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Fair edition for 4-H and FFA members

Keepin' It Country - July 22-26, 2009

Fairbooks are out! Get one at the Extension office or a local business. This newsletter does not replace the fair book, but it will give you info to finish projects and record books. Read rules, regs, and requirements in the fair book for all projects.

Fair work day planned

The Saturday before the fair is our annual work day for 4-H and FFA families to help get the fairgrounds in shape. Meet at 8 a.m. on Saturday, July 18, at the fairgrounds just north of Holyoke. The fair board will have lists of clean-up/set-up jobs for all ages. We're usually done by 10 a.m.

Interview judging planned for General, FCS

Interview judging for General and FCS 4-H projects is Tuesday, July 21, 9 to 11:30 a.m., at the exhibit (Boy Scout) building at the fairgrounds. If you need a specific time or another date for an earlier interview, let us know ASAP.

You'll get a letter about a week ahead with a 10-minute time-slot for each project.



Judges will ask questions about your project to give you a chance to talk about what you've done.

Have your completed project and record book with you and enter it with Supt. Nancy Colglazier after your interview. Members with foods projects may have a sample item at the interview, but should plan to enter a fresh item on Thursday morning, 8-9 a.m. IJ committee: Jack Wieland, Mariane Ortner, Stacey Geilert, Nancy Colglazier, and Joy Schafer.

Questions for livestock members

Interview judging for livestock 4-H and FFA members will take the form of questions asked by the livestock judge during showmanship classes. Choose at least one specie for showmanship and mark it on the pre-registration form for livestock. Pre-reg forms for livestock and horses are in the mail and are due at the Extension office by Wednesday, July 15, in order for you to show at fair.

Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds, ages 5-7, are not required to interview, but may choose to do so for the fun experience with judge Tina Kramer. Cloverbuds are encouraged to exhibit projects, noncompetitively, from Cloverbud Blasts (red notebook) or otherwise. Each will receive a participation ribbon, a premium equal to a blue, and any other completion awards that other 4-Hers receive.

Entries may be made on Tuesday, interview judging day, or on Thursday morning between 8 and 9 a.m.

We're moving to the fair ...



Work on the new Phillips County Event Center is progressing, with the bathrooms expected to be usable for fair. We hope to have a camper for the fair office, probably parked at the southeast corner of the east beef barn again. Phone: 970-854-3616. We'll plan to move out to the fairgrounds on Monday before the fair and back the Monday after.

Project information

Get your showboards here

We have regulation showboards for \$3 for projects that require them. These are 36"x48" with sides that fold in but do not overlap.

Get E-Record, show requirements

E-Records for all projects are available online. Go to www.colorado4h.org and choose Project Resources + Record Books under the Site Navigation list on the right. Look for the yellow banner that says, "What are you looking for?" Keep following through for what you need. General and FCS project records are identical.

Walk all the way through your project to get an e-record, tip sheet, and a supplement sheet, if required.. Supplement pages are needed for Artistic (Creative) Clothing – also known as Decorate Your Duds, Bread Experiments, Cake Decorating, Ceramics, Clothing Construction, Heritage Arts, Home Environment, Model Rocketry, Photography, Shooting Sports, Small Engines, Sportfishing, Wildlife, Weeds, and Woodworking.

You may choose "Save As" and put your record book on computer or disk to save info. Please make a backup file to protect your work.

Need help getting records? Stop by and we'll walk you through the process and print yours for \$1.

Personal 4-H stories: **This year you may choose whether to type or hand-write your personal 4-H story.** Judges will be advised to consider content only. A typed backup to a hand-written story is very acceptable, especially for projects that go on to State Fair.

State Fair guidelines that we follow for the fair are also under your project on the Web site as well as in the fair book.

Congrats to ...

... Aimee Kanode, 4-H and FFA member, on continuing as this year's Phillips County Fair Queen; to Sarah Heermann, lady-in-waiting; to



MaKenzie Long, princess; and to retiring princess Janna Smith. We appreciate the hard work involved in representing our county through the fair queen program.

Press time at the fair

Press time is set for 4 p.m. on Friday, July 24, for all **Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champions** in any and all projects at the fair. The fair book shows General/FCS projects being first, and then livestock, but that may change. Watch for posters at the fair.

All projects released at noon

Release time for all General/Family Consumer Sciences and Livestock projects is noon on Sunday, July 26, with premium payout noon to 3 p.m. This is an update from the fair schedule that shows 1-3 p.m. for release and premium payout.

Thank-you notes for buyers, pen inspections, and sale sheets are due at the office before premiums are picked up.

General/FCS projects to state

If your General or Family Consumer Sciences project wins unit Champion, you may choose to send it to State Fair. Non-food items are due at the Extension office by Tuesday, Aug. 5, with food items due Tuesday, Aug. 12, no later than 9 a.m.

You're responsible for moving projects from the fairgrounds to the office. If you do not plan to send your unit Champion project to State Fair, let us know ASAP so the Reserve Champion may have that opportunity.

Note: County-only projects do not go to State Fair – Cat, Scrapbooking, Rubberstamping, Microwave Magic.

Horse:
Level 1 to
ID on file

The truth about cats, dogs

Cat show at Extension office

Joyce Strong, county cat leader, plans to hold the annual 4-H and open cat show 9 a.m.-noon on Friday, July 25, in the large conference room at the Extension office.



Check this out to see how the cat project works. Even if you're not taking cats in 4-H, consider bringing Tabby or Boots to the show. Call Joyce, 854-5059, or see P. 41 in the fair book. Prizes!

Dog fun match set

Instead of a dog show at the fair this year, county leader Diane Webster is putting on a fun match on Tuesday, July 22, 4 p.m. at the Holyoke City Park north of the water tower. Parking is available along East Kellogg or Johnson streets.

Pre-entries (only) are due by July 17 at \$5 per event or \$10 for all three. Obedience (Sub Novice A/B; Novice A/B, Open A). Rally-O, Novice only. Showmanship: Novice, Intermediate, Senior, Adults. Limited to 30 entries. Prizes for 1st-4th.

Proof of vaccinations is due with entries. Bring your own chairs, water, doggie waste bags. Dogs must be kept on a leash, with more than one dog crated.

Contact Diane: 970-854-2950 or wishbone@pctelcom.coop

Livestock news

Vet checks required

Dr. Jeff Tharp and Dr. Darrell Tomky of the Holyoke Vet Service are offering their services to health-check Livestock projects, not including horses, **before they get off trailers.**

It's essential that health concerns be addressed before any animals are put in pens.

We appreciate our local vets offering this service to keep our fair animals healthy.

Weigh-in times

Thursday, July 23, is weigh-in day at the Phillips County Fair.

8-9 a.m.: Swine

9-10 a.m.: Sheep, Goats

10-11 a.m.: Beef

Other livestock entry times:

8-10 a.m.: Rabbits, Poultry

11-12 a.m.: Dairy Cows, Breeding Beef

COOL forms

Country of Origin Labeling forms (COOL)

Tri-State Royale

State fair health

Livestock records due July 15;

final date Aug. 15

In order to show at the fair, you need to have livestock record books up to date and initialed by your leader on or before Tuesday, July 15. If you don't have your book yet, follow the instructions earlier in this newsletter to download one from the Web, or come to the office for help.

After the fair, completed record books are due at the office by 4:30 p.m., Friday, Aug. 15. Because Junior Livestock Sale checks will be written Monday, Aug. 18, you'll want to make a copy of sale info to take home. To assist you with that, there'll be a card attached to your buyer sheet that allows you to easily transfer weight, price, buyer's name, and premium above resale price.

Junior Livestock Sale and BBQ

Our annual Junior Livestock Sale is set for Saturday, July 26, 4 p.m., at the Phillips County Fairgrounds. Invite businesses your family has connections with to consider buying your 4-H or FFA animal.

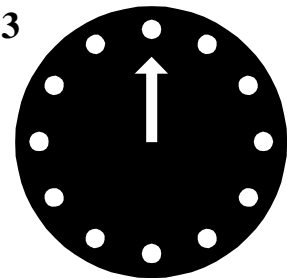
The Junior Livestock Sale Committee is looking for 4-H and FFA volunteers to serve iced tea and water during the sale. Talk to your leader or FFA advisor to volunteer, or call the office.

Buyers' BBQ: This after-sale event that says thank you to buyers is sponsored by Erik and Michelle Vieselmeyer and Larry and Adele McConnell, all with Pioneer Seed, and Rick and Kathy Haynes representing Northeast Feed. **We**

need 4-H and FFA volunteers to serve and clean up.

More livestock show/sale info

- Pen assignments for all species will be posted. Please follow the list your superintendent has made.
- Fill out sale card and give to Marcia, show clerk, **within one hour** after show is over.
- **Livestock pickup is noon to 3 p.m. on Sunday, and not before that. Please honor this policy for the fair to go smoothly and safely.**



- It's also a big safety issue for the Sunday morning Round Robin.
- Clean stalls and get superintendent to check you out on Sunday after 12 noon. Turn in check-out note when you pick up premiums. Note: Usually there's an extra donation available that you didn't get in the show ring, so don't miss that.
 - Turn in livestock premium work sheet by Sunday check-out.
 - Livestock thank-you cards don't need a stamp since these go out with sale pics.
 - Swine show is non-terminal, so you may take animals home after the fair.

New awards for Round Robin

Brent Vieselmeyer has agreed to pull together the Round Robin again this year, 10:30 Sunday morning in the show arena. Award donors Marilyn Miller for Leland Miller Memorial, Byron and Kim Kramer, and Larry and Sharon Weber are giving \$50 savings bonds to celebrate this showmanship learning experience. Awards will be given at the 4-H Achievement Day or FFA event.



During the week, ask other 4-H or FFA members to demonstrate their animals to you and let you try your hand at showing another specie.

More from sale committee

All livestock sold at the Phillips County Junior Livestock Sale not being retained by the buyer for his own use shall be sold at resale value by the Junior Livestock Sale Committee to packer/slaughter buyer only. **No private sales.** This does not preclude private sales during the fair for animals you have **not** committed to the sale.

One club, one animal

Remember that you may show animals in the same specie in 4-H and FFA both, providing they are different animals, with a record book completed for each.

Biosecurity for fair

Again this year we'll have biosecurity cards to hand out at weigh-in to make you more aware of best practices for animal and people health at the fair and back home again. Info has been prepared by Michael Fisher, GPA livestock specialist, Yuma County.

Livestock showboard contest

Here's a contest open to all 4-H members. Being enrolled in a livestock project is not a requirement. Design a display board (36"x48") on any topic of livestock production from conception to consumer, related to production livestock in beef, sheep, swine, goat, poultry, and rabbits. Pick up a board for \$3 at the office.

Boards will be judged on educational value, creativity, attractiveness of display, accuracy of information, and relevance to livestock production and processing. Age divisions: Junior, 8-13. Senior, 14-18. Prizes: \$50 savings bond for Champion in each age group. Reserve Champs: Senior: Gift certificate to Jake's Feed & Supply; Junior: Gift certificate still undecided.

Champions will go on to State Fair to compete for an overall winner and a grand prize of \$100. All boards will remain in the possession of the local Extension office for educational use.

Enter boards with Nancy on Tuesday with interview judging or on Thursday morning from 8-9:30 a.m.

Explanation of Herdsman awards

The JLS committee and Bonnie have looked at the Herdsman awards and come up with some expectations for your club to aim for.

Every year the superintendents choose a 4-H Club or FFA chapter in each specie whose members have done well following the rules, keeping their area clean and picked up, taking good care of their animals, etc. Expectations are on Page 21 of the 2008 fair book.

This year, because we will be tightly packed into the buildings on the fairgrounds, everyone is expected to do his best to follow these guidelines. Follow pen assignments posted by superintendents, keep alleyways clear and unobstructed, and be courteous and a good sport. It is important that we all be patient and considerate to make the fair a successful event.

The award will be given at the October 4-H Achievement Program or at an FFA event. Our hope is that all clubs and members will work hard to win this meaningful award.

JLS Committee members listed

Jeff Plumb, chairman, 774-5400

Rick Haynes, 854-2174

Roger Koberstein, 854-3297

Glen McCallum, 854-5470

Mike Miller, 854-2284

Steve Schafer, 774-6547

Steve Starkebaum, 774-7437

Scott Thompson, 774-7226

Erik Vieselmeyer, 854-3965



Thanks to Haxtun Pioneers ...

... for hosting our twice-postponed Meat Quality Assurance program at the Haxtun Community Center on Sunday, June 8, 2-4 p.m. Youth Livestock Coordinator Heather Forster set up an educational walk-through workshop with hands-on opportunities to check out all aspects of MQA/PQA information. Also assisting: GPA area director Dennis Kaan, GPA summer intern Kylee Hagemann, and Pertz FFA advisor Mike Forster. Looking at "germs" under the blacklight was amazing.

Exchange opps

Illinois exchange set for 2009-10

Big news for Phillips County 4-Hers who will turn 14 by May 15, 2009: We're planning a county-to-county exchange with Carroll and Jo Daviess counties in Northwestern Illinois, Joy's home territory, for June 24-30. Dates may adjust a day or two either way.

If you look on a map, these counties are in the extreme northwest corner of the state and on the Mississippi River. A group from Washington County plans to join us for the trip.

We need 8 to 10 members and a couple leader/chaperons who will commit to this trip and hosting the next year. In 2010, we plan to host the same 4-H members and leaders that we visited, close to the same time frame in June. Think about whether you can commit to this fun and educational trip to a place with lots of green grass, trees, rolling hills and corn that grows taller than you can imagine. You'd also be committing to some fundraising to make this possible. We've got lots of ideas.

Be an IFYE host for 2008

Homes for two to three weeks for International Four-H Exchange Program (IFYE) delegates are being sought. Three delegates – from Luxembourg, Austria, and Switzerland – are 18 to 20 and do not require constant adult supervision.

Hosts needed for Japanese students

There's still time to get in on hosting young Japanese students for July 23-Aug. 18. Participants are 100-percent medically covered with 4-H insurance and may participate in host family vacations, camping trips, and youth camps. Host siblings have the option of traveling to Japan to participate in a future exchange of four or seven weeks. Still to place: 16 boys, ages 12-14. This exchange is also open to non-4-H families.

Council notes

Gift received

Highline Electric Association has given the PhiCo 4-H Council a generous gift of \$100.

PR/bouncer dates

- Postponed: Discussion of Cow Patty Bingo for fair ... maybe next year.
- Next council and leaders' meetings: Sunday, October 26
- Dandelion Daze: Great job by Holyoke Centennial and Town & Country



July 4: Little bouncer only, fireworks, Homesteaders' Park, north of Holyoke at fairgrounds, 3 p.m. to dark, depending on jumpers, selling orange and root beer floats. Can you volunteer to work with Joy on this? Other events: Holyoke Chamber's steak fry cookoff, kids' games, food, S&W Auto Supply Motorsports Spectacular, fireworks!

July 19: Old Fashioned Saturday Night, Haxtun, 3 p.m. to dark, Haxtun Community Center (Better Beef Makers, Paoli Hustlers). We're offering popcorn and lemonade starting at 10 a.m. at the Haxtun Gun Club for the 4-H Sanctioned Trap Shoot and the Clint Nevins Scholarship Trap Shoot. BBMs and PHs: If late afternoon doesn't work for you, ask your leader about helping at the gun club.

July 26: Saturday of fair, Noon-5 p.m. (or until dark, if run by non-livestock kids. Talk to Stacey!

Sept. 27: Corn Festival, Haxtun, 11 a.m.-5 p.m., (Haxtun Pioneers, Challengers)

Obligations for 4-H members ...

- One PR Bouncer event (2 hours)
- One major fundraiser (2008 - Butter Braids)

Camp, conference scholarships given

Luke Stewart and Trae and Wyatt McCallum were the recipients of half-cost scholarships to WildBugFish Camp at Victor in June.

Austin Vieselmeyer and Nick Ortner received scholarships for the livestock camp at NJC, also in June.

Illinois trip

Two benefit raffles set

#1 Phillips County Commissioners are offering a raffle with four great prizes: a John

Deere X300 lawn tractor, 42" deck, donated by MV Equipment; a Panasonic 50" wide-screen plasma HDTV; and two sets of four tickets each to the Aug. 24 Rockies/Cincinnati Reds game. Tickets are \$25 each or five for \$100. Proceeds go toward the new Phillips County Event Center. We're almost there! Just \$104,977 left to raise out of \$3.1 million! Drawing: During Saturday, July 26, Combine Demo Derby at the fair.

#2 Colorado 4-H Foundation is sponsoring a raffle for a white 2008 Ford XLT F150 4x4 pickup donated by Rocky Mountain Ford Stores. It uses gas or E-85. The pickup is currently shrink-wrapped with "Go green with 4-H and Ford" and lots of growing corn. Check it out at www.colorado4h.org We have tickets in the office at \$20 each. Drawing date: Oct. 11.

Club info

Booths available

Space for club booths will be in the east beef barn, so count on a rustic space, i.e., not easily kept clean. Make reservations by Friday, July 18, so booth spaces can be set up July 19.

Due date changed for club books

Books from club reporters, treasurers, and secretaries, along with scrapbooks, are due for judging by Monday, Sept. 29. This is a big change from the fairbook date to move away from the record book deadline and still have time to judge books before the Achievement Program.

Achievement Program date set

Our annual Achievement Program is set for Sunday, Oct. 12, right after National 4-H Week, tentatively at 1 p.m. with a potluck.

Camps

Field Skills Weekend still has room

Check out the blue page for a poster on the hands-on Field Skills Weekend planned for Friday, July 11, to noon Sunday, July 13. The price is right on this budget-minded camp that's just north of Jumbo Reservoir: \$40 for ages 8-18, and \$30 for volunteers. Non-4-H members are

welcome. This is a joint venture between the Golden Plains Area Extension and Colorado Division of Wildlife. Staff: Perry Brewer, Eldon Fisher, chief cook Mick Livingston, Jack Wieland, Don Marr. The Web site listed has all you need for registration, which is open until camper slots are filled. Don't miss this great outdoor opportunity!

Shooting Sports notes

Clint Nevins scholarship shoot, 4-H sanctioned trap shoot

Haxtun Pioneers are sponsoring a Sanctioned 4-H Trap Shoot at the Haxtun Gun Club on Saturday, July 19, at 10 a.m., in conjunction with Old Fashioned Saturday Night. The Clint Nevins Scholarship Trap Shoot, open to the public, is set for 11 a.m.-4 p.m., with an entry fee of \$30 and a cash payoff. This is in honor of the memory of Clint, a 4-H and FFA dad, who died this spring. Pre-registration is helpful.

Check out the aqua page for more plus contact info.

Generous grant received from Pheasants Forever

Our local Shooting Sports program has received a grant for \$500 from the local Pheasants Forever to be used toward State Fair expenses. Thank you!

State Fair Web site for SS ...

- <http://www.co4hshooting.org>>
- <http://co4hshooting.blogspot.com/>

You can sign up for RSS (Really Simple Syndication) feed, which will notify you when there is new content on the Shooting Sports Web site.

Wash Co invitational Shotgun Shoot

4-H Invitational Shotgun All-Events Shoot is set for Sunday, July 20, with registration at 10:30 a.m. Info: Randy Shoenecker, (970)-554-2423.

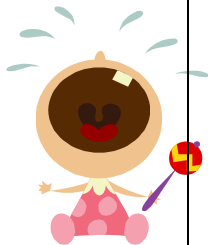
Odds and ends

Make It With Wool contest

The annual Colorado Make It With Wool competition is set for Saturday, Dec. 6, in Burlington, with four categories for Preteen 12 and under, through adult. We have guidelines and entry forms. Great prizes!

Babysitting class offered

Golden Plains Recreation Center (GPRC) is sponsoring a Red Cross babysitting class on Wednesday, July 16, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., at the Peerless Center, 212 S. Interocean, Holyoke. Participants should be ages 11-15. Class fee: \$40. Plan to pack a sack lunch. Pre-register by July 11 to help meet the minimum of 10 students needed for this class. Contact Laura Schroetlin: 970-854-2453.



State Fair clerks needed

Teen and adult clerks are needed to volunteer at 4-H Camp Tobin during the 2008 Colorado State Fair. Meals and lodging are provided for those who work four or more hours. Dates: Aug. 12-15, Aug. 22-24, and Aug. 23-Sept. 1. Find more at www.colorado4h.org by choosing Communications, 4-H Update, June 13.

2009 WRLF set for Denver

The 2009 Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum is planned for Feb. 25-28 at the Denver Marriott City Center. Join 400 volunteers from 13 Western states, Canada and the U.S. Territories in the South Pacific at this Western Roundup. More details as we get them.

Calendar

July 4 - Fireworks, fairgrounds, little bouncer only/sell floats

July 15 - Livestock books to leaders; animal pre-registration deadline for fair

July 19 - Fair clean-up, 8 a.m.; Clint Nevins scholarship shoot/popcorn, drinks; Old Fashioned Sat Night, Haxtun, Bouncer/Wall, popcorn

July 22 - Interview judging

July 23-27 - Phillips County Fair

Aug. 15 - Livestock books due

Sept. 27 - Corn Festival, Haxtun, Bouncer/Wall

Oct- 5-11 - National 4-H Week

Oct. 12 - Achievement Program

Feb. 25-28, 2009 - Western Regional Leaders Forum

April 5 - Jamboree

Fair reminder

By Mick Livingston, Kit Carson County

Once again, before we know it, it will be fair time. All those last-minute details will need to be taken care of. That project you were going to have completed by the time school was out will have to be finished the day it is to be checked in at the fair.

Let's take some pressure off everyone, from members to parents, and get those projects and details taken care of today! It will make the fair a lot more fun if we don't all show up under stress. The fair office personnel will take care of all the stress that is needed at fair time. Please take it easy on them as they work long hours on your behalf during fair.

The fair is a celebration of your individual accomplishment in your 4-H projects. It offers you an opportunity to display your project as well as yourself. It is a great educational experience and should always be viewed with that in mind. It builds character, encourages responsibility and sportsmanship.

During the week, we all get a little tired and tend to overreact on occasion to some rather insignificant obstacles that may get in our way. Blowing up and screaming at the superintendent or leader in charge is not an effective way to solve any problem.

First of all, people being severely tongue lashed do not tend to react favorably to our opinions. They are much more likely to respond in a positive manner if we calmly visit with them about our perceived problem. There may well be a valid reason for the way things are being done. Perhaps it might be fairness to all participants, or safety.

Secondly, the way we react to unpleasant situations around the fairgrounds is being watched by others who may look up to us and tend to imitate our behavior. We need to keep in mind we are on display and others are watching us at all times.

During the fair this year, take notice of all the volunteers and leaders who are giving of their time and effort to assist so that each of you will be able to enjoy your participation. This may be the person helping get the projects checked in, the superintendents, those helping to line up classes, the ring steward or your leaders.

It takes many volunteers to make a fair run smoothly. Be sure to thank them for the help. It will make them much more likely to be back next year. We cannot be too appreciative of those who help us in our efforts toward success.

If we keep in mind the benefits of friendly competition and cooperation with others, winning at all costs takes a back seat to the benefits that can be gained from our annual association with each other. Have a great fair!

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