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Thank You!

Lincoln County Stockmen's and Triple Oak Energy for your contribution to purchasing additional panels at the fair-grounds for future use.

Thank you to the following for donating to the Livestock Sale Committee Scholarship Program: Bledsoe Ranch % James & Will, Andrea Blackwelder & James Harvey, Flagler Coop, Rafter 6W Feedlot % Morgan & Casey Wiersma, Jess & Mary Solze, Brad & Traci Weisensee, Ben & Kendra Brent, Bruce & Kara Hass, Lindsey Blackwelder & Mikaela Taylor, Cole & Kim Britton % In Memory of Cameron Britton, Eastern Colorado Veterinary Services, Weller Insurance LLC % Dianna Weller & Dana Johnson, Purple Mountain Livestock % John & Melissa Durham, and Ephron Brent Family

Thank you to the commissioners for increasing premiums for classes at fair.

The Extension Office/4-H are on Facebook @

[Lincoln County Colorado Extension](https://www.facebook.com/LincolnCountyColoradoExtension)

*Visit the page for additional events and resources for all.



Lincoln County Extension/4-H Website

@

lincoln.extension.colostate.edu

Biosecurity Bingo Activity:

*Biosecurity and health is important for keeping your 4-H project animals or other animals (including pets) healthy coming and going to shows or events and even year-round. Use the “Bingo” squares to help you learn about biosecurity, make a plan, and as general reminders to help keep your animals and others healthy. *Make copies and reuse as many times as needed throughout the year.

B I N G O

<p>Look Up: What is Biosecurity?</p>	<p>I clean & disinfect my trailer after each show/event</p>	<p>I maintain 3 years of health records including vaccinations, treatments, and withdrawals</p>	<p>I regularly monitor my animals health and track their temperature before and after traveling to shows/events</p>	<p>I wash my hands after feeding, cleaning, or working with my animals</p> 
<p>I regularly clean animal pens, feed pans, and water containers</p>	<p>Look Up: What is Zoonosis?</p>	<p>I wear clean shoes and clothing when going over to my friends houses that have livestock</p>	<p>Biosecurity Resources: Farmpppe.netlify.app Ag.colorado.gov</p>	<p>I review individual show health requirements at least a month in advance to get necessary tests and paperwork.</p>
<p>I carry a list of individual animal information, animal health and brand inspections when I travel</p>	<p>I quarantine my show animals from the rest of the animals at my house (At least 21 days after each event)</p>		<p>I leave my animals at home if they are sick or exhibiting any contagious skin conditions</p>	<p>Look Up: What is a Reportable Disease? ag.colorado.gov/animals</p>
<p>I pick up trash at shows and home to keep my animals healthy</p>	<p>I have implemented a biosecurity plan on my operation and for when I travel to shows or events</p>	<p>I change out my “town clothes and shoes” before I do animal chores</p>	<p>I wash all animals with anti-fungal shampoo when they get home from any show or event</p>	<p>I have met with my veterinarian to establish a VCPR and develop a biosecurity plan</p>
<p>Look Up: What is a VCPR with your veterinarian?</p>	<p>I do not share equipment or allow other into my trailer at shows or into my pens at home</p>	<p>I clean & disinfect all equipment after each show /event</p> 	<p>I don't allow nose to nose contact of my show animals with other animals at events or at home</p>	<p>I wear safety gear (eyes, gloves, boots) when cleaning pens to keep myself safe as well.</p> 

HOOF TRIM DAY- Beef & Dairy Cattle

Date: June 26

Time: 7:00-11:30am (Limited time specific slots available on a first-registered basis)

Cost: \$40/Head (No bills larger than \$20 & no checks or credit cards)

Open To: All 4-H & FFA Members

RSVP Due: June 17 to christine.schinzel@colostate.edu



Location: Eastern Colorado Veterinary Services (474 1st Ave. Limon, CO)

*Event Day Phone: 719-775-8166

*Animals must be halter broke and able to lead. *Cancellations after the deadline will still require payment to the hoof trimmer.

*Sponsored in part by Eastern Colorado Veterinary Services & BioZyme

PORTABLE SCALE/TRAILER & FAIRGROUND SCALES AVAILABLE FOR USE:

◆ Portable (sheep, goat, and swine) scale available for use at the Extension Office. The scale is available for use/pickup on a first-come basis by appointment only during office hours. The scale is on a garden trailer for transport.

*A \$50 deposit is required and an equipment check-out sheet must be completed. *Please bring cash or check as we do not have a credit card machine.

*The scale must be disinfected according to the "Disinfectant Protocol Sheet" before it is returned to the office.

*A \$50 late fee will apply if the scale is not returned on time.

*Non 4-H/FFA members may also rent the scale for \$25/ per day.

◆ The scales at the fairgrounds to weigh cattle and other species are available as well by appointment during office hours.



ANIMAL INFORMATION CORNER: ANIMAL SITTING

When you have to be gone it's important to have someone you trust to come take care of your animals at your home or theirs'. This might be your 4-H animals, your pets, or other livestock. Animal/house sitting can also be a great opportunity for youth to take on a part-time job for neighbors or friends.

Tips for having others take care of your animal chores:

- Who to ask: Neighbor, friends, other relatives, co-workers or their children, college students, etc.
- Age appropriate: Can they drive or a parent drive them, can they handle the tasks safely.
- Payment: Find the average wage per hour or job for comparable work. Consider other compensation: gift cards, feed exchange, etc. Determine when compensation will be paid.
- Have them come over in advance to go through everything and answer follow up questions. Spend time identifying where to find/use (feed, buckets, hoses, cleaning equipment, equipment tutorial, emergency shut-off's, first-aid, etc.).
- Go over "cleaning" if needed especially for pets (i.e. carpet messes). Talk about medical care situations and who to call for what and when. Talk about the location of hoses and fire extinguishers.
- Go over available restrooms and snacks/foods and keys to access facilities.
- Have additional instructions or considerations for impending weather (e.g. power outages, frozen water tanks, broken hydrant-no water, insects/pests, extreme heat, mud, etc.).
- Go over emergency situations and have a back up plan if the sitter can't make it due to illness or another event (e.g. broken down vehicle).
- Talk about "other guests and animals" policy at your house (e.g. friends or siblings).
- If they are staying in the house: Go over what areas they can access and what's off-limits; what they can or cannot use.
- Similarly go over items outside they can use or not use (e.g. tractor, 4-wheeler, etc.).
- If animals are going to the sitters house-Determine what that looks like, what items will be needed, socializing with unknown animals, pickup and drop off times, etc..

Getting ready for the sitter:

- Have written instructions-What to do each day in detail, expectations of chores, which animals have special handling needs or awareness, and what looks "normal", what are the exercise routines, what are special behaviors for each animal to be aware of, etc..
- Stock up on snacks, drinks, and easy to cook foods for the sitter-especially if staying at the house.
- Ensure enough supplies are on hand for the time you will be gone including a couple of extra days in case of weather or your arrival back is delayed.

ANIMAL INFORMATION CORNER: ANIMAL SITTING (cont.)

- Make neighbors aware that you will out of town and who is coming over (give them phone numbers as appropriate and make sure the “helpful” neighbors number is available for the sitter).
- Pick up personal items in the house and make sure it’s clean and safe (i.e. firearms are locked up).
- Ensure that first-aid kits (humans and animals), fire extinguishers, and cleaning supplies are readily available.
- House and numbers information: House address, your contact numbers, another emergency contact (relative/neighbor can help), numbers for the electrical and gas company, fire department, sheriff’s department number, 9-1-1 (don’t assume they know it), poison control number, your veterinarian, and nearest urgent care or emergency room number. Find out if the youth has a cell phone or if you need to provide one or a land-line for use. Make sure they know how to use the land line phone.

Tips for youth seeking animal sitting jobs:

- Talk with your parents about taking on an animal sitting job and what that might entail and how they might need to help (i.e. giving you a ride to the house to do chores each day).
- Determine what kind of compensation you need to cover your time and expenses (e.g. fuel to drive over, labor, supplies, etc.). *Consider sitting for free to help out your neighbors or friends for when you will need a return sitter or to earn community service.
- Get your resume ready. Add in activities and experience (i.e. chore skills, prior animal experience, references from prior jobs, etc.).
- Create a business card or flyer to advertise your services and speak to your neighbors and friends for potential clients. With permission, hang up flyers on local business community/ad boards.
- If this becomes more than just a hobby, you and your parents should visit with their insurance agent about what coverage you may need as a business and tax preparer on what you need to keep track of for income and expenses relating to potentially filing a tax return.
- Safety is important-Make sure you and your parents know who is hiring you and that it is a safe environment for taking on their animal sitting chores whether at your house or theirs.
- When pre-visiting the home find out important details such as: feeding, cleaning, exercise, medical care, where supplies are located, what you can or cannot use, individual behavior items to be aware of, where emergency shut-off’s are located (e.g. water well, electrical breakers, etc.).
- Provide them with important information-(e.g. any medical conditions that they will need to be aware of, do you have a cell phone, can you drive, do you have any conflicts or activities that might prevent you from getting there to do chores, what is your back up plan if you get sick or can’t make it due to weather, etc.).

HORTICULTURE CORNER: NEW MASTER GARDENER VOLUNTEER

Colorado State University Extension Master Gardener volunteers are one of many volunteers types in Extension and 4-H. Master Gardeners go through extensive training to help individuals with their landscapes, flowers, and vegetable gardens. They work with Extension to provide resources and answer common questions about diseases, pests, what to plant and more.

Our newest Master Gardener for Lincoln County is Kim Britton.

For questions or resources you may contact:

Lincoln County Extension @ 719-743-2542 or you may reach out to Kim @ (719) 892-0316 and leave a message or mastergardener@lincolncountyco.us. *Please be mindful not to call outside of "normal" business hours.

Other Resources for Gardening, Trees, and & Plants:

-CSU Garden & Landscape @ extension.colostate.edu/topic/garden-landscape/

-Plant Select @ plantselect.org/

-PlantTalk Colorado @ planttalk.colostate.edu/

-Colorado State Forest Service (Trees) @ csfs.colostate.edu/forests-trees/



4-H FUN DAY:

4-H Fun Day hosted by County Council (Activity-> Softball)

Date: June 7 @ 1:00pm

RSVP Due : June 3 to wayne.miller@colostate.edu

*Bring water bottle, sunscreen, bug spray, and clothing for variable summer weather. *Please bring any baseball equipment you may have (gloves, bats, balls, helmets) to share for the day as well.

*Equipment not required to attend.

JUST TO GET YOU THINKIN...

"Nobody accidentally has a great attitude.

Nobody stumbles into gratitude.

And nobody means to end up bitter, it just quietly moves in when you stop choosing something better.

Guard your peace like it cost you something. Because it did"

-Tim Tebow

INFORMATION & EVENTS

County: *Reminder to check your email and monitor our Facebook page for updates on 4-H activities and events. **Forms, fees, and registrations are due to the office by (day stated) or (previous Friday) if the day is a weekend or holiday. County related forms and applications are available on the 4-H Forms & Applications page at lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-forms-applications/. A reminder that forms can be mailed, emailed, or dropped through the back door slot. The extension office cannot take credit cards for payment purposes.*

-Lincoln County Extension/4-H Website @ lincoln.extension@colostate.edu

-Facebook @ [Lincoln County Colorado Extension](#)

-Colorado 4-H Website @ co4h.colostate.edu & 4H Online @ v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in

- ◆ **Project Assistance**-If you need assistance with your 4-H Projects, please contact the office or your club leader to help connect you with volunteer project leaders and other resources.
- ◆ **4-H Project List & Manual Ordering** is available @ co4h.colostate.edu/programs-projects/.
- ◆ **4-H Fun Day** hosted by Council is June 7. RSVP due by June 3 to wayne.miller@colostate.edu.
- ◆ **Shooting Sports** shoots are June 13 and July 11. Check your email for updates.
- ◆ **Dog Project Practices**- Contact Raejean (970-946-4130) for dates and location. Bring your dog, dog leash, and vaccination paperwork. Plan on being outdoors.
- ◆ **4-H/FFA Hoof Trim (Beef & Dairy Cattle)** is June 26 at Eastern Colorado Veterinary Services in Limon. The cost is \$40/head. Limited spots available. RSVP due by June 17 to christine.schinzel@colostate.edu for a time-specific slot. **A reminder that you are responsible for paying for hoof trimming slots even if you no-show on the RSVP after the deadline.*
- ◆ **Market Poultry Nominations**-Must collect leg bands from the office and submit nomination information through fair entries by July 1. Bands are now available.
- ◆ **Market Rabbits Nominations**-Must be tattooed and submit nomination information through fair entries by July 1.
- ◆ **State Fair (poultry and rabbit)** animals will need to notify the office to receive a state fair nomination form. State fair nomination forms are due no later than July 1 to the office for signatures. State Fair entry information on all species is available at coloradostatefair.com/livestock/.
- ◆ **Fair Entries:** 4-H/FFA Horse, Livestock, Dog, FFA Ag Mechanics, 4-H General Projects, & Fashion Revue Narrative Entries due-July 1. Check the fairbook for all other entry deadlines. Late Fees apply for all entry areas. You must sign up for every class you wish to participate in.
- ◆ **Horse Safety Test (New Requirement)**- All horse project members will be required to take and pass a riding "Safety Test" one time in their 4-H career. The test may be taken by contacting horse council to schedule an appointment and must be completed no later than July 10.

INFORMATION & EVENTS (CONT.)

- ◆ **Fairgrounds Pen Set-Up** will be July 21 at the fairgrounds, from 8:00-11:00 am. The Sale Committee is requesting Intermediate and Senior Age (only) members to help. *Any juniors who come will be picking up trash only, for safety purposes.

Other Opportunities*** *Verify with listed contacts pertaining to their individual event to find out specific information and guidelines, event cancellation procedures, registration requirements, etc.*

- ◆ **Additional Events-Facebook**- Many events/notices/resources in and out of 4-H are also posted on the [Lincoln County Colorado Extension](#) Facebook page as they become available. Be sure to check the page for additional opportunities and information for both youth and adults.
- ◆ **CSU Extension Cottage Foods Safety Trainings** are held throughout the year. Learn more and register for a training @ extension.colostate.edu/offering/cottage-food-safety-training/.
- ◆ **CSU Extension Horticulture Blog** @ cshort.blogspot.com/.
- ◆ **CSU Extension Live Smart Blog (Family & Consumer)** @ livesmartcolorado.colostate.edu/.
- ◆ **CSU Extension Pasture to Profit Cattle Podcast** @ goldenplains.extension.colostate.edu/programs/agriculture/livestock-production/
- ◆ **Lincoln County-Noxious Weed Management Pocket Guide** is available @ [Lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/programs/agriculture-natural-resources/](http://lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/programs/agriculture-natural-resources/).
- ◆ **Agrability Resources (Agriculture producers/families)** @ agrability.colostate.edu/.
- ◆ **Various Livestock Shows** national listing of flyers available @ showman.app/shows#/ or showringmaster.com.
- ◆ **CSU Extension Gardening Topic Webinars** will be monthly on Wednesdays @ noon. Learn more @ planttalk.colostate.edu/webinars.
- ◆ **Colorado Stock Horse Association Open Shows** available spring into fall. Learn more @ coloradostockhorse.com.
- ◆ **Colorado Boer Goat Association Shows** are listed @ colorado-boer-goat-association.com or Facebook page.
- ◆ **Colorado Dairy Goat Association Shows** are listed @ colodga.org/.
- ◆ **Miniature Hereford Cattle Battle Show Series** has multiple dates. Learn more @ miniature-herefordbreeders.org/Calendar.
- ◆ **Massey Show Lamb & Goat Camps** is in Colorado in June. Learn more @ masseyshow-lambcamp.com/.

INFORMATION & EVENTS (CONT.)

- ◆ **Open-County Horse Ride Nights** will start June 4. To learn more contact Rebecca Christensen @ 719-740-1837 or Becky Thompson @ 719-740-0357.
- ◆ **High Altitude Livestock Showdown** is June 5-7 in Fairplay, CO. Register @ showman app.
- ◆ **Mainstreet Mayhem (Pig, Sheep, Goat) Show** is June 5-7 in Estes Park, CO. Learn more @ Facebook page or showman app.
- ◆ **Weld County Shooting Sports Invitational** is June 6-7. Contact Weld County Extension for more information and registration links.
- ◆ **Colorado Wheat Field Days** is June 10-12 & 16 at multiple locations. Information available @ csucrops.org/wfd/.
- ◆ **North Park Jackpot** is June 13 in Walden, CO. Register on the showman app.
- ◆ **Elbert County Goat Clinic** is June 13 in Kiowa, CO. Register with Elbert County Extension. For questions contact Nikki Lowen @ 303-856-6178 or nikkilown@yahoo.com.
- ◆ **Moffat County Jackpot** is June 13 in Craig, CO. Learn more @ Facebook page.
- ◆ **Plainsmen Preview Livestock Show** is June 13-14 in New Raymer, CO. For questions contact Jessy Barger @ 406-564-2196.
- ◆ **Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza** is June 14-16 in Greeley, CO. Learn more @ weld.gov/Government/Departments/CSU-Extension/Colorado-Dairy-Youth-Extravaganza.
- ◆ **Jeffco 4-H United We Show Jackpot** is June 20 in Golden, CO. Learn more @ Showman app or facebook.com/unitedweshowjackpotco.
- ◆ **Kimball FFA Alumni Father's Day Weekend Progress Show** is June 20-21 in Kimball, NE. For question contact Byron Wilke @ 308-235-8536 or amber@awlaserart.com.
- ◆ **American Jersey Cattle Association Scholarship** applications are due July 1. Information is available @ usjersey.com/youth-scholarships/.
- ◆ **Logan Smith Memorial Lamb & Goat Show** is July 3 in La Jara, CO. Learn more @ www.lsmemorialshow.com/ or lsmemorialshow@gmail.com.
- ◆ **Briggsdale Classic Open Jackpot Show** is July 10-12 in Briggsdale, CO. Learn more @ [showman app](#).

INFORMATION & EVENTS (CONT.)

- ♦ **Colorado State Fair** is August 28-September 7 in Pueblo, CO. Learn more about shows and events @ coloradostatefair.com/.
- ♦ **Aksarben Livestock Show** is September 24-27 in Grand Island, NE. Find registration, DNA, and nomination information @ aksarbenstockshow.com/.

FAIR: RABBIT & POULTRY NOMINATIONS

Market (Rabbits & Poultry) nominations are due July 1 through regular fair entries for both 4-H/FFA members.

Animals that are not nominated/tattooed by the stated deadlines will not be eligible for participation at the county fair.

*Youth may pick up poultry leg bands from the office before July 1.

*Rabbits will need to have an identifying tattoo in their ear. Rabbits need to be tattooed by July 1. Fresh tattoos at the fair will result in the disqualification of the animal being shown. A tattoo plier is available for use from the office. Please call ahead to ensure availability.

On Number Entry Information:

*Add in the leg band or tattoo numbers for each "entry/set"

(i.e. rabbits is a pen of 3- add tattoo numbers for all three (R1, R2, R3), etc.). If a second entry will be possibly made-add tattoo numbers for the next set as well.

(i.e. market chickens is a pen of 3- add leg band numbers for each class entry set (201, 202, 203), etc.).

This process should be repeated for all animals the member is nominating/tagging in.

-Pictures are not required for poultry and rabbit nominations.

-Leg bands should not be placed on poultry until the week before fair to ensure a correct fit and avoid circulation issues on legs.

-(*Registration paperwork, bill of sales, county specific forms, and premise ID are not required*).

*Members interested in taking (poultry and rabbit) animals to state fair will need to notify the office to receive a state fair nomination form. State fair nomination forms are due no later than July 1 to the office for signatures. State Fair entry information on all species will be available at coloradostatefair.com/livestock/.

FAIR INFORMATION

*Additional Fair Information will be sent out as it arises. Check your newsletters and emails as we get closer to fair.

FAIR ENTRY Link: <http://2026lincolncountyfair.fairentry.com/>

Refer to your email received on May 13 for complete instructions in the attachments. *There are different processes for those that are only in 4-H; those that have 4-H & FFA members both; and those that are in FFA only.*

- ◆ The County deadline is July 1 for (Rabbit and Poultry Nominations, Livestock & General (all entries) Projects, and Fashion Revue Narratives) fair entries. *Late fees will apply to all entry types including narratives.* The fairbook will most likely not be online this year due to website upgrades, please refer to your manual copy. Open Class entries have other deadlines and entry requirements. Refer to the fairbook for complete schedule and entry information.

General Reminders:

-Exhibition of 4-H projects at fair is not required for project completion. **If you do not intend to exhibit your livestock or general project at fair, please let the office know as soon as possible.*

-Any and all late entries (regarding any part of fair) will result in an automatic late fee of \$50.

-Fashion Revue Narratives need to be emailed to coopext_lincoln@mail.colostate.edu.

-Make sure that you are selecting the correct project and also the correct age group.

-Entries must be approved and it is your responsibility to check that you have received that confirmation. (check spam/junk and read email (can be hard to see, but send back/comments)).

-Be sure to read the schedule carefully for show and event dates & times including setting up stall areas (some have changed). Read the fairbook for changes or additions to rules as well.

-When in doubt, please call and ask questions and do not wait to the last minute in case software is down or we are out of the office.

(New) General Project Auction:

-For those in general projects that plan on consigning to the auction this year, you will need to fill out a nomination form during your fair entry process. This will automatically come up when entering, please fill out the form in its entirety. **If you have multiple projects, you can nominate all and decide on judging day which project will be the consigned project.*

(New) Animal Vet Checks:

All animals for all shows including open class will be required to go through a “vet check” station prior to unloading at the fair this year. Refer to your fairbook for the schedule. Additional details will be sent closer to fair. Any animals leaving the fairgrounds and returning will be required to go through another vet check. If you do not arrive during the designated vet check period each day, then you will not be allowed to unload and show.

FAIR INFORMATION (cont.)

Pen Space (Combining Pens & Breeding Animals):

- ◆ *If you have more than 2 animals of the same species per family, let the office know via email coopext.lincoln@mail.colostate.edu if you will be combining pens or need separate pens. You will need to notify the office as well if you will need stalls for breeding animals. *This information is due no later than July 1.

Other Information:

- ◆ Beef exhibitors-You are required to bring your brand inspection certificates to fair as part of the consignment process of your animal to the sale.
- ◆ General Projects-> For individuals participating in fair, you must participate in interview judging in person. If you are not available that day your project will not be allowed to place higher than 2nd in it's class. Be sure to read through the fair book for your specific project to ensure you follow the project specifications correctly for exhibition. ***Exhibition of 4-H projects at fair is not required for project completion. However, general projects must participate in county fair judging for consideration for state fair qualification.*
- ◆ Download all forms and sheets before typing into forms to ensure that you can save your work. Test the save button on the document as you begin and remember to save frequently.
- ◆ 4-H green record books are available at the extension office for \$3.50. **Green binders are not required to hold records-just a notebook of some kind.* Display boards and clothing tags are also available for \$3.00. All are on a first-come basis; quantity limited.
- ◆ Project Books/Manuals & Updated Information: Families will need to order project books/manuals directly from the supplier. Go to Colorado 4-H @ co4h.colostate.edu/programs-projects/.
- ◆ Download all animal and general project record books @ co4h.colostate.edu/programs-projects/ for completion requirements and to help you determine what information you need to complete and when. Score sheets are also available to help you better understand requirements.
- ◆ 4-H Books and Booths will be due on 4-H General Project Judging day by 10:00am to the fairgrounds building.
- ◆ Horse Levels Testing- Members interested in certain fair classes need to review the fairbook for current levels testing requirements. Contact Horse Council for more information. Levels testing study guides are available at: co4h.colostate.edu/4h-project/4-h-horse-project/.

COLORADO STATE FAIR

-There are multiple state fair opportunities to participate in competitively or socially. Learn more about events and registration @ coloradostatefair.com/.

-Colorado 4-H Online Digital Photo Contest is open to till July 15. Learn more @ co4h.colostate.edu/state-fair-information/. Entries will be submitted via FairEntry.

ACTIVITY PAGE:

Father's Day Activity: Popsicle Picture Frames

Father's Day is chance for youth to recognize the men in their life that are important to them. This can be a father, grandfather, uncle, family friend, or mentor.

You can make a simple picture frame out of popsicle sticks and attach a picture of you and them to recognize their importance to you.

Supplies:

- Popsicle sticks
- Tape
- Hot glue or glue sticks
- Paint and/or markers
- Paint brushes
- Old newspaper, cardboard, or paper towels (to protect surface from paint and glue)
- Stickers, glitter, add-on art items
- Printed picture or could be a colored picture as well



Steps:

- Glue together sticks in desired shape (stop sign design, square, triangle, rectangle, etc.) . **Be sure to have an adult help you if using a hot glue gun.*
- Paint or color the picture frame and add any decorations or wording
- Print off a picture and cut it down to fit (leaving an edge to tape to the backside of the frame) to insert on the backside of the frame with the picture facing toward the front of the frame. Tape the picture down on the backside.

**Include a small note of appreciation of how they have had an impact in your life or what you like best about them.*

Monthly Reader

“Chains (The Seeds of America Trilogy).”

By

Laurie Halse Anderson

Grab a Book!

Keep your “mental skills” sharp this summer and take time to do a little reading each day. This could be a magazine, book, newspaper, etc. For audio learners-download an audio book or podcast.

**Try something new by checking out a new genre or type of reading material you normally don't read.*

**Don't forget to connect to your local library for summer reading programs and to check out or request books to your local library location!*

June 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 State Fair Nomination Forms Due (Sheep, Goat, Swine)	2	3 -Fun Day RSVP Due	4	5	6
7 Fun Day	8	9	10	11	12	13 Shooting Sports Scored Shoot 1 7:45am @ Limon
14	15	16 State 4-H Conference	17 -State 4-H Conference -Hoof Trim RSVP Due (if slots still available)	18 State 4-H Conference	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Hoof Trim	27
28	29	30	July 1 – Fair Entries Due (General, Live-stock, Fashion Revue) -State Fair Poultry/ Rabbit Nominations Due	2	3 Office Closed-Holiday	4

HEAD- Summer Animal Travel-Disease Reminders

The summer often means more travel for livestock or equine events (in or out of state). This is a good time to review biosecurity procedures for when you are out traveling and back at home. It's also important to be aware of current disease outbreaks both locally and nationally. This helps everyone to be more prepared for travel, reporting disease outbreaks, and being prepared for additional health requirements at shows. Make a plan with your local veterinarian and watch for outbreaks @ ag.colorado.gov/animals.

HEART-> Window Cleaning

You can help others (particularly your elderly neighbors) freshen up their home this summer by offering to clean their windows.

This task often is too difficult for elderly adults or those with physical limitations. As a family connect with your grandparents or neighbors to spend a couple of hours cleaning up the windows so they can enjoy the summer beauty.



HANDS-> Data Genie

Data Genie is a company that provides cattle producers with consulting services surrounding genomic tools and data management. This includes data submission for breed associations, calving to yearlings, dam enrollments, sale transfers, and mating consultation.

This company is one of many that provide producers the opportunity to utilize information to improve their genetics and production outputs no matter the size of the operation.

This is also a great career path to explore for youth looking for different opportunities in the agricultural industry.

Learn more @ datageniellc.com/

HEALTH-> Men's Health Week

As we celebrate Father's Day in June it's important to reach out to the men in our lives (of all ages) and encourage them to get annual check-ups and take time to schedule screenings for potential diseases including cancer. Reach out and offer to be an accountability partner for other men as well and break the stigma about "asking for help" and seeking medical resources.

Resources:

-Local Physician

-Men's Health Network @ menshealthnetwork.org/

-National Alliance on Mental Health Resources @ nami.org/

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