



### Showcase your talents at the Phillips County Fair

According to Wikipedia, a fair is a gathering of people to display or trade produce or other goods, to parade or display animals and often to enjoy associated carnival or fun fair entertainment, and if one looks back at our past county fairs, the tradition has not changed all that much.

Each of the county themes has always possessed a sense of pride, community and accomplishment. The Making of America, Home on the Plains, Celebrating Family, No Place Like Home, Generations Building a Future, Keepin' it Growing, Keepin' it Country and Country Strong were reminders to us all that the Phillips County Fair is arriving for all to gather to "promote modern farming," as in the early 19th century when county fairs emerged in the northeastern United States.

Tradition has continued from the early 1900s when "domestic arts competition" arrived at the county fair, along with 4-H.

As many residents of Phillips County have shared their talents with youth, made homemade goods to sell at Corn Festival, Dandelion Daze and Holly Daze or shared their yummy creations at a celebration, it is clear that Phillips County is loaded with individuals with many talents.

The Phillips County Fair Board and Colorado State University Extension are calling on you to bring your goods that show all of your diverse talents to the open show at the county fair.

Entries for the open division show will begin on Wednesday, July 24 from 9 a.m.-6 p.m. at the Phillips County Event Center. Entries can be made in the following departments: garden and field crops, floriculture, baked and preserved goods, needlework, crafts, quilting and fine arts. Refer to the small, blue fair booklets that are available throughout the towns of Haxtun and Holyoke at the local businesses for entry details.

## Extension Corner

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Come and enjoy the fun, fellowship and showcase of talent at the fair! Call Extension at 854-3616 if you have questions about entering the fair.

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