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Date: Wednesday, September 07, 2022
Time: 8:00 AM
Location: Zoom Meeting

EXTENSION ADVISORY COMMITTEE AGENDA

Public Registration:

This is a hybrid meeting, so come in-person or join the meeting virtually via Zoom to be let into the waiting room at:

<https://larimer-org.zoom.us/j/93331576481>

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Call To Order

Public Comment

Agenda Review

Approval of Minutes

Draft Minutes for Approval 7/6/2022

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Discussion

1. 4-H

Members: Katie, Pam, Diane and Bailey

Annual 4-H Open House - This fall we will be hosting our Annual 4-H Open House Event to welcome & recruit new 4-H members. The 4-H Team will be giving an overview of the program and information on joining 4-H. Current 4-H Clubs and members will set up booths to display some of their projects from the year and visit with the prospective new families about the benefits of the 4-H program. The event will be held on Thursday, October 6, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the 4-H McKee Building

Annual 4-H Achievement Night - Please plan to join us in celebrating the achievements of our 4-H members and leaders in the 2021-2022 4-H project year! The Annual 4-H Achievement Night will be held on November 4, at 6:30 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall in the 4-H McKee Building

2. Horticulture and Farmers' Market

Members: Alison & Rachel

[Horticulture]

Applications for the 2023 Master Gardener program open September 1 and will close October 16; everyone who is interested in the program is welcome to apply. The process includes the application, background check, interview, and reference check. Training will begin in January 2023.

The Larimer County Master Gardeners will celebrate Dr. Jim Klett's, CSU Horticulture Professor and Extension Specialist, 42 year career with CSU on September 14 at the Trial Gardens at 5:30pm. Dr. Klett has been a strong supporter and partner with Larimer County Extension. Dr. Klett will retire at the end of the year.

Alison will attend the National Master Gardener Coordinator Conference in Savannah, Georgia September 19-22. She will be presenting a poster on the Ranch Demonstration Gardens and the on-going research.

Grow & Give has 73 registered gardeners in Larimer County (since 8/29/2022). Donations have already topped 1,000 pounds. You can monitor real-time statewide donations by clicking [here](#). Check out total pounds, number of donation events, and produce types being donated.

Several staff and state specialists will be presenting with the Fort Collins Museum of Discovery. These will be weekend or evening presentations on a variety of topics. Staff in our office include Amber, Karen, Rachel, and Alison.

[Farmers' Market]

We are right in the middle of peak market season. We have all of our produce vendors in full swing.

Our best sales day this far was August 20th with over \$85,000 in total sales.

3. Food & Nutrition

Members: Amber & Analecia

Retail Food Safety Program-

6 Certified Food Protection Manager classes completed since June- average 5 participants a class

Scheduled first Spanish interpreted Food Safety Works class Sept. 14th

Scheduled first Spanish interpreted Certified Food Protection Manager class Sept. 26th

Conducted first class for FSW for Colorado Early College in the Food Science Program- working on becoming a part of the curriculum each year.

Creating activities for each chapter, interactive group related for both FSW and CFPM

Family Consumer Science Program

We are in the midst of the food preservation season so classes are in full swing! We are offering a suite of classes in person as well as virtually. They will be continuing through October.

Working with the Aspen Club, AARP and Market Days clients to host classes for the older adult audiences. Classes are being offered in person and virtually. They include Nutrition for Older Adults, Mediterranean Diet and Preserving Food with Confidence.

Master Food Safety Advisors are the Farmers Market twice a month to offer support to consumers on food safety, food preservation and conducting yearly pressure canners gauge checks as recommended by Extension.

4. Ag & Natural Resources

Members: Karen

The High Plains Environmental Center and Red Mountain Open Space Native Plant Master courses took place in August. One additional course was held in May and four special classes were held in June and July. There were 58 participants in the 2022 NPM courses and special classes, with 23 volunteers.

Extension is once again partnering with the City of Fort Collins Healthy Homes Program in September to hold two Radon Awareness virtual classes in both English and Spanish. This is the second year we will hold this program in Spanish.

I have gone on 23 small acreage site visits through mid-August, with additional site visits planned. Following a site visit, I provide the property owner with a report highlighting the actions they can take on their property to manage weeds, grazing pressure, etc. with the goal to educate the property owner on how to improve management practices.

Mentored two CSU students through the CSU Extension Internship Program. One project involved grazing management on Roberts Ranch, the other focused on understanding the small mammal community resilience following the Cameron Peak wildfire.

Working with a team across Larimer County government on outlining short and long term actions Larimer County can complete to meet its climate smart initiative.

5.

Community Development

Members: Sue and Lisa

Sue's last day with Larimer County Extension was September 1. She accepted a position with CSU Extension as the state health specialist and will be working to support the new rural health initiative as well as building out statewide plans for health extension. She is looking forward to supporting LCE and its health initiatives in the future!

PRESENTATION: Aging programming: Cheryl

Staff Presentation

Aging programming: Sue & Cheryl

1. Presentation

Information Items

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Discussion

2023 Board Work Plan

Powerhouse 2 update

Community outreach

Vendor survey

2022 County Fair overview by the numbers

Total of 1010 exhibitors with 5,848 entries (as compared to 885 exhibitors and 5,600 entries for 2021)

Livestock had 411 exhibitors (as compared to 399 in 2021) and livestock sale grossed \$927,391 (as compared to \$809,940 in 2021): Champion steer sold for \$46,000

General/FCS exhibitors was 412 youth (vs 341 in 2021)

Open Class had 679 exhibitors and 1242 entries (as compared to 509 exhibitors and 898 entries in 2021)

Climate Smart & Future Ready work group invitation from BOCC, due 9/23

Showcase topics / agenda for next year

Other Business

Next Meeting Scheduled

11/2/2022: 8:00am - 10:00am

Adjourn

