

COUNTY FAIR EDITION

July

- 9 Shooting Sports Contest Entries Due
- 10 Fashion Revue/Talent Show Entries Due
- 10 Horse Show Entries Due
- 11 Air Rifle/Air Pistol Contest
8 a.m. Events Center
- 13 Fashion Revue Setup/Practice – 2 p.m.
- 14 Nominations due for
First Year Member Awards Due
- 14 Interview Judging – Events Center
All Home Ec & General Projects
(except Foods & Cake Dec.)
- 14 Deadline for: Livestock, Horse, and
Companion Animal Record Books
DUE BY 4:30 p.m.
- 14 Livestock Stall Reservations Due
- 14 Fashion Revue and Talent Show
- 17 Shooting Sports Contest
.22 Pistol – 5 p.m. Shooting Range
- 18 Shooting Sports Contest
.22 Rifle – 8 a.m.
Muzzel loader – following .22
Archery – 9 a.m.
Shotgun 5 stand – 4 p.m.
- 19 Shooting Sports Contest
Shotgun Trap/Skeet – 8 a.m.

July 20 – July 25

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- 21 Interview Judging – Events Center
(Foods & Cake Decorating)
- 22 Deadline for: Livestock Packer
Certification Forms (aka COOL forms).
Required for all 4-H and FFA market animals
- 25 Fair Exhibits Released

August

- 17 All Home Ec & General Projects
going to **State Fair** must be in
Extension Office by Noon!

Aug 28–Sept 7

Colorado State Fair, Pueblo

September

- 3 Club Chartering Documents
DUE to Extension office!
- 21 County Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.—Extension Office

Colorado State University Extension – Washington County

Courthouse Annex – 181 Birch Avenue – Akron, CO 80720

Phone: 970-345-2287

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday

WELCOME TO THE TEAM

Our vacant 4-H/Family Consumer Science (FCS) specialist position has been filled!!

Please help us in welcoming **Marylu Smith-Dischner** who will start with our office on Monday, July 6th.

Marylu is a longtime Yuma-area educator, grant professional, agricultural advocate, and civic leader recognized for her contributions to rural Colorado through education, community development, local government, and economic advancement initiatives.



Marylu is pictured here with her husband, Damon. Damon grew up in Washington County.

We are excited to welcome Marylu as part of our team. Please stop by during fair to introduce yourself to her!



Retirement Card Shower for **Sharon Christensen**

Please join us in honoring Sharon's
30 years of service to our county.

Shower her with well wishes by sending
a card to our office address at:

**181 Birch Ave.
Akron CO 80720**

I PLEDGE
MY HEAD
to clearer *thinking*
MY HEART to greater *loyalty*
 **MY TO**
HANDS **LARGER SERVICE**
MY HEALTH
to better *living*
FOR MY CLUB & MY
MY COMMUNITY *world.*
MY COUNTRY

**Congratulations to our new county
council officer team for the upcoming
2026-2027 4-H year!**

President: Emmalee Gailus

Vice President: Arhy Bethel

Secretary: Cas Quick

Treasurer: Kaylee Hunning

CLOVERBUDS

Cloverbuds are encouraged to participate in our annual interview judging day. Cloverbuds can choose a topic that interests them and create a posterboard or bring in something they made for fair. They would bring their poster or item and their workbook to interview judging on Tuesday, July 14th. At that time, a "judge" will ask them a few questions about their project in a small group setting. The Cloverbud interview schedule has three available time slots. Cloverbuds can choose whichever session works best for them. Session 1 will be at 9 a.m., session 2 at 11 a.m. and session 3 after lunch at 1 p.m. Interviews are not required so if you are unable to attend, bring the project and workbook to our office the week prior to fair so that we can still display them during fair for everyone to see.

Cloverbuds may also enter in any open class project at the county fair including our Fashion Revue. For more details about open class or fair opportunities, check out the complete fairbook at ecroundup.com. A letter will be sent out to each Cloverbud with a bit more information.

Don't forget to pick up their project and workbook after fair on Saturday, July 25 from 8-10:00 a.m.

Grandstand Cleaning

Each year, clubs are given the opportunity to make a little money by helping to clean the grandstands at the fair. We are seeking clubs or groups to clean throughout fair. Contact the office for details.

We encourage ALL clubs to work together and keep the fairgrounds clean. Please help by keeping stalls and exhibit areas free of trash and manure/debris. Be sure to keep aisles, alleys and doorways open for visitors to walk through and enjoy the fair.



COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS CONTESTS

Our annual 4-H Shooting Sports Contests will take place prior to county fair on the dates listed below.

All shooting sports members are encouraged (but not required) to compete in the county contest. Just a reminder that the contest does NOT affect project completion. All shooting sports members must still participate in interview judging and have a stand alone, decorative item or display board to complete the project.

Youth are encouraged to participate in any discipline that they are enrolled in and have practiced. **Please complete an entry form by 4:30 p.m. on July 9th.** Hard copy forms are available at the office or you can enter online at this link:

[Shooting Sports Contest Entry Form](#)



SATURDAY, July 11th – Events Center
Air Rifle & Air Pistol – 8:00 a.m.

FRIDAY, July 17th – Shooting Range
.22 Pistol – 5:00 p.m.

SATURDAY, July 18th – Shooting Range
.22 Rifle – 8:00 a.m.
Archery – 9:00 a.m.
Muzzleloading – after .22
Shotgun (5 stand) – 4:00 p.m.

SUNDAY, July 19th – Shooting Range
Shotgun (Trap/Skeet) – 8:00 a.m.

COUNTY FAIR NEWS

OPEN CLASS OPPORTUNITIES

All youth enrolled in 4-H and FFA are also eligible to enter in the fair as an Open Class Exhibitor. This may be in Agriculture, Poultry, or the Home Ec. and Horticulture Department. This is a great place to exhibit any gardening, sewing, artwork or other hobby work that you have made or grown this year. Home Ec/Hort items must be entered on Monday, July 20th from 1-6 p.m.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Where is the Extension Office located during fair? We are located in the southeast corner of the Events center starting on Monday of the fair. If the main doors are closed, please come in the south doors or the side door on the east.

Where do I find the schedule and rules for the fair? We have attached a tentative schedule with this newsletter. Additional schedules can be picked up at the Extension office. More information is available at the county fair website (ecroundup.com). The schedule is subject to change.

Who do I contact for the following?

Tickets: ecroundup.com

Campers: Commissioners office 345-2701

How do I get up-to-date fair information?

Follow our Facebook page "Washington County Colorado 4-H" for updates and reminders about fair deadlines and events. Check out the fair Facebook page as well "Eastern Colorado Roundup." If you don't have Facebook, call us with questions or check the local newspapers for more information.

FAIR BOOKS

At this time, we do not have printed fairbooks available. The fairbook is available online at ecroundup.com.

PARADE

This year's fair parade theme will be

"Who Let the Herd Out?"

The parade will take place on

Friday, July 24 at 10:00 a.m.



COUNTY FAIR CHANGES

Thursday Evening

There will not be a sled pull this year but instead there will be two new events.

A **Draft Horse Pull** will be held at 5:00 p.m. and will be a free event in front of the grandstands.

Community Arena Events will follow the Draft Horse Pull. Events like a Skillet Toss, Cinnamon Roll Eating Contest, and more will be held for community members who wish to participate. Check out the fair website and Facebook page for details.

Free Concert

A free concert featuring Landon Smith will be held following the PRCA rodeo on Saturday night.

Breeding Sheep and Goat Show

The order of the sheep and goat show have changed. Breeding will be first, followed by showmanship and then market classes.

HOME EC and GENERAL PROJECT INFORMATION

Interview Judging will be **Tuesday, July 14th** at the Events Center for all Home Ec. and General 4-H Projects (except Foods & Cake Decorating). Foods & Cake Decorating interviews will be held during fair on **Tuesday, July 21st**.

Please bring your project AND record book to your interview. Interview schedules are attached. Be sure to show up on time, look nice and be prepared to discuss your project with a judge. Ensure that you meet the 4-H Dress Code.

Record Book: Be sure to use the 2025-26 version of the state e-Record. You can purchase a 4-H record book cover from the Extension office for \$3 or you can use a sturdy binder with fasteners to secure your records. Please put your name, age, project, and unit on the front cover.

Display Boards: Need a display board? They are available at the Extension office for \$3.

Exhibit: To find the requirements for your exhibit, look at the state fair requirements found at the link below. This will tell you exactly what your exhibit should consist of.
<https://co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf>

Scan for Exhibit requirements!



Members must be interviewed with their projects to be eligible for project champions. If a member cannot be interviewed due to an unavoidable scheduling conflict, a written interview questionnaire (Absentee Interview Form) must be completed by the member and turned in with the eRecord and project on or before judging day. This written interview will allow the project to be considered for unit placing and participation at State Fair.

For questions about interview judging, or to request an absentee interview form, contact the Extension office at 970-345-2287.

PROJECTS MUST BE LABELED

All General and Home Ec project exhibits **MUST** be labeled with name, age, county, project and unit of the 4-H member. Information **MUST** be written or typed on a label and securely attached to your exhibit.

Labels for Clothing & Heritage Arts are available from the Extension Office and must be attached to the garments or items. This will assist in identifying exhibit items and getting them displayed accurately.

Example:

*John Doe (12 yrs.)
Washington County
Woodworking Unit 3 – Intermediate*

FASHION REVUE

4-H & Open Fashion Revue will be on **Tuesday July 14th at 6:00 p.m.** at the Washington County Event Center. Fashion Revue is open to 4-H members, cloverbuds, and any youth that have an interest in fashion or modeling. Everyone is encouraged to participate! Practice will be held July 13 at 2:00 p.m.

Encore Fashions – Any youth (4-H or Open) may enter and model an outfit out of their own closet – outfit may be store bought or handmade. Put together the best outfit for you and be a “*fashion model*” on our stage!

Open Class Clothing – Child, Youth & Teen age groups will be judged separately. Models may wear one or more garments home sewn by self or other person, or decorated ready-made garments. Classes include: Child 7 yrs and under, Youth 8 yrs to 13 yrs, and Teen 14-18 yrs.

Entry deadline is **July 10**. See entry form attached

Due July 14!

4-H AWARDS

Kim Kessinger Memorial First Year Member Awards

Outstanding first year member awards will be sponsored by the Kessinger Family. Nominations are due July 14 and the award will be presented during the junior livestock sale on Friday, July 24. Club leaders may nominate one or more of their first year members (8+ yrs old). Four criteria will be looked at:

1. Attendance at club meetings
2. Involvement in club/county activities
3. Cooperative attitude
4. Project work

Members will also be recognized at the county level during the annual achievement program in the fall.

Sarah Eatherton 4-H Horsemanship Award

Friends of the Larry Eatherton family and the Washington County 4-H Council continue to sponsor a trophy and cash prize to recognize one 4-H member in the horse project who makes the best effort in four areas: attitude, club participation, improvement in horsemanship skills, and sportsmanship. Club leaders should submit nominations by **July 14** to the Extension Office.

Display Board Guidelines

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

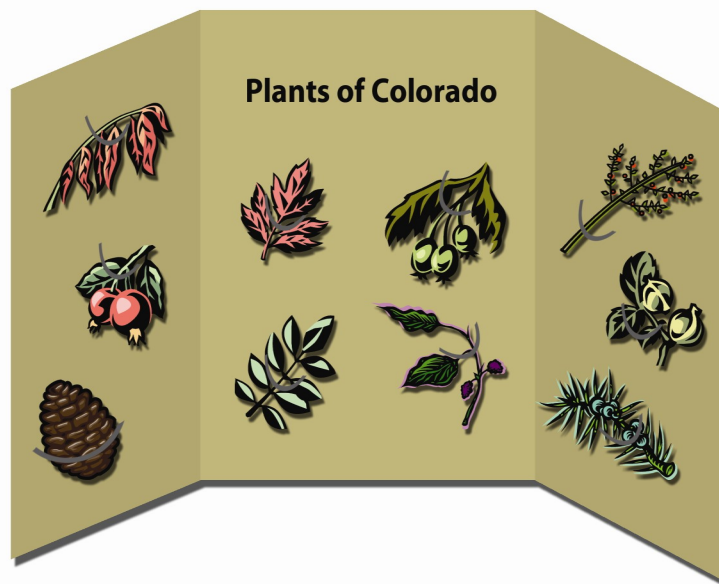
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SHAPE

Design your exhibit so information fits on the display. Remember, you have 1 large surface, and 2 smaller side wings.

SPACE

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



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.

SIZE

Display boards for the 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 the Extension office. No part of your display may extend beyond these boundaries.

ATTACHMENTS

Make sure pictures and objects are securely attached to the board. 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 or fold.

LIVESTOCK and HORSE PROJECT INFORMATION

LIVESTOCK and HORSE RECORD BOOKS

Due Tuesday, July 14th

4-H members **MUST** turn in completed livestock, companion animal, catch it and horse record books to the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. July 14! A record book is required for completion of your project, even if you don't plan to show at the fair.

Livestock members should be using the county livestock record book. It can be downloaded here:



REMINDERS: Livestock books must be completed in the member's handwriting!

Record books should be turned in with a simple cover (no large 3-ring binders please!) 4-H covers are available at the office for \$3 or you could use a report cover. Before turning in your book, remember to have your club leader sign them.

Since books are due before fair, please just estimate market and/or sale prices for your projects. Estimated prices are:

	Market Price	Jr L/S Sale Price
Market Lambs:	\$ 2.40/lb.	\$1200-\$2200
Market Goats:	\$ 3.15/lb.	\$1200-\$2200
Market Beef:	\$ 2.55/lb.	\$4500-\$6000
Market Hogs:	\$ 0.60/lb.	\$1200-\$2500
Market Poultry/Rabbits:		\$600-\$1000

Horse and companion rabbit projects should utilize the state e-record, it can be downloaded from the state 4-H website at www.colorado4h.org. Click the 4-H Programs and Projects tab and then select the project group.

Record books will be judged after fair and returned at our achievement program in October.

PACKER CERTIFICATION FORMS

Due Wednesday, July 22

A packer certification form (also known as COOL form) is required for all market livestock exhibited at the fair by 4-H or FFA members. You will be receiving your form in the mail soon.

With less than 30 days left to fair, please be sure to watch withdrawal dates of any medications or supplements used. You will need to list those on the form if anything is given between now and fair.

LIVESTOCK EXHIBITOR MEETING

Tuesday, July 21 - 12:30 p.m.

All livestock exhibitors and parents are encouraged to attend!

LIVESTOCK STALLS AT FAIR

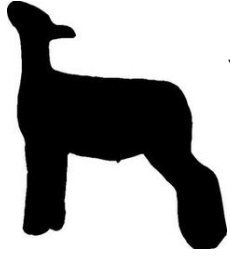
Club leaders and FFA advisors: Please collect and turn in stall reservations for all livestock departments by July 14. It is extremely important that we get the number of animals coming to fair, not just the number of stalls being reserved. Reservations should include the number of head being brought to fair, the number of stalls requested for each species, and if a tack stall is needed in each barn. Reservations may be emailed to jamie.axtell@colostate.edu.

ROUND ROBIN

Round Robin is a livestock showmanship competition designed to challenge the winners of the intermediate and senior divisions of beef, sheep, goat, swine and horse. Two winners from each species/age division are eligible to compete. If you place in the top five of showmanship, please let the Extension Office know if you would like to do round robin. If the top two do not wish to compete, the alternate will be the next highest placing. If you win showmanship in two different species, you must let the office know which species you'll be entering. The deadline for entering is Thursday (of fair week) by 2:00 p.m. Round Robin is Friday at 8:00 a.m.

LIVESTOCK PROJECT INFORMATION

Sheep/Goat Exhibitors:



REMINDER that leg wraps and blankets must be removed before coming across the scale at weigh in.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What do I bring to fair for my livestock?

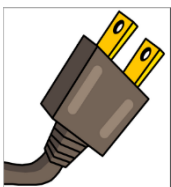
You'll need to bring your animal(s) and all of the supplies to keep them comfortable for the week. Don't forget bedding! The beef barn has sand supplied but the other barns will require you to bring your own wood shavings or bedding. No straw is allowed. Other things to remember include feed, feed pans, water buckets/waterers, a hose, extension cords, rakes, shovels, show supplies and fans or something to keep animals cool.

When do animals have to be at the fair?

Barns will open Monday morning and you can start bringing supplies and animals anytime following that. Your stalls will be assigned by club/chapter for the large barns so touch base with your leader to ensure you have space reserved. Animals will need to be on the grounds before your species weigh in time (see schedule).

When can animals leave?

No 4-H/FFA animals should leave the grounds until Saturday morning. This includes all market and breeding entries.



EXTENSION CORDS

Just a reminder to keep all extension cords safely overhead so that people are not walking over them in aisles or barn areas.

LIVESTOCK WEIGHT LIMITS

Market Lambs: 100-170 lbs

Market Goats: 55-115 lbs

(Goats must also gain at least 6 lbs.)

Market Hogs: 220-300 lbs

Market Steers: 1050-1550 lbs.

Market Heifers: 1000-1550 lbs.

Poultry: Pen weight of 12-27 lbs.

Rabbits: 3.5 - 5.5 lbs/each

Animals outside of the weight and gain limits will be allowed to show in an under/overweight/low gain class. Those animals will not be allowed to ship or sell.

LIVESTOCK SCALES

The large animal scale is always available for exhibitors to use. You can get the code to unlock it from our office, just be sure to lock it when you are done.

The small scale will only be available during open scale times listed below.

Thursday, July 2 4-6 p.m.

Thursday, July 9 5-7 p.m.

Please call the office to verify the times in case of weather or last minute changes!

CATCH IT CONTESTS

The catch it contest has been revamped and applications are now available for the upcoming year.

Applications are due prior to fair on July 6th!



For complete contest rules and guidelines, pick up an application today at the Extension office or scan the code above to download. Additional questions can be directed to catch it committee chair Vanessa Zimmerman at 970-554-0495.

JR. LIVESTOCK SALE INFORMATION

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE: Each member may consign up to two animals for the sale (can not be from the same species). Animals must make weight and be shown in regular market classes to be eligible for sale. The sale will consist of three "rounds". All champions/reserve champions that have been consigned will sell in the first round. The second and third round will be randomly generated but all exhibitors will have a chance to sell in the first or second round before spots are drawn for the third round.

LIVESTOCK CONSIGNMENTS

All 4-H and FFA members must consign their livestock by Thursday, July 23 at 2:00 p.m.! All market animals 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.

Consignment Options:

SHIP: Any market animals that were not sold in the sale and are within the department weight limits are eligible to be shipped with other fair animals for a buyback price. These prices are posted in the Extension office and have been pre-arranged through the sale committee. Transportation is arranged for these animals. All shipped animals will be charged a ship fee of \$5/hd.

LOCKER ANIMALS: If you are planning to send your animal to a locker plant, *it is your responsibility to set up an appointment with the locker and make arrangements for transportation.* If you need a list of local lockers, please contact the Extension office today. **Most lockers will be booked so please make plans now if you are wanting locker processing!**

Junior Livestock Sale BBQ

Friday, July 24 at 4:30 p.m.

Pavilion—SE corner of fairgrounds

All 4-H and FFA exhibitors and their families are invited to attend. Please be sure to invite any potential buyers that your family may do business with or any individuals that have supported your project.

LIVESTOCK SALE PHOTOS

All exhibitors selling in the junior livestock sale must get photos taken for use on buyer thank you cards. Photos are typically taken during each livestock show – a complete schedule will be posted at fair. **It is your responsibility to see that the pictures of your sale animals are taken!** Photos will be printed and attached to your buyer card for you to pick up during the livestock sale on Friday. Photos will be paid for by the junior livestock sale committee. If you choose to have additional photos taken, they will available at your cost.

BUYER THANK YOU's

As mentioned above, you will be responsible for getting a photo taken for buyer thank you posters. These photos should be picked up during the sale and personally presented to your buyer as a token of your appreciation. It is also appropriate to present them with a personal gift at that time if you wish. **After fair, you are also expected to follow up with a formal thank you card.** Cards and thank you lists are available at the Extension office. **Please do not mail the thank you as we'll need to verify that the card was turned in before your check can be issued.** This is expected of all 4-H and FFA members selling through the sale.

SHOWMANSHIP RULE

Reminder, all exhibitors must show in showmanship class in the species they are selling in the sale. Any exhibitor who chooses not to show in showmanship in a specific species will not be allowed to sell in that species.



STATE FAIR GENERAL/FCS PROJECTS

4-H General/FCS Projects (except for foods and cake decorating) that qualify for State Fair should be left in the Events center after the County Fair. Please take your ribbons and the judge's comment sheets home with you. Leave ONLY the exhibit and record book.

Foods & cake decorating exhibits. Your project and record book need to be back to the Extension office by NOON on Monday, August 17th. It is your responsibility to have the cake in a secure box for transport to Pueblo. The box and packing materials need to be able to support the cake in its travel to the State Fair. It should be able to withstand highway speed on rough roads, along with quick stops. You do not know what might happen!

Extra large items may have to be transported by the exhibitor if space is not available.

State fair projects will be judged during the week of August 17th. They will then be on display for public viewing for the duration of the state fair August 28-September 7.

All state fair projects will be available for pickup at the Extension office on Wednesday, September 9th. Please make plans to pick up your projects as soon as possible after that date!

For more State Fair information:

<https://coloradostatefair.com/>

<https://co4h.colostate.edu/colorado-4-h-state-fair/>

STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Market Hog Show:	Fri Aug 28	9:00 a.m.
Market Lamb Show:	Sat Aug 29	9:00 a.m.
Market Goat Show:	Sun Aug 30	9:00 a.m.
Market Beef Show:	Mon Aug 31	9:00 a.m.
Jr. Livestock Sale:	Tues Sept 1	2:00 p.m.
Master Showmanship:	Mon Aug 31	7:00 p.m.

Please Note: ENTRIES CLOSE July 27!

STATE SHOOTING SPORTS CONTESTS

Weekend 1: Aug. 22 – 23

*Air Rifle/Pistol, Archery, .22 Rifle, Muzzelloading
Pueblo and Colorado City*

Weekend 2: Sept 5-6

*Shotgun, .22 Pistol
Colorado Springs*

State Shooting Sports contest

Entries are due July 31.

Entry fees are:

\$20/participant

PLUS

\$5 per class—non shotgun

\$15 per class—shotgun

STATE 4-H CONTEST DATES

FCS/General Projects

For specific information on any of these contests please contact the Extension Office.

Cake Decorating Contest	Aug 30
Creative Cooks Contest	Sept 5
Fashion Revue	Aug 22

Digital Photo Contest
Entries Close July 17