

October 2020

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- Leaders Appreciation Dinner
- National 4-H Week
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Leaders Appreciation Dinner

Mark your calendar for the annual Leaders Appreciation Dinner on **October 15th at 6:30 pm** in the 4-H Building. All leaders are welcome to join us for this wonderful dinner sponsored by Weld County 4-H Leader's Council.

Mandatory Organizational Leaders Meeting

Mark your calendar for the annual Organizational Leaders Meeting. The meeting will be on Thursday, **October 15th at 7:00 pm** in the 4-H Building. At least 1 leader from each club must attend.

Attention Club Secretary

Please submit a list of your clubs community service activities for the 2019-2020 4-H year by October 1st. Club secretaries can compile the list and mail, email, fax, or drop it off at the Extension Office.

4-H Window Display Promotion

The Weld County 4-H Youth Executive Council is sponsoring a window display promotion that celebrates National 4-H Week, October 4-10, 2020. Your club can put together a window display that lets people see the confidence, passion and practical skills that prepare 4-H'ers to step up to the challenges of our complex, changing world. This year's theme is "Inspire Kids to Do".

Every club that constructs an educational and promotional window display that is exhibited in your community will be eligible for the Window Display contest. Youth Executive Council will award a 1st and 2nd place winner with a cash award. To find specific club guidelines, go to the Tab Section on the homepage at www.weld4h.org.

Non-Discrimination Statement

Materials that are distributed in the name of CSU Extension, 4-H program should contain the following anti-discrimination statement: "The _____ 4-H Club is open for

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membership to all youth of eligible ages without discrimination." Please send a copy of any materials you want to distribute to Kim Sterkel in the Extension Office.

Welcome Macy



Hello!! My name is Macy Gurule and I am thrilled to be working with the Weld County Extension Office as the AmeriCorps member. I grew up in Montrose County on the western slope doing 4-H since I can remember. I am attending Colorado State University and studying Agriculture Business. This is my senior year and I plan to graduate in May and find my next opportunity within this industry. I couldn't be more excited to work with the youth in Weld County and serve this community.

4-H Online

4-H Online is being upgraded this fall. All of your 4-H history will be migrated into the new version of 4-H Online. Because of this 4-H Online will be closed September 15th through November 1st. If all goes well you will be able enroll on November 1st. 4-H Online will have a new look and feel. Please watch your email and website for the instructions on how to enroll.

Colorado Farm Show Scholarships

The Colorado Farm Show is offering over \$25,000 in scholarships to graduating Colorado High School Seniors. To date, the Farm Show has awarded a total of \$262,000 in scholarships! Students who apply should be High School graduates in the Winter 2020 or 2021 and planning on pursuing a degree in an Agricultural field of study at the college or University of their choice.

New this year—applications can be submitted online! Or, if you prefer, you can complete and print the application and mail it so that it is postmarked no later than November 1st. Applications that are late or incomplete will not be considered. Scholarship applications and guidelines can be found at www.coloradofarmshow.com.

Daniels Fund Scholarship

The Daniels Scholarship is an exciting and challenging program that provides the opportunity to obtain a four-year college education at any accredited nonprofit college or university in the United States, complete with financial and personal support throughout the journey. The Daniels Scholarship Program offers resources, encouragement, and inspiration far beyond the financial assistance needed to earn a college degree. Our goal is not only to help Daniels Scholars succeed in college, but to ensure that they thrive beyond their years in college. If you would like more information or to apply for the Daniels Scholarship please visit <https://www.danielsfund.org/Scholarships/Daniels-Scholarship-Program/Overview>, applications open October 1st and close November 15th at 4:00 p.m. MST.

Members & Leaders

Who Ya Gonna Call?!

Members: If you are planning to transfer to another club, please do the following:

1. Call your current Organizational Leader to let them know you will be transferring clubs.
2. Call the Extension Office at 970-400-2066.

4-H Membership

The 4-H year runs from October 1 to September 30. 4-H age is the age of the individual on December 31 of the current 4-H year.

- Cloverbud: 5-7 years old
- Junior member: 8-10 years old
- Intermediate member: 11-13 years old
- Senior member: 14-18 years old

Leader Requirements

Recognized leaders may hold 4-H functions, are covered by 4-H insurance, and may serve as chaperones in the name of 4-H.

Everyone interested in becoming an Organizational Leader is required to interview with the 4-H Agent(s), even if you are already an approved project leader. If your club is dissolving or if you are considering change in leadership, call the Extension Office at 970-400-2066.

In order to be recognized as a volunteer 4-H leader in Weld County, all **NEW** leaders must complete the following requirements:

1. Complete a volunteer application through 4-H Online and receive two positive references
2. Complete a 4-H enrollment form through 4-H Online
3. Complete leader training
4. Pass a background check
5. Interview with 4-H Agent (All organizational leader applicants or as requested)

Interested in Becoming an Organizational Leader?

Remember, Organizational Leaders must be approved, enrolled leaders AND they must have an interview with 4-H Agents before being accepted as an Organizational Leader. If your club is considering changing leadership (new leader or adding a co-leader), please contact the Extension Office at 970-400-2066 to complete all requirements.

4-H Leaders Re-Enroll

All Returning leaders must re-enroll. Every 4-H Leader must submit an enrollment form every year. All volunteers absent from 4-H for one year or longer will be required to re-apply and complete all new volunteer requirements.

Clubs Needed!

Do you live in or around the Johnstown/Milliken and Windsor/Severance areas and have a desire to further your leadership within Weld County 4-H?! Due to increased involvement in those areas, we are seeking volunteer leaders to step into the role of Organization Leaders and start new clubs! With only one club in the Johnstown/Milliken and Windsor/Severance area, it has become impossible to serve all the members who want to be involved. If you are interested in stepping into this role, please contact Kim Sterkel at 970-400-2079.

Icebreaker Activity

Have the group sit in a circle for a little game of telephone! You can split your club into multiple groups if you have a larger club. Have the first person in the circle tell the person next to them a phrase or sentence and then have that person pass it on and so on down the line. When it gets to the last person, have that person say the phrase or sentence out loud. The goal will be for the phrase to be the same that was said in the beginning. This exercise will help the group understand the importance of communication and listening to one another.

Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors

"The Colorado 4-H Ambassador Program is an excellent opportunity for veteran 4-H Shooting Sports members to further develop their leadership and citizenship skills while helping promote the 4-H Shooting Sports Program state wide."

The Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors represent 4-H and specifically 4-H Shooting Sports for public relations purposes at special events such as donor/supporter functions and with the general public, peer groups, 4-H groups, community service groups, schools and media contacts.

Ambassadors serve as spokespersons for the 4-H Shooting Sports program, helping to make 4-H and the 4-H Shooting Sports programs more visible. The ambassador's also use the experiences they gain to further develop their skills in leadership, public presentation, citizenship, community service, public relations and team building.

Members must be 15-18 years old as of December 31st. To see all of the requirements and to apply, please visit <http://co4h.colostate.edu/ss/forms/ambassador-application.pdf>. The application is lengthy, so start today. Applications are due by October 15, 2020.

Weld County 4-H Traeger Grill

BBQ Provisions by 5280 Culinary has generously donated the Weld County 4-H Foundation a Traeger Grill to raffle off in 2020. The Grand Prize is a Traeger Pro 575 Free Standing Wood Pellet Grill and Pellets. The drawing will be held November 21, 2020 at 7:00 pm at the annual Mardi Gras.

Great 4-H Club Fundraiser

The Weld County 4-H Foundation raffle returns half of the ticket sales money to the club or group that sold the tickets. This is a much better rate of return than the 25% (one quarter percent) returns grocery store card sales yield and what other fundraising companies provide. If you are interested in selling raffle tickets to raise money, contact Kim at 970-400-2079.

Laser Tag

As we begin the new 4-H year there are new policies in place from Colorado 4-H regarding laser tag. 4-H groups are no longer allowed to participate in laser tag as it promotes the idea of pointing guns at other people. Please be aware of this when planning club outings.

2020 Mardi Gras – Revamped

After much discussion, it has been decided to cancel this years in-person Mardi Gras due to concerns surrounding COVID. We have spent time visiting with the Weld County Health Department, Weld County Foundation, 4-H Leaders, and staff and, due to the nature of Mardi Gras, we were not able to come up with a feasible plan to operate as we have in the past. I do recognize that the event is still 2 months away but with planning happening now we needed to base moving forward on where we are at currently. This was not an easy decision to make and one that we hope to never make again.

Please watch your e-mail for details on what the revamped Mardi Gras will look like this year. Since Mardi Gras serves as the primary fundraiser for the Weld County 4-H Foundation, we will still be conducting parts of the Mardi Gras to raise funds for the coming 4-H year. The main part that will still be included is the Silent Auction and the Club Basket Challenge through an online platform. There will still be prizes offered for the Basket Challenge so be sure to pull your items together! We are also rolling over the theme from this year to next year and the new theme for this years' Mardi Gras is "Riding out the Rona." We are also exploring some other options and will share details on those as they are developed.

National 4-H Conference

- National 4-H Conference is an annual event planned and conducted by The National 4-H Headquarters. The purpose of the conference is to solicit input from a diverse cross-section of the Cooperative Extension System to strengthen and expand the 4-H Youth Development program at local, state, and national levels. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, state, and county Extension staff from across the U.S., its territories, and the Canadian Provinces. National 4-H Conference is in March.
- Members must be between 15 and 18 years of age as of December 31 of the previous year to participate in this event.
- Nominees submit an application and also a letter of recommendation from their county agent to the State 4-H Office. Your application is due to the Weld County Extension Office by Tuesday, October 27th.
- Colorado State 4-H Office will interview the applicants within 30 days via telephone call or face-to-face in the State 4-H office, whichever works best for them.
- The Colorado 4-H Foundation sponsors approximately one third of the cost for youth to attend this event.
- The State 4-H office will select up to six Colorado 4-H members to attend this event.
- You can find the application in the Tab Section of the homepage at www.weld4h.org.

Colorado 4-H Foundation Scholarship Recipients

The Colorado 4-H Foundation announced the recipients of the 2020 Colorado 4-H Foundation Scholarships. Congratulations!

The members include:

- Hallie Carroll, CSU Freshman and Kimberling Family FFA Scholarships
- Erin Ellis, CSU Freshman Scholarship
- Alaina Endreson, Murdoch's Scholarship
- Alexandra Mellow, CSU Freshman Scholarship
- Wyatt Patton, Colorado Counties, Inc. Scholarship
- Carson Sherwood, CSU Freshman Scholarship
- Shelby Tveten, CSU Freshman Scholarship
- Sarah Westerman, CSU Freshman Scholarship

WELD COUNTY 4-H RECOGNITION NIGHT
OCTOBER 6, 2020

TIME: 6:00PM
WHERE: EXHIBITION BUILDING
ISLAND GROVE PARK, GREELEY

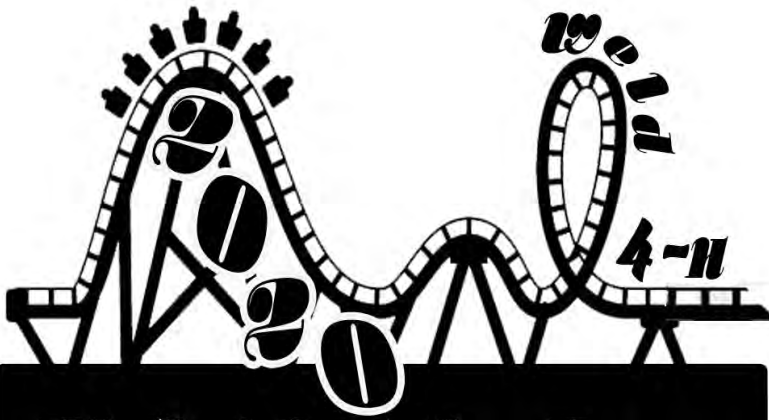
Those being Recognized will receive a separate invitation.
PLEASE RSVP by 9/28/2020

For more information:
tjohnson@co.weld.co.us 970-400-2070

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Mardi Gras



Ridin' Out the Rona with a virtual Mardi Gras

- Traeger Grill Drawing**
- Cash Prize Drawings**
- Online Silent Auction**
- Club Basket Challenge**
- Mardi Gras Dance**

Watch your email

for all the info you'll need

We still need your support to fund all of our 4-H programming!

Contact Teresa Johnson with questions tjohnson@co.weld.co.us
970-400-2070 970-302-9040 (cell)

Mardi Gras Silent Auction

Call for Items

In 2020 the
Silent Auction
will be held virtually.

Clubs are requested
to deliver their
donations for the auction
to the Extension Office
no later than 11/8/20.

If you, your business or a local business
is able to donate items, we will be truly
appreciative!

Please Contact:
Kris Stevens 970-302-7258 or
Teresa Johnson 970-302-9040

We need your support to hold
another successful event!

The Club Basket Challenge
will also be included in the
virtual auction.



Don't forget the Club Basket Challenge!

MARDI GRAS Club Basket Challenge "RIDIN' OUT THE RONA"

Which 4-H Club Basket will win the 3rd Annual basket challenge?

2019 Winners:

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------------|
| MOST CREATIVE BASKET | HIGHEST VALUE BASKET | HIGHEST PROFIT BASKET |
| WESTWARD 4-H | MAGIC SPURS 4-H | WAGONEERS 4-H |

START PLANNING YOUR CLUB BASKET NOW!

Clubs are challenged to provide a unique Gift basket to be placed
on the silent auction, the basket selling for the highest bid will
be crowned the 2019 winner!

PICK A THEME

GATHER ITEMS

INVOLVE YOUR MEMBERS!

Winning Clubs receive a "club party"



PLEASE BE SURE TO DELIVER YOUR CLUB'S BASKET & OTHER SILENT AUCTION ITEMS
TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 9.

Questions? Teresa 970-400-2070 tjohnson@co.weld.co.us

We're planning to dance in person on November 21



We hope you'll join us at the Exhibition Building 8pm-11:30pm

\$5 per person, 4-H guidelines
Line dance lessons

Youth Executive Council

Fall is coming, Weld County 4-Hers! Before a new season comes, let's see what's been happening this month in Youth Executive Council!

Thank you for supporting the pop stand during the fair. We had a lot of fun serving you and your needs. The funds we earned will help us in the future. You'll see some of our members helping out at recognition night on October 6th. Like other clubs, we will be electing new officers for this 4-H year. We will be holding elections at our next meeting. YEC will take the opportunity to have a fall retreat on October 17th and 18th. At the retreat we will plan for this 4-H year, bond our relationships with each other, and of course have fun!

Want to keep posted on what we do, or what we're about? Our next YEC meeting will be held on November 2nd. If you have an interest in joining Youth Executive Council, the only requirements are to show up and attend a meeting, and be 13 years or older. Even if you're not sure you want to join, we still welcome visitors!

Paige Strickland, Laura Stevens, Meghan Klein, and Drake Kelly- The YEC reporters

District II Meetings - Location To Be Determined

All District II Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Berthoud Room at the McKee Building at The Ranch in Loveland.

- November 18, 2020

4-H Leader's Council

4-H Leaders Council is open to all organizational, project, activity and resource leaders, as well as interested parents. Membership consists of all leaders enrolled in the Weld County 4-H program.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 13th at 7:00 pm at the Exhibition Building.

Agenda includes: nominations for elections, National 4-H Week, recognition awards, & event planning for the 2020-2021 4-H year, Mardi Gras and more! See you there!

Weld County 4-H Leader's Council T-Shirts for Sale

Weld County Leaders Council has several t-shirts for sale. We have 2 styles of t-shirts, "Catch The Clover". This t-shirt was designed by Ryan Hamilton. These t-shirts cost \$12.00 each for youth and adult sizes S-XL and \$15.00 for adult sizes 2XL-4XL. We also have "Weld County 4-H Est. 1917" t-shirts for sale. These t-shirts cost \$17.00 each for adults and \$12.00 each for youth sizes. If you are interested in purchasing a t-shirt, please contact Michelle at 970-400-2076. Below are picture of each of the t-shirts.



Catch the Clover T-Shirt to the left is the newest t-shirt we have.



Weld County 4-H Est. 1917 t-shirt to the right is also available.

Beef ID Date Change for 2021

We just found out some information that will be useful in planning your beef dates. Producers Livestock Marketing Association is having a large sale on Saturday, February 6, 2021, which is the same day we would normally have our Beef ID. Therefore, we will push it back one week to Saturday, February 13, 2021, full details about the day will be provided in our December newsletter. Please make this change on your calendars.

2021 National Western Stock Show Postponed to 2022

The National Western Stock Show announced on September 14, 2020 that the 2021 National Western Stock Show is postponed to 2022. For details and information, please go to www.nationalwestern.com.

Meats Judging Coach Needed

Weld County is looking for a new Meats Judging Coach to work with our 4-H youth. As you may know, the basic concept of the meat judging program is to train individuals to distinguish differences in relative value of various meat cuts. At this time we have some interested youth in this program and need to find an adult to further expand their interest and knowledge in meats judging. If you have an interest in helping with this program or know someone else who might, please notify Larry, 970-400-2093.

Weld County 4-H Horse Advisory Council

Nominations are being taken for persons interested in serving on the 4-H Horse Advisory Council. The purpose of this Council is to coordinate horse activities and educational opportunities in Weld County for 4-H members involved in the Horse project. Council members will be elected at the November meeting. Please call Kim Sterkel at 970-400-2079, if you have an interest in serving on this Council.

Royalty Corner

Hello, this is your 2020-2021 Weld County Fair Queen, Shelby Tveten. I would like to start off by saying that I am so proud of each and every 4H and FFA member who participated in the fair this year; you all did amazing! Even though this year was very strange and different, I would like to commend all of you for doing such a good job and sticking through it! On that note, thank you to our Weld County Commissioners, Weld County Fair Board, and all of our club and chapter leaders for making this year's fair possible.

With this year being so different from most, this is the year to be innovative and find creative new events to interact with each other in our communities. I am very much looking forward to all of the possibilities this spring, the rest of the year, and beyond. Your 2020-2021 Weld County Fair Royalty Court is working strenuously to bring you the best possible year ahead.

We hope that even with all of these challenges, you are still able to find joy in the simplicity of things and be creative with your activities!

Sincerely,
Shelby Tveten
2020-2021 Weld County Royalty Queen

Fair Photographer

If you would like to purchase pictures from the 2020 WCF photographer Jamie Johnson, with Twisted J Creative CO. please visit www.twistedjcreativeco.com!

2020 Weld County Fair Results

I have the Results publication that the Greeley Tribune produced for the fair. If you would like one, please contact Jenette at 970-400-2069.

Mark Your Calendar Now for the 2021 Weld County Fair

The 2021 Weld County Fair is July 24th through August 2nd, kickoff is July 28th. The Junior Livestock Sale will be held on Monday, August 2nd. Fair Books will be available online to exhibitors around the first week of May. Fair Books will also be available in the Extension Office.

Congratulations to all Exhibitors

Congratulations to all of you who exhibited at the 2020 Weld County Fair! All the hard work you put into your projects was appreciated by the judges who commented on the quality of both the exhibits and exhibitors. We have had many great comments from fairgoers about how impressive the exhibits were and how they can't wait to come back next year.

Share Your Fair Pictures

If you would like to share your pictures of this year's fair please email them to me at jmasarie@weldgov.com. I like to use them in our brochures and advertising and on the cover of next year's fair book. Thanks!

Weld County 4-H Newsletter

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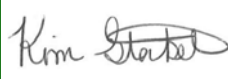
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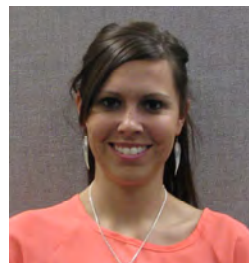
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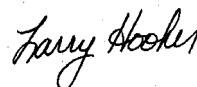
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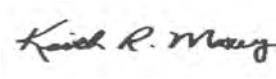
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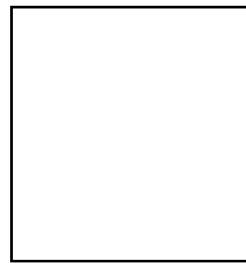
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Master Calendar

| October | |
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| 1 | Club Community Service due to Kim |
| 4-10 | National 4-H Week |
| 6 | Recognition Night, 6 pm, EB |
| 7 | Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB |
| 13 | Youth Executive Council, 7 pm |
| 13 | Leaders Council, 7 pm, EB |
| 15 | Leaders Appreciation Dinner, 6:30 pm, 4-H |
| 15 | Mandatory Organizational Leaders Meeting, 7 pm, 4-H |
| 15 | Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Application Due |
| 27 | National 4-H Conference Applications due to EO |

| November | |
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| 1 | Colorado Farm Show Scholarship due |
| 3 | Youth Executive Council, 7 pm |
| 3 | Leaders Council, 7 pm, EB |
| 4 | Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB |
| 8 | Mardi Gras Silent Auction Items due to EO |
| 11 | Weld County Extension Office Closed |
| 15 | Daniels Fund Scholarship due by 4 pm |
| 17 | Horse Council Meeting, 7 pm, EO |
| 18 | 4-H Foundation Board Meeting, Noon, EO |
| 18 | District II Meeting, 7 pm, Location TBD |
| 21 | Mardi Gras Dance, 9:30 pm-Midnight, EB |
| 26-27 | Weld County Extension Office Closed |

Due to the many events scheduled at Island Grove and through our 4-H program, locations, dates, & times are subject to change. Please CHECK THE WEBSITE (www.weld4h.org) regularly for the most up to date & accurate information!

| December | |
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| 1 | Youth Executive Council, 7 pm |
| 1 | Leaders Council, 7 pm, EB |
| 2 | Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB |
| 24-25 | Weld County Extension Office Closed |
| 31 | Weld County Extension Office Closed |

| January | |
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| 1 | Weld County Extension Office Closed |
| 1 | Weld County 4-H Scholarship Application available in the Tab Section on the homepage of the Weld County 4-H Website |
| 5 | Youth Executive Council, 7 pm |
| 5 | Leaders Council, 7 pm, EB |
| 6 | Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB |
| 15 | Re-enrollment closes at 11 pm through 4-H Online |
| 19 | Horse Council Meeting, 7 pm, EO |
| 26-28 | Colorado Farm Show |

| February | |
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| 2 | Youth Executive Council, 7 pm |
| 2 | Leaders Council, 7 pm, EB |
| 3 | Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB |
| 13 | Beef ID Day, Producers, Greeley |
| 17 | Weld County Extension Office Closed |

| March | |
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| 1 | Last day to enroll in 4-H |
| 1 | Weld County 4-H Scholarship due by 5 pm in EO |
| 2 | Youth Executive Council, 7 pm |
| 2 | Leaders Council, 7 pm, EB |
| 3 | Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB |
| 16 | Horse Council Meeting, 7 pm, EO |

Guide to Location Codes

Island Grove Park is 525 N. 15th Avenue, Greeley
 EO = Extension Office, Island Grove Park
 BH = Bunkhouse, Island Grove Park

4-H = 4-H Building, Island Grove Park
 EB = Exhibition Building, Island Grove Park
 LB = Livestock Barn, Island Grove Park