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Golden Plains Area 4-H Newsletter NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2011



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November

11-13 The annual Colorado Leadership Camp has been changed to include a younger group of campers. All 4-H members in 6th, 7th, 8th or 9th grade are encouraged to attend the camp at Glenwood Springs Nov. 11-13. You will make new friends, have a lot of fun, acquire new skills and see new scenery on the way to the camp. The cost is \$110 per camper. Check your individual counties for more information.

December

1 Catch-It Calf applications due. Applications available at your local Extension Office.

January 2012

7-22 National Western Stock Show – Denver – **4-H Day is January 18th**. For the complete schedule, go to www.nationalwestern.com. Group ticket information will be in the office shortly.

12-15 Western Regional leaders Forum – Cheyenne, WY

28-30 LDC – More info in this newsletter

30 4-H Day at the Capitol



Colorado 4-H Leadership Development Conference

The annual LDC conference will be held January 28 -30 in Denver. Details will soon be available but interested youth should contact your local office to pre-register by January 10th. The LDC conference is a fun, educational weekend promoting leadership development and community service. The event is open to youth 14 and over and registration is typically around \$150 (plus lodging). This conference is in conjunction with the annual 4-H Day at the Capitol where members can be present during the Proclamation for Colorado 4-H Day. Tours of the state capitol will be available.



2011-2012 New and Revised 4-H Curriculum

Listed below are the new and revised curricula for this coming 4-H year. Please take out the old manuals and replace them with the new curriculum.

NEW Curriculum

➤ **Robotics –Platform –For TEAMS or Classrooms only** – is intended to introduce youth to robotics and use robotics to help them learn about engineering and technology. The aim of this curriculum is to build a strong foundation so that youth are well prepared to take advantage of opportunities to continue learning or competing in robotics. Robotics Platform DVD – contains all the levels and modules for the members and a facilitator’s guide. We can choose to either print off the facilitator’s guide and all the modules for the members or have each team purchase a DVD.

➤ **Robotics “Junk Drawer”** – This curriculum will be used for the Robotic Showcase Contests. Level 1- Give Robots a Hand – you will explore the function and design of robotic arms. You will explore friction, electrical power, and mechanical structures. These components will be put to the

test as you design and build your own robot. Level 2 –Robots on the Move – you will learn about the forces that enable robots to move. You will explore friction, electrical power, and mechanical structures. These components will be put to the test as you design and build your own robot. Level 3 –Mechatronics – you will learn about the internal components of a robot. You will learn how to build circuits, and how to write an effective program. These skills will allow you to create a robot of your choice. Youth Notebook – Each member taking robotics will need to have a Youth Notebook as a part of the curriculum that they receive.

➤ **Livestock Manuals**
The Ohio State Manuals are replacing all the manuals that we have for these livestock projects: Beef, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, Dog, Rabbit, Goats, and Dairy Cows

➤ **Photography**

For 4-H filmmaking –a new additional curriculum is available.

Movie Magic –this manual is from Montana and will be a great help to those leaders and members doing filmmaking. The State 4-H Office is in the process of ordering more to have available soon.

➤ **Quilting**

Quilting Quest DVD – every office should have received this DVD. This DVD is a resource for members taking Units 3-5. Again you may choose to print off the information that the member needs from the DVD or the member can purchase it.

REVISED Curriculum

➤ **Horseless Horse** –All units 1-4 and answer keys

➤ **Leathercraft** –revisions to Units 1 & 2

➤ **Model Rocketry** –revisions to Units 1 & 2

➤ **Foods and Nutrition Manuals** –updating all manuals to include MyPlate information

➤ **Child Development** – updating information

➤ **Scrapbooking** –revisions



Outdoor Skills/Hunting Project

Are you interested in Hunting, Shooting Sports, and the Outdoors? If so, the Outdoor Skills/Hunting project may be for you. Some of the things that may be included in this project are Archery, Sporting Clays (Shotgun), Muzzleloading, Rifle. Wildlife Id and tracking, learning about maps/compass and GPS, hunting ethics and hunting

decision making, outdoor cooking, and survival skills/first aid. Activities will depend on interest. This project is a Shooting Sports project and uses the shooting sports record book. There is also a state qualifier contest where the top 4 seniors will be asked to go on to the National Contest.



Selecting and Starting a Market Beef Project.

Over the next few months many of you will be selecting a calf for your market beef project to be shown at your county fair next year. The decisions you make now have a tremendous effect on the success of your overall project. There are many important things to consider when you begin the project.

First of all, with the increased cost of purchasing a calf and higher feed costs you need to be sure that you have the financial backing to be able to successfully complete the project. On the conservative side, you can have over \$1500 invested in your beef project and may well expect to spend over \$2500 purchasing and feeding your calf. You will want to discuss this with your parents prior to purchasing the calf and be sure you will be able to follow through.

Facilities are an important factor to consider before purchasing your calf. Do you have adequate facilities to hold the calf on arrival? When the calf first arrives at your place it may be a little nervous and lonely. At this time it can be looking for a way out and if it escapes it could very well travel some distance before finding other cattle or a place it feels comfortable. Because cattle are herd animals it is best to purchase 2 calves or have another calf to keep your project calf company. Shelter for the calf is also important. It is desirable to have a shed to provide protection from cold winds, rain and blowing snow as needed. A good shelter can also

provide shade on the hot summer days. It is extremely important to have a good water source for your calves as well. Water is the most important nutrient for any animal and they need a continuous supply of clean water to achieve maximum performance. Providing water through a heated automatic waterer is preferable but you can use a tank if it is kept free of ice in the winter. You can do this by using a tank heater but there is a cost involved with heating a large amount of water.

It is good to select a calf from a reputable producer who understands why you want this calf and is willing to assist you in making good decisions about your project. Deal with someone you trust when purchasing your calves. In addition, know the vaccination history of your calf. An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure when buying young calves. Try to buy a calf that has been weaned for at least 45 days as that will increase the likelihood of your calf staying healthy when taken to a new environment.

When selecting your calf remember that you will be competing in a market beef show next July or August and select your calf accordingly. Judges will be looking for a calf that is structurally correct and will move out with a long easy stride. Soundness problems visible in young calves will tend to get worse as the calf grows and needs to carry more weight. Muscle is also very important in market steers. Feeding a calf with a lot of natural

base width will increase your chances at fair time. Understanding the breeds of cattle and the genetics of your calf will help you to feed it to its optimum potential. Cattle of different breeds offer traits that can when combined, offer growth, muscling, marbling (intramuscular fat) and even hair to produce the right type of steer for the show ring.

Selecting a steer of the proper weight is critical to making the weight limits of your county fair. You will want your steer to weigh from 1250 to 1350 at show time to give you the best opportunity in the show ring. However, breeds and genetics play a big role in the optimum size for your calf at show time. Keep this in mind when deciding on a calf. In general most calves will gain from 2.25 to 3.5 pounds a day depending on their genetic makeup and your feeding program.

Upon arrival at your facility be sure the calf is comfortable and has plenty of good fresh hay to eat. You may want to feed a good receiving feed for a couple of weeks. Many of the feed companies have these feeds available. These feeds are a high energy feed and may contain an antibiotic to help prevent illness. Getting your calf started off right is extremely important so you should be willing to ask questions and consult with your veterinarian and feed dealer about your project. Getting acquainted with each of them now, before you have problems, will be to your advantage as they will be familiar with your project. Getting your calf on feed needs to be done slowly as your calves digestive system needs to adjust to your new feeding program.

Starting out with .5 to 1% of your calf's body weight of concentrate (grain mix) and free choice hay is a good place to start. This means that you would feed a 600 pound calf 3 to 6 pounds of grain to get started. You can gradually increase the concentrate in the ration by increasing the amount fed by a pound or two about every 2 weeks.

Once your calf has become accustomed to you and your facility it is a good time to begin the training process. Starting to gentle your calf from the time he arrives at your place can be done simply by sitting in the pen with your calf for an hour or two each day. After the calf is used to you and begins to trust you it is good to begin the haltering process. This should be done with as little stress to the calf as possible. Corner the calf or put it in an alley to put the halter on it for the first time. Roping it in the pen and dragging it to a fence causes fear and stress. After the calf has gotten used to having the halter on, you can begin to try to lead it by gently tugging on the lead rope and having someone follow the calf. Remember always try to keep the calf calm and avoid upsetting it.



Your club project leader and your Extension Agent are good sources of information. Having the right answers early and planning ahead can help with a successful project. Good luck with your project and don't be afraid to ask questions.



4-H Livestock Judging

Have you ever wondered what the judges were looking for as you watched a livestock show? How would you like to make better decisions when selecting your 4-H livestock project animal? 4-H Livestock Judging is an exciting way to learn more about livestock selection and improve your public speaking and reasoning skills while having fun and meeting new friends.

"My experiences in 4-H Livestock Judging changed me as a person and brought me out of my shell," said Ben Cooley, associate professor of animal science and livestock judging coach at Northeastern Junior College. "I was a quiet young man and the experiences gave me an opportunity to learn to speak in front of people. I gained confidence as well."

During a contest youth place several classes of four head of livestock including beef, sheep, swine and goats. They are placed on their value using their conformation and genetic profile. Individually, each contestant analyzes the animals and decides how he or she thinks they should be placed and then marks their card accordingly.

Following the placing of the classes the youth then give oral reasons for their placing to a judge. There are 3-6 reason classes for each contest. Colorado has 8-12 contests in which youth participate, culminating with the state livestock judging contest at Colorado State University in late June. The top three winning teams from the state contest are awarded the opportunity to travel to national contests in Denver, Colo. Kansas City or Louisville, Ky. Livestock judging members improve their analytical, reasoning, speaking and

communication skills, all of which are valuable tools they can use thorough out their entire life. At contest and workouts, members meet and make new friends they will keep for a lifetime.

“Livestock Judging gave me opportunities that I would not have otherwise had,” said Molly Witzel, former Kit Carson County livestock judging team member. “It taught me to express my opinion in a positive way and offered me a chance to develop leadership skills that have used many times since.”

Colorado has one of the stronger youth livestock judging programs in the nation. Colorado youth are recruited by college livestock judging coaches across the western United States, with many receiving scholarship to assist in their education cost.

Livestock judging practices will be starting in your county soon. If you are interested please contact your local extension office for more information.



The following is reprinted from an article from the US Department of Labor and is intended to provide information to those working in agriculture and using youth labor. Additional information on Youth and Agriculture Labor is available at: <http://www.dol.gov/dol/topic/youthlabor/agricultralemployment.htm>

US Labor Department Proposes Updates to Child Labor Regulations

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The U.S. Department of Labor is proposing revisions to child labor regulations that will strengthen the safety requirements for young workers employed in agriculture and related fields. The agricultural hazardous occupations orders under the Fair Labor Standards Act that bar young workers from certain tasks have not been updated since they were promulgated in 1970.

The department is proposing updates based on the enforcement experiences of its Wage and Hour Division, recommendations made by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and a commitment to bring parity between the rules for young workers employed in agricultural jobs and the more stringent rules that apply to those employed in nonagricultural workplaces. The proposed regulations would not apply to children working on farms owned by their parents.

“Children employed in agriculture are some of the most vulnerable workers in America,” said Secretary of Labor Hilda L. Solis. “Ensuring their welfare is a priority of the department, and this proposal is another element of our comprehensive approach.”

The proposal would strengthen current child labor regulations prohibiting agricultural work with animals and in pesticide handling, timber operations, manure pits and storage bins. It would prohibit farm workers under age 16 from participating in the cultivation, harvesting and curing of tobacco. And it would prohibit youth in both agricultural and nonagricultural employment from using electronic, including communication, devices while operating power-driven equipment.

The department also is proposing to create a new nonagricultural hazardous occupations order that would prevent children under 18 from being employed in the storing, marketing and transporting of farm product raw materials. Prohibited places of employment would include country grain elevators, grain bins, silos, feed lots, stockyards, livestock exchanges and livestock auctions.

Additionally, the proposal would prohibit farm workers under 16 from operating almost all power-driven equipment. A similar prohibition has existed

as part of the nonagricultural child labor provisions for more than 50 years. A limited exemption would permit some student learners to operate certain farm implements and tractors, when equipped with proper rollover protection structures and seat belts, under specified conditions.

The Wage and Hour Division employs a combination of enforcement, compliance assistance and collaboration strategies in partnership with states and community-based organizations to protect children working in the United States. When violations of law are found, the division uses all enforcement tools necessary to ensure accountability and deter future violations.

The division is responsible for enforcing the FSLA, which establishes federal child labor provisions for both agricultural and nonagricultural employment,

and charges the secretary of labor with prohibiting employment of youth in occupations that she finds and declares to be particularly hazardous for them. The FSLA establishes a minimum age of 18 for hazardous work in nonagricultural employment and 16 in agricultural employment. Once agricultural workers reach age 16, they are no longer subject to the FSLA's child labor provisions. The FSLA also provides a complete exemption for youths employed on farms owned by their parents.

The public is invited to provide comments on this important proposal, which must be received by Nov. 1. A public hearing on the proposal will be held following the comment period. More information, including a complete list of the proposed revisions, will be available in the Federal Register on Sept. 2.



NORTHEAST STEM NEWS



4-H STEM News for Members, Clubs and Volunteers!

It's a new 4-H year! Don't forget to include 4-H STEM projects and activities in your 4-H plans!

Check out these opportunities for members, clubs and volunteers by your Regional STEM Specialist, Christy Fitzpatrick. To learn more, call or email Christy Fitzpatrick at 970-522-7207 or christy.fitzpatrick@colostate.edu

- ◆ **Robotics training for club volunteers** – If you would like to learn more about leading a robotics project, please contact me. I would love to set up a robotics training for volunteers in the region. Believe it or not, it is not hard to learn and the rewards are enormous! I would also be excited to bring some of the Lego robots to your club meeting so everyone can check them out.
- ◆ **Junk Drawer Robotics** – is a new state 4-H project this year, supported by 3 new project manuals from national 4-H. If your club would like to have a hands-on introduction to the Junk Drawer Robotics project, please give me a call or shoot me an email, and we can set up a date for a fun evening for your members.
- ◆ **Straw Rockets** – Did you know that there is a State Fair straw rocket contest? We held the first ever contest this year it was really fun! Wouldn't it be great to have a straw rocket contest at the County fair this year? How can you get involved? I can bring a straw rocket activity to your club meeting! We will build and launch rockets and see these small but mighty creations in action!
- ◆ **Wired for Wind** – is the National Youth Science Day activity this year. Since wind power is so big in Logan County, this is a timely project! I can bring the activity to a club meeting. The activity takes about 45 minutes to do. We offered it at State Fair and also at the Cool Science Festival in Colorado Springs and it was very popular if members would like to sign up for the Power of Wind project, I can also supply materials and help.
- ◆ **GPS and Community Mapping** – Learn how to use a GPS for fun or many interesting projects. I'll bring a set of simple GPS units to a meeting or I can set up a volunteer training. Then take the next step and learn to make simple on-line maps. This is an amazing community service project for a member or a club. Map recreational areas, invasive species, fire hydrants, or anything else you can think of and share the information with the community through a map.
- ◆ **Brain Busters** – Would your club like to borrow a tub of STEM related brain teasers? I will have a kit that includes 12 activities that all ages will find enthralling. You can set these up at the beginning of a meeting or as a fun activity at a supper or other event.

KIT CARSON COUNTY

CALENDAR

Nov. 11	Holiday (office closed)
Nov. 24 & 25	Holiday (office closed)
Dec. 15	KCC 4-H Enrollment deadline
Dec. 26	Holiday (office closed)
July 23-28, 2012	Kit Carson County Fair



**2012 K.C.C. Fair
July 23-28, 2012**

Enrollments

Enrollments after December 15, 2011 will be assessed a \$10 late fee per member. (does not apply to leaders and new enrollments)

Remember, your enrollments for the 2012 project year are due in the Extension Office by 4:30 p.m. on *December 15*. Please inform us as soon as possible with names & addresses of any new families joining your club, so we can begin sending information to them. You do not have to wait until you have their enrollments. (We do have a county fee of \$5 per family.) ***The member fee e have to send to CSU is \$15.00 per member.***

Beginning this year, you have the option to enroll online. If you choose to enroll online, all forms must still be printed off & turned in to the Extension Office. For online enrollment instructions, go to <http://goldenplains.colostate.edu> & click on the link "4-H Enrollments" on the left hand side of the page.

Manuals and record books will be ordered sometime after the first of the year. How soon after depends partly on how promptly we receive your enrollments and also on how soon we receive payment from your club. We cannot order your literature materials until payment is received in our office.

When filling out your enrollment form, please flip it over & complete the participation permission and the responsibility & release sections. Also, the signed completion agreement form MUST

accompany the enrollment form when turned in to the Extension Office.

Getting your enrollments in on time is important to you. You will receive needed information about project related activities and other events you may need to attend and deadlines you need to meet.

Needed! 4-H'ERS & FFA Members for 2010 K.C.C. Fair Junior Superintendents



Now is the time to ask for volunteer Junior Superintendents (*members 12 years & older*) to work during the fair. FFA members are welcome!!

Please give serious consideration to this very important facet of our county fair. We have had a terrible time in the past of getting commitments from our 4-H members to serve as junior superintendents. It's a busy week for everyone, but if you're going to be there all week any, why not be a junior superintendent in an area that interests you? You will get a *free* arm band to attend the rodeos, along with a nice thank you gift. All positions will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis. It is important that you indicate a first, second and maybe even a third choice, as you may or may not receive your first choice. Call the Extension Office a 346-5571 by *February 3rd* with your name and choices

Areas that need Jr. Supers and number needed for each:

3 Beef

2 4-H General Projects

3 Sheep + Goats	2 4-H Foods/Cake Decorating
4 Swine	2 4-H Clothing/Fashion Revue
2 Horse	1 4-H Heritage Arts/Child Care, etc.
1 Dog	1 Small Animals
2 Poultry	1 Crops
2 Rabbits	1 Garden
1 Sheep Lead	1 Living Arts (paintings)
1 4-H Shooting Sports	2 General Living Arts
1 Ag Mechanics	1 Open Class Foods

(Remember to call us by *Friday, February 3rd*. I know this deadline seems early, but it's necessary for various reasons, Number One being getting the Fair Book to the publisher.



Stock Show

The National Western Stock Show will be **January 7 – 22, 2011**. 4-H Day is January 18. For the complete schedule, go to

www.nationalwestern.com. Group tickets are available if purchased early. All Colorado 4-H families and invited guests are eligible for discounted prices on reserve seating at the National Western Stock Show, January 7-22, 2011. Discounts are not available at the Stock Show Box Office.)

NWSS Catch-a-Calf

Applications for the National Western Stock Show Catch-A-Calf Contest will be due Dec 1. This is a very educational program. You would catch a calf at the 2012 NWSS and get it in mid-May 2012. You feed it until January 2013, and show your steer at the NWSS. It is a great opportunity to meet new friends around the state.



Leadership Development Conference

Plan to join us for a weekend of workshops and fellowship at Leadership Development Conference held in Denver January 28-30. This conference

focuses on leadership and government, ending with a visit to the State Capitol on Monday to watch the legislature in action. More information will follow in the next newsletter.

Livestock Judging

Those interested in participating in livestock judging are invited to attend the next practice at the Fairgrounds office. Check the schedule below. We have had a couple of practices but don't let that keep you from joining us at the next practice. We are starting earlier in the year and will not practice as frequently as we have in the past, but should have several practices in before we start contests in the spring.

All practices will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Fair Office at the fairgrounds in Burlington. *October 24, November 21, December 5 and December 19.*

PHILLIPS COUNTY

Kindra Plumb, 4-H Program Associate

UPCOMING DATES

November

11-13 Colorado Leadership Camp, Glenwood Springs
20 Phillips County Council Meeting tentatively planned, more information forthcoming
24-25 Holiday, Office Closed

December

1 National Western Stock Show 4-H Catch-A-Calf applications due
26 Holiday, Office Closed

January

2 Holiday, Office Closed
7-22 National Western Stock Show, Denver
18 4-H Day at Stock Show
22 Phillips County Council Meeting, 4 p.m.
28-30 Leadership Development Conference, Denver

February

1 4-H Enrollment Deadline
4 Market beef weigh-in, 9-10:30 a.m., Fairgrounds



4-H Enrollment Open for 2011-2012

Club leaders should have the enrollment forms for the new 4-H year. (Leaders, if you need more forms, please contact Carrie in the Extension Office ASAP.) All enrollment forms, project manual orders, add/drop forms, and record books will go through your club leaders. The enrollment deadline is **February 1, 2012**. New for this year: the Challengers 4-H club has agreed to pilot a new, online enrollment system. Club members and their families can log on to the 4-H Online database and enroll themselves in 4-H. With the Challengers trying the system this year, we are hopeful to use their experience next year as we move towards online enrollment. More information regarding online enrollment is forthcoming. For the 2012 4-H year, this is the information you will find in your enrollment packet:

- Important dates for 2011-2012 postcard
- 4-H member enrollment form
- Phillips County 4-H enrollment contract
- Animal Care and Housing Form
- State 4-H Project List

If you have any questions, please contact Kindra or Carrie in the Extension Office.

New and/or Updated State 4-H Projects

As you start to consider your projects for the upcoming year, you may want to check out new and/or updated projects on the state projects list. All livestock projects have revised project manuals. These manuals are excellent resources for you as you navigate through your livestock project. Other projects that have been revised are: horseless horse, units 1 & 2 in model rocketry, robotics, units 1 & 2 in leathercraft, scrapbooking, units 1-4 in cake decorating, child development, foods & nutrition, and unit 7 in home environment.

2011 Achievement Program and National 4-H Week

Phillips County 4-H celebrated National 4-H Week October 2-8 with various activities and events. The week started off with the annual 4-H Achievement Program, which was held at the Phillips County Event Center. To promote 4-H throughout the week, 4-H clubs decorated large round hay bales and placed them throughout Haxtun and Holyoke, council officers visited with 2nd and 3rd graders in Haxtun and Holyoke and 4-H members gave interviews for the local radio station.

Additionally, the local newspapers both ran news articles featuring local 4-H members.

Congratulations to



the following members and leaders for earning their member and leader pins at the Achievement Program:
First year members: Lane Guthrie, MaKayla Knutson, MaKenzie Martin, Jakob Knutson, Ryan Tempel, Tate Dille, Taeryn Trumper, Victor Knapp, Kylee Workman, Ashton Ayala, Chase Johnson, Ethan Johnson, Karlie Martin, Brooklyn Plumb, Allie Thompson, and Tyla Knutson.

Fifth year members: Brenna Sullivan, Alex Vieselmeyer, Austin Vieselmeyer, Brittney Mahnke, Hunter Razo, Tyler Camblin, Tristan Sullivan, Josilyn Lutze, and Taylor Goldenstein.

Tenth year members: Ella Stewart, Luke Stewart, and Kendra Timm.

Eleventh year member: Janna Smith

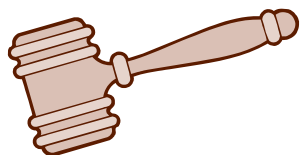
Fourteenth year member: Briar Bergner

First year leaders: Darlene Mahnke, Madeline Lamm, Trudy Herman, Mark Lutze, and Mendi Lutze.

2011 Friend of 4-H

This year's Friend of 4-H went to Roger Koberstein. Roger spends countless hours each year helping with the livestock projects, maintaining the county fair website, setting up and inputting data into the fair entry and shows database, and he also serves on the Livestock Committee. If you see Roger, please let him know how much you appreciate his support of Phillips County 4-H!

2012 Phillips County Council Officers and Representatives



The newly elected slate of officers and council representatives are as follows:
President: Luke Stewart; Vice President: Nick Ortner; Secretary: Austin Vieselmeyer; Treasurer: Kody Timm; Reporter: Seth Thompson; Parliamentarian: Austin Vieselmeyer; Senators: Luke and Nick; Alternate Senators: Seth and Kody; Leader Advisor: Paige Thompson; Better Beef

Makers Representatives: Austin Vieselmeyer and Alex Vieselmeyer; Challengers Representatives: Nick Ortner and Luke Stewart; Centennial Representatives: Alexandria McCallum and Sidney Struckmeyer; Paoli Hustlers Representatives: Riley Thompson and Marissa Schelling; Raising Ranchers Representatives: Josilyn Lutze and Wyatt McCallum.

4-H STEM News for Members, Clubs, and Volunteers!

It's a new 4-H year! Don't forget to include 4-H STEM projects and activities in your 4-H plans!

More information in the main part of this newsletter

SEDGWICK COUNTY

Kindra Plumb, 4-H Program Associate

UPCOMING DATES

NOVEMBER

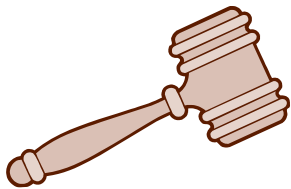
- 3 Sedgwick County Council Meeting, 7 p.m., Extension Office Meeting Room
6 Catch-It Animal Banquet for sponsors and recipients, 6 p.m., Sedgwick County Fairgrounds
11-13 Colorado Leadership Camp, Glenwood Springs
19 Leader's Appreciation Banquet
24-25 Holiday, Office Closed

DECEMBER

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Congratulations to the 2012 Sedgwick County Council Officers and Representatives!

Sedgwick County Council elected new officers at their September meeting. The following members will be leading Sedgwick County 4-H during the upcoming year:

President: Emily Hartman; Vice President: Devin Wilber; Secretary: Elizabeth Regier; Treasurer: Keith Graham; Reporter: Mac Graham; Senators: Devin Wilber and Conchita Gonzalez; Alternate Senator: Forrest Toyne; Parliamentarian: Devin Wilber; Fairboard Representative: Tiffany Cumming; Leader Advisor: Michelle Achondo; Clover Leaf Representatives: Mac Graham and Tiffany Cumming; Go Getters Representatives: Bryce Wilber and Korbyne Wilber; Golden Spurs Representatives: Kelly Gordon and Tristan Baker (alternate: Conner Baker); Tail Twisters Representatives: Seth Harrington and Chase Dunker (alternate: Tyler Woodhams). Congratulations!

Leader's Appreciation Banquet

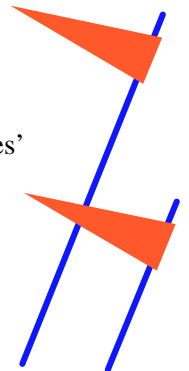
Attention club and project leaders! The Sedgwick County 4-H Council is currently planning a Leader's Appreciation Banquet for November 19th at the El Alegre in Ovid. The Council wants to take this opportunity to tell you THANK YOU for all that you do for the 4-H youth in the county! Plans are also underway for a short leader's meeting during the banquet. Please watch your mailboxes for further information!

2012 Sedgwick County Fair

While it seems like we just completed the 2011 county fair, it's already time to mark the 2012 fair dates on your calendar. The Sedgwick County Fair will be held August 1-5, 2012.

Enrollment Deadline

In order to accommodate 4-H families' holiday plans, the enrollment deadline has been pushed back just a few days. The enrollment deadline is January 6, 2012. Club leaders, if you have not already received your enrollment



packets, please stop by the Extension Office to pick them up ASAP. There will also be some enrollment packets available at the leader's banquet. Members can also stop by the Extension Office to complete their enrollment forms. Just remember to have all forms signed and turned in by January 6, 2012!

Sedgwick County Achievement Program

Thank you to everyone who pitched in to make the 2011 Achievement Program a success! Congratulations, 2011 Council Officers, on an outstanding program! Special recognition goes to the two recipients of the Friend of 4-H Award: Northeast Feed (Rick and Kathy Haynes) and Delbert Harris. Thank you for all you do for the 4-H youth of Sedgwick County! The 2011 Kevin Reichman Memorial Outstanding 4-Her Award was presented to Elizabeth Regier for her active participation in 4-H and her dedication to the community. Congratulations Elizabeth!



Meat Quality Assurance

MQA has been set for next spring! Mark your calendars for Sunday, April 15, 1-4 p.m. at the Sedgwick County Fairgrounds. If that date won't work for you, the Phillips County MQA will be held Monday, April 16, 4-7 p.m. at the Phillips County Fairgrounds in Holyoke. Additional MQA dates and locations will be announced in future newsletters.

4-H STEM News for Members, Clubs, and Volunteers!

It's a new 4-H year! Don't forget to include 4-H STEM projects and activities in your 4-H plans!

More information in the main part of this newsletter.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

Gisele Jefferson (4-H & Youth Development/Family & Consumer Sciences)

Jamie Axtell (4-H & Youth Development)

Upcoming Events

Nov. 14	Baked Potato Bar Supper, 5-7 p.m., Events Center, Akron
Nov. 14	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Events Center, Akron
Nov. 24-25	HOLIDAY, OFFICE CLOSED
Dec. 26	HOLIDAY, OFFICE CLOSED
Dec. 31	Re-enrollment deadline!
Jan. 2	HOLIDAY, OFFICE CLOSED
Jan. 10	LDC Registration Due to local office
Jan. 16	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Extension Office
Jan. 28-30	Leadership Development Conference (LDC) Denver
Feb. 4	Beef Weigh In, BeefCo, 8-11 a.m.
Mar 19	4-H Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Extension Office
Apr 13	Washington County MQA training, 4-7:30 p.m., Events Center, Akron



No regular 4-H Council meeting will be held in November! Any council business will be conducted after the Baked Potato Supper on November 14th at the Events Center in Akron at 7:00 p.m.

SAVE THE DATE!

• (Tentative Dates Only)

- **Eastern CO Roundup: July 31- Aug 4**
- **County Shooting Sports Contests: July 20-22**
- **Wash. Co 4-H Horse Show: July 21**
- **4-H Interview Judging/Fashion Revue: July 24**
- **4-H Livestock Record Book Deadline: July 24**

Enrollments

Enrollment time is upon us! Any returning members or leaders must be re-enrolled by December 31st or a \$5 late fee will be assessed. Any new members may enroll up to May 1st (Please note that some market livestock projects have weigh-in or nomination deadlines earlier than May 1. New and returning members must be enrolled prior to these deadlines to participate).

Enrollment fees are again \$25/person which covers local fees, state fees and insurance. NOTE: For families with more than two children in 4-H – we will waive \$5 for the 3rd, 4th, 5th, ... child. Enrollments may be completed by filling out an enrollment form or by enrolling online at www.colorado.4honline.com. New or returning members may complete the online process. For more details about online enrollment, please contact

us or check out resources at this site:

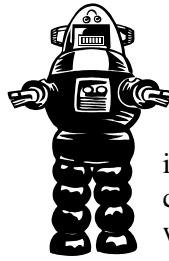
<http://www.ext.colostate.edu/ye/family/> Online enrollment will not be completed until you have printed off the final enrollment form in the system and returned a signed copy with payment. Also remember that all new and returning members must also complete an animal housing form if they show any type of livestock or horse project.

Completion Requirements

Local and state completion requirements for 2011-2012 are as follows:

1. Participate in a demonstration or other speech-arts presentation (State Rule)
2. Participate in a community service activity (State Rule)
3. Complete a record book to be turned in by the local deadline – All general projects/FCS projects will use the state project record(s). All horse project members will use the local horse project record. All junior livestock members will complete one book per species using the Golden Plains Area record. All intermediate and senior livestock members will use the state livestock record.
4. Complete required project related activities – NOTE CHANGES! This is required of all projects, not just livestock and numbers of activities have been increased for older members! All junior members (8-10) will

complete 2 activities per project. All intermediate members (11-13) will complete 3 activities per project. All senior members (14 +) will complete 4 activities per project. (Are you reading this??? The first 10 people to call 345-2287 and mention "newsletter gift" will receive a 4-H gift) Activities may include activities completed in project manuals, activities completed as part of the project (practice cakes, sewing techniques, shooting sports practice) or other activities reported on an activity sheet to be included in your record book (attending a workshop, researching a project related topic, etc).



Robotics

Please note that there are new robotic materials this year (see information in general section of newsletter). If you are interested in learning more about this project, contact the office as soon as possible to join winter robotics sessions.

Colorado 4-H Leadership Development Conference

The annual LDC conference will be held January 28-30 in Denver. Details will soon be available but interested youth should contact the office to pre-register by January 10th. The event is open to youth 14 and over and registration is typically around \$150 (plus lodging). Scholarships may be available from the county council. More information in the main part of this newsletter.

MQA

Mark your calendar now! Washington County MQA training will be held Friday April 13th at the Events Center in Akron from 4:00-7:30 p.m.

Upcoming Livestock Sales

It is the season for market animal sales, auctions and private treaty sales. We receive lots of flyers and postcards about sales in surrounding areas so please call the office if you would like any of that information.



DON'T Forget

Our county council and 4-H clubs will be hosting a Baked Potato Bar Supper on Monday November 14th at the Events Center in Akron from 5-7 p.m. Tickets are available before the event or at the door for \$6/adult,

\$4 kids 6-12 and Free for kids under 6. All clubs are responsible for bringing their assigned toppings and assisting with service and set-up/clean-up. Contact the office if you haven't already signed up with your club leaders to help with the event. A silent auction will also take place during the event and all clubs are reminded to bring at least two items for the auction. Posters for the event as well as pre-printed tickets are available if your club would like to help spread the word for the event. All proceeds will help support our county programs.

Officer Training

Dates are being looked at for an officer training workshop to be held for all county clubs. If you are interested in receiving officer training, please contact the office that we can add your name to the list!

Achievement Program Highlights

A big thank you the Miscellaneous Mavericks, Jolly Ranchers and Shooting Stars for hosting this year's achievement program held on October 16th. Some highlights included the following awards:

Outstanding First Year Members:

Kacyn Kessinger, Alyssa Johnson and Hannah Vondy **Outstanding Junior Members:** Jasmine Priest (Leadership), Sandra Lockard (Achievement) and Tara Chadwick (Citizenship) **Outstanding Senior Members:** Madison Warffeli (Achievement), Layne McCaleb (Citizenship), Lynde McCaleb (Leadership), and Kelly Kiess (Pursuit of Excellence) **Outstanding Leaders:** Pam Priest and Shera Kiess **Friend of 4-H:** Y-W Electric and Global Harvest



Livestock Record Book Winners are as follows:

JR. 1st Place Tie – Justin Traxler and Elijah Myers, (rest of top ten in no particular order) Kit Bellefeuille, Gabe Chapin, Kate Pachner, Alyssa Johnson, Seth Dorrenbacher, Kacyn Kessinger, Keylan Dracon, Briana Baker. **INT.** 1st place – Jasmine Priest, 2nd place – Kylee Chapin, (rest of top ten in no particular order) Sarah Myers, Sandra Lockard, Carson Pachner, Joel Wagner, AJ Miller, Kaylee Traxler, Sarah Clarkson, Cassie Chapin. **SR.** 1st place – Kelly Kiess, 2nd place – Bailey Kraich, (rest of top ten in no particular order) Calby Pflager, Wyatt Harman, Kyle Leoffler, Jesse Quint, Garret Basler, Josh Quint, Nolan Bitterman, Andrew Perry.

YUMA COUNTY

JoLynn Midcap (4-H Youth Development Coordinator)

Joy Akey (Family & Consumer Sciences)

Calendar of Events

November

- 11 Office closed - Veterans Day
- 25 Office closed - Thanksgiving Day
- 26 Office closed

December

- 1 National Western Catch-A-Calf applications due, must be postmarked. Applications are available.
- 26 Office closed

January

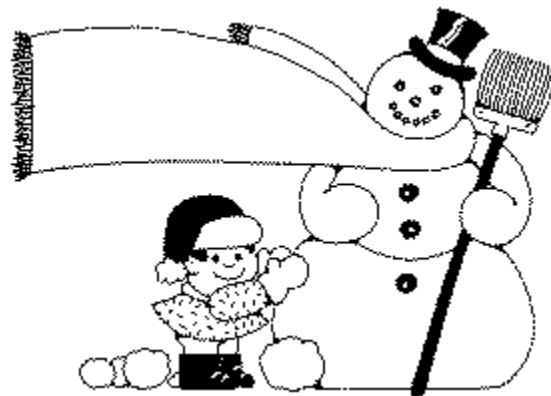
- 3 Yuma County 4-H Leader's Banquet, Wray
- 4-8 Western National 4-H Roundup, Denver, CO
- 7-22 National Western Stock Show www.nationalwestern.com
- 28-30 Leadership Development Conference, Denver, CO
- 30 Colorado 4-H Day at the Capitol

February

- 1 **4-H MEMBER and LEADER enrollments due in the Extension Office**
- 7 Yuma County 4-H Council Meeting, Eckley, 7:30pm
- 21 Snow Date – Yuma County 4-H Council Meeting
- 25 Yuma County 4-H and FFA Beef Weigh-in
160 feedings days

March

- 1 4-H Club Plans of Work due in the Extension Office



Yuma County 4-H Leaders' Banquet

The Yuma County 4-H Leaders' Banquet will be held January 3, 2012 in Wray. Leaders please watch your mail boxes for further information.

\$15.00 Enrollment Fee

The 4-H enrollment fee will again be \$15. The Yuma County Commissioners will continue to contribute \$5 of this fee for 4-H members who enroll by February 1. All enrollments will require a \$10 fee and those who enroll after February 1 will be required to submit the full \$15 fee. Cloverbud members are also included in this enrollment fee requirement. Don't forget to show your appreciation to the Yuma County Commissioners this year!



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Congratulations to Achievement Award Winners

1 year Members: Riley George, Brianna Keeler, Samuel Uyemura, Maisy Wade, Trevor Frank, James Collins, Garret Gilliland, Sandy Gilliland, Alea Hardesty, Ty Hardesty, Dylan Ross, Kyle Ross, Jillian



Hunter, Brenton Towns, Jared Newton, Ema Richardson, Spencer Dressel, Kaylee Etl, Lainey Mekelburg, Lane Remmech, Halle Conde, Sierra Conde, Braydon Lapp, Sabrina Mathies, Allison Turvey, Elizabeth Welp, Taylor Hansen, Taryn Hisam, Ashley Danforth, Caitlyn Danforth, Kayleb Darst, MacKenzie Darst, Loudon Blach, Kyler Goeglein, Melissa Winkler, Molly Winkler, Logan Klein, Jeron Lippert, Wyatt Lockwood, Tiana McCasland, Kailey Pinney

5 year Members: Melissa Anderson, Jocelyne Pacheco, Lauren Soehner, Madison Idler, Bryce Schafer, Courtney Collins, Shae Lynn Mekelburg, Garrett Bueltell, Ashlea Churchwell, Breelynn Frank, Luke Hull, Mariya Mekelburg, Sadie Smith, Tylyn Zwirn, Morgan Kock, Taylor Lapp, Ty Wilterdink, Orrin Combs. Molly Goeglein, Mallory Noble, Jaden Rahm, Joshua Seedorf

10 year Members: Reid Drury, Dani Lenz, Jonathon Marr, D.J. McCall, Kendra Schaffner, Jessica Schneider, Alison Seedorf, Kayla Serl, Chelsea Smith, Larrah Welp

11 year Members: Hannah Gates, Levi Zwirn

Record Book Winners: Small Animals – Junior Champion – Alicia Smith & Trevor Cunningham, Reserve Champion – Jaelyn Adler & Trinity Parrish, Intermediate Champion - Courtney Collins, Intermediate Reserve Champion – Orrin Combs, Senior Champion – Jonathon Marr, Reserve Champion – Bailey Murray; **Horse** – Junior Champion – Ashleigh Hendrix, Reserve Champion – Morgan Jones, Intermediate Champion – Alyssa Valko, Intermediate Reserve Champion – Kenzie McCasland, Senior Champion – Tori Schneider, Senior Reserve Champion – Morgan Kock; **Sheep** – Junior Champion – Cole Rockwell, Junior Reserve Champion – Cade Rockwell, Intermediate Champion – Madison Idler, Intermediate Reserve Champion – Courtney Collins, Senior Champion – Jake Rockwell, Senior Reserve Champion – Jessica Schneider; **Swine** – Junior Champion – Jacy

Archer & Lainey Mekelburg, Intermediate Champion – Sadie Smith, Intermediate Reserve Champion – Jaden Rahm, Senior Champion – Ashleigh Dodsworth, Senior Reserve Champion – Kiera Mekelburg; **Beef** – Junior Champion – Ema Richardson, Junior Reserve Champion – Chasey Blach, Intermediate Champion – Breelynn Frank, Senior Champion, Danielle Lenz, Senior Reserve Champion – Larrah Welp; **Dairy Animal** – Junior Champion – Trevor Cunningham, Junior Reserve Champion - Riley George, Intermediate Champion – Mariya Mekelburg, Senior Champion – Brook George; **Goat** – Junior Champion – Austin Torrence, Junior Reserve Champion – Railyn Akey, Intermediate Champion – Ty Thurston, Reserve Champion – Luke Hull, Senior Champion – James Miner, Senior Reserve Champion – Talli Heid

Fashion Revue Medal: Brianna Keeler

Beef Carcass Winners: Champion – Malaika Frand & Reserve Champion – Jessica Crossland
Shooting Sports Awards: .22 – Kyler Goeglein, Nash Hubbard, Luke Hull, Taylor Lapp, Logan Klein, Jeron Lippert, Kendall Goeglein, Makala Pletcher, Dax Towns, Dalton Meyer; **Muzzle** – Austin Peterson, Luke Hull; **Archery** – Jonathon Marr, Corey Mekelburg, Steven Johnson. Luke George, JW Griffin, Austin Peterson; **Shotgun** – Sam Weaver, Luke George, Kendall Goeglein, MC Griffin, Trevor Pletcher, Kordell McCasland, Slade Pletcher, Dalton Meyer

Horse Levels: Level I Western – MacKenzie Darst, Morgan Jones, Kenzie McCasland, Grace Merritt; **Level I English** – Ashleigh Hendrix; **Level II Western** – Melissa Anderson, Makala Combs, Darrian Jones, Morgan Kock, Taylor Miller; **Level II English** – Tori Schneider

“I Dare You Award” - Steven Johnson and Kortnee Spelts

Extension Agent Award – Jessica Schneider

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