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Date: Wednesday, September 04, 2024
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>

Contact: Please contact Andy at (970) 498-6002 or weaklaand@co.larimer.co.us if you are unable to attend the meeting.

Call to Order

Agenda Review

Approval of Minutes

1. July 3rd Extension Advisory Board Minutes

Board Feedback

County Commissioner Liaison Report/Comments

Information Items

1. **4-H:** (Rachel, Bailey, Britney, Diane and Diana)

Concluded a very successful 2024 Larimer County Fair

560 Static Entries

Members will be turning in Record Books to Club Organizational Leaders for project completion at the End of September.

Livestock and members who want to participate in the Record Book contest will have their record books graded.

Concluded the 2024 Colorado State Fair (Except for the Dog Trials Contest)

Larimer County had 3 representatives make the qualified Colorado State Fair Youth Livestock Sale (total in the sale was 105 out of more than 800 entries that exhibited in the youth livestock shows).

219 Entries in FCS and General Projects at the State Fair

- 36 Class Champions
- 19 Class Reserve Champions
- 11 Overall Grand Champions
- 15 Overall Reserve Grand Champions
- 5 participants in the Rocket Fly Day contest
 - Overall Grand Champion and Overall Reserve Champion from Larimer County!
 - All Participants were either Champion or Reserve Champion in their class!
- 3 participants at State Fashion Revue
 - Overall Grand Champion from Larimer County! We'll have the opportunity to send a representative to the National Contest
- 2 participants in Public Presentation
 - Champion Intermediate Demonstration or Illustrated Talk
 - Reserve Champion Senior Demonstration or Illustrated Talk
- 2 participants in the State Dog Agility Contest
 - 1 Class Champion

New 4-H year will begin October 1, 2024, at which time enrollment for the new year will begin

4-H Open House Scheduled for October 9th 2024

2. **Ag & Natural Resources:** (Jess)

NoCo Farm Hop success - 50 attendees (2 commissioners(Kefalas and Shadduck-McNally, and 1 representative (Mike Lynch)

Working with Maggie on a Soil health day at the Farmers Market Sept 28th

We will highlight vendors soil health practices and have fun soil health demo activities from the NRCS to educate public about importance of soil health

Shared Producer Ag Survey Draft Report to Commissioner's Working Session

Passed out 150 After the Disaster Guidebooks for those affected by the Alexander Mountain Fire

Passed out guidebooks at the the county fair, Disaster Assistance Center at the Ranch, and Evacuation shelters (Loveland and Estes) -with the help of Cari and Andy

NPM has finished for the summer (we had to cancel one course due to volunteers family emergency)

4 site visits for July/August including a site visit for MacGregor Ranch in Estes and a working farm in Johnstown

3. **Community Development:** (Lisa)

New Aging Mastery class in Spanish set to start mid September. Currently in the recruitment phase.

FLTI

4. **Farmers' Market:** (Maggie)

Produce Bonus (eHIP pilot) at LCFM has been implemented since end of July - see article in Colorado Sun talking about the healthy & local food access benefits of the program

Reminder: Customers can now use their EBT cards (SNAP program) directly with vendors and vendors will apply the bonus/double money directly to their EBT accounts - no paper vouchers needed

Initial weeks of the program have seen a lot of snafus, such as vendors forgetting to add the bonus onto customers' SNAP accounts or other technical glitches - we have worked in collaboration with Nourish Colorado and Colorado DHS (pilot administrators) to work through these hurdles and communicate program to customers

Presence of Lisa Auer & Laura Barajas at the market has assisted with explanation of program to customers

Week-to-week, we have seen increased understanding and uptake of program from customers and vendors

Our contacts with the state have worked 1-on-1 with customers to assist with thoroughly explaining program changes

We have also received permission from Nourish Colorado to continue administering DUFEB vouchers for the remainder of 2024 to ease the transition for customers, especially as not 100% of vendors are signed up with program (and they therefore can't process EBT transactions directly)

10/15 produce vendors accept EBT directly

Also a benefit to those farmers with farm stands - notably Native Hill, Well Fed & Folks Farm & Seed that now can take EBT cards directly at their farm stands

Maggie has been working with community partners to spread word about program - including local nonprofit groups, the Food Bank, and presenting about program to Dept. of Human Services staff meeting which included caseworkers from other organizations that work with SNAP customers

Celebrated National Farmers Market Week on August 10, 2024

August 6: Proclamation with Larimer County Commissioners proclaiming celebration of National Farmers Market Week, included presence of nearby Fort Collins farmers market managers

Zucchini races at the market on 8/10/24

Customers were able to write postcards to thank their favorite vendors

September special event: Soil Health Day on September 28, in coordination with Jess Callen & soil health partners such as NRCS (National Resources Conservation Service)

Working to plan a Farm2LocalBiz event in November with Jess, to connect local producers and local businesses interested in purchasing local food - producers already registering in one week of registration page launched!

5. **Food Safety & Nutrition** (Amber & Analecia)

6. **Health & Well-Being:** (Christa & Cheryl)

Healthy by Nature Event

Free community event at Lee Martinez Park on July 27th to promote nature and the connection to our health and wellbeing. We had interactive booth and activities from 15 partner organizations

~200 participants in the event including volunteers

Larimer Extension staff led the check-in table and shared information about Extension programs. In addition, we hosted booth related to outdoor safety and extreme heat and distributed cooling kits.

Radon Grant closing and application for 2024-2025

Gave 420 free radon test kits through a social media campaign in 2024

Grant will increase from \$5,000 to \$10,000 next year allowing us to provide more free kits to community members in the next cycle

Climate and Health: Christa is the co-lead for the Climate Smart Future Ready- Health Focus team and coordinated an education and outreach project related to extreme heat and health. She arranged for volunteers from organizations to build cooling kits with supplies (water bottles, electrolytes, cooling towels, personal fan, sunscreen, etc.) and educational information. 500 kits were distributed to vulnerable populations including those experiencing homelessness, older adults, families, spanish speaking communities, and agricultural and outside workers. In addition, she participated in a podcast on KRFC's Community at Work segment.

Healthy Aging: This position is set to terminate at the end of the year. Cheryl will continue to fulfill her commitments through December 31st, including advance care planning presentations, the end-of-life presentation in November at Old Town Library, and outreach for Senior Access Points (847 new users in July). Cheryl worked with Meals on Wheels to have 400 SAP magnets included with the lunch deliveries in August. Larimerseniors.org is a valuable tool for the community, and a priority has been to bring awareness to it. Cheryl has worked on Senior Access Points for seven years and Market Days for six. This position has been part of the community's bigger effort to find solutions to the needs of older adults, and there's been an investment over the years in relationship building and

collaborations. Extension has been a voice at the table, and this transition to step away from solution seeking has been very difficult for community partners.

7. Horticulture: (Alison)

Applications for the 2025 Master Gardener program were open from August 1 to August 31; background checks and interviews will happen in September and October; training starts the week of November 4

Alison traveled to Santa Fe, NM for the National Extension Master Gardener Coordinator Conference; she presented on the Larimer County Grow & Give program and neighborhood dropoff locations

A field day to highlight the CMG Winter Squash Trials and the work being done with Drs. Whitney Cranshaw and Pat Byrne will be on Tuesday, September 10 from 9am-11am. It will be held at ARDEC-North and free to attend.

There are several Evergreen Elders programs scheduled for the fall and early winter with Good Sam in Loveland, Dementia Together, and the Worthington; we are also doing a second program with the Ram Scholars in October

The Master Gardener year wraps up October 31 - the annual recognition event will be held in November or December.

8. General/Other (Cary)

Revised bylaws approved

County Fair kudos and feedback

Rural/small town engagement update

Staff Presentation

Amber & Analecia - FCS & Retail Food Safety

1. F&C Presentation

Discussion

Next Meeting Scheduled

11/6/2024: 8:00am - 10:00am

Adjourn

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