

Southeast Area 4-H Newsletter

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June 2016

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 McClave at the United Methodist Church at 6 p.m. For contest rules visit the State Fair Contest Requirements on the State 4-H website. Registration forms are available from your extension office and are due back June 10th.



DVI Performing Arts & Demonstration Contest

The 2016 District VI Performing Arts & Demonstration Contest will be held Thursday, July 7th at 6 p.m. in Eads at the Plains Theatre. For contest rules visit the State Fair Contest Requirements on the State 4-H website. Registration forms are available from your extension office and are due back by June 30th.



Bent, Cheyenne, Kiowa & Prowers Fashion Revue

Bent, Cheyenne, Kiowa and Prowers Counties are holding a combined Fashion Revue on Wednesday, July 20th at 6 p.m. in Eads at the Plains Theatre. For contest rules visit the State Fair Contest Requirements on the State 4-H website. Registration forms are available from your extension office and are due back by July 13th.

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4-H Calendar

June

2nd & 3rd - C&C Camp - Pueblo
 15th - Pikes Peak Field Trip
 16th - DVI Creative Cooks & Cake Decorating Contests - McClave
 21st-24th - State Conference
 25th - July 2nd - Citizenship Washington Focus Trip

July

4th - Extension Offices Closed
 7th - Performing Arts & Demonstration Contest
 20th - Bent, Cheyenne, Kiowa & Prowers Fashion Revue

County Fair Dates

July 23rd - 30th - Bent County
 July 26th - 31st - Crowley County
 August 1st - 6th - Baca County
 August 1st - 6th - Cheyenne County
 August 6th - 13th - Sand & Sage Fair
 August 13th - 19th - Ark Valley Fair
 Sept. 7th - 11th - Kiowa County
 Sept. 22nd - 25th - Holly Gateway Fair

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”.

District VI 4-Her's Win Scholarships

Congratulations to these District VI 4-H members who won 4-H scholarships:

- * Mitch Garcia - Daniel Kasza Memorial 4-H Scholarship
- * Danielle Zuege - Prowers County 4-H Foundation Scholarship
- * Grace Rink - Prowers County 4-H Foundation Scholarship
- * Grant Thompson - Prowers County 4-H Foundation Scholarship
- * Hannah Dooley - Prowers County 4-H Foundation Scholarship
- * Lucas Montgomery - Prowers County 4-H Foundation Scholarship
- * Makenzie Torres - Prowers County 4-H Foundation Scholarship
- * Miranda Morgan - Prowers County 4-H Foundation Scholarship
- * Paige Dempsey - Prowers County 4-H Foundation Scholarship
- * Kellie Hirkata - CO 4-H Foundation Scholarship to CSU
- * Trenton Mitchek - CO 4-H Foundation Scholarship to CSU

All of these scholarships require 4-H membership along with other requirements that must be met. These members could not have won these scholarships if they had not stayed committed to 4-H through their school years. 4-H is an outstanding program with many benefits, including scholarship dollars!



4-H Ford Truck Raffle

The Rocky Mountain Ford Dealers have generously donated a 2015 Ford F-150 XLT 4x4 Super Crew truck to the Colorado 4-H Foundation for the 2016 raffle. More prizes will be awarded in conjunc-

tion with this raffle. Raffle tickets will be available through your county Extension office.

Project Score Sheets Now Available

Score sheets for general and family and consumer science projects, as well as state contests are available on the 4-H website at: http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/state_fair/score_sheets/index.php

These sheets will help you know what the judge will be looking for when judging your projects.

E-Records Updated

The e-records are now posted on the State 4-H website at: http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/erecords/index.php

Each project now has its own e-record for General/Natural Resources and Family Consumer Science and those projects that have additional information needed are in the e-records. The livestock and horse e-records are also available.



State Fair Exhibit Requirements

Be sure to read the 2016 State Fair Exhibit Requirements! They can be found on the State 4-H website or contact your local extension office. There have been several changes made to the project requirements and you can avoid the surprise and disappointment on exhibit day if you take the time to read about your project now. These requirements spell out what the required exhibit is for general and family and consumer science projects, and special 4-H events held during State Fair. We follow the same exhibit requirements for Exhibit Day as the State Fair.

Livestock Manuals

Each Southeast Area Extension Office has a library of the livestock/horse/small animal manuals for leaders and members to check out. Manuals may be checked out for two weeks and then must be returned for use by other 4-Hers. Please remember this if you want to review the book before you order or want to save money.

Shows, Clinics and Contests

Several shows, clinics and contests are scheduled throughout eastern Colorado. Stop by or contact your County Extension Office for information on a variety of opportunities.

Stock Show University

WW Feed & Supply is hosting its annual clinic on June 11th and 12th. New this year is a multi-species clinic covering beef, sheep, goats and swine. The clinic will be held at the Ark Valley Fairgrounds in Rocky Ford. There will also be a hoof trimmer available. To attend pre-register by calling 719-384-4463 or e-mail wwfeed@centurytel.net. Details and schedule may be found at www.WWfeed.com or WW Feed & Supply's Facebook page.

Stock Show University

Sullivan Supply is hosting a one day Stock Show University hands on clinic on June 13th starting at 9 a.m. The event will be held at the Norris-Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs. The event is offered free by Sullivan Supply. For more information visit www.sullivansupply.com.

Shooting Sports Family Campout

The 29th annual CO 4-H Shooting Sports Family Campout is scheduled for June 17th through 19th in Victor. The camp is for members, families and leaders interested and involved in shooting sports. Registration cost is \$12 per person with a max of \$35 per family. For more information

and a registration form visit the CO 4-H Shooting Sports website.

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)

Sunflower 2016 Buckle Series

The Sunflower Buckle Horse Show Series is open to 4-H members in Colorado. There are three shows in the series. The first show is June 4th in Goodland. The second is June 11th in St. Francis. The third is June 18th in Sharon Springs. There is also an open show. Online entries and information are available at sunflower.ksu.edu.



Camp Rocky

The Colorado Association of Conservation Districts is hosting the 53rd Annual Camp Rocky July 10th - 16th near Divide. It is open to youth ages 14 to 19. The cost is \$350. Campers will learn about forest management, rangeland science, soil and water conservation, and fish and wildlife management. More information and a registration application can be found at <http://www.coloradocd.org/camp-rocky.html>.

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.

Code of Conduct

Colorado State University wants to pro-

vide an environment that is safe and proper for all of its 4-H participants. The code of conduct is not intended to restrict participation, but rather to enhance it so that all can receive the full benefit and educational experience from events and activities. The code of conduct spells out how 4-Hers, parents, and leaders are expected to conduct themselves when participating in 4-H activities.

As a reminder, the State 4-H Code of Conduct form was included with your enrollment materials. When you signed the enrollment, you were stating that you had read the code of conduct and agree to comply with the rules and regulations set forth in the code of conduct.

The Code of Conduct can be found on the state 4-H website, along with event etiquette and information on sportsmanship for participants, parents, and spectators. Let's all work to make each and every 4-H event or activity a positive experience for everyone involved.

Community Service Projects

One very integral part of 4-H is doing Community Service. Every member is expected to participate in at least one community service project each year. Be sure and share ideas for community service with your 4-H club and leaders. There are plenty of opportunities to get out and help your local community.

Colorado Make it with Wool Contest

The 2016 Colorado Make it with Wool Contest is scheduled for November 5th at the Adams County Fairgrounds. Contestants must select, construct, and model their own garments. To be eligible the garment must have been constructed after January 1, 2016. For contest rules and application contact Gloria Cundall, State Director, at 303-659-5559 or gcundall@msn.com.



Otero & Crowley County

4-H News



June 2016

- June 6 Gymkhana, 6:30 p.m., Crowley County Fairgrounds
- June 6 Shooting Sports practice (archery only), 6:00 p.m., Fowler Rifle Club
- June 6 Shooting Sports practice, 6:00 p.m., La Junta Rifle Club
- June 7 Crowley County Jr. Fairboard/Foundation meeting, 6:30 p.m., Crowley County Annex
- June 11 - 12 Stock Show U Clinic, Arkansas Valley Fair Grounds
- June 12 Shooting Sports practice (all disciplines except archery), 6:00 p.m., Fowler Rifle Club
- June 13 Shooting Sports practice (archery only), 6:00 p.m., Fowler Rifle Club
- June 13 Shooting Sports practice, 6:00 p.m., La Junta Rifle Club
- June 15 Pikes Peak or Bust field trip, Colorado Springs
- June 16 Creative Cooks & Cake Decorating Contest, 6:00 p.m., McClave
- June 17 Textile Tech workshop, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m., Otero County Extension office
- June 19 Shooting Sports practice (all disciplines except archery), 6:00 p.m., Fowler Rifle Club
- June 20 Shooting Sports practice (archery only), 6:00 p.m., Fowler Rifle Club
- June 20 Shooting Sports practice, 6:00 p.m., La Junta Rifle Club
- June 20 Gymkhana, 6:30 p.m., Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds
- June 21-24 State 4-H Conference, Fort Collins
- June 25 - July 2 Citizenship Washington Focus
- June 24 Crowley County Fair Entries Due**
- June 24 Arkansas Valley Fair Entries Due**
- June 26 Shooting Sports practice (all disciplines except archery), 6:00 p.m., Fowler Rifle Club
- June 27 Shooting Sports practice (archery only), 6:00 p.m., Fowler Rifle Club
- June 27 Shooting Sports practice, 6:00 p.m., La Junta Rifle Club
- June 28 Deadline to register for Western Heritage Camp
- June 29 Arkansas Valley Jr. Show Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Otero County Extension Office
- July 4 Otero & Crowley offices closed - holiday
- July 5 Crowley County Jr. Fairboard/Foundation meeting, 6:30 p.m., Crowley County Annex
- July 6-8 Western Heritage Camp, Boggsville
- July 7 Performing Arts & Demonstration Contests, 6:00 p.m., Eads
- July 7 Otero County 4-H Council meeting, 6:00 p.m., park south of the La Junta Pool
- July 7 Foundation Pool Party, 6:30 p.m., La Junta Wipe Out Pool
- July 8 - 9 Shooting Sports Competition
- July 10 - 16 Camp Rocky, Divide
- July 16 Missouri Day
- July 18 Crowley County Barn Set-Up & 4-H member meeting, Crowley County Fairgrounds, 6:00 p.m.
- July 26 - 29 Crowley County Days
26 - Dog Show/Rabbit & Poultry Show
27 - Tiny Tot Open Show/Dairy Goat/Sheep/Goat/Swine
28 - Beef/ Dairy/Round Robin
29 - Cloverbud/General Project Exhibit Day
- July 27 Arkansas Valley Jr. Show Committee meeting, 7:00 p.m., Otero County Extension Office
- August 1 Gymkhana, 6:30 p.m., Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds

Arkansas Valley Fair Entries

Due date for entries for the Arkansas Valley Fair is **June 24**. Entry forms are available from your club leader. In an effort to be more cost efficient, premium books will be on the website, as well as one to each club main leader. Individuals may request a copy of the book or pages pertinent to their projects from the extension office. Please note, entry fees are \$6.00 per member. Fair dates are August 13-19, 2016.

Crowley County Days Entries

Crowley County Days will be held July 23 - 30, 2016. Due date for entries is **June 24**. Entry forms and premium books are available at the Crowley and Otero County Extension offices. Entry fees are \$5.00 per member.

E-Records

4-H e-records are available on the State website: http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/index.php. Each project has its own e-record for General/Natural Resources and Family Consumer Science and those projects that have additional information needed are in the e-records. The livestock and horse e-records are also available. Also the 2016 State Fair Exhibit Requirements are posted at: http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf.

General and Family and Consumer Science Project Exhibit Requirements

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Fashion Revue

Fashion Revue needs to be listed on the fair entry form, which is due in the extension office by **June 24**. Be sure to enter the appropriate department and class. Fashion Revue narrations are due by August 1. These deadlines apply to all members, including Cloverbud members.

Cloverbud members are encouraged to participate in the Fashion Revue. They can model garments they have decorated, sewn, or altered in some way to personalize their outfit.

The Sand and Sage club will provide and serve the refreshments during the intermission of the Fashion Revue.

The 4-H Fashion Revue will be held Wednesday, August 10 at 7:00 p.m. at the Grand Theater in Rocky Ford. The public revue and judging will be held at the same time.

Textile Tech

Express your creativity at Textile Tech on **June 17th** from 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. at the CSU Extension Office in Rocky Ford! At Textile Tech you will:

- Create your own fabric design using a variety of tools, from paper and markers to tablets and apps.
- Learn about the design elements and principles to create your great design.
- Discover all kinds of design careers.
- Order a yard of your custom cotton fabric from spoonflower.com

Registration for Textile Tech is limited to 10 youth and is **due by June 15th**. The cost to attend is \$15. For more information or to register call: Otero County Extension at 254-7608, Crowley County Extension at 267-5243, or email Marlena at marlena.griesse@colostate.edu

Let's Play a Game!

Hidden somewhere in this newsletter is a

trivia question about 4-H. When you find the question and think you have the answer, then call, email, or drop by your county extension office with the answer. The first youth in each county with the correct answer will receive a prize. But, **anybody** with the correct answer will be entered in a drawing for a \$50 Walmart gift card to be given away at the winner's Achievement Banquet. We must have your answer by the 15th of the current month to be eligible for the drawing.



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 the 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:

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. There is a range fee of \$10.00 for 4-H to practice at the Fowler Rifle Club. For more information contact Gregg White at 719-468-6608.

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. Contest will start at 5:00 p.m. on Friday with muzzle loading and .22 events. Saturday events will start at 8:00 a.m. and will include all shot gun events, air rifle and archery. Entry forms for the County Shoot must be in by **June 24**.

Western Heritage Camp

On July 6-8 there will be a Western Heritage Camp held at Boggsville, CO (just south of Las Animas, CO). Topics covered will be Eastern Colorado History, Developing your Character, Dutch Oven Cooking, Boggsville History and Bent's Old Fort. There will also be a tour of a local museum. You do not need to be enrolled in the Western Heritage project to participate. Registration deadline is June 28. Five meals and overnight camping will be included in the \$65 registration fee. Details are available online at goldenplains.colostate.edu click Western Heritage Camp.

Cake Decorating Workshop

Linda Senor will be hosting a Cake Decorating Workshop at the Otero County Extension office on Saturday, June 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Please bring a baked undecorated cake, your frosting and any decorating tips and accessories needed for your unit (Unit 1 decorations must all be edible items). To sign up for the workshop please call the extension office at 719-254-7608.

Get Your Geek on Summer Day Camps Coming to Town

Get YOUR geek on this summer! Learn

about robotics, use science to create art, concoct slime, and become an engineer at the Get Your Geek On summer day camps.

Camps are open to all youth ages 8-13. Each camp will run from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The cost to attend is \$5. Please wear old clothes and pack a lunch.

- Rocky Ford: July 11th, CSU Extension Office, 411 N. 10th St.
- Ordway: July 13th, The Big Blue, 208 Colorado Ave.
- La Junta: July 14th, Woodruff Memorial Library, 522 Colorado Ave. and the La Junta City Park

Space is limited to 20 youth per camp so register by July 8th. For more information or to register call CSU Extension in Otero County at 254-7608 or Crowley County at 267-5243 or email:

marlena.griesse@colostate.edu.

Stock Show U

WW Feed & Supply will host its annual clinic, with a new twist. Based on exhibitor requests, this year's Stock Show U will be a **multi-species** event.

"We enjoy providing this hands-on opportunity to 4-H and FFA youth in Southeast Colorado," said Susan Russell, WW Feed & Supply co-owner. "This is a perfect non-competitive environment for the youth to refine their grooming and showmanship skills. We are expanding our annual Steer Aid Clinic from just beef to include swine, sheep and goats."

Sullivan Supply's "Stock Show University" again will be a part of WW Feed & Supply's 2016 clinic. It will focus on showmanship, feeding and nutrition, daily hair and animal care, show day grooming, and how to achieve that championship look, taught by the best "professors" in the business.

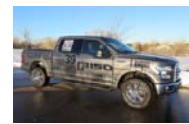
The event will be June 11-12 at the Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds in Rocky Ford. Casey and Codi St. Blanc of Norris, Mont., will be the professors.

The clinic will begin at 8:30 a.m. Saturday,

June 11 with swine, followed by sheep and then goats. The beef, a more complex fair project, will start about 5 Saturday night, with the youth each asked to bring their show calf to the clinic. The animals will be housed overnight, with the beef educational session continuing at 8 a.m. Sunday, June 12. All day, the professors will illustrate a step and then help the youth to replicate the efforts on their own animal. The Sunday session will culminate with a beef showmanship contest, so the youth will be able to put into practice what they have learned.

In addition to the educational session, grooming supplies will be available and an experienced hoof trimmer, Rod Kerchal of Peyton, will offer his services for hire.

To attend, pre-registration is requested by contacting WW Feed & Supply at 719-384-4463 or wwfeed@centurytel.net. Details and a schedule may be found on www.WWFeed.com or on WW Feed & Supply Facebook.



2016 4-H Foundation Truck Raffle

This is the ninth year for the Ford truck raffle, and tickets can be picked up from your club leader. We are looking forward to the challenge of beating last years record sales for both Crowley and Otero Counties.

This is a GREAT fundraising opportunity for each club!

County sales end September 2, 2016 with the drawing to be held on September 17, 2016.

Please turn in money and tickets regularly to the extension office!

Dog Record Books

Dog record books will need to be turned in by September 9. Scores from the record books will not be included in the fair competitions. Awards will be given at the

Arkansas Valley Fair in Showmanship, Obedience and Rally. Premium monies will be for the top three dog record books.

Dog Project Meetings



Anyone signed up for the dog project is welcome to join Brandie Jackson and other 4-H members for dog practices. Please contact Brandie by phone or text at 719-251-9746 so that she can fill you in on where the practices are (what year was 4-H founded?) being held and at what time they start. The Dog Project is a highly dedicated project that does require practice sessions and members are highly encouraged to attend as many of the practice sessions as possible.

Open Tiny Tot Show

The Arkansas Valley Fair will again offer an Open Tiny Tot Show. At the beginning of each 4-H & FFA animal show there will be an open class show for tiny tots. It is not necessary for the youth to be enrolled in 4-H.

- ◆ Species Include: Horse/Sheep/Goat/Swine/Rabbit/Poultry/Bucket Calf
- ◆ Show starts before the 4-H/FFA classes begin for that species
- ◆ Open to all youth 4-7 years old as of January 1 of current year, and currently living in Otero or Crowley County
- ◆ The animal must be owned by the exhibitor or an immediate family member
- ◆ A parent or legal guardian must be present
- ◆ Participants /Exhibitors are not eligible for the livestock sale
- ◆ Entry forms with signed waiver are due to the Otero Extension office on or before Friday, August 12, 2016 at 4:00 p.m.
- ◆ The animal may be brought in 30 minutes before the show or stalled on grounds (Wednesday through Saturday). This must be designated on entry form
- ◆ Animals may be shown with a halter, collar, or in the cage

(poultry, rabbits)

- ◆ Horses will only be shown in a halter class
- ◆ All bucket calves must be orphans, which are bottle fed or bucket fed and must also be born after January 1 of the current year
- ◆ Awards: It will be a noncompetitive event, everyone who participates will receive a participation ribbon

Entry forms are available at the extension office or on the web at: www.arkvalleyfair.com/avf_000004.htm. For more information please call the Otero County Extension office at 719-254-7608 or the Arkansas Valley Fair office at 719-254-7723.

Scrapies Premise I.D. Requirements

For those members planning on showing at the Crowley County Days Progress Show or the Arkansas Valley Fair please note: All breeding sheep and all market ewe lambs will be required to have Scrapies I.D. tags. All does in the market class and all breeding goats will be required to have Scrapies I.D. tags. Any registered breeding goat with a legible premise tattoo will suffice as a Scrapie's I.D. tag; however, Scrapies I.D. tags are preferred. Scrapies I.D. tags can be obtained by calling the U.S. Department of Agriculture's APHIS (Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services) at 970-219-0467. The tags are provided at no cost.

Livestock Exhibitors Mandatory Meeting

On Tuesday, August 16 there will be a **mandatory livestock exhibitors meeting** 15 minutes before each species is weighed in at fair with the corresponding superintendents.

Early Release and Show & Fat Stock Sale Substitute Showman

Early release of any project for health, 4-H or college related reasons will be by written request, which must then be discussed and approved by the Arkansas

Valley Junior Show Committee. Removing livestock from the fairgrounds before release time is considered an unethical practice. If because of "health or 4-H related conflict", an exhibitor is unable to show or sell his/her animal, another bona fide 4-H or FFA member can substitute with permission of the Arkansas Valley Junior Show committee. College bound students will be evaluated on a case by case basis. *All request letters must be received in the extension office by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, August 5.*

Release of Non-Sale, Non-Floor Plan & Breeding Animals

All non-sale and non-floor plan animals may be released with approval from the superintendent 30 minutes following their prospective show.

Breeding animals may go home the day of their respective show with permission from the superintendent; however, if they do not leave the day of their show, they must remain until check out time, which is Saturday, August 20 at 12:00. Once an animal has been officially released from the grounds, it will not be allowed to return for any reason.

Thank You!

Thanks to the many parents, leaders, superintendents, extension agents, FFA advisors, and members that volunteered their time to help with weigh-in and tagging. Your efforts helped the event run smoothly and efficiently.

Gymkhanas

There will be two gymkhanas in June. The first will be on Monday, June 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Crowley County Fairgrounds. The second one will be held on Monday, June 20 at the Arkansas Valley Fairgrounds at 6:30 p.m. 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 evenings gymkhana.

Colorado State Fair Poultry and Rabbit Nominations

The CSU Extension offices now have nomination forms available for poultry and rabbit members who are thinking about showing at the 2016 Colorado State Fair. This is the second year for these forms and they are needed for Market Rabbits, Market Chickens, and Market Turkeys. Members may nominate as many pens as they wish, but may only bring four (4) pens to the Colorado State Fair show. All forms must be postmarked by **July 8, 2016**.

Rabbits must be born by June 20th to be of the correct age to compete in the Market Rabbit Division. Rabbits should be no more than 70 days old and weigh between 3.5 and 5.5 pounds. Chicks need to be hatched by July 4th for the Fryer Classes and April 11th for the Roaster Classes. Fryers should be no less than eight (8)

weeks old for the show and Roasters no less than 20 weeks old.

This is the first year for the Market Turkey class. Grand and Reserve Champion Turkeys will be eligible to sell in the Junior Livestock Sale. Hens may be at least 14 weeks of age and weigh at least 14 pounds. Toms may be at least 18 weeks of age and weigh at least 16 pounds. Both toms and hens are eligible, however only two(2) birds will make the sale. No turkeys over 30 pounds will be allowed to show in the Market Turkey Division.

Each exhibitor needs to decide what the tattoos will be for each rabbit pen and list all four (4) of them per pen nomination. Market Chicken exhibitors will need to decide which four (4) leg band numbers will make up the market pens and list all four (4) of them on the pen nomination form. Tattoos and leg bands will not need to be in or on the animal(s) until arrival at the fair.

Copies of the forms are available at your local CSU Extension Office.

Arkansas Valley Fair Livestock Weight Limits

Market Species	Minimum	Maximum	Maximum (Floor Plan)
Beef	1000 lbs.	None	None
Goats	50 lbs.	None	110 lbs.
Hogs	220 lbs.	None	290 lbs.
Lambs	100 lbs.	None	160 lbs.
Poultry Pen of Broilers	2 lbs. each	3 lbs. each	N/A
Poultry Pen of Fryers	2 lbs. each	5 lbs. each	N/A
Rabbits Single Fryer	3 lbs. each	5 lbs. each	N/A
Rabbits—Meat Pen	3 lbs. each	5 lbs. each	N/A

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. Mentors will be available to help new 4-H members with their questions and projects.

Senior 4-H members interested in becoming a mentor are asked to contact the extension office and let them know what projects they would like to work with.

New members that would like to receive help through this mentoring program are asked to contact the extension office in order to be assigned a mentor. Likewise, 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.

Exhibit Day

Exhibit Day will be held at the Event Center at the Arkansas Valley Fair Grounds on Saturday, August 13. The youth are to bring their projects about 30 minutes before their scheduled interview. Those members with more than one project will be scheduled to have all interviews as close as possible. Seating will be under the livestock pavilion or on the north side of the building, and names will be called for members to report for their interview.

It is unfortunate that our county fair and

the state fair overlap. Due to this conflict, results (winners) will be announced after each project area is done on Exhibit Day. Members with 1st place in their unit are to pick up their project, have their picture taken and then return the project and record book, properly packaged, to the extension office on Monday, August 15 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Cake decorating and food projects will need to make “new” batches. However, they need to get their record book from the Event Center on the 13th. All other projects will remain at the Event Center to be displayed through the fair. Projects will be released at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 20. No projects are to be removed before 1:00 p.m. If you cannot pick up your project, please make arrangements for someone else (club member, friend, leader) to pick

up projects. Items not picked up by 4:00 p.m. will be left at the event center.

Exhibit Day Teen Clerks Needed



Teen clerks are needed to help with Exhibit Day.

Clerks help to take entries, make sure exhibitors are available for their interview, display projects, and help the superintendents with various jobs as asked. Members that would like to help are asked to contact the extension office by July 8 to sign up. Priority will be given to senior 4-H members.

Projects to State Fair

Projects qualifying for State Fair (first place project in each unit) will need to be taken home after Exhibit Day, appropriately boxed, and returned to the extension office to be transported to the State Fair. Note: extension staff must place a label on each project and record book so there is no need to seal the boxes prior to coming to the extension office. For the safe transport of ALL PROJECTS, we ask that you have each and every project, including food, cake decorating and leathercraft projects in a box or some sort of packaging to protect the item. Clothing items should be on a hanger with a protective covering. All projects other than foods and cake decorating will need to be delivered to the extension office on Monday, August 15, between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. All food, and cake decorating projects must be at the extension office before 8:15 a.m. on Wednesday, August 17. Extension staff will transport all projects to the State Fair.

Oversized projects (i.e. woodworking) will need to be discussed with Marlena to coordinate transportation.

Council Meetings

The next county council meeting will be Thursday, July 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. at the park adjacent to the La Junta pool. A requirement for club completion is that you attend a council meeting. Please remem-

ber 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.

County Council Report

by Zeke Foster

On June 2 the Otero County Council meeting was called to order by President Timmerly Foster. Roll call was done by secretary Kellie Hirakata, minutes from previous meeting were suspended. Treasurer's report was also suspended. Announcements were read with the Stock Show U Showmanship Clinic coming up on June 11th and 12th, fair entry deadline for Arkansas Valley and Crowley County Fair are due June 24th. The 4-H Foundation pool party is on July seventh. Old business concessions for the Stock Show U event has been filled. New business fashion revue is needing clubs to help with theme and decorations and Sand and Sage 4-H club is doing snacks. County Council is looking for donated beef for the 4H kitchen from feed yards. If you know of a feedlot willing to donate please contact the extension office. Next was the discussion of having a 4H dance. It will be held after the sale. However, they are in need of chaperones. If you would like to chaperone please contact the extension office. If your club is needing a community service project, Jr. Show Committee has a list of things that need to be improved around the fairgrounds. Please contact Angie Leake or the extension office for the list of items. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53 by President Timmerly Foster.

Trophy Sponsors Needed

The following trophy sponsors are needed for 2016:

Jr. All-Around Cowgirl
Sr. Horse Showmanship
Jr. Reining Class
Sr. Reining Class
Jr. Trail Class
Jr. Working Ranch Horse

Int. Working Ranch Horse
Sr. Working Ranch Horse
Jr. Ranch Cutting
Int. Ranch Cutting
Sr. Ranch Cutting
Jr. Ranch Horsemanship
Int. Ranch Horsemanship
Sr. Ranch Horsemanship
Beef County Born & Raised-2nd Place
Grand Champion Market Goat
Sr. Poultry & Waterfowl Showmanship
Grand Champion Poultry Meat Pen
Grand Champion Rabbit Meat Pen
Grand Champion Dog Rally
Grand Champion Junior Foods
Grand Champion Heritage Arts
Overall Junior Home Ec Exhibitor
Grand Champion .22 Pistol



Foundation Pool Party

The 4-H Foundation Pool Party has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Thursday, July 7 at the La Junta "Wipeout" Pool immediately following the July 4-H council meeting. All members that received assistance from the Foundation will need to give a short presentation either at the swim party or at the annual meeting in October.

Hot dogs & buns, drinks and table service will be provided. Each family is asked to bring a salad or dessert. Please let the extension office know how many people are coming from each club no later than Tuesday, July 5.

Jr. Show Committee

The next Arkansas Valley Jr. Show committee meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on June 29 at the Otero County Extension office.

Livestock Judging Teams Excel

The Otero County Livestock Judging Teams are doing very well this year. Both teams have placed in the top 3 at most of the contests. As of May 2, 2016, we have two senior members that have earned enough points to qualify for the All-State Team. There will be one more contest before the State Contest in Fort Collins, June 22, 2016. Team results are listed below.

- 3/18 Cortez/Four States Judging - Senior Team, 4th; No Junior Team
- 4/9 Otero/Lincoln Contest - Senior Team, 2nd; Junior Team, 3rd
- 4/16 Weld County Judging - Senior Team, 1st; Junior Team, 5th
- 4/23 Logan County Judging - Senior

Team, 3rd; Junior Team, 4th

4/30 Elbert County Judging - Senior Team, 2nd; Junior Team, 2nd

5/21 Gunnison Judging Contest - Senior Team, 6th; Junior Team, 3rd



Community Service Project Fairgrounds Cleanup

The monthly schedule/assignment is as follows:

June - Cloverleaf Livestock

July - Sand & Sage

August - Fort Bent

September - Cheraw Community

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Jr. Fairboard/Foundation News

The Jr. Fairboard will meet on June 7, 2016. The meeting will be preceded by an Ice Cream Social in Conestoga Park, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

The next scheduled meetings are on July 6, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. Meetings are open to all members except during executive sessions.

Exhibit Day

Exhibit day will be held on Friday, July 29 at the Opera House. All Family consumer Science and General projects will be interviewed. Please bring your completed project and record book approximately 15 minutes before your scheduled interview. The interview schedule will be mailed. If you do not receive the interview schedule by July 11, contact the extension office. Once your interviews are complete you are free to go.

All projects will be on display from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. on July 30 at the Opera House. Projects will be released between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 30. Please make arrangements to pick up your project during that time. If items are taken to the extension office, a \$5.00 fee will be charged!

Barn Set-Up

Barn set-up for Crowley County Days will be July 18, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. All 4-H/FFA members are asked to help. With everyone's help, this will go swiftly. There will be a member meeting immediately following. State Conference attendees are asked to report on their trip. Concession work schedule and other fair matters will be discussed.

Projects to State Fair

Projects qualifying for State Fair (first place project in each unit) need to be ap-

propriately boxed, and returned to the Crowley County Extension office to be transported to the State Fair. Woodworking projects should be securely wrapped in a blanket or other soft cover to protect from scratches. All projects - except perishable - must be delivered to the extension office by Tuesday, August 16, by 12:00 p.m. - no exceptions - all projects! Extension staff will transport all projects to the State Fair.

Perishable items may be brought to the Crowley office Tuesday morning or taken to the Otero office on Wednesday, August 17 by 8:00 a.m. Late arrivals will not be delivered!





Fair Award Sponsors Needed

Summer is here and Crowley County Days will be here soon. You are once again required 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 looking for news 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.

The Crowley County Jr. Fairboard is once again giving the member who brings in the most dollars in sponsorships an award choice. Sponsorship forms are still available to be picked up by members. June 13, 2016, letters will be mailed to past

sponsors so no one is missed.

If you have trouble getting sponsors please contact the extension office and we 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 24, 2016, for the sponsor to be properly recognized during Crowley County Days. Pick up your sponsor form today!

Crowley County Entry Form Information

Members, if you do not have your entry forms, please contact your club leader or pick one up at the extension office. **Entry forms must be completed and returned to the extension office by June 24, 2016, along with the \$5.00 entry fee per exhibitor.**

NOTE: Every entry form must have the main leader's signature. This is to verify that each member has met the requirements of the individual club and that each project is qualified for exhibit. You must have been enrolled in 4-H by the March 1 deadline to show at the fair.

ALL PROJECTS ARE TO BE INCLUDED ON YOUR ENTRY FORM -

Livestock, Family & Consumer Sciences and General, Livestock Showmanship, Shooting Sports Contest and the Fashion Revue.

Please make sure to enter your projects in the proper division and class. Refer to your fair book for exact information. For stalling purposes, we need to know how many animals you are bringing, so please indicate this on your entry form by identifying each of them with their tag number. Each animal must have their own entry on the form.

Clover buds will also need to complete and turn in their entry forms by **June 24**. Please indicate the project(s) the Cloverbud will bring with them to be "reviewed" at the Cloverbud Fair, on Friday, July 29. There is no entry fee for Cloverbuds.

Crowley County Days Open Tiny Tot Show

Crowley County Days will feature an Open Tiny Tot Show for Crowley County residents. Youth 4-7 years of age as of January 1, 2016 are eligible to participate. It is not necessary for the youth to be a member of a 4-H club. Registrations are due by July 22 to the Crowley County Extension office. For more information contact the extension office at 267-5243.



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