

HUERFANO COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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JUNE 2018

4-H CALENDAR

JUNE

- 1 Market Lamb, Hog, Goat State Fair Nominations Due to our Office
- 2 Rabbit and Poultry Check-in
- 8 Market Lamb, Hog, Goat Nominations Due to State Fair
- 10 4-H Council Meeting, La Veta
- 19-22 State 4-H Conference
- 23 Fairgrounds clean-up
- 23-30 Citizenship Washington Focus
- 26 Fair Board Meeting, La Veta

JULY

- 1-3 Camp Go West
- 1 County Fair entry fees of \$15 per exhibitor due to club leaders
- 1 Mud Bog, La Veta

- 4 Independence Day, office closed
- 6 Float work day, La Veta
- 7 Independence Day Parade, La Veta
- 8 4-H Council Meeting, La Veta
- 13 Fair Entry fees due to Fair Board by club leaders
- 16 Fair Entry Registration For Families Opens; Closes 8/3
- 28 Fairgrounds clean-up
- 31 Fair Board Meeting, La Veta

Greetings! Hope everyone is enjoying summer and getting ready for the 2018 Huerfano County Fair. All of the weigh-ins and check-ins and add/drop deadlines, etc., have already occurred so everyone should be lined out and ready to participate in the fair. Please pay close attention to the due dates and deadlines listed in this newsletter. Just like last year you will actually be entering your projects in the fair through a website called FairEntry. As the entry deadline approaches we will be sending out specific information on how to access that website, how to enter your projects and how and where to pay Huerfano County Fair entry fees.

Without mentioning any names here in this newsletter, there are a few members who have missed things like MQA training, fairgrounds clean-ups, etc., that count for the member-in-good-standing requirement. If you know that you are one of those people and you would like to discuss a make-up plan for what you missed, give me a call here at the 4-H office (738-2170) as soon as possible to avoid any chance of not getting to participate in the fair because you missed something. We will have fairground clean-up days on June 23rd and July 28th that will be member-in-good-standing activities.

Finally, and I apologize for sounding like a broken record but here goes, NOW is the time to be working on your livestock record books. Make sure you are keeping up with them throughout the project year. It is much easier to complete a record book as you go rather than trying to remember everything a month after the fair. And, again, record books are going to be graded much more stringently than they have in the past and “pictures” and “stories” are mandatory. I have given warning several times now that incomplete and unacceptable record books will not be allowed. Please, please, please take record keeping seriously so we don't have issues with incomplete projects when record book approval rolls around in September.

FAIR ENTRY PROGRAM

Registration of exhibits and livestock into the “Fair Entry” system for the County 4-H Fair and Colorado State Fair will be open 7/16 and closes 8/3 so please pay attention to these dates. Everyone must register their fair entries in this online program in order to be eligible to show. Instructions for entering your entries will be sent to each member.

EXHIBIT REQUIREMENTS

The new exhibit requirements for 2018 have been copied and are ready for club leaders to pick up. A copy should be handed out to only those members enrolled in non-livestock projects. Requirements were copied only for those projects that members have enrolled in.

COUNTY LIVESTOCK RULES

2018 rules have been printed and are ready for leaders or members to pick up in the office.

TRUCK RAFFLE

Raffle tickets are in and leaders can pick them up at the office at your convenience.

FAIR ENTRY FEES

A \$15 County Fair entry fee per exhibitor is due to leaders by July 1st. The due date for leaders to have these fees to the Fair Board is July 13th.

INDEPENDENCE DAY PARADE

4-H will be entering a float in the Independence Day Parade that will be held in La Veta on July 7th. The float will be decorated on July 6th at 3:00 at the 4-H barn in La Veta. It will be taken down immediately after the parade. This is a member-in-good-standing activity and, to get credit for this, you must help decorate and ride on the float or ride on the float and then help take it down. Please don't forget to sign in to get credit for this activity.

CLEAN UP DATES

The dates for fairgrounds clean-up is June 23rd from 9:00 a.m. til noon and July 28th from 9 a.m. til noon and 1-4 p.m.

This is a member-in-good-standing activity. You are required to attend at least one of these clean-ups to maintain your member-in-good-standing status.

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

Brianna Ritchie will be representing Huerfano County at Citizenship Washington Focus on June 23rd – 30th. Enjoy your trip, Brianna!

AMBASSADORS

The new Ambassadors that were selected for the 2017-2018 4-H year are: Lexy Guadagnoli, Mattie Bjorum, and Cori Beth Topping. Congratulations!!

4-H COUNCIL

The next Council meeting will be held June 10th at the 4-H Building in La Veta at 1:00 p.m.

