Achievement Night

Mark your calendars for January 19, 2012! Elko County 4-H Achievement Night will be held at the Great Basin College Theater at 6:00 p.m. The County Officer Team has a great evening planned. We will be celebrating the 2011 4-H year with: the 4-H year in review slide show; National 4-H Congress highlights; installation of the new Elko County Officer Team; 4-H Scholarship will be awarded; highlights of the National 4-H Conference; presentation of the Outstanding 4-H Member for 2011; and awards for the top club secretary, treasurer, and historian books. Awards for top record books and project pins will be given and everyone that turned in a record book for judging will be recognized for their efforts. Don’t miss out on the fun!!

Bid for a Basket

The County Officer Team is putting together some family-fun baskets that you can bid on at Achievement Night. Proceeds from the basket auction help fund the County Officers’ work throughout the year.

National 4-H Congress

Katie Peters and Ricky Huff just got back from National 4-H Congress, and are eager to share their experience! If your club would like to know more about 4-H Congress contact Ranay 775-738-7291 and schedule them to come to you club meeting! They will also be presenting at Achievement Night, so make sure to come!

Calling ALL Youth Leaders!!

Are you a 4-H club officer, or would you like to learn some leadership skills? Then mark your calendar for Saturday, January 28th! The 2nd Annual Elko Leadership training will be held at Café X on the GBC campus from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The cost is $5.00 to be paid the morning of the event. You must pre-register by calling Ranay at 738-7291. The state 4-H ambassadors will be our special guest workshop presenters. Come join the leadership fun!

New to 4-H?

If you are new to 4-H, welcome! If you have questions about the 4-H program, your first stop is your club leader. 4-H is a youth development program of the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension. This newsletter often refers to the “Extension Office” which is short for University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Elko County Office. We’re located at 701 Walnut Street in Elko. You can contact us at 738-7291 or visit www.unce.unr.edu. Our office hours are 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Nevada 4-H Leaders’ Forum

Show how green you are at the 2012 4-H Leaders’ Forum, and with this year’s theme, 4-H Forever Green that should be an easy task. Workshops are: From Pyramid to Plate, Inspiring Young Minds…The Scientist in All of Us, Art: The Universal Language, Youth Leadership Planning for Success, 4-H Afterschool with Mentoring Program, Explore It! (Science) Design It! (Engineering) Use It! (Technology), Staying Green with Nevada Recycles, Starting Plants from Seed, Reuse, Recycle, Reduce- Craft Workshop, Introduction to 4-H Online & My 4-H Experience, Earth Science, Alternate
Fundraising, Lego Robotics, Dog Showmanship 101, and Go Green or Go Home. The 2012 Nevada 4-H Leaders’ Forum will be March 9-10 in Reno. Cost is $50 per person if you register by January 13th. The forum features a share fair where anyone can set up a display to highlight a 4-H program, event, or club, opportunities to meet adult and teen leaders from across the state, banquet and awards ceremony, and more than 15 workshops to choose from created for adult and teen 4-H leaders. 4-H leadership opportunities aren’t usually this close to home; plan to attend the State Leaders’ Forum. Contact Ranay Guifarro, guifarror@unce.unr.edu or 738-7291 for a registration packet.

Rabbit Workshop

Karla Kennison is holding a rabbit clinic Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. here in the Extension Office. She will be cover breeding, choosing your rabbit, and care. Bring your questions, but leave your rabbits at home.

National 4-H Conference

National 4-H Conference is a national event for 4-H’ers aged 15-19 who are actively engaged in 4-H. Conference is about learning skills to help them engage other 4-H’ers in their community, practicing the skills they learn in real life situations, and applying what they learn by using the knowledge they learned by using their voices, ideas, and behaviors to make a difference. National Conference is for many the pinnacle experience in their 4-H career. This year it will be held March 24-29 in Maryland. For more information:

http://4hconf.4-h.org

If you are interested in applying please contact Ranay 77-738-7291.

Test for Radon

4-H members pledge each month, “…and Health to better living”. 4-H members and families care about health and safety. Did you know that your home could be unsafe to you, your family members, and your pets? Your home could have elevated levels of radon and may be affecting the health of your family. Radon is a colorless, odorless, radioactive gas that naturally occurs in Nevada. It’s the leading cause of lung cancer among nonsmokers. You can test your home with a free, easy-to-use kit that can be picked up at the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension Office during the month of January. A presentation on radon will be offered on Wednesday, January 11th at 12:30 p.m. at the Elko County Library.

For more information, call Jill at 738-7291. You can also find out more about radon at www.RadonNV.com.
SHOOTING SPORTS SAFETY CLASSES

SCHEDULE

JANUARY 21
Rifle Class at 8 a.m. / 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Muzzleloader Class at 8 a.m. / 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Shotgun Class at 8 a.m. / 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

JANUARY 28
Rifle Class at 8 a.m. / 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Muzzleloader Class at 8 a.m. / 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Shotgun Class at 8 a.m. / 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY 4
Archery Class at 8 a.m. / 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Air Pistol Class at 8 a.m. / 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

FEBRUARY 11
Archery Class at 8 a.m. / 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Air Pistol Class at 8 a.m. / 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

You must call Ranay at 738-7291 to register for class and time. Read the details on previous page carefully!

WHAT IS THE 4-H PARENT'S ROLE AT CLUB MEETINGS?

4-H parents have an important role in club meetings. Their key role as a 4-H parent is supporting their child’s accomplishments; helping them think through decisions and seeing them reach goals. They need to guide their child’s project work and encourage completion without doing the work for the 4-H member. At club meetings parents should:

- Take notes as to activities and events that are scheduled at the meeting
- Take your family calendar to schedule in 4-H activities
- Support the club leader/s by volunteering to help where needed
- Set a good example for your child and others by listening attentively, abiding by the meeting decorum by asking to be called upon during discussion in the correct manner, and allowing the 4-H members to offer their ideas and make decisions. Youth members make the motions and vote. Parents and adults listen to youth’s discussion, ask questions, offer suggestions when needed, but DO NOT make motions or vote.

Coming in next month’s newsletter…….
“How Does 4-H Benefit My Children?”

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Presenting the 2012 Elko County 4-H Officers!

The new 2012 Elko County 4-H Officer team was installed at the 2011 4-H Achievement Night, January 19th at the GBC Theater. The new team includes:

- **President** – Cody Kinsman
- **Vice-President** – Makenna Johnson
- **Secretary** – Marcus Auge
- **Treasurer** – Ricky Huff
- **Reporter** – Harley Arps
- **Sentinel** – Caitlin Prescott
- **Representative** – Ashley Freshour
- **Representative** – Kellie Kinsman

A big THANK YOU to the 2011 Officer Team! I’m sure everyone would agree they did a fabulous job. This year’s team has big shoes to fill, but I think they are up to trying! Next time you see the past or present officers, be sure to thank them for all they do for the 4-H program.

Horse Judging Classes

Do you like horses? Would you like to learn more about horses? If yes, then come to the 4-H Horse Judging Classes. The classes will be offered from 6:15-7:15 p.m. The next class will be on February 3, at the GBC Campus in the Greenhaw Technical Arts Building room 128. 4-H members do not have to own a horse to participate; anyone who likes horses is encouraged to join these classes. Youth will prepare for the Elko County Horse Judging Contest and the State Horse Judging Contest. For more information or for the location of the classes for the rest of February, call the 4-H Office at 738-7291.

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- Inspiring Young Minds…The Scientist in All of Us
- Art: The Universal Language
- Youth Leadership Planning for Success
- 4-H Afterschool with Mentoring Program
- Explore It! (Science) Design It! (Engineering) Use It! (Technology)
- Staying Green with Nevada Recycles
- Starting Plants from Seed
- Reuse, Recycle, Reduce- Craft Workshop
- Introduction to 4-H Online & My 4-H Experience
- Earth Science
- Alternate Fundraising
- Lego Robotics
- Dog Showmanship 101
- Go Green or Go Home

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**Photo Contest Rules and Information**

The first 4-H only photo contest deadline is drawing near! I hope everyone is clicking away! The overall winner in each category will have their photo permanently displayed at the Extension Office, so be sure to start taking photos!

All entries must be submitted or postmarked by March 20, 2012 – remember the office closes at 4:30 p.m.

- This contest is open to all Elko County 4-H members ages 9-19
- Participation is NOT limited to just those 4-H’ers enrolled in photography projects
- Entrants must submit their photos within the division that applies. Division 1, ages 9-11; Division 2, ages 12-14; and Division 3, ages 15-19
- Each entrant may submit only one photo in each of the two categories ("4-H in Action" and "Nature's Beauty"). This means that each individual 4-H’er may have as many as two entries as long as they submit each entry in a different category
- All photographs must have been taken by the 4-H member between the dates of March 21, 2011 and the entry date
- Please attach an entry form to each photo
- Photos may be in color OR black-and-white
- No computer enhanced photos will be allowed, this includes but is not limited to using computer graphics, color alterations, red eye reduction, and watermarks
- All entries must be entered in a photo matte—but not a frame. Any photo not entered with a matte will be disqualified. The overall photo size must be no smaller than a 5” x 7” and no larger than an 8” x 12”

Entries will be accepted by mail, if they are postmarked by March 20, 2012 and include an entry form, which can be picked up at the Extension Office. Please contact guifarro@unce.unr.edu with any questions.

**Livestock Judging Contest**

The Kiwanis 4-H/FFA Invitational Livestock Judging will be held on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at the Elko County Fairgrounds. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with introductions at 9:00 a.m. The judging will start promptly at 9:15 a.m. Registration is $5.00 (please bring correct change) with lunch provided by the Elko Kiwanis. Each club is asked to bring three dozen cookies.

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**Livestock Skillathon Contest**

The Livestock Skillathon Contest will be held following the Livestock Judging Contest on Saturday, March 17, 2012, 1:00 p.m. at the Elko County Fairgrounds. These contests are open to all 4-H members, not just those taking livestock projects. It is fun and you’ll learn a lot!

**2012 Market Animal List**

If you are planning to take a market animal to the 2012 Fair and sell it, make sure you are eligible. The 2012 Market Animal list is included with this newsletter. It is your responsibility to make sure your name is on this list and that there is not a line drawn through it. If you cannot find your name or your name has a line through it please call the Extension Office, 738-7291 to figure out what the problem is. Don’t be disappointed at the Fair!

**Dog Obedience Classes**

Want to teach your dog new tricks or get him or her to behave? Participate in weekly dog obedience classes and get ready for the Elko County 4-H Dog Show. Sharon Bachman has started obedience classes for 4-H members so call her at 397-6206 to register.
**RABBIT WORKSHOP**

Karla Kennison will be putting on the next rabbit workshop February 16, 2012, 4:30-5:30 p.m. in the 4-H Office. She will be discussing how to care for baby bunnies and how to choose your bunnies! Please bring your questions but leave your rabbits at home.

![Rabbit Image]

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**Senior Record Books**

Attention all senior members, if you are planning to turn in a record book, it is due into my office by March 30. Remember senior record books are part of the application to attend National 4-H Congress.

Have question or don’t know what a senior record book entails? Make an appointment by calling me at 738-7291. We can go over the components of a senior book and you can look at samples of winning record books from here and across the state. You could be the next delegate to National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia!

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**Shooting Sports Instructor Training**

Do you enjoy 4-H shooting sports? Would you like to be more involved with your child/children? This April 27-29, Elko will host the Nevada State Shooting Sports Instructors’ Training, which is a perfect way to be part of this great program. If you are interested be sure to stop by the Extension Office so we can get you started on becoming a 4-H leader!

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This calendar is updated regularly with deadlines, meetings, opportunities, etc., things that are scheduled after the 4-H newsletter goes out. You can also check out other 4-H programs in Nevada, in other counties and also the state 4-H office.

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**Horse Events**

**HORSE JUDGING/SKILLATHON CLASSES**

Do you like horses? Would you like to learn more about horses? If yes, then come to the 4-H Horse Judging/Skillathon classes. The classes will be offered from 6:15-7:15 p.m., March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and April 6 at GBC in the Greenhaw Technical Arts Building room 128. 4-H members do not have to own a horse to participate; anyone who likes horses is encouraged to attend. These classes will help youth prepare for the Elko County Horse Judging Contest and the State Horse Judging Contest.

**HORSE JUDGING AND SKILLATHON**

The Elko County 4-H Horse Judging will be held April 21 at Suzie Creek Arabian indoor arena (take the Hunter/Maggie Creek Exit and follow the signs) with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. and judging starting at 8:00 a.m. The 4-H Horse Skillathon will be April 21 at 4:00 p.m. in Health Science Building room 108 at Great Basin College. Sharpen your skills by attending the classes and trot on over to the Horse Judging and Skillathon!

**HORSE SHOW**

Mark your calendars and start practicing! This year the Elko County 4-H Horse Show will be July 8, 2012 at the Elko County Fairgrounds. The Horse Committee and I are excited to bring this event back, complete with fun classes!

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**Shooting Sports**

The safety classes were well attended and a huge THANK YOU goes to Rick Highland for organizing them. Also, THANK YOU to Joe, Jared and Katrina Cumming, Tammy Auge, Kristin McQueary, Todd Stoll, Matt Wilson and many others for teaching and helping with these mandatory classes. Without each and every one of you, our 4-H members would not have this quality shooting sports program. 4-H’ers, don’t forget to thank these outstanding leaders for their time and efforts.

All youth who attended the 4-H Shooting Sports Safety Classes this year and are eligible to compete, will be receiving a card in the mail that states in which disciplines they are eligible to compete. If you did NOT receive a card and you DID attend classes, contact the office, 738-7291 and Candie will check the records.

**SHOOTING SPORTS PRACTICES**

Yeah, it’s spring – that time of the year when we can get out and practice our shooting sports skills. Shooting sports practices are opportunities for youth to gain hands-on experience with their firearms. We want everyone to have a safe and positive experience in the Shooting Sports project. To achieve this, **parents must accompany their child to every practice. Youth cannot be dropped off and left without parental supervision.** All practices will be from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. unless otherwise stated. Other practices will be added, so watch the on-line calendar.

- **March 10** Muzzleloader and Shotgun practice, 9 a.m.-noon, Elko County Rifle Range. Bring water and dress in warm layers.
- **March 24** Air pistol, .22 Rifle, and Air rifle practice, 9 a.m.-noon, Elko County Rifle Range. Bring water and dress in warm layers.
• April 1
  Archery practice, the Elko Archery Range, time TBA

SHOOTING SPORTS INSTRUCTORS’ TRAINING

Adults, do you enjoy 4-H Shooting Sports? Would you like to be more involved? April 27-29 Elko will host the Nevada State Shooting Sports Instructors’ Training, which is a perfect way to be part of this great program. We don’t often get this training in our own backyard, so take advantage this spring. If you are interested, be sure to stop by the Extension office to get you started on becoming a 4-H leader and pick up an application for the training. The cost is $75 and the deadline for the applications is April 5.

Livestock Judging/Skillathon Events

4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING

The Kiwanis 4-H/FFA Invitational Livestock Judging will be held on Saturday, March 17th at the Elko County Fairgrounds. Registration will begin at 8:30 a.m. with introductions at 9:15 a.m. The judging will start promptly at 9:30 a.m. Registration is $5.00, please bring exact change. Lunch is provided by the Elko Kiwanis. Each club is asked to bring three dozen cookies.

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4-H LIVESTOCK SKILLATHON

The Livestock Skillathon Contest for Juniors (ages 9-10), Intermediates (ages 11-13), and Seniors (ages 14-19) will be held following the Livestock Judging on Saturday, March 17th at the Elko County Fairgrounds. These contests will begin at approximately 1:00 p.m. and are geared to be a fun experience for all who participate. These contests are open to all 4-H members, not just those taking livestock projects or who participated in the 4-H Livestock Judging. It is a fun and educational experience! Plan on participating! The top 8 winners from each age division will be eligible to compete at the State 4-H Livestock Skillathon held at the Reno Livestock Events Center on May 17.

JUDGE LIVESTOCK IN LOVELOCK

Pershing County is hosting an Invitational Livestock Judging Contest on Saturday, March 3, 9:00 a.m. in Lovelock. Eight placement classes and one reasons class for each species of beef, sheep, goats, and swine will be offered. To pre-register, call Marianne Papa, Pershing County 4-H Coordinator, and (775) 273-2923 or email papam@unce.unr.edu. This contest is a great opportunity for Elko County 4-H members to practice for the Elko County Livestock Judging and State contests.

Other Important Info

RABBIT WORKSHOP

Hop to it and attend the countywide 4-H Rabbit Workshop on Thursday, March 15, 4:30 p.m. at the Elko County Cooperative Extension Office, 701 Walnut St. in Elko. The monthly rabbit workshops are open to all Elko County 4-H members. New rabbit project members find these workshops especially helpful in getting started and asking questions about their rabbit project.

NUTRITION & SHOW MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP

C-A-L Ranch Store’s Nutrena representative will be presenting a nutrition and show management workshop on Tuesday, March 20th at 6:00 p.m., at the Cal-Ranch Store in Elko. The program will focus on beef, sheep & swine and is free to anyone interested in attending. Information on C-A-L Ranch Store’s 4-H Incentive Program will also be available. Refreshments will be served. Reservations are not required. If you have any questions, contact Marlo at 753-7000.

AWARD SPONSORSHIP

Are you or your club interested in sponsoring an award for a county event? We have many awards that need sponsors. The basic award starts at $30.00 and goes up to $120.00. Please e-mail or call Ranay and let her know what award you would be interested in.

WANTED: MALE CAMP CHAPERONES

Adult men are needed to chaperone the Elko County 4-H Camp, July 13-15 at the Lion’s Camp in Lamont Canyon. If we had a few more male chaperones, we could open another boys’ cabin. Please encourage dads
and other positive male role models to chaperone at camp. Chaperones, both male and female, must be fingerprinted and have their background clearance before camp. March 16 is the deadline for fingerprinting and paperwork to be turned in to be camp chaperones.

**PHOTO CONTEST RULES & INFORMATION**

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**4-H TIES AVAILABLE**

Need a 4-H tie? County and state 4-H contests require 4-H members to wear official 4-H dress – long-sleeved white shirt, green tie, blue or dark jeans, and appropriate footwear. Ruby Valley 4-H Club has green 4-H ties available. Contact Lisi Neff, Ruby Valley 4-H Club leader, (775) 779-9945 or seveneffs@gmail.com to order a tie.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE**

4-H membership has its advantages and scholarships are just one such advantage. The Nevada Agriculture Foundation has several scholarships available to high school seniors and college students. Depending upon the scholarship, youth with 4-H experience are given preference. The deadline to apply is March 15th. Visit www.nvagfoundation.org for applications and information.

**SENIOR RECORD BOOKS**

Senior Members: Are you interested in attending National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia in November 2012? If you’d like to represent Nevada and meet 1,000 other 4-H’ers from across the nation, participate in leadership workshops, get involved in a national community service project, and have fun, then turn in a Senior 4-H Record Book/Portfolio. The Senior 4-H Record Book/Portfolio is due **March 30th** to the Extension Office. **PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS A CORRECTED DATE!**

Have questions or don’t know what a senior record book entails? Call Ranay at 738-7291 and set up an appointment to come by the office. Then you can go over the components of a senior book/portfolio, and you can look at samples of record books that have been the top winners at the state level.

**UPCOMING MEETING**

General Leaders’ Meeting- The Spring General Leaders’ Meeting will be held on April 19 at 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. Please send a representative if your club’s general leader is unable to attend.

**Ranay’s spot:**

I have been updating curriculum available for purchase. This curriculum is ready for you to start a new project or expand an existing project. The cost for the new books is low, so please be sure to stop in and pick up some great books!

Food, Culture and Reading
Acres of Adventures 1 and 2 (All about agriculture)
Veterinary Science 1-3
Mastering Photography 1-3
Rabbit Resource Book
Bicycling Adventures
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Camp and Leadership Events

2012 4-H Camp

It’s a whole new world out there--pirates, jungles, mermaids, Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, Goofy, fairies, astronauts, cars, and all things Disney. Let your imagination run wild and head for 4-H Camp 2012. The Disney themed “4-H Ever After” camp will be full of fun for everyone! Mark July 13, 14, and 15 on your calendar because your 4-H county officers are hard at work planning fun and exciting activities, games, and workshops, and you don’t want to miss out!

Each club is asked to:

• Present a workshop at camp
• Perform a skit
• Lead and teach a campfire song at the campfire activity
• Send in ideas about fun activities they would like to see at camp, and make suggestions for guest presenters
• Send male and female chaperones to camp
• Submit the entire club’s camper registration forms in ASAP to Camp Registrar

The camp registration packets have been mailed out to the general leaders and are due to the Camp Registrar by May 10. If you are interested in going to camp, see your general leader.

Camp is limited to the first 100 campers. Submit your registration form into our club’s general leader as soon as possible. Please do not send your registration in individually. Registrations must come in together as a club.

In past years, camp has filled, and we’ve had to turn away campers, so turn your registration in ASAP to your leader. When the Camp Registrar receives the registration packets, she date stamps them to determine when camp is filled. Clubs without enough chaperons to cover their club’s campers will be put on a waiting list, with other club registrations receiving priority.

Discover your Future

Have you thought about your future? Do you know what you’ll do when you graduate from high school? Youth ages 14-19 years old can attend Discover Your Future, a program of the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, June 17-21 on the University of Nevada, Reno campus. Investigate college majors and career interests, explore the campus, stay in a college dorm, eat college food, meet professors, make new friends, climb the rock wall, swim, play basketball, participate in other recreational activities, have fun, and prepare for life after high school. Early bird registration is $225 by May 4th. Regular registration costs $250 and must be paid by May 18. Four $100 scholarships will be offered. If you are interested in applying for the scholarship, talk to Ranay A.S.A.P. at 738-7291. Registration forms are available from the Elko County Cooperative Extension Office.

Range Camp

Applications are now being accepted from high school students to attend the 52nd Nevada Youth Range Camp to be held June 17-23 at the U.S.

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Forest Service’s Big Creek Campground in central Nevada.

Campers will have the opportunity to learn from range management professionals who are knowledgeable in the ecology and management of the Great Basin’s desert and mountain rangelands. Students learn basic surveying and map reading, identification and importance of rangeland plants, evaluation of sagebrush and woodland ecosystems, wildlife surveying techniques, evaluation of stream health, and many other topics related to rangelands. While the camp is educational, it also offers an enjoyable, outdoor experience with activities such as swimming, fishing, hiking, volleyball, horseshoes, campfires and photography.

Interested students must submit an application and letter of recommendation from an adult other than a parent or sibling. The cost to attend Range Camp is $180, which includes meals and camp activities. Forms and information can be found on the Nevada Youth Range Camp website at http://nevada.rangelands.org/Range%20Camp.html

Horse Events

**Horse Judging Classes**

Do you like horses? Would you like to learn more about horses? If yes, then come to the 4-H Horse Judging Classes. The classes will be offered from 6:15-7:15 p.m., March 30 and April 6 at GBC in the Greenhaw Technical Arts Building room 128. 4-H members do not have to own a horse to participate; anyone who likes horses is encouraged to join these classes. Youth will prepare for the Elko County Horse Judging Contest and the State Horse Judging Contest.

**Horse Judging and Skillathon**

This year 4-H Horse Judging will be held on April 21 with registration beginning at 7:30 a.m. and judging starting at 8:00 a.m. It will be held at Suzie Creek Ranch, so make sure to bring a jacket. The 4-H Horse Skillathon will be April 21, at 4:00 p.m. in Health Science Building room 108 at Great Basin College. Sharpen your skills by attending the classes and trot on over to the Horse Judging and Skillathon!

**Horse Show**

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**Fashion Revue Planning Meeting**

Help plan the 2012 Elko County 4-H Fashion Revue on April 18 at 12:00 p.m. in the Extension Office conference room. Teen fashion revue members are encouraged to attend. We’d like to get your ideas for the workshop and contest.

**WANTED: MALE CAMP CHAPERONES**

Adults are needed to chaperone the Elko County 4-H Camp, July 13-15. If we had a few more male chaperones, we could open another boys’ cabin. Please encourage dads and other positive male role models to chaperone at camp. Chaperones, both male and female, must be fingerprinted and have their background clearance before camp.

**Bike Rodeo**

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UPCOMING MEETING

GENERAL LEADERS’ MEETING

The spring general leaders’ meeting will be held on April 19 at 6:00 p.m. in the Extension Office conference room. We have some very important and exciting news, so please send a representative if your club’s general leader cannot attend.

County Officer News

A few of the Elko County officer team members headed to Reno in March to attend the Nevada Leaders' Forum. They participated in some really fun workshops as well as met youth and leaders from throughout the state of Nevada. Next year’s leaders’ forum will be in Las Vegas and you don’t want to miss out on all the fun; so mark your calendar for February 22-23, 2013.

Rabbit Workshop

Spring is here and it’s time to bring your bunnies for a countywide 4-H Rabbit Workshop on April 26th, 4:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. If the weather is nice, members will meet outside and work with their rabbits. If it’s raining or snowing or below 40 degrees, leave your rabbits at home, and we’ll meet inside. For more information, contact Karla Kennison, 753-6594 or k_kennison@hotmail.com.

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THANK YOU NEWMONT!

As most of you know Newmont Mining Corp. has generously given the Elko County 4-H Program a large amount of money. This money is to be used for educating our 4-H members. Because of their donation the 4-H program will be able to offer our members opportunities that they have not had until now. All I ask of you, individually or as an entire club, is to thank Newmont. Be creative—take a club picture and have all the members thank Newmont and sign the back of the photo; practice scrapbooking and do a “club-made” card; take pictures of your projects and insert the photos in a card. The possibilities are endless. Your thank you notes, cards, etc. are due into the 4-H Office by May 25. The Officer Team and I will hand deliver them to Newmont. Make Newmont proud that they gave the 4-H program this money!

Camp and Leadership Events

2012 4-H Camp

It’s a whole new world out there--pirates, jungles, mermaids, Mickey and Minnie Mouse, Donald Duck, Goofy, fairies, astronauts, cars, and all things Disney. Let your imagination run wild and head for 4-H Camp 2012. The Disney themed “4-H Ever After” camp will be full of fun for everyone! Mark July 13, 14, and 15 on your calendar because your 4-H county officers are hard at work planning fun and exciting activities, games, and workshops, and you don’t want to miss out!

Each club is asked to:
- Present a workshop at camp
- Perform a skit
- Lead and teach a campfire song at the campfire activity
- Send in ideas about fun activities they would like to see at camp, and make suggestions for guest presenters
- Send male and female chaperones to camp
- Submit the entire club’s camper registration forms in ASAP to Camp Registrar

The camp registration packets have been mailed out to the general leaders and are due to the Camp Registrar by May 10. If you are interested in going to camp, see your general leader. Camp is limited to the first 100 campers. Submit your registration form into our club’s general leader as soon as possible. Please do not send your registration in individually. Registrations must come in together as a club. In past years, camp has filled, and we’ve had to turn away campers, so turn your registration in ASAP to your leader. When the Camp Registrar receives the registration packets, she date stamps them to determine when camp is filled. Clubs without enough chaperones to cover their club’s campers will be put on a waiting list, with other club registrations receiving priority.

Discover your Future

Have you thought about your future? Do you know what you’ll do when you graduate from high school? Youth ages 14-19 years old can attend Discover Your Future, a program of the University of Nevada Cooperative Extension, June 17-21 on the University of Nevada, Reno campus. Investigate college majors and career interests, explore the campus, stay in a college dorm, eat college food, meet professors, make
new friends, climb the rock wall, swim, play basketball, participate in other recreational activities, have fun, and prepare for life after high school. Early bird registration is $225 by May 4th. Regular registration costs $250 and must be paid by May 18. Four $100 scholarships will be offered. If you are interested in applying for the scholarship, talk to Ranay A.S.A.P. at 738-7291. Registration forms are available from the Elko County Cooperative Extension Office.

Range Camp

Applications are now being accepted from high school students to attend the 52nd Nevada Youth Range Camp to be held June 17-23 at the U.S. Forest Service’s Big Creek Campground in central Nevada. Interested students must submit an application and letter of recommendation from an adult other than a parent or sibling. The cost to attend Range Camp is $180, which includes meals and camp activities. Forms and information can be found on the Nevada Youth Range Camp website at http://nevada.rangelands.org/Range%20Camp.html

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Remember, deadlines are strictly enforced. If you are planning a vacation or being out of town, get your entries in early. NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Shooting Sports Practice and Make Up Safety Class Dates

Did you sign up for Shooting Sports late or decide you would like to compete in another discipline but missed the January and February Safety Classes? Did you think you couldn’t compete this year? Well, Rick Highland has once again come to the aid of all Shooting Sports 4-H members who need the Safety Class and Test. He is offering 2 make up dates in conjunction with shooting practice. Mark your calendars for the following dates:

May 5 – Muzzleloader and Shotgun Practice
19- Shotgun Practice

Jun 2 - Make Up Safety Class & Muzzleloader and Shotgun Shooting Practice
30 - LAST Make Up Safety Class and Shooting Practice for Muzzleloader and Shotgun

These are the only practices and make up sessions scheduled for now. Go to the UNCE website and under locations for us (Elko County) http://www.unce.unr.edu/4H/counties/elko/ and click on the calendar of events to see if more have been added. The Safety Classes and tests will be done at the Elko County Rifle Range. For more information contact the office at 738-7291 or Rick Highland at 397-2232.

Attendance Reminder

Parents and members, please be aware of the following 80% attendance rule. This will be strictly enforced by your general leader and the 4-H Office. “All 4-H club requirements must be met before a member is eligible to enter county and state competition including: 1) participating in 80% of the club’s meetings and/or designated activities…” (2012 Elko County 4-H Rules and Guidelines, pg. 3). If you have questions please call the 4-H Office, 738-7291 or ask your general leader.

Website

Great news! Elko County is now part of the UNCE website, which means you can find forms and other Elko County specific information online! Check it out: http://www.unce.unr.edu/4H/counties/elko/
Also make sure you check out our Facebook page as it always is updated with new events. I will keep you informed when new things are added to our website!

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**Photo Contest Results**

Stop by the Extension Office to check out the fantastic entries we had for the Elko County 4-H Photo Contest! Congratulations to everyone that entered and the top entry in each category will have a permanent place on our walls!

**4-H Demonstrations**

What’s a demonstration?
When you give a demonstration you show how something is done while you explain it in words. A demonstration shows the step-by-step process for making or creating something, shows the correct way of doing something, or teaches a new skill.

Why is giving a demonstration a good idea?
Giving a demonstration helps you learn more about your project and teaches others about the subject. You gain poise and self-confidence, improve your ability to express yourself clearly, and become more organized. Elko County 4-H requires that you give one demonstration for each project in which you’re enrolled.

How do you do a demonstration?

1. **Plan** – select a topic of interest. Find out all you can about the topic from project materials, books, Internet, parents, leaders, etc. Your demonstration should have an introduction, body, and conclusion. The **introduction** should introduce you and your subject, title that grabs the audience’s attention, and why the topic is important. The **body** of the demonstration shows the step-by-step process of making or doing something. The **conclusion** displays the finished product and highlights the main points. Ask the audience if they have any questions. When all the questions have been answered, end the demonstration by saying, “This concludes my demonstration.”
2. **Prepare** – write down the things you’ll say on note cards, make posters, and gather all the props together.
3. **Practice** – Give the demonstration in private, then in front of the mirror, and then to parents & family.
4. **Present** – Be organized; arrange your equipment and supplies. Use good posture and dress neat and clean. Speak clearly, loudly enough for everyone to hear you, and talk directly to the audience, not to the table or the floor. Smile!

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Please Note: the Extension Office closes at 4:30 p.m.

**Entry Forms**

All entry forms and information have been mailed for all the upcoming 4-H events. If you didn’t receive yours, please contact your general leader or pick them up at the Extension Office. Each entry must be completed on the appropriate form and signed by the member, parent, and general leader. Please fill out your entry carefully and completely. All entries have deadlines and they must be postmarked or dropped off at the Extension Office by that date. These deadlines will be strictly enforced, so mark your calendars and get those entries in early!

**General Rules and Guidelines**

Please use the class list in the 2012 Elko County 4-H Rules and Guidelines to fill out your Fair entry form. Read the rules for each event you will be entering. Remember that you are responsible for knowing the rules for each event. Know them so that you will have no surprises at the competitions.

Copies of the 2012 Elko County 4-H Rules and Guidelines are available at the Extension Office.

**Fashion Revue Workshop**

This year’s Fashion Revue workshop will be held on July 30, 2012 at the First Presbyterian Church in Elko, at 2:00 p.m. This workshop is open to 4-H’ers of all levels. You don’t have to be signed up for Fashion Revue project to join us at the workshop. We will be going over modeling, makeup, and hair and of course having a lot of fun!

**Upcoming 4-H Event Dates to Remember**

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All Shooting Sports practices are at the Elko County Rifle Range, from 6-9 p.m.

Mark these dates on your calendar!
4-H Livestock Sale and Grievance Committee

Members of the 2012 4-H Livestock Sale and Grievance committee are Darla Barkdull, Tom Barnes, Jon Griggs, Karla Kennison, Karen Winchell, Walter Winchell, and Jay Wright. Their time and commitment for serving on this committee is very much appreciated. When you see them at the Fair be sure to let them know they are appreciated and thank them for supporting the 4-H program not just at the Fair, but all 4-H year.

Speech & Visual Presentation

The Speech and Visual Presentation Contest will be held on August 1 at 9:00 a.m. at the Extension Office conference room. Winners of this contest will perform their demonstration at the evening performance of the Fashion Revue on August 2. Entries are due on July 26. Cash awards will be given to 1st and 2nd places, so polish up that demonstration you gave at your club meeting and enter the Speech & Visual Presentation Contest! You’ll be glad you did!

Fashion Revue Contest

Entry forms have been mailed out and if you didn’t receive one, you may pick one up at the Extension Office. **TAKE NOTE- THE FOLLOWING IS NEW THIS YEAR:** Entry forms, commentary, swatch of fabric for constructed garment, front and back copy of pattern envelope, before photo of your recycled project, and receipts for your purchased outfit are due **July 26th.** Bring you garments and accessories on Aug 1 from 11:00-11:30a.m.

Fashion Revue Schedule

The Fashion Revue judging will be held on August 1 at the Calvary Baptist Church, 577 Walnut Street with registration from 11:00 - 11:30 a.m. and judging beginning at 3:00 p.m. **A $5.00 entry fee per contestant will need to be paid at this time.** Please bring the correct change.

**August 1, 2012**

11-11:30 a.m. Check in garments; pay $5 registration fee
11:30 – 3:00 Construction Judging - judges will judge garments for construction quality
2:00 p.m. *Modeling practice 2:30 p.m. Dress in your garments for the fashion revue judging
3:00 p.m. Fashion Revue judging begins

*Optional activities – members are not required to participate

**August 2, 2012**

The Fashion Revue performance for the public will be on August 2 at 5:00 p.m. at the Northeastern Nevada Museum Theater, for the evening performance practice will begin at 12:00 p.m. All participants will need to be ready to begin promptly at 12:00 p.m. wearing the shoes that you plan to model in.

**Northeastern Nevada Museum**

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Tell all your friends, neighbors, and relatives to come and share a fun-filled evening at the 2012 4-H Fashion Revue and Skit/Talent Contest. Admission is $3.00 for adults, $1.00 for students and seniors and $10 for families.

Talent/Skit Contest

The Talent/Skit Contest will take place during the evening performance of the Fashion Revue on August 2 at the Northeastern Nevada Museum. 4-H’ers get together with your fellow 4-H club members to organize a great talent or skit. It’s FUN! Entries are due on July 26.

Shooting Sports Field Day

The 4-H Shooting Sports Field Day has been re-scheduled for August 4th at the Elko County Rifle Range. Please note the contest will start promptly at 7:00 a.m. If you are late you will miss your first round and get a no score. The early start is to let everyone have as good a chance as possible to get finished shooting before the afternoon winds get too bad. All testing requirements and workshop requirements for contestants must be
completed before they are eligible to compete. Concessions will be available by Ridgeriders 4-H Club.

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<td>Do you need a green 4-H tie for the upcoming 4-H events? If so, the Ruby Valley 4-H Club has them! They have both the 14” and the 16” lengths. Please note that ties will not always be available for sale at the 4-H events, so order them now for the events you need them for this summer. Contact Lisi at (775) 779-9945 to place your order.</td>
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<td>Applications for the 2012-2013 4-H year State 4-H Ambassador are now available! Complete applications are due back to the Extension Office by Monday, August 6th. A panel interview is part of the selection process. 4-H youth who submit applications will be informed of the interview date soon after the application deadline. The panel interview will be done via interactive video. The 4-H youth selected to be State 4-H Ambassadors are required to attend the 4-H Leadership Conference that is October 19-21 in Las Vegas. This is a great opportunity for older senior 4-H’ers who would like to be part of the State 4-H leadership program. Please contact Ranay for the application.</td>
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<td>All youth planning to sell a market animal at the 2012 Fair need to help get the word out to local businesses. “Around the Town” will be August 9. We will meet at the Extension Office, 701 Walnut, Elko, at 9:00 a.m., dressed in your 4-H attire. We will break into groups and then meet up at Pizza Barn for lunch. Please bring $6 for the pizza. Leaders or parents, if you are interested in driving the youth, contact Ranay at 738-7291.</td>
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<td>Please note that pay out for premium money on red ribbons or higher given for the 4-H Dog Show, Horse Show and 4-H classes at the Elko County Fair will be paid on Monday, September 3 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m. in the 4-H Sale Barn Office at the Fairgrounds.</td>
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The Fair Board financial staff requires that **ALL** 4-H members pick up their premium money at this time. If you cannot be there at this time you must make arrangements with your leader to pick up your money for you. **If you fail to pick up your premium money, it will be forfeited back to the Fair Board.**

**Fair Volunteers Needed**

Volunteers are needed to assist with livestock activities at the Fair. If you’re interested in helping us keep things organized and running smoothly, please call Ranay at 738-7291.

**Home Arts Exhibits**

If you have items to enter in the Home Arts Division of the Fair such as photography, woodworking, foods, clothing, leathercraft, or educational displays, these entries are taken through the Home Arts Department of the Fair. Stop by the 4-H Office and get a Fair Premium book. Entries will be taken at the Home Arts Building on Thursday, August 30 between 8:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. If you have any questions call Dawn Leyva at 777-7260.

**Herdsmanship Awards**

The Elko County Cattle Women Association is once again heading up the Herdsmanship Contest for the Elko County Fair. The purpose of this contest is to encourage exhibitors to care of livestock, pens, and equipment properly and keep stalls clean and attractive at all times to present a good image to the public. 4-H members should also be prepared to answer questions from the public in a polite and educated manner. Parents doing the work will also decrease the club’s score. WANT YOUR CLUB TO WIN? Then ALL members work as a team; keep your pens and area clean and your animals fed and watered.

**Radon Poster Contest**

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**Website**

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Also make sure you check out our Facebook page as it always is updated with new events. I will keep you informed when new things are added to our website!

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Thank You for a Great Fair!

I would like to extend my gratitude to the 4-H Sale Committee, the Officer Team, barn superintendents, clerks, ring stewards, and all the great exhibitors, parents, and grandparents who pitched in to help at the 4-H Livestock Show and Sale. Without each and every one of you the Fair would not have been as successful as it was. Thank you one and all. I deeply appreciate your support.

4-H Livestock Sale and Grievance Committee

Members of the 2012 4-H Livestock Sale and Grievance Committee are Walter Winchell, Tom Barnes, Karla Kennison, Darla Barkdull, Jon Griggs, Jay Wright, and Karen Winchell. Their time and commitment for serving on this committee is very much appreciated. Please take the time to thank them personally when you see them.

Livestock Leaders Meeting

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Thank you!

ATTENTION:

4-H members who participated at the Fair

I cannot stress enough on the importance of thanking those who made Fair a success. For those of you who sold an animal at the Fair you can get the name and address of your buyer by calling Karen Winchell at 752-3896. Our buyers at the Elko County 4-H Auction pay incredibly generous prices for YOUR market animals. Each 4-H seller should be very grateful for the buyers’ continued generosity. If you were selling your market animals anywhere else, you would not be getting anywhere close to these prices. If 4-H members want to continue to have a successful auction, PLEASE make sure to thank your buyer. A thank you card is the very minimum that you MUST do. Please make sure you get those thank you cards sent!

The following is a list of businesses and individuals who also contributed to the 4-H Livestock Auction and Show. Thank you’s should be sent to these people for their contribution to the 4-H program as well.

Monetary donations to the Auction:

Elko Federal Credit Union Attn: Kelly Buckner
2397 Mountain City Hwy.
Elko, NV 89801

Nevada State Bank Attn: John Hays
487 Railroad St.
Elko, NV 89803

Gallagher Ford Attn: Mike Gallagher
6050 30th Street
Elko, NV 89801

American AgCredit Attn: Ray Connelly
P.O. Box 2088
Elko, NV 89803

Elko County Farm Bureau Attn: Jonathan Dahl
HC 64 Box 78
Deeth, NV 89823

Wells Fargo Ag Rep.
Brandon Musicant
405 Idaho St.
Elko, NV 89801
Donation for 1/2 of the transportation of market animals:

Tom Barnes, Superior Representative
HC 30, Box 347
Spring Creek, NV 89815

ADDITIONAL PEOPLE TO THANK!

Kadee Ackerman, Fair Manager
292 Osino Unit 8
Elko, NV 89801

Beef and Sheep Judge  Goat Judge
Sarah Baker  Stephani Twidwell
U of I Extension  6751 Wild Horse Rd.
P.O. Box 160  Las Vegas, Nevada 89108
Challis, ID 83226

Small Animal Judge
Dinah Sarman-Moschetti
1040 Johnson Place
Reno, NV 89509

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This current year will be from October 1, 2012 through September 30, 2012. We only keep the current year’s forms, so enrollment forms must be filled out each year.

Members:

Your age is of January 1, 2013 and it will stay the same throughout the year. Please make sure when filling out your birth date on the form that you put the year you were born, not the current year. Juniors are 9-10; Intermediates are 11-13; and Seniors are 14-19. The address you put on the enrollment form is where all 4-H information is mailed. PLEASE put your complete mailing address on the form and write legibly. The enrollment cost is $10.00 for 4-Hers and $5.00 for cloverbuds/pre-4-H’ers and checks are made payable to your club. Give your forms back to your general leader and they will return them to the Extension Office.

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**Western Regional 4-H Leadership Forum**

This event is for 4-H adult volunteers and teens. There are lots of fun workshops for everyone’s interests. The forum is in Honolulu, Hawaii March 21-24. For more information check out the web page: [http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/wrlf/](http://www.ctahr.hawaii.edu/wrlf/)

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- Organize themselves
- Set reasonable goals
- Appreciate what they have learned
- Communicate what they have learned
- Track costs of their projects
- Gather and organize information

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A Few More People to Thank

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Small Animal Judge
Heather Kennison
353 Palace Circle
Spring Creek, NV 89815

Small Barn Superintendent & Rabbit/Poultry Educator
Karla Kennison
353 Palace Circle
Spring Creek, NV 89815

Sheep/Goat Barn Superintendents
Gerald Ackerman  Russ Kinsman
292 Osino Unit 3  135 Glenvista
Elko, NV 89801  Spring Creek, NV 89815

Beef Barn Superintendents
Tom Barns   Jay Wright
HC 30-347   HC 32 Box 180
Spring Creek, NV 89815  Tuscarora, NV 89834

$1000 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

If you are a senior in high school this year and a current 4-H member, then you are eligible to apply for this year’s 4-H Scholarship. Applications are available at the Extension Office or by e-mailing your request for the application to guifarror@unce.unr.edu. Applications are due to the Extension Office by December 21, 2012.

The scholarship committee will base their decision on the 4-H member’s leadership, community service, citizenship, and participation on a club, county, state, and national level. For younger members, this is something to set as a goal for your future.
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Upcoming Contests

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2nd Annual Favorite Foods Contest

What better way to show off your cooking skills! This is all about you! You cook a favorite food, this could be anything from peanut butter cookies to lasagna. Bring this food to the event on February 9, 2013 with a place setting ready to show off your creation to our judges who will taste your food!

2nd Annual Photo Contest

Do you enjoy taking photos, or would you like to try? Well you better get started! The photo contest entry date is March 29, 2013. This means if you don’t have a photo, you have plenty of time to start snapping!

For official rules on both these contest be sure to stop by the Cooperative Extension Office.
Meetings

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UNCE Meeting room 31, be sure to bring your annual financial reports if they are complete and any questions you may have.

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**Does Your Club Have an Achievement Night?**

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- Attend 4-H meetings and other club activities
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- Support the local 4-H club leader by volunteering assistance
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- Must attend all days of 4-H Camp, Elko County Fair, and County Achievement Night and fulfill your officer duties during these events.
- Must attend at least 80% of the 4-H Camp Planning meetings that are held monthly from January until 4-H Camp in July.
- Must attend and assist with at least three of the following county 4-H events throughout the year: Horse Show, Dog Show, Shooting Sports Field Day, Fashion Revue, Livestock Judging & Livestock Skillathon or The National Science Experiment.
- Must conduct themselves in an appropriate manner at all times and be a positive role model for all 4-H members.

Outstanding 4-H Member

Are you an outstanding 4-H youth? Well there is an award you can apply for! The Elko County 4-H Outstanding Member is an award given to a 4-H’er that has shown a high level of commitment to 4-H. This award is open to any senior 4-H’er who is currently enrolled. The application is due December 21, 2012. Please e-mail Ranay for the application.

S$1000 4-H SCHOLARSHIP

If you are a senior in high school this year and a current 4-H member, then you are eligible to apply for this year’s 4-H Scholarship. Applications are available at the Extension Office or by e-mailing your request for the application to gui@unce.unr.edu. Applications are due to the Extension Office by December 21, 2012.

The scholarship committee will base their decision on the 4-H member’s leadership, community service, citizenship, and participation on a club, county, state, and national level. For younger members, this is something to set as a goal for your future.

Breeding Project Report Deadline

If you are planning to sell an animal at the 2013 Elko County Fair you need to ensure that you have two years of breeding reports turned into the Extension Office by June 1, 2013. If these reports are not turned in by this day you will not be able to sell at Fair.

PAYCHECKS FOR MARKET ANIMALS

There are still some 4-H members who sold a market animal who have not completed a 4-H Market Project Sheet and turned it in to the Extension Office. You will not receive your check until the project sheet has been turned in. If the completed Market Project sheet is not received by December 31, 2012, the 4-H member will not be allowed to sell an animal at next year’s sale. These sheets are not removed from your record book, so if you haven’t turned in a separate copy please do so ASAP.

Calling ALL Youth Leaders!!

Are you a 4-H club officer, or would you like to learn some leadership skills? Then mark your calendar for Saturday, February 2nd! The 3rd Annual Elko Leadership training will be held at Big Horn Bistro on the GBC campus from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The cost is $5.00 to be paid the morning of the event. You must pre-register by calling Ranay at 738-7291. Come join the leadership fun!

MANDATORY

SHOOTING SPORTS SAFETY CLASSES

4-H Shooting Sports safety classes are scheduled for January 17, January 24, February 2, and February 9 (see detailed schedule on next page). It is MANDATORY FOR ALL SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT MEMBERS to attend a safety class and take the test for each discipline they wish to compete in during this 4-H year. Each discipline’s class will cover general safety, rules and regulations, shooting procedures, and positioning and form. A parent must accompany 4-H members to the classes. New for 2013: January 17 and January 24 will have ALL disciplines available in one class. You MUST stay through the entire class to be able to qualify for every discipline. February will have each discipline along with testing, offered several times throughout the morning. The classes last approximately 1 hour and 15 minutes per discipline and are limited to the first 10 who sign up. Classes in February will be held at 8 a.m., 9:15 a.m., and 10:30 a.m. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST pre-register by calling Ranay at 738-7291 and signing up for specific classes and times. The cost for NEW members in the 4-H shooting sports program will be $30.00 which covers all educational materials, project notebook, and workshop supplies for the year. Cost for members who have participated in the shooting sports program before and have their project notebook is $20.00. PLEASE BRING YOUR PROJECT NOTEBOOK FROM LAST YEAR WITH YOU TO THE CLASSES. All Shooting Sports project members must attend these safety classes even if they took the safety classes last year. SENIOR AGE 4-H MEMBERS: if you have
taken the safety classes a minimum of 3 times, you will be asked to help the instructor with the training. Listed below is the class schedule and disciplines that will be covered on each date. Trainings in February will be held simultaneously so that students may rotate through the different disciplines throughout the morning.

**SHOOTING SPORTS SAFETY CLASSES SCHEDULE**

**JANUARY 17 -- GBC, HSCI room 107**
All Disciplines- Start time 5:30 p.m.

**JANUARY 24 -- GBC, room TBA**
All Disciplines- Start time 5:30 p.m.

**February 2 -- Masonic Lodge**
Muzzleloader at 8 a.m. / 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Rifle Class at 8 a.m. / 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Shotgun at 8 a.m. / 9:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

**February 9 -- Masonic Lodge**
Archery Class at 8 a.m. / 9:15 a.m.
Air Pistol Class at 8 a.m. / 9:15 a.m

You must call Ranay at 738-7291 to register for class and time. Read the details on previous page carefully!

**WHAT IS THE 4-H MEMBER'S ROLE AT CLUB MEETINGS?**

A 4-H member should attend all club meetings and activities if possible. Members are required to attend 80% of their club meetings and/or activities as designated by each club’s by-laws to be eligible to participate in county or state events. The member should be respectful, attentive, and take an active role during meetings. An active club member volunteers for jobs (such as serving on committees) without being coaxed. You make suggestions and present ideas. If you want the club to vote on something, you make a motion. Every member should know how to make a motion. Here’s how:

The member raises his or her hand, or stands, and waits to be recognized by the president. When the president calls on the member, he or she says, “I move that……..” Another member says, “I second the motion.” If no one seconds the motion, the motion is dropped. If there is a second to the motion, the president asks for discussion from the group. When discussion stops, the president asks members if they are ready to vote on the motion. If no one wants more discussion, the club is ready to vote. The president states the motion so everyone can hear it again and asks all those in favor to signify by 1) saying “aye” or 2) by raising their hand. The president then asks all those opposed, same sign. Then the president says “the motion is carried” or “the motion is lost,” according to the vote of the members.

**2nd Annual Favorite Foods Contest**

What better way to show off your cooking skills! This is all about you! You cook a favorite food; this could be anything from peanut butter cookies to lasagna. Bring this food to the event on February 9, 2013 with a place setting ready to show off your creation to our judges who will taste your food! Entry forms are at the Extension Office, and are due by January 29, 2013. If you have any questions ore would like more information please call Ranay at 738-7291.

**Like Us**

Elko County 4-H is now on Facebook! Just search for Elko County, NV 4-H and like us! We will be posting reminders and all sorts of fun stuff. No Facebook? No worries! You can still see us without having a Facebook account.

**Website**

Check put the Elko County 4-H website @ http://www.unce.unr.edu/4H/counties/elko/

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