

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Golden Plains Area Newsletter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

July-August 2026 Fair Edition

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Golden Plains Area Web Site

<http://goldenplains.colostate.edu>

CSU Extension 4-H Web Site

<http://www.colorado4h.org>

July

- 3 Office Closed in observance of Independence Day
- 6 Horse Levels Testing day. Noble residence
- 11 Ranch Horse Show-more info in newsletter
- 15 Record Book Workday, 9 a.m. – 11 a.m. in Wray, 2 p.m.-4 p.m. in Yuma
- 16 Cloverbud Meeting, 10:30 am—Wray
- 17 Fashion Revue narratives and Food recipes due to the Extension Office
- 17 Deadline to complete written and riding horse levels test
- 17 Record Books due in the Extension Office for all livestock & small animals.
- 17 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
- 20 Yuma County Fair Board Meeting— 7:00 p.m. Fairgrounds
➤ National Anthem Tryouts – 5:30 p.m.
- 20 Possible outside Fairgrounds Cleanup
- 21 Fashion Revue—High School Auditorium—Wray 7:00 p.m.
- 22 Inside Fairgrounds Clean-Up 9:00 a.m.
- 27 Dog Written Test
- 27 Interview Judging
- 27 Ranch Horse Show
- 28 Dog Show

July 29-Aug 2.....Yuma County Fair

August

- 7 Colorado State Fair projects due in Extension Office
- 17 Colorado State Fair Foods & Cake Decorating projects due in Extension Office.

Aug 28- Sept 7Colorado State Fair

September

- 7 Office closed in observance of Labor Day
- 10 State Fair Projects Available for pick up at the Extension Office
- 15 'Colorado Make it with Wool' Submission Deadline. For more info contact Extension Office

**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/)



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

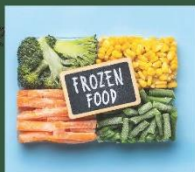
Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.



A QUICK LOOK AT A COOL PROJECT

Food Preservation

Do you have a garden or are interested in knowing where your food came from? Enroll in the Food Preservation project and you can learn how to safely dry foods and maintain quality, and how to use the foods they dried in healthy recipes. You can learn how to safely freeze foods and maintain quality, and how to use the frozen foods they prepared in healthy recipes or how to safely preserve fruits, tomatoes, fruit spreads, and pickles, and how to use these home-canned foods in healthy recipes.



A fair project would be a jar, bag or basket of a food item that you dried, froze, or canned.

IF YOU WOULD LOVE TO MAKE FRUIT LEATHER, FREEZE FRUIT, OR MAKE SYRUPS, JAMS, AND JELLIES, THIS IS THE PROJECT FOR YOU!



CALL YOUR EXTENSION OFFICE FOR MORE INFO



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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.



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 and take a look!

New Fashion Revue Opportunity

Encore Fashions Category – Encore Fashions is a new fashion revue category open to any 4-H member who would like to model a purchased outfit. No clothing project enrollment is required. Entries must be made by submitting the Fashion Revue pre-registration and narrative form to the Extension Office by July 17th. Participant's outfits should be suitable for school, sportswear, casual wear, or dressy occasions. Judging will be based on suitability of the clothing to the person, appropriateness for the occasion, fit, general appearance, and presentation.

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 17th. Look for the forms in the interview judging packets.

All-Around Accomplished 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 All-Around Accomplished Award application.

The All-Around Accomplished Award recognizes 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 an 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. You may also be the recipient of some very nice prizes!

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. These applications will be due July 17th.

Leaders – please encourage your members to apply.



LIVESTOCK

All stalls **must** have signs or be marked so the public (and the Herdsman Award judge) knows who the animals belong to. Signs can be picked up in the Extension Office on the Fairgrounds beginning 7 am on Wed, July 29th.

Dog

Don't forget to join us at the fairgrounds on Tuesday, July 28 for the Yuma County fair dog show! These dogs have been training all summer for this show and would love to show off their skills to you all!

Horse

From the Yuma County Fair Book:

INTERMEDIATES MUST HAVE PASSED LEVEL ONE TO SHOW AT YUMA COUNTY FAIR.

First year Intermediates may show for one year while obtaining their level one certification. Any Intermediate with more than one year in the 4-H Horse Project is ineligible to show until passing level one.

SENIORS MUST HAVE LEVEL TWO TO SHOW AT YUMA COUNTY FAIR.

First year Seniors will be allowed to show for one year without having passed their levels one and two. Seniors with more than one year in the 4-H Horse Project are ineligible to show until passing levels one and two.

If you can't make a Friday or Monday ride night 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 17th, 2026.

2026 Market Prices for Record Books

Beef -- \$2.55 per pound
Sheep -- \$2.50 per pound
Goats -- \$3.05 per pound
Swine -- \$0.70 per pound
Chickens -- \$0.90 per pound
Large Poultry -- \$1.40 per pound
Rabbit -- \$12.00 / head
Dairy -- \$3500.00 / 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.

Yuma County 4-H Council Notes

The last council meeting was held in Eckley, hosted by Eckley Trailblazers.

Your new 26-27 council officers are President-Brylee Meisner, Vice President-Sawyer Fonte, Secretary/Reporter-Grace Jones, Treasurer-Victoria Granados, Historian-Taryn Tucker, Parliamentarian-Lancy Buoy, Senator/Alt Senators-Maddy Lapp, Grace Jones, Grady Lengle, and Anthony Emery, Leader Advisor-Shawna Fonte and Logan Klein.

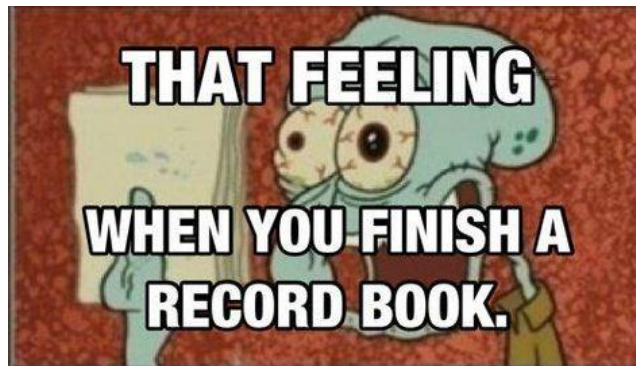
Every Club is supposed to bring two Flower Pots to Interview Judging.

The next meeting will be in Wray on Oct 18. We will start the meeting at 3 pm then follow with the Achievement program at 4 pm.

Other Important Information

What am I supposed to be doing now?

Please be looking at your records books and project requirements. It is a great time to ask questions so you have time to exhibit an amazing project. If you need help with your record book, you are welcome to ask those questions on Wed, July 15. I will be in Wray from 9-11 and at the Fairgrounds from 2-4 to help you with any record book questions.



E-Record Books

Your E-Record book should accompany your project. You may use 1" or smaller 3-ring binders or other notebooks that will keep the pages securely inside. You may need a larger binder for Vet Science and Photography. **You may not use slider-type binders.**

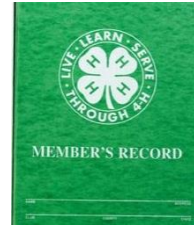
All record books, including livestock, can be found at co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/Colorado-4-h-project-information. If you need a hard copy, please contact the Extension Office. Copies of Record Books are \$2.00. The following livestock projects can all be included in the same record book, Beef, Goat, Lamb, Poultry, Rabbits, and Swine. Horse and Dog projects should be in their own individual record books. Please use the white 3 ring binder provided to you by the Extension Office.

Project Materials Available

We have **display boards** for your project displays for \$3.00. 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 the guidelines below to create a display board for your project. P.S. These boards also work well for the science fair and other school projects

We have **record book covers** available for \$3.50.

We also have **mounting boxes and pins** for those in Entomology.



Notes from prior Fair board meetings:

- Animals can begin arriving at the fairgrounds on Wed, July 29th at 6 am 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

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.



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 20th at 5:30 p.m.



Congratulations!

Tatum Soehner was the recipient of the Greg Wise memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is award to an individual who has made the most of their 4-H career and has taken advantage of not only club, but county, state, and even district opportunities. Tatum has proven to be a leader in all of her 4-H activities and has made Yuma County proud all over the state!



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. The second page of your record book "How I participate in 4-H" should be identical in each of your record books. This is not a project specific page but a snapshot of your entire 4-H year.

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 22nd. 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.



Jr Market 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. 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 1 hour after the goat show (or before is your are able) 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 or know of anyone willing to serve on this committee.



Yuma County Fair Camper Space Reminders

- Camper spaces are \$60.00 for electrical, \$100.00 for full service and \$20.00 for generators (evening generator use may be restricted).
- **All campers must be PAID IN FULL PRIOR TO INTERVIEW JUDGING** on Monday, July 27th.
- 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 Fair 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 Fair Office. A map will be made of the reserved camper layout with names. The Fair Office will try and fill requests as best we can but is 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 Fair Office at (970) 630-3949.



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!



Interview Judging Concessions

The Yuma County Shooting Sports will once again be providing concessions during interview judging on Monday July 27th They will be serving breakfast, snacks, and a hot lunch. Bring your appetite and thank you for supporting the Yuma County Shooting Sports Program.



One Last Thought

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 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 things were going to change. (1st person to call the Extension Office gets a prize). Today, just weeks before fair, is that the picture 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. Is your record book signed? Did you complete all the supplements to your record book? Is this project prepared to be judged and all aspects completed?
- 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 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.

Interview Judging

As you are preparing for interview judging, please remember to dress like you are going to a job interview. Do not wear a hat during your interview. Remember to shake the judge's hand and introduce yourself before you sit down.

Yuma County Food Booth Guidelines

Remember you are representing yourself and 4-H and will be serving food to the public.
Club shirts or other 4-H attire would be appreciated

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.

Grills should be run by an adult or a member over 14 years old.

An adult should be at the cash register at all times.

2026 Yuma County 4-H Food Booth Schedule

Food Booth Manager – The Clover Crew!

Wednesday, July 29

1 pm – 5 pm

5 pm – 9 pm

Idalia Starlighters

Liberty Country Challengers

Thursday, July 30

10 am – 2 pm

2 pm – 6 pm

6 pm – 9 pm

Westerneers

Ace High

HeartStrong Phoenix

Friday July 31

10 am – 1 pm

10:30 – 1:30

1 pm – 5 pm

5 pm – 9 pm

Beecher Island

PVH (1-2 adults and 5 members)

Eckley Trailblazers

Arena Magic

Saturday August 1

11 am – 4 pm

4 pm – 9 pm

Wauneta

Sharp Shooters

Sunday August 2

9 am – 2 pm

2 pm – Clean up

Rainbow Explorers

Pleasant Valley Hustlers



Yuma County 4-H



JAMBOREE

come step into the spotlight



Sing a
Song



Dance Your
Heart Out



Play An
Instrument



Make Us
Laugh



Perform A
Skit

whatever your talent, we want to see it!



When:
July 21st
7:00 P.M.



Where:
Wray High
School
Kitzmiller
Auditorium



During:
4-H
Fashion
Review

*Come
Join Us!*

For more information or to register
please call the extension office:



(970) 332 - 4151 by July 17th



ALL-AROUND ACCIMPLISHED AWARD

Recognizing 4-H members who excel in
Family & Consumer Sciences, leadership, and community involvement.

Who Should Apply?



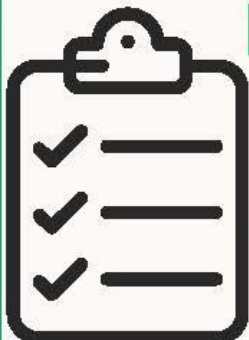
Family &
Consumer
Science Projects



Members with
Leadership
Skills



Members with
Community
Service Hours



How To Apply?

Members will receive
application forms in the
mail with interview judging
schedules and they will be
available online.

A leader must sign the application!

Application Deadline:



July 17