



Crowley County 4-H News



March 2009



- March 20 -22 District Retreat – Silver Cliff Ranch
- March 23 4-H Council – 7:00 p.m. – Courthouse Annex Meeting Room
- April 2 Shooting Sports Safety Meeting – 6:30 p.m., Otero County Extension Office
- April 4 District VI 4-H Senate Meeting – 2:00 p.m. – Crowley County Courthouse Annex
- April 8 Meat Quality Assurance Workshop – 6:00-8:00 p.m. – 4-H Barn in Rocky Ford
- April 20 4-H Gymkhana – 6:30 p.m. – 4-H Barn in Rocky Ford
- May 1 Meat Quality Assurance Workshop – 2:00-4:00 p.m. –
- May 5 Jr. Fairboard – 7:00 p.m. – Courthouse Annex Meeting Room
- May 13 Market Sheep/Goat/Swine Weigh & Tag Inn – 4:30-7:30 p.m. – Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds
- May 14 Market Sheep/Goat/Swine Weigh & Tag Inn – 4:30-6:00 p.m. – Crowley County Fairgrounds
- May 18 Gymkhana – 6:30 p.m. – Crowley County Fairgrounds
- May 18 4-H Council – 7:00 p.m. – Courthouse Annex Meeting Room

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.

Add/Drop Project Deadline – May 1, 2009

Members wishing to either add or drop a project have until May 1st to do so. **All additions and drops must be done in writing, on the appropriate form, and signed by both the member and their parent/legal guardian.** Add/drop forms are available at the Extension Office or on-line. Remember, you must be enrolled in at least one project to maintain your 4-H membership, and to participate in 4-H activities.

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.

Website

I am so excited to announce the launch of the Crowley County 4-H Website. Thank you to Kim for all of her hard work learning web design and getting items posted. Make sure that you look at both the Southeast Area 4-H page and the Crowley County 4-H page for all the 4-H happenings. The web page can be found by going to the Southeast Area 4-H page at: <http://www.extension.colostate.edu/SEA/4-H/4-H.html>

Hunter Safety Course

There will be a hunter safety course on March 14th and 15th at Sugar City Town Hall from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. There will be a \$10 fee. For more information contact Miles Clark at 267-5238.

Shooting Sports Safety Meeting Dates

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

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.

Shooting Sports Practice Dates

Several dates have been scheduled for Shooting Sports members to practice. Certified Shooting Sports leaders will be available for each practice. In addition, a parent or legal guardian must be present with the youth. Failure to do so will result in the youth not being allowed to participate at that practice.

For practices at the La Junta Gun Club, there will be a range fee of \$1.00 per person per day, and for shotgun, there is a \$3.00 per round fee for clay targets. All practice sessions will begin at 6:00 p.m. If you would like to practice, there will be certified leaders at the La Junta Gun Club on the following dates:

Thursday	April 9	6:00 pm.
Thursday	April 23	6:00 pm.
Thursday	May 14	6:00 pm.
Thursday	May 28	6:00 pm.
Thursday	June 11	6:00 pm.
Thursday	June 25	6:00 pm.
Thursday	July 9	6:00 pm.

The Fowler Gun Club has also scheduled practice dates for 4-H'ers. In order to practice at the Fowler Gun Club 4-H'ers must meet the following requirements:

- All participants must possess an NRA membership card and on file w/ Fowler Rifle Club.
- All participants must be a member of the Fowler Rifle Club.
- Contact: Roger Lundy @ 263-4960 for membership.

Fowler Trap Shooting Practice schedule is:

- March through May – Every 1st & 3rd Sunday from 4:30 – 6:30 PM
- June through August: TBA

Watch upcoming newsletters for specific practices for .22 with Ross or contact Ross at 267-4103 about practices.

Thanks to the certified leaders that volunteer their time so the members can practice. We appreciate your generosity!

Market Goat, Sheep and Swine Tag Dates for 2008

Just a quick note to let all 4-H'ers know we have two dates scheduled to tag and weigh market goats, sheep and swine.

- Wednesday, May 13, 2009, from 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. at the Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds in Rocky Ford
- Thursday, May 14, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the Crowley County Fairgrounds in Ordway

Otero and Crowley County 4-H'ers may have their animals tagged and weighed at either of the locations. Mark your calendars now and plan accordingly.

COOL Forms

Please be sure and ready the COOL regulations outlined in the SEA portion of this newsletter. Affidavit of Ownership/Country of Original Label Declaration Forms are available on the website (<http://www.extension.colostate.edu/SEA/4-H/Livestock%20Program.html>) or at the Extension Office. These forms are due to the Extension Office on or before June 30, 2009. You must have this form completed and on file in order to sell your animal at the Arkansas Valley Fat Stock Sale – no exceptions!

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, May 5th at the Courthouse Annex basement meeting room at 7:00 p.m.

Community Service Opportunity

If you enjoy being outdoors and playing in the dirt or want to learn more about growing vegetables, there is a great opportunity for you to volunteer in the Ordway Community Victory Garden. The site is being prepared behind the football field at Crowley County High School. Work includes: raking soil into straight rows, laying drip tape, laying down plastic or moving soil. There will be a larger community garden plot along with family plots. Gardens should be ready to plant by April 15th. Anyone interested can contact Rick Martinez at 980-9805, Margie Gardner at 267-3561, or Kim Baltazar at 267-5243.

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 Fair Dates

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

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



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