

Plumb to work with Phillips County Extension and 4-H

Written by Darci Tomky

☐ Phillips County welcomed its newest staff member at the Colorado State University Extension office this week. Kindra Plumb recently began as the Extension Program Associate, 4-H Youth Development with a livestock emphasis.

☐ While it is a full-time job, Plumb will split her time between Phillips and Sedgwick counties. She will be working out of the Extension offices at the Phillips County Event Center in Holyoke and the Sedgwick County Courthouse in Julesburg.

☐ Meeting with 4-H members and leaders will be a big part of Plumb's job. In addition to assisting individual clubs, she will also help with 4-H shows and the 4-H Council, assessing the needs of the organization and how she can support it.

☐ Planning and preparation for the two county fairs will also take up much of Plumb's time. She is just getting in on the tail end of this year's fair planning, but she noted the groundwork for next year's event will start soon after that. The Extension program associate will also be working closely with Phillips and Sedgwick counties' fair boards.

☐ Plumb encourages community members to support the kids who are involved in 4-H at this year's fair, whether it's with general projects or livestock.

☐ The 4-H program is a century old, and Plumb emphasized how it's so much more than simply raising livestock—members can get involved in a host of other projects, all of which provide them with valuable life skills.

☐ As a past 4-H and FFA member, Plumb said she really enjoyed it when she was younger, so she wants to give back to an organization that gave so much to her. She is looking forward to working with kids of all ages and is especially excited about the livestock emphasis in her job.

☐ Plumb grew up on a farm and ranch and showed steers, heifers and pigs in addition to

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completing leathercraft projects. She was an 11-year member of Yuma County 4-H and a four-year member of Yuma High School FFA, holding many offices at the club and county levels in both organizations.

□ Plumb earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in agricultural journalism from Colorado State University and an Associate of Arts degree from Northeastern Junior College.

□ Plumb and her husband Jeff live in rural Haxtun where they are involved in livestock. Jeff is the ag teacher and FFA advisor at Haxtun High School. The couple stays busy with their two children: Brooklyn, age 6 and Braden, age 3.