

Golden Plains Area

4-H Newsletter

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Sedgwick County 4-H Newsletter *November/December 2005*

4-H Achievement Night

The 2005 Sedgwick County 4-H Achievement Night was held on Sunday, October 16th, in the Lions Den at Sedgwick. Master of Ceremonies was 2006 Sedgwick County 4-H Council President, Greg Hensley. An estimated one hundred and forty 4-H family members and guests celebrated the success of the 4-H youth. After enjoying a delicious "pot luck" dinner, we took a slide show fishing trip with 7 year old Keith Graham. Last June, Keith, his brother Mac and mother Rhonda participated in the Golden Plains Area **Wild Bug Fish Camp** near Buena Vista. From the looks of the slides we seen, this was an eventful weekend and a great adventure. Keith did a very nice job and we would like to thank him again for sharing their trip with us.

The Sedgwick County 4-H club leaders and project leaders were invited forward for recognition for all they do for the youth. All four of Sedgwick County's 4-H Clubs; The Tail Twisters, The Clover Leaf, Golden Spurs and the Go Getter Gang received the 75% Completion certificate.

The Clover Buds were recognized for their 4-H participation and received membership pins and a Tee Shirt from their Leaders, Rhonda Graham and Kendra Woodhams. General project awards, shooting sports awards, livestock showmanship awards, livestock herdsman awards, special horse project awards and record book awards were presented. The Tail Twisters 4-H club earned the Club Herdsman Award, a \$25.00 check donated by the VFW Post #3951.

4-H Council Secretary, Michelle Harrington and 4-H Council Vice President Reed Jablonski presented the Friend of 4-H Awards to Rosi Woodhams of Rosi's Hair Salon, Jim Beck of K & K Welding and to Marty Beck. The Council also presented wall clock/plaques to retired Sedgwick County Extension Agent Gary Lancaster and retired Sedgwick County Fair Board President Jim Beck in recognition for all the time they dedicated to the youth of Sedgwick County over the years. Michelle Harrington was named Outstanding 4-H Member, receiving the Kevin Reichman Memorial award.

The Grand Finale of the evening was guest speaker Dr. Jeff Goodwin, 4-H & Youth Development Programs Director at Colorado State

University. Dr. Goodwin brought the crowd to their feet with his "Catch the Can Do Attitude" presentation, using rope tricks and humor. In the end, bringing home the message that "pulling" or working against each other will only destroy what we are all working for, "youth development". In closing, Greg thanked everyone for all they do for 4-H and the Sedgwick County youth.

National Western Stock Show 4-H Day

The National Western Stock Show wishes to thank county agents and 4-H Club leaders. In appreciation for all you do and the time you spend working with the youth of Colorado, they are again offering Guest Badges to one leader per club. The date for the 4-H day is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2006. The closing date for these applications is **December 9th** and NWSS will not honor any applications received after this date. If you are interested in participating you should stop by the Extension office to see a schedule of events and pick up a Guest Badge application.

National Western Stock Show Catch a Calf Contest

The applications for the National Western Stock Show Catch a Calf contest are available in the Extension Office. Your Club leaders also received the information in the mail. Applications must be **postmarked no later than November 15th, 2005. These applications must be signed by a county agent.** This does not leave you much time so if you are interested, call your leader or the extension office for an application, today.

4-H Livestock Projects

We receive notices of Club animal sales in the Extension office regularly, many times too many to mention them all. We keep these in the office and will be glad to share them with you. If you are interested, please call or stop by the Extension Office.

Leaders Meeting Scheduled

The 2006 Sedgwick County 4-H Leaders organizational meeting has been scheduled for Sunday, December 11th at 2:00pm in the meeting room at the Court house. Materials for leader packets will be handed out at this meeting. Golden Plains Area 4-H and Youth Development Agents Perry Brewer from Kit Carson County and Eldon Fisher from Yuma County will be here to explain the changes for the coming year and answer any questions you may have concerning 4-H and your roll as leaders.

This will be a very important meeting and all 4-H club and project leaders for 2006 are encouraged to attend.

2006 Golden Plains Area *Wild Bug Fish Camp*

"Sport Fishing, Wildlife and Entomology members, parents, and leaders should make plans to attend the Wild Bug Fish Camp to be held June 26-29. The camp will be near Buena Vista, Co. There will be several education programs on wildlife, wildlife habitat, fishing, tackle crafting, fish environment and entomology. The camp will provide plenty of fishing, fly tying, wildlife viewing, insect catching and learning, with a little camping and a lot of fun thrown in. Don't miss this chance to fish, view and learn about wildlife, add to your insect collection and have fun with other 4-H members. **Interested members and leaders do not have to be enrolled in these projects to attend.** The cost is \$75.00 for 4-H members and \$60.00 for parents/leaders."

This is the outdoor camping adventure Keith, Mac and Rhonda Graham experienced last year. If you have any questions I am sure they would be glad to visit with you about this camp. They have assured us it is worth every penny.

You may also contact Mick Livingston at 719-346-5571 or E-mail mick@coop.ext.colostate.edu for more information.

**The 2006 Sedgwick County Fair
dates are
Wednesday, Aug 2nd – Sunday, Aug. 6th**

2006 Sedgwick County 4-H Council Officers

Election of the Sedgwick County 4-H Council Officers for 2006 was held at the council meeting on October 5th.

New council officers are:

President – Greg Hensley – Go Getters
Vice President – Reed Jablonski – Go Getters
Secretary/Reporter -Michelle Harrington - Tail Twisters
Treasurer-Bridget Shank – Clover Leaf
Senator/Parliamentarian-Bridget Shank - Clover Leaf
Adult Advisor – Lori Hensley – Go Getters
Alternate Adult Advisor-Rhonda Graham-Clover Leaf
Fair Board Representative-Greg Hensley
Fair Board Alternate – Reed Jablonski

As the 4-H Clubs begin to reorganize for the coming year and you elect your new officers and council representatives, please be sure to let the Extension Office know your results so that the mail goes to the correct person.

From the Colorado State Fair

Lindsay Wadhams, Colorado State Fair Horse Show Manager, announced the state fair 4-H Horse Show will be moved to a weekend in an effort to make it easier for more 4-H member to participate. A meeting after the 2005 state fair with county agents and the horse show department revealed that the dates of the past years show was the major complaint from exhibitors and agents. CSU Extension asked the horse show department to consider moving the 2006 Colorado State Fair 4-H Horse Show dates to a weekend in order to make it possible for all the kids to show. The idea was presented to the Fair Board Commissioners. The Board members were all in favor of moving the dates to make the 4-H show better for 2006. The dates for the **2006 Colorado State Fair 4-H Horse Show** will be **August 25-27, 2006**.

Catch-It Winners

Aaron Cumming, Sedgwick County Catch-It Committee Chairman, announced the winners of the 2005/2006 Catch-It-Animal Contest and the winners of the lottery drawing for alternates, during the Sedgwick County 4-H Achievement Night ceremonies. In the event a winner becomes ineligible the 1st alternate will receive the animal. If the 1st alternate can not take the animal or if more than one per species is ineligible, the second alternate will receive the animal. All winners and alternates must enroll in a Sedgwick County 4-H Club to remain eligible. Winners are and sponsors are:

Catch -A- Calf

Dustin Baker – sponsored by – 1st National Bank of Julesburg, Lucy's Place, and J & J Liquor

Reed Jablonski – sponsored by – J & J Liquor, Rich Hartman & Dale Parker, and Glen Toyne

Riley Baker – sponsored by – Jean Toyne, B.J.Ball, Kenny Sittner & Randy Scott, and Kontny Elevator

1st alternate – Cassie Jablonski

2nd alternate – Greg Hensley

Catch -A - Lamb

Seth Harrington – sponsored by – Sedgwick County Saddle Bums

Devin Wilbur – sponsored by – Todd & Missy Harrington

Rocco Poncetta – sponsored by – Delbert Harris

1st alternate - Danielle Rosenfield

2nd alternate - Christian Lanckriet

Catch- A - Pig

Chase Dunker – sponsored by – Ault Well Service
Makenzie Ault – sponsored by – Blockowitz Ditching
Nicole Newth – sponsored by – Seaboard Farms
1st alternate - Jr. Ornelas
2nd alternate – Dillan Kizer

New 4-H Record Keeping Options

Over the past 12 months, agents around the state have been working together to develop records that are easier to complete and evaluate. The results of their efforts are sure to help everyone get more out of your 4-H projects.

There are three main record groups:

- 1) **LIVESTOCK/HORSE E-RECORDS-** This will be used for all horse projects and production livestock projects, including poultry and rabbits raised for meat, fur or egg production. **This record will handle up to four projects in the same record book.** Breeding projects and horse projects will require supplements to this record.
- 2) **PET/SMALL ANIMAL E-RECORDS-** This record includes dog, rabbits, and poultry raised as pets only, and all other companion animals.
- 3) **4-H PROJECT E-RECORD-** This record will be used for all Family & Consumer Sciences and General Projects. Many projects will have supplements to the record that are specific for the project.

Also, for the first time, **all the above records will be available online** after the first of January 2006 at <http://www.4h.colostate.edu/> Use the Member/Leader Resources pull-down menu to find them.

All records will be available to you in three formats. Please specify your choice of records on your enrollment form in the *office –use* space on the project line:

- 1) **Online-**you will access the Website and download the required records and supplements without receiving any records from the Extension Office.
- 2) **Paper-**You will receive all necessary records and supplements for your projects from the Extension Office through your club leaders at the appropriate costs.
- 3) **CD-** You will receive an e-record CD containing **all** records and supplements for **4-H projects** at a cost of \$5.00. *Each club will receive one complimentary of this CD.*

The COLORADO 4-H CAREER SUMMARY is New and Optional for this year. It will be used for tracking all 4-H activities and awards, therefore developing a 4-H career resume and prove to be very helpful when completing scholarship applications. This addition to all record books is highly recommended but is not required for this year.

Show Ring Success Seminar

CSU and Purina Mills are teaming up to put on the first Show ring Success Seminar to be held on Saturday, Nov. 26th from 9:00 am to 3:30 pm at the CSU Agriculture Research, Development and Education Center in Fort Collins. The Seminar is geared for both amateur and experienced youth and adult beef cattle exhibitors. All Sedgwick County 4-H members enrolled in a beef project last year receive registration information in the mail. If you did not receive this registration and are interested, you may register through **Rick Haynes, Northeast Feed, at (970) 854-2174**, who will coordinate car pooling for 4-H member from Sedgwick and Phillips counties. When registration is made through Rick, the \$25 fee entitles you to a \$25 credit toward any show feed for a livestock fair project for the coming year. **Registration after Nov.12th will be \$35.** If you are interested, contact Rick today.

Washington Focus Applications

4-H members between the ages of 15 and 18 as of December 31, 2005 are eligible to apply for the Citizenship-Washington Focus program. In June/early July, 4-H'ers from all over the state of Colorado fly to Washington D.C. They spend a week in our nation's capitol learning about our government and heritage through seminars and field trips. The conference offers insights into our responsibilities as citizens. Members attending gain skills and knowledge relating to their roles in society, the community, the nation and the world.

Seminars emphasize current topics as well as methods of dealing with community problems through positive actions.

Application forms will be available some time in January. **The deadline for applications is February 23, 2006.**

Collegiate 4-H Scholarship

The CSU Collegiate 4-H Scholarship application is due in the state 4-H Office **January 6th**. Selection is based on academics, community involvement, and leadership with and emphasis placed on 4-H activities. An interview is required at the Leadership Development Conference Jan. 28th -30th. One scholarship of \$1,000 will be awarded. If you are interested, contact the Extension Office for more information on applications or you may contact Dale.leidheiser@colostate.edu

CSU Scholarships

To apply for most of the scholarships offered through Colorado State University for the 2006-2007 academic year, applicants should complete the CSU Scholarship Application available online at: www.sfs.colostate.edu By submitting this one application form, students will be considered for **all** appropriate scholarships at the University level. **This application is due March 1, 2006. This application does not apply to the CSU Collegiate 4-H Scholarship**

Leadership Development Conference

LDC and 4-H day at the Capitol are in the planning phases for the weekend of Jan. 28- 30 at the Grand Hyatt, downtown Denver. The Conference is open to members ages 14 to 19 and includes workshops on public speaking, leadership, youth in government, youth/adult partnerships, current bills and capitol etiquette. The weekend includes an IFYE (International Foreign Youth Exchange) presentation and banquet, plus Monday's Capitol visit.

The 4-H council traditionally pays half of the cost of registration and rooms, with participants paying their half of these expenses, plus meals. Anyone interested should contact the Extension Office for more information.

Leader Tips

The following article appeared in the Sept. /Oct. edition of the Larimer County 4-H Newsletter.

“As 4-H leaders, we often think about what we are teaching 4-H members when we work with them on their projects. What we often forget is how young people observe all of the other things we say, our attitude, our problem solving abilities and our social interactions. We call this role modeling and it may be the most important thing we can do for a young person - give them a positive person to emulate.

You Never Know

You never know when someone
May catch a dream from you.
You never know when a little word
Or something you may do
May open up the windows

Of a mind that seeks the light-

The way you live may not matter at all,
But you never know – it might.

And just in case it could be
That another's life, through you,

Might possibly change for the better
With a broader and brighter view,
It seems it might be worth a try
At pointing the way to right-

Of course, it may not matter at all,
But then again, it might.
- Anonymous"

Dates to Remember November

Monday, Nov. 7th - Rhonda's Clover Buds 3:30 pm - Community Room - Court house
Friday, Nov. 11th VETERAN'S DAY - Extension Office Closed



*May no soldier go unloved
May no soldier walk alone
May no soldier be forgotten
Until they all come home.*

Wednesday, Nov. 16th - Golden Spurs 5:00 pm - Community Room - Court house
Saturday, Nov 19th - Hunter Safety Course 8:00 am -5:00 pm - Community Room - Court house
Sunday, Nov. 20th - Hunter Safety Course Continues 8:00 am - 3:00 pm - Community room - Court house
Monday, Nov. 21st - Rhonda's Clover Buds 3:30 pm - Community Room - Court house
Thursday, Nov. 24th Thanksgiving
Extension Office Closed Nov. 24th & 25th



December

Monday, Dec. 5th - Rhonda's Clover Buds 3:30 pm - Community Room - Court House
Sunday, December 11th - Sedgwick County 4-H Leaders Meeting -2:00 pm -Community Room - Court House
Sunday,, December 25th - Merry Christmas
Monday, December 26th - Extension Office closed



January

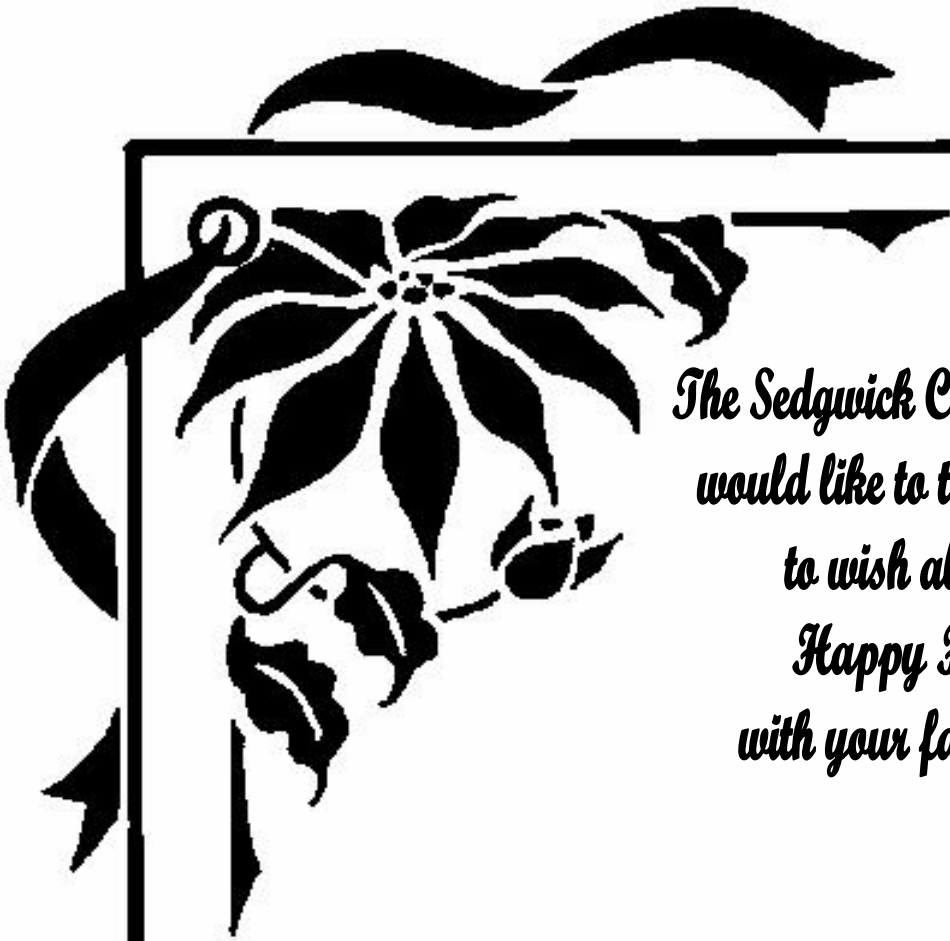
Sunday Jan. 1st Happy New Year
Mon. Jan. 2nd Extension Office & County Court House Closed
Wednesday, January 4th - 4-H Council Meeting - 7:15 pm - Community Room - Court House



If you would like your club meetings and any other information posted in the next issue of this newsletter, please notify the Extension Office by Dec. 15th to insure your information will be in the January/February Newsletter.

**Coming in January
Golden Plains Area 4-H Newsletter**

The Golden Plains Area 4-H and Youth Development Agents are making plans for a GPA 4-H Newsletter. The newsletter will have articles of importance and interest to all 4-H members. Each County will be responsible for the 4-H news in that county. We are excited about the change. This Area newsletter should help us all keep up on 4-H dates and deadlines as well as any changes in the 4-H programs.



*The Sedgwick County Extension Staff
would like to take this opportunity
to wish all of you a very
Happy Holiday Season
with your families and friends!*

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