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ENROLLMENT DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 15 & MARCH 17

Returning members must be enrolled by February 15, 2008. Enrolled members will have until March 17, 2008 to add or drop projects. The new Add/Drop form is attached to this newsletter and will be added to the Pueblo County Website. Please use this form for any adds or drops in your club. Don't wait until the last minute to ENROLL!

FEBRUARY 13, 2008 MEETINGS

The following meetings will be held on February 13, 2008 in the Extension Meeting Room, Social Services Building at the following times:

- 5:30 P.M.** – Showcase Sale Committee Meeting
 - 6:30 P.M.** – Youth Council and Parent/Leader Group
- Washington Focus will meet after Youth Council

Officer's Training

February 9th—10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

We are hosting an Officers Leadership Workshop on February 9, 2008, from 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. at the CSU Extension Office. A general session on leadership and parliamentary procedure, followed by break out sessions for officers—
President, Vice-President, Secretary,
Treasurer and Reporter.

Lunch will be provided! Please plan to attend! Register by February 6, 2008.

Deadlines, Deadlines, Deadlines...

The Office will strictly enforce all deadlines.

Remember, meeting deadlines is a valuable life skill. Our office will make it a priority to get information out in a timely manner, so that you have time to meet the deadlines. Occasionally, if we've gotten information late or after the newsletter has gone out for the month, deadlines will be shorter.

If you need any special accommodation(s) to participate in the events listed in this newsletter, please contact Colorado State University Extension at 719-583-6566. Your request must be submitted at least five business days in advance of the event.

OPPORTUNITIES

Demonstration – Performing Arts – Creative Cooks – Cake Decorating Contest Day – April 12

It's time to prepare for Contest Day! This year, Contest Day will be held April 12th at the Colorado State Fairgrounds. Hopefully it will be a great opportunity for many people to try something new. You may enter one or more of the contests. Through our county contests, youth can qualify for the State Contests held during Colorado State Fair. The deadline for entries is April 1, 2008.

Performing Arts Contest

Youth may enter Dance, Theatrical, and (or) Musical Divisions plus Master/Mistress of Ceremonies Category. It's a great time to show off or try out your talent! Pueblo County always has a tremendous turnout during the State 4-H Performing Arts Contest during State Fair. Winners in the county contest qualify for State Fair!

Demonstration Contest

- ◇ Any 4-H member may enter the contest.
- ◇ Demonstrations are related to a project in which they are enrolled.
- ◇ Refer to "Leader's Guide to 4-H Club Demonstrations and Illustrated Talks" Booklet L91002. Copies may be ordered with manuals or obtained from the Extension Office.
- ◇ The demonstration or illustrated talk should be 10 minutes with 5 minutes allowed for setup and take down.
- ◇ A team (two members) demonstration should be 10 minutes. Juniors or beginners should not be expected to give a long or complicated presentation.
- ◇ Posters, projects, or any type of visual aids may be used in these presentations.
- ◇ Cloverbud, Junior, Intermediate and Senior age divisions will be used in this contest.
- ◇ The Danish System of judging will be used with the top county winners going on to state competition. (Cloverbuds receive a participation ribbon and do not go to State Fair)

Cake Decorating Contest

All members enrolled in the Cake Decorating Project are eligible to compete. Members must enter in the project unit in which they are enrolled. Contestants must enter in appropriate unit and age division, of junior, intermediate or senior. The object of the event is for youth to decorate a cake while being judged. All contestants in a unit work at the same time. Judges circulate to observe methods used. Project exhibit rules apply to the contest.

Creative Cooks Contest

Youth may enter as an individual or as part of a team of two people. The contestant will plan a menu for a meal (breakfast, brunch, lunch, dinner, barbecue, picnic, high tea, campout, sports game, holiday or birthday party). Set one place setting appropriate for the meal selected.

Each contestant or team is allowed 48" square for their display area. All props must fit within the designated space. Contestants provide their own card table as part of their presentation. A poster detailing the entire menu must be included (no larger than 8 1/2 " by 11"). Participants prepare and bring only one food item from the menu, to be sampled by the judge. Judging is based on the exhibitor, his or her understanding of meal planning, menu, nutrition knowledge, prepared dish, table setting, food safety and creativity.

Contestants in the Colorado Specialty Foods must use one or more of the following "Colorado Specialty Foods" - Amaranth, Anasazi Beans, Blue Corn, Quinoa, Mung Beans, Edible Soy Beans (tofu), Sunflower Seeds, Popped Wheat, Sesame Seeds, Black Turtle Beans, Bolita Beans/Adzuki Beans, Wild Game Meat, Fish and Poultry (if using deer or elk meat, a copy of the Chronic Wasting Disease test result is required).

OPPORTUNITIES

SELF EXPRESSION & Speech Contest - TALKING EXTRAVAGANZA!!!!

SPEECH WORKSHOP

February 11, 2008

6:30 p.m.

Room 410 – Social Services Bldg (4th floor)

Please call in your reservation by February 8th.

Speech, Interpretative Reading, and Impromptu will be covered.

SPEECH CONTEST: Learn to speak and make your voice heard.

When: February 26th Time: 6:30 p.m.

Where: CSU Pueblo—Student Center—2nd Floor

Contestants must register by using the attached ENTRY FORM.

Application deadline will be February 19, 2008 by 5:00 p.m..

DIVISIONS: Cloverbuds 5-7 (participation ribbon only)

Junior Division — 8-10

Intermediate Division—11-13

Senior Division— 14 and over

All ages are based on 4-H age as of December 31, 2007

CATEGORIES: NOTE! Complete rules are on the Pueblo County website.

SPEECH

The speeches should relate to some aspect of 4-H club work (projects, activities, benefits, citizenship, leadership, etc.). The score card includes content, delivery and articulation, fluency, appearance, gestures, eye control, effectiveness, composition, speech structure, choice of words, materials and speech value.

INTERPRETATIVE READING

The reading should not be over 10 minutes. It can be one or several articles including poetry, humor, or anything appropriate for 4-H. The selection should be introduced and explained before it is presented. The winner in this category may be entered in the Theatrical Division, solo skit, pantomime or mime of the Performing Arts Contest if there are no entries in those classes.

IMPROMPTU SPEECH

The contestant will be given a subject or word. After ten minutes they will give a presentation on that subject not to exceed 5 minutes. This speech should include an introduction to gain the audience's attention, reasons and explanation of the subject and a conclusion to summarize.

Participants will be judged using the Danish System.

Contestants will receive blue, red and white ribbons. A champion and reserve champion will be named in each division if merited.

SPEECH CONTEST APPLICATION

Name _____ Club _____

Age (12/31/07) _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____

I will be entering the following:

_____ Junior; _____ Intermediate; _____ Senior

_____ Speech Contest - Title of Speech _____

_____ Interpretative Reading – Title of Reading _____

_____ Impromptu

Return this application to the Extension Office by February 19, 2008.

OPPORTUNITIES

PLAN AHEAD—DATES FOR THE FUTURE

DISTRICT RETREAT 2008

The South Central District Retreat will be March 14-16 at Frontier Ranch, near Buena Vista. The cost is **\$115 per person**, which includes two nights lodging, two breakfasts, one lunch, one dinner, dance and workshops. Youth 13-19 and chaperones are encouraged to attend this exciting camp!

Registration forms are available in the Extension Office. Forms and registration payments are due to the Extension office no later than Monday, February 25, 2008, by 5:00 p.m.

2008 STATE 4-H CONFERENCE

NOTE CHANGE OF DATES—State Conference for 2008 will be held the week of June 23-26, 2008. The Lory Student Center was not available the previous week. More information at a later date.

Adventure Day Camp

Our third annual Adventure Day Camp will be held June 10, 11, 12, 2008. Our 4-H sponsored Adventure Day Camp is held for non-4-H members. Last year we reached over 100 non-4-H youth in our community. They learned valuable life skills and had fun. 4-H DOES make a difference! Campers will be recruited from several areas of Pueblo. The children will be placed in a group and the groups will rotate through a series of 8-10 stations, doing crafts, cooking, hands on learning experiences, and best of all having fun with **YOU!** In order to make this camp successful, junior leaders (13 yrs. and older) and adult volunteers are needed!

Please check your calendars and call Pam at 583-6566 to volunteer!

Audience: 100 youth 1-5 grades

Who: 4-H Junior Leaders and Adult leaders

When: June 10, 11, 12, 2008

Where: CO State Fairgrounds (first two days) third day location is undetermined at this time

Time: 8:00 a.m.-4 p.m.

As a volunteer you will be required to attend a camp training. Training will be June 5, 2008

International 4-H Youth Exchange (IFYE)

Erin Doherty (Austria and Germany) returned to Colorado in December, 2007.

She will be available to report regarding her IFYE experiences. She will be joining us in Pueblo County February 19 & 20, 2008. If you would like her to come to your club meeting, church group, service organization, etc., please call Carol in the Extension office.

State Citizenship Washington Focus Trip – July 14-21, 2008

4-H members who are 15 years old (as of December 31, 2007) or older, are eligible to attend the Washington Focus Trip to Washington, D.C. This program is sponsored in part by the Colorado 4-H Foundation and local county 4-H councils. This trip is designed to develop a greater understanding for American heritage, gain insight into the American government, as well as explore personal and social values. These objectives are accomplished by visiting the National 4-H Center, Capitol Hill, governmental departments, historical sites and memorial buildings. Applications are now available and due February 25, 2008.

Attention Junior Leaders!

Any 4-Her desiring to run for a District Office must submit their name to the CSU Extension Office by March 1, 2008. Nominees for office will be selected at the March 5th Youth Council Meeting.

OPPORTUNITIES

Pueblo County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Deadline

Mark your calendars! The deadline to submit applications for the Pueblo County 4-H Scholarships is *June 6, 2008*. **Interviews are scheduled for June 19, 2008.**

State 4-H Scholarship Deadline Changed Please Note:

This year's Colorado 4-H Foundation scholarship deadline will be **APRIL 1, 2008**. The State Office is in the process of updating the universal form and will have it posted on the State 4-H Website. This was done so you can receive the scholarships at your high school awards programs or graduations.

These scholarships include:

- ◆ Colorado Agricultural Development Authority
- ◆ Portouw Family 4-H Photography
- ◆ Smith Scholarship
- ◆ Holthaus Scholarship
- ◆ Kimberling Scholarship

Congratulations State Winners

The last weekend in January, recipients from Pueblo County received some very prestigious awards. Caitlyn Darnell was awarded the Colorado 4-H Citizenship Award. Diana Quintana was awarded a State 4-H Outstanding Volunteer Leader Award. Anthony Ingo's family was also present. In his memory, they received a State 4-H Outstanding Volunteer Leader Award. Congratulations to all the outstanding award recipients. We are so proud of you!

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

4-H Carnival & Dance

Saturday, March 8—Creative Arts Building at the Colorado State Fairgrounds

COME ONE COME ALL to the 4-H Carnival and Dance – a fun 4-H family day and event on March 8. It's a great time to involve all our 4-H and community families! There will be games, activities, prizes food and a dance sponsored by 4-H Youth Council. The concession stand will be hosted by the 2009 Citizenship-Washington Focus group.

Carnival: 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Dance: 9:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.

Please register your club's booth(s) and pay the entry fee(s) by February 27. The cost is \$9 per booth and checks should be made payable to *4-H Youth Council*. We need to know what booth you are having and the prizes you are giving away. Clubs who have had a particular booth in the past have **first priority of that booth if registered by February 20, 2008.**

At the carnival, clubs are responsible for collection of their tickets. Each club should have a container to collect tickets. Containers will be turned in after the carnival and Youth Council will count the tickets. Clubs make 75% of the proceeds from their booth and \$5 of their entry fee. The remainder goes to Youth Council.

Booths may be set up in the Creative Arts Building on the Fairgrounds the day of the carnival beginning at 1:30 p.m. You will be provided one table per booth. Spaces are approximately 15 square feet. All booths must be set up and ready by 3:00 p.m. Clubs are responsible for taking down their booths and cleaning their space by 8:30 p.m.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Fair Board Meeting

When: February 20, 2008
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Where: CSU Extension Office, Room 220
Agenda: 2008 County Fair

CAMP ROCKY 2008

What: The Colorado Association of Conservation District presents 2008 Camp Rocky.
Who: Outdoor Environmental Adventures for youth ages 14-19
Where: Divide, Colorado
When: July 6-12, 2008
Cost: \$250 (scholarships are available)

Camp Rocky is a week-long, residential camp for 14-19 year olds who enjoy the outdoors and are interested in natural resources. The following are the fields that will be studied: Forest Management, Rangeland Science, Soil and Water Conservation and Fish & Wildlife Management. Additional activities include volleyball games, hiking, a campfire, the Camp Rocky Challenge and a dance. Limited scholarship opportunities are also available. To inquire about scholarships, please contact the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts at 719-686-0020, email cacd@cacd.us or contact your local conservation district. A non-refundable \$75.00 deposit is required by June 15, 2008. For an informational brochure, contact the Extension Office.

4-H Golf Tournament – April 26

The Pueblo County 4-H Foundation Annual Golf Tournament is April 26th at Hollydot Golf Course in Colorado City. Please spread the word among all your golfing friends. It is great fun with fantastic prizes and the money supports 4-H. Tournament and Hole sponsors are welcome!



Washington Focus Meeting

When: February 13, 2008
Where: CSU Extension Office, Room 220
Time: 7:00 p.m. (After Youth Council)

Remember, it is important to attend these meetings. If you cannot attend, you will need to call our office to be excused.

Washington Focus Parent's Meeting

When: February 20, 2008
Where: CSU Extension Office, Room 220
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Travel, International Foods, Friendship and Desserts!

You can travel! You might even fly! You'll meet new people! You could eat Mexican food??! Dessert is often included at no extra expense. How can you take advantage? Simple! We need volunteers and leaders to chaperon for Western 4-H Roundup, National 4-H Conference and Citizenship-Washington Focus. Most expenses are covered once you get to Denver. Nominate yourself! Nominate others! We want YOU! Fill out an application now at: http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/adult_chaperone.shtml. You must be a recognized 4-H volunteer to apply.

Judges Training for Consumer Science and General Projects

The Southern Region 4-H Agents are hosting a 4-H Judges Training for Consumer Science and General Project Judges. The training will be Saturday, April 5th from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., on the campus of CSU-Pueblo. Registration deadline is March 21, 2008. Registration is \$25.00 (includes lunch and multiple handouts). Registration after March 21st or at the door will be \$35.00. The general sessions will include judging e-records, filling out score sheets, Danish and American award systems, and judging multiple projects. Break out judging sessions include: foods/baking, shooting sports/natural resources; heritage arts; fashion revue; cake decorating; and photography. We should have registration forms and brochures in soon – contact us if you are interested!

PICTURES NEEDED FOR THE 2008 COUNTY FAIR BOOK

We are in need of photos for the 2008 Pueblo County Fair Book. We would love to have pictures from all aspects of 4-H. We need photos for the cover and all sections. If you have any pictures please send them to Patty Ballou at pballou@netzero.com



Pre-Payment of Fundraisers, Registrations, etc.

We have a large number of fundraisers and opportunities for youth and adults that require money. We will only take orders for fundraisers and registrations for camps, workshops, etc. with the payment. It has become too difficult to track finances if things are not paid in advance. **You will receive a receipt for all money paid to the office, for your records and ours.**
Thank You!

HORSE

Horse Council

When: February 12, 2008, 7:00 P.M.
Where: CSU Extension Office, Room 220
Agenda: Horse Judging demonstration; Upcoming Spring Horse Show

New For 2007/2008

Just a reminder — new horse manuals will be available this year. Remember when ordering your books for the coming year to order each horse member a new manual. The enrollment fee will cover the cost of this book, but if it is lost and needs to be

What is Horse Bowl?

Horse Bowl is a fun way to learn about horses, as well as a great way to study for the written tests. It is a quiz bowl contest where teams of four compete against each other to answer horse related questions. There are several contests around the state for Junior (8-13) and Senior (14-18) teams and a Senior contest at 4-H State Conference in Fort Collins in June. Teams can also qualify to go to national contests at the National 4-H Roundup in Denver, the AQHYA World Show in Fort Worth, TX, the Arabian Nationals in Albuquerque, NM and the Quarter Horse Congress in Columbus, OH. We would like to have enough Juniors (8-13) and Seniors (14-18) to start going to contests in the Spring.

Pueblo County 4-H Horse Bowl

Tim and Amy Decker are very excited to host the Horse Bowl Program again. Meetings will be held the on the 4th Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 26th at 6:30 p.m. at Swallows Charter Academy at 273 S.McCulloch Drive in Pueblo West.

State 4-H Horse Committee and Horse Rule Book

The State 4-H Horse Committee is working on updating the 4-H Horse Rule Book for the 2008/2009 4-H year. If you have suggestions for the rule book, please send them to Jodi Zeier at jodyzeier@comcast.net or Alexa Lamm at ALamm@douglas.co.us.

They are also looking for 4-H horse leaders who would be interested in being on the committee. Please let Jodi or Alexa know so you can be informed of the meetings.

2008 HORSE SHOW DATES

Spring Horse Show

April 19 & 20

Summer Horse Show

May 17 & 18

County Fair

July 11, 12, & 13

New Horse Levels Tests

They are finally here! The entire horse levels program has been updated. We will have copies of the tests for all levels in the Extension Office. Here are a few reminders about the levels program:

Riding Tests

1. The riding tests (without the oral interview questions copied on to the back) are available to any member, parent or leader that requests them. They are supposed to practice before their test. They are also available to everyone online at <https://equineextension.colostate.edu>.
2. The oral interview questions should be kept a SECRET. These should only be copied and given out to state approved Level 3 & 4 raters.
3. The Level 1 riding test can be given by horse leaders or anyone with levels experience. That person should not, however, be a leader/parent involved in their club if at all possible.
4. Level 2, 3 & 4 riding test need to be administered by a state approved rater. A list of raters can be found on the state equine extension web site as well. Level 3 & 4 riding test should be administered by raters outside your county if possible. The average rate to pay raters is \$15/test.

Written Tests:

5. Level 1 written tests may be administered by horse leaders or anyone with levels experience.
6. Level 2, 3 & 4 should ONLY be given by the Extension Office. They should be graded and looked over by the child and/or their parents and then kept at the office. DO NOT give them the test.

Show attire:

Under Level 3 & 4 tests, it states that a member must be in show attire. Here are the specifics on what that entails show attire:

Level 1 & 2

Western or Working Ranch Horse – Long sleeves, jeans, boots, hat or helmet.

English – Jodphurs or breeches, appropriate boots, long sleeve shirt and a helmet. Half chaps are optional.

Level 3 & 4

Western or Working Ranch Horse – Long sleeve button down shirt, jeans, boots, hat or helmet.

English – Jodphurs or breeches, appropriate boots, long sleeve button down shirt, helmet (optional hat for Saddle Seat), jackets are optional.

HORSE

All-Club Practice Horse Rides

Join all your 4-H friends in the Horse Project when they meet at the Colorado State Fairgrounds for the "All-Club Practice Horse Rides". The following dates have been reserved:

February 3	2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Practice Ride (covered arena)
February 17	2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Practice Ride (covered arena)
March 2	2:00 p.m., Safety Clinic, no horses (covered arena)
March 16	Alternate date for Safety Clinic in case of inclement weather on March 2 nd , no horses (Livestock Pavilion)
April 6	2:00 – 4:00 p.m., Practice Ride (covered arena)

If the weather is bad, a decision will be made by 10:00 a.m. about that day's ride. Please call Stacy Deaton at 252-0416 or Amy Decker at 671-3242 for that information.

4-H Horse Safety Training Sessions

The Horse Safety Training Guidelines for 2008 will be as follows:

- ◆ If you are a new member to 4-H, you **MUST** take the training this 2007/2008 4-H year.
- ◆ If you are a transfer from another county and/or are a Pre-Level, you **MUST** take the training this year.
- ◆ If you were a junior last year and took the training, you **DO NOT** need to take the training until you turn 14 years of age (4-H age as of December 31, 2007)
- ◆ If you were a senior last year and took the training, you **DO NOT** need to repeat the training.

It might not be a bad idea to attend the training sessions just to brush up; even if your age does not mandate that you repeat it. The Safety Training Session will be held on March 2, 2008. Remember, you **do not** need to bring your horse. This training will be at the Covered Arena at the fairgrounds **at 2:00 p.m.** An alternate date (in case of bad weather) will be March 16, 2008, in the Livestock Pavilion at the fairgrounds. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office.

Horse Judging

By Stacy Deaton

The Pueblo County Horse Judging Team is looking forward to another exciting year! Please join us each Monday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the VIP Room at the State Fairgrounds. If you've never tried horse judging, this is a great opportunity to learn more about it! We will meet every Monday evening at this same time and location.

In Horse Judging, we:

- ◆ have the best coach ever! Mrs. Jameson makes it fun. She has done a superb job of working with the team, adjusting her teaching methods and strategies from week to week in order to meet the youths' individual learning styles;
- ◆ gain valuable experience working as a team, something that employers and college entrance personnel look for in resumes;
- ◆ learn more about what to look for when buying a horse;
- ◆ discover great tips for competing in horse shows, learning from a judge's point of view;
- ◆ gain excellent practice for the written horse tests;
- ◆ improve a wide variety of academic skills and gain self confidence, perseverance, dedication, communication and decision-making proficiency; and
- ◆ have a great time with friends, creating unforgettable memories, while learning about how the horse is put together.

At Horse Judging contests, the team views several classes of four horses each, places them, and defends their placing in a short, concise set of oral reasons. At the Monday practices, we view DVDs and discuss the conformation of the horses, as well as their performance. We will compete in several contests beginning in March. We'll also attend several horse shows to do "workouts" where we practice our horse judging skills as spectators. For questions or more information, please contact Stacy Deaton at 647-0668 or HorseHeaven66@msn.com.

NEW COLORADO 4-H ANIMAL CARE AND HOUSING FORM & PREMISES REGISTRATION

As of October 1, 2007, the Colorado 4-H Youth Development Program's policy regarding livestock is: *All 4-H members with livestock and horse projects will be required to have a completed, signed, and approved "Animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado 4-H Livestock Projects" on file at their county Extension office at time of enrollment.*

Colorado 4-H believes this policy is a bold step forward to enhance the traceability of 4-H livestock and horse project animals in Colorado to a higher level than that of the past year. The animal care form insures that 4-H members do their own work on their livestock project animals. Moreover, use of this form captures information about species, location the animal(s) is housed, and contact information that can be used in an animal disease outbreak situation. This information will be held at the local level for use in an animal disease emergency.

*Each youth enrolled in livestock/animal project must complete the form and return it to our office by the final enrollment deadline of March 17. The form will be available on our county 4-H web site and in the February 4-H newsletter. **(Please note: the form also includes places for the Premises Registration number(s) from NAIS, which is still required to exhibit at the 2008 Pueblo County Fair.)***

LIVESTOCK

Anthony Ingo Memorial Scholarship

An Anthony Ingo 4-H Memorial Scholarship has been established. One \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded to a graduating senior that has been active in the 4-H or FFA livestock program for at least four years and planning to attend college in the fall of 2008. Applications are available in the Extension Office and are due in the Extension Office June 6, 2008 by 5:00 pm.

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Lamb Clinics

Dr. Bob Barr – March 15 and June 7, 2008 – Small Animal Barn, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Dr. Joe Barker – Sunday June 22 through Tuesday June 24 – Small Animal Barn – Starts Sunday at 4:00 pm (if you wish to bring your animal that night) and starts at 8:00 a.m. on Monday through 5:00 pm on Tuesday.

Anthony Ingo Memorial Jackpots

Mark your calendars now and plan to attend the Anthony Ingo Memorial Jackpots at the Colorado State Fairgrounds on the following dates:

Saturday, April 26, 2008 – Beef Jackpot – Livestock Pavilion
Saturday, June 14, 2008 – Sheep, Swine and Goat Jackpot – Swine Barn

All prizes are paid in cash. For more information, contact Jackie Bottini at 240-0443 and watch for more information in upcoming newsletters. Sponsored by the Pueblo County Aggies 4-H Club

Congratulations Supreme Livestock Exhibitor Recipients

There was an error on the livestock e-record score sheets. We sincerely apologize for the confusion. Points were recalculated. Jessica Hartman won the Senior Supreme Champion Livestock Exhibitor Award and Danielle Hartman won the Senior Reserve Champion Supreme Livestock Exhibitor Award. **Congratulations!** Again, we apologize.

Swine Workshop

Where: Prowers County Fairgrounds
Livestock Barn
When: April 19, 2008, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Cost: \$10 by April 15; \$20 thereafter

National AG Day Essay Contest

The Agriculture Council of America is calling on 7th to 12th grade students to submit an original essay of 450 words about the importance of agriculture. This year's theme is "Agriculture – Bigger Than You Think," and the deadline is February 15, 2008.

Your essay should focus on showcasing the diversity of today's American farms. State winners will receive a \$100.00 prize. The national winner will receive a \$1,000.00 prize and a round trip ticket to Washington, D.C. to be recognized during the March 11, 2008 Celebration of Ag dinner.

All entries should be sent to: Ag Day Contest, Agriculture Council of America, 11020 King Street, Suite 205, Overland Park, KS 66210 or submitted by email to essay@agday.org. Entry applications and official rules for the contest can be found at www.hpj.com/agdayeassay.

LIVESTOCK

Swine Ear Tagging

We will be using microchip tags this year. Swine superintendents will accept only correct ear notches at the Pueblo County Fair. **Help with swine ear notching**—4-H members can pick up swine ear notch cards and ear tags in the CSU Cooperative Extension Office before purchasing swine. Take the ear notch card with you when you purchase your swine. Ask the seller to help you interpret the ear notch on the swine you are purchasing.

The process for swine ear notch cards and tags:

- ▶ Tag the swine when you read the ear notches.
- ▶ Have the Extension Office make a copy of your cards when you turn them in on or before May 8, 2008.
- ▶ Anyone having trouble reading ear notches can contact swine superintendent for help.

The office has diagrams on how to read swine ear notches.

Swine Exhibitors – Pseudorabies

At this time, Colorado is a "Level 5 Pseudorabies Free State". Swine do not need to be pseudorabies tested. HOWEVER, the rule in the fair book states, the exhibitor must provide proof of premises of origin (including name, address and phone number of seller on the bill of sale) at the time the swine ear notch card is turned in. Swine nomination cards and bill of sales are due

Vesicular Stomatitis (VS)

If there is confirmed VS in the county—health certificates will be required at County Fair, with 48 hours advanced notice. Check with the office or your veterinarian this summer to verify the VS status.

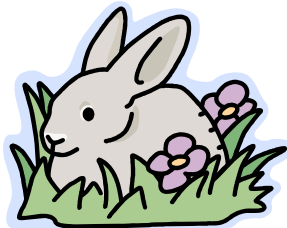
Livestock Test Policy – 2008

We will offer three opportunities for youth to take their tests this year. Dates will be April 17, May 5, and June 3, 2008, in the Dining Hall and Assembly Hall. Youth must test once as a junior, once as an intermediate and once as a senior.

Wholesome Meat Training will also be done at these three meetings.

Help With Your Rabbit Project

If you are interested in learning about rabbits, Pueblo County is very happy to have Walter or Shirley Sloan available to help you with your rabbit project. Contact Walter or Shirley at 564-5004.



Rental Deposit to Borrow Ear Tagger!

The CSU Extension office has an ear tagger for rent. The ear tagger may be checked out up to 3 days. A \$20.00 fee will be collected when you borrow the tagger and we will return your \$20.00 when you return the tagger. Plan ahead—if you wait until the last minute, taggers may not be available.

SHEEP AND GOAT WEIGH IN WILL BE HELD MAY 8, 2008 AT THE FAIRGROUNDS.



All Youth enrolled in Swine must take the Meat Quality Assurance Program (MQA) yearly. MQA qualifies all Pork exhibitors for the Pork Quality Assurance Training.

Livestock Test Policy and Wholesome Meat Training Policy—2008

1. **Wholesome Meat Training:** Everyone must take the test once as a Junior and once as a Senior.
2. If you had a test score of 80% or better on your 2006-2007 Livestock test and are not 11 or 14 4-H age this year, you **DO NOT HAVE TO TAKE THE TEST FOR THAT SPECIES THIS YEAR.** You must take the test to be eligible for the Supreme Livestock Exhibitor Award.
3. If this is your first year in a species, you must take the test. You must pass a livestock test for each species shown with a 60% or better. Anyone with a learning disability should provide us with a letter from your school Special Education Teacher. Contact the office individually and the appropriate arrangements will be made to take the test.
4. If you score at least an 80%, you will not have to take the test until you move up to the next age group (8-10 Junior, 11-13 Intermediate, 14-18 Senior).
5. The test will be over the 4-H manual (Level I for Juniors, Level II for Intermediate and Level III for Seniors.)
6. Three opportunities will be provided for testing.
April 17— 6:30 p.m.—Dining Hall & Creative Arts Building—State Fairgrounds
May 5— 6:30 p.m.—Dining Hall & Creative Arts Building—State Fairgrounds- after **MANDATORY** Showcase sale Meeting.
June 3— 6:30 p.m.—Dining Hall & Creative Arts Building—State Fairgrounds

A list of those who have tested out with an 80% will be available at the Extension Office.

DOG

CHANGES TO PUEBLO COUNTY FAIR RULES

There were minimal changes to the fair rules for this year. Following are changes that were passed by the Pueblo County Fair Board at the January meeting.

County Fair Dog Show Date: Monday, July 14, 2008

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Place: Kitchen Kraft Hall (Ag Palace)

The member must own his/her project dog individually or in partnership with immediate family members or guardians during the complete duration of the project year. The member must provide the majority of care for the dog(s). Entrants will be encouraged to use the Animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado 4-H projects.

A qualifying score in rally is 70.

An exhibitor may show a different dog in obedience, showmanship and rally provided they meet qualifications.

The number of youth who can qualify to attend state fair has increased to four (instead of three) in each obedience and showmanship class.

Pre Open A and Sub Utility Classes have been added for Pueblo County ONLY. This is a Pueblo County Fair class and will not go on to State Fair.

No obviously pregnant or lactating bitches will be allowed to compete in classes at the County Fair.

Dogs in obvious pain from a previous illness or injury shall not be shown. If a dog is injured at a show, that dog will be excused from the ring. Consideration of a dog's physical disability needs to be addressed between the handler and the project leader before starting the project.

Dog with a communicable disease will be dismissed from the show.

Pre Open A:

Heel on leash & Figure 8.....40 pts.
Drop on Recall.....40 pts
Dumbbell Recall.....30 pts.
Recall Over High Jump.....30 pts.
Recall Over Board Jump.....30 pts
Long Down (3 minutes out of sight).....30 pts.
Total – 200 points

Sub Utility A:

Signal Exercise.....40 pts
Scent Discrimination.....30 pts
Directed Retrieve.....30 pts
Moving Stand and Exam.....30 pts
Go Out.....30 pts
Directed Jumping.....40 pts
Total – 200 points

Those wishing to participate in the Round Robin will be required to enter a separate showmanship class, in addition to their regular class. No ribbons will be awarded for this class. Ages will be 8-10; 11-13 and 14 and above. Novice and Open will be combined for this class in each age division.

For an explanation of the Pre Open class and Rally classes, contact the Extension Office or your club leader. For the Sub Utility A class, please refer to the AKC website.

Because the Pre Open A and Sub Utility A classes are PUEBLO COUNTY FAIR classes only, be sure your members enter the appropriate Grad Novice B class and the Open B class in order to participate at State Fair.

If you have any questions, please contact Carol in the Extension Office.

DOG RALLY

Rally will be added as a new class at the Pueblo County Fair and the Colorado State Fair in 2008. We will be holding training sessions to acquaint youth with this newest addition. Dates will be announced for these training sessions. You can visit the AKC website to familiarize yourself with rally. The State Office will soon be adopting a resource manual to be used for Colorado 4-H Rally events.

SHOOTING SPORTS

Pueblo County to Host February Certification Training – Don't Miss Out!

We are pleased that the Pueblo County Shooting Sports Council has offered to host a shooting sports certification training February

29 – March 2, 2008. This is a rare opportunity to easily get a large number of Pueblo County leaders certified without having to travel. **Registration plus money are due February 8.** The cost is \$85 per person, which includes range fees, materials, lunch and dinner on Saturday and snacks.

In order to be a 4-H Shooting Sports Leader, you must attend a Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Certification Training. In order to attend the state training, you must be an authorized Pueblo County 4-H Volunteer and must have attended the county orientation. Vanessa must sign your state training application – please don't submit it directly or the State 4-H office will return it and you will not be registered. If you are already a trained leader in Pueblo County and would like to attend one of the trainings listed please call Vanessa at 719-583-6566. If you are not yet an authorized 4-H Leader, please call the office for an application, so we can begin the process of your becoming a volunteer. Background checks and orientation must be completed in order for you to register for the February State Shooting Sports Certification Training.

Participants may certify in one discipline per training. Disciplines are Air Pistol, Archery, Coordinator, Muzzleloading, Outdoor Skills, RSO, Rifle and Shotgun/Trap. Workshop fees are \$85/person. Please call the office for a registration form or visit the state shooting sports website at <http://www.co4hshooting.org/>

On Target With The Shooting Sports Council

The next Shooting Sports Council meeting will be Thursday, March 6, 2008, at the Extension office at 7:00 p.m. All youth and adults participating in or interested in 4-H shooting sports are encouraged to attend. Those clubs eligible to have voting council members need to bring the names of their youth and adult representatives in writing to the meeting. Those representatives need to be present at that meeting in order to elect council officers for the new year. Representatives need to meet the qualifications set forth in the council constitution which is available through the Extension office.

The council has determined a need to meet more frequently this year so the meeting schedule for 2008 will be the first Thursday of the following months:

January, March, May, July, September, and November

All youth will be required to participate in at least one county sanctioned and supervised practice match in each of their disciplines to qualify to shoot in the County Fair Matches. The tentative schedule for 2008 practice matches is as follows:

Shotgun: April 16, May 14, and June 25 at Pueblo Skeet & Trap at 4:30 p.m.

Archery, Muzzleloader, .22 rifle: April 19 (12th backup), May 17, June 14 at Pueblo West Range at 7:30 p.m.

Air Rifle/pistol: Feb 10 at 2:00 p.m. in Rye; April 24 at DOW range at 6:30 p.m.; June 28 at the 4H Dining Hall at 9:00 a.m. Keep an eye on the newsletter and attend the council meetings for updates or changes.

NEW 2008 Shooting Sports Workshop List

- **Pueblo County** - Pueblo - 2/29/2008 - 3/2/2008 - All disciplines. Deadline 02/08/08
- **Weld County** - Greeley - 3/7-9/2008 - All disciplines. Deadline 02/15/08
- **La Plata County** - Durango - 3/14-16/2008 - All disciplines. Deadline 02/22/08
- **Prowers County** - Lamar - 3/28-30/2008 - All disciplines. Deadline 03/07/08
- **Washington County** - Akron - 3/28-30/2008 - Shotgun games only. Deadline 03/07/08
- **Fremont County** - Canon City - 4/4-6/2008 - Shotgun games only. Deadline 03/14/08
- **Gunnison County** - Gunnison - 4/11-13/2008 - All disciplines. Deadline 03/21/08
- **Routt County** - Steamboat Springs - 5/2-4/2008 - All disciplines. Deadline 04/11/08
- **West Slope Shotgun Games Training**—TBA

Countywide Shooting Sports Event – April 8 – State Fairgrounds

Did you know that Shooting Sports is one of the fastest growing 4-H projects in Colorado? AND Pueblo is no different – it is the fastest growing project in our county. The Shooting Sports Council is hosting a countywide FUN event of all county shooting sports families at the Colorado State Fairgrounds on April 8 at 6 p.m. Shooting Sports Council will provide the meat, and others will be asked to bring a dish for the potluck. Watch the March Newsletter for complete details of what to bring. This will be a fun time to meet others in the project and have a great evening of fun and food!

Shooting Sports Family Campout: June 13-15 - Grainger Ranch near Victor

See the State 4-H Shooting Sports Website for details!
http://www.co4hshooting.org/family_campout.html

ALL SUPERINTENDENT MEETING

Fair will be here before we know it, so to prepare for this, we will have an ALL superintendent meeting on Thursday, February 21st at 7:00 P.M. in the Extension Meeting Room, 212 W. 12th, Suite 220. Dinner will be provided. Please RSVP by February 19, 2008.

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