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## April 2016

### Add/Drop Project Deadline

Members wishing to either add or drop a project have until April 15 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.

### 2016 Caballeros & Clovers 4-H Camp

Round-up your friends and stampe into Pueblo, CO for a fun time hanging out and learning the ways of the cowboy. Various 4-H workshops & fun and games will be offered! It is for 4-H members ages 8-13 by December 31, 2015. The camp is June 2nd & 3rd, 2016 at the CO State Fairgrounds in Pueblo. The cost to attend is \$25. Registration is through 4-H Online starting April 1st and closing on May 13th.



### National Volunteer Week

April 11th-15th has been declared National Volunteer Week. This special week offers opportunities to thank some of America's most valuable assets – our volunteers – and to recognize the myriad of ways they improve our communities. Please take the time to honor the many volunteers that contribute their time and talents to the 4-H program.



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## 4-H Calendar

### April

1st - State 4-H scholarship applications due  
 11th-15th - Extension Agents Gone for Meeting  
 15th - Project Add/Drop deadline  
 25th-29th - AgFest

### May

6th - State Conference Registration due  
 10th-12th - Extension Agents Gone for Meeting  
 13th - C&C Registration due  
 30th - Extension Offices Closed

### June

2nd & 3rd - C&C Camp - Pueblo  
 16th - DVI Creative Cooks & Cake Decorating Contests - Las Animas  
 21st-24th - State Conference  
 25th - July 2nd - Citizenship Washington Focus Trip

If you wish to participate in any of these events/activities and need special accommodation, please notify the Extension Office of your need at least 5 business days prior to the event/activity.

### 4H Online – Email Blasts

From time to time the State office will be sending emails directly to the 4-H members. It is the easiest and most effective way to communicate important State events and requirements. We know that not everyone particularly enjoys the extra emails and there have been requests to be unsubscribed. It is important to know that if you do that, you would not receive any re-enrollment emails or information the County office sends directly to you. Please do not “unsubscribe.”

### DVI Creative Cooks & Cake Decorating Contests

Mark your calendars, the 2016 District VI Creative Cooks and Cake Decorating Contests are scheduled for Thursday, June 16th in Las Animas. More information will be sent out soon.

### SEA Competitive Teams

Each year the Southeast Area organizes competitive teams to participate at State Conference. We are looking for senior members interested in competing in live

stock bowl, consumer bowl, FCS skill-a-thon, and parliamentary procedure. If you are interested please let your Extension Agent know by April 15th. We will start organizing practices after that.

### State 4-H Conference

The 2016 State 4-H Conference is June 21st through 24th on the Colorado State University Campus in Fort Collins. The conference is open to 4-H members ages 14 and older. State conference includes competitive events, workshops, voting for state offices, dances, and meeting 4-H members from all over the state. The Southeast Area registration deadline is Friday, May 6th. More registration information and instructions for registering through 4-H Online will be available from your Extension Office soon.

### State Fair Exhibit Requirements

The 2016 State Fair 4-H Exhibit Requirements have been updated. The link to find them is [http://www.colorado4h.org/project\\_resources/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf](http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf).

### 4-H Project Kits - Clarification

As mentioned in the last newsletter the area has 4-H project kits for Leather Craft, Home Environment, Vet Science, Foods & Nutrition, and Geospatial. However, the area agents wanted to clarify that these kits are not intended for individual members to use, but for project leaders and/or club leaders to supplement their meetings. If interested leaders can make arrangements with their local Extension Office to borrow a kit.

### 2016 Retinal Scans

Retinal scans will again be used to nominate beef, goats and sheep for state fair. The Southeast Area fee for retinal scans is \$5 per animal. That fee must be paid the day your animals are retinal scanned in order for the scans to be uploaded in the system and submitted to the state fair. If you are intending to nominate animals for state fair be sure to contact your extension office for the appropriate paperwork, to set up retinal scans, and to verify deadlines to have paperwork returned.

### YHEC Flagler

April 23rd and 24th there will be a Youth Hunter Education Challenge in Flagler,

Colorado at the Flagler Lake Wildlife Area. This YHEC event includes muzzleloader, .22 Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, Orienteering and Wildlife Identification. The cost is \$45 per participant, which includes targets and muzzleloader ammunition (must provide own .22 and shotgun ammunition). You don't have to be enrolled in 4-H shooting sports to participate. For more information go to <http://www.co-nra-yhec.org>.

### Shotgun Invitational

Adams County 4-H is hosting a Shotgun Invitational on Saturday, June 11th at Colorado Clays in Brighton. There are individual competitions for youth in trap, skeet and sporting clays along with adult sporting clays. The cost is \$15 per entry. For more information contact Wes Goss at 303-868-9352.

### Prowers County Horse Shows

The Prowers County Horse Committee has set their show dates for 2016:

- June 25th - Performance Show - Lamar
- July 16th - Performance Show - Holly
- July 30th - Sand & Sage Fair Show - Lamar (open to show, but no awards for out of county youth)

### Youth Ranch Horse Clinic

Youth Ranch Horse Clinic (Ages 8-18) May 14th & 15th, 9am-3pm at Cheyenne County Fairgrounds. Cost is \$75/person.

Register by April 30th to: Marcy 719-660-8065 or Kurt 719-660-4715 or email [marccldevers@hotmail.com](mailto:marccldevers@hotmail.com). There will be live cattle. There are limited stalls available.

### Pueblo County 4-H Spring Open Horse Show

Pueblo County 4-H is hosting an open horse show May 13th, 14th & 15th. Registration is due to the Pueblo County Office by May 1st. 4-H classes are open to those enrolled in the 4-H horse project only. Open classes are open to anyone ages 8 and older. Classes for English, Western, Ranch Horse & Gymkhana will be offered. For a complete show flyer and registration form contact your local extension office.

# Otero & Crowley County 4-H News



April 2016

- April 15**      **Project Add/Drop deadline**
- April 17      Shooting Sports practice (trap & skeet), 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., La Junta Rifle Club
- April 18      Gymkhana, 6:30 p.m., Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds
- April 24      Range Safety and shooting sports practice, 6:00 p.m., Fowler Rifle Club
- April 25      Range Safety meeting 5:30 and Shooting Sports practice (all disciplines), 6:00 p.m., La Junta Rifle Club
- April 27      Arkansas Valley Jr. Show Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Otero County Extension Office
- April 30      Ranch Horse Clinic registrations due
- May 3      Crowley County Jr. Fairboard, 6:30 p.m. Crowley County Annex
- May 5**      **Last Shooting Sports Safety meeting, 6:45 p.m., Otero County Extension Office**
- May 5      Meet & Greet new 4-H agent, 7:00 p.m., Otero County Extension Office
- May 5      Otero County 4-H Council, 7:30 p.m., Otero County Extension Office
- May 6      State Conference registrations due
- May 9      Range Safety meeting 5:30 and Shooting Sports practice (all disciplines), 6:00 p.m., La Junta Rifle Club
- May 13      Pikes Peak or Bust field trip registration deadline
- May 13      Caballeros & Clovers Camp registration deadline
- May 14-15      Ranch Horse Clinic, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Cheyenne County Fairgrounds, Cheyenne Wells
- May 16**      **Please note date change Sheep/Goat/Swine weigh-in Crowley County**
- May 17**      **Please note date change Sheep/Goat/Swine weigh-in Otero County**
- May 25      Arkansas Valley Jr. Show Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Otero County Extension Office
- May 26      “Fine Tuning for the Fair” workshop, 6:00 p.m., Arkansas Valley Fair Grounds
- May 30      Crowley and Otero offices closed - holiday

## Welcome 4-H Agent Marlena Griesse

We would like to welcome our new 4-H agent, Marlena Griesse, to Crowley and Otero County 4-H. Marlena comes to us from Nebraska where she has been the Nebraska Extension Sioux County 4-H Assistant. She will fill the position previously held by Barry Acton.

Marlena grew up on her family’s ranch in northwest Nebraska where they raised Angus cattle and Quarter Horses. She has enjoyed being a part of her hometown and the ranching community again since

graduating from the University of Wyoming in 2010.

Her roots in 4-H are deep from her time as a 4-Her, to her college years when she was a member of Collegiate 4-H and the Albany County, WY Meat Judging Coach. She is passionate about creating programs that show the science in everyday activities and agriculture.

In her free time she enjoys finding new music, reading, road trips, and spending time with her cats, dog, and horses. Marlena says, “I loves the opportunities that 4-H has to offer youth and I can’t wait to

get started and meet every one of you!

## Meet & Greet

A Meet and Greet reception is scheduled in each county for Marlena Griesse, who has accepted the Crowley/Otero 4-H agent position and will start May 2.

In Crowley County the date is May 3 at 6:00 p.m. at the Crowley County Extension office, just prior to the 6:30 Jr. Fairboard meeting. Otero County will hold one on May 5. It will be at 7:00 p.m. at the Otero County Extension office just prior to the 4-H council meeting. Please join us to welcome her to the area.

REMEMBER  
DEADLINE TO  
ADD/DROP  
PROJECTS IS  
APRIL 15TH!

(Form can be found on back page of  
this newsletter)



### 2016 Ford Raffle

Good news! The Rocky Mountain Ford Dealers Association has agreed to donate a 2016 Ford F-150 truck to the Colorado Foundation for our 2016 raffle. This is the ninth year they have made the donation.

Raffle tickets are here and we are looking forward to the challenge of beating last years record sales for both Crowley and Otero Counties.

The proceeds from the sales that have come back to our counties has been in the form of covering part of the Citizenship Washington Focus trip, National 4-H Congress, College Scholarships and the council and each club received a portion of the money.

### Pikes Peak or Bust!

The Southeast Area 4-H agents are planning a field trip to Pikes Peak. We will be traveling to Pikes Peak to ride the cog railway to the summit on Wednesday, June 15. For a cost of \$45 for youth and \$55 for adults (includes transportation, train ticket, and dinner) you can join in all the fun! Parents and leaders are encouraged and welcome as we will need help with travel. Clover Buds and siblings are welcome if accompanied by a parent. Reg-

istration will be through 4-H Online and will open on April 6 and close on May 13. Parents, Clover Buds and siblings must register at the extension office. All fees are due May 13 as tickets will be pre-purchased for activities. Contact the extension office for more details or questions you may have. We hope you all join us!

### Dog Project Meetings



4-H Dog Members: Brandie Jackson will be hosting training classes for Otero and Crowley County members. **Please note that training classes have changed. They will now be held every Sunday. Beginning members and or beginner dogs will meet from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Advanced members will be meeting from 6:15 to 7:00 p.m.** Our practice locations may vary; however, they will be in the Rocky Ford area for the most part. There may be occasions when a Sunday practice is cancelled, so please make sure you are on Brandie's contact list so you know the up to date practice schedule. When you come to dog practice a few things to remember: NO open-toed shoes; bring small, soft, easy to eat treats (such as cut up hotdogs); and also a 6 ft. leash and a collar. Brandie will assist you with identifying what size and type of collar your dog will need. The dog project is a highly dedicated project. In order to understand the requirements and train your dog, you will need to attend as many training sessions as possible while also practicing at home. If you have any questions please call or text Brandie at 719-251-9746.



### Shooting Sports Safety Meeting Dates

Only one safety meeting remains for this year. It will be before the council meeting on May 5. You must attend at least one classroom safety meeting and one hands-

on training at the range to be eligible to take part in the County Shoot. Range safety training will be held at the La Junta Rifle Range on April 25 and May 9 at 5:30 p.m. before shooting practice. Information will continue to be posted on the Facebook page and on the website, so be sure to check those sources for updates.

### Shooting Sports Practices

Several dates have been scheduled for shooting sports practices. Certified leaders will be available at 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. You must have your hunter safety card with you and remember to take your safety equipment. A copy of your hunter safety card must also be on file at the extension office.

Practices will be held at the La Junta Rifle Range. 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. Practice dates and times are as follows:

April 17, 1:00 - 3:00 p.m.

April 25, 6:00 p.m.

May 2, 6:00 p.m.

May 9, 6:00 p.m.

May 16, 6:00 p.m.

May 23, 6:00 p.m.

June 6, 6:00 p.m.

June 13, 6:00 p.m.

June 20, 6:00 p.m.

June 27, 6:00 p.m.

Fowler Rifle Club:

Range Safety instruction will be provided when members attend practice. Practice will be held Sunday nights at 6:00 p.m. starting April 24. For more information contact Gregg White at 719-468-6608.

## Shooting Sports Fair Exhibit Guidelines

Members will be allowed to display in all shooting sports disciplines in which they are enrolled. **THIS IS A CHANGE. Please review your enrollment. If you think you will want to display in more than one discipline you will need to complete a drop/add form by April 15.** Please refer to the state fair guidelines for more information or call the extension office.

### Shooting Sports Members

Shooting sports equipment is available for your use. Please call the extension office to request the firearm(s) and/or bow you would like available for practice. This assures that the equipment will be on site.

### Otero & Crowley County Shooting Sports Contest

The Otero & Crowley County Shoot to qualify for State Fair will be Friday, July 8 and Saturday, July 9. More information will be posted at a later date.

### Gymkhanas Starting



Crowley and Otero County 4-H Members! Are you interested in participating in the 4-H Gymkhanas? If so, the first gymkhana of the season will be on Monday, April 18, 2016 at the Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds, starting at 6:30 p.m.

Haley Pennington and Wendee Corsentino will be working together on the gymkhanas this year. Haley is looking for any input on what we can do to improve them. If you have any thoughts on location (Ordway vs. Rocky Ford), events, or date and times, please give her a call at 719-688-0026.

**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 a 4-H project. 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.

In case of inclement weather please call the extension office to find out the status of that evening's gymkhana.

### Arkansas Valley Fair Royalty Tryouts

The Arkansas Valley Fair Royalty tryouts will be held on May 7, 2016 at 4:00 in the afternoon. The modeling portion of the contest will be held at the First Christian Church in Rocky Ford with the riding to follow at the Arkansas Valley Fair Grounds. Two princesses will be selected with the Sr. Princess ages being 12-15 and the Jr. Princess ages being 10-11. A Lady in Waiting will also be selected ages 16-21. She will then serve as the 2016 queen. Each girl is awarded a belt buckle, sash, crown and various other awards. The queen receives a \$1000 scholarship upon fulfillment of her reign. All girls must reside or attend school in Otero or Crowley County. They must also own their own horse or have access to a horse suitable for parades. For more detailed information and rules please call Dayla Elliott at 267-3550. Deadline for applications is April 30, 2016.

### Livestock Judging

Livestock Judging practice has started. For the next practice date and for more information contact Rick Leone at [peakviewranch@hotmail.com](mailto:peakviewranch@hotmail.com) or 719-263-4321.

### Tips for Newly Purchased 4-H Livestock Projects

- ◆ If you are new to the 4-H livestock project you will need to talk to successful 4-H members, your 4-H leaders or the extension office. Find out

the size of animal and type of animal that will work. Set your project goals, find suitable housing and decide on a suitable feeding program.

- ◆ Animals can be purchased locally, instate, or out of state. Out of state purchased animals must have health papers prior to coming into the State of Colorado. These are available from the seller. You will also need a "Bill of Sale" from the seller or a signed Affidavit of Ownership/County of Origin Label (COOL) Declaration, which can be found on the website or call the extension office. Cattle and horses must have a Brand Inspection.
- ◆ Obtain information from the seller about current vaccinations, current parasite schedules, current feed program and future performance expectations. Write this information down in your record books.
- ◆ Care for the new 4-H project begins by reducing stress. For example, moving an animal from one environment to another can cause stress to the animal. When you buy your pig and bring it home, your new pig will probably be stressed.
- ◆ Stress can cause pigs, lambs, or any animal to get sick, stop eating, or even get an ulcer.
- ◆ Reduce stress by keeping your project animal warm, use the same type of water (chlorinated or not) and the same feed.
- ◆ Monitor your project several times daily for signs of sickness. These signs may include lack of appetite, increased respiration (heavy breathing), temperature, skin discoloration or overall lack of energy.
- ◆ Consult a veterinarian immediately for the best outcome if your animal becomes sick.

## Purchasing Livestock Projects

You should be thinking of purchasing your lambs, goats and pigs for the Crowley County Days Progress Show and the Arkansas Valley Fair. The following table may be helpful in deciding what weight of animals to purchase.

### Arkansas Valley Fair Weigh In 91 days - - May 17 to August 16

Species	Fair Weight	Est. Daily Gain	Suggested Weigh-in Weights in May
Lambs	130 100-160	0.50	81
Swine	250 220-280	1.80	74
Goats	90 50-120	0.50	41

## COOL Forms

In this newsletter you will find the COOL form for your seller to sign. You must turn in a signed COOL form for each market animal whether you purchase or raise your market animal. As you are purchasing your animals please take along the form and have the seller sign it then. Affidavit of Ownership/Country of Original Label Declaration Forms are also available on the website: [http://www.extension.colostate.edu/SEA/4-H/Livestock/COOL\\_Declaration\\_Form.pdf](http://www.extension.colostate.edu/SEA/4-H/Livestock/COOL_Declaration_Form.pdf) or at the extension. These forms are due to the extension office with your fair entry forms no later than June 24, 2016. You must have this form completed and on file in order to sell your animal at the Arkansas Valley Fat Stock Sale - no exceptions.

### Market Goat and Sheep Tag Dates for 2016

Retinal scanning for sheep and goats for the 2016 Colorado State Fair will be done at the weigh-ins in both counties. Cost for retinal scanning is \$5.00 per animal. Ear tattooing of swine, sheep, and goats is no longer required to show at the Arkansas Valley Fair.

There are two dates scheduled to tag and weigh market goats and sheep. Only market animals need to be tagged and weighed. The first date is Monday, May 16, 2016 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Ordway. The second date is Tuesday, May 17, from 4:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds. Otero and Crowley County 4-Hers may have their animals tagged and weighed at either of the locations. Mark your calendars now and plan accordingly.

### “Fine Tuning for the Fair”

On Thursday, May 26 at 6:00 p.m., the Otero County 4-H Council Officers will be holding a workshop for preparing to show your livestock project at the fair. Topics covered will be showmanship, feeding, grooming, and questions that the judges ask. Workshop will be held at the Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds in Rocky Ford and is open to all area 4-H youth. For more information contact the Otero County extension office 719-254-7608.



### Display Boards for Sale

Display boards for General and Family and Consumer Science projects are available at either county extension office. Cost is \$5.00 each.

### Camp Rocky

Are you interested in hands on learning about the environment? Do you like to spend time outdoors? Want to meet new people from all over the state? If so, Camp Rocky is the perfect summer camp for you!

Camp Rocky is a weeklong residential camp designed for students 14-19 years old who enjoy the outdoors and are inter-

ested in natural resources. The camp is located just outside Divide, CO. Camp Rocky's professional staff helps participants learn about their environment through hands-on experiences. The students work in teams, making new friends from across Colorado. Each year, new and returning students choose a resource field for their area of focus: Forest Management, Rangeland Science, Soil and Water, Conservation, or Fish and Wildlife Management.

Applications are available in your school counselor's office or at the Conservation District office, 200 South 10th Street, Rocky Ford. The Conservation Districts will pay \$100 of the \$350 registration fee. For information, contact: amy.camprocky@gmail.com or call 719-686-0020. Space is limited to the first 60 applications.

### 4-H Horse Levels Rater Training Workshop

If you are interested in becoming certified as a 4-H Horse Levels rater, or need to be re-certified, there will be a workshop on Saturday, May 28, 2016 from 8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Workshop will be held at the Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds in Rocky Ford. Areas covered will be Western Disciplines Levels 1-4 and Ranch Horse Disciplines Levels 1-4. To become a rater you must be a currently approved 4-H leader in your county. If you are not an approved and enrolled leader, please contact your county extension office and enroll as a resource leader. This process takes about two weeks and needs to be completed before becoming a certified 4-H Horse Levels Rater. For more information contact Bruce Fickenscher at 719-688-3043 or [bruce.fickenscher@colostate.edu](mailto:bruce.fickenscher@colostate.edu).

# Otero County 4-H News

## Otero County Mentoring Program

The 2016 4-H Council officers will continue the mentoring program. Mentors have the opportunity to encourage and guide younger members, while at the same time enrich their own 4-H experience. Also, veteran members who might be taking a new project for the first time and would like assistance, please call the extension office and a time will be set up for an officer to get in touch with you.

## Council Reimbursement Policy

When Otero County 4-H Council reimburses all or part of the cost of an event to defray costs for leaders or youth, the event needs to be paid beforehand. After attending that event, a report, oral or written, must be presented to council at the meeting immediately following the event for reimbursement. There is an exception for the Washington Focus delegate. The council will then reimburse the amount agreed upon as outlined in the 2016 council budget.

## Council Meetings

The next county council meeting will be Thursday, May 5, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the extension office. A requirement for club completion is that you attend a council meeting. Please remember to get that meeting out of the way and not wait until the last minute. Clubs please remember that you need at least one representative at every council meeting.

## Jr. Show Committee Meeting

The Arkansas Valley Jr. Show Committee will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 27. Meeting will be held at the Otero County Extension office at 7:00 p.m.



## Community Service Project Fairgrounds Cleanup

The monthly schedule/assignment is:

### April - Kactus Kids

May - Dams & Sires

June - Cloverleaf Livestock

Please notify the Extension Office of the date your club will be cleaning.



## Foundation Pool Party

Mark your calendar - the 4-H Foundation Pool Party has been scheduled for Thursday, July 7 at the La Junta "Wipe Out" Pool. We will also hold an Otero County 4-H Council meeting just before the swimming party.

## Otero County 4-H Foundation Meeting

The Otero County 4-H Foundation will be meet Thursday, April 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Otero County Extension office. They will be reviewing grant and scholarship requests. If you requested a grant please plan to attend and give a brief verbal request.

## Trophy Sponsors

We are in need of the following trophy sponsors for the 2016 awards:

- \* Jr. All-Around Cowgirl
- \* Sr. Horse Showmanship
- \* Jr. Reining Class
- \* Sr. Reining Class
- \* Jr. Trail Class
- \* Beef County Born & Raised - 2nd Place
- \* Grand Champion Market Goat
- \* Sr. Poultry & Waterfowl Showmanship
- \* Grand Champion Poultry Meat Pen
- \* Grand Champion Commercial Rabbit
- \* Grand Champion Rabbit Meat Pen
- \* Grand Champion Dog Obedience
- \* Grand Champion Dog Rally
- \* Grand Champion Junior Foods
- \* Overall Junior Home Ec Exhibitor

# Crowley County 4-H News

## Jr. Fairboard News

The Jr. Fairboard met on March 8, 2016. The livestock portion of the fairbook was looked over and approved, with the addition of Pygmy Goats. Several superintendent positions remain unfilled.

The board also met on April 5, followed by the Foundation meeting. The Herdsman Rubric is being revised and Foundation fund use is under discussion.

The next scheduled meeting is on May 3, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are open to all members except during executive sessions.

## Project Leaders

Crowley County 4-H is organized by having community clubs. Community clubs do not limit the projects that can be taken and are open to all in that community. There are several individuals that volunteer to be county project leaders. They have 4-H experience and expertise in their project area. Please find a list below

of Superintendents and get in contact with them about your specific project.

- Clint Griffin -Swine
- Curt Russell -Beef
- Justin Lowe & Tim Provost -Sheep & Goat
- Rebecca Griffin - Small Animals

## Fair Award Sponsors Needed

Summer is near and Crowley County Days will be here soon. You are once again requested to obtain sponsorship for the Grand Champion Awards given at the Crowley County 4-H & FFA Progress Show. You are asked to obtain two \$25 sponsors or one \$50 sponsor to be eligible to show at the 2016 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. Get your sponsors early so they get the award of their choice.

The Crowley County Jr. Fair board is once again giving the member who brings in the most dollars in sponsorships an award choice. The more sponsors you get, the better your chance at winning this award.

Sponsorship forms will be available to be picked up by members April 18, 2016. The first part of June, letters will be mailed to past sponsors, so get your sponsors today.

If you have trouble getting sponsors please contact the Extension office and they will give you names of past sponsors to ask. Remember that all sponsorships must be in the Extension Office by 4:00 p.m. on June 24, 2016 for the sponsor to be properly recognized during Crowley County Days. Pick up your forms at the office or from your club leader.





# Thank You Supporting Businesses

## 2016 Newsletter Sponsors



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Projects to ADD:

Project Name	Project Unit	Literature	
		Needed	Cost
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Project Name	Project Unit

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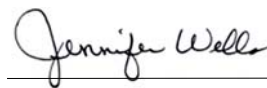
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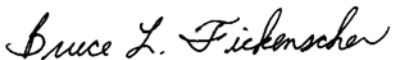
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