

4-H YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Golden Plains Area Newsletter

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September/October

September

- 7 Office Closed-Labor Day
- 10 State Fair Projects Available to pick up
- 12 CSU Ag days-CSU Campus
- 21 Yuma County Fairboard meeting – Eckley 7:00 pm

October

- 5-11 National 4-H Week
- 12 Office Closed-Columbus Day
- 14 Shooting Sports Awards Potluck Dinner – Yuma 6:00 pm
- 18 Yuma County 4-H Council Meeting-Wray 3:00 pm
Achievement Program-Wray 4:00 pm
- 19 Yuma County Fairboard Meeting – Wray TBA
- 16-19 Colorado State 4-H Conference

November

- 1 NWSS Market Entries Due
- 4 Head Leader Meeting-Eckley 7:00 pm
- 11 Office Closed-Veterans Day
- 13-15 Colorado Leadership Conference -Glenwood Springs
- 16 Yuma County Fairboard Meeting-Wray TBA
- 26-27 Office Closed-Thanksgiving

****Due to the significant time and resources required to create and mail the newsletter, and the continued calls to our office for information already provided in the newsletter, a copy of each newsletter will be emailed to all active members in 4honline and will also be available online at <https://goldenplains.extension.colostate.edu/programs/4-h-youth-development/>**

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FAMILY AND CONSUMER SCIENCES

Kids in the Kitchen

Be On The Lookout! This fall, we will be hosting a “Kids in the Kitchen” program in Yuma. This class will teach kids about meal planning, baking, cooking, and other kitchen related skills. At the end of this program, participants ages 10-13 will be comfortable in creating and preparing food for their family. More information will be posted in future newsletters and on the Yuma County 4-H facebook page.

LIVESTOCK

Round Robin Winners

Congratulations to the winners in the 2026 Yuma County Fair Round Robin!

Junior - \$250.00 scholarship and trophy – Kaitlyn Mekelburg

Senior - \$500.00 scholarship and trophy – Jaelynn Miner

Sponsors of these awards are Foltmer Drug of Wray, Rick Beauprez Memorial, Wagon Wheel Ranch of Yuma, Megan & Dayton Drullinger, Lori & Greg Leonhardt and CJ Leonhardt/Farm Bureau Insurance



Sponsor Thank You's

If you sold your 4-H market animal at the Jr. Livestock Sale, you had the privilege of receiving a great premium not only for your animal but for the time you had invested in that animal. It is now time, if you have not yet done so, to **PERSONALLY** thank your buyer. You should have a picture from your leader/advisor that you need to deliver **IN PERSON** with a thank you note that shows your appreciation to your buyer. This kind gesture will encourage them to come back and purchase an animal next year and is a small act in building a positive relationship between 4-H and our community. When you deliver this picture, please have the buyer sign the green card and return it to the Extension Office. Your name will be put on a list so you will receive your check as soon as they become available. If you need to mail this picture to your buyer, please bring the picture, green card, and thank you with postage to the Extension Office and we will mail it for you and put your name on the list to receive your sale check. Sale checks will be held until this card has been received in the Extension Office. If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office. We appreciate those that have already turned your cards in and thanks for helping make the 2026 Yuma County Fair a success.





OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION



2025–2026 Yuma County 4-H Achievement Program

Who: All Yuma County 4-H Leaders, Members, & Families

Where: Wray Roundhouse

When: Sunday, October 18, 2026

The Wauneta 4-H Club will be hosting our annual Achievement Program in Idalia on Sunday, October 18, 2026. We will start with the Yuma County 4-H Council meeting at 3:00 p.m. and then follow with the achievement program at 4:00. We encourage you to join us for both events and celebrate the end of an unprecedented year and all the good that came out of it. We look forward to a great afternoon with fun and games and can't wait to see you!



Yuma County 4-H Council

The responsibility that each local 4-H club has towards the Yuma County 4-H Council is one not to be taken lightly. When your club sends its representatives to the four council meetings, they can help make decisions regarding the policies of the council, decide how to spend the monies made at the Fair Food Booth, and be updated on all out of county opportunities that are available. Attendance at these meetings has been low and I would like to see all clubs make it a priority to elect representatives to regularly attend these business meetings and become involved in the future of the Yuma County 4-H Council.

How many representatives can my club send?

Each club shall elect one representative for up to six club members, and one for every ten members thereafter, to serve as voting council members. These members get to vote in the discussion of the meeting. The council meetings are open to any 4-H club member or leader in Yuma County; however, only the representative member(s) may have the voting power of the club.

When and where are the meetings?

We will try to move the location of these meetings around the county to accommodate all the members and will rotate between Eckley, Yuma, Liberty, Idalia, Vernon and Wray. The meetings of the Yuma County 4-H Council are tentatively scheduled to be the 1st Wednesday of February, April, June, and a Sunday in October that combines both the October business meeting and the Annual Achievement Night.

Fairboard Items

On September 21 at 7:00 p.m. in Eckley, the Yuma County Fairboard will be hosting a public comments fairboard meeting. Please feel free to come to this meeting to tell them what was amazing about the 2026 Fair or anything that could make the 2027 County Fair better. If you are unable to attend this meeting, but have comments, please call or email those to JoLynn.

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



Congratulations to Our State Fair Winners

Almost one hundred and twenty Yuma County General 4-H and Home Ec projects were entered into the 2026 Colorado State Fair. Several of the projects will return home with Grand Champion or Reserve Grand Champion Awards. They include:



First Name	Last Name	Class	Ribbon	Placing	Award
Ana	Allen	1302: Edible Cake Decorating Unit 1 Int	Lavender	2	Class Reserve Champion
Ana	Allen	1508: Cookies Int	Light Green	7	
Alex	Bailey	2903: Hiking Trails Unit 1 Sr	MultiColor		Qualifier
Travis	Bailey	3101: Take the Bait Display Board Unit 1 Jr	MultiColor		Qualifier
Tucker	Bailey	3102: Take the Bait Display Board Unit 1 Int	Yellow	5	
Adley	Blach	1735: Quilting Unit 4 - Original Design Int	Purple	1	Class Champion
William	Blecha	3114: Reel in the Fun Stand-Alone Unit 2 Int	MultiColor		Qualifier
E'lyza	Boone	1449: STEAM Clothing 3 A Stich Further Cotton or Cotton Blend Unit 4 Int	MultiColor		Qualifier
Ema'lin	Boone	2501: Measuring Up Unit 1 Jr	Light Green	7	
Rayland	Buckley	2512: Finishing Up Unit 4 Sr	Light Blue	10	
Kole	Chamberlain	2502: Measuring Up Int	Purple	1	Class Champion
Alden	Deering	3040: .22 Rifle Stand-Alone Jr	MultiColor		Qualifier
Jaxon	DePue	811: Advanced Leather Carving Int	White	3	
Merrick	Doyle	2208: Intermediate Model Rocketry Unit 3 Int	MultiColor		Qualifier
Merrick	Doyle	3041: .22 Rifle Stand-Alone Int	MultiColor		Qualifier
Emmaline	Drullinger	1702: Crochet Unit 1 Int	Green	6	
Emmaline	Drullinger	805: Beginning Leather Carving Int	Pink	4	
Jackson	Dutton	2210: Advanced Model Rocketry Unit 4 Jr	Gray	9	
Anthony	Emery	2509: Nailing It Together Unit 3 Sr	Purple	1	Class Champion
Anthony	Emery	3103: Take the Bait Display Board Unit 1 Sr	Pink	4	
Parker	Erker	3030: Archery Stand-Alone Sr	Pink	4	
Ayme	Escobar	1103: Painting and Printing Sr	Pink	4	
Loreimy	Favela	903: Photography Basics Unit 1 Sr	Purple	1	Class Champion
Loreimy	Favela	1009: Album Sr	Light Blue	10	
Miguel	Favela IV	2107: Advanced Metal Fabrication Unit 3 Jr	White	3	
Sawyer	Fonte	824: Master Leathercraft Sr	Gray	9	

Tacey	Fonte	801: Intro to Leathercraft and Creative Stamping Jr	Pink	4	
Tori	Fonte	808: Intermediate Leather Carving Int	Pink	4	
Braxton	George	3029: Archery Stand-Alone Int	MultiColor		Qualifier
Caleb	German	2704: Beginner Insect Collection Jr	Light Green	7	
Jackson	German	2511: Finishing Up Unit 4 Int	Yellow	5	
Jackson	German	2902: Hiking Trails Unit 1 Int	Purple	1	Class Champion
Fernando	Gonzalez Garcia	208: Breaking Ground Unit 3 Int	Purple	1	Class Champion
Ana	Granados	1709: Crochet Unit 3 Sr	Lavender	2	Class Reserve Champion
Ana	Granados	2103: Intro to Metalwork Unit 1 Sr	Brown	8	
Ana	Granados	3042: .22 Rifle Stand-Alone Sr	Green	6	
Ximena	Granados	3012: .22 Rifle Display Board Sr	Light Green	7	
Ximena	Granados	421: Glazes Hand Constructed Unit 5 Sr	Purple	1	Class Champion
Kitsyn	Hasenauer	1005: Two Page Layout Int	Green	6	
Kitsyn	Hasenauer	1208: Upcycle Your Style: Combination Int	Purple	1	Class Champion
Kitsyn	Hasenauer	1308: Two Layered Cake Unit 3 Int	Lavender	2	Class Reserve Champion
Kitsyn	Hasenauer	1011: Card Making Int	White	3	
Kitsyn	Hasenauer	1432: STEAM Clothing 2 One Piece Unit 2 Int	White	3	
Jacob	Heier	1516: Muffins Jr	Pink	4	
Jacob	Heier	2201: Intro to Rocketry Unit 1 Jr	MultiColor		Qualifier
Kate	Hendrix	1514: Scones Int	Pink	4	
Makinley	Hendrix	1511: Quick Breads Int	Lavender	2	Class Reserve Champion
Sarah	Hendrix	1110: Fiber and Sculpture Jr	Purple	1	Class Champion
Ted	Hendrix	3028: Archery Stand-Alone Jr	White	3	
Maya	Holtorf	905: Photography Basics Unit 2 Int	Pink	4	
Anne	Houlihan	1616: Freeze Drying Unit 2 Fruit Jr	Purple	1	Class Champion
Shyann	Janisch	804: Beginning Leather Carving Jr	Gray	9	
Grace	Jones	1206: Upcycle Your Style: Stitched Sr	Lavender	2	Class Reserve Champion
Albert	Keller	3003: Archery Display Board Sr	Light Blue	10	
Edward	Keller	3024: Western Heritage Display Board Sr	Lavender	2	Class Reserve Champion
Vivienne	Kettelson	1304: Single Layered Cake Unit 2 Jr	MultiColor		Qualifier
Maddysen	Lapp	1218: Creative All Other Exhibits Sr	Lavender	2	Class Reserve Champion
Maddysen	Lapp	1450: STEAM Clothing 3 A Stich Further Cotton or Cotton Blend Unit 4 Sr	Purple	1	Class Champion
Maddysen	Lapp	1454: STEAM Clothing 3 A Stich Further Wool and Wood Blend Unit 4 Sr	Lavender	2	Class Reserve Champion
Grace	Lebsack	2504: Making the Cut Unit 2 Jr	Green	6	

Kodi	Lebsock	1507: Cookies Jr	Light Blue	10	
Emelyn	Lengel	1705: Crochet Unit 2 Int	Brown	8	
Teegan	Lengel	1301: Edible Cake Decorating Unit 1 Jr	Green	6	
Dellia	Lenz	1606: Drying Unit 2 Fruit Leather or Jerky Sr	Lavender	2	Class Reserve Champion
Elliot	Louthan	823: Master Leathercraft Int	Lavender	2	Class Reserve Champion
Jayda	Mekelburg Trejo	1204: Upcycle Your Style: Stitched Jr	GreenLight	7	
Jema	Mekelburg-Trejo	1529: Party Planning Int	White	3	
Benjamin	Oestman	3051: Outdoor Skills Stand-Alone Sr	Purple	1	Class Champion
Melody	Oestman	901: Photography Basics Unit 1 Jr	MultiColor		Qualifier
Sophia	Pagel	1727: Quilting Unit 1 Sr	MultiColor		Qualifier
Kaiden	Pariset	2508: Nailing It Together Unit 3 Int	Yellow	5	
Sofia	Peterson	1414: STEAM Clothing 1 Simple Dress Unit 1 Int	Purple	1	Class Champion
Joslyn	Rahm	1513: Scones Jr	Lavender	2	Class Reserve Champion
Madilyn	Rahm	1340: Tiered Cakes Unit 10 Sr	Lavender	2	Class Reserve Champion
Flint	Rains	814: Advanced Stamping Int	Green	6	
Jillian	Ridnour	1506: Baked Bar Cookies Sr	Purple	1	Class Champion
Dawnelle	Riley	1428: STEAM Clothing 2 Two-Piece Outfit Unit 2 Jr	White	3	
Maverick	Rose	3036: Shotgun Stand-Alone Sr	Gray	9	
Mesa	Roundtree	1517: Muffins Int	Light Green	7	
Rayghen	Rutledge	2004: Magic of Electricity Stand Alone Unit 1 Jr	Brown	8	
Elijah	Saffer	802: Intro to Leathercraft and Creative Stamping Int	Yellow	5	
Gabriel	Sampson	3002: Archery Display Board Int	MultiColor		Qualifier
Tinsley	Schwartz	1416: STEAM Clothing 1 Simple One Piece Unit 1 Jr	Purple	1	Class Champion
Sullivan	Sears	3044: .22 Pistol Stand-Alone Int	Lavender	2	Class Reserve Champion
Declan	Shaw	21.1: Metalwork Unit Jr	MultiColor		Qualifier
Paxton	Shaw	2318: Mechatronics Stand Alone Unit 1 Int	Lavender	2	Class Reserve Champion
Taya	Simmons	1524: Yeast Rolls Sr	MultiColor		Qualifier
Addison	Smith	303: From Airedales to Zebras Unit 1 Sr	Yellow	5	
Andrew	Smith	2005: Magic of Electricity Stand Alone Unit 1 Int	Pink	4	
Maurine	Smith	704: Leadership Road Trip Sr	White	3	
Tobin	Smith	3035: Shotgun Stand-Alone Int	Pink	4	
Kynzlee	Soderlund	1217: Creative All Other Exhibits	Brown	8	
Bosslee	Soehner	3011: .22 Rifle Display Board Int	MultiColor		Qualifier
Brock	Soehner	3010: .22 Rifle Display Board Jr	MultiColor		Qualifier
Timothy	Steinbeck	2109: Advanced Metal Fabrication Unit 3 Sr	Light Blue	10	

Timothy	Steinbeck	2203: Intro to Rocketry Unit 1 Sr	White	3	
Hannah	Stults	600: Fashion Revue			Top Ten
Hannah	Stults	1212: Recycled Clothing Sr	Yellow	5	
Molly	Stults	1220: Buymanship Sr	MultiColor		Qualifier
Molly	Stults	600: Fashion Revue			Qualifier
Wyatt	Tracy	3205: Living Wild in an Ecosystem Display Board Unit 2 Int	Lavender	2	Class Reserve Champion
Paulo	Trujillo	906: Photography Basics Unit 2 Sr	Lavender	2	Class Reserve Champion
Taryn	Tucker	1003: One Page Layout Sr	Yellow	5	
Taryn	Tucker	1012: Card Making Sr	Pink	4	
Laurynn	Vetter	1332: Cut-Up Cakes Unit 6 Int	Purple	1	Class Champion
Taggart	Walker	916: Advanced Photography Unit 6 Int	Purple	1	Class Champion
Trinity	Walker	1111: Fiber and Sculpture Int	White	3	
Trinity	Walker	1711: Fiber Arts Int	MultiColor		Qualifier
Tehren	Walker	904: Photography Basics Unit 2 Jr	GreenLight	7	
Tehren	Walker	1710: Fiber Arts Jr	Pink	4	
Tressa	Walker	1725: Quilting Unit 1 Jr	Gray	9	
Tressa	Walker	1704: Crochet Unit 2 Jr	Lavender	2	Class Reserve Champion
Tressa	Walker	1410: STEAM Clothing 1 Simple Bottom Unit 1 Jr	MultiColor		Qualifier
Rebecca	Whomble	812: Advanced Leather Carving Sr	Yellow	5	
Aryanna	Wilson	1321: Character Cupcakes Unit 5 Sr	White	3	
Aryanna	Wilson	1458: STEAM Clothing 3 A Stich Further Specialty Fabrics Unit 4 Sr	Purple	1	Class Champion
Aryanna	Wilson	1509: Cookies Sr	Yellow	5	
Aryanna	Wilson	1730: Quilting Unit 2 Sr	Lavender	2	Class Reserve Champion
Aryanna	Wilson	600: Fashion Revue			Qualifier
Tessa	Witte	1201: Upcycle Your Style: Applied Jr	White	3	
Dorothy	Zentz	1452: STEAM Clothing 3 A Stich Further Synthetics and Rayon Unit 4 Sr	Pink	4	
Dorothy	Zentz	1456: STEAM Clothing 3 A Stich Further Silk and Silk-Like Unit 4 Sr	Lavender	2	Class Reserve Champion

We want to extend A huge congratulations to all Yuma County 4-H'ers for another successful year! We look forward to what the new 4-H year will bring.

If you have any questions or have someone you want to introduce to 4-H, please get in touch with us at (970) 332-4151 for more information to get you started!

