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Leadership Development Conference

Sign up now for LDC and 4-H Day at the Capitol, January 23-25. 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 and lodging for the three day event will be about \$210; some counties provide help with the cost. Participants will need additional money for some meals. You must be 14 by Dec. 31, 2015 to attend. Registration deadline is January 7th. Contact your local Extension office for more information and registration.

Meat Quality Assurance Requirements

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 17th - Cheyenne County
- March 18th - Bent County
- March 21st - Baca County
- March 22nd - Prowers County
- March 23rd - Otero/Crowley Counties
- March 25th - Kiowa County

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4-H Calendar

January

- 1st - All Extension Offices Closed
- 7th-10th - Western Ntl. Roundup
- 7th - Registration due for LDC
- 15th - 4-H Day at the Stock Show
- 15th & 16th - Quilting Class
- 23rd & 24th - Leadership Dev. Conf.
- 25th - 4-H Day at the Capitol
- 25th - Youth Fest Registration Due

February

- 1st - Cheyenne Enrollment Deadline
- 5th-7th - Youth Fest
- 12th - CWF Application Due

March

- 1st - Baca, Bent, Crowley, Kiowa, Otero & Prowers Enrollment Deadline
- 17th - MQA, Cheyenne County
- 18th - MQA, Bent County
- 18th-20th South Central District Retreat
- 21st - MQA, Baca County
- 22nd - MQA, Prowers County
- 23rd - MQA, Otero/Crowley Counties
- 25th - MQA, Kiowa County

April

- 1st - State 4-H scholarship applications due
- 15th - Project Add/Drop deadline

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.”

4-H Enrollment

Again for 2015/2016 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/>.

National Western Stock Show

The National Western Stock Show will be January 9th-24th, 2016. 4-H Day at the Stock Show is scheduled for Friday, January 15th. 4-H will be highlighted at the 1:30 p.m. rodeo that day. For a complete schedule go to www.nationalwestern.com.

Quilting Class

A basic quilting class will be held on January 15 and 16 at the Otero County Extension Office in Rocky Ford. The class is open to the public and will meet on Friday evening and all day Saturday. 4-H members that are 12 years of age and completed Quilting Level 1 or Clothing Construction Unit 1 are welcome to attend. Participants will learn a variety of quilting techniques while completing a project. For more information or to register call the Otero County Extension office at 719-254-7608.

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 5th-7th and is limited to the first 195 campers. Cost is \$120 per camper. The registration deadline is January 25th to your local Extension office. Camp fills up fast, so the sooner you register, the better. Information can be picked up at the Extension office.

Citizenship Washington Focus

Applications for the Citizenship Washington Focus trip will be due in your county Extension office by February 12th. Trip dates will be June 25th through July 2nd, 2016. 4-Hers 15-19 years old by December 31, 2015 are eligible and encouraged to apply. Contact your local Extension office if you are interested in attending.

Shooting Sports Leader Training

Several leader certification workshops have been scheduled around the state in the next few months. If you are interested in becoming certified in one of the SS disciplines, contact your local extension office for information. Registration will need to be accomplished through your local extension office or the 4-H online system. Go to the SS web-site: www.co4hshooting.org for more information.

- January 29-31 - Morgan County
- March 4-6 - Montezuma County
- March 11-13 - Pueblo
- April 8-10 - Garfield County
- April 15-17 - Boulder County

Otero & Crowley County

4-H News



January 2016

January 15	National Western Livestock Show 4-H Day
January 15-16	Quilting Workshop, Otero County Extension Office
January 18	Crowley County Extension Office closed - holiday
January 18	Leader's Meeting, Otero County Extension Office, 6:15 p.m.
January 23-24	Leadership Development Conference (LDC), Denver
January 27	Arkansas Valley Jr. Show Committee meeting, 6:00 p.m., Otero County Extension Office
February 4	Otero County 4-H Council, meeting, 7:30 p.m., Otero County Extension Office
February 6	Beef Tag/Weigh-in
February 6-7	Youth Fest
February 15	Crowley and Otero County Extension offices closed - holiday
February 20	Open Fun Shoot, La Junta Rifle Range
February 28	How to Pick Your Project Animal Workshop, Otero County Extension Office

4-H Enrollment

The 2016 4-H year is here and families are asked to enroll each member in 4-H Online. Families without the ability to enroll online, can 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 packets are ready to be picked up by the leaders. Club leaders are encouraged to pick up the packets and get them to your members in a timely manner. The sooner that enrollments are completed 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 2016 Crowley County Days and/or 2016 Arkansas Valley Fair is March 1, 2016.

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.

Open Enrollment

The state has adopted an open enrollment policy. This means that kids can enroll in 4-H year round. This gives us the opportunity to reach more potential members with the 4-H program. HOWEVER, all enrollments must be completed by March 1, 2016 to participate in any 4-H activities associated with the 2015 Crowley County Days and/or the 2016 Arkansas Valley Fair. If you have any questions about this policy please call the extension office.

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.



Quilting Class

A basic quilting class will be held on January 15 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and continue on January 16 from 8:30 a.m. until project is complete. Class will be held at the Otero County Extension office. 4-H members must be at least 12 years old and have completed Quilting Level 1 or Clothing Construction Unit 1. Class will also be open to the public as well, but is limited to 12 participants. Project for class will be a 33" x 15" table runner using a 9 patch pattern. Skills learned will be cutting techniques, piecing, binding and machine quilting. For a list of supplies to bring and more information, call 254-7608 or check out the Crowley or Otero County Facebook pages.

Market Beef Weigh and Tag Day

All 4-Hers & FFA members planning to exhibit market beef at the 2016 Crowley County Days and/or 2016 Arkansas Valley Fair must have their market beef weighed and tagged on Saturday, February 6, 2016.

In case of bad weather or emergency call 719-688-3043.

Schedule is as follows:

10:00 to 11:00 a.m. - 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

Hunter Safety Class Offered

A Hunter Safety Class has been scheduled to be held at the CSU Extension - Otero County Office. Class will be March 9 and 10, 2016 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. each day and March 12, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to approximately 2:00 p.m. You must attend all sessions. The cost will be \$10.00. You must register online at: <http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HE-Traditional-Classes.aspx>.

Shooting Sports Leaders

Are you interested in firearms and enjoy working with youth? If so then 4-H needs you! Crowley and Otero Counties are looking for adults to become certified as shooting sports leaders. You will need to become registered as a 4-H leader and then you will take the class to become certified as a shooting sports leader. The disciplines we need help with are rifle, muzzle loading, archery, .22 pistol, and shotgun. Please contact either the Crowley County Extension office at 719-267-5243 or the Otero County Extension office at 719-254-7608 if you are interested.

Attention Shooting Sports Members

Shooting sports practices will begin earlier this year. Safety meetings will start January 7 at 6:45 p.m. and will continue before each council meeting at the Otero County Extension office through May. The 3rd Sunday of each month from 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., the La Junta Rifle Range will be open for practice in all disciplines. You must have your enrollment in prior to practice, and take your hunter safety

card with you. Additional practices will be every Monday except Memorial Day starting on April 25 and continuing through June 27. Practices will be held at the La Junta Rifle Range at 6:00 p.m.

Open Shoot

To help get more youth interested in the 4-H shooting program, the La Junta Rifle Club and Otero County 4-H will hold an open shoot for all 4-H members of eligible age and the public. More information will be in next month's newsletter.

Leader's Training Meeting

On January 18, there will be a leader's training meeting. It will be held at the Otero County extension office at 6:15 p.m. All main leaders are required to attend, other leaders are welcome as well.

Changes from Jr. Show Committee

Arkansas Valley Junior Show Committee has made the following changes to the rules for showing livestock at the Arkansas Valley Fair:

- ◆ NO limit to the number of livestock an exhibitor can tag-in
- ◆ Exhibitors can exhibit 4 head per species at the fair

Otero County 4-H News

Council Meetings

Council meetings are held the first Thursday of every month promptly at 7:30 p.m. at the extension office. This year meetings will be held February through July and September. There will be no meetings in August, and October through December. Next month's meeting will be February 4. A requirement for club completion is that you attend at least one 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 rep-

resentative at every council meeting.

Jr. Show Committee Meeting

Arkansas Valley Jr. Show Committee will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 27 at 6:00 p.m. executive session and 7:00 for regular meeting.

Otero County 4-H Council Report By Zeke Foster

Meeting was called to order by acting president Kellie HIRAKATA. Ashlyn Alvey read the minutes from the last meeting. Zeke Foster read the treasurer's report.

Announcements were read for the new year. Old business: the 4-H extension agent position has been reopened. New business: the treasurer position in county council was voted on and filled by Gabri Leone. Ford raffle tickets will be used as a fundraiser. Half of the proceeds will go to council and half to clubs who participate. The top three sellers will be awarded cash prizes. Ideas for fundraisers for council were tabled but if you have any ideas please share at the next meeting or to any council officers. The July council meeting will be the 4-H foundation pool party. Meeting was adjourned.

Crowley County 4-H News

Junior Fairboard & Foundation

The Junior Fairboard /Foundation committee met Jan. 5th. The schedule for Crowley County Days was discussed. It was decided to have the Horse, Gymkhana, Dog, Poultry and Rabbit shows on Tuesday, July 26th. The other 4H/FFA events will be scheduled the same as last year. The completed schedule will be posted in a future newsletter.

Foundation membership letters will be mailed to current and potential members, for the 2016 year. Foundation grant applications will be available in February. Grant funds can be applied for if a family financial need is demonstrated.



Wild Things 4H Club

At the December meeting members of the club held a short business meeting at the Opera House then traveled to Walmart to purchase gifts and food basket items. Those gifts and food basket were delivered to a family in need within the Crowley County area. The family was very grateful! Upcoming events for the club are a Silent Auction and Dessert Walk at the Pumpkin Basketball game in Ordway against Fowler February 4th. Come support your local youth!

Our next 4H meeting will be held January 10th at 2:00p.m. at the Opera house in Ordway. Our club would like to wish Tach Brewer and Kallie Stovall good luck as they will receive a chance to catch a calf at the 2016 National Western Stock show on January

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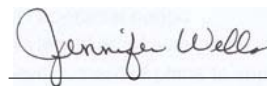
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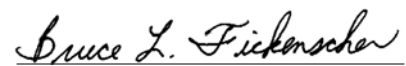
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