



Crowley County 4-H News



February 2009



February 7	Beef Tag and Weigh in
February 8	Wild Things Club Meeting – 2:00 p.m. – Community Library
February 13-15	Youth Fest - Larkspur
March 2	4-H Enrollment Deadline – for CC & AVF Fair Participation
March 2	Foundation Requests Due
March 3	Junior Fairboard – 7:00 p.m. – Courthouse Annex Meeting Room
March 5	Shooting Sports Safety Meeting – 6:30 p.m., Otero County Extension Office
March 20 -22	District Retreat – Silver Cliff Ranch
March 23	4-H Council – 7:00 p.m. – Courthouse Annex Meeting Room
April 4	District VI 4-H Senate Meeting – 2:00 p.m. – Crowley County Courthouse Annex

Council Meetings Reminder

The next 4-H Council meeting will be Monday, March 23, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Courthouse Annex basement meeting room. Everyone that is a 4-H member is encouraged and invited to attend 4-H Council Meetings. Each club should have at least one representative at each meeting that is not an officer. We will be discussing the concession stand at fair and upcoming events.

Market Beef Weigh and Tag Day

All 4-H and FFA members planning to exhibit market beef at the 2009 Crowley County Days and/or 2009 Arkansas Valley Fair must have their market beef weighed, tagged, and tattooed on Saturday, February 7, 2009. In case of bad weather call Brooke at 469-0190.

Schedule is as follows:

- 9:00 to 12:00 noon – Best Bet Beeflot, South of Hwy 10 on Road 24
- 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. – Russell Jordan’s, 8500 County Lane 12, Olney Springs

2009 Fair Dates

The Arkansas Valley Fair dates for 2009 are August 12th through 16th.

Crowley County Days will be July 18th through 25th.

Newsletters

Monthly newsletters are published for your convenience to inform you of upcoming activities, deadlines, etc. Please take the time to READ YOUR NEWSLETTER and save it as we often ask you to refer to a previous newsletter for information or you may need to refer to previous information.

Crowley County 4-H Foundation Requests

The Crowley County 4-H Foundation is accepting applications for request for loans. The funds do not have to be paid back until after the Market Sale at the Arkansas Valley Fair. Please contact the office for more information or to request an application. Applications are due March 2nd.

Enrollment Forms

Enrollment Packets including enrollment forms are available through your 4-H leader or here at the Extension Office. Please note that all enrollment forms have both a front and back to complete – AND it's necessary to have your leader as well as your parent and you sign the enrollment form *before* turning them in. Leaders also must fill out a volunteer enrollment form each year. There is a special volunteer enrollment form that is available at the extension office or from the main club leaders. If you have any questions completing the forms, please don't hesitate to call the office at 267-5243. **All enrollments must be completed and turned into the Extension Office by March 2, 2009, to participate in any 4-H activities associated with the 2009 Crowley County Days and/or the 2009 Arkansas Valley Fair.**

Enrollment Fees

Enrollment fees will be \$10.00 for each 4-H'er. When filling out your enrollment form, please include the enrollment fees, horse insurance (if you're in a horse project or gymkhana), and materials fees in your final cost calculation. Horse insurance costs \$2.00, and materials fees vary by project (see the green sheet attached to the enrollment form for prices).

Cloverbud enrollment fees are \$5.00 per cloverbud.

Code of Conduct Forms

Please note that we have the required State 4-H Code of Conduct form included with your enrollment materials. Please read it carefully as it spells out how 4-H'ers, parents and leaders are expected to conduct themselves when participating in 4-H activities. Colorado State University wants to provide an environment that is safe and proper for all of its 4-H participants. The code of conduct is not intended to restrict participation, but rather to enhance it so that all can receive the full benefit and educational experience from events and activities.

Note: When you sign the enrollment form, you are stating you have read the code of conduct and agree to comply with the rules and regulations set forth in the code of conduct.

Interested in Dairy Goats?

Miner & Darlene Blackford want to promote the Dairy Goat program. They are willing to give a doeling to a 4-H'er that is interested in the Dairy Goat Project to help them get started.

If you are interested in a Dairy Goat, send a letter stating why you would like to receive the goat, your ability to care for the goat and your goals for the project. You will be required to show this goat at the 2009 Arkansas Valley Fair. Send your letter to Miner and Darlene Blackford, P.O. Box 293, La Junta, CO 81050, by March 1, 2009. From the letters that are received the Blackford's will select an individual to receive a goat. The chosen individual will get to choose a doeling from this year's crop.

Remember if you are not enrolled in Dairy Goats, you have until May 1, 2009 to add a project, so if you are chosen to receive a goat it will not be too late to get it entered.

Shooting Sports Safety Meeting Dates

The following dates have been set for Shooting Sports Safety meetings:

March 5 – 6:30 p.m.

April 2 – 6:30 p.m.

June 4 – 6:30 p.m.

Please note you must attend at least two of these meetings to be eligible to take part in the Otero/Crowley County Shoot. All meetings will be held at the Rocky Ford Extension Office. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Note: Check out our web site for more information, dates and forms for the Shooting Sports activities.

Mark Your Calendar! The County Shoot to qualify for State Fair will be held July 11, 2009, at the La Junta Rifle Club.

2009 Crowley County Jr. Fairboard

Crowley County Junior Fairboard Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every other month (January, March, May, July, September, November). The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 3rd at the Courthouse Annex basement meeting room at 7:00 p.m. Members are made up the superintendents for Crowley County Days.

Gymkhanas Starting Soon

4-H gymkhanas will soon be starting. The gymkhanas will be alternating between Otero and Crowley Counties. So please pay close attention to the date and the *location* of each gymkhana.

Helmets will be required for all participants doing barrels, poles, or flags. It is only the "speed" events that will require helmets. This does not affect the horse show at the fair.

You do not have to be enrolled in the 4-H horse project in order to participate, but you must be currently enrolled in 4-H. Also, participants must pay the \$2.00 horse insurance fee. For more information please call the Otero County Extension Office at 254-7608 or the Crowley County Extension Office at 267-5243.

All Gymkhanas start at 6:30 p.m. so come early to get your horse warmed up and to get entered. In case of inclement weather please call the extension office to find out the status of that evenings gymkhana. A list of dates and location for the gymkhanas is below:

- Monday, April 20, 2009 – Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds – 4-H Barn
- Monday, May 18, 2009 – Crowley County Fairgrounds – Arena
- Monday, June 15, 2009 – Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds – Arena
- Monday, July 20, 2009 – Crowley County Fairgrounds – Arena – Crowley County Days
- Monday, August 3, 2009 – Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds – Arena – Fair

2009 Jr. Fairboard Changes for Crowley County 4-H & FFA Progress Show

- The 4-H Barn will open at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2009.
- All livestock classes will show: Breeding, Showmanship, Market.
- The following Breeding Beef Classes have been deleted: 409 Cow, 411 Yearling Bull, 412 Bull.
- Poultry and Rabbits have been removed from Round Robin.

- The Grand Champion winners of showmanship in Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions from each species (horse, beef, sheep, swine, goat, and dairy) are eligible to participate in Round Robin.
- In the breeding beef, breeding sheep, and dairy cattle shows, all breeds will be shown together in the designated classes.
- Only one horse per exhibitor in the Western Horsemanship class.
- Each exhibitor must exhibit a minimum of one horse in a halter class to be eligible to do any riding classes.
- The fashion revue will be held with, at the same time, and in Otero County.



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