

CATCH-IT-CALF CONTEST

Catch-it-Calf Chairman:
Cary Hatfield

General Rules

1. 4-H/FFA members will fill out an application to enter the catch-it-calf contest and sign an agreement to follow the contest rules. Make application by 5 p.m. Wednesday during fair.
2. All participants must be present and ready at the west end of the track by 6:45 p.m. on Friday, July 26.
3. Members cannot compete in the catch-it-calf and another catch-it contest within the same year.
4. Contestants are required to be present at catch-it-calf awards presentation on Friday, 4 p.m. in the Farm Credit of Southern Colorado Show Pavilion in order to receive their sponsorship money.

Catch-it-Calf Rules

1. Sponsorship of the catch-it-calf program is under the direction of the Burlington Rotary Club. The Burlington Rotary Club will not be responsible for any injury or accidents.
2. 4-H club and FFA Chapter members enrolled in Kit Carson County only, are eligible to take part in the contest if they are 12 years of age and over and if they will be eligible for club work next year are not competing in another K.C.C. catch-it-contest. Not more than two calves may be caught by any one 4-H or FFA member during his/her 4-H or FFA career. 4-H and FFA members may not own calves two years in a row, **unless** there is a lack of new contestants, **and** only upon approval of the catch-it-calf chairman. If the catch-it-calf chairman grants permission to submit an application for the second year in a row, it is submitted by the contestant understanding priority to compete will be granted to first year contestants.
3. Entries in the contest must be turned in to the Extension office by 5 p.m. **Wednesday** during fair. Drawing will take place the next afternoon at the Extension office on the fairgrounds. All entries **must** be signed by a physician.
4. 4-H and FFA members will catch calves at the fair, but they will not keep the calves.
5. Each winner will receive a check for \$800 from his/her sponsor(s) during the following fair at which time he/she shows the catch-it-calf. The winners will select and pay for their calves. The Burlington Rotary Club will give \$25 to help purchase his/her steer. If the beef catch-it-calf is dismissed from the Kit Carson County Fair for any reason, all catch-it-calf awards and sponsorship money is forfeited.
6. Two members per calf will go into the arena to participate in this contest. There will be a limit of five calves per year in each age group.
7. Members will be furnished a halter to take into the arena to be used to tie the calf when the calf is caught. The halter or rope cannot be used for a lariat. The halter must be placed on the head of the animal in the proper way.

8. The member catching a calf is required to lead the calf to the fence and tie **without** aid.

9. If a member has hold of a calf, no other member will be allowed to touch or scare the calf until it breaks away. If two or more members catch the same calf, the calf will be turned loose. If a calf breaks away from a member after the halter has been placed on the calf, and some other member catches the calf, the second member will be required to remove the first halter and put on his own halter in the usual way. Such a calf must not be caught with the aid of the halter and rope attached to the calf. The boy or girl having the halter on a calf, which may break loose, may catch the rope halter in recovering the calf.

10. Catch-it-calves will not be allowed to be sold, traded or disposed of except by the consent of the Burlington Rotary Club Catch-it-Calf Committee, sponsor of the Kit Carson County Catch-it-Calf Contest. **The calf must be finished out** in the dry lot and exhibited at next year's county fair by the club member.

11. **Each member is required to write a letter to his/her sponsor(s) once each month.** A copy of all letters needs to be sent to: Kit Carson County Fair – 817-15th Street – Burlington, CO 80807 **or** may be e-mailed to csuext1@kitcarsoncounty.org. The first letter is to be received by September 15th of the current year and will continue through August 15th of the following year (12 letters total). All letters and copies must be postmarked by the 15th of each month in order to receive credit.

CORRESPONDENCE AND RECORD BOOK PENALTIES

1. Any youth participating in the catch-it-calf program who fails to report monthly to his/her sponsor(s) or fails in his/her duties to care properly for the calf may be required to forfeit sponsorship money, subject to the Burlington Rotary Club, sponsoring organization. The member and parent signature on the catch-it-calf application confirms the agreement to follow the Kit Carson County Catch-it-Calf contest rules.
2. Letters
 - A. Two late letters (after grace period of 5 days based on postmark or email time stamp) or letters not turned in will receive one-half of the sponsorship dollars.
 - B. Three or more letters turned in late and/or after grace period, or not turned in at all will not receive their sponsorship dollars.
12. A complete cost record of fattening the steer must be kept and submitted to the superintendent of the contest when the animal is sold. The completed record book must be turned into the Extension office by 5 p.m. Wednesday following fair.
13. The same qualifications apply to the catch-it-calf as to the other market projects. The calf must be weighed in

the spring at the designated time and place. It must also meet the weight and grade requirements in order to sell.

The catch-it-calf will be designated at the time of weigh-in. No switching of beef animals will take place unless the originally designated animal dies of natural causes. If the designated beef animal dies, another animal owned by the catch-it-calf participant may be designated. If the catch-it-calf participant does not own another beef animal, a beef animal from a sibling or step-sibling living in the same household may also be designated.

14. All prize money and other money derived from the sale of the calf will belong to the club member.

15. A special trophy/award will be awarded to the winner in a special class for these calves when they are exhibited at the county fair.

16. Any club member winning a calf and who fails to report monthly to his/her sponsor or fails in his/her duties to care properly for the calf may be required to forfeit sponsorship money, subject to the discretion of the Burlington Rotary Club, sponsoring organization. The member and parent signature on the catch-it-calf

application confirms the agreement to follow the Kit Carson County Catch-it-Calf Contest rules.

17. A tour of the catch-it-calves will be held approximately mid-May, weather permitting. Special members of this tour will be the catch-it-calf committee. These people will make recommendations as to the feeding and care of the animal and will warn those members that are failing to care for and feed their calves properly, or otherwise failing to comply with the terms of the contract.

Those members who are warned on this tour will have approximately six weeks to show improvement. All members who were warned will be checked at a later date by the catch-it-calf committee. If satisfactory improvement has not been made by this time, the money and sponsorship will be withdrawn at the discretion of the catch-it-calf committee.

18. If a member has a calf, other than the catch-it-calf, and the other calf receives grand or reserve grand champion, the member may waive the obligation to sell the catch-it-calf during the sale.

19. You must be present at the awards presentation on Friday for sponsor recognition.

2024-2025 Catch-it-Calf Participants and Sponsors

| Name | Club | Sponsor |
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| Andrew Cure | Green Valley | High Plains Bank Billy & Jeanine Hornung |
| Ben Cure | Green Valley | Daniel Electric Henschel's Meat Processing |
| Maggie Gorton | Go-Getters | Fox's Electric Winfrey, County & Hays |
| Addison Henschel | Go-Getters | Mills Farms, LLC Seibert Equity Co-Op |
| Kennedy Henschel | Go-Getters | Stratton Stop & Shop Doug & JoAnn Anderson |
| Neave Henschel | Go-Getters | Stratton Equity Coop |
| Hailey Loutzenhiser | Flagler FFA | Davis & Davis Liquor KNAB Radio |
| Jasmin Robles | River | Jerry & Cindy Mangus Otteman's Meat Processing |