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Yuma County Employees Newsletter

Yuma County 4H Excels

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The 2019 State Fair attendees from the Yuma County 4H program represented the county exceptionally well by qualifying the largest number of State Fair showmen for sale in many years. State Fair differs from County Fair in that sale isn't guaranteed for kids showing animals. With only a limited number of kids being able to sell, the size of the group qualifying from Yuma County (pictured below) is something to really be proud of. All but two of the families showing at State Fair qualified for

sale and Yuma County held both the Grand Champion and Reserve Champion sale slots for chickens. Yuma County 4H Agent JoLynn Midcap notes that it's a strong reflection of the quality of the Yuma County 4H program. If you see any of the families represented below, make sure to let them know we're proud to have them representing Yuma County.



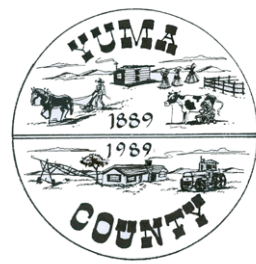
Budget Work and 2020 Planning

September 10 is the official beginning of the 2020 budget process with the first Commissioners' Budget Work Session scheduled to run all day. Throughout the day, County Offices and Departments as well as external agencies supported through County funds will make presentations detailing their operational plans and budget requests for 2020.

Presentations will continue throughout the month including work sessions at both regular meetings of the BOCC as well as a meeting of all counties in the Eastern District where regional services will present budgetary requests to multiple Boards at one time.

After the information is submitted, the Commissioners will begin fitting the requests together and assessing the overall financial picture based on the Assessor's valuation and various other revenue sources. Strategic plans and needs for years beyond 2020 will be weighed against requests received to develop a sustainable and responsible expenditure of public funds in the coming year.

A draft budget is proposed by the Budget Officer in October with the final budget adopted in mid-December.



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September Celebrations

The month of September provides several reminders of the value and responsibility of being Americans. This month Labor Day on September 2, followed by International Democracy Day on September 15, National Constitution Day on September 17, and Banned Books Week celebrating the First Amendment the week of September 22 all provide us opportunities to be grateful for the freedom and protections we are afforded. National Voter Registration Day is also recognized on September 24, so make sure you stop and see Bev and staff if you need to celebrate by registering. And if those aren't enough reason to celebrate the month, surely you can get on board with the first day of fall on September 23, National Family Day on September 26, or September 20 which happens to be both National Queso Day and National Pepperoni Pizza Day.

Significant Storms Seen in August

The month of August proved to be a significant weather month for Yuma County. Following several severe storms on the evening of August 11, the National Weather Service out of Goodland Kansas confirmed an F-1 tornado in the area of Wauneta with significant damage from straight line winds occurring in other areas of the county as well. A total of 95 power lines were downed in the storm with all but 3 being in Yuma County. A number of structures were damaged though, thankfully, no injury or loss of residence or livestock occurred. State record-breaking hail was also incurred in the area with neighboring counties also experiencing severe storms.

Two days later, on the afternoon of August 13, tornadoes were spotted in the south end of the county approximately 10 miles north of Kirk. Again, no injury or loss of livestock was reported. Significant rain, wind, and hail continued throughout the month keeping the Office of Emergency Management and first responders from all agencies on their toes.

Dates to Remember:

- 9-2 Labor Day—County Offices Closed
- 9-3 Payroll Deadline
- 9-6 Pay Day
- 9-9, 9-23 Payables Deadlines
- 9-10 Budget Work Session
- 9-16 BOCC Meeting
- 9-30 BOCC Meeting

CPR Certification Offered

Yuma County is partnering with Wray EMS to offer CPR certification to County employees on a voluntary basis. Certification will entail an online learning module followed by hands-on assessment by the Wray EMS CPR instructor team. Employees who are interested in gaining or renewing CPR certification should contact Andrea in the Administration Office for more information.

Have an idea for content? Information that needs shared? Email to administrator@co.yuma.co.us for inclusion in next month's newsletter.