, we encourage all market beef exhibitors to start halter breaking your steer or heifer before weigh-in. The weight range for county fair will be 1050-1500 lbs. for steers and 1000-1500 for heifers.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Sedgwick County is having our own livestock judging team again. We judge beef, swine, goats and sheep. Come learn how to look at livestock, talk about what you see, and compete at contests. The contests take place throughout the state from March to May. Practices will more than likely be once a week. **Please let me know if you are interested so I can get you more information.**

4-H 101 DAY

4-H 101 Day is the opportunity for 4-H members and non-4-H members to come get hands on with several of the general 4-H projects including Photography, Leathercraft, Cake Decorating, and Shooting Sports. There will be other projects areas too.

2023 SEDGWICK COUNTY FAIR

The 2023 Sedgwick County Fair is August 2nd-6th. I will keep you updated on the show schedule for fair. Interview Judging is scheduled for July 29th for all projects.

GRADUATING SENIORS

Don't forget to get your local 4-H scholarship applications! They are due to the Extension office by April 1st. They will be made available middle of January.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

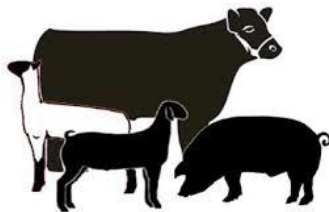
4-H Helping Others in Need. LDC is for members 14-18 as of December 31, 2021. LDC is January 28-29th with 4-H Day at the Capital on January 30th. Please let Josilyn know if you are interested so we can get you signed up.

LITERATURE ORDERS

Project Manuals are crucial to successfully completing a project. They can take into account different aspects you may not have thought of when doing your project. There have been a couple of changes this year. To help members get the most from their projects, we are asking the club leaders to collect the orders for 4-H project manuals from their membership. Literature orders are due to the Extension office no later than **May 22nd, 2023** to give some time after the add/drop deadline. However, I will be making an early bird order on **March 15th, 2023**. The Extension Office will order the literature and bill individual 4-H clubs for all members' purchases. Members will need to check with their clubs on how to pay for it. Josilyn will be sending each club leader a report stating which members have indicated they would like to order manuals. Please double check this information with your club members and then complete the literature order form. **Double check to see if it is available on <https://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/colorado-4-h-project-information/>. Several of the Manuals are now in PDF form.**

MQA DATE IS SET!

The Meat Quality Assurance date for Sedgwick County is Sunday, **April 2nd from 2pm-5pm**, at the Sedgwick County Fairgrounds. If you are new to a



4-H livestock project, you are required to participate in the training the first two years of your project. There will be information mailed to each member individually about the MQA. You will need to re-certify when you are 12 and again when you are 15. Please contact the Extension office if you have questions about this. Livestock projects that require MQA training include: beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits, and poultry. If you

haven't met this requirement by **June 15, 2023**, you will NOT be eligible to show at fair. Contact the Extension Office with any questions.

ADD/DROP DATE

The add/drop date will be **May 15th** this year. This allows you some extra time to decide on what projects you would like to do.

RECORD BOOK FOLDERS

If you didn't purchase a record book folder last year, or you are a new member this year, please call or stop by the Extension Office to purchase your record book folder for this year. You are encouraged to use a record book folder for all record books (livestock, horse and general). The cost is \$4 per folder. This increase is due to initial cost of the folder and shipping unfortunately.

STRETESKY GRANT

Being in 4-H is an awesome opportunity and The Stretesky Foundation has made that easier for the families of Sedgwick County. The Stretesky Foundation has once again given Sedgwick County 4-H a grant that pays for local and state members' dues.

The grant is also used to help alleviate some of the expenses on members going to camps and conferences. Please remember to send them a thank you for supporting Sedgwick County 4-H! Their mailing address is: The William Stretesky Foundation, 306 Cedar St., Julesburg, CO 80737.



WASHINGTON COUNTY

Jamie Jo Axtell (4-H Youth Development- Livestock)

Anne Mason (Family & Consumer Sciences/4-H Youth)

DECEMBER

31 Re-enrollment deadline – Log in at v2.4honline.com to re-enroll today

JANUARY

3 LDC Registration due in 4honline
16 County Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
28-29 Leadership Development Conference (LDC) - Denver



FEBRUARY

18 Market Beef Weigh In – Eastern Co Research Center North of Akron, 7:30- 9:00 a.m.
20 Office Closed – President’s Day Holiday
20 Tentative - District Leadership Workshop in Sterling

MARCH

20 County Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
24-26 YouthFest – Pueblo

APRIL

5 Meat Quality Assurance Training - Events Center, Akron
15 Washington County Livestock Judging Contest
28 4-H Carnival

Welcome Anne and Trent!

We are excited to announce two new members of our Extension office team. **Trent Hollister** will serve as the Golden Plains Area Director. He has a vast 4-H background working most recently in our state 4-H office. We welcome his experience and passion for 4-H. **Anne Mason** is joining our team as a Family Consumer Sciences and 4-H/Youth Development Agent. She will be working with general 4-H projects and will also provide adult and youth educational programming. She is excited to meet the community and her enthusiasm is contagious.

Colorado 4-H Leadership Development Conference (LDC)

The Colorado 4-H State Officer team is planning to host the annual Leadership Development Conference January 28-29 in Denver. This conference is open to members age 14-18. Registration is \$230 per member but the county 4-H council will cover half of the cost. Hotel and travel costs will also be covered by council. Contact Jamie for more information or to register. Registration is due by January 3 in 4honline. There may be an option to stay in Denver for the 4-H Day at the Capitol on Monday, January 30th.

YouthFest

YouthFest is an annual leadership camp for members age 11-13. This year’s camp is scheduled for March 24-26th in Pueblo. Watch our facebook page for more information as we get closer to the date. We will also discuss the event at our January county council meeting to be held on January 16th.

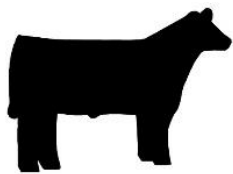
Carnival

The county 4-H council is planning to host our annual county carnival in Akron on **Friday, April 28th**. The council will be finalizing details and selecting a theme at their January meeting. Clubs, please be thinking about what games/booths you would like to do this year.



Raffle

The county 4-H council will be finalizing plans for our annual fundraiser raffle to take place this spring. The drawing will be held in conjunction with our carnival on April 28th. Tickets will be available in February for all county members to help sell.



Market Beef Weigh In

Market beef weigh-in is tentatively scheduled for **SATURDAY**, February 18 from 7:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m. at the Eastern Colorado Research Station north of Akron. All market steers and market heifers **MUST** be weighed in on this date to be eligible to show at county fair - **NO EXCEPTIONS**.

Be sure to bring your brand inspection or an official bill of sale to prove ownership of your animal. The brand inspector will be onsite collecting that information. 4-H members enrolled in the market beef project will receive a postcard with more details in January.

State fair exhibitors – We will not be retinal scanning steers so you will need to collect and send DNA. Nomination procedures have not been finalized but we assume that the deadlines will be the same as always so beef nomination would be due April 1. All state fair market steers and heifers will also need a county tag.

Save the Dates: Livestock, Horse and Dog Weigh Ins/ID Deadlines

Horse and Dog identification is due in 4Honline by May 1st. Swine identification is due Monday, May 1. Sheep and Goat weigh in has been tentatively set for Monday, May 8 from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Our annual Meat Quality Assurance training will take place at the Events Center on April 5th. More details about all of these events and deadlines will be sent out this spring.

Project Ideas

Still looking for new ideas for projects this year? You are welcome to add or drop projects until May 1st. How about trying something new? Call us and ask about projects like gardening, welding, beekeeping, ceramics, robotics or rocketry. For a complete list of projects, contact our office today or look online at colorado4h.org.



County Fair Dates Set

The Eastern Colorado Roundup dates have been set for July 24-29, 2023. Interview Judging and Fashion Revue will be held on Tuesday, July 18th. All livestock, horse and catch it record books will be due Tuesday, July 18th. Shooting sports contests and dog show dates are still being finalized. Watch for more county fair information on the official fair website at ecroundup.com or watch our facebook page and future newsletters.

Washington County to host Livestock Judging Contest

Have you ever considered joining our livestock judging program? Now is a great time to get involved as Washington County will be hosting our very own contest this spring. The contest will be held at the fairgrounds on Saturday, April 15th. To get involved in the judging program OR to offer to help at the contest, please contact coach Mitch Kendrick or contact Jamie Axtell at the Extension Office. Judging practices typically start in February or March and contests usually take place each Saturday throughout April and May. Seniors (age 14 and up) are eligible to compete at the state judging contest held in June at CSU in Fort Collins.



Shooting Sports

We are finalizing the dates for our annual safety meeting as well as our shooting sports practice schedule. Be watching your mailbox in January for more information and schedules.

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JANUARY

- 4 Leaders Banquet – Wray
- 11 New Volunteer Training – Wray
- 12 New Volunteer Training - Yuma
- 16 Yuma County Fairboard Meeting
- 18 The High Plains Community Beekeepers Meeting
- 28-30 Leadership Development Conference



FEBRUARY

- 1 Project Registration Deadline
- 8 Yuma County 4-H Council Meeting – Wray, 7:00 pm

FEBRUARY (Cont)

- 13 Babysitting Basics Class – Yuma – See Flyer
- 19 Shooting Sports Safety Meeting (All disciplines)
- 20 District 1 Leadership Camp @ NJC
- 20 President’s Day Holiday – Office Closed
- 20 Fairboard Meeting
- 25 Beef Weigh-In—Mekelburg Feedlot , 9 to 11 a.m.; Idler Residence, 9 to 10 a.m.
- 25-26 Hunter Safety Class
- 27 Babysitting Basics Class – Wray – See Flyer

2023 Yuma County 4-H Council Meetings

- February 8th – Wray, 7:00 p.m.
- April 5th – Liberty, 7:00 p.m.
- June 6th – Idalia, 7:00 p.m.
- October 22nd – TBA, 3:00 p.m.

Market Beef Weigh-in

Beef Weigh-In will be held February 25th at the Mekelburg Feedlot 9:00 – 10:00 a.m., and the Idler Residence 9:00-10:00 a.m. again this year. The Brand inspectors will be at these locations so please bring your brand paper. Your market beef project will need to weigh between 1025 and 1650 lbs

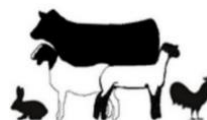
Thank You

A great big Thank You once again goes out to the Yuma County Cattleman’s Association and their partners!! In an effort to promote the great cattle in our county and the Yuma County Fair Breeding Beef show, the participants of the 2023 Yuma County Breeding Beef Show will have the opportunity to win a bred heifer that will come back to show at the 2024 Yuma County Fair. Be on the lookout for more details. The winners of the heifer this year was:



Quinn Mekelburg - sponsored by Stan Schafer

MQA



Don’t forget to add the MQA dates to your calendar. These classes are mandatory for any member that is taking a 4-H and FFA livestock project to fair. If you are in your first two years of a livestock project or are 12 or 15 years old, please make plans to attend either one of these classes. The same class is being offered all over the state and you may attend any of these classes if you are unable to attend the ones in Yuma County. The dates for the Yuma County classes are Wednesday, April 19th in Wray and Thursday, April 20th in Yuma.

4-H Project Loans

We are very fortunate in Yuma County to have access to loans that benefit not only your livestock project, but general projects as well. Please call the Extension Office if you would like an application for the Kerst Loan or the JP True Memorial Loan.

Cloverbuds



The purpose of the Cloverbud project is to give our younger members an opportunity to get a feel for the projects available to them when they turn 8. In the Extension Office, we have kits available for you to check out if you have Cloverbuds enrolled in your club. Please call the Extension Office if you would like to check out the

following kits... Gardening, Farm Safety, Worms, Butterflies, Rocketry, Eggs, Moose Muffins, and Leathercraft. We will also have summer meetings for cloverbud members. Please look for those dates in future newsletters.

Horse Judging

We are putting together a horse judging team that will focus on **critically evaluating the conformation of a horse for a suitable purpose or the ability of a horse to perform certain requirements for a class.** This group will begin meeting in the spring, so please call the Extension Office if you are interested in participating.

Shooting Sports Safety Meeting Attendance Requirements



Members who are shooting in their 1st or 2nd year and who have reached the age of 12 and 14 will be required to attend the safety meeting. If these

requirements do not apply to you, then you are not required to attend the Safety Meeting to be held on February 19th. We recommend all shooting sports members attend the safety class but it is **REQUIRED** for members in their 1st or 2nd year are ages 12 or 14.

2023 Yuma County Shooting Sports Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Discipline & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 19, 2023	Safety Meeting 2:00	Fairgrounds
February 25-26, 2023	Hunter Safety Class	Fairgrounds
March 4, 2023	Western Heritage	Bonniville
March 5, 2023	Archery 1:00; Shotgun 3:00	Wray Gun Club
March 11, 2023	Outdoor Skills TBA	TBA
March 12, 2023	.22 1:00; Muzzleloading 3:00	Wray Gun Club
April 1, 2023	Western Heritage 1:00	Bonniville
April 2, 2023	Archery 1:00; Shotgun 3:00	Wray Gun Club
April 8, 2023	Outdoor Skills; TBA	TBA
April 16, 2023	.22 1:00; Muzzleloading 3:00	Wray Gun Club
May 6, 2023	Western Heritage 1:00	Bonniville
May 7, 2023	Archery 1:00; Shotgun 3:00	Wray Gun Club
May 13, 2023	Outdoor Skills; TBA	TBA
May 14, 2023	.22 1:00; Muzzleloading 3:00	Wray Gun Club
June 3, 2023	Weld County Invitational	
June 4, 2023	Archery 1:00; Shotgun 3:00	Wray Gun Club
June 10, 2023	Outdoor Skills TBA	TBA
June 11, 2023	.22 1:00; Muzzleloading 3:00	Wray Gun Club
June 17, 2023	Western Heritage 1:00	Bonniville
July 1, 2023	Western Heritage 1:00	Bonniville
July 2, 2023	Archery 1:00; Shotgun 3:00	Wray Gun Club
July 8, 2023	Outdoor Skills TBA	TBA
July 9, 2023	.22 1:00; Muzzleloading 3:00	Wray Gun Club
August 1, 2023	Interview Judging - Concessions	Yuma
August 19-20	State Archery/.22 / Muzzle Shoot	Pueblo
September 2-3	State Shotgun/Pistol	Colorado Springs
	Pistol dates will be set after all enrollments are in .	
	Dates are subject to change	

There will be a Hunter Safety class that is open to the public in February. If you are interested please call Margaret Marr at 597-0144. (Every shooting sports member needs to have their current hunter safety card by April 1.)

If you have any question regarding either of these events, please call the Extension Office *All dates are subject to change due to weather conditions or other conflict.*

Regional Shoots and Camps will also be added when dates are available.

Shooting Sports Pre-requisites

Western Heritage and Pistol project pre-requisites include being at least 11 years of age and being enrolled in another shooting sports discipline for two years prior to enrolling in these disciplines.

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