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COOL's on hold

The country of origin labeling or COOL form is on hold in our county, according to Junior Livestock Sale Committee president, Jeff Plumb. At weigh-in, you'll get instructions for what you'll need by fair time.

Beef weigh-in set

Beef weigh-in is set for Sunday, Feb. 8, 1-3 p.m. at the fairgrounds just north of Holyoke. All beef projects must be weighed in at that time in order to show at the fair. A brand inspector will be on hand to check papers. Nomination cards will be available for State Fair beef animals and are due in the office by March 27 for our April 1 state deadline. Cards must be signed by Mick Livingston for 4-H or by your FFA advisor. Questions may be directed to Jeff Plumb. Storm date: Sunday, Feb. 15.

Explore 4-H at the Peerless

Tina Kramer and Joy Schafer are putting their heads together on an outreach program at the Peerless, Holyoke, on Friday, Feb. 6, 1-4 p.m., with both schools out. We're showing *Charlotte's Web*, and offering popcorn and a drink for a donation of one nonperishable food item. We're looking for projects, boards, and demos to set up in the foyer and gym. You can stay with your board to explain it during exhibit time, if you'd like. RSVP to 854-3616 to be part of this fun outreach for 4-H.

PhilCo Extension agent retiring

Bonnie Sherman has announced her retirement as of the end of February. She came to Phillips County in 1990. You're invited to a retirement celebration in our big conference room on Monday, Feb. 23, from 1-3 p.m.

Enrollment deadline coming up

Feb. 15 is our annual enrollment deadline to show at this year's fair. It extends to Tuesday, Feb. 17, the next business day after the 15th. Please get forms to your leaders before that date so they can get them to us on time. Barb will order books after she gets your project selection. Add/drop date to change projects for fair: April 15. All forms and books go through club leaders.

Transition time planned

Dennis Kaan, Golden Plains Area director has announced transition plans for Phillips County to follow Bonnie's retirement.

March 1 to July 1, Michael Fisher, Yuma County livestock agent, will serve as coordinating agent and plans to be here two days every other week. Mick Livingston, Kit Carson, will be our youth livestock agent, and expects to be in the office two days a week on the opposite weeks from Michael's days.

Linda Langelo, horticulturist, will move to full time to cover the radon program and work with after-school activities as well as horticulture.

Other office staff: Barb Neugebauer, office manager, and Joy Schafer, 4-H Program Coordinator.

MQA/PQA set for April 2

If you plan to show a 4-H or FFA market animal at the fair—swine, beef, lambs, goats, chickens, rabbits—then Meat Quality/Pork Quality Assurance is a requirement for you. Mick Livingston is planning our local MQA/PQA for Thursday, April 2, 4-7 p.m., with the location tentatively the Extension conference room. Plan on 45 minutes to go through hands-on stations. You may start as late as 7 p.m. and have time to finish. Volunteers?

Golden Plains Area members must attend this training the first two years in a livestock project. At the age of 12 and 15, a member must attend a session and recertify. Upon recertifying at 15, a member is done. For example, if you start livestock at age 10, then you need to attend an MQA class at 10, 11, 12, and 15. If you start at age 14, plan to attend at 14 and 15. We'll share area MQA dates as we get them. Let the

office know if you take the class elsewhere, and have paperwork sent to us.

LDC in the news

Leadership Development Conference was in Denver at the Renaissance Jan. 24-26 for six 4-Hers, with a photo op with Governor Bill Ritter at Saturday night's banquet, watching the Nuggets beat the Utah Jazz on Sunday night, spending time with Rep. Jerry Sonnenberg, and being seated on the House floor Monday morning at the State Capitol. LDC delegates: Senators Briar Bergner and Krista Schafer, Kalob Weaver, Daniel Martinez, Janna Smith, and Aimee Kanode, with Joy as chaperon.



Council notes

The PhilCo 4-H Council met Sunday, Jan. 18, with reps from all clubs. Next meeting for council and leaders: Sunday, March 15, 4:30 and 3 p.m.

Clubs, chose your PR Bouncer dates:

- Dandelion Daze - June 20, Holyoke
- Old Fashioned Sat Night - July 18, Haxtun
- County Fair - Friday/Saturday, July 24-25
- Corn Festival - Sept. 26, Haxtun, 11-4
- Consider doing Cinco de Mayo Fun Fest or 4th of July as a club fundraiser. Leader advisor Stacey Geilert can give you details on borrowing the council's inflatables. We may also have dates in Big Springs Memorial weekend. Expectations: One two-hour time donation per member.

This just in: Stacey has gotten a *yes!* from Denver Mayor Hickenlooper's office for a two-block test area for Denver Fire Department for our E911 address signs this fall.

Stacey's working with Loveland schools on fundraisers Feb. 12-26. To make our April 2 sign delivery, we'll make set up a work time with each club.

Order decorated cookies from Holyoke Centennial members ASAP for Valentine's Day.



Shooting Sports ...



Archery beginning

Jack Wieland is planning the first archery class on Thursday evening, March 5. Call him at 854-3512, if you're interested, and to get more info on time/place.

Shooting Sports leaders

We're excited to welcome Archery leader Jeff Sullivan and Shotgun leader Glen McCallum, who are signed up for certification training in February. Todd Orcutt, a current Shotgun leader, is taking advanced training. Rick Noel will stay on with Shotgun in an advisory capacity.

Contests

- Name the theme for the 2009 Phillips County Fair by **Tuesday, Feb. 10**; e-mail, phone, mail, or hand deliver entries to the office. Our contact info: front page. Prize: two armbands.
- Grades 7-12: Write 450 words on the theme, "Agriculture-Every Day in Every Way," for 2009 Ag Day. Due: **Monday, Feb. 9**. This may be e-mailed. Info: hpj.com/agdayessay. Prizes: \$100, \$1,000, and D.C. trip.

Rodeo scheduled

Our amateur rodeo committee is planning to host the Colorado Junior Rodeo Association rodeo here the weekend of May 16-17. More info: Call the office and ask to be transferred to Gale Wieber's phone.

Camps

Look for brochures for these camps and events in this newsletter:

- Family Hunting/Outdoor Skills Challenge, May 2-3, Flagler, \$30, includes ammunition
- Wild Bug Fish Camp, June 15-18, Granger Ranch near Victor, \$85 (also open to non-4-Hers at \$100)
- 4-H Shooting Sports Family Campout, June 19-21, Victor, \$12/person or \$35 max per family

County obligations for 4-H members

- One PR Bouncer event (2 hours)
- One major fundraiser (2009 - making signs)

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 orange banner that says, "What are you looking for?" Keep following through for what you need.

General and FCS project records are identical.

Record book completions are expected on all animals weighed in.

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 or call and we'll walk you through the process or print yours for a dollar. Leaders, you may come in and get record books for all your members.

Supplement pages are needed for some projects and are listed. State Fair guidelines that we follow are also under your project on the Web site and will be in the fair book.

Different animals for 4-H, FFA

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.

More club officers named

Raising Ranchers 4-H Club:

Blake Mari, president; Trae McCallum, vice president; Erin Lebsack, secretary/treasurer; Tanner Smith, reporter; all club members, historians; Blake Mari and Trae McCallum, council reps; Erin Lebsack, council alternate. Leaders: Ranae and Glen McCallum.

Holyoke Centennial 4-H Club: Mariah Struckmeyer, president; Alex McCallum, vice president; Brittany Mahnke, secretary; Daniel Martinez, treasurer; Krista Schafer and Mariah Struckmeyer, council reps. Leader: Gail Schafer.

Events:

Youth Fest: Feb. 13-15 near Larkspur for ages 9-13. If you didn't get a letter, let us know.

Citizenship Washington Focus: Apps are out for 4-Hers 15-19. Due: Feb. 20.

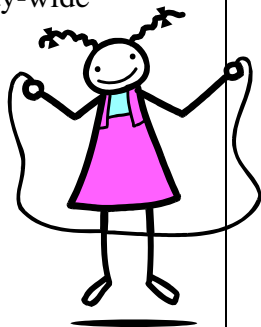
Jamboree/Community Talent Show



Get your dancin' shoes on and your singing voice practiced up for April 5, 2 p.m., at the Holyoke High School auditorium for our annual 4-H Jamboree and community-wide talent show for K-12.

Need some ideas? Look on the Web for skits and jokes, or call Joy to brainstorm something fun for your club to do. This event helps you step out in public. Jamboree needs you and your club. We'd loved the jump-rope team last year, so get your act together.

Volunteers needed: Cookie-makers, club to serve refreshments, committee people for planning and deco, emcees, cleanup crew.



Important 4-H Dates for 2009

Leaders may set earlier deadlines within clubs in order to meet office deadlines.

- **Feb. 15** - Enrollment deadline for all 4-H members in order to show at the fair
- **Feb. 20** - Apps for Citizen Washington Focus due
- **April 15** - Project add/drop to show at Fair
- **June 1** - Horse IDs due (new ID every year, state rule)
- **July 15** - Up-to-date livestock/horse record books shown to leaders for initialing and fair registration due.
- **Final due date for livestock/horse record books still to be determined. Tentative: Aug. 15.**
- **Note:** All enrollments, book orders, add/drops, and record books go through club leaders.
- **Weekend dates move to the next business day. All deadlines are at 4:30 p.m.**

Newsletters

Keep newsletters for the club year for easy reference on dates and record books. Golden Plains Area newsletters with a double page from Phillips are planned for March/April, May/June, Sept/Oct, and Nov/Dec. We'll send info in the off months as needed, plus put out a fair issue.

Calendar

Feb. 6 - Explore 4-H at the Peerless, 1-4 p.m.
Feb. 8 - Beef weigh-in, 1-3 p.m.
Feb. 13-15 - Youth Fest, Larkspur
Feb. 15 - Enrollment deadline; Storm date beef weigh-in
Feb. 16 - Fair board meeting, 7 p.m.
Feb. 23 - Retirement celebration for Bonnie, 1-3 p.m.
March 23 - Holyoke Community Night
April 5 - Jamboree/Spring Talent Show
April 15 - Add/drop deadline
May 2-3 - Family Hunting/Outdoor Skills Challenge, Flagler
May 3 - Sheep/goat weigh-in, tentative, 2-4 p.m.
June 1 - State Horse ID deadline
June 13-20 - CWF, Washington, D.C.
June 15-18 - Wild Bug Fish Camp, near Victor
June 19-21 - Shooting Sports Family Campout, Victor
June 22-29 - State 4-H Conference
July 15 - Livestock books to leaders; animal pre-reg deadline for fair
July 22-26 - Phillips County Fair
Aug. 15 - Livestock books due, tentative
Oct. 4-10 - National 4-H Week
Oct. 4 or 11 - Achievement Program?

More notes ...

- Phillips County Fair: July 22-26
- Lamb/goat weigh-in: Sunday, May 3, 2-4 p.m., fairgrounds just north of Holyoke
- Swine tagging is in the planning stages.
- Interview judging will include all General, FCE, and Livestock projects this year, with the date TBA.
- State Fair nomination deadline for lambs, goats and swine: June 1.
- June 11-2 NJC Livestock Camp, Sterling.
- Dog info: Karen Minton, Wray, is offering to invite a rally obedience trainer to Yuma County. Call Karen at 970-332-0994 or Diane Webster at 970-854-2950. You may e-mail Diane at wishbone@pctelcom.coop for info.
- Dog AKC shows: Plum Creek and Colorado Kennel Clubs show Feb. 13-16, Stock Show Complex, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. each day: Breed conformation, Jr./Sr. showmanship, rally obedience, four levels obedience, agility, flyball, meet the breeds, canine vendors.

Relay for Life wants you!

Phillips County Relay for Life is set for Aug. 21-22, from 6 p.m. Friday until noon Saturday. Youth teams are being sought. Guidelines: Teams of 10 raise \$100 each to participate for \$1,000, with registration \$100 (\$50 if paid by March 23). Theme: Back to the Future. You can pitch a tent in the courtyard square and catch some ZZZ's or simply stay up all night. Info: Sharon Greenman, 854-2241, or Julie Dirks, 854-2400.

