

4-H Youth Development

Golden Plains Area Newsletter

MARCH/APRIL 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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MARCH

- 6 Order DNA kits for all species from Colorado State Fair
- 25 High Plains Community Beekeepers Meeting

APRIL

MQA CHECK DATES ON THE LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER

- 1 Beef DNA due to Colorado State Fair
- 1 Colorado State Fair Beef nomination forms due to Extension Office
- 30 State 4-H Scholarships Applications Deadline

MAY

- 1 Horse and Dog ID's due in 4-H online

JUNE

- 1 Colorado State Fair Sheep/Goat/Swine nomination forms due to Extension Office.
- 8 Yuma County Cake Show
- 7 Mini Sportfishing Clinic-Wray-more info to come
- 20-23 State 4-H Conference
- TBA Wild Bug Fish Camp

Golden Plains Area Web Site

<http://goldenplains.extension.colostate.edu>

CSU Extension 4-H Web Site

<http://www.colorado4h.org>



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.

Colorado Brand Inspection and 4-H Livestock Projects

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

A brand is a legal mark of ownership. In Colorado, each brand is unique and can belong to a single owner, a farm or a ranch. Livestock belonging to anyone or a farm or a ranch that owns a brand can be marked with that legal brand. You can own animals without owning a brand, but you still have to follow Colorado Brand Law.

A Brand Inspection is an “ownership check” on livestock. Brand Inspections are required by law.

“Colorado law and regulations require that livestock (including cattle, calves, horses, mules, donkeys, burros and, when requested, sheep), whether or not they are branded, be inspected before (1) any change of ownership (whether by gift or sale), (2) transport over 75 miles within the state of Colorado (determined by the most direct driving route), (3) transport to a destination outside Colorado (regardless of the distance), (4) transport to sale, and (5) transport to slaughter.”

A brand inspector, who works for the Colorado Department of Agriculture, Brand Inspection Division, can be scheduled to come and do a brand inspection. The brand inspector will determine if the animals are owned by the person who says they own them and document a change in ownership. There is a fee charged for each brand inspection.

For more information on brands, brand law and to find a brand inspector you can go to the Colorado Department of Agriculture, Brand Inspection Division website at <https://ag.colorado.gov/brands>.



We all know that Roberts Rules of Order will help us keep all meetings orderly, accomplish more items in less time, meet your goals, help people work better together and come to agreement, and provide a democratic process at meetings. We have a Parliamentary procedure contest that showcases these skills in a competitive environment and allows 4-H member to practice life skills that will help them in school and as adults. Planning, evaluating, sharing ideas, listening to others, and making decisions are all important life skills that take place through participation in meetings. This contest is held at State 4-H Conference in June. Please call your Extension Office for more information.



A QUICK LOOK AT A COOL PROJECT! OUTDOOR ADVENTURE

Do you like being outdoors? You can become the ultimate explorer by designing your own outdoor adventure! Choose from backpacking, biking, camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking or create your own adventure in the outdoors. This project allows you to develop skills in the outdoor adventure you choose (backpacking, biking, camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking or other)! You can also plan an outdoor adventure for your club, friends and/or family to get them excited about the outdoors like you are. Finally, you will learn how to be a good environmental steward while engaging in your adventure. Enroll in this project and explore a whole new world outside your backyard!

KIT CARSON COUNTY

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

Dates to Remember

MARCH

- 1 Colorado 4-H Scholarship Deadline
- 19 Shooting Sports – Safety Training/ Range Clean Up

APRIL

- 3 4-H Project Add/Drop DEADLINE
- 7 HOLIDAY (office closed)
- 12 MQA Training at Burlington Community Center
- 16 KCC Shooting Sports – Discipline Training
- 17 KCC County Council Meeting – Seibert
- 30 KCC Shooting Sports – First Shoot

MAY

- 1 Horse ID/Lease Forms Due
- 15 Sheep Weigh-in – Fairgrounds
- 15 Swine & Goat Nomination DEADLINE – Extension Office
- 29 HOLIDAY (office closed)



Colorado 4-H Scholarships

The Colorado 4-H Foundation scholarship applications are now available. The application deadline is March 1st. For more information, go to: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/about-us/scholarships/>

Youth Fest

There will be a Youth Fest this year on March 24th – 25th. It will be held in Pueblo at the Colorado State Fairgrounds and will be for 4-H members ages 11-13. Registration is \$30 + \$30 for lodging (KCC 4-H Council will pay for half of registration costs). Registration is Due March 1st. Contact Scott or McKayla.

4-H Projects - Add or Drop Deadline

The add/drop deadline for all 4-H projects is **April 3rd**. Postcards, listing each member's enrolled projects, will be mailed in early March. If changes need to be made, call the Extension Office before **April 3rd**.

NOTE: Sheep weigh-in and the deadline for swine/goat nominations are after the official add/drop deadline. 4-H members enrolled in these market livestock projects prior to April 1 will be allowed to drop the project if they are unable to purchase animals by the May 15th weigh-in date and nomination deadline.

Project Record Book Info

Records for all 4-H projects are available online. Visit www.colorado4h.org and click on the Projects & Record Books link..

Display Boards & Record Book Binders

General 4-H project and Shooting Sports display boards are available for purchase from the Extension Office – cost \$3 each.

Flat three-ring green binders for livestock and general 4-H project record books may also be purchased from the Extension office – cost \$3.50 each. ***(For livestock members with multiple years in the same project, only include records for the two most recent years, along with the current project year's records.)***

Spring Break Work Shops

We are again going to host some half day workshops during spring break March 13th - 17th. Cake decorating, leatherwork, and others will be available. If you have a suggestion for a workshop, contact Scott or McKayla.

Livestock & Horse Judging Contests

4-H members interested in judging livestock or horses contact Scott so he can make a list. Our greatest need is for coaches! If you are willing to work with kids as an individual or part of a coaching team, please contact Scott. We have resources available to put together junior and senior teams.

Shooting Sports

4-H members in Shooting Sports must complete Hunter's Education before participating in any 4-H shooting activities and must attend the **Safety Training on Sunday March 19th, 1:30pm at the Burlington Gun Club**. If you have any questions, contact Scott at the Extension Office.

Meat Quality Assurance (MQA)

The Kit Carson County MQA certification program will take place **Wednesday, April 12th from 3 to 7 p.m. at the Burlington Community Center**. The training should take approximately one hour to complete, so please arrive no later than **6 p.m.** Kit Carson County will host only one MQA training. If members are unable to attend locally, they need to contact Scott.

All livestock exhibitors are required to attend Meat Quality Assurance training during the first two years of being enrolled in a livestock project, regardless of age. Also, members must attend when they reach age 12 and again at age 15. **If you are required to attend an MQA program this year you will receive a letter in March.** Please call Jean at the office, 346-5571, if you have any questions.

Spring Exhibit

Saturday, April 15th we will host a spring exhibit at the KCC Extension Office at 10:00 a.m. This is a practice run for interview judging and provides an idea of what interview judging at fair will be like. Please call McKayla with the project information by March 31st. The projects do not have to be what you are enrolled in or plan to take to fair. If you are in foods and cake decorating, it is a great way to get started on your practice runs for the record book.

Wild Bug Fish Camps

Details for the 2023 Wild Bug Fish Camps are still in progress. We are beginning to plan and work out the details. Activities will include fishing, outdoor skills training, wildlife management, rangeland ecology and management and a community service project. Check with the Extension Office later in the spring for more details.

2023 State 4-H Conference

State 4-H Conference is being planned for June 20th - 22nd this year. If you are interested in participating in a contest, contact Scott at the Extension Office.

Citizen Washington Focus (CWF) 2023

The State 4-H office is working on details for CWF. It is to be held at the end of June or first of July. CWF is for senior 4-H members. Kit Carson County Council helps pay for part of registration expenses for up to 2 members to attend. Once those costs are established, we will provide the information to club leaders.

Junior KCC Fair Superintendents

There are still some openings for Junior Fair Superintendents. Please contact the Extension Office as soon as possible.

KCC Fair Market Sheep Weigh-in

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

KCC Fair Market Swine & Goat Nominations

Market swine and goat projects will not be weighed-in prior to the fair. It is the responsibility of the exhibitor to nominate their own animals in order to be eligible to show and sell at the Kit Carson County Fair. Exhibitors must complete a nomination form, as well as tag and photograph each animal. A total of three color photographs per animal must be submitted – two profile photographs (one of each side) and one close-up photograph of the animal's ear tag (the tag number must be legible). Swine exhibitors must also indicate the animal's ear notches on the nomination form.

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

PHILLIPS COUNTY

March

- 3/1: Enrollment Deadline for NEW Members!
- 3/1: Colorado State Fair DNA Envelopes Available on website
- 3/13: 4-H 101 for New Families
- 3/13: Phillips County 4-H Council Meeting
- 3/13: Livestock Committee Meeting
- 3/17: Cake Wars Contest
- 3/20: Fair Board Meeting
- 3/24-3/26: Youth Fest, Pueblo, Colorado
- 3/7, 3/14, 3/21, 3/28: Livestock Judging Practices

April

- 4/3: Phillips County MQA, 4-7 pm
- 4/3: Livestock Nutrition Clinic, following MQA
- 4/3: Colorado State Fair Beef Nomination Forms Due to Extension Office!
- 4/10: Livestock Committee Meeting
- 4/14: Purple Up for Military Kids
- 4/17: Fair Board Meeting
- 4/4, 4/11, 4/18, 4/25: Livestock Judging Practices

Down the Road:

- 5/1: Animal Care & Housing Forms Due
- 5/1: Horse ID & Swine ID Deadline
- 5/7: Sheep & Goat Weigh In
- 5/15: Add/ Drop Deadline for Projects

New 4-H Member Enrollment Deadline

New members are welcome to join 4-H until March 1, 2023. If you are unsure of how to join 4-H, please call the Extension Office. We will help you find a Club, Projects, and enroll online.

New: 4-H 101: New Family Orientation

To help new families achieve more success in their first year in 4-H, we are launching the 4-H 101 Workshop. The goal of this program is to help first- or second-year families learn about 4-H and where to go for help. The workshop will be held on March 13, 2023 in the Ortner Room of the Pavilion. The workshop will run from 4-6 pm. Also, be sure to keep an eye out for 4-H 201 which will cover everything you need to know for County Fair.

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 different skills. A sneak peak will be coming soon so please watch your inboxes!

New: Big Buddies Program

The Phillips County 4-H Council is excited to announce the new Big Buddies Program. This program is designed to help new or younger members find a friendly face and answers to their questions. The Big Buddies are older members that have experience in 4-H. Little Buddies will be new or younger members that need a helping hand to learn about 4-H. Youth that are interested in serving as a Big Buddy please fill out the Google Form at: bit.ly/bigbuddy2023 Youth that want to be Little Buddies, please call or email Jessie.

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 May 15th to add or drop projects for the year!

Youth Fest, Pueblo, Colorado

Youth Fest will be held March 24-26, 2023, in Pueblo. This is open to 11-13-year-olds. Registration is \$60 and this cost does not include hotel costs. Please call the Extension Office by March 10, 2023, if you are interested in attending.

New: Phillips County Cake Wars

On March 17, 2023, Phillips County will be hosting a Cake Wars Contest. This program is open to all 4-H members and even non-members. You do not have to be in a Cake Decorating project or Foods and Nutrition Project. 4-H members may bring a friend that is not a 4-H member to this activity. In the morning there will be a presenter that will teach a skills lab focusing on smooth icing techniques and using fondant. Then in the afternoon we will give participants time to plan and decorate a cake around a theme. The cakes will then be judged and critiqued.

Register by March 14: <https://bit.ly/pccakewars>

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!

Phillips County 4-H Survey: Club Contest

The goal of 4-H programming is to best serve the youth of our communities. This requires feedback from you! But, to encourage participation in this, Jessie has created a challenge for the 4-H Clubs! The clubs with the highest percentage of member response will win an ice cream party at their May Club Meeting and a 25-dollar check for their club! The link to the survey is:

<https://bit.ly/pc4hsurvey> Please give honest feedback, I want to learn from you and learn what I am doing well and where I can grow. Surveys should be completed by May 1, 2023 and the winning club will be announced shortly after!

Project Manuals

Looking for your project manual? If you would like your manual printed or ordered, please call the Extension Office. We are only ordering manuals by request to avoid waste. Manual orders will be grouped together to save on shipping costs, so I encourage you to call the Extension Office as soon as you know.

Phillips County Livestock Nutrition Clinic

Want to learn how to better feed your animal projects this year? Phillips County 4-H and 4S Feeds are excited to host a Nutrition Clinic following MQA in the Bieseimer Room. Please join us for pizza and a clinic. The presenter for the clinic will be Paul Hill. To RSVP please call the Extension Office. This is free to attend for 4-H and FFA members of Phillips County.

MQA Dates and Information

Meat Quality Assurance Trainings are designed to ensure that 4-H and FFA members are producing a safe, quality meat product that can secure consumer confidence. The training consists of a variety of stations that teach youth about different aspects of animal safety and animal products. In Phillips County, 4-H members are required to take MQA their first year of a livestock project and then at the ages of 12 and 15. Colorado requires that MQA be taken 45 days before the start of County Fair. Below are the dates of MQA in our area. If you get a postcard in the mail stating you are due for MQA, you must attend one of the following MQA dates. If you are attending a MQA training at a different location other than Phillips County, you need to call the Extension Office three days before the training.

- Phillips County: April 3, 2023, PC Event Center
- Sedgwick County: April 2, 2023, Julesburg
- Washington County: April 5, 2023, Akron
- Logan County: April 6, 2023, Sterling
- Kit Carson County: April 12, 2023, Burlington
- Yuma County: April 19, 2023, Wray
- Yuma County: April 20, 2023, Yuma

Livestock Judging Practices

Livestock Judging Practices start on February 28, 2023. They will run every Tuesday night at 6:00 pm. They will predominately be in the Pavilion but when weather is bad, we will be in the Event Center. If you are interested in joining the team, please call the Extension Office.

Purple Up for Military Kids

This April, join the 4-H Military Partnership in celebrating the Month of the Military Child and Purple Up! For Military Kids Day! You can honor the service of military children by wearing purple, writing a letter to a child of a military member, and many more ways!

Phillips County Family and Consumer Science Programs

Our Family and Consumer Science Agent, Stephanie Starkebaum has been hard at work developing programming for our communities. There are several programs that will be coming over the next few months. Please watch the Facebook page for programming information. You can also reach Stephanie at stephanie.starkebaum@colostate.edu or at 970-854-3616

SEDGWICK COUNTY

Josilyn Lutze, 4-H Program Coordinator

MARCH

5 Chili Supper Fundraiser

APRIL

1 4-H County Scholarships Due
1 Beef State Fair Nomination Forms Due in Extension Office
2 **MQA: 2-5 pm. at 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 Market Lamb & Goat Weigh-in 12:30-1:30
8 Swine ID forms due
15 Add/Drop Deadline

JUNE

1 Lamb, swine & goat State Fair Nomination Forms Due in Extension office
15 Rabbit & Poultry Ownership deadline

4-H Council Chili Supper Fundraiser



This year's Chili Supper will be Sit Down style again! It will be **March 5, 2023 from 4:30 to 6:30**. Set up will start at 4 pm. There will be a

location in Julesburg and in Sedgwick. Be sure to check with your clubs, watch your mail for the schedule and keep up to date with the Facebook page.



Manual Orders

Project Manuals are crucial to successfully completing a project. They can consider 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 22, 2023** to give some time after the add/drop deadline. However, I will be making an **early bird order on March 20, 2023**. Please

double check to see if the manual is online or not. 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. Please double check this information with your club members and then complete the literature order form.

4-H Scholarships

Calling all graduating seniors! The scholarship deadline for all Sedgwick County 4-H Scholarships and the Sedgwick is **April 1st**. Applications are available in the Extension Office or email Josilyn.



Graduating seniors, Josilyn will be reaching out to you in April to get information so your accomplishments in 4-H can be highlighted in May on our Facebook page.

Swine ID

Swine identification for 2023 will remain unchanged from previous years. Ear tags and taggers will be available to pick up in the Extension Office starting **April 1st**. Members need to pick up their tags and ID forms at the Extension Office. Members will tag their pigs, take pictures of both sides of the pig and a picture of the pig's ear with the tag in place. You will fill out a hard copy of the identification form and submit it to the Extension Office.

All ID's are due
**Monday, May 8,
2023 no exceptions!**



MQA Training

The Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) date for Sedgwick County will be **Sunday, April 2nd, 2-5 p.m.** 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. You will need to re-certify when you are 12 and again when you are 15. Livestock projects that require MQA training include: beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits, and poultry. We will be sending out postcards to those who need to attend this year's session. 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.

*Sedgwick County Fair
August 2-6, 2023
Footloose at the Fair*

Add/Drop Deadline

The deadline for members to add or drop a project is **May 15th**. Members should give each project that are enrolled in serious consideration. **4-H members are required to complete at least one project during the 4-H year.** Now is the time to review you projects and consider the time and expense it will take to complete each project. If you feel you are not going to be able to complete one or more of the projects or, if you think you may want to try another project that you have not yet enrolled in you are enrolled in please call the Extension Office or visit with your club leader about your concerns. You will want to add or drop any new projects by **May 15th** to be eligible to participate with that project at the Sedgwick County Fair at the end of July. **Please email Josilyn with any changes that may be needed.**

Record Book and Project Requirements

It's never too early to start thinking about your project's requirements and record books! Electronic record books for general projects are available online at <http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/projects/e-records-general/>. It is a great idea to read through the State Fair Exhibit Requirements for your general project; *these are the requirements you will be judged on in Sedgwick County.*



If you are enrolled in a **livestock project**, Sedgwick County has a **different record book**. You will be judged on these and not the ones found online so please make sure to stop in the office and grab one or talk to your club leader.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Jamie Jo Axtell (4-H/Youth-Livestock) Anne Mason (4-H/Youth and Family, Consumer Science)

MARCH

- 5 Shooting Sports Safety Meeting 2:00 p.m. – Events Center, Akron
- 20 4-H County Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. – Ext Office, Akron

APRIL

- 5 Meat Quality Assurance Training (MQA) 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. – Events Center, Akron
- 17 4-H County Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. – Ext Office, Akron
- 28 4-H Carnival 5:30 – 8:00 p.m. – Events Center, Akron

MAY

- 1 **Project Add/Drop Deadline!!!**
- 1 Dog ID, Horse ID Due in 4Honline
- 1 Market Hog ID/Photos Due to Extension Office
- 8 Market Lamb/Goat Weigh In 4:00 -7:00 p.m. - Fairgrounds



ANIMAL PROJECT DEADLINES

Market lamb and goat weigh-in will be held at the fairgrounds in Akron on Monday, May 8th from 4:00 – 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 hogs will **NOT** be weighed in. **IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY** to identify your pigs for the county fair. Exhibitors should start by picking up identification forms and ear tags at the Extension Office. Tag your pigs and take three photos of each as directed on the form. Completed ID forms and photos must be returned to the office by May 1 for eligibility in the county fair. *This applies to all 4-H and FFA members exhibiting market hogs.*

Horse ID and **Dog ID** 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.

Meat Quality Assurance Training (MQA)

Wednesday, April 5

Events Center, Fairgrounds

4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

(Must arrive prior to 6:30 to allow time to test)

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

1. First 2 years of showing livestock, regardless of your age;
2. Age 12 or Age 15 (4-H Age as of Dec 31, 2022)

The MQA 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. A test is required and can be completed as you explore the stations. The program will be open from 4-7 p.m. but no tests will be given after 6:30 so please arrive prior to that time! If you can't make it to this training, 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. Cloverbud members are not required to attend but are welcome to come.





Add/Drop Deadline Approaching

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

Livestock Judging



Livestock judging is a great skill for learning to evaluate livestock AND it also teaches great life skills like decision

making, confidence and public speaking. Judging practices will be starting soon and then judges typically compete at contests throughout the state from late March-May. Contests are typically held on Saturdays. The state contest for senior members is held in June at CSU.

NEW THIS YEAR! - Washington County will be hosting their own judging contest on Saturday, April 15th so it is a great year to explore the program! If you'd like to participate –or- if you are interested in helping to volunteer with the contest, please contact Jamie at the office or livestock judging coach, Mitch Kendrick.

Shooting Sports Schedule

A tentative shooting sports schedule for this year was mailed out the middle of February. Please note that the county safety meeting is scheduled for Sunday, March 5th at 2:00 p.m. at the Events Center. Please plan to attend this meeting if you want to participate in practices or the county contest!

4-H COUNCIL MEETING
March 20, 7:00 p.m.
Courthouse Annex

Agenda Items:
Carnival Planning
Spring Event Planning

Project Manuals/Curriculum

Have you ordered your project manual for the year? Don't hesitate, give us a call or stop by to pick yours up today. Just a reminder that many of the general projects require a manual!

Record Books

The state "e-record" can be downloaded from our state website. The link to the site is

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

or scan the code to find the page



You can click on your project area for more information and to access the record for each specific project.

If you would rather have a hard copy record book, please contact our office and we can print them for you. Printed records are \$ 3.00. Record book covers are also available for \$3.00.

What can you do for 4-H in March and April?

These early spring months are perfect for getting started on your 4-H projects. Do some research and find out what your project exhibit requirements are. You can find project exhibit requirements online at: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf>.

Many of you don't have a project leader so it's up to you and your family to learn new skills. Check out the project manual, do research online or find someone in the community to help you. Manuals can be purchased through our office. If you look online, you can often find "how to" videos or project tips.

Make some practice items to improve your skills before starting on your fair exhibit item. Some projects, like Cake Decorating, require you to make and report on four cakes in your record book before the fair exhibit cake. Nearly every project, like sewing, leathercraft and woodworking, encourages you to make additional items.

Make good use of these weeks because summer will come fast! Contact our office if you need any help.

YUMA COUNTY

JoLynn Midcap (4-H Youth Development)

Joy Akey (Family & Consumer Sciences)

Travis Taylor (Livestock)

MARCH

- 6** Order market livestock DNA packets from Colorado State Fair.
- 13** Livestock Judging Practice - Wray
- 27** Livestock Judging Practice – Yuma
- 14** Cloverbud Meeting
- 20** Yuma County Fairboard Meeting, 6:30, Wray
- 25** High Plains Community Beekeeping Meeting
Wray Round House 10:00 a.m.
- 24-25** Youthfest

APRIL

- 1** Beef nomination cards due for state fair
- 1** Sheep, Goat and Swine tags and nomination cards available
- 2** District 1 meeting
- 5** Yuma County 4-H Council, 7:00 p.m., Liberty (prior to meeting Trophy Committee at 6:30)
- 17** Fairboard Meeting
- 19** MQA, Wray Roundhouse, 3:30-6:00 p.m.
- 20** MQA, Yuma County Fairgrounds, 3:30-6:00 p.m.
- 30** State 4-H Scholarships due

MAY

- 1** Add/Drop Deadline for projects
- 1** Dogs & Horses need to be entered in 4-H online
- 8** Sheep, Goat & Swine nominations due in Extension Office
- 15** Fairboard Meeting
- 29** Memorial Day, Extension Office CLOSED
- TBA** State Conference registration due in 4-H Online

JUNE

- 1** Swine/Sheep/Goat nomination forms due for state fair
- 6** Yuma County 4-H Council, Idalia, 7:00 p.m.
- 7** Mini Sportfishing Clinic-More information next month.
- 8** Cloverbud Meeting, Yuma
- 8** Yuma County Cake Show
- 13** Food Booth Committee, Extension Office, 6:30 p.m.
- 15** Cloverbud Meeting, Extension Office, 10:30 a.m.
- 19** Fairboard Meeting
- 20-23** State 4-H Conference, Ft. Collins

Quiz Bowl Teams

We are looking for members to participate in Home Economics, Livestock, and Horse Quiz Bowl teams. This process is similar to a knowledge bowl where you are asked questions and the first team to answer correctly gets the point. We will practice and then have our competition at the State 4-H Conference in June. Please call the Extension office if you would like to participate in this event.

Donated Breeding Heifers

Breeding heifers will be donated to several exhibitors in the Junior Beef Breeding show at the 2023 Yuma County Fair. Intentions are to randomly draw a name out of exhibitors following the breeding show at the fair. The winner of the heifer must be eligible to show at the 2024 fair, and must show the donated heifer in that show. Before accepting the heifer, the exhibitor must declare they have the facilities and means to care for the heifer for the year. The heifer will come from established Breeders in Yuma County and all sponsored by the Yuma County Cattleman's Association, and other area ranchers. For more information, contact JoLynn Midcap at the Extension office in Wray.

Thank You's

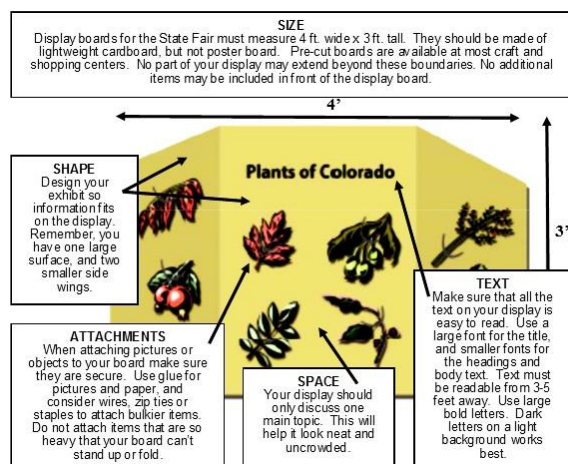
- ~Yuma County Commissioners for providing \$5.00/member enrollment fee.
- ~JD's Barn for supplying tags for market animals.
- ~All of the Beef Weigh-in Help
- ~Idler family and the Tri State Livestock for letting us use your facilities for beef weigh-in
- ~ Pat McGinnis, Matt Linman and Shane Rider for providing the brand inspections.
- ~Yuma County Fairboard and Beef Superintendents and all other volunteers for providing manpower at weigh-in

Citizenship Washington Focus

- Tentatively June 24 to June 30, 2023 What does it mean to be a good citizen? Are you being a strong civic leader for your community, country and world? Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a week-long 4-H citizenship program for youth ages 16-19 that takes place in the Washington, DC area. Participants are immersed in the culture and history of Washington through onsite workshops at it most spectacular sights. Members wishing to attend CWF must be ages 16-19 years of age by December 31. The application process for CWF will be completed through 4-H online. Call JoLynn if you are interested and she will let you know when applications are available

Exhibit Requirements

Please look at http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf to find information on State Fair requirements. This site also has a link to the e-records that you will use for all General and Home Ec projects. Hard copies of all of this information can also be picked up at the Extension office.



Display Boards

Project display boards are available for you at the Extension office for \$3.00 each. P.S. These are also great for the science fair and other school projects!

Yuma County 4-H Council Notes

Per the Yuma County 4-H Constitution, an officer candidate must "have attended 2 meetings of the 4-H council the current year". If you are considering becoming an officer for the 2023-2024 year, please make sure to attend the April and June council meetings.

After the April meeting, we will have a budget meeting. If you are interested in the 2023-2024 budget, please plan on staying after the April meeting in Liberty.

Horse Judging Team

We now have a Horse Judging Team! Members in this competitive team will learn the basics of how to evaluate a horse shown in halter and performance as well as give oral reasons to an official judge justifying how you placed a specific class of horses. If you demonstrate a passion for horses and an eagerness to learn, this is for you. There are 4 competitions in the state to participate in. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

Sheep, Goat & Swine Information

Swine members, leaders, or designated individuals within 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters will need to come to the Extension office and pick up ear tags and nomination information. Nomination forms will have instructions for tagging and taking photos of your livestock projects. The tags may be picked up after April 1, 2023 with completed nomination forms returned to the Extension office no later than Monday, May 8, 2023. The weight range of all market swine eligible to show in the market show is 230 lbs. to 290 lbs. Just a reminder that all swine must have ear notches. Any un-notched pig will be disqualified. The weight range of lambs is between 110 lbs. to 180 lbs. Goats must weigh minimum of 60 lbs. and a maximum of 110 lbs. to be eligible to participate in the Junior Market Livestock Sale at the Yuma County Fair.

Weigh-In Update

Colorado State Fair DNA Kits must be ordered between March 6 and May 1 and sent to the Colorado State Fair by April 1 for beef and June 1 for all other species.

Notes from prior Fairboard meetings:

- One animal per family may be weighed in as a family animal in each species.
- You may weigh in as many animals as you would like but still may only nominate 4 to show by July 21.

Upcoming Exciting Activities

We have some exciting activities and trips coming up! There will be activities in conjunction with Yuma County Ag week in March, we will be taking some project related trips to the CSU Spur Campus in Denver, a spring health walk, and many project related activities during the summer. Please make sure to like the Yuma County Colorado 4-H facebook page to keep up to date with all these activities. Becoming an active 4-H'er outside of your club makes your 4-H career so much more significant and exciting! Also, if you have an idea for an activity that you think Yuma County 4-H'ers would enjoy, please call the Extension Office so we can keep adding new and meaningful events.

College Scholarships

If you are looking for scholarships to help fund the next step of your education, please call the Extension Office if you have not been getting the emails.

MQA Certification/Recertification Workshops

You Must Attend an MQA Workshop

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

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

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

DATE	COUNTY	LOCATION	CITY
APRIL			
2	Sedgwick	Fairgrounds	Julesburg
3	Phillips	Fairgrounds	Holyoke
5	Washington	Fairgrounds	Akron
6	Logan	Fairgrounds	Sterling
10	Lincoln	Fairgrounds	Hugo
12	Kit Carson	Burlington Comm. Center	Burlington
19	Yuma	Round House	Wray
20	Yuma	Fairgrounds	Yuma
MAY			
15	Morgan	Fairgrounds	Brush
16	Morgan	Fairgrounds	Brush
20	Larimer	The Ranch	Loveland

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