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Bonnie Lessenden Named State Outstanding Leader

One of the best known names in Kiowa County 4-H received one of the highest 4-H honors possible recently when Bonnie Lessenden was chosen as a State Outstanding 4-H Leader. Criteria for this award include being an active leader for a minimum of 10 years. The process for this honor began in March when Prairie Queen 4-H Club, for which Bonnie and her family have donated countless hours, nominated her as an outstanding leader. This nomination was seconded by the Kiowa County 4-H Council, who then sent the nomination on to the State 4-H Conference, held in Fort Collins in late June. The members of the Colorado State 4-H Officer team reviewed the nominations and selected Bonnie as the recipient for this coveted honor. As State 4-H Vice President Jake Meinzer announced the award at the State Conference, he read from letters written by Bonnie's club and council: "Bonnie truly bleeds green, demonstrating her deep love of the 4-H program and the members involved." Bonnie has been a 4-H leader in both Bent and Kiowa Counties for over 25 years, in projects including Foods, Clothing, Leathercraft, and, as Bonnie puts it, "whatever needed a leader." Bonnie's influence can be seen through the vast numbers of current and former 4-Hers she has helped to both complete their 4-H projects and learn life lessons along the way. Bonnie was accompanied at the ceremony as well as at a banquet preceding by her husband, Dwight, daughter Celena Clark, son, Tearle, and niece, Milly Spady. A special guest was former County Extension Agent George Ellicott, with whom Bonnie worked for many years in Kiowa County 4-H. Members of her club, Dawn, Jessica, and Alicia James, and Martha and Courtney Johnson were also present to witness Bonnie receiving this well-deserved recognition. Other Kiowa County 4-H members present were Vincent Koeller, Lauren Weber, Leo & Jose Dominguez, and Susan Greenfield.

Colorado Leadership Camp

Colorado Leadership Camp is for 4-Hers in grades 6-9, and will be held Oct. 10-12, at Snow Mountain Ranch in Winter Park. Highlights include leadership and public speaking, community service project and fun. Cost will be \$115, which includes lodging, meals and workshops. Registration deadline is September 29. For additional information, contact your local Extension Office or the Colorado 4-H website.

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4-H Calendar

August 22- Sept. 1

Colorado State Fair

October

5-11 National 4-H Week
10-12 Colorado Leadership Camp
17-19 Fall Leader's Forum

November

14-15 District VI Night Owl

County Fair Dates:

July 19-26 – Crowley County
July 26-Aug. 2 – Bent County
July 28 – Aug. 2 – Baca County
July 28 - Aug. 2 – Cheyenne County
Aug. 8-17 – Prowers County
Aug. 9-17 – Otero County
Sept. 10-13 – Kiowa County

Check out the Colorado
website at:

www.colorado4h.org

If you wish to participate in any of these events/activities and need special accommodation, please notify the Extension Office of your need at least 5 business days prior to the event/activity.

Colorado State Fair Horse & Livestock Stall Assignments

There will be no switching of stalls at state fair this year. You must stall in the stall assigned from the state fair. When the parents move the kids around within their block of stalls it really creates a problem for us later in the week for other shows. We group the kids according to who is staying for other shows throughout the week, so it is easier on us and the cleaning crews for switch overs. If you could relay that message to them some how that would help me out a lot. I have already got a call from several people about this situation and if I was assigning stalls or if the county

agents was. The answer is only state fair is assigning stalls, and this will be highly enforced this year.

Bill Ekstrom

Sheep Lead Contest at CSF

There is a new rule this year for the CSF Sheep Lead Contest. The rule states that the contestants can use a Market Lamb in the sheep lead contest. This rule is in the sheep lead part of the premium book. For questions on this please call 303-828-9065 or 303-601-9463 or email Michelle at sterkel_livestock@hotmail.com Hopefully this new rule will help more 4-H members participate.

*Michelle Sterkel, Superintendent,
CSF Sheep Lead Contest*

Make It Yourself with Wool Contest

This great contest features garments that were sewn, knitted or crocheted with fabric or yarn that is at least 60% wool. 4-H exhibits are eligible—enter your '08 exhibit if it's wool, or get a head start on your '09 project! The Colorado contest will be December 6th, at the First Christian Church in Burlington. Entries must be postmarked by November 1, 2008.

The contest is both a fashion (60%) and sewing (40%) competition. It is open to all Colorado residents. Garments must have been completed after 1-1-08. Contact your Extension office for entry information. There are great prizes for all state contestants. All contestants will receive a length of Pendleton Wool sponsored by Colorado Wool Growers.

Rabies Watch

Rabies cases are still being reported throughout the Southeast Area. Clinics are still being made available for domestic dogs and cats to get immunized. You can also call your local vet if you can't make one of the clinics. Public education about rabies is available through your local CSU Extension office. If you spot an animal that you feel may be infected, call your local sheriff's department immediately.

Wanted: Freshmen 4-H'ers Attending CSU!

4-H'ers who are attending CSU as freshmen are encouraged to apply to be a 4-H Scholar. The Scholars promote the positive experiences they had in 4-H and spend up to 20 hours a month representing 4-H at key activities, speaking at public events, and meeting with stakeholders and donors. For their efforts, each Scholar receives training, public relations support materials, reimbursement for expenses, and a \$1,500 annual stipend toward college expenses. The person selected is eligible to continue to serve as a Scholar throughout their college career - advancing with each grade level - as long as their grades and activity commitments are met. The freshmen applicants must be willing to make a four-year commitment.

To apply, interested persons enrolled at Colorado State University must submit the following to Gary Small, 106 University Square, Fort Collins, CO 80523-4050 by Oct. 1, 2008.

- Complete resumé that includes 4-H experiences, years in projects, leadership and speaking experiences and skills, community service activities, work-related experiences, awards and special recognitions.
- A (draft) letter of thanks to the Colorado Farm Bureau thanking them for their contribution and funding support for the 4-H Scholars Program.
- A short paragraph (100 words or less) explaining why they wish to become involved in the 4-H Scholars Program; a personal statement of desire for the Scholar position.
- Individuals applying will make a 10-minute presentation before the selection committee on "the scope of 4-H today and what 4-H has meant to them."

Please direct questions to Gary Small at 970.491.1537 or gary.small@colostate.edu.