

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Golden Plains Area Newsletter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May/June 2026

May

- 1 Horse and Dog ID's due in 4honline
- 2 Sheep and Goat Weigh-in -YC Fairgrounds 9-11 am
- 4 Swine Nominations Due
- 15 State Digital Photo Contest entries open
- 16-17 Phillips County Showdown
- 18 Yuma County Fairboard meeting - Yuma
- 18 State Conference Registrations Due in 4honline
- 25 Office Closed-holiday
- 27 Discover the worlds of 4-H Camp – Kit Carson County
- 29 4-H Council Movie Night!!! – Yuma County Fairgrounds
- 30-31 CJSA prospect swine show -see flyer on YC 4-H Facebook page

June

- 1 Sheep/Goat/Swine DNA due to Colorado State Fair
- 1 CSF Swine/Sheep/Goat nomination forms due to Ext Office
- 4 Cloverbud Meeting – TBA @10:30 am
- 5 Friday Night Rides begin – TBA
- 8 Monday Night Rides begin – TBA
- 9 Yuma County Cake Show and Cake wars – YC Fairgrounds
- 10 Sportfishing Clinic - Wray
- 10 Yuma County 4-H Council Meeting – 7 pm in Eckley ELECTIONS
- 11 Stitches to Spotlight - Sterling
- 11 Cloverbud Meeting - TBA @10:30 am
- 13 Yuma County 4-H Horse Show Clinic – YC Fairgrounds
- 15 Yuma County Fairboard Meeting - Yuma
- 16-19 Colorado State 4-H Conference
- 23 Food Booth Committee Meeting – Extension Office
- 25 Cloverbud meeting - TBA @10:30 am

July

- 15 Record Book Work day – Wray am and Yuma pm
- 16 Cloverbud Meeting - TBA @10:30 am
- 17 Livestock Record books, pre entry cards, narratives, and recipes due

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CSU Extension 4-H Web Site

<http://www.colorado4h.org>



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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

Veterinary Science

Veterinary science concerns the treatment of a range of different animals – from domestic pets to farmyard animals – and combines an array of subjects like anatomy and animal behavior. It covers any issue from basic animal maintenance to major physical ailments.



When enrolling in this project, Unit 1 introduces you to Airedales to Zeras. From identifying different breeds of animals, interpreting an animal's behavior, describing the life stages of animals, making your home safe for pets, measuring medication properly or explaining what veterinarians do, you will understand the basics of it all. Future units dive deeper into specific topics.

A fair project would be a display board that shows off some amazing fact or procedure that you learned while studying your manual

IF LEARNING ABOUT ANIMALS OR BECOMING A VET INTEREST YOU, THIS IS THE PROJECT YOU NEED TO ENROLL IN!



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Exhibit Requirements

Please go to yumacounty.net then county fair (or the QR code later in this newsletter) to find information on State Fair requirements. This site also has a link to the e-records that you will use for all General and Home EC projects. Hard copies of all this information can also be picked up at the Extension office.

Display Boards

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

If you need hints and tips on making a great display board project, here are some things to think about.

SIZE

Display boards for the State Fair must measure 4 ft. wide x 3 ft. tall. They should be made of lightweight cardboard, but not poster board. Pre-cut boards are available at most craft and shopping centers. No part of your display may extend beyond these boundaries. No additional items may be included in front of the display board.

SHAPE
Design your exhibit so information fits on the display. Remember, you have one large surface, and two smaller side wings.

TEXT
Make sure that all the text on your display is easy to read. Use a large font for the title, and smaller fonts for the headings and body text. Text must be readable from 3-5 feet away. Use large bold letters. Dark letters on a light background works best.

ATTACHMENTS
When attaching pictures or objects to your board make sure they are secure. Use glue for pictures and paper, and consider wires, zip ties or staples to attach bulkier items. Do not attach items that are so heavy that your board can't stand up or fold.

SPACE
Your display should only discuss one main topic. This will help it look neat and uncrowded.

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FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Quilting and Sewing Supplies

If you are enrolled in the Quilting or Clothing projects, please read!

We have had several generous donations of fabric. These donations are high quality quilting cotton and specialty fabrics such as synthetics, lace overlay, chiffon and panne velvet. We are thinking that these fabrics would help a member enrolled in a costume or formal dress unit in Units 3 and 5 but anyone interested can come in and take a look!

Stitches to Spotlight

Please see the end of this newsletter for more information on the Stitches to Spotlight program coming up in June. This will be an opportunity to gain understanding different FCS projects each year. This year we will focus on scrapbooking and the Fashion Revue. Call the Extension Office and talk to Joy if you need more information.

LIVESTOCK

Dog Practices

In June, there will be 4-H dog workouts in Wray on Tuesday and Saturday mornings. This is open to any 4-H dog member to attend as their schedule allows. Dogs will not only learn show ring skills, but socialization skills and members will learn to train their dog in basic obedience. More information with specifics will be available soon.

Horse Ride Nights

Starting in June, weekly ride nights will provide horsemen with opportunities to enhance their riding abilities and learn about horse care and maintenance. These enjoyable evenings are open to all 4-H Horse Members in the county. Monday night rides will kick off on Monday, June 8th, while Friday night rides will commence on Friday, June 5th.

MQA

If you still need to attend a MQA Class to show your market livestock at the Yuma County fair, there are still a few opportunities left.

DATE	DAY	COUNTY	LOCATION	CITY
1	Fri	Phillips	Classroom - No Trailer	Haxtun
11	Mon	Morgan	Fairgrounds	Brush
12	Tues	Morgan	Fairgrounds	Brush



OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Yuma County 4-H Council Notes

The last council meeting was held in Vernon, hosted by Ace High. Fair committees were created and funding requests were honored. We will host another movie night on Friday May 29 at Darcy's stage. BRING A FRIEND!!! A flag retirement ceremony will be held at the District 1 meeting on Sunday, May 3 in conjunction with the meeting. It was decided that we could possibly do more photo contest banners and have two entries per side of board. The next meeting will be in Eckley on June 10 and this will be the election meeting.

General & Home Economics Achievement Award

Last year, Yuma County was privileged to have an anonymous donor provide a \$200 award to Morgan Stults and Anthony Emery. The award is based on outstanding achievement related not only to their projects, but to their 4-H involvement as a whole. The General and Home Economics Achievement award will be given again this year and is determined by what is recorded in your record books. Be sure to keep good records so you are eligible for this award! Keep track of all the activities you do, committees you serve on, the help you give another member or sibling with a 4-H activity, community service, etc. Look for more tips on filling out your record book in the Fair Newsletter issue.

Accidental Insurance Sponsors

Wray State Bank is once again providing accidental insurance for all Yuma County members and leaders. It would be wonderful if you could express your gratitude to them for their ongoing support of Yuma County 4-H. They would greatly value your feedback, so feel free to drop them a note or thank them in person if you visit the bank.

Fair Information

- Parade Theme: "Stars and Stripes and Summertime Nights"

For up-to-date Yuma County Fair information, please visit yumacounty.net and select county fair or scan this QR Code.



This site will have the schedule, fairbook, project requirements, pre-entry cards, and much, much more. It will be updated continually, so if you can't find something, please check back at a later date.



What am I supposed to be doing now?

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 Show Clinic will be your golden ticket!

There are many dog shows, horse shows, and prospect shows around the state so you can be prepared put your best foot forward at fair.

The State Conference is for you if you have an impressive speech or demonstration, if you want to meet new friends, or if you want to compete in any number of contests!

Cloverbud meetings are for you if you are between 5-7 and are too excited to wait for real 4-H!



Yuma County State Conference

State conference will be held June 16-19 and will be held at the CSU campus in Ft. Collins. The Yuma County 4-H Council will pay for delegates to go and participate in the conference this year. Please register on 4honline by May 18, or ASAP, as workshops are filling up fast.

Explore the World with 4-H

Explore the World with 4-H is a one day leadership program for junior 4-H members ages 8-10. It will be in Burlington on May 27th. Registration cost is \$10 and closes May 22nd. Contact JoLynn to register.

Notes from prior Fair board meetings:

- Animals can begin arriving at the fairgrounds on Wed, July 29th and must be in place by 4 pm. Open scales will be available all day if you need to test weigh your livestock. Scales will close at 4:30 pm
- Parade theme is Stars, Stripes, and Summer Nights

Congratulations Graduates!

Maggie Anderson

Taya Simmons

Danika Dischner

Morgan Stults

Wyatt Fonte

Tatum Soehner

Edward Keller

Megan Wacker

Addison Jones

Reese Weatherly

Dorothy Zentz



SPORTFISHING CLINIC



Wray Fish Hatchery

Wed, June 10
9am-3pm

10.00 Registration fee
will cover lunch and materials

+Learn about fishing regulations good fishing techniques

+Tour the hatchery & ponds

+Learn about local fish species, and how to cast a line

+You may even learn to clean your fish!

+If you have a pole and tackle, please bring them.

You do not need to be enrolled in the Sport Fishing project to attend. All 4-H members are welcome!

Please call the Yuma County Extension Office-970-332-4151 to register by May 31st

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4-H Horse Show Clinic

Sponsored by Pleasant Valley Hustlers 4-H Club

When: June 13, 2026

9:00 A.M. – 3:30 P.M.

**Where: 5716 Co. Rd 41, Yuma, CO
Or Yuma County Fairgrounds (if inclement weather)**

This 4-H Spring Horse Show Clinic is a perfect opportunity to learn, gain new skills and get ready for the horse show season with top notch local clinicians. If you don't have a horse you can still participate as a spectator. Neighboring 4-H counties are welcome.

Free lunch will be provided



**In order for us to prepare, please RSVP by June 6th to:
Jim Pagel (970-630-2680) or Bernice Pagel (970-630-1693).**



MOVIE NIGHT

**FRIDAY,
MAY 29, 2026
8:00 PM OR DARK**

**DARCY'S STAGE -
YUMA COUNTY
FAIRGROUNDS**

**FREE TO THE PUBLIC.
BRING A FRIEND**



Yuma County Cake Show

June 9, 2026

Yuma County Fairgrounds ~ Concession Bldg
410 Hoag, Yuma

Please RSVP by June 3 by calling the
Yuma County Extension Office at 970-332-4151

10:00 am – 10:30 am

10:30 am – 12:30 pm

12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

1:30 pm – 3:30 pm

3:30 pm

Registration

\$5.00 per Cake Entry

Open Judging & Workshop

\$5.00 per person

Lunch on Your Own

Cake Wars

\$10.00 per entry

Awards





Cake Wars Information

**Join in as an individual or as a team and
test your talents in the cake war competition!**

Categories

Individual

Team

* If contestants are of different age divisions, age of the oldest team member will determine division.

Age Divisions (as of January 1, 2026)

Cloverbud: 5 – 7 years

Intermediate: 11 – 13 years

Adult: 19 and Older

Junior: 8 – 10 years

Senior: 14 – 18 years

Schedule

1:30 – 1:45: Planning & Design Time

1:45 – 3:00: Decorating Time

3:00 – 3:30: Evaluation & Discussion

3:30: Awards

What to Bring


1 – 8 inch round or 8x8 inch square unfrosted cake on a sturdy base for display

Frosting for cake and decorations

Icing Colors (optional)

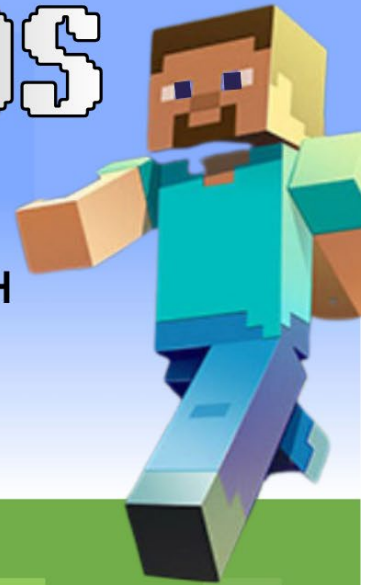
Ten or less types of edible items to use for decorating

Rules of Play

- The decorating theme will be announced at the start of the contest.
 - Each individual and team entry will bring one 8 inch round or 8x8 inch square unfrosted cake. Single layer only.
 - Each individual and team will bring a bowl of frosting. Frosting should not be tinted prior to contest. Frosting may be tinted and placed in frosting bags if needed at the contest.
 - Participants may use fondant (homemade or purchased). Colored fondant may be purchased or tinted off site.
 - Only edible items can be used on the cake. Some theme related edible items will be provided.
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EXPLORE NEW WORLDS WITH 4-H

SPONSORED BY DISTRICT 1 4-H



MAY 27, 2026

10:00 AM-3:00 PM

KIT CARSON FAIRGROUNDS: 815 15TH ST,
BURLINGTON, CO 80807

Register through 4-H
Online by May 20

Open to 4-H Members
8-10 years old

\$10/Member
Includes lunch

CONTACT YOUR COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION



STITCHES TO SPOTLIGHT WORKSHOP!

SAVE THE DATE

Join us for a fun, hands-on workshop where
you'll learn about fashion revue, scrapbooking
and embellishments!



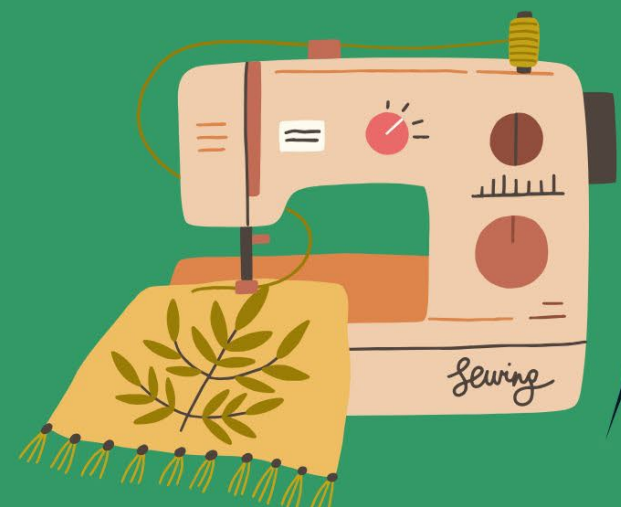
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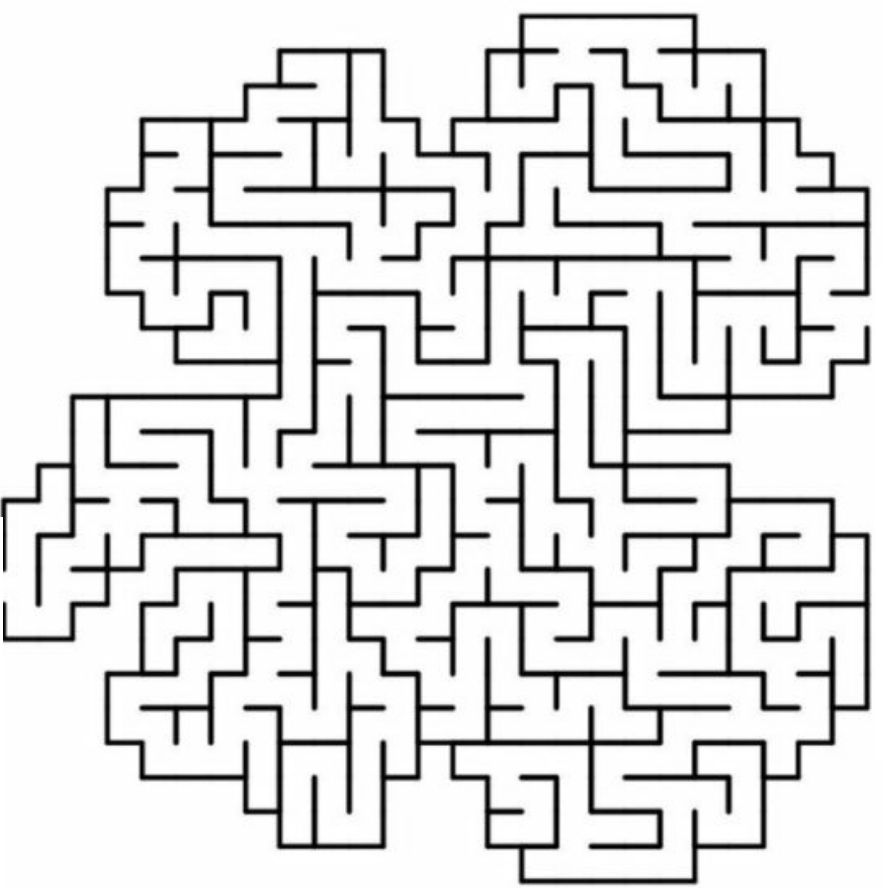


Sterling, CO

**More details
coming soon!**

For more information
contact the
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Can
you
make it
through
this 4-H
clover
Maze?

