

December 2016

Important 4-H Dates

December

26th - Extension Offices Closed for Christmas

January

4th - Southeast Area LDC Registration Deadline

5th-8th - Western National Round-Up - Denver

13th - 4-H Day at the Stock Show

21st - South Central District Officers Training - Pueblo

28th & 29th - Leadership Development Conference - Denver

30th - 4-H Day at the Capitol

30th - Prowers County Leader Training

February

February 8th - Cheyenne County Leader Training

February 10th - Citizenship Washington Focus Applications Due

February 10th-12th - Youth Fest

February 15th - Otero/Crowley Leader Training

February 16th - Bent County Leader Training

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Veterinary Feed Directive

Starting January 1st, 2017 there are major changes coming regarding access to medicated feeds for all livestock, including show animals. The United States Food and Drug Administration will be implementing a new set of rules, known as Guidance 209. This set of rules governs antibiotic use in animals raised for food. Included with this newsletter is a handout with more specific information. It is critical that you read and understand the information, as it will impact your ability to purchase medicated feeds. If you have questions on the Veterinary Feed Directive please contact your local extension office.

Leadership Development Conference

Sign up now for LDC and 4-H Day at the Capitol, January 28th-30th.. Join senior 4-H members from across Colorado at this outstanding leadership event, then see our state government at work. The conference includes community service, workshops, awards banquet, and a dance. A morning at the state capitol and visits with legislators wraps up the event. Registration for the event is \$170 plus hotel room. Remember some counties offer financial assistance for attendees. Participants will also need additional money for some meals. You must be 14 by Dec. 31, 2016 to attend. The Southeast Area registration deadline is January 4th, and is done through 4-H Online. Contact your local Extension office for more information.

Youth Fest

Youth Fest is a camp for youth ages 9-13 and is held each year at the Ponderosa Retreat and Conference Center in Larkspur. The camp is filled with activities, workshops, dances and great food. This year's camp will be February 10th-12th and is limited to the first 195 campers. Cost is \$125 per camper. The registration deadline is January 25th. Registration is through 4-H Online. Camp fills up fast, so the sooner you register, the better. Information can be picked up at your local extension office.

Camp Scholarships

The District VI 4-H Senate has voted to provide scholarships for district 4-H members to attend state, regional, and district events. For Dare to Be You and Caballeros & Clovers 4-H Camps one scholarship will be offered for each county. For LDC, Youth Fest, District Retreat and State Conference two scholarship maximum will be offered for the whole district. A deposit for the registration amount will be held, but will only be deposited if the scholarship winner does not attend. Due dates for scholarships will be advertised in the newsletter. There is an application that must be completed. You can get the application from your local extension office. **For LDC the scholarship application deadline is January 4th. For Youth Fest the scholarship application deadline is January 13th.**

Mandatory Leader Trainings

The Southeast Area has built a successful leader recruiting and retention program by providing mandatory leader trainings every two years. In an effort to maintain a strong program and build leaders for tomorrow, all organizational and project leaders are required to attend a training. This year's training topics include, Building Welcoming 4-H Clubs, Ages & Stages, Meeting Activity Ideas, Liability, Parliamentary Procedure, and Project Meetings.

We are offering training in six of the counties, so you can select any of the trainings to attend.

- Monday, January 30th - Prowers County - Mezzanine, Lamar - 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 8th – Cheyenne County – Community Building Meeting Room, Cheyenne Wells – 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 15th - Otero County - Event Center/Fairgrounds, Rocky Ford - 6:00 p.m.
- Thursday, February 16th - Bent County - Extension Office, Las Animas - 6:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, February 22nd - Kiowa County - Courthouse Meeting Room, Eads - 6:00 p.m.
- Monday, February 27th - Baca County - Minnick Building/Fairgrounds, Springfield - 6:00 p.m.

If there are extraordinary circumstances that prevent you from attending any of the trainings, contact your county's Colorado State University Extension Office to find out how to do a one-on-one leaders training with the Extension Agent or an online module. These training requirements must be completed prior to March 31st, 2017. Please remember, this is required of all 4-H leaders in the Southeast Area and if you do not attend, then you will not be acknowledged as a 4-H leader, nor covered under the insurance. We look forward to working with each of you in the coming year.

New Southeast Area Website

The Southeast Area Extension has a new website. Check out <http://sea.extension.colostate.edu/> for Southeast Area related information.

Meat Quality Assurance

All 4-H members in breeding and market beef, sheep, swine, goats, poultry, rabbits, dairy animal and horse projects must complete Meat Quality Assurance training the first two years they show livestock, and then again when they change age divisions. You may attend any MQA in the area; be sure to sign in and complete the quiz so your county will know you attended. The hands-on learning stations will be used again with changes in the stations. This is a come and learn-by-doing training that will take approximately an hour to complete. Parents and leaders are strongly encouraged to attend. Times and locations will be announced in a future newsletter. Plan to attend one of these sessions:

- March 16th - Cheyenne County
- March 17th - Bent County
- March 20th - Baca County
- March 21st - Prowers County
- March 22nd - Otero/Crowley County
- March 23rd - Kiowa County

4-H Enrollment

Again for 2016/2017 year we will be using the 4-H Online program to enroll members. 4-H Online is a secure database that has been in use for quite a few years now in Colorado. Families will need to login to the 4-H Online site and complete the enrollment process. All counties will be providing very specific instructions, but don't hesitate to ask for help. Also, if you do not have access to a computer or would like to have our help we can schedule a time to help you enroll at your Extension office. Members and volunteer leaders need to complete all parts of the online enrollment process, including adding online signatures for:

- Animal Care and Housing Form (if applicable)
- Permission to Participate
- Photo Denial (only check & sign if you don't want to allow photos)
- Code of Conduct
- Health Form.

You will not have to print anything off UNLESS you are not housing your animals at your home in which case you will need to download and fill out the animal housing form and return to the Extension Office by the enrollment deadline. Counties may have county specific forms that you still must sign and turn in.

To complete your enrollment, you must pay club fees as set by your county following the county process. Enrollment deadline is February 1 in Cheyenne County, March 1 in Baca, Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Otero and Prowers Counties. The Colorado State University 4-H Office has put together some excellent resources on 4-H Online. The link to these resources is <https://www.colorado4h.org/ye/>.

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.”

2017 WRLF

On behalf of the Western Regional Leaders Forum 2017 Planning Committee, you are cordially invited to join us in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada March 16-18, 2017 at the Edmonton Convention Centre for the “Stamp Around Alberta” Western Regional 4-H Leaders Forum. Celebrate the centennial anniversary of 4-H in Alberta as we focus on Community • Friendship • Opportunity.

4-H Grows Here Barn Signs

The CO 4-H Foundation has “4-H Grows Here” barn signs available for sale. The signs are \$20. A portion of that money will go towards your local 4-H. To order a sign go to the CO State 4-H Website.

Horse Rule Book Drawing Contest

Colorado 4-H is holding a drawing contest for the cover of the new horse rule book. Drawings should be horse related. The deadline to submit drawings is January 1st, 2017. Images must be able to be printed in black and white and can't be larger than 8.5 x 11 inches. The winning drawing will receive a \$150 scholarship to a 4-H event. For more information see the state 4-H website.

Otero & Crowley County 4-H News



December 2016

- December 12 Gingerbread Engineering Challenge, 4:00 p.m., Otero County Extension Office
- December 13 Gingerbread Engineering Challenge, 4:00 p.m., Crowley County Extension Office
- December 18 Otero/Crowley 4-H Council Leadership mini-retreat, 2:00-6:00 p.m., Otero County Extension Office
- December 26 Offices closed - holiday
- January 2 Offices closed - holiday
- January 5 Otero County 4-H Council meeting, 7:30 p.m., Otero County Extension Office
- January 9 From Ewe to You-Fiber Arts & Science Workshop, 4:00 p.m. Otero County Extension Office
- January 10 From Ewe to You-Fiber Arts & Science Workshop, 4:00 p.m. Crowley County Extension Office
- January 13 National Western Livestock Show 4-H Day
- January 16 Crowley County Extension Office closed
- January 21 South Central District Officers Training - Pueblo
- January 28-29 Leadership Development Conference (LDC), Denver
- January 30 4-H Day at the Capitol



4-H Enrollment

The 2017 4-H year is here and families are asked to enroll each member in 4-H Online. Families without the ability to enroll online, call your extension office (Crowley County 719-267-5243 or Otero County 719-254-7608) to set up a time to come in so they can help you. Club leaders may pick up 4-H enrollment club packets beginning December 1st. 4-H club leaders are encouraged to pick up their packets and get them to your members in a timely manner. The sooner that enrollments are completed online or turned into the extension office the sooner members and new leaders will begin receiving correspondences from the extension office and project manuals. The

deadline to enroll and be eligible to participate in any 4-H activity associated with the 2017 Crowley County Days and/or 2017 Arkansas Valley Fair is March 1, 2017. The enrollment fee is \$20 per member and is broken down as follows: \$15 CSU State 4-H Office, \$2 Colorado 4-H Foundation, \$1 District VI dues, \$1 Insurance, and \$1 project/club/leader support. If these fees present a financial burden, families should contact their extension office in Otero County or their club leader in Crowley County for information and help with this.

Recruit More 4-H Members

In order to serve more youth and increase the 4-H membership, 4-H members are challenged to recruit new members. 4-H

members are the very best recruiters! Do all of your friends and classmates know about the many opportunities 4-H has to offer? If not, invite them to your next club meeting and encourage them to consider one or more of the over 50 projects 4-H offers. Help them get enrolled, mentor them throughout the year, and encourage them to do all the fun things you do in 4-H.





Ewe to You- Fiber Arts & Science Workshop

Attention knitters, crocheters, sewers, and connoisseurs of the sheep industry! Join us for From Ewe to You on January 9th at 4:00 p.m. at the Otero County Extension Office or January 10th at 4:00 p.m. at the Crowley County Extension Office. Participants will dye their own skein of yarn using Kool Aid, perform experiments with different fibers and learn and practice a simple weaving technique.

The cost to attend is \$10. Open to youth ages 8-18. Please register by January 3rd by calling 469-0190 or emailing marlena.griesse@colostate.edu.

Crowley/Otero 4-H Council Mini-Retreat

Calling all Crowley and Otero County 4-H

Council members! Mark your calendars for December 18th for a fun, hands-on team building mini-retreat. Each council member will also receive the Strengths Finder book provided by a community grant through the La Junta Walmart. The schedule for the event will be as follows:

- 2:00 - 3:00: Crowley Council Strengths Assessment & Otero Needs Discussion
- 3:00 - 3:15: Leadership and Team Building Activity and Snack Break
- 3:15 - 4:15: Otero Council Strengths Assessment & Crowley Needs Discussion
- 4:15 - 4:30: Leadership and Team Building Activity
- 4:30 - 5:30: Crowley/Otero Joint Program Brainstorming Session
- 5:30 - 6:00: Pizza Party!

The retreat will be held at the Otero County Extension office in Rocky Ford. Please RSVP to Marlana at 719-469-0190 or marlena.griesse@colostate.edu by December 16th.



Market Beef Weigh and Tag Day

All 4-Hers & FFA members planning to exhibit market beef at the 2017 Crowley County Days and/or 2017 Arkansas Valley Fair must have their market beef weighed, tagged, and tattooed on Saturday, February 4, 2017.

In case of bad weather or emergency call 719-469-0190.

Tentative schedule is as follows:

NOTE: ONLY ONE LOCATION THIS YEAR!

9:00 to 11:00 a.m. - Best Bet Beeflot, south of Hwy. 10 on Road 24

Confirmed schedule will be printed in your January 2017 newsletter.

Otero County 4-H News

Council Meetings

There will not be a council meeting in December. Next council meeting will be at 7:30 p.m., January 5, 2017.

4-H Projects & Awards to be Picked Up

We still have some project boards, record books, state fair shooting sports targets, sale pictures and achievement banquet awards here at the extension office. Please stop by and pick them up. Members with items that need to be picked up are:

Ashlyn & Jacquelin Alvey - score cards from State Shoot

Hope & Faith Haley - record books & halters

Thor & Teyah Schiffer - record books

Cheyenne Lange - score card from State Shoot

Cobey & Tannice Wetzel - record books

Wil Stites - pin

Jace Cox - pin

Kellie & Kyle Hirkata - project boards

Kaitlyn Smith - record book

Niquole Knapp - project & record book

Jr. Show Meeting

The next Jr. Show Committee meeting will be held January 25, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at the extension office.



Crowley County 4-H News

Council Meeting Reminder

The Crowley County Council meeting will be held December 5, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the Opera House. Officer applications will be presented and elections held. Bi-laws and officer responsibilities will be reviewed.

Crowley County Jr. Fairboard

The 2017 Jr. Fairboard/4-H Fund officer team is: President-Justin Lowe, Vice President-Kaci Mason, Treasurer-Tim Provost and Secretary-Mary Beth Tucker.

Superintendents include:

Dog-Brandi Jackson

Cat-open-Brandi Jackson

Small Animal-Rebecca Griffin

Sheep/Goat-Justin Lowe & Tim Provost

Swine-Clinton Griffin

Beef-open

Horse-open

General Projects-Kaci Mason

Shooting Sports-open

There are a few changes to fair rules. There must be a minimum of 3 entries in an animal species or it will be canceled for the current year. This will be determined by the April add/drop deadline. Pygmy goats will be judged and awarded separately from the other breeding goats. Cats have been added, to aide in qualifying for State participation.

The Crowley County Jr. Fairboard/4-H Fund Committees will hold their next meetings on January 4, 2017 at 6:00 p.m., at the Opera House.

Friends of 4-H Award

Family is the key word in describing this year's *Friend of 4-H*.

Not only are the winners a close-knit household, but the family considers the entire Crowley County ag community, 4-H and FFA among it's clan.

The roots of this family are deep in Crowley County soil. They homesteaded near Ordway in 1914. The short-grass prairie produced beef, although the drought forced liquidation during the 1930s dust bowl and again in the 1950s.

Generation 2 was also engaged in Colorado ranching. An August 1967 marriage merged two ranching families who loved the rural lifestyle yet understood that southeast Colorado can be barren and tough country when moisture is withheld. But, just a bit of rain can serve up the strongest grass, so they focused on responsible grazing while raising their family and helping in their community.

When moisture was short, they tried sending cattle to other states, or attempted to "take the good with the bad" here in Colorado. They settled into a routine of buying lightweight calves to run on summer grass, rather than a year-round cow/calf herd. All of next generation helped in the operation, plus the four kids were active in FFA, Crowley County High School sports and events.

The Jerry & Linda Sullivan family juggled ranching, while Linda also worked in town. Kristy Jo, Kelly, Sandy and Shad all were a part of Ark Valley events growing up.

Since about 1990, the family has been raising yearlings. Family members split time between Colorado and Texas. They

built a 1,200-head preconditioning yard at Megargel, Texas. Cattle stay on wheat as long as it lasts, then calves are pushed north to summer grass in Colorado, usually mid-May.

The family heads back north with the cattle, which is when you often see Linda or Shad bidding at the FFA labor auction, standing ringside to congratulate the 4-H beef showman, or successfully bidding on top projects at the Ark Valley Fair's junior market sale. They also are 4-H trophy sponsors and sometimes even pitch in to be Round Robin judges. Another example of community involvement would be Shad serving on the Southeast Colorado Power board since November 2009.

Linda is enjoying spoiling Shad & Thea's little boy, Beatty – the next generation to preserve the family's ranching heritage. "We do this because we love the land, because our ancestors loved the land," Shad has been quoted as saying of ranching in Crowley County.

We are grateful for their help, their passion about 4-H and for being a huge part of Crowley County.





Veterinary Feed Directive and Guidance 209

What do you need to know?

1. On January 1st, 2017, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will require a Veterinary Feed Directive (VFD) for all medically important antibiotics administered in livestock feed and water.
2. Over-the-counter sales of medically important antibiotics will also end.
3. In order to acquire a VFD you will need to have a Veterinarian Client Patient Relationship (VCPR) and then you will be able to gain access to these antibiotics. It then becomes your responsibility to keep records for two years.

How does this affect 4-H?

1. It will affect all individuals who have previously fed medicated feeds or used over the counter antibiotics in water.
2. You will need to update your VCPR and attain a VFD in order to acquire these antibiotics.
3. You will need to communicate with whoever you get your feed from to determine what you plan to do to address this change.
4. You will no longer be able to go purchase bagged feed or feed of any kind with medically important antibiotics unless you have a VFD in place.
5. Prepare for this change and make sure you have everything you need in place.

Resources

1. Colorado State University Extension Office
2. <http://feedstuffs.com/vfd.aspx>
3. <http://copork.org>
4. <http://fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/ucm449019.htm>
5. <http://fda.gov/AnimalVeterinary/DevelopmentApprovalProcess/ucm071807.htm>
6. www.pork.org/certification
7. <http://www.bqa.org/certification>

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