

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Golden Plains Area Newsletter

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CSU Extension 4-H Web Site

<http://www.colorado4h.org>

January/February 2025

January

- 11-26 National Western Stock Show
14 4-H Day at National Western Stock Show
25-27 Leadership Development Conference

February

- 17 Become the Leader You Want to Be -
Logan County
22-23 Hunter Safety Class- Yuma (Open to public)

March

- 18 Babysitting Basics Training Class – Wray
(See flyer in newsletter)
28-30 Youthfest-Pueblo



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, 2025. For more information on state scholarships, go to <http://co4hfoundation.extension.colostate.edu/benefits/Colorado-4-h-foundation-scholarships/>.



GOLDEN PLAINS AREA
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

Colorado State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Kit Carson, Phillips, Sedgwick, Washington, and Yuma Counties cooperating.

Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.




A QUICK LOOK AT A COOL PROJECT

Outdoor Adventures

Do you like being outdoors? You can become the ultimate explorer by designing your own outdoor adventure! Choose from backpacking, biking, camping, canoeing, fishing or hiking or create your own adventure in the outdoors.

Develop skills in the adventure you choose (backpacking, biking, camping, canoeing, fishing, hiking or other)

Plan an outdoor adventure for your club, friends and/or family

Learn how to be a good environmental steward while engaging in your adventure





A fair project would be a display board with outdoor facts or an example of outdoor equipment/supplies.

IF YOU WOULD LOVE TO LEARN ABOUT CAMPING, THIS IS THE PROJECT YOU NEED TO ENROLL IN! YOU AND YOUR FAMILY WILL FALL IN LOVE WITH THE GREAT COLORADO OUTDOORS!!



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balance a multitude of responsibilities include planning ahead, prioritizing tasks, and scheduling fun events and downtime.

Often, when schedules are busy and many activities overlap, it can be challenging to remember so many things at once. Use a planner, calendar, or app to keep track of deadlines, meetings, and events. Write down upcoming 4-H project deadlines, club meetings, and other commitments as soon as you learn about them. Seeing your schedule laid out will help you prioritize and avoid last-minute stress. At the start of each week, review this calendar or schedule to ensure that you are aware of all upcoming responsibilities and deadlines. To easily distinguish between 4-H, sports, family events, and other activities, you can color-code your planner. For example, write everything to do with 4-H in green, everything for sports in blue, and school deadlines in red. This can make your planner or calendar easier to navigate.

Learning to identify which tasks are most important and tackling those first can reduce stress, improve focus, and help you accomplish your goals. In prioritizing tasks, it is important to recognize the urgency of deadlines and determine how much work is required to complete a task. To determine which tasks are the most urgent, you can break them into categories of 'Important and Urgent', 'Important but Not Urgent', and 'Not Important and Not Urgent'. An example of a task that is both important and urgent is a large assignment due in a week that is worth over half a grade for a class. An example of not important and not urgent would be scrolling social media or reorganizing your desk unnecessarily.

Working constantly and not allowing time for fun or relaxation can lead to burnout or take joy out of the activities you are doing currently. Make time for things you enjoy, whether that's spending time with friends, reading, or relaxing. This can be achieved by leaving one day a week open for free time and saying no to additional tasks. Sometimes, schedules can be so full that a full day cannot be dedicated to fun. In this case, allow for short breaks to allow for recharging.

It is also important to ask for help when needed, reflect on progress made and celebrate success along the way. Learning to manage your time is a skill that will serve you well, not only in 4-H but in all areas of life.

Time Management Tips for Busy 4-H Youth

Jessie Salyards, 4-H Youth Development Instructor

Between school, 4-H activities, family responsibilities, and personal interests, life can get busy for 4-H youth. Learning to manage your time effectively is essential for staying on top of responsibilities while still having time for fun and relaxation. Some ways that youth can

KIT CARSON COUNTY

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

2025 Dates to Remember

January

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

February

- 3 KCC Fair Junior Superintendent Sign Up Due
- 3 Crochet Club 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 8 KCC Fair Beef Weigh-in 8 A.M. to 10 A.M.
- 10 KCC 4-H Council Meeting
- 15 Crochet Club 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
- 17 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 17, 2025.

Leadership Development Conference

Leadership Development Conference (LDC) will be Saturday, January 25 through Monday, January 27, 2025, 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 5:00 P.M. January 6, 2026. Monday the 27th 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

The State 4-H office has announced YouthFest will be March 28 – 30 in Pueblo again for the intermediate age groups. Please watch for more information as the plans are confirmed.

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.

Livestock Quiz Bowl and Horse Bowl

Scott held a “fun day” to try these two competitive 4-H activities in November. If you are interested in

participating as part of a competitive team, please let Scott know and plans can be made for practices and getting youth some study material. Senior 4-H'ers can compete in these activities at the State 4-H Conference in mid-June.

Public Speaking, Horse Demo and Horse Public Speaking

Public speaking is a competitive contest for senior 4-H'ers at the State 4-H Conference and the competitions do not require qualifying to compete. Scott is the superintendent of the horse contest and in 2024 only one contestant competed in demo and public speaking. This is a great opportunity to get involved. Ask Scott for more details about public speaking and demonstration contests.

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 March 20th 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 March 17th (as long as 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 2025. 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. **2025 Mandatory Safety Training** for ALL participants will be held at **1:30 PM, Sunday, March 23rd** at the Burlington Gun Club. **All shooting sports members are required to attend.** Range cleanup will be immediately after safety training. Bring your warm work clothes and gloves. Discipline trainings will take place beginning at 1:30 PM on **April 13th** 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>.

2025 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	June 1 st
Second Shoot	June 8 th
Third Shoot	June 22 nd
Fourth Shoot	June 29 th

Adult Volunteer Shooting Sports Discipline Trainings

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

March 7-9, Morgan County - (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun)

March 14-16, Weld County – (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun)

March 21-23, Pueblo County – (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunting & Outdoor Skills, Western Heritage)

March 28-30, Garfield County - (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunting & Outdoor Skills, Western Heritage)

Beef Weigh In

Beef Weigh-in will be **SATURDAY February 8th, 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 not changed for 2025** 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 2025 KCC Fair need to contact the Extension office and sign up by February 3rd. We ask that junior livestock superintendents not apply for a specie they intend to show at the fair.

Those still needed: Beef – 1; Swine – 2; Horse – 1 for each day, Th, F & S; General Living Arts – 2; Painting – 1; Open Class Foods – 1. Please call the office as soon as possible if you can help us out!
719-346-5571.

Meat Quality Assurance (MQA)

***** April 9, 2025 *****

Burlington Community Center
Letters will be sent to those 4-H members who need to go through the program.

PHILLIPS COUNTY

January

- 1/3: Meat Science Boot Camp
- 1/6: Phillips County 4-H Council Meeting
- 1/7-1/22: National Western Stock Show
- 1/13: Livestock Committee Meeting
- 1/20: Fair Board Meeting
- 1/25-1/27: Leadership Development Conference
- 1/31-2/2: Showdown on the Plains

February:

- 2/1: Enrollment deadline for Returning Members!
- 2/3: Phillips County 4-H Council Meeting
- 2/5: Market Beef Weigh-In, 6-8 pm
- 2/5: Ownership Deadline for Market Beef
- 2/10: Livestock Committee Meeting
- 2/17: Fair Board Meeting
- TBD: Livestock Judging Practice Starts

Don't Miss Out on the 2024-2025 4-H Year

It is time to start enrolling for the 2024-2025 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, 2025

New 4-H Members: March 1, 2025

If you need any help with enrollment, please ask!

Attention Graduating Seniors!

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

co4hfoundation.extension.colostate.edu.

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

Update Information During Enrollment

As you re-enroll in 4-H, please make sure all information in your profile is accurate. Important things to verify include:

- Health information
- Contact information
- Address/Mailing information

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

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

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

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

Leadership Development Conference!

Open to 4-H members 14-18 years of age! Join members from around the state to learn valuable leadership skills. The theme is "Passport to Success" The event will be held January 25-27 in Denver. Youth can register for the event in 4-H Online under the Events Tab, please call for help or more information.

Showdown on the Plains

Join us for our fourth annual Showdown on the Plains! The cattle show will be January 31-February 2 with heifers showing on Saturday and steers showing Sunday. Early registration ends on January 26th! For more information, please see the show's Facebook page!

Meat Science Boot Camp

Are you ready to sharpen your skills and learn more about the world of meat science? Join us for the Meat Science Boot Camp, open to 4-H members ages 13-18! In this hands-on workshop, participants will:

- Learn about meat cuts and how to identify them.
- Explore meat selection techniques for quality and value.
- Discover the secrets of meat cookery and safe handling practices.
- Gain insight into the meat science industry and its role in agriculture.

Register at: <https://bit.ly/4hmeatsciencebootcamp>

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!

SEDGWICK COUNTY

2025

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day: Office Closed
- 11 4-H Recruitment at SCOR Basketball Games
- 31 4-H Enrollments Due Youth and Volunteer

FEBRUARY

- 9 Market Beef weigh-in 12:30-1:30



APRIL

- 1 4-H Scholarships Due
- TBD MQA at Fairgrounds

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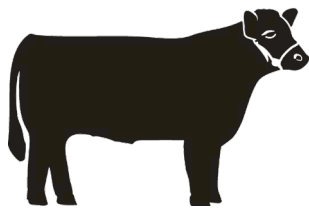
- 1 Ownership deadlines for breeding beef, sheep and goats. Dog & Horse ID forms due in 4-H Online
- 1 Animal Care & Housing Form Due
- 6 Swine ID forms due
- 6 Sheep & Goat Weigh-in
- 15 Add/Drop deadline

4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE

Sedgwick County 4-H enrollment will close at midnight on January 31, 2025. If you need assistance, or need to use a computer, call or stop into the office. The office phone number is 970-474-3479. Reminder: You do not need to decide on all projects when enrolling. May 15th, is the project add/drop deadline. The Extension office recommends enrolling for all projects that you are interested in, then dropping the others later.

MARKET BEEF WEIGH-IN

Market beef weigh-in will be held at the Sedgwick County Fairgrounds on **Sunday, February 9th starting at 12:30 p.m.** *Please be on time! You will need the brand*



inspection paper or official bill of sale at this time to prove ownership. If you do not weigh-in, you are not eligible to show at county fair. Remember, 4-H members are not required to attend weigh-in if they have prior commitments; however, your animal will need to be weighed-in at this time. If someone else is weighing your animals, we will need to know which animal belongs to which child **AT THE TIME OF WEIGH-IN**

in order to accurately complete our paperwork. For safety reasons, we encourage all market beef exhibitors to start halter breaking your steer or heifer before weigh-in. The weight range for county fair will be 1050-1500 lbs. for steers and 1000-1500 for heifers.

2025 SEDGWICK COUNTY FAIR

The 2025 Sedgwick County Fair is July 23-27. Updates on the show schedule for fair and Interview Judging scheduled for all projects will come out after a new 4-H Program Coordinator is hired.

GRADUATING SENIORS

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

LITERATURE ORDERS

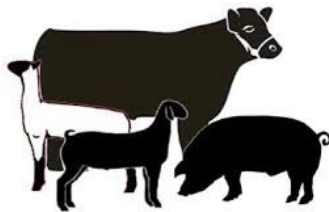
Project Manuals are crucial to successfully completing a project. They can take into account different aspects you may not have thought of when doing your project. There have been a couple of changes this year. To help members get the most from their projects, we are asking

the club leaders to collect the orders for 4-H project manuals from their membership. Literature orders are due to the Extension office no later than **May 19, 2025** to give some time after the add/drop deadline. However, we will be making an early bird order on **March 15th, 2025**. The Extension Office will order the literature and bill individual 4-H clubs for all members' purchases. Members will need to check with their clubs on how to pay for it. Josilyn will be sending each club leader a report stating which members have indicated they would like to order manuals. Please double check this information with your club members and then complete the literature order form. **Double check to see if it is available on <https://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/colorado-4-h-project-information/>. Several of the Manuals are now in PDF form.**

MQA DATE IS TBD!!!

The Meat Quality Assurance date for Sedgwick County at the Sedgwick County Fairgrounds will be set by the new 4-H Program Coordinator.

If you are new to a 4-H livestock project, you are required to participate in the training the first two years of your project. There



will be information mailed to each member individually about the MQA. You will need to re-certify when you are 12 and again when you are 15. Please contact the Extension office if you have questions about this. Livestock projects that require MQA training include: beef, sheep, swine, goats, rabbits, and poultry. If you haven't met this requirement by **June 15, 2025**, you will NOT be eligible to show at fair. Contact the Extension Office with any questions.

ADD/DROP DATE

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

RECORD BOOK FOLDERS

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

WASHINGTON COUNTY

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

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

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

- 1 Office Closed – New Year’s Holiday
- 3 4-H Holiday Skating Party 1-4 p.m. Brush Roller Rink
- 3 LDC Registration due in 4Honline
- 10 4-H Project Workshop 9-11 a.m. Extension Office
- 19 Shooting Sports Safety Meeting – 2:00 p.m. Events Center
- 20 County Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 25-26 Leadership Development Conference (LDC) - Denver



FEBRUARY

- 15 Market Beef Weigh In – Eastern Co Research Center North of Akron, 7:30- 9:00 a.m.
- 17 Office Closed – President’s Day Holiday

MARCH

- 17 County Council Meeting – 7:00 p.m.
- 28-30 Tentative Dates for YouthFest – Pueblo

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 25-26 in Denver. This conference is open to members age 14-18. Registration is \$215 per member but the county 4-H council will cover \$150. Hotel and travel costs will also be covered by council but members will need to bring money for meals. Contact Anne or Jamie for more information or to register. Registration is due by January 3 in 4honline.



Project Exploration

Still looking for new ideas for projects this year? You are welcome to add or drop projects until May 1st. How about trying something new? Join us on January 10th from 9-11 a.m. at the Extension Office to explore cake decoration, leathercraft and scrapbooking. Please RSVP by January 8th by calling or emailing Anne (970-345-2287 or anne.mason@colostate.edu). For a complete list of projects or more information, contact our office today or look online at colorado4h.org.

YouthFest

YouthFest is an annual leadership camp for members age 11-13. This year’s camp is tentatively scheduled for March 28-30 in Pueblo. 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 20th.

Shooting Sports

Shooting sports information and practice schedules went out the middle of December. Our annual safety meeting will be held on January 19th 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.

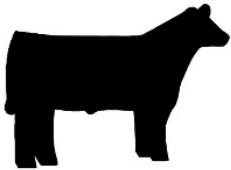




Project Requirements

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. (Please note that this may be last year's information. We will share any new project requirements or information as it gets updated by the state!)

Carnival - At this time, the county is NOT planning to host an annual spring carnival.



Market Beef Weigh In

Market beef weigh-in is tentatively scheduled for **SATURDAY**, February 15 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 – State fair animals are not required to be weighed in **BUT** they all must be tagged with a county tag. Be sure to go online and order DNA packets to be returned to the state fair by April 1st. Nomination forms are also required and can be picked up from Jamie at the office. Those completed forms must be returned to the office by April 1st.

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 Thursday, May 1. Sheep and Goat weigh in has been tentatively set for Monday, May 5 from 3:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Our annual Meat Quality Assurance training is tentatively scheduled for Monday, May 12th but additional dates may be added earlier in April. More details about all of these events and deadlines will be sent out this spring.

Livestock Record Book

4-H livestock projects will again be using a county book, not the state e-record. Livestock record books are due on the Tuesday prior to county fair (July 15) by 4:30 p.m. in the Extension Office. Catch it participants showing through 4-H still need to complete a 4-H record book in addition to their catch it book.

We are Here to Help Need help getting started on your project or finding project resources?? Don't hesitate to contact our office for help. For FCS/General projects, Dog or Shooting Sports, contact Anne. For Livestock or Horse, contact Jamie. Both can be reached by phone at 970-345-2287. Office hours are 8-4:30 p.m. Monday – Friday.


County Fair Dates

The Eastern Colorado Roundup dates have been set for **July 21-26, 2025**. Interview Judging and Fashion Revue will be held on Tuesday, July 15th. All livestock and horse record books will be due Tuesday, July 15th. The Dog show and Air Rifle/Pistol contest will be held July 13th. .22 rifle and .22 pistol, 5 stand, and archery contests will be held July 19th and trap and skeet will be held July 20th. Watch for more county fair information on the official fair website at ecroundup.com or watch our Facebook page and future newsletters.

**EASTERN COLORADO ROUNDUP
JULY 21-26, 2025**

YUMA COUNTY

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

JANUARY	FEBRUARY (Cont.)
<div style="text-align: right; margin-bottom: 10px;"></div> <p>6 Leaders Banquet – Wray</p> <p>20 Yuma County Fairboard Meeting</p> <p>25-27 Leadership Development Conference</p> <p>28 New Volunteer Training– Wray</p>	<p>16 Shooting Sports Safety Meeting (All disciplines)</p> <p>17 President’s Day Holiday—Office Closed</p> <p>17 Fairboard Meeting</p> <p>19 New Volunteer Training Yuma</p> <p>22 Beef Weigh-In – Tri-State Livestock Exchange & the Idler Residence, 9-10 a.m.</p> <p>22-23 Hunter Safety Class</p>
FEBRUARY	
<p>1 Project Registration Deadline</p> <p>5 Yuma County 4-H Council Mtg-Eckley</p>	

**2025 Yuma County
4-H Council Meetings**

February 5th—Vernon, 7 p.m.
 April 16th - Eckley
 June 11th – Wray
 Oct 26th -- Liberty

Market Beef Weigh-in

Beef Weigh-In will be held February 22nd 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 be a minimum of 1025 lbs. with no upper limit. (new rule for 2025)

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 2024 Yuma County Breeding Beef Show had the opportunity to win a bred heifer that will come back to show at the 2025 Yuma County Fair. Be on the lookout for more details. The winner of the heifer this year was: Adley Blach - sponsored by Wagon Wheel Ranch.



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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.

MQA

Don’t forget to add an MQA date 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, March 19th in Wray and Thursday, March 20th in Yuma.

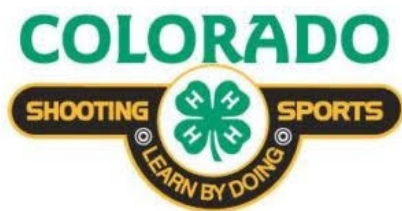
Cloverbuds

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 also have many Cloverbud “record books” you can stop by and pick up. Please look for Cloverbud summer meeting dates in future newsletters.



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.



2025 Yuma County Shooting Sports Schedule		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Discipline & Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
February 16, 2025	Safety Meeting 2:00	Fairgrounds
February 22-23, 2025	Hunter Safety Class	Fairgrounds
March 1, 2025	Western Heritage	TBA
March 2, 2025	Archery 1:00; Shotgun 3:00	Wray Gun Club
March 8, 2025	Outdoor Skills TBA	TBA
March 9, 2025	.22 Rifle 1:00; Pistol 4:00	Wray Gun Club
April 5, 2025	Western Heritage 1:00	Bonniville
April 6, 2025	Archery 1:00; Shotgun 3:00	Wray Gun Club
April 12, 2025	Outdoor Skills; TBA	TBA
April 13, 2025	.22 Rifle 1:00; Pistol 4:00	Wray Gun Club
May 3, 2025	Western Heritage 1:00	Bonniville
May 4, 2025	Archery 1:00; Shotgun 3:00	Wray Gun Club
May 10, 2025	Outdoor Skills; TBA	TBA
May 11, 2025	.22 Rifle 1:00;	Wray Gun Club
May 31, 2025	Weld County Invitational	
June 1, 2025	Archery 1:00; Shotgun 3:00	Wray Gun Club
June 7, 2025	Outdoor Skills TBA	TBA
June 8, 2025	.22 Rifle 1:00	Wray Gun Club
June 14, 2025	Western Heritage 1:00	Bonniville
July 5, 2025	Western Heritage 1:00	Bonniville
July 6, 2025	Archery 1:00; Shotgun 3:00	Wray Gun Club
July 12, 2025	Outdoor Skills TBA	TBA
July 13, 2025	.22 Rifle 1:00	Wray Gun Club
August TBA, 2025	Interview Judging - Concessions	Yuma
August 16-17 2025	State Archery/.22 /Muzzle Shoot	Pueblo
August 30-31 2025	State Shotgun/Pistol Shoot	Colorado Springs
	State Outdoor Skills/Western Heritage	Wray Gun Club
	Dates are subject to change	

There will be a Hunter Safety class that is open to the public on Feb 22-23. 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.

Babysitter Basics Training Class

Tuesday, March 18, 2025

Wray Roundhouse

9am to 3pm



⇒ Cost: \$20.00 to cover materials and snacks

⇒ Bring a brown bag lunch and a drink



LEARN TO BECOME A RESPONSIBLE BABYSITTER

PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED by **March 10**

Session Includes:

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

- ◆ Participants must be 11-14 years old
- ◆ Minimum of 8 registrations required
- ◆ Instructed by JoLynn Midcap - CSU Golden Plains Area 4-H Specialist (Yuma County)
- ◆ Certificates 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

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Babysitter Basics Training Class Registration

March 18, 2025 – Wray

Registration (with payment) due by March 10, 2025

Name: _____

Age: _____

Parent/Guardian: _____

Address: _____

Contact Phone Number: _____

Please make check payable to YUMEX