

# 4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Golden Plains Area Newsletter

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January/February 2024

#### January

- 6-24 National Western Stock Show  
12 4-H Day at National Western Stock Show  
27-29 Leadership Development Conference

#### February

- 24-25 Hunter Safety Class- Yuma  
26 Babysitting Basics Training – Yuma (see flier in newsletter)

#### March

- TBA 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, 2024. For more information on state scholarships, go to <http://co4hfoundation.extension.colostate.edu/benefits/Colorado-4-h-foundation-scholarships/>.

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Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.

## Horse Blanket Game

# A QUICK LOOK AT A COOL PROJECT

## Entomology

Insects are the perfect vehicle to capture the attention of youth who are interested in insects or utterly fascinated by them. Insects can be observed and collected in nearly every habitat in nearly every part of the world. As a group, their tremendous success can be attributed, in part, to their diversity of form and ability to adapt to a wide-range of environments.

Insects impact our lives daily and members will begin collecting insects to learn more about their characteristics.

Beginners will learn about insect form and function while upper units will focus on making insect collection tools, learning about insects and insect diversity.



A fair project would be an insect collection.

IF YOU LOVE LEARNING ABOUT INSECTS, THIS IS THE PROJECT YOU NEED TO ENROLL IN! YOU ARE ABLE TO FIND INSECTS ANYWHERE YOU GO!!



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When it comes to cold, horses that have been clipped are not as prepared for winter as they could be. By nature, hair has properties to help hold the body heat of a horse. A horse who lives outside in a pasture and is unclipped, heavy haired, can survive extremely low temperatures, but clip them off and they are as exposed as we would be without a coat, hat, and gloves. The solution is a blanket.

A clipped horse can handle a little cold. Just stalling in the barn or providing a windbreak does as much on a cool day as a sheet or light blanket. If a blanket is needed, it should fit properly. A blanket should cover from the base of the neck to a little past the tailhead. They should also come down below the underline. The neck opening should be large enough to fit around the base of the neck, but not expose the shoulder. The straps on the blanket need to be loose enough the horse can move easily, but tight enough they cannot get a hoof stuck if they decide to scratch. A horse blanket should be checked to see if it is causing any rubs on the skin and if it is, adjust the fit or try a different blanket.

For a blanket to work properly, they should be put on clean, dry horses. The blanket being put on should be clean and dry. Blankets should be routinely cleaned and checked for damage such as cuts, rips, or damaged straps. If a blanket becomes wet from sweat or precipitation, it needs to be changed. A wet blanket can do two things. First a wet blanket is cold and can make you horse feel colder than they would without one. Second, a wet blanket can promote skin and hair problems. Damp skin and hair can be rubbed easier, and the dampness provides an environment for some bacteria and fungus to grow.

The biggest problem with blankets is trying to match the right thickness with the temperature. Temperatures can change quickly. This is when blanketing becomes a game. You have to pay attention to the weather forecast and make decisions and arrangements to keep the right amount of blankets on. There will be days your horses will have too much blanket and others not enough. It is okay. Most of the time they will be hot or cold for a while but be fine once an adjustment is made.

# YUMA COUNTY

*JoLynn Midcap (4H Youth Development) Joy Akey (Family & Consumer Sciences) Travis Taylor (Livestock)*

## JANUARY

- 3 Leaders Banquet – Wray
- 15 Yuma County Fairboard Meeting
- 27-29 Leadership Development Conference
- 30 New Volunteer Training– Wray



## FEBRUARY

- 1 Project Registration Deadline
- 7 Yuma County 4-H Council Meeting Eckley

## FEBRUARY (Cont.)

- 18 Shooting Sports Safety Meeting (All disciplines)
- 19 **President’s Day Holiday—Office Closed**
- 19 Fairboard Meeting
- 21 New Volunteer Training Yuma
- 24 Beef Weigh-In—Mekelburg Feedlot, 9 to 11 a.m.; Idler Residence, 9 to 10 a.m.
- 24-25 Hunter Safety Class
- 26 Babysitting Basics Training - Yuma

### 2023 Yuma County

#### 4-H Council Meetings

February 7<sup>th</sup>—Eckley, 7 p.m.

April 10<sup>th</sup> - Wray

June 5<sup>th</sup> – Liberty

Oct 27<sup>th</sup> -- Idalia

#### Thank You

A great big Thank You once again goes out to the Yuma County Cattleman’s Association and their partners!! 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 had 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 winner of the heifer this year was:

Raylee Blach - sponsored by George & Kelly Seward.

#### 4-H Project Loans

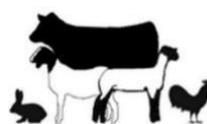
We are very fortunate in Yuma County to have access to loans that benefit not only your livestock project, but general projects as well. Please call the Extension Office if you would like an application for the Kerst Loan or the JP True Memorial Loan.

#### Market Beef Weigh-in

Beef Weigh-In will be held February 24<sup>th</sup> at the Mekelburg Feedlot or the Idler Residence from 9:00 -10:00 a.m. again this year. The Brand inspectors

will be at these locations so please bring your brand papers. Your market beef project will need to weigh between 1025 and 1650 lbs.

#### MQA



Don’t forget to add the MQA dates to your calendar. These classes are mandatory for any member exhibiting a 4-H or FFA

livestock project at 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. This same class is being offered all over the state and you may attend any of these classes if you are unable to make the ones in Yuma County. The dates for the Yuma County classes are Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup> in Wray and Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> in Yuma.

#### 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.** If there is enough interest, this group will begin meeting in the spring. 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 a 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 18th. 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.

### 2024 Yuma County Shooting Sports Schedule

<u>Date</u>	<u>Discipline &amp; Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 18, 2024	Safety Meeting TBA	Fairgrounds
February 24-25, 2024	Hunter Safety Class	Fairgrounds
March 2, 2024	Western Heritage	TBA
March 3, 2024	Archery 1:00; Shotgun 3:00	Wray Gun Club
March 9, 2024	Outdoor Skills TBA	TBA
March 10, 2024	.22 Rifle 1:00	Wray Gun Club
April 6, 2024	Western Heritage 1:00	Bonniville
April 7, 2024	Archery 1:00; Shotgun 3:00	Wray Gun Club
April 13, 2024	Outdoor Skills; TBA	TBA
April 14, 2024	.22 1:00	Wray Gun Club
May 4, 2024	Western Heritage 1:00	Bonniville
May 5, 2024	Archery 1:00; Shotgun 3:00	Wray Gun Club
May 11, 2024	Outdoor Skills; TBA	TBA
May 12, 2024	.22 Rifle 1:00;	Wray Gun Club
June 1, 2024	Weld County Invitational	
June 2, 2024	Archery 1:00; Shotgun 3:00	Wray Gun Club
June 8, 2024	Outdoor Skills TBA	TBA
June 9, 2024	.22 Rifle 1:00	Wray Gun Club
June 15, 2024	Western Heritage 1:00	Bonniville
July 6, 2024	Western Heritage 1:00	Bonniville
July 7, 2024	Archery 1:00; Shotgun 3:00	Wray Gun Club
July 13, 2024	Outdoor Skills TBA	TBA
July 14, 2024	.22 Rifle 1:00	Wray Gun Club
August TBA	Interview Judging - Concessions	Fairgrounds
August 17-18, 2024	State Archery/.22 / Muzzle Shoot	Pueblo
August 31- September 1 2024	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 on Feb 25-26. If you are interested, please call Logan Klein at **970-630-4365**. (Every shooting sports member needs to have their current hunter safety card by April 1.)

If you have any questions regarding either of these events, please call the Extension Office.

*All dates are subject to change due to weather conditions or other conflicts.*

*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.



# PHILLIPS COUNTY

## January

- 1/8: Phillips County 4-H Council Meeting
- 1/7-1/22: National Western Stock Show
- 1/8: Livestock Committee Meeting
- 1/10: Fair Board Meeting
- 1/26-1/28: Showdown of the Plains Cattle Show
- 1/27-1/29: Leadership Development Conference

## February:

- 2/1: Enrollment deadline for Returning Members!
- 2/4: Market Beef Weigh-In, 1-3 pm
- 2/4: Ownership Deadline for Market Beef
- 2/5: Phillips County 4-H Council Meeting
- TBD: Livestock Judging Practice Starts

## Down the Road:

- 3/1: Enrollment Deadline for NEW Members
- 4/8: Phillips County MQA
- 4/8: Livestock 101
- 4/15: Animal Care & Housing Forms Due

## Don't Miss Out on the 2023-2024 4-H Year

It is time to start enrolling for the 2023-2024 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!

## 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](http://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: Horse Record Books

A new Horse Record Book will be used for the 2023-2024 4-H Year. This will be a County Record Book and will look like the Livestock Record Book. The Horse Record Book was sent out for revisions on 11/22/23 to ensure the book is ready for 4-Hmembers. Keep an eye out for the new book.





### **Project Add & Drop Date**

If you need some extra time to decide which projects to take on for the year, don't sweat it! You have until May 15<sup>th</sup> 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!

### **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, visual arts, model rocketry, computer science, and clothing construction. 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>

### **Important Changes for Livestock Exhibitors:**

The Livestock Committee has made the following changes for the 2024 County Fair:

- Poultry and Rabbits: Planning to allow both market and breeding to exhibit at County Fair. Subject to change if disease outbreaks occur.
- Beef: Market Beef weights have increased to 1,100-1,600 lbs.
- Beef Weigh-In: Moved to Sunday, February 4th from 1-3 pm
- Sheep & Goat Weigh-In: Moved to Wednesday, May 8th from 6-8 pm



# SEDGWICK COUNTY

Josilyn Lutze, 4-H Program Coordinator

## JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day: Office Closed
- 15 Martian Luther King Day: Office Closed
- 28-30 Leadership Development Conference

## FEBRUARY

- 1 **4-H Enrollment Deadline**
- 11 Market Beef weigh-in 12:30-1:30 pm
- 19 Presidents' Day: Office Closed

## MARCH

- 3 **Council Fundraiser- Chili Supper**

## APRIL

- 1 4-H Scholarships Due
- 7 **MQA: 4-6 pm Fairgrounds**
- 28 Sheep & Goat Weigh-in

## 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
- 15 **Add/Drop deadline.**



## 4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

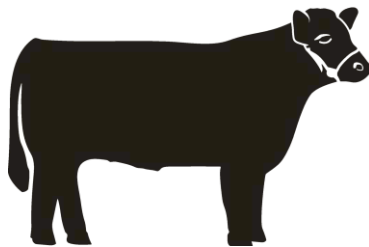
**Sedgwick County 4-H enrollment will close at midnight on February 1<sup>st</sup>.** If you need assistance or need to use a computer, call, or stop in the office. The office phone number is 970-474-3479. Reminder: You do not need to decide on all projects when enrolling. May 15<sup>th</sup> is the 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 11<sup>th</sup> 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** 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. Due to the Fair date changes, there will be some leeway, but it has not been finalized.

## SHEEP AND GOAT WEIGH-IN

Due to Graduations the sheep and Goat weigh-in will be on Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup>. The time has not been finalized yet.

## 2024 SEDGWICK COUNTY FAIR

**The 2024 Sedgwick County Fair is July 24-28<sup>th</sup>.** I will keep you updated on the fair schedule as more information is released. Interview Judging is scheduled for July 21<sup>st</sup> 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 in the middle of January.

## LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

LDC is for members 14-18 as of December 31, 2023. LDC is January 27-28th with 4-H Day at the Capital on

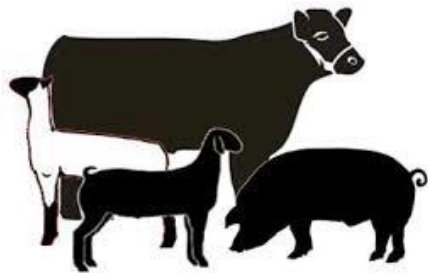
January 29th. Please let Josilyn know if you are interested so we can get you signed up. Registration is now open and will close on Tuesday, January 9<sup>th</sup> at Midnight.

## LITERATURE ORDERS

Project Manuals are crucial to 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 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024**, to give some time after the add/drop deadline. However, I will be making an early bird order on **March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. 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 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 7<sup>th</sup> from 4 pm-6 pm**, at the Sedgwick County Fairgrounds. If you are new to a



4-H livestock project, you are required to participate in the training for 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 5, 2024**, 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 15<sup>th</sup>** 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 of 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](http://v2.4honline.com) to re-enroll today

## JANUARY

7 Shooting Sports Safety Meeting – 2:00 p.m. Events Center

10 LDC Registration due in 4Honline

15 County Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

27-28 Leadership Development Conference (LDC) - Denver

## FEBRUARY

17 Market Beef Weigh In – Eastern Co Research Center North of Akron, 7:30- 9:00 a.m.

19 Office Closed – President’s Day Holiday

## MARCH

18 County Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.

29-31 Tentative Dates for YouthFest – Pueblo

## APRIL

15 Meat Quality Assurance Training - Events Center, Akron

19 4-H Carnival



## Colorado 4-H Leadership Development Conference (LDC)

The Colorado 4-H State Senate officer team is planning to host the annual Leadership Development Conference January 27-28 in Denver. This conference is open to members aged 14-18. Registration is \$215 per member but the county 4-H council will cover half of the cost. Hotel and travel costs will also be covered by council, but members will need to bring some extra money for meals. Contact Anne or Jamie for more information or to register. Registration is due by January 10 in 4honline. There may be an option to stay in Denver for the 4-H Day at the Capitol on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup>.

## YouthFest

YouthFest is an annual leadership camp for members aged 11-13. This year’s camp is tentatively scheduled for March 29-31 in Pueblo. Since the camp dates fall on Easter weekend, we are hoping that the date may change. Watch our Facebook page for more information as we get closer to spring. We will also discuss the event at our January County council meeting to be held on January 15<sup>th</sup>.

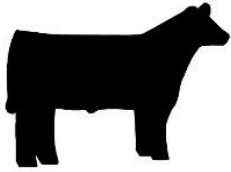
## Carnival

The county 4-H council is planning to host our annual county carnival in Akron on **Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**. The council will be finalizing details and selecting a theme at their January meeting. Clubs, please think about what games/booths you would like to do this year.



## Project Requirements

We get a lot of questions about what a completed general project exhibit should include. The state fair project guidelines are a great resource to answer those questions. The direct link is <https://co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf>. Scan the QR code to the left for direct access to the document on the state 4-H site.



## Market Beef Weigh In

Market beef weigh-in is tentatively scheduled for **SATURDAY**, February 17 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 6 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 15<sup>th</sup>. More details about all of these events and deadlines will be sent out this spring.

## Livestock Record Book Change

4-H livestock projects will not be using the state e-record for this coming year. A county record book is being finalized and will be rolled out after the first of the year. While the book may look different, many of the core principles of record keeping will remain the same. The book will be available through our office or via email. This will only affect livestock projects! Livestock record books are due on the Tuesday prior to county fair (July 16) by 4:30 p.m. in the Extension Office.

## Project Ideas

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



## Shooting Sports

Shooting sports information and practice schedules went out the middle of December. Our annual safety meeting will be held on January 7<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. at the Events Center. Air Rifle and Air pistol practice will be held following the meeting. For more information about Shooting Sports, contact Anne at the office.

## County Fair Dates Set – Again 😊

The Eastern Colorado Roundup dates were announced earlier this fall **BUT** were changed in October due to some scheduling conflicts. The dates have now been finalized for the week of **July 22-27, 2024**. Interview Judging and Fashion Revue will be held on Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. All livestock, horse and catch it record books will be due Tuesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. Air Rifle/Pistol will be held July 13. .22, 5 stand, and archery contests will be held July 20 and trap and skeet will be held July 21. Dog show dates are still being finalized. Watch for more county fair information on the official fair website at [ecroundup.com](http://ecroundup.com) or watch our Facebook page and future newsletters.

**EASTERN COLORADO ROUNDUP**

**JULY 22-27, 2024**

# KIT CARSON COUNTY

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

## 2024 Dates to Remember

### January

- 1      New Year's Day Office Closed (County Holiday for New Year's)
- 1      Crochet Club 7:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.
- 15     Enrollment forms are due in the office for re-enrolling 4-H members and adult leaders
- 18     Crochet Club 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

### February

- 1      KCC Fair Junior Superintendent Applications Due
- 5      Crochet Club 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 10     KCC Fair Beef Weigh-in 8 A.M. to 10 A.M.
- 12     KCC 4-H Council Meeting
- 15     Crochet Club 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 19     Extension Office Closed - Presidents Day Holiday

### NWSS Passes

We should 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 12, 2024.

### Leadership Development Conference

Leadership Development Conference (LDC) will be Saturday, January 27 through Monday, January 29, 2024, at the Renaissance Hotel in Denver. County Council will cover the entire hotel cost, and half of the \$215 registration fee. To register, contact the Extension office ASAP. Payment will be due by 4:00 P.M. January 9, 2024. Monday the 29<sup>th</sup> is 4-H Day at the state capital. If youth are not interested in LDC but would like to go to the capital that day, please let Scott know.

### YouthFest

Plans for Youth Fest are still up in the air. The State 4-H office has announced tentative dates in late March and will be in Pueblo again for the intermediate age groups. 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.

### Cake Wars

This spring we will host Cake Wars amongst the county! You do NOT have to be enrolled in the Cake Decorating

Project to participate! I am looking at April 20<sup>th</sup> for a tentative date from 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. I will let you know when I have confirmation. Pizza will be provided for lunch. If you have any food allergies, please contact McKayla prior to the event to make other arrangements for lunch. Please call McKayla and register by April 10<sup>th</sup> (if the tentative date works) Please bring \$5.00 to offset lunch and program costs.

### **Project Days**

We will be planning some project days for Fridays, Mondays and Spring Break in 2024. 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. **2024 Mandatory Safety Training** for **ALL** participants will be held at **1:30 PM, Sunday, March 17<sup>th</sup>** 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 training will take place beginning at 1:30 PM on **April 7<sup>th</sup>** 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>.

### **2024 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 21 <sup>st</sup>
Second Shoot	June 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Third Shoot	June 9 <sup>th</sup>
Fourth Shoot	June 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Backup Date	June 30 <sup>th</sup>

### **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 1-3, Morgan County** - (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun)

**March 8-10, Pueblo County** – (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunting & Outdoor Skills, Western Heritage)

**March 15-17, Weld County** – (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun)

**March 22-24, Garfield County** - (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunting & Outdoor Skills, Western Heritage)

### **Beef Weigh In**

Beef Weigh-in will be **SATURDAY February 10<sup>th</sup>, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 AM.**

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 2024** at fair. All Market Heifers and Steers must weigh 1,000 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 or FFA members 12 years and up, who are interested in being Junior Superintendents for the 2024 KCC Fair need to contact the Extension office and apply by February 1<sup>st</sup>. We ask that junior livestock superintendents not apply for a species they intend to show at the fair.

Those still needed: Beef – 3; Swine – 3; Horse – 1 for each day, Th, F & S; 4-H Clothing & Fashion Revue – 1; Poultry – 1; Rabbits – 1; Sheep Lead – 1; Shooting Sports -1; Open Class Garden – 1. Please call the office as soon as possible if you can help us out! 719-346-5571.

### **Meat Quality Assurance (MQA)**

\*\*\*April 10, 2024\*\*\*

Burlington Community Center

Postcards will be sent to those 4-H members



# Babysitter Basics Training Class

**Monday, Feb 26, 2024—Yuma**

**9am to 3pm**



⇒ 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 19, 2024****

- ◆ Participants must be 11-14 years old
- ◆ Minimum of 8 registrations required
- ◆ Instructed by JoLynn Midcap-Yuma County/CSU 4-H Extension Agent
- ◆ Certificates/ I.D. cards upon successful completion of the course
- ◆ Students receive a First Aid & Emergency pocket card.
- ◆ Fill out the registration slip below 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](mailto:jolynn.midcap@colostate.edu)

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## Babysitter Basics Training Class Registration

Feb 13, 2023 - Yuma

**Registration (with payment) due by Feb 19, 2024**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*Please make check payable to YUMEX\*\*