



# Crowley County 4-H News



## May 2009



- 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 19 4-H Council – 7:00 p.m. – Courthouse Annex Meeting Room
- June 4 Shooting Sports Safety Meeting – 6:30 p.m. – Otero Extension Office
- June 11 Cloverbud Camp, Otero Extension Office
- June 11 Cake Decorating, Creative Cooks, & Demonstration Contest – 6:00 p.m. – Las Animas
- June 15 Gymkhana – 6:30 p.m. – Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds
- June 17 Record Book Workshop – 6:00 p.m. – Otero Extension Office
- June 18 Fashion Revue Workshop – 6:30 p.m. – Grand Theater
- June 22 Record Book Workshop – 6:00 p.m. – Courthouse Annex Meeting Room
- June 22 4-H Council – 7:00 p.m. – Courthouse Annex Meeting Room
- June 23-26 State 4-H Conference in Fort Collins
- June 26 Crowley County Fair Entries Due**
- June 30 Ark Valley Fair Entries Due**
- July 10-11 Missouri Days
- July 11 Shooting Sports Competition – La Junta Gun Club
- July 13 Barn Set Up – 6:00 p.m. – Crowley County Fairgrounds
- July 13 4-H Council – Following Barn Set Up
- July 18-25 Crowley County Days
- July 24 Fashion Revue Narrations Due

### Council Meeting Date Changed

The next 4-H Council meeting will be **Tuesday, May 19, 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.

### Display Boards for Sale

Display boards for General and Family Consumer Science projects are available at the Crowley County Extension Office. The cost is \$5.00 each.

### Market Goat, Sheep and Swine Tag Dates for 2009

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 you calendars now and plan accordingly.

## **Crowley County Days Entries**

Crowley County Days will be held July 18-25, 2009. Due date for entries is June 26. Entry forms and premium books are available at the Crowley and Otero County Extension offices.

## **Arkansas Valley Fair Entries**

Due date for entries for the Arkansas Valley Fair is June 30. Entry forms and premium books will be available from you club leader by mid May. Fair dates are August 12-16, 2009.

## **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!

## **Scrapies Premise I.D. Requirements**

For those members planning on showing sheep or goats at the Arkansas Valley Fair, please note: All breeding sheep and all market ewe lambs will be required to have Scrapies ID tags. All does in the market class and all breeding goats will be required to have Scrapies ID tags. Any registered breeding goat with a legible premise tattoo will suffice as a Scrapies ID tag; however, Scrapies ID tags are preferred. Scrapies ID tags can be obtained by calling the U.S. Department of Agriculture's APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services) at 303-231-5385, or the toll free number at 1-866-USDA-TAG (873-2824). The tags are provided at no cost. We would recommend you call before the end of May, as it might take a month or so to get the tags.

## **Fair Award Sponsors Needed**

The summer is quickly approaching and it is time to be thinking about the 2009 Crowley County 4-H and FFA Progress Show. You are once again required to obtain sponsorship for the Grand Champion Awards. You must obtain two \$25 sponsors or one \$50 sponsor to be eligible to

show at the 2009 Crowley County Days 4-H and FFA Progress Show. The continued support of businesses, families, and individuals that have sponsored in past years is greatly appreciated. We are also always looking for new sponsors; think about places that you do business with on a regular basis.

Remember that award choices are on a first come basis, so get your sponsors early so they get the award of their choice.

If you have trouble getting sponsors please contact Brooke at the extension office and she will give you names to ask and help you get your sponsors. Remember that all sponsorships must be in the extension office by 4:00 p.m. on June 26<sup>th</sup> for the sponsor to be properly recognized during Crowley County Days.



## **Cloverbud Camp**

Calling all Cloverbuds! On Thursday, June 11, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m., there will be a Cloverbud workshop at the Otero County Extension Office. This is open to all Cloverbuds in Otero and Crowley counties. Activities will include games, crafts, and a snack. The theme will be focused on science. There is no charge; however, in order to properly plan for the camp, Cloverbuds are asked to please RSVP to the Otero Extension Office by June 8.

## **Cake Decorating Workshop**

All cake decorating members are encouraged to attend a workshop on Saturday, May 30, at the Otero County Extension Office. Units 1, 2, and 3 will be covered from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and units 4 through 9 will be covered from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Linda Senor has graciously offered to conduct the workshop. Members need to bring all tools, a batch of icing, form or baked cake on a board (not in the pan). Parents are strongly encouraged to come and stay with the members.

## Fashion Revue Workshop

A fashion revue workshop will be held on Thursday, June 18, from 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. at the Grand Theater in Rocky Ford. Clothing Construction (exception: Sewing for Others), Decorate Your Duds, Recycled Clothing, Creative Sewing, Heritage Arts and Leathercraft members are eligible to participate in the Fashion Revue. Members will have the opportunity to practice on the stage where the judging will be done in August, as well as learn basic skills, ask questions. The theme and decorations for the 2009 Fashion Revue will also be discussed at this workshop.

## Record Books

If you have not already done so, now is a good time to start the dreaded record books. Do you need help? Need help getting started? Have you got stumped and have only a question? I am here to help you with all of those questions. I am setting up two dates that I will devote to helping with record book questions, but if those dates do not work please call or email me and we will set a date for you that works. I will be in the Otero County Extension Office on June 17 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. to help anyone with record books. I will be at the Crowley County Courthouse Annex basement meeting room on June 22 from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. for record book assistance as well. Please either stop in or give me a call. Spending an hour each month working on your record books will make them much easier to finish after fair or for exhibit day. The general and home economic record books are due with the project at interview judging on Saturday, August 8. The livestock, small animal and horse record books are due on Friday, September 11.

## Shooting Sports Safety Meeting Dates

The last Shooting Sports Safety meeting will be June 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Otero County Extension Office in Rocky Ford.

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	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.

Five-stand practice dates at the La Junta Gun Club will be:

Sunday	May 17	1:00 pm.
Sunday	May 31	1:00 pm.
Sunday	June 14	1:00 pm.
Sunday	June 28	1:00 pm.
Friday	July 10	6:00 pm.

The Fowler Rifle 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 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!**

## Gymkhanas

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, 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

**Congratulations**  
**Class of 2009**



Jason Russell

## Ford Truck Raffle Tickets for Sale

As stated on page 4 of the Southeast Area Newsletter portion, the Colorado 4-H Foundation is selling raffle tickets to a 2009 Ford XLT F150 4x4 pickup. Crowley County 4-H Members are encouraged to try to sell tickets. If you are interested in selling tickets please come by the Extension Office to pick up some tickets to sell. Crowley County 4-H will get \$2.00 of every ticket sold.



## 4-H Barn Dance

Why not kick-off the summer by kicking up your heels!! On Saturday, June 6, 2009 the Kactus Kids 4-H club is sponsoring a Barn Dance at the 4-H Barn on the Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds, in Rocky Ford. This dance is open to anyone in 4-H and their families, so parents please come and have some fun too. The dance will be from 7:00 – 11:00 PM, the cost will be \$3.00 for individuals, \$5.00 for couples or \$8.00 for a family, bring canned goods to be donated to the local food bank and you will receive \$1.00 off the admission price. The 4-H Code of Conduct will be enforced.



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