

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Golden Plains Area Newsletter

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2023

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov 5 Dist. 1 Meeting at Yuma Co. Fairgrounds

JANUARY 2024

Jan 6-24 National Western Stock Show & Rodeo

Jan 27-29 Leadership Development Conference – Denver

Considering New Projects for 2024?

4-H members are encouraged to branch out and try different projects. Remember, 4-H has a lot more to offer than just livestock projects! Please take the time to review the new state 4-H project list. If you have questions about any of the projects, please call your 4-H Agent to get the project requirements. For new members who are selecting projects, please ask questions about the project! Sometimes a project that sounds simple enough may have very involved project guidelines. Many of the projects require more time than just the week before fair! Again, everyone is invited to contact the local Extension Office for more details about any new project being considered. That simple step will help reduce any “pre-fair stress!” For the most current list of state 4-H projects please either contact your Extension Office or visit the state 4-H website at www.colorado4h.org.

Proper Grooming Starts Now

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

Every year at the county fair, youth livestock exhibitors and parents begin looking around at the grooming and fitting of other youth’s animals. Sometimes this sparks a competitive urge and youth start wanting to become better at grooming and fitting. The secrets to great grooming? Genetics, nutrition, and practice.

Genetics can determine how much hair or wool there could be to work with. Proper nutrition ensures all the nutrients needed for the genetics to work are present in the animal’s diet. Practice builds skills to make grooming and fitting of what the animal’s genetic and nutrition has produced, to be at its best. If you want to get better, go to a grooming clinic. Ask another youth who has great grooming for help. As an adult 4-H leader, Extension Agent, FFA Advisor or livestock breeder for hints and help. But start early.

Grooming cannot be learned on show day. You will make mistakes as you learn, and your skills will improve. Even the most experienced livestock groomers still make mistakes. They have just learned how to correct or cover up those minor mistakes. So grab the grooming supplies and try. Remember, you fell down the first time you walked. Just keep trying.

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OPPORTUNITIES AND ACTIVITIES

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 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 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 contributing 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 most 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 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.

4-H Livestock Judging

Have you ever wondered what the judges were looking for as you watched a livestock show? 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. Each contestant individually analyzes the animals and decides how they think they should be placed and then marks their card accordingly.

Following the placing of the classes the youth 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 contests 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 scholarships 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/>



PHILLIPS COUNTY

November

11/1-11/30: Clover Drive for Haxtun Food Basket
11/5: District 1 4-H Meeting, Yuma
11/6: 4-H Council Meeting
11/10: Veterans Day, Office Closed
11/10-11/12: Colorado Leadership Conference, Glenwood Springs
11/13: Livestock Committee Meeting
11/20: Fair Board Meeting
11/23-11-24: Thanksgiving, Office Closed



December

12/1-12/31: Baking Around the World Challenge
12/4: 4-H Council Meeting
12/9: Cookie Tins for First Responders
12/11: Livestock Committee Meeting
12/18: Fair Board Meeting
12/25: Christmas, Office Closed
12/28 or 12/29: 4-H Winter Party

Down the Road:

1/1: New Years Day, Office Closed

1/8: Start of Annie's Project, Haxtun
1/27-1/28: Leadership Development Conference
1/26-1/28: Showdown on the Plains
2/1: Returning Members Enrollment Deadline

Clover Drive for Haxtun Food Basket

I have partnered with Darcy Garretson and Haxtun Supers to create the Clover Drive. Shoppers will buy a paper clover to put their name on it and display it. We will run the campaign through the whole month of November with hopes of raising money to help the Food Basket through the winter.

It's Enrollment Time!

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, 2024
New 4-H Members: March 1, 2024
If you need any help with enrollment, please ask!

Cookie Tins for First Responders

Join us for a cookie swap with a twist! Bring your favorite cookies and help build tins of

yummy treats for the first responders in our community! If you cannot stay but still want to join, that's ok! Happening December 9th in the BOC Pavilion Classroom!

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!

Annie's Project

Annie's Project is coming to Haxtun! Annie's Project is an Agriculture Business program that teaches and empowers women to take more action and make more informed decisions in their operations. It is a 6-week course that consists of various presentations all led by local women. Please watch the Facebook page for registration!

KIT CARSON COUNTY

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

November

- 6 County 4-H Council Meeting
- 6 Crochet Club
- 10 Veteran's Day (Extension Office Closed)
- 16 Crochet Club
- 23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday (Extension Office Closed)

December

- 4 Crochet Club
- 21 Crochet Club
- 25 Christmas Holiday (Extension Office Closed)

January 2023

- 1 New Years Day Holiday (Extension Office Closed)
- 15 4-H Enrollment DEADLINE
- 18 Crochet Club

Kit Carson County 4-H Webpage

<https://goldenplains.extension.colostate.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/kit-carson-4-h/>

Kit Carson County 4-H Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Kit-Carson-County-4-H-Colorado-1284023554948484/>

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 2023-2024: President – Brooklynn Henschel, Vice President – Lauren Cody, Secretary/Treasurer – Addison Henschel, Other offices need to be filled and another election will be held at the November County 4-H Council Meeting.

4-H Leadership Camp and Conferences

We have been getting little lead time and information on upcoming 4-H leadership camps and conferences from the state 4-H office. As we get information on LDC, Youth Fest, State conference and CWF, we will pass it along. We will share it with Club Leaders and through social media and on the KCC 4-H webpage. If you have questions, please contact Scott or McKayla at the Extension office.

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 / FCS Contests

If you are interested in learning about Livestock Judging, Horse Judging, Animal Science Quiz Bowl, Horse Bowl or FCS Contests 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 or McKayla at the Extension Office.

Shooting Sports Leader Meeting

Any adult shooting sports leader or adult 4-H volunteer interested in shooting sports is invited to attend the Shooting Sports Leader Meeting. This is a planning meeting and the more input the better we can meet the needs of our 4-H'ers in shooting sports. The meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 14th at 6:00 PM** in the Extension Office. Watch for reminders to be made in your club meetings or on our Facebook page.

4-H Youth and Volunteer Enrollments

4-H Members: Enrollment forms for the 2023-2024 4-H year are available now and are due to the Extension office by 5:00 p.m. by the **deadline of Monday, January 15th. (Club leaders will have everything at your November club meeting.)**

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.

Many of the manuals have transitioned to being on-line instead of a printed hard copy. If you want a printed copy of a project manual, be sure and mark 'YES' on your enrollment form. We will either order one or will print one if it is one of those only available on-line. (See the price list attached to the project list handed out with enrollments.) Each club will be billed for books, member and family fees. Books will be ordered as soon as payment is received from the club.

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. 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.)

Clubs will not be billed for enrollment fees or family fees this year as those will be paid by the KCC 4-H Council. Clubs will still be billed for any literature ordered.

Online Enrollment Option: 4-H members and volunteers have the option to complete their enrollment through the 4-H Online system. If you decide to enroll online, you must fill out, sign and return the completion agreement to the office by the enrollment deadline of January 15th. Your online enrollment will not be activated until this form is received in the office.

If you were enrolled in 4-H in 2022-2023, **DO NOT** re-enter your personal information to prevent duplicate records -- it should already be online.

2023-2024 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, or your club leader has a copy available. You can also request to borrow a copy of a project manual to see what is involved in completing the project.

Shooting Sports Project Policy: All youth participating in shooting sports and their parent/guardians, must read and sign this form to be able to participate in shooting sports.

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, we are 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!

2024 KCC Fair Junior Superintendents

4-H members (12 and older) and interested FFA members who would like to volunteer as junior superintendents at the 2024 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 McKayla or Scott to sign up for your first-choice project area.

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

3 Beef	1 4-H
3 Swine	Clothing/Fashion
3 Horse (1 per show day)	Revue
1 Poultry	1 Shooting Sports
1 Rabbits	1 Sheep Lead
1 4-H Foods	1 Open Class Garden
1 Cake Dec.	1 Living Arts (photography)

KCC Fair Update

For those 4-H members with Market Beef, there has been a change in the weight limits. All market beef can weigh between 1,000 and 1,600 lbs. Nominations and weigh in will be Saturday, **February 10th, 2024.**

Crochet Club

Crochet Club meets every first Monday, and third Thursday of each month at the KCC Extension Office. It is open to the public, and is a great opportunity to introduce 4-Hers to crocheting and fine tune their skills. It is no cost to you, and we have crochet hooks for you to borrow and plenty of yarn to get started. Come try out crocheting!

SEDGWICK COUNTY

Josilyn Lutze, 4-H Program Coordinator

NOVEMBER

- 10 Veterans Day, observed: Office Closed
- 10-12 Colorado Leadership Camp, ages 11-13
- 23-24 Thanksgiving Holiday: Office Closed
- 28-29 Josilyn will be out of the office

DECEMBER

- 10 4-H 101 Day, 2-4 p.m. @ fairgrounds
- 25 Christmas Holiday: Office Closed

JANUARY 2024

- 1 New Year's Day: Office Closed
- 27-29 Leadership Development Conference, ages 14-18

FEBRUARY

- 1 Enrollment Deadline
- 11 Market Beef Weigh-in, 12:30-1:30 p.m. @ Sedgwick County Fair Grounds

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



Record Book Champions

Livestock

- Grand Champion Senior – Kyle Brandt
- Reserve Grand Champion Senior – Carlie Brandt
- Grand Champion Intermediate – Natalie Lanckriet
- Reserve Grand Champion Intermediate – Laneden Bosco
- Grand Champion Junior – Jace Lanckriet
- Reserve Grand Champion Junior – Trindon Herrick

Horse & Dog

- Grand Champion Senior – Carlie Brandt
- Reserve Grand Champion Senior – Katelyn Reichman
- Grand Champion Intermediate – Levi Reichman
- Reserve Grand Champion Intermediate – Matthew Reichman
- Grand Champion Junior – Wyatt Anchondo
- Reserve Grand Champion Junior -- Trindon Herrick

Herdsman Winners

- Goat- Carlie Brandt Beef- Callie Tharp
- Horse- Carlie Brandt Sheep- Trindon Herrick
- Swine- Flynt Toyne Poultry/Rabbit- Natalie Lanckriet

4-H Enrollment is OPEN!

All enrollment is done through 4HOnline. 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 – 4pm and we will be happy to assist you. **Enrollment is open in Sedgwick County until February 1st**. Visit <https://v2.4honline.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!

General Project:

Exhibitor Name	Class Description	Placing
Gracie Eastin	Beekeeping Unit 1 Jr.	8
Annestine Lubbe	Edible Cake Decorating Jr.	Qualifier
Natalie Lanckriet	Underglazes Int.	2
Lauryn Lindsay	Unfired Finishes Int.	1, Grand Champion
Matthew Reichman	Yeast Rolls Int.	8
Katelyn Reichman	Double Crust Pie Sr.	1, Reserve Grand
Axel Huser	See Them Sprout Jr.	4
Levi Reichman	Int. Leather Carving Int.	3
Kyle Brandt	Adv. Stamping Sr.	4
Carlie Brandt	Adv. Leather Carving Sr.	Qualifier
Lily McCormick	Photography Basics Jr.	Qualifier
Riley Jarrett	Photography Basics Sr.	7
Levi Reichman	Advanced Photography Int.	1
Katelyn Reichman	Advanced Photography Sr.	4
Levi Reichman	Archery DB Int.	10
Trindon Herrick	Shotgun DB Jr.	1
Flynt Toyne	Shotgun SA Jr.	3
Levi Reichman	Shotgun SA Int.	2
Kyle Brandt	Shotgun SA Sr.	4
Matthew Reichman	22 Rifle SA Int.	Qualifier
Trindon Herrick	Muzzleloading SA Jr.	1, Grand Champion
Weston Herrick	Muzzleloading SA Int.	3
Owen Harris	Finishing Up Sr	Qualifier

CONGRATULATIONS 2023 State Fair Winners!!
Sedgwick County had an amazing State Fair! Here are the winners:



The 4-H 101 Day lets members explore different general projects offered. It also allows new families to get a glance at 4-H.

Livestock:

Exhibitor	Class	Placing
Bella Campbell	Market Goat- Lightweight	1, Champion Lightweight, 3 rd Overall
Bella Campbell	Market Goat- Lightweight	2
Bella Campbell	Market Goat- Heavyweight	7
Bella Campbell	Market Lamb- Middleweight	7
Bella Campbell	Market Lamb- Middleweight	8
Bella Campbell	Market Lamb- Middleweight	8
Bella Campbell	Market Lamb- Heavyweight	4
Bella Campbell	Breeding Ewe Showmanship	4
Bella Campbell	Ewe Lamb born Dec.-Jan.	2, Reserve Champion
Bella Campbell	Master Showman Contest	5
Cash Campbell	Market Goat- Lightweight	4
Cash Campbell	Market Lamb	Exhibitor
Cash Campbell	Breeding Ewe Showmanship	1, Grand Champion
Cash Campbell	Ewe Lamb born Dec.-Jan.	4



Sedgwick County 4-H

WASHINGTON COUNTY

NOVEMBER

- 5 D1 District 4-H Meeting - Yuma
- 10 Office Closed – Veteran’s Day Holiday
- 13 **Potato Supper and Silent Auction**
- 20 **County 4-H Council Meeting** – 7 p.m. Extension Office
- 23-24 Office Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday

DECEMBER

- 25-26 Office Closed – Christmas Holiday
- 31 **Re-enrollment Deadline** v2.4honline.com



Potato Supper

Our annual potato supper and silent auction will be held Monday, November 13th from 5-6:30 p.m. at the Events Center in Akron. A reminder that all clubs should bring 3 or more silent auction items and approximately 24 servings of dessert. These items must be delivered to the events center by 5 p.m.! All clubs should also sign up to help set up, serve, or clean up.

Project List

Are you ready to enroll but want to explore some different projects? A full project list can be found on the state website at colorado4h.org. 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 cannot be entered in State Fair.

Fun Sewing Activity

Get into the holiday spirit by creating a fun quilted garland or coaster. Youth do not need to be enrolled in a quilting project to participate. Learn and try new sewing techniques. Walk away with a completed project. All supplies will be provided. More details and date will be coming soon!



NEW County Fair Dates – July 22-27

Interview Judging - July 16

For more information, contact Jamie Axtell. This is open to any 4-H member of any age!

SAVE THE DATE!

Shooting Sports Safety Meeting
Sunday, January 7th at 2:00 p.m.
Washington County Event Center

Now is the Time to Enroll

The new 4-H year is officially underway! Enrollment is open through our online system at v2.4honline.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 any family previously enrolled 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 are 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 were partially paid thanks to a donation from the Akron Lions Club! The remaining balance owed by regular members is \$20 and for Cloverbuds is \$10. Please work with your club to see if they offer any assistance with 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

Leader's Choice Awards:

These awards are selected by leaders at the September County Council meeting. Each club leader may nominate members for the awards.



Outstanding Junior Members:

Saffire Cook and Allison McCall

Outstanding Intermediate Members:

Zara Connors and Ella Koch

Outstanding Senior Member:

Maranda Mason and Laura Vorce

Member Awards: *These awards are self-nominated and open to any member in the county. Recipients are chosen by leaders at the September County Council Meeting.*

Outstanding Int. Member:

Emmalee Gailus - Citizenship

Outstanding Senior Members:

Nicholas Hermes – Pursuit of Excellence

Raeya Schrock – Leadership

Chloe Farmer - Citizenship

Salute to Excellence Award: Cora Schrock

Dare to Be You Award: Milo Kendrick

Feichter Memorial Community Service Award

Member: Dalton DeMers

Club: Country Club 4-H

Outstanding Leaders:

Jenn Koch and Tiana Ried, Silver Spurs

Livestock Record Book Awards: (Sponsored by Y-W Electric) Winners are as follows: **JR.** 1st Place – Waylon Ray, 2nd Place – Martin Hermes, (rest of top ten in no particular order) Dallan Hermes, Rydin Hellyer, Trason Hermes, Zoey Kembel, Camdyn Gross, Allison McCall, Aubree Mason, Lexy Marston. **INT.** 1st place – Colten Hermes, 2nd place – Kinley Kembel, (rest of top ten in no particular order) Ella Koch, Milo Kendrick, Clara Hermes,

Tayah Parmenter, Ashton Gross, Owen Engle, Colt Corman, Trista Klinzmann **SR.** 1st place – Joanna Cook, 2nd place – Roxanne Engle, (rest of top ten in no particular order) Charlie Kendrick, Cambric Klinzmann, Bradley Hermes, Mackenzie Fincher, Tysie Parmenter, Braxton DeMers, Dalton DeMers, Kolton Strand

General/FCS Record Book Awards: Jr. Champion – Aydan Koch, Jr. Reserve Champion – Zoey Kembel, Int. Champion – Owen Engle, Int. Reserve Champion – Kane Schrock, Sr. Champion – Raeya Schrock, Sr. Reserve Champion – Anderson Filla.

Congratulations to the newly installed county 4-H council officer team

President – Maranda Mason

Vice President – Emily Williams

Secretary – Chloe Farmer

Treasurer – Kaylee Hunning

Senators – Maranda Mason and Emmalee Gailus

In Other News....

State Shotgun Results:

Carter Benish finished 4th Highest Overall Junior and *Ryder Gilbert* was 10th Highest Overall Junior in three events. Congratulations to *Monte Cook* (5th place) and *Darin Knutzen* (10th place) for the state competition for Trap. The Senior team also ranked 4th overall in trap. Our Senior team consisted of

Hay Bale Challenge Winner



Arickaree Tumbleweeds

YUMA COUNTY

JoLynn Midcap (4-H Youth Development)

Joy Akey (Family & Consumer Sciences)

Travis Taylor (Livestock)

<p>NOVEMBER</p> <p>8 Head Leader Meeting – Eckley Community Center – 6:30 p.m</p> <p>10 VETERAN’S DAY – Office Closed</p> <p>20 Yuma County Fairboard Meeting</p> <p>23-24 THANKSGIVING – Office Closed</p> <p>10-12 CLC—Glenwood Springs</p>	<p>DECEMBER</p> <p>25-26 CHRISTMAS – Office Closed</p> <p>JANUARY</p> <p>3 Leaders Banquet – Wray</p> <p>6-24 National Western Stock Show</p> <p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>1 4-H Member/Leader Enrollments Due in 4honline.com</p>
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Just A Reminder

All 4-H Members are required 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 ready in advance makes it easier for everyone to plan. Once you’ve set these dates, share them with our office so we can help promote them.



The add/drop deadline for Yuma County 4-H will be May 1, 2024. Please mark this date on your calendar so you will be enrolled in all your correct projects by April 30. There will be no project changes that can be made after this date.



Congratulations to Achievement Award Winners

First Year Members: Pyper Fonte, Tori Fonte, Kole Chamberlain, Kynzlee Sonderlund, Ryan Kielian, Letsamayrin Arteaga, Taggert Walker, Trinity Walker, Vivian Crossland, Andrew Smith, Bosslee Soehner, Catherine Houlihan, Elizabeth Houlihan, Jameson Lohman, John Westerfer, Kevin Glenn, Kloe Glenn, Serenity Westerfer, Troy Ashauer, Ryder Croissant, Merrick Doyle, Addilyn Pagel, Adley Blach, Aspen Baucke, Craden Smith, Cooper Sprouse, Aiden Orozco, Anthony Emery, William Becha, Taylor Erker, Bailey Hill, Kate Hendrix, Reed Hendrix, Addison Smith, Addison Deering, Grace Deering, Maya Holtorf, Merrick Doyle, Andrew Smith

Fifth Year Members: Benjamin Riggleman, Jillian Ridnour, Dellia Lenz, Scarlett Crossland, Lydia Mekelburg, Blake Hardwick, Grady Lengel, Ayla Ashauer, Levi Yearous, Quinn Mekelburg, Sarah Smith, Stevie Seward, Teagan Galles, Molly Stults, Rayland Buckley, Keenan Erker, Ariella Oestman, Asher Hendrix, Kamryn Sharp, Edward Molina, Addie Noble, Paulo Trujillo, Ty Weathers

Tenth Year Members: Kallen Blach, Alyssa Clark, Kaitlyn Meisner, Kimberly Riggleman, Lyndsey Mekelburg, Marrie Lenz, Sydney Fonte

Eleventh Year Members: Chase Buoy, Bradie Midcap, Lea Richardson, Nash Richardson, Forest Rutledge, Chad Tracy

Fashion Revue Medals: Pyper Fonte

Record Book Winners:

Senior Livestock: Sidney Freeman, Lyndsey Mekelburg, Andrew Buoy, Luke Freeman, Kaitlyn Meisner

Intermediate Livestock: Rebecca Whomble, Quinn Mekelburg, Charliann, Soehner, Sawyer Fonte, Brylee Meisner

Junior Livestock: Adley Blach, Layne Fonte, Tori Fonte, Jema Mekelburg-Trejo, Boone Seward

Senior Horse: Kaitlyn Meisner, Kayson Hatch, Tatum Soehner, Alyssa Clark

Intermediate Horse: Maggie Linman, Brylee Meisner, Kaycee Clark, Logan Drullinger, Orly Lynch

Junior Horse: Emmaline Drullinger, Madisyn Janisch, Addilyn Pagel

Horse Advancement Levels:

Western Level I – Raylee Blach, Parker Ritchey, Alyssa Smith

Working Ranch Horse Level I- Raylee Blach, Alyssa Smith

Western Level II- Emmah Kiser

Western Level III- Austin Hendrix

Working Ranch Horse Level III- Austin Hendrix

Horse Show Awards

Overall Junior Champion-Addilyne Pagel

Overall Intermediate Champion- Haley Smith

Overall Senior Champion- Kaitlyn Meisner

Gymkhana Junior Champion- Addilyne Pagel

Gymkhana Intermediate Champion- Addie Noble

Gymkhana Senior Champion- Jalyn Archer

Working Western Champion Level II- Kayson Hatch

Ranch Horse Level II Champion- Kayson Hatch

Ranch Horse Level III Champion- Kaitlyn Meisner

Outstanding Boy and Girl Achievement Award

Morgan Stults & Jackson German

“I Dare You Award”

Victoria Granados

Extension Agent’s Award

Tyson Hansen

Clubs with Projects 100%

Completed

Ace High, Arena Magic, Liberty Country

Challengers, Sharp Shooters, Pleasant Valley

Hustlers, Westerners, Wauneta, Idalia Starlighters,

Eckley Trailblazers

Clubs Receiving Gold Seals for Their Charter

Ace High, Arena Magic, Liberty Country

Challengers, Sharp Shooters, Pleasant Valley

Hustlers, Westerners, Beecher Island, Wauneta,

Idalia Starlighters, Eckley Trailblazers

2022-2023 Yuma County 4-H Council Officers

Kaitlyn Meisner – President

Garret Drullinger – Vice President

Andrew Buoy – Secretary/Reporter

Morgan Stults – Treasurer

Will Noble – Historian

Miles Rutledge – Parliamentarian

Andrew Buoy & Will Noble – Senators

Tatum Soehner & Morgan Stults – Alternate

Senators

Brett Rutledge & Megan Drullinger– Leader

Advisors

Herdsman Awards

Swine – Wauneta

Goat- Ace High

Lamb- Pleasant Valley Hustlers

Beef- Wauneta

Dairy-Pleasant Valley Hustlers

Small Animal- Beecher Island

Horse- Wray FFA



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- 1..... Calendar of Events
- 2-3.....Horse Judging & Horse Bowl
- 4.....Western Heritage Project
- 5.....Philips County
- 6-7.....Kit Carson County
- 8-9.....Sedgwick County
- 10-11.....Washington County
- 12-13.....Yuma County



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