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Extension Advisory Committee Meeting Agenda

May 5th, 2021
8am – 10:00 am virtually via Zoom*

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AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. PUBLIC COMMENT:
3. AGENDA REVIEW:
4. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES:
5. INFORMATION ITEMS: (10 minutes, highlights)
 - a) Upcoming Larimer Extension [classes and programs](#)
 - b) **4-H**: (Katie, Pam, Diane, Toby and Bailey)
 - The 4-H team continues supporting members with their projects, preparing for County Fair, and holding contests. On any given evening or weekend day, one to five 4-H events are being held in-person or virtually by our volunteers and agents - from project workshops to club meetings to contests.
 - Access to the McKee Building at The Ranch was returned to us on May 1. However events are quite limited in the building due to social distancing requirements.

- The Larimer County 4-H Foundation is generously funding the purchase of a trailer to hold Dog Project Agility Equipment. This equipment currently lives in a closet in the East Pavilion, where we have had challenges over the year with it being cared for properly and accessing it easily. The trailer will make a huge difference to the members, volunteers and staff working with the dog project.
- [Katie Daywalker](#) & Bailey Schilling hosted the second “Train the Agents” event on April 12th at The Ranch. 11 volunteers attended. Despite that smaller than hoped turnout, the feedback provided was substantial. The agents are reviewing the feedback and developing a survey to gather additional feedback from volunteers who did not attend either in-person event. Katie Daywalker has also scheduled three youth focus groups this year and will be recruiting participants. These will be opportunities for an informal needs assessment of the Larimer County 4-H program from the youth member perspective.
- Bailey Schilling hosted the Larimer County Horse Bowl on 4/24. Due to the limited and younger participants, this year was more of a practice for the members to experience the competition and be ready to compete and possibly go on to the state level in years to come.
- Katie Daywalker hosted the Public Presentation Day on May 1st with 10 members participating. The members (including two Cloverbuds!) delivered great performances, and we are proud of their preparation and courage.
- We plan to hold in-person Interview Judging as usual on August 3rd. We are in the process of recruiting judges currently.
- 4-H Youth participated in a virtual statewide youth financial workshop on 4/22 that received enthusiastic reviews. Katie is hoping to offer more resources in this area in the future based on demand.
- Sheep & Goat Weigh Day was held on April 26th. ____ animals were weighed.
- Katie Daywalker has been accepted to cohort XI of the Western Extension Leadership Development (WELD) program. This is a leadership development program designed for Extension professionals in the Western United States and Territories and requires a 15-month commitment from participating interns.
- Katie Daywalker hosted an April Cloverbuds virtual workshop focused on Scrapbooking with Key Leader Amber Hersh, that was very positively reviewed by members & parents. The May Cloverbuds workshop will focus on gardening & will be led by two Master Gardeners supported by our own [Alison O'Connor](#).
- c) **Horticulture and Farmers’ Market** (Alison & Emily):
 - The Master Gardeners are starting a few, limited in-person outreach events, following both CSU and Larimer County protocols. They are excited!
 - Green School training ended at the end of April; there were 30 Larimer County participants; certificates will be mailed for those who completed the course
 - Grow & Give is a statewide food insecurity effort; anyone who has a garden can [sign up to participate](#) and donate garden produce to community members in need; to date there are 46 registered!
 - With Amber Webb, Alison and Emily are doing a three-part farmers’ market virtual presentations with the CSU Alumni Association. They will be held May 4, May 18, and June 1.
 - The farmers’ market will be working with intern Emilia Ravetta, who will be working with a fellow CSU student, Cookie Egret, to address how community members value the Larimer County Farmers’ Market, connecting to Extension programmatic areas in community

development; food systems; individual, family, and community well-being; nutrition, food safety, and health.

d) **Food & Nutrition** (Amber)

○ Amber completed two pilot classes called Preserving Food with Confidence for the Larimer County Community Corrections SNAP grant project. Sixteen clients participated and returned surveys with very positive feedback. Upon graduation from their program, each class participant will receive a kitchen toolkit that contains a chef's knife, stockpot, mixing bowl, colander, tongs, and cutting board as well as a packet of fact sheets and resources for home food preservation and how to reduce food waste.

e) **Ag & Natural Resources** (Karen):

● Native Plant Master Program - Courses filled for this summer's Lory State Park, Pineridge Natural Area, Red Mountain Open Space, and Soapstone Prairie Natural Area. Classes also filled for RMNP Alpine Wildflowers, Grass ID, and two keying/terminology classes. Participation was capped at 8 participants due to COVID restrictions.

● Radon Awareness - Two additional classes were held remotely and participants received a free short-term test kit to test their home. Received additional funding from CDPHE to hold two radon awareness classes in September for the Spanish speaking community.

● Invasive Species 101 webinar series - 181 attended Invasive Species, Understanding the Issues; 118 attended Introduction to IPM, and 117 attended Weed ID and Management. The presentations are recorded and sent out to over 500 registrants to the series.

● Small acreage visits have begun.

● I will be mentoring two CSU students through the CSUE Internship program. One project will focus on post-fire plant recovery in the Cameron Peak burn area. The other on the effects of the Cameron Peak fire on mammal community resilience.

f) **Community Development** (Sue & Lisa):

○ Sue submitted a pre-proposal to CSU for NextFifty Initiative funding to position the Northeast Regional Engagement Center in Sterling as OEE's Engagement Center for Healthy Aging. This will support Extension healthy aging initiatives across the state and allow for scaling up programs like Senior Access Points and the Aging Mastery program.

○ Sue is working with consultants to refresh SAP website (LarimerSeniors.org), build template for Extension counties/regions, and develop SAP of Colorado landing page with resources. New sites should be launched in June.

○ Check out this article about SAP's expansion efforts recently published in The Source: <https://engagement.source.colostate.edu/senior-access-points-is-expanding-to-connect-more-colorado-residents-with-aging-related-resources/>

○ Check out this blog article about SAP's rural aging work in the Columbine Health System's Center for Healthy Aging: <https://www.research.colostate.edu/healthyagingcenter/2021/04/12/aging-in-place-in-rural-areas-of-colorado/>

6. PRESENTATION: Horticulture and Farmers Market programs - Alison O'Connor, Hort Agent and Emily Alligood, Farmers Market Coordinator

7. DISCUSSION:

a. Board survey for the Board of County Commissioners

b. Strategic Guidance

- i.prioritization results from the board
- ii.draft Executive Summary document
- iii.already moving towards implementation:

- 1. budget requests
- 2. creation of policies

8. OTHER BUSINESS: Trends and issues you see in the community to share? Other items?

9. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED: