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*K.C.C. FAIR
Edition*

Please, Please,
**CHECK THE
SCHEDULE
CAREFULLY!**

There
are some
changes
for the
2011
KCC Fair.

INTRODUCTION

This is a special *Kit Carson County Fair Edition* of the 4-H Newsletter. The purpose of this Edition is to provide information of interest to everyone. This newsletter is not intended to replace the Fair Premium Book. You will still need to look up specific rules and times in the Fair Book.

If you have any questions about articles in this Edition or items in the Fair Book, please call 346-5571 or 346-0111.

**2011 Kit Carson County Fair
July 25-30**

**Colorado State Fair
Aug. 26– Sept. 5**

**REMEMBER the
JULY 1 DEADLINE.**
You must turn in your
Cow Patty Bingo
tickets & money
by 4:00 p.m.!

Extension Agent
(4-H Youth)

Mick's REMINDER!

Once again, before we know it, it will be fair time. All those last minute details will need to be taken care of. That project you were going to have completed by the time school was out will have to be finished the day it is to be checked in at the fair. Let's take some pressure off everyone, from members to parents, and get those projects and details taken care of today! It will make the fair a lot more fun if we don't all show up under stress. The Fair Office personnel will take care of all the stress that is needed at fair time. Please take it easy on them as they work long hours on your behalf during fair.

The fair is a celebration of your individual accomplishment in your 4-H projects. It offers you an opportunity to display your project as well as yourself. It is a great educational experience and should always be viewed with that in mind. It builds character, encourages responsibility and sportsmanship. During the week, we all get a little tired and tend to overreact on occasion to some rather insignificant obstacles that may get in our way. Blowing up and screaming at the superintendent or leader in charge is not an effective way to solve any problem. First of all, people being severely tongue lashed do not tend to react favorably to our opinions. They are much more likely to respond in a positive manner if we calmly visit with them about our perceived problem. There may well be a valid reason for the way things are being done. Perhaps it might be fairness to all participants, or safety. Secondly, the way we react to unpleasant situations around the fairgrounds is being watched by others who may look up to us and tend to imitate our behavior. We need to keep in mind we are on display and others are watching us at all times.

During the fair this year, take notice of all the volunteers and leaders that are giving of their time and effort to assist so that each of you will be able to enjoy your participation. This may be the person helping get the projects checked in, the superintendents, those helping to line up classes, the ring steward or your leaders. It takes many volunteers to make a fair run smoothly. Be sure to thank them for the help. It will make them much more likely to be back next year. We cannot be too appreciative of those who help us in our efforts toward success.

If we keep in mind the benefits of friendly competition and cooperation with others, winning at all costs takes a back seat to the benefits that can be gained from our annual association with each other. Have a great Fair!

We Are MOVING!!!

Because of some work being done in our courthouse office, we are moving to the Fairgrounds on Thursday June 30 & will move back to the courthouse on Friday, Aug. 12. This early move might make it more convenient for you to bring in livestock entries because of not having to go through courthouse security. Phone numbers will remain the same.

Bring Your Pets!

The Small Animal & Pocket Pet Show will be on *Saturday July 30 beginning at 10:30 a.m.* This is an Open Class Show for exhibitors under the age of 19. See the 2011 KCC Fair Book for available classes.

Changes for 2011

Fair Dates July 25 – July 30

These are just some of the changes in the schedule. Please check the fairbook for all details.

Monday Concert at 7:00 p.m.

Poultry & Rabbits judging will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday

Catch-it-Lamb & Catch-it-Pig contests on Tuesday, July 26 immediately following Ranch Rodeo Calcutta.

There is only ONE Parade of Livestock. It will be on Thursday at 7:30 p.m.

Catch-it-Calf contest, Thursday July 28, 7:45 p.m.

Livestock Release on Friday night, 8:00 p.m. (this includes Poultry & Rabbits)

4-H Awards presentation, Friday July 29, 3:30 p.m. in the grandstands. (includes catch-it-calf, pig, lamb & herdsman awards)

Concert, Friday July 29, 6:00 p.m., Rodeo to follow at 8:00 p.m.

4-H Fashion Revue and 4-H Home Economics awards, Saturday July 30, 1:00 p.m. in the grandstands (includes 4-H Clothing, Heritage Arts & 4-H Foods/Cake Decorating)

Release of 4-H & Open Class Exhibits, Saturday July 30, 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. (buildings closed from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.)

Concerts, Saturday July 30, 5:00 & 6:00 p.m., Rodeo to follow at 8:00 p.m.

Where Do I Get Fair Books, Entry Tags & Entry Forms?

The 2011 KCC Fair Premium Book is available at the Extension Office, along with entry tags and livestock forms.

Also, supplies of Premium Books and entry tags are available at post offices & some local businesses throughout the county. You may also find it online at: www.kitcarsoncounty.org.

Do I use Entry Forms or Entry Tags?

Please call 346-5571 or 346-0111 with any questions!

There are two entry methods used at the fair. **USE THE SMALL TAG** that has the cardboard duplicate for Sheep Lead, Poultry & Rabbit, General Projects, Shooting Sports, Crops & Garden, Foods, Clothing & Open Class general entries.

The 8 ½ x 11" Livestock Entry Form is to be used for beef, sheep, swine, goat, dairy, horse and primary showmanship entries. *There is a separate 8 ½ x 11" entry form that is strictly for Dog entries.* These forms are available at the Extension Office or online at www.kitcarsoncounty.org.

Where do I find the Class Number & Requirements?

FOR ALL LIVESTOCK PROJECTS (including Primary animals) & open class entries, you will find the class number in the fair book.

For ALL OTHER 4-H PROJECTS (including Primary & Consumer & Family Science) you will find the dept., class number & project requirements in the 2011 Syllabus. The Syllabus is available along with your premium books & entry forms at the Extension Office or online at www.kitcarsoncounty.org. (*Watch this same website for fair results.*)

Looking for a Community Pride Project?



If your club is looking for a community pride project, or you have individual members needing to complete this requirement, we are looking for volunteers to help with general cleaning of buildings at the fairgrounds. This will need to be done during the second or third week in July before Fair.

Please call Mick at 349-2500 as soon as possible to get this work scheduled.

Livestock Entry Deadline

THE LIVESTOCK ENTRY DEADLINE FOR THE 2011 K.C.C. FAIR IS MONDAY JULY 11 BY 5:00 P.M. (WE WILL BE AT THE FAIR OFFICE after June 30!) All market & breeding livestock, horse entries PLUS dog obedience class, rabbits & poultry, open class primary showmanship and sheep lead need to be in the Extension Office by the deadline. There is a \$10 late entry/class change fee imposed on those livestock entries or class changes after the deadline! All other entry deadlines are posted in the Fair Book.

NOTE: You need to fill out ONE ENTRY FORM for EACH DEPARTMENT you are entering! (See "Entry Tags or Entry Forms" article in this newsletter.)

Please, please try to get your livestock entries in EARLY! Do not wait until the deadline. All livestock forms & the fair book are posted online at www.kitcarsoncounty.org or you can come in & we'll help you get them filled out.

We really would appreciate your cooperation with turning in your entries early!

Switching Market Livestock

The switching of market livestock after the May 1 ownership deadline is limited to siblings and step-siblings living in the same household. Switching can be accomplished only in the event that a member does not have another animal of that species to show. For specific rules, see the 2011 KCC Fair Book. You will be required to fill out and sign a transfer form (available at the Extension Office) before the transfer can take effect. NO EXCEPTIONS!

Livestock Thank You Pictures

It is your responsibility to see that pictures of your sale animals are taken for the thank you cards. It is extremely important that you show appreciation to your buyer for their support of the Junior Livestock Sale. As we did last year, we will take the Sheep & Goat pictures during the show on Tuesday, with Rabbit & Poultry pictures at 2:00 in the Livestock Show Barn. Beef pictures will be taken during the beef show Wednesday. Be sure to get pictures of your sale steers or heifers at that time. We will begin taking swine pictures at 2:00 p.m. following the beef show. **SHOW APPAREL MUST BE**

WORN FOR PICTURES....no shorts, flip-flops, etc.. Again, it is YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to be available during the specified time for your pictures. Please be there and get your picture taken. Time and location may change at the discretion of your superintendents, so be aware of change and **BE ON TIME.**

WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO HAVE THESE THANK YOU PICTURES READY FOR PICK UP FROM THE FAIR OFFICE BY NOON ON SATURDAY, JULY 30.

Exhibitor Back Numbers are Important!

During livestock shows, each exhibitor has a back number that must be worn during the show. (These numbers need to be picked up at the Fair Office BEFORE show time. You use this back number all week.) This back number is printed on the class agenda programs given to the superintendents and the viewing public. These numbers are very useful for superintendents, bookkeepers, and the public for keeping track of class placings.

You will need to wear your back number during EACH of your livestock show(s)!!! We are also asking any Primary member showing in open class livestock showmanship (calf, lamb or goat) to pick up a back number at the Fair Office before showing.

Market Livestock Consignment Deadlines

The following dates and times are the Youth Market Livestock Sale Consignment deadlines. **These deadlines are firm and NO LIVESTOCK WILL BE CONSIGNED after the consignment deadlines!**

MARKET SWINE (including catch-it-pigs)

9:00 a.m. – Tuesday, July 26th

MARKET SHEEP (including catch-it-lambs)

9:00 a.m. – Wednesday, July 27th

MARKET GOATS

9:00 a.m. – Wednesday, July 27th

4-H POULTRY/RABBIT (Grand & Res. Gr. Champions)

9:00 a.m. – Wednesday, July 27th

MARKET BEEF (including catch-it-calves)

1:00 p.m. – Wednesday, July 27th

NOTE: *Catch-it-Lambs, Pigs and Calves must be consigned also. They are NOT automatically consigned to the Sale!* You will need the following items when you come in to consign your livestock:

1. tag number of the animal
2. weight of the animal
3. consignment fee
 - a. beef/sheep/swine/goat = \$10.00
 - b. poultry/rabbit = \$5.00

(Please note: **You Must Pay Your Consignment Fee When You Consign Your Animal. Consignments will not be accepted as final unless accompanied by the consignment fee!**)

Consignment fees are used to provide for the livestock buyers' supper and for the sale livestock thank you pictures.

URGENT!!! Extra Livestock

All market livestock NOT SOLD through the Youth Livestock Sale will remain the possession of the youth exhibitor. **Exhibitors will need to make PRIVATE arrangements AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

for any extra animals you wish to process. The processing facilities will not be available to handle extra livestock at the fair weigh-ins. Arrangements must be made in advance for any extra animals that will not be showing. **Now is the time to make those arrangements.** Our local processors will only be handling animals for which prior arrangements have been made. Contact your processing facility **now** to reserve a harvest date for your animals. The KCC Fair is NOT responsible for the marketing of these extra animals.

If packers are willing to pick up your **prearranged** extra livestock at fair time, it is up to you to make sure the correct animal(s) are on the appropriate trailer! **The Fair Office and Fair superintendents are NOT RESPONSIBLE for doing this. YOU ARE! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!**

Dog Obedience/Dog Agility Contest

Agility events are designed around obstacles in a pattern that the dogs must complete in the proper order and in the correct way in the least amount of time. Obstacles such as a tunnel, teeter-totter, and hurdles make up some of the course. The dogs must run the course as fast as they can.

Pre-registration deadline is July 11. Contest will be July 23.

Remember, the agility contest is an open class contest that is open to anyone interested in participation. So if you have a K-9 companion that you think would have the skills and has had some training, come take part in this contest.

Showmanship classes, weather permitting, will be held in the Carousel Park. Following showmanship classes, Agility, Dog Obedience & Rally classes will be held in the livestock show barn. UKC (United Kennel Club) Rules will apply. Any breed or any mix breed of dog may enter.

For more information, check out the 2011 KCC Fair Premium Book.

“Beef”ore You Come to the Fair

Here are several items for beef project members:

- ◆ For the Market Beef Weigh-in, you will need to be sure to **BRING YOUR BLUE BRAND INSPECTION FORM and have it with you when you weigh-in. This goes for Fed Beef Carcass classes too!** (That means you have between now and Fair to remember where that special spot was where you put the form so you wouldn't lose it!!)
- ◆ If you are bringing a beef blocking chute, you may **only set them up in designated areas and you MAY NOT set them up in the west camper/trailer parking lots or in the bucket calf north lean-to of the horse barn, or in the beef barn south lean-to.**

Using Fairgrounds Scales

Again this year, I am setting specific times for the use of the fairgrounds official scales prior to Fair. The dates and times are as follows:

Tuesday, June 28 – 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Monday, July 11 – 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, July 19 – 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.

These times are for all 4-H or FFA members who wish to check the weights of their livestock. Scale use is on a first come first served basis. I will be the “weigh-master” during these times. **The scale will be CLOSED at 7:30 p.m!**

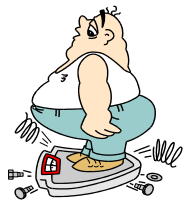
A few things to remember:

1. **There IS a potential for disease transmittal whenever livestock from different flocks or herds come into contact with one another.**
2. **“Exposed” livestock should be kept separate from other stock at home.**
3. **In the case of thunderstorms please call Mick to be sure the scale is open before loading your livestock. Mick’s Cell: 719-349-2500**

The use of the official fairgrounds scales will not be allowed the day of the scheduled Fair Weigh-in for the species of the animal.

Weight Limits Enforced

We will again be using a printer to record the official weights of market animals. This means that minimum and maximum weight limits will be strictly enforced. There will be **NO LEEWAY GIVEN.** (I'd like to remind everyone that the fairgrounds scales are certified by the State, meet their criteria, and are accurate to state standards.)



Animals out of the weight limits are not eligible to show other than in a showmanship class. The following weight limits are in effect for the 2011 KCC Fair:

Swine – 235-295 lbs.
Sheep – 95-155 lbs.
Goats – 50-125 lbs.
Beef – 1050-1450 lbs.* (Steers)
1000-1400 lbs.* (Heifers)

There is a 2.0 lb. Average Daily Gain requirement in effect for all market beef animals.

Re-Weighs

Remember, for the 2011 KCC Fair, there will be **NO RE-WEIGHS ALLOWED** for any market animal. The official Fair electronic livestock scales WILL NOT be used for pre-weighs the day of the official weigh-in for that animal's species:

Swine – Sunday, July 24
Beef, Sheep & Goats – Monday, July 25

Days on Feed

Use the following days on feed for calculating Rate-of-Gain for 2011:

BEEF - 170 days
SHEEP - 82 days

Livestock Barns OFF-LIMITS!

Again this year, the livestock barns will NOT be available the Friday before Fair (July 22nd). This is due to spraying in the barns for fly control. Please make your plans accordingly and contact Dave Weber to make sure your arrangements will work with his schedule.

CHIPS ... Where Are The Chips?

Wood chips **WILL NOT** be purchased through the Fair Office. The Fair will provide one bale of wood chips for each stall or pen, free of charge. All other chips will need to be provided by the exhibitor.

Youth Exhibitor Dress Code

There is a youth exhibitor dress code in effect for the 2011 KCC Fair. This dress code is for ALL youth exhibitors.

Youth Exhibitor Dress Code: It is expected that all youth exhibitors participating in the Kit Carson County Fair shall conform to these dress expectations. This code is specifically in effect for all livestock related activities (including, but not limited to: livestock shows, livestock parades, livestock sales, and livestock award presentations, etc.). In addition, the Kit Carson County Fair Board expects all youth exhibitors in any Fair related activity to be responsible in their dress at all times while on the Fairgrounds.

- A. All exhibitors shall dress to project a professional and wholesome image, and for your safety.
- B. Where shows have specific dress guidelines (i.e. dairy, horse) these codes shall be followed.
- C. Specifically, the following modes of dress are not considered appropriate:
 1. Loose (baggy) clothing such as baggy jeans/pants, etc.
 2. Short or revealing clothing such as short shorts, tube tops, etc.
 3. T-shirts and or other articles of clothing with logos or wording that would be deemed as being offensive or inappropriate (i.e. tobacco or alcohol company logos, etc.).
- D. Violations of this dress code shall be referred to the Kit Carson County Fair Board and shall be addressed on an individual basis with penalties being determined by the Board.
- E. Appropriate footwear for the event is expected. (i.e. Wearing sandals during a livestock show, sale or parade is unprofessional and dangerous.)

Eligible to Sell

For all rules see the 2011 Fair Premium Book. Remember: *Each youth market livestock exhibitor whose animals meet weight and eligibility requirements will be allowed to sell one each of two species through the livestock sale.*

Ticket Runners Needed...this includes FFA!

We are in need of youthful legs to run sale tickets to and from the livestock buyers during the Youth Livestock Sale during the Fair.

EVERY 4-H Club needs to provide 3 to 4 members and **every FFA Chapter** at least 1 to 2 members who could help out! This is tiring



work running up & down the grandstands stairs, so the more runners there are, the less everyone will have to run!

To correct the problem of having too many runners at the beginning of the sale and none towards the end, we have split up the sale hours into shifts for your club's runners to be "on duty." The schedule is as follows:

7:15 – 8:00 p.m.	Willing Workers & Flagler FFA
7:30 – 8:15 p.m.	Green Valley & Burlington FFA
8:00 – 8:45 p.m.	Merry Mixers & Rural Route
8:15 – 9:00 p.m.	Plainview
8:30 – 9:15 p.m.	Country & Stratton FFA
9:00 – 9:45 p.m.	Go-Getters & Hi-Plains FFA
9:15 – 10:00	Smoky Hill & River
9:45 – End of sale	Busy Bee & Bethune FFA

Call Jean at the Extension Office by July 18 at 346-5571 & give her the names of your volunteer runners. We will need all runners to be present at the Grandstands just prior to the start of their shift. Let me know if you have any questions.

Parade & Buyer Signs

During the livestock sale on Wednesday night the office staff will be writing the signs for you to post in the barn recognizing your buyer. **THESE MUST BE POSTED BY THURSDAY MORNING.** Also they will write out the sign for you to carry during the livestock parades. Please try & pick these up during the sale. (It would be helpful & will speed things up if you know whether you sold the 38th beef, 5th swine, etc.)

Horse Items

Here are a few reminders for horse exhibitors at Fair:

1. The dress code for the 2011 Kit Carson County Fair Horse Show is as follows: *Western hat, cowboy boots, belt, dark blue or dark black or colored jeans (acid or stonewashed jeans are not allowed), and any colored or print long-sleeved western shirt or blouse are required. No gloves, ties, chaps or scarves are allowed. Jackets, spurs and vests are optional.*
2. Remember, **no riding is allowed in the horse barns!**
3. Novice horse showmanship – (for all members who are in their first year of the horse program and have not successfully passed the Level II written and riding tests), (prior entry mandatory).

Completed and passed Level I written and riding tests are required (as a minimum) for exhibitors entering riding classes.

4-H Project Entry & Judging

REMEMBER: The 4-H Projects entry and judging times are as follows: (includes *Shooting Sports, Horseless Horse, Vet Science, Gardening Record w/ exhibit, Weeds, Bicycle, Computers, Electricity, Geospatial, Rocketry, Small Engines, Small Engines, Woodworking, Forestry, Entomology, Wildlife, Sportfishing, Outdoor Adventures, Range Management, Leadership, Leathercraft, Ceramics, Global Citizenship, Heritage Arts (except quilts), Photography, Scrapbooking, Child Development, Home Environment, Consumer Savvy, Visual Arts, Financial Champions, Primary Record books & exhibits (except Primary Foods & Decorate Your Duds).*

Check-in: Friday, July 22, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Judging: Saturday, July 23, 8:00 a.m.

Both check-in & judging for all of these projects will be held in the 4-H Exhibit Building.

General projects not going to the Colorado State Fair will be released on Saturday of Fair from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

**ATTENTION:
4-H Cake Decorating Members &
Heritage Arts Quilting Members**

CAKE DECORATING –

If your cake is a unit champion and is eligible to compete at the Colorado State Fair, you will need to have the cake back to the Fair Office no later than Monday Aug. 15th at 2:00 p.m. **IT WILL BE YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO HAVE YOUR CAKE IN A SECURE BOX FOR TRANSPORT TO THE STATE FAIR.** The box and packing materials need to be able to support the cake in its travel to the State Fair. It should be able to withstand high speed on rough roads along with quick stops. You don't know what might happen. **IF YOU DON'T HAVE THE CAKES PACKED FOR SHIPMENT, THEY WILL NOT BE TAKEN TO STATE FAIR.**

HINT: Bake your cake and let it dry out for about a week before icing. It will hold up much better under Fair conditions and you might not have to make a second cake for State Fair.

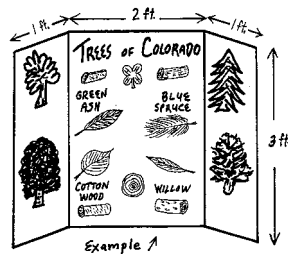
HERITAGE ARTS QUILTERS

Members enrolled in Heritage Arts Quilting project need to bring their project plus their record book to the fairgrounds for entry on Saturday July 23, between 8:00 – 10:00 a.m. Judging will follow.

Show Boards for Sale

We have Show Boards available for purchase here at the Extension Office. These are the display boards that will work for the Shooting Sports & General 4-H projects that require them.

The cost of the boards is \$3.00 each.



“Primary” 4-H Confusion?

This will hopefully help clarify a few items concerning Primary 4-H Exhibits at Fair time.

1. There will be a \$3.00 premium awarded for all Primary 4-H entries.
2. All Primary Record books & exhibits, including livestock records (except Foods & Decorate Your Duds) are entered on Friday July 22 between 5 & 7:00 p.m. Use the small entry tags and find the dept. and class number in the 4-H General Projects Syllabus. You will not find these in the Fair Book.

3. For Primary Calf, Lamb and Goat actual animals, you must fill out a livestock entry form and turn these in to the Extension Office by the livestock entry deadline of July 11th. Primary Rabbits and Poultry must use a small entry tag and also have these turned in by the July 11th livestock entry deadline. Primary Dog entries are on an 8 ½ x 11” paper strictly for dogs. Find dept. and class number in the 2011 Fair Premium Book.
4. Primary Decorate Your Duds will be judged on Tuesday July 19th at the Clothing Construction & Fashion Revue Judging. (Schedules will be sent.)
5. Primary Foods projects are judged on Monday morning of Fair. (Schedules will be sent.)

Get Your Leader’s Signature!

If you will look at your record books you will notice that a leader’s signature is required on the front cover. Don’t wait until it’s time to enter your project and then try to find your leader. If you have a leader for that project, have them sign your book. If they are not available, have your club’s main leader sign it. Judges will notice if this signature is missing.

Herdsmen Contest Tips

- Signs need to be in place by 10:00 a.m. Tuesday.
- Catch-it-Calf stalls must be clean and presentable. The Catch-it-Calf area will be included in club scores.
- Promotion: Promotion of the Animals, or Education on the uses of species is evaluated from each club.
- Club signs with name of individual, animal, weight, and rate-of-gain are required. (Signs, sharpies & thumb tacks are available in the Fair Office.)
- Following the sale, buyer signs need to be up A.S.A.P. (by Thursday morning). Pick these up during the sale Wednesday evening.
- Cleanliness of Animals and the Aisles are important judging factors. Arrangement of show boxes is also considered when judging the Herdsmen Contest.
- The care of your animals is very important, as well as daily cleaning of stalls and daily feeding and care of animals.
- Organization and cooperation of members and leaders is important to help reduce stress for everyone.
- Show courtesy to judges, fair officials, barn superintendents and fair visitors. Be courteous to fellow exhibitors and show good sportsmanship. Promptness and cooperation with superintendents in lining up during parades and for the sale are evaluated.
- HAVE FUN!!!
- Herdsmen awards will be presented in the grandstands Friday afternoon following the 4-H Fashion Revue.

These are just a few guidelines. For the complete rules, see the 2011 KCC Fair Book.

Ag Mechanics Competition

The Kit Carson County Fair will again hold an Ag Mechanics Competition for youth in 4-H and FFA participating in KCC youth programs. A number of classes will be offered for projects constructed of either wood or metal, a combination of wood & metal, new or repaired, labor saving devices and unique ideas. Entries will include project, plans & cost of materials. Judging will be based on evidence of sound planning, number and degree of skills used, practicality of entry and quality of workmanship. Entries will be accepted Friday, July 22 with judging on Saturday, July 23.

Sheep Lead

Entries not turned in by **Monday July 11th** will be assessed a \$10 late entry fee. If you enter the contest and decide NOT to participate, you will need to notify the superintendent and the Fair Office prior to 6:00 p.m. Monday of Fair.

All sheep lead essays must be turned in by 6:00 p.m. Monday of Fair, or the \$10 late fee will apply

Booth Reservations & Theme

If your 4-H club or FFA chapter is planning to put up a booth this year, please call the Extension Office by **July 11^h, 5:00 p.m.** to assure that you will be assigned a spot.)

The 2011 theme for 4-H clubs is: *“Taking Action with 4-H Science.”*

Booths --- When to Set Up?

Due to the 4-H General Project Entry & Judging schedule, there are restrictions on when clubs/chapters can set up their booths. The following are the times you will be allowed in the building to set up your booth:

1. Thursday, July 21 – 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
2. Friday, July 22 – 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
3. Friday, July 22 – 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.
4. Monday, July 25 – 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
5. Tuesday, July 26 – until 8:00 a.m.

Fashion Revue & Clothing Construction Judging Day

Tuesday, July 19 – 1:00 p.m.

Church of Christ

511 Ruffner Ave., Flagler

- ▶ judging schedules will be sent out soon
- ▶ please be creative with your narratives

Clothing, Decorate Your Duds & Heritage Arts Projects Must Be Labeled!!!

Clothing labels are required on all sewing projects (includes knitting, crocheting, quilting, & Decorate Your Duds garments) and are available at the Extension Office.

All exhibit garments must be labeled with name, age, county and unit of the 4-H member. Labels must be attached at the

neckline or at the waistband of skirts and pants. Information MUST be written or typed on a label and securely attached to inside of garment. This will assist in case of property loss.

Awards Presentation Schedule Change!!

(both Friday & Saturday in the grandstands)

General 4-H Awards Presentation – Friday July 29, 3:30 p.m. (includes catch-it-animals & herdsman awards)

Public Fashion Revue & 4-H Home Economics Awards – Saturday July 30, 1:00 p.m.

If you are an award recipient, it is HIGHLY SUGGESTED that you be present at the Awards Program(s). This is when pictures are taken for the local media and recognition is given to our generous sponsors. Many times these sponsors are there waiting to present the award to the winner. It does not look very good if the recipient is not there.

What I Need to Do if My Project Goes to State Fair!

Those 4-H General, Shooting Sports and 4-H Home Economics Projects (except for foods and cake decorating) marked as being State Fair eligible, **MUST BE LEFT IN THE 4-H BUILDING and NOT PICKED UP AFTER FAIR.** If you elect to take your project home, it will not go to State Fair, no exceptions!

For Unit Champion projects going to State Fair, **PLEASE TAKE YOUR RIBBONS AND THE JUDGE’S COMMENT SHEETS HOME WITH YOU AND LEAVE ONLY THE EXHIBIT AND ASSOCIATED RECORD BOOK. IF YOU LEAVE YOUR RIBBONS, WE CANNOT GUARANTEE YOU WILL GET THEM BACK.**

Foods & cake decorating exhibits: **LEAVE THE RECORD BOOK!** The food/cake exhibit portion of this display must be back to the Extension Office by **Monday August 15 at 2:00 p.m.** (Remember: it is your responsibility to have your cake packed for travel or it will not go!)

Exhibits will leave for State Fair on Tuesday August 16th and will be judged in Pueblo on August 18 & 19.

When Can I Get My Stuff? NEW TIMES!!

There are two release times posted in the Fair Book. The first is for the release of livestock that has been sold at the Youth Livestock Sale. These animals will be released at approximately 8:00 p.m. on Friday July 29. **NO PARADE OF LIVESTOCK ON FRIDAY.** These livestock animals will be sorted, etc. by Department Superintendents. Poultry & rabbits will also be released at this time. Stalls, etc. must be cleaned by noon Saturday July 30.

All remaining 4-H & open class entries will be released from 3:00 – 4:00 p.m. on Saturday July 30. The buildings will be locked from 2:00 – 3:00 p.m.

Adult Superintendents Meet with Fair Board

Tentatively, all adult superintendents are asked to meet with the Fair Board Monday July 18 at 7:00 p.m. at the KCC Fairgrounds Fair office. Specifics will be sent out by card.

Junior Superintendents Take Notice!

Many of you have volunteered to be Junior Supt. during the county fair. We thank you for your help. Your service is important to the success of the year. The experience you gain by assisting with the management of your department is also invaluable. Duties vary from department to department, depending on the need of the superintendent(s) of each. Prior to the fair, it is a good idea to contact the adult superintendent of your department to get acquainted and find out what they expect of you. Below are some suggestions that will help you plan for your week at fair.

1. Call your adult superintendent prior to fair & have daily contact with him/her during fair for assignment of duties.
2. Check in at the fair office for your Superintendent's Badge on Monday July 25th or before.
3. Assist with entry, weigh-ins, arrival and stalling or displaying.
4. Assist with setup for shows or judging.
5. Assist during shows and judging.
6. Aid adult superintendent as needed.
7. Check in with the Supt. for your responsibilities throughout each day of fair week to assure safety and cleanliness.
8. Assist superintendents at check out time.

The Burlington Chamber of Commerce, Burlington Rotary Club, Health Essentials, Dan Brenner Ford, Barnes Family Chiropractic, Seven Farms, Computer Central, Burlington Family Dentistry, KCCMH, and Tri State Cooperative have sponsored this year's awards for all Junior Superintendents at Fair. These awards will be presented on **Friday July 29** during the 4-H General Project Awards Program at 3:30 p.m. in the Grandstands. **I WOULD STRONGLY ENCOURAGE ALL JR. SUPERS TO MAKE THE EFFORT TO BE PRESENT. Your award sponsors would be very pleased and encouraged by your attendance.**

2011 Colorado State Fair Book

No hard copies of the Contestant's Premium Book for the Colorado State Fair will be printed or mailed. The Premium Book is available on-line. The web-site is: <http://www.coloradostatefair.com/>

Catch-it-Calf Program



Similar to previous years, the Burlington Rotary Club will be supporting this program for the benefit of the youth of our county.

Youth 12 years of age and over are encouraged to take part in this worthwhile educational program. For more information on this project, contact the

KCC Fair Office at 346-0111.

Get your entries early! They are available Now at the Extension/Fair Office.

Remember, Catch-it-Calf entries require a medical exam or a copy of a current sports physical & are due in the office by 5 p.m. Wednesday of Fair.

Also, a reminder to current Catch-it-Calf members to be sure to have all your records completed and ready to turn in to the Fair Office by 12:00 noon on Thursday of Fair week.

Catch-it-Contest Times

For the 2011 KCC Fair, the Catch-it-Lamb, Calf and Pig contests will be held on the following dates and times



- ❖ Catch-it-Lamb – Tuesday July 26 at 6:30 p.m. immediately following the Ranch Rodeo Calcutta.
- ❖ Catch-it-Pig – Tuesday July 26 at 6:30 p.m. immediately following the Ranch Rodeo Calcutta
- ❖ Catch-it-Calf – Thursday July 28 at 7:45 p.m. The rodeo begins at 8:00 p.m. (current sports physical required)

If you have questions on any of these contests, contact Brad Mills, Catch-it-Lamb Superintendent, Gary Rhoades, Catch-it-Calf Superintendents, or Ryan & Katie Dobler, Catch-it-Pig Superintendents.

Rodeo/Concerts Armband Procedures & Cost



Armbands will not be sold until Thursday of Fair and are available for 4-H/FFA members and ENROLLED 4-H leaders ONLY. The Fair Office will close at 7:00 p.m. Thursday and 5:30 p.m. Friday to allow staff to attend rodeos/concerts. **Armbands must be paid for & picked up by these times.**

REMEMBER: The armbands are not for sale to the general public. OFFICE STAFF MUST ATTACH ARMBANDS TO PURCHASER. Unattached armbands will NOT be given out. In the event you should break your band, the pieces must be brought into the office in order to receive a replacement.

NOTE: These 4-H/FFA armbands will allow admittance to all three rodeos/concerts (Thursday, Friday & Saturday). This is a generous benefit by our county commissioners so if given the chance, please tell them Thank You!

Costs for the armbands are as follows:

- \$15.00 – enrolled leaders
- \$10.00 – 4-H/FFA members
- FREE – Junior Superintendents

Adult Superintendents, Bookkeepers, Fair Board, County Events Committee – Will be issued a pass for free admittance to the Thursday Rodeo & their choice of either Friday or Saturday night concert/rodeo. Attendance at third event will be at own expense. Pass must be presented at the Chamber's mobile ticket booth.

Camper/Vehicle Parking in West Lot

When parking in the west camper/vehicle parking area, **please, Please, PLEASE** park in a straight line, and **DO NOT** block anyone in. Lines will be provided to start the parking lanes off, but **YOU** will need to follow them. If in doubt, ask Dave Weber! Other than for personal vehicles and campers (in pre-approved paid locations), **No Livestock Trailers Will Be Allowed To Park In The**



West Parking Lot. Livestock trailers and “feed out pens” are to be located in the NORTHWEST trailer parking area.

Garden Show

Don't forget about the open class garden show during the Kit Carson County Fair! Instructions for entering garden materials are as follows:

1. Collect fresh garden produce.
2. Bring produce to the Fair **Thursday July 28** between 8:00 and 9:30 a.m. Judging begins at 10:00 a.m. Exhibit tags must accompany entries.



Judging garden produce will consider condition, uniformity, color, size, freedom from blemishes and diseases, and maturity. See the 2011 KCC Fair Premium Book for vegetable classes and quantities needed for entering.

State Fair Teen Clerks

Are you looking for a few days of fun following the county fair? The Colorado State Fair will provide you with food & lodging at Camp Tobin in return for a day or two of clerking for the general projects. It is a great time to get acquainted with other 4-H members from around Colorado. I will provide transportation to and from Pueblo. We will go to Pueblo on Tuesday, Aug. 16 and return on Friday the 22nd. In the past the kids have had a really good time as there is a small amount of time spent working in comparison to the fun. The registration deadline is July 1.

Beds Available at Colorado State Fair

4-H has two dormitories and a cafeteria located at the State Fair. These facilities are available to youth, parents and leaders involved in the 4-H program. Necessary forms for dormitory and meal reservations are available at the Extension Office. Prices are reasonable so that you can participate in the State Fair without “breaking the bank.”

Many people in the program think the facilities are only for 4-H exhibitors involved in State Fair. This is not true. While many youth staying in the dorms are exhibitors, we also have 4-H families using the facilities while visiting the State Fair. Each year county groups come in for field trips as a reward program for their members.

As you make your plans for State Fair this year, remember there is a facility provided specifically for your use and enjoyment. If you have any questions, give me a call.

Premium Checks

Premium checks will probably be sent out sometime in September. There are several other things such as State Fair projects, livestock record books judging, club completions, etc. that also need to be done.

Too, there are several steps that must be done before you get your check. Besides entering all the placings and award amounts into the computer (which includes both 4-H & Open Class), we then must proof all those entries before the checks can be printed.

New procedure this year: The premium checks will be issued by the county treasurer's office. (When we get them from the treasurer's office, we will get them sent as soon as possible.)

Remember to cash your premium checks in a timely manner after receiving them. They will be “VOID AFTER 60 DAYS.” The checks will NOT be honored after the 60 days.

Thank You's Made Easy

When you sit down to write that thank you for the trophy you won, please check on the backside of the trophy. You will find a label with the name & address of your award sponsor.

If you are a recipient of a cash award or savings bond, the sponsor's name & address is on the envelope you received. Don't forget to fill out the savings bond sheet & turn it in to the Fair Office so we can purchase the bond. It will be mailed directly to you.

Receiving a prompt thank you will be much appreciated by your sponsor and might make it easier to keep them as a supporter!

Web Site for E-Records

If you opted to use the on-line record books this is the address to locate them: www.colorado4h.org and click on the Project Resources & Record Books link.

Be sure to check & see if your project has a supplement sheet!

See the 2011 Project Syllabus for class numbers & exhibit requirements. The syllabus is available at the Extension Office or online at www.kitcarsoncounty.org and click on the County Fair link.

Hello from your 2011 KCC Royalty

Hi, my name is Melissa Blandford, and I am the 2011 KCC Fair & Rodeo Queen. My Princess, Sierra Reese, and I are very excited to travel and represent Kit Carson County in various parades and fairs in the surrounding area. Cheyenne Frontier Days, Brush Rodeo, Logan and Lincoln Co. Fairs are just some of the parades and rodeos we will attend. We would like to thank all of our community sponsors, as well as Talana Davis, Rylana Woller and Monica Daniel for all they do to help with the royalty program.

Even though I love attending the other fairs, parades & rodeos, I can't wait for our own KCC Fair. You will be able to spot Sierra and I bustling around all week. As Royalty, we are in charge of presenting ribbons and trophies at livestock shows. We are there to help things run smoothly and answer any questions. We are also able to inform and educate the public about the County Fair, 4-H & FFA programs. Be sure to find Sierra and me after the Rodeo performances at the end of the week so we can meet you and autograph a picture.

Any resident of Kit Carson County is eligible to try out for Royalty. Applications for 2012 are due July 1. The contest will be held on July 12 at 7 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Age limit for Queen is 14-19 & for Princess, 9-13 as of January 1, 2012. Winners are announced July 29 during the Rodeo performance. Call 719-397-2429 if interested.

Royalty is a wonderful program that gives young girls a chance to be viewed as a role model, develop leadership and public speaking skills. You get a chance to dress up, flash your smile, and ride your horse in front of a huge rodeo crowd! It's a lot of hard work and dedication, as well as being a very rewarding experience.

2011 K.C.C. Fair 4-H Club / FFA SHOWER/RESTROOM SCHEDULE

MONDAY, July 25:

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Hi-Plains & Stratton FFA
2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Country

TUESDAY, July 26:

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Go-Getters
2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Burlington & Flagler FFA

WEDNESDAY, July 27:

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Plainview
2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Rural Route & Smoky Hill

THURSDAY, July 28:

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Willing Workers
2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. Busy Bee

FRIDAY, July 30:

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Green Valley
2:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. River

SATURDAY, July 31:

8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Merry Mixers

Shower / Restroom General Information

1. During each 6-hour duty period the **Club/Chapter** responsible, will thoroughly clean the showers and restrooms starting one hour before going off duty. The following will need to be done:
 - a) Disinfect the showers and shower area.
 - b) Scrub and clean the stools and sinks.
 - c) Clean mirrors and etc.
 - d) Sweep and mop the floors.
2. During the duty period, the responsible **Club/Chapter** will check the following once every hour:
 - a) Stools and showers to insure that they are not plugged.
 - b) Make sure there are plenty of hand towels and T.P. available.
 - c) Make sure there is soap available.

During the Fair, the shower/restroom facility is ours exclusively to use. I'm sure that we all want to keep these facilities clean and presentable looking. This will be possible if all **Clubs & FFA Chapter** members join in and work together.

Appoint one person to pick up the key for your club. They will have to sign for it. If the key is not returned to the Fair Office by Monday following the fair, your club will be billed \$50.

Stratton FFA (Cory Wedel)

<i>Zach Cooper</i>	<i>Celine Hornung</i>
<i>Clay Corliss</i>	<i>Justina Hornung</i>
<i>Dusty Corliss</i>	<i>Justin Miltenberger</i>
<i>Kaitlyn Fullmer</i>	<i>Colin Simon</i>
<i>Austin Hase</i>	

Hi-Plains FFA (Angie Daly)

<i>TC Herman</i>	<i>Tiffany McCaffrey</i>
<i>Heidi McAuley</i>	<i>Aaron Richie</i>

Burlington FFA (Steve Poet)

<i>Jessie Gramm</i>	<i>Jenny Palkowitsh</i>
<i>Alex Gribben</i>	<i>Cody Reese</i>
<i>JD Highland</i>	

Bethune FFA (Ben Adolf)

Dustin Daugherty

Flagler FFA (Allen Charles)

MaKayla Brouwer
Ty Conrad
Kayla Schwartz

CALENDER-AT-A-GLANCE

July

- 1 Horse Riding Level Tests Due (I, II and III)
- 1 Cow Patty Bingo tickets & money due in Fair Office, 4:00 p.m.
- 1 Queen Contest Entry deadline
- 6 HORSE – All Riders, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
- 10 KCC 4-H Shoot, 1:30 p.m. (*Burlington*)
- 11 LIVESTOCK ENTRY DEADLINE for KCC Fair, 5:00 p.m. (*Fair Office*)
- 11 4-H Club/FFA Chapter Fair Booth reservation deadline
- 12 K.C.C. Royalty Contest, 7:00 p.m. (*Burlington*)
- 11 Pre-fair Weigh-in, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- 14 Shooting Sports Record/Project Check, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. (*Fairgrounds*)
- 16 Shooting Sports Record/Project Check, 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. (*Stratton Firehouse*)
- 18 Fair Board & Superintendent meeting, 7:00 p.m. (*KCC Fair Office*)
- 19 KCC 4-H Fashion Revue & Clothing Construction Judging, 1:00 p.m. (*Flagler*)
- 19 Pre-fair Weigh-in, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- 20 HORSE – All Riders, 6:30 – 9:30 p.m.
- 22 4-H General Projects, Shooting Sports, 4-H Home Economics (except Foods, Cake Decorating & Quilts) and Ag Mechanics ENTRY, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- 23 Quilt Classes (open class & 4-H) ENTRY – 8:00 – 10:00 a.m.; JUDGING – 10:00 a.m.
- 23 4-H General & Primary Projects, Shooting Sports, 4-H Home Economics and Ag Mechanics JUDGING, 8:00 a.m.
- 23 4-H & Open Class Dog Obedience, Rally Classes & Agility Contests, 9:00 a.m.
- 25 – 30 KIT CARSON COUNTY FAIR
- 28 Courthouse closed for County Events Day
- 29 Courthouse closed at noon

August

- 12 Extension Office moved back to Courthouse
- 15 Foods & Cake Decorating Project Champions going to State Fair due in Extension Office, 2:00 p.m.
- 20 4-H .22 Rifle State Contest (*Pueblo West*)
- 20 & 21 4-H Air Rifle/Air Pistol State Contests (*CSF Events Center*)
- 21 4-H Muzzleloader State Contest (*Pueblo West*)
- 21 4-H Archery State Contest (*Lake Pueblo State Park*)
- 26 – Sept. 5 Colorado State Fair

September

- 3 & 4 4-H Shotgun Skeet & 4-Stand State Contests (*Pikes Peak Gun Club*)
- 5 HOLIDAY (office closed)
- 5 Shotgun Trap State Contest (*Pikes Peak Gun Club*)

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4-H NEWSLETTER
July/August 2011 (Fair Edition)**

Mick's REMINDER

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Bring Your Pets!

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Entry Forms or Entry Tags?

**Where do I find the Class Number &
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**Looking for a Community Pride
Project?**

Livestock Entry Deadline

Switching Market Livestock

Livestock Thank You Pictures

**Exhibitor Back Numbers are
Important!**

**Market Livestock Consignment
Deadlines**

URGENT!!! ...Extra Livestock

Dog Obedience/Dog Agility Contest

"Beef"ore You Come to the Fair

Using Fairgrounds Scales

Weight Limits Enforced

Re-Weighs

Days on Feed

Livestock Barns OFF-LIMITS!

CHIPS...Where Are The Chips?

Youth Exhibitor Dress Code

Eligible to Sell

**Ticket Runners Needed...this includes
FFA!**

Parade & Buyer Signs

Horse Items

4-H Project Entry & Judging

ATTN: Cake Decorating & H.A.

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"Primary" 4-H Confusion?

Get Your Leader's Signature!

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