



4-H NEWS ROUNDUP

ELKO COUNTY

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ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT



January 21, 2016, 6:00 p.m. is almost here and that means it's the **ELKO COUNTY 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT** at Great Basin College Theater.

Your Officer Team has been planning an awesome evening. Some of the evening will be spent laughing at the 2015 4-H Year in Review, cheering for your fellow 4-H member who is awarded the 4-H scholarship or the 2015 Outstanding 4-H Member! Record book awards and recognition will be a part of the evening as will the installation of your NEW 2016 Elko County Officer Team!

Don't forget to tell your parents to bring their checkbooks as the County Officer Team is putting together some great family-fun themed baskets that you can bid on at Achievement Night. Proceeds from the basket auction help fund the County Officers' work throughout the upcoming year.

Plus one of our very own 4-H members ventured to Ghana this past summer and will be sharing photos of 4-H in Ghana. The American 4-H exchange students are gathering school supplies such as paper and pencils for Ghanaian 4-H club members. This is a wonderful opportunity to give to 4-H members in another country, so bring any supplies you would like to donate with you to Achievement Night.

Don't miss out on this fun-filled evening and invite your entire family! See you there!

MARKET STEERS

By January 1, 2016 your market steer should be selected and on feed. If you need help with feed rations or selection, please feel free to call the Extension Office, 738-7291 and we will find the right resources to help.

SHOOTING SPORTS SAFETY CLASSES

The 2016 4-H Shooting Sports safety classes are scheduled for January 5, January 16 and January 23. **All shooting sports project members must attend a safety class and take the test for each discipline they wish to compete in during the current 4-H year.** The safety class will cover general safety, rules and regulations, shooting procedures, positioning and form. A parent must accompany 4-H members to the classes. **In order to qualify for every discipline you must stay through the entire class.** Pre-registration is required by calling 738-7291. The cost for NEW 4-H shooting sports members is \$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 shooting sports binders from last year with you. **All Shooting Sports project members must attend these safety classes even if they attended the safety classes last year.** **SENIOR AGE 4-H MEMBERS,** if you have taken the safety class a minimum of 3 times, you will be asked to help the instructor with the training.



**SHOOTING SPORTS SAFETY CLASSES
SCHEDULE**

Jan. 5 Courthouse (Nannini building) - County Commissioners' Meeting room
All Disciplines- Start time 6:00 p.m.

Jan. 16 Courthouse (Nannini building) - County Commissioners' Meeting room
All Disciplines- Start time 9:00 a.m.

Jan. 23 Courthouse (Nannini building) - County Commissioners' Meeting room
All Disciplines- Start time 9:00 a.m.

You must call 738-7291 to pre-register for the day you'd like to attend.

**SHOOTING SPORTS TESTING AND PRACTICE
SCHEDULE**

We will be starting the shooting sports testing and practices in February. Please note that it **WILL** be cold so you **MUST** dress appropriately and **ALWAYS** bring water. Saturday practices are from 9:00 AM to Noon and Tuesday practices are 6:00 PM until Dark, and all are at the Elko County Rifle Range.

Feb. 13 and 20 (Saturdays)

Mar. 12 and 19 (Saturdays)

Apr. 9 and 16 (Saturdays)

May 7 and 14 (Saturdays) May 7 LAST DAY TO TEST

May 17 and 24 (Tuesdays)

Jun. 4 (Saturday)

Jun. 14 and 21 (Tuesdays)

Jul. 9 (Saturday)

Jul. 12 and 19 (Tuesdays)

Other practices may be added so watch upcoming newsletters and the online calendar!

FASHION REVUE WORKSHOP

Whether you are signed up for Fashion Revue or Clothing projects or not, come out and meet and greet other 4-H members who are interested in sewing and fashion on January 6, 3-4:30 p.m. at the Marriott Place Suites in Elko. You won't want to miss out on watching "Project Runway Junior" video clips or learning about the categories that are part of the Fashion Revue. You also will create a fun, fashion collage. Snacks and drinks will be provided.

If you have questions please contact Salli McDermott at 775-340-7984 or email her at sallisarman@hotmail.com.

DOG PROJECT UPDATE

The countywide dog project is experiencing changes with Sharon Backman's retirement. Veronica Lamb will be stepping in to keep the dog program going this year, but we need to find a permanent countywide dog leader. Please share this information with anyone who may be interested. We are also in need of an indoor facility, so we can start having dog training classes next month. If you know anyone or a location that may be available, please let us know. Contact Veronica Lamb at 934-8764 or email at mommylamb3@citlink.net.

RABBIT WORKSHOP

The first rabbit workshop of the new year will be January 14, 4:00 p.m., at the Cooperative Extension Office. Please leave your rabbits at home and just bring your questions since we will be in the conference room. For more information contact Karla Kennison, 753-6594 or k_kennison@hotmail.com.

POULTRY WORKSHOP

The first poultry workshop of the new year will be January 14, 5:00 p.m., at the Cooperative Extension Office. Please leave your chickens at home and just bring your questions since we'll be inside. For more information contact Karla Kennison, 753-6594 or k_kennison@hotmail.com.

QUILTING WORKSHOP

Would you like to learn how to make a quilt? Debby Lassiter is holding a quilting class in January (tentatively Jan. 23rd). The class is limited to four 4-H members who are at least 10 years old and have some sewing experience, preferably with using a rotary cutter. The limited number will help Debby give one-on-one attention to participants. Sewing equipment (rotary cutter, mat, sewing machine, etc.) are provided and Debby will contact each 4-H member who signed up, with a list of supplies they need to bring. There are many fun projects being planned for this coming year, so don't be discouraged if you don't get in the first class. Please call the Extension Office, 738-7291 to

register, so we know if there is an interest in the quilting class.

UPCOMING 4-H EVENT DATES TO REMEMBER

January 6 th	Fashion Revue Workshop
January 7 th	County Officer Interviews
January 12 th	County Officer Meeting
January 14 th	Rabbit & Poultry Workshops
January 21 st	Achievement Night
January 29 th	Livestock Judging Classes
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February 5 th , 12 th , 19 th & 26 th	Livestock Judging Classes
February 6 th	Countywide Leadership Training
February 13 th	Shooting Sports Testing/Practice
February 15 th	Fashion Revue Workshop
February 20 th	Shooting Sports Testing/Practice

LIVESTOCK JUDGING CLASSES

Time to start working on your livestock judging skills. Livestock judging classes will help prepare you for the Kiwanis 4-H/FFA Invitational Livestock Judging/Skillathon Contest on March 5th, 2016. These classes will be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Fridays, January 29th, February 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th, and finish on March 4th. Classes will be at Great Basin College McMullen Hall, Room 220 (this is the building where the GBC Library is located). Garrett Tomera will lead the classes, so take advantage of his knowledge and expertise.

We will also need helpers for the day of the Livestock Judging/Skillathon. If you would like to help out, please contact Garrett at 775-388-3342 or email him at gtomera70@gmail.com.

COUNTYWIDE LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Are you a 4-H club officer, or would you like to learn some leadership skills? Come join the leadership fun on Saturday, February 6th, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Location and more details will be announced later. The cost is \$5.00 to be paid the morning of the event. You must pre-register by January 29th by calling the Extension Office at 738-7291. Come join the leadership fun!

We are also looking for senior members and parents who would like to help out with the

training. If you are interested in helping, please call Steve at 738-7291 for more information.

2016 MARKET LIST

Enclosed with this newsletter is a very rough draft of the 2016 Market List.

- If your name isn't on the list and should be, please call Candie at 738-7291 and ask her to add you to the market list.
- The star (*) next to your name just means that you have signed up to sell more than one market animal. This is not a problem; let Candie know which specie you are selling when you decide.
- The line under your name means that you may not have 2 years of breeding record sheets on file for the specie you signed up to take. This gives you time to submit your record sheets to the Extension Office, or call us and ask us to look through the file. Sometimes mistakes happen.
- If you have questions, feel free to call Steve or Candie at 738-7291 and we will be happy to help you.

UNSPONSORED TRIP FUND

Are you interested in attending a state or national event but are concerned about the cost? The Un-sponsored Trip Fund may be able to help. This fund is open to all Elko County 4-H'ers who are planning to attend state or national events. The fund will cover half of your costs to attend these 4-H events, so you can spend more time learning and less time worrying about the cost. For more information on this please contact the Extension Office at 738-7291.

TEST YOUR HOME

During the months of January and February you can stop by the Cooperative Extension Office, 701 Walnut Street in Elko, to pick up a free radon test kit. Radon, a naturally occurring radioactive gas that comes from the ground and can enter homes. At elevated concentrations the odorless, colorless gas can raise the risk of lung cancer for children and adults. Protect your family and take advantage of this free offer.



CLUB DISCOVERY – Not a Llama 4-H Club

Tandy Camacho and Annie Crandall run the Not a Llama 4-H Club. The club has been based in Osino for 4 years with 8-15 members, and they have great fun! We focus mainly on alpacas, a smaller relative of the llama, but we also have goats, horses, and llamas. We study alpacas along with their South American cousins llamas, guanacos and vicunas. We learn all aspects of the Camelid family, from birthing to breeding, shearing & commercial fleece values, training in the ring and hiking in the desert. You don't even have to own one to be a club member. Most of our members just lease the alpaca they want to use for the year. This year everybody is still just picking which animal to use. We have seven crias, a baby alpaca that needs to be trained. They are super cute, intelligent, and SO soft. Alpacas and llamas are totally different from any animal you've ever met. We also train them differently from other animals. The training methods we use will help you train even your cat! We love attending the Fair! This year we had a number of new obstacles for our obstacle course; it was really challenging and fun. The costume class was a blast!! If you would like to know more, just give us a call (775) 397-1298 or come out for a visit. Everybody is welcome to visit; we love company.

CURRICULUM CORNER **4-H Does That?**



Welcome to our 4-H member learning resources corner of the newsletter. This month's topic is Cats. The set includes Purr-fect Pals, Climbing Up, Leaping Forward and a helper's guide. Youth can practice the following life skills through cat projects: decision making, communicating with others, leading self and others, planning and organizing, learning to learn, being responsible, feeding and caring for pet cat(s), keeping their cat(s) healthy and contented and practicing responsible pet ownership. Levels 1, 2 & 3 features breeds, cat senses, shows, tricks, signs of illness & health, cat sounds, emergency situations, feeding, special diets and traveling with a cat. In the helper's guide you will find the group activities an excellent way to involve everyone in learn-by-doing cat project sessions. If an adult or teen wants to lead a one-time workshop, a series of workshops, or start a countywide project, the Extension Office would love to help them get

this started. The manuals and materials can be checked out at the Extension Office, or be purchased from the 4-H Mall; visit <http://www.4-hmall.org/Category/cat.aspx> for prices and more information. If you have any questions you can contact Steve at 738-7291 or terrys@unce.unr.edu.

EVENTS OR WORKSHOPS

If you are planning any type of event or workshop and would like to share the information with other clubs and members, please email the Extension Office the details so we can help get the word out. The *4-H News Roundup* is a great place to get and share information. Please get the information to the Extension Office by the 20th day of the month.

WEBSITE

Check out the Elko County website at: <http://www.unce.unr.edu/4H/counties/elko/>
Calendar of events at: <http://www.unce.unr.edu/counties/elko/>

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