

4-H Youth Development

Golden Plains Area Newsletter

YUMA COUNTY

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July

- 1 Sale committee meeting- 7:00 p.m. in Eckley
- 2 Cloverbud Meeting – Wray 10:30 a.m.
- 4 Office Closed in observance of Independence Day
- 8 Record Book Workday, 9 a.m. – 11a.m. in Wray, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. in Yuma **DATE CHANGE!**
- 15 Yuma County Fair Board Meeting— 7:00 p.m. Fairgrounds
 - National Anthem tryouts – 5:30 p.m.
- 16 Cloverbud Meeting—Wray
- 19 Fashion Revue narratives due at the Extension Office
- 19 Deadline to complete written and riding horse levels test
- 19 Record Books due at the Extension Office for all livestock & small animals.
- 19 Livestock & small animal pre-entry cards for Yuma County Fair due at Extension Office (This includes Junior and Open Class livestock and small animals.)

Pick-up Locations:

- 1:00 p.m. Yuma Federal Credit Union—Yuma
- 1:30 p.m. FNB –Kirk
- 2:30 p.m. Valley Stock Farm—Idalia
- 4:30 p.m. Extension Office—Wray
- 23 Fashion Revue—High School. Auditorium—Wray
- 25 Inside Fairgrounds Clean-Up Day 9:00 a.m.
- 29 Dog—Written Test
- 29 Interview Judging
- 31 Dog Show

August

- 1-5 **Yuma County Fair**
- 9 Colorado State Fair projects due in Extension Office
- 12 Colorado State Fair Foods & Cake Decorating projects due in Extension Office.

23- Sept. 2 Colorado State Fair

September

- 2 Office closed in observance of Labor Day
- 5 State Fair Projects Available for pick up at the Extension Office
- 30 'Colorado Make it with Wool' Submission Deadline. For more info contact the Extension Office, as well as summarized in this newsletter.

Yuma County Fair Books, Pre-Entry Forms, & the Fair Schedule

Can be found
Online at

[http://yumacounty.net/
county-fair/](http://yumacounty.net/county-fair/)



Golden Plains Area Web Site

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

CSU Extension 4-H Web Site

<http://www.colorado4h.org>



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LIVESTOCK

2024 Market Prices for Record Books

Beef --	\$1.91 per pound
Sheep --	\$2.08 per pound
Goats --	\$2.85 per pound
Swine --	\$0.87 per pound
Chickens --	\$1.31 per pound
Large Poultry --	\$1.03 per pound
Rabbit --	\$14.00 / head

Completed record books are required and due before fair, so some sections (i.e. financial summaries) of the record book need to be estimated. After record books have been evaluated and returned, delete the estimated information, and replace with actual figures so that factual results will be known about the project.



E- Records

All record books, including livestock, can be found at co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/Colorado-4-h-project-information. If you need a hard copy, please contact the Extension Office. Home Economics and General project Record Books are \$1.00 & Livestock Record Books are \$2.00. The following livestock projects can all be included in the same record book, Beef, Goat, Lamb, Poultry, Rabbits, and Swine. Horse and Dog projects should be in their own individual record books.

Horse Ride Nights

For all members who are signed up for the Horse Project and would like some more time on your horse with opportunities to learn new skills. Horse Night Rides are taking place at Ray Hendrix's arena at 6:00 p.m. on Friday nights and at the home of Ryan and Ronella Noble on Monday nights at 5:30 p.m. Bring your entire family and join us! If you can't make these rides and need to take a levels test, please call the Extension Office and we can help you get in contact with the certified testers. All written and riding tests must be completed by July 19th, 2024.



All Fair Books, schedules, and pre-entry cards can be found online by searching for yumacounty.net and clicking on County Fair.

Dog Written Test July 31st

Dog members will be asked to take a written test on Monday, July 29th for part of your total score. Please plan on being in the concession building between 9:00 a.m.- 10:30 a.m. to take this test. The show ring will also be open from 10:30a.m.-11:00 a.m. if you would like to acclimate your dog before the show.



General & Home EC Projects

2024 Colorado State Fair Contestant Requirements & Score Sheets

The 2024 Colorado State Fair Contest Book is available online at the website <https://co4h.colostate.edu/>. This site will have rules for all exhibits and contests.

The score sheets for all General and Home Ec. Projects can also be found here. These are the score sheets the judges will use at fair and may help point out something that's missing from your project.

To view the score sheets, go to the CSU Extension website, Hover over the 4-H Program/Projects tab, then go to 4-H State Fair Information & then click on Score Sheets (General). From there, select the Score Sheet for Colorado State Fair's desired project. Project requirements can also be found there as well. Or Scan the QR Code with your phone's camera for a direct link.



E-Record Books

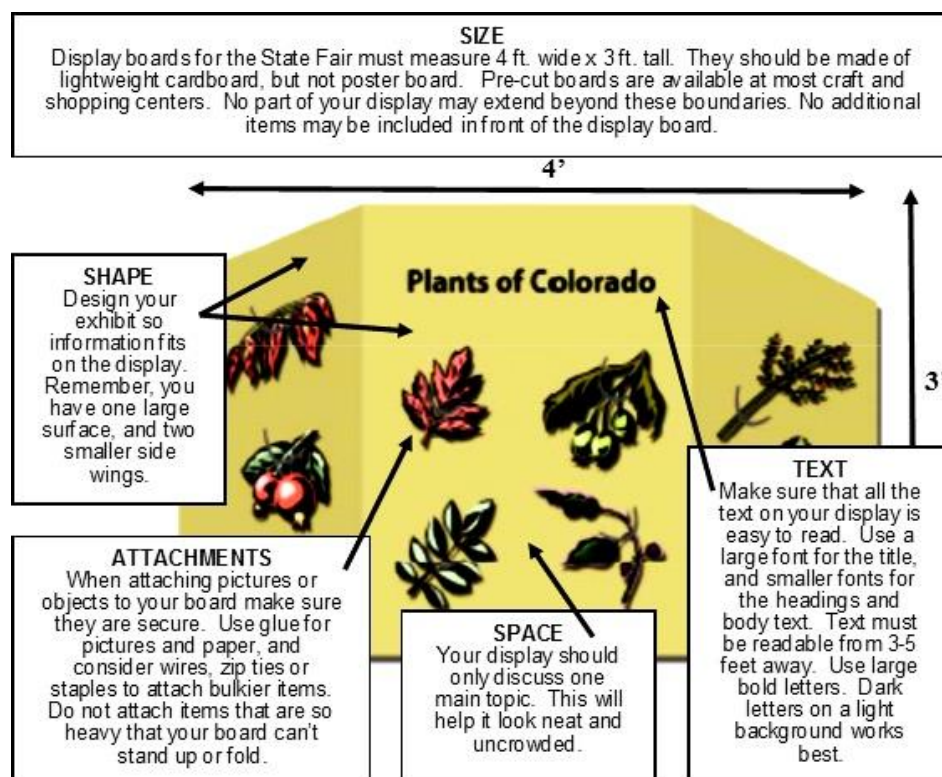
Your E-Record book should accompany your project. You may use 3-ring binders or other notebooks that will keep the pages securely inside. **You may not use slider-type binders.**

Project Materials Available

We have display boards for your project displays for \$3.00 and record book covers for \$3.50. We also have mounting boxes and pins for those in Entomology. P.S. These boards also work well for the science fair and other school projects.

Display boards for 4-H Exhibits

Display boards are a great way to share information, but when viewers walk by, they spend only 60-90 seconds looking at each one. Make your display stand out by highlighting the main points of your project in a fun, interesting way. Use guidelines to create a display board for your project.



Outstanding Boy and Girl Awards

Don't forget about the Outstanding Boy and Outstanding Girl awards that are given out at the Achievement program in October. Scores are based on the number and placing of your General and Home Ec projects, demonstrations, and community service activities. The boy and girl receiving the top score will receive a gift card to help them with their 4-H expenses. Take the time to complete your record book in as much detail as you can in order to be eligible for this award.

Best Photo Contest...



Not Just for Photography Members

This is for all Photographers! You don't need to be enrolled in photography project to enter the Best Photo Contest at the Colorado State Fair. Simply look at the new Fair Book for the requirements and upload your photo directly into the correct class in Fair Entry.

Writing a Fashion Revue Commentary

There is a booklet in the Extension Office that may be of help if you need suggestions or ideas to write a fashion revue commentary. These Commentaries are due to the Extension Office by July 19th. Look for the forms in the interview judging packets.

Fashion Revue Workshop

Thursday, June 27th – 1:00 – 3:00 pm at the WRAC

\$5 registration fee

Please RSVP by Tuesday, June 25

Come learn some tips and tricks about modeling, the power of accessorizing, complimenting colors, and how to write an impressive commentary!

General and Home Economics Record Books

Record books for these projects and other project-related information can be found at co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/projects-areas/state-fair-information/score-sheets

Judge's score sheets can be found by clicking on State Fair Info. We can also print these books for you for \$1.00.



Photography Project

Photography members, please make sure that you are looking at the project requirements on colorado4h.org or the ones that are found in the online Yuma County Fair Book. For some units, these requirements may differ from the ones in the manuals that you receive.

Outstanding Homemaker Award

Have you been involved in foods, cake decorating, clothing, home design and décor or other consumer science related 4-H projects and activities? Do you like to be a part of club activities, take on leadership roles and participate in school, church or other community events? If so, please fill out the 4 -H Outstanding Homemaker Award Application!

The Outstanding Homemaker Award was started way back in the 1970's to help recognize 4-H members who participate and excel in consumer science related 4-H projects and other community and school activities. The award includes filling out and

submitting an application, getting a letter of recommendation from a non-relative who knows you well, and completing a homemaker award interview at Interview Judging day. It's a great experience and a perfect way to help promote your accomplishments and our county 4-H projects and program.

The application will be included in the Interview Judging packet, but if you would like to get started on it earlier, or if you have any questions, please contact Joy at the Extension Office – 970-332-4151.

Leaders – please encourage your members to apply.

4H Jamboree/Talent Show

Calling all talented 4H members! If you enjoy dancing, singing, gymnastics, playing an instrument, performing magic tricks, or have another talent you would like to share, please plan on taking part during the evening event of our 4-H Fashion Revue, Tuesday, July 23rd. Performances are incorporated in the program between modeling groups. Be on the lookout for more information in the Interview Judging mailing or contact our office for more information or to sign-up.

Junior Livestock Sale

Livestock Consignments

All 4-H and FFA members **MUST** consign their livestock by the time listed in the Fair Book. All market animals on the fairgrounds must be accounted for on the consignment form. This means that you'll need to tell us what animals are going home, what animals will be selling, what animals will be shipping, and what animals will be going to a locker plant. Be sure to account for all market animals at the fair, even those that may not have made weight or shown. If you need to make changes to where your animal will be going, you may do that, but your consignment card **MUST** be turned in by the designated time or your spot in the Junior Livestock Sale will not be guaranteed.

Junior Livestock Sale Committee

We are looking for new volunteers for the Junior Livestock Sale Committee. This does not take much of your time and many hands make light work. Most importantly, without this committee, we would not have the livestock sale that we are used to. If you enjoy the generosity of our community at this event, please consider joining the committee. Contact the Extension Office if you would be willing to or know of anyone willing to serve on this committee.



2024 Changes and Additions for the Yuma County Fair

- Parade Theme: “Blue Jeans & Country Dreams”
- Market Swine Show has changed. Search Yumacounty.net/county-fair & select Junior Market Swine to view pdf.
- Explanation of Family Animal: Search Yumacounty.net/county-fair & select Family Animal.
- We’re planning on a full Poultry Show for the 2024 fair. Regulations for HPAI are subject to change per Fair Board.
- Small order: Poultry, Dairy, Sheep, Swine, Goats & Beef
- Livestock and Horse pre-entry forms can be found at: Yumacounty.net/county-fair and click link for Livestock and Horse Pre-entry forms.
- Summer is the time that we can really have some fun! Please try to take advantage of these workshops, even if you are not enrolled in the project!
- If you're all about cake decorating and leveling up your skills, the Yuma County Cake Show is your sweet spot!
- Reel in the fun with Mini Sportfishing Clinic, made just for avid anglers like you!
- If you're keen on honing your horse showmanship before the big fair, then the Horse Schooling Show is your golden ticket!
- There are many dog shows, horse shows, and prospect shows around the state so you can put your best foot forward at fair.
- State Conference is for you if you have an impressive speech, you have prepared or, if you want to meet new friends, or if you did an amazing demonstration!
- Cloverbud meetings are for you if you are ages 5-7 and are too excited to wait for real 4-H!
- Home Ec and General Project Exhibit Viewing Times

Wednesday—3:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.—Open Class Entry Check-In

Thursday 4:00 p.m. -- 9:00 p.m.

Friday 10:00 a.m. -- 9:00 p.m.

Saturday 10:00 a.m. –9:00 p.m.

Sunday 10:00 a.m. --7:00 p.m.

Monday 10:00 a.m. -- 1:00 p.m. & 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Open & 4-H Check-Out

The Livestock shows and Jr. Market Livestock sale will be streamed live on Facebook and are presented by First Farm Bank

National Anthem Tryouts

We are looking for beautiful, patriotic voices to help sing our National Anthem at various events during the Yuma County Fair. If you are interested, please come to the fairgrounds on Monday, July 15th at 5:30 p.m.



Yuma County Fair Camper Space Reminders

- Camper spaces are \$60.00 for electrical, \$100.00 for full service and generator \$20.00 (evening generator use may be restricted).
- **All campers must be PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO INTERVIEW JUDGING** on Monday, July 29th.
- Future camper spaces will be reserved AFTER September 1st of the current year.
- Anyone that has not paid for a space in the past years will not be allowed to reserve a space until all back payments have been made.
- The Extension Office must be informed by July 1st of any cancellations of a reserved spot for a return of funds.
- Because you have a space reserved for the current year does not automatically mean you have one reserved for the following year. You must call in every year.
- You may NOT reserve 2 spaces for a slide-out camper or for more room. Spaces are in demand.
- Preference will be given to 4-H/FFA exhibitors/leaders.
- A camper may not crowd another reserved camper, or they may be asked to vacate their space at the discretion of the Fair board. If a camper crowds another reserved camper, it may be necessary to limit access to all slides.
- There will be no changes made to spaces assigned unless confirmed with the Extension Office. A map will be made of the reserved camper layout with names. The extension Office will try and fill requests as best we can but not guaranteed.
- No reserved spots will be exempt from fees except those deemed by the Fair board.
- Spaces will be chalked out for the campers south of the county shop.
- If there are any questions or problems, please contact the Extension Office (970) 332-4151.



Thank You Cards

Thank you cards should be sent to anyone who has sponsored a trophy, bought your livestock project or sponsored other awards you have received. For the Home Ec/General Projects and Livestock trophies, the name and address will be on a card included with the Trophy/Gift to help you get your thank you card out quickly. For your livestock buyer, it will be your responsibility to find out who bought your animal and send them a thank you note. Receiving a prompt thank you will be greatly appreciated by your sponsor and will encourage them to be a supporter next year!



Yuma County Fair Books, Pre-Entry Forms & Fair Schedule

Can be found
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Interview Judging Concessions

The Yuma County Shooting Sports will once again be providing concessions during interview judging on Monday July 29th. They will be serving breakfast, snacks, and a hot lunch. Bring your appetite and thank you for supporting the Yuma County Shooting Sports Program.



We are looking for nominations (adults and youth) for the Third Annual "I Care" award. This award is given in honor of the memory of a lifetime of support to the Yuma County Fair, 4-H, FFA, and all things Yuma County. Darcy's purpose for living his life was to help others and to always make his community a better place. He was selfless, committed, and always lent a helping hand. If you know of anyone in your community that exemplifies this ethic, please send your nomination to the Extension Office. This individual does not necessarily need to be in 4-H or FFA, but just needs to see the world through Darcy's eyes.

DARCY
STALLINGS
I CARE
Award



For Your Information

As our county fair is quickly approaching, it is time to be reminded of the reasons we have all poured so much of our time into our projects and the reason we signed up for it. In the beginning it was because we had a passion for this particular project and had the excitement that seemed to be contagious.



This enthusiasm said that this was the year we could do something amazing. We all planned to start early and stay on top of things so we could avoid the usual last-minute crunch and the late nights in front of the display boards. We even bragged to our friends and family that this was the year that things were going to change. (1st person to call the Extension Office gets a prize). Today, just weeks before fair, is that the picture that you are looking at? Probably not. After we signed up for these projects, we remembered that we had filed trips, sports, tests, other contests, and now... Where has the time gone. We still have time to refocus and exhibit the best project we can.



In all of the last-minute preparation, please don't forget 3 fundamental guidelines to a successful 4-H year:

- 1** Be proud of your project. When you are done, check and double check. Are you record book signed? Did you complete all of the supplements to your record book? Is this project prepared to be judged and all aspects completed? Or a General Project, to tell a story about you so make sure it is a good story.
- 2** Be sure to say Thanks! There were probably quite a few people who have helped you from beginning to completion of this project. Parents, Leaders, Judges, Superintendents, Sponsors, Buyers, and other family members would love to hear a heartfelt "Thank You". After all, the project that made it to the fair would probably not be possible without their help.
- 3** Be a good sport. We all want to win, but we also know that it is not possible for everyone to win their class. Doing your best and being proud of what you have done will be the ultimate reward. 4-H is about learning a skill, becoming a well-rounded individual, and becoming a positive member of our community. Winning is just the icing on the cake. Be sure to congratulate the people in your class/unit for a job well done.

Yuma County Food Booth Guidelines

Remember you are representing yourself and 4-H and will be serving food to the public.

Wash hands before entering the food booth and after entering the food booth. Do not wipe hands off on clothing. Use paper towels.

WEAR CLEAN CLOTHING – DO NOT serve the public in unclean clothing.

Tie hair back if hair is shoulder length.

Make sure shoes with laces are tied.

Do not give drink refills except for water

2024 Yuma County 4-H Food Booth Schedule

Food Booth Manager – All of us!

Thursday, August 1st

Set up time 11 a.m. -4 p.m.

4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Sharp Shooters

Westerners

Friday, August 2nd

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

4:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Liberty Country Challengers

Eckley Trailblazers

Saturday, August 3rd

9:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.

Pleasant Valley Hustlers

Rainbow Explorers

Ace High

Sunday, August 4th

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

6:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Beecher Island

Arena Magic

Idalia Starlighters

Monday, August 5th

9:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

1:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.

Wauneta

Heart Strong Phoenix

