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**ANIMAL CARE AND HOUSING FORM, FEBRUARY  
 2009 CALENDAR, 4-H LEADER NOTES,  
 "COOL" FORM**

### 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.

### Correct Date for Speech Workshop.

Please note that the correct date for the Speech Workshop is Monday, February 9, 2009. Please see page three of this newsletter for workshop details and Speech Contest entry forms.

### FEBRUARY 4, 2009 MEETINGS

The following meetings will be held on February 4, 2009 at these times:

**6:30 P.M.** – Parent/Leader Group – Room 410. Social Services Bldg.  
**7:30 P.M.** – Youth Council Meeting – Extension Meeting Room – Social Services Bldg. There will be an activity for those youth who come to the meeting with their parents at 6:30 PM in the Extension Meeting Room. Youth Council will be working on Valentine's for nursing homes.

### ENROLLMENT DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 17 & MARCH 16

Returning members must be enrolled by February 17, 2009. New members have until March 16 to Enroll. All members will have until March 16, 2009 to add or drop projects. Please use the add/drop form for anyone who wishes to add or drop a project. Don't wait until the last minute to ENROLL!

### PURCHASE KING SOOPERS GIFT CARDS!

The youth attending the Citizenship Washington Focus experience this summer sell King Soopers Gift Cards as a fund raiser. Cards are sold in increments of \$25, \$50 and \$100 and are available in the Extension office or from a CWF Delegate. Cards may be used at any King Soopers store or for gas at Loaf N' Jug stores.

### WASHINGTON FOCUS SCHEDULE

Future Meetings:

Feb. 25<sup>th</sup> – 7:15 p.m.

Dress code and side trip committees will meet 15 minutes prior to the meeting.

Other committees will meet following the meeting.

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 18

It's time to prepare for Contest Day! This year, Contest Day will be held April 18th 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 6, 2009.

#### **Performing Arts Contest – 4-H Auditorium**

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 – Creative Arts Building**

- ◇ 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 – Creative Arts Building**

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 in either regular division or \*Colorado Specialty Foods division. 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 9, 2009 (NOTE: This is the *correct* date)

6:30 p.m.

Room 410—4th Floor Social Services Building

Entry deadline for the speech contest will be February 9th—you may turn your reservation in at this workshop. Speech, Interpretative Reading, and Impromptu will be covered.

### SPEECH CONTEST: February 17, 2009

The 2009 Speech Contest will be held at the First United Methodist Church located at the corner of 11<sup>th</sup> and Court. We will be using the upstairs classrooms – rooms will be marked. There is a parking lot across the street from District 60 Administration Bldg on the northwest side of the building – the entrance to the religious education classrooms. There are several church meeting and a Boy Scout Troup meeting the same night, so we ask that you be as quiet as possible and not disturb the other meetings. The door will lock 15 minutes after the start of the speech contest. If you will not be there by 7:00 P.M., please let Carol know so we can have someone downstairs to open the door for you.

The Speech Contest is a very important part of the 4-H program – teaching the art of public speaking and communication before a group. *The deadline for entry is February 9, 2009.*

**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, 2008

**CATEGORIES:** 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 ENTRY

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Club \_\_\_\_\_

Age (12/31/08) \_\_\_\_\_ 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 9, 2009.  
(You may turn it in at the Speech Workshop)

## OPPORTUNITIES

### DISTRICT RETREAT REGISTRATION DUE FEBRUARY 27

South Central District Retreat is March 20-22 at Silver Cliff Ranch near Buena Vista and is open to 4-H youth ages 13 and older. The cost is \$115 and includes two nights lodging, two breakfasts, one lunch, two dinners, activities, dance and workshops. *Money and registration/health forms are due in the Extension Office no later than 5 p.m. February 27.* The Pueblo County 4-H Foundation has budgeted \$850 for those attending. The money will be divided equally among the number of youth.

There will be a \$500 scholarship for those attending that are seniors in high school or freshmen in college. There is no application. All names of those eligible will be placed in a drawing and one will be chosen to receive the scholarship. Youth must be present to win. Each county has been asked to provide 3 door prizes. Please let Vanessa know if you have a door prize to donate.

There will be a talent contest! Plan to share your talent if you have one – a piano and sound equipment will be available. Retreat is at a new camp this year, but promises to be just as beautiful and still has an outdoor hot springs pool!

If you are interested in chaperoning our county at District Retreat, please let Vanessa know. We need one male chaperone for every 10 boys and one female chaperone for every 10 girls.

Youth interested in running for either a District 7 office or South Central District Office must be present and nominated to run at the February 4 Youth Council Meeting. We can nominate one Pueblo County youth for each office in District 7 and the SC District: president, vice president/treasurer and secretary. Holding an office is a lot of work, but a great leadership experience!

*NEW THIS YEAR – PARENT/LEADER Training!* There will be two sessions for adults attending District Retreat this year. The morning general session will include:

Getting to know you games/energizers, Parliamentary Procedure and the game, "Are You Smarter than a 4-H Leader?". Afternoon Project session (covering an overview of each project for about 15 minutes each): Geospacial, Wind Power, Visual Arts and Financial Champions. You will still have plenty of free time to relax and enjoy the beauty of the mountains!

### Adventure Day Camp

Our fourth annual Adventure Day Camp will be held June 9, 10, 11, 2009. Our 4-H sponsored Adventure Day Camp is held for non 4-H members. The campers will be placed in groups to experience hands-on learning, community service, 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!

**Who:** 4-H members and adult leaders  
**When:** June 9, 10, 11, 2009  
**Where:** State Fairgrounds (first two days) Third day location is City Park  
**Time:** 8:00 a.m.-4 p.m. (each day)

As a volunteer you will be required to attend a camp training on June 4, in the 4-H Auditorium at the Colorado State Fairgrounds. The date will be announced in the April newsletter.

*If you would like to be a member of the planning committee, please call 583-6566 so you will be contacted for the meeting.*

### RESERVE THESE DATES FOR 4-H CAMP

This year's camp will be held at June 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> at Red Mountain Camp off of North Creek Road in Beulah. Prices will be available soon. Last year's camp was a large success and we want to make the 2009 the best ever. More information in future newsletters.

#### 4-H CAMP COUNSELORS

4-H Camp Counselors will be chosen from an application. Applications for Camp Counselors are available now and are due in the Extension Office by Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 P.M. Tentative Camp Counselor meeting have been set for April 27, May 4, May 18, June 1. More information in future newsletters.

### State Citizenship Washington Focus Trip – July 13-20, 2009

4-H members who are 15 years old (as of December 31, 2008) 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 on the State 4-H website or in the CSUE Office and due March 2, 2009 by 5:00 PM.

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Join us for Kids Club – For Cloverbuds Only!

**March 27 is our first day camp for 4-H Cloverbuds only!**

9 a.m. – 2 p.m. (lunch will be served)

Colorado State Fairgrounds

Free to the first 30 Cloverbuds who sign up

(youth must also be enrolled as 4-H Cloverbuds with the Extension Office by March 16<sup>th</sup>)

Deadline for camp is March 17 or sooner if it fills up.

Finally, something just for Cloverbuds! Join us for a day full of hands-on, active, FUN learning! We'll play games, do science experiments, make our own lunch and more! Junior leaders and parents – if you'd like to volunteer, call the Extension Office.

### Pueblo County 4-H Foundation

#### Scholarship Deadline

Mark your calendars! The deadline to submit applications for the Pueblo County 4-H Scholarships is *June 4, 2008*. *Interviews are scheduled for June 18, 2009*. Interviews are mandatory

### ATTENTION JUNIOR LEADERS!

Any 4-Her interested in running for a District office during District Retreat must attend the February 4<sup>th</sup> Youth Council Meeting. See the article on District Retreat for more information.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Fair Board Meeting

**When:** February 18, 2009

**Time:** 7:30 p.m.

**Where:** CSU Extension Office, Room 220

**Agenda:** 2009 County Fair

### Attn Parents and Leaders interested in Food Preservation:

CSU Extension is offering a Master Food Safety Advisor (MFSA) program this year. The classes will be held Saturdays, March 21, 28, April 4 and 11 from 9-4. The cost for the program is \$45 with a commitment of 35 hours of volunteer service or \$130 if you choose not to volunteer. To obtain an application, call 583-6566.

### 4-H Carnival & Dance - Plan to join us!

*Saturday, March 7—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 7. It's a great time to involve all our 4-H and community families! There will be games, activities, prizes, Concessions by Washington Focus and a Dance sponsored by Youth Council.

*Carnival: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*

*Dance: 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 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<sup>th</sup>**. If a club misses the February 27<sup>th</sup> deadline, it will still be able to have a booth but all proceeds from the tickets will be donated to Youth Council.

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 2:00 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 3:30 p.m. Clubs are responsible for taking down their booths and cleaning their space by 7:30 p.m.

### 4-H Golf Tournament – April 25

The Pueblo County 4-H Foundation Annual Golf Tournament is April 25<sup>th</sup> at Holly Dot 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 the Pueblo County 4-H program.

Tournament and Hole sponsors are welcome!



### 4-H Foundation & Outlaws Car Club Show

The Outlaws Rod & Custom along with the Pueblo County 4-H Foundation will be holding their annual car show and swap meet at the Colorado State Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Food will be served all day with proceeds going to the Pueblo County 4-H Foundation. If you would like to volunteer to help in the kitchen, call the CSUE Office by April 17<sup>th</sup>.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Congratulations State Winners

The last weekend in January, recipients from Pueblo County received some very prestigious awards. Jessica Hartman was awarded the Colorado 4-H Leadership Award. Ron Brown was awarded a State 4-H Outstanding Volunteer Leader Award. Dana McClure and Donna Darnell received State 4-H Senate Volunteer of the Year Awards. Congratulations to all the outstanding award recipients. We are so proud of you and so fortunate to have you!

### CARE to Wait

Colorado State University Extension in Pueblo County has been selected to participate in a new national program that will benefit families with youth 12-14 years old. CARE to Wait focuses on building family strengths during the difficult transitions that occur in middle school years. Parents and youth participate together in activities that build strong family relationships, positive communication between youth and parents, goal setting, decision-making, problem solving and refusal skills, especially around the area of sexual decision making and abstinence. This is a great chance for parents to talk to their youth about important life decisions.

CSUE will be offering a series of 11 weekly workshops. Participants will complete confidential surveys which will help to determine program effectiveness. Monetary incentives are given to all participants for completing classes and surveys. This program is offered through the Colorado State University Extension DARE to be You program and funded by the Office of Adolescent Pregnancy Prevention. The dates have not yet been set. Call Pam Neelan for more information - 583-6566.

## HORSE

### 4-H Horse Safety Training Sessions

The Horse Safety Training Guidelines for 2009 will be as follows:

- If you are a new member to 4-H, you **MUST** be evaluated for the 2008/2009 4-H year.
  - If you are a transfer from another county and/or are a Pre-Level, you **MUST** be evaluated for the 2008/2009 4-H year.
- Remember, you do need to bring your horse** and helmets must be worn. If you have any questions, please contact Carol at the Extension Office.

### HORSE TRAINING/PRACTICES/SAFETY CHECK-OFF

TIMES: Pre Level and Level 1 – offered from 10-12 Noon; Level 2 and above from Noon – 2 PM. Bring a sack lunch. It has been suggested that we have a tack and clothing sale at one of these practices. The date will be decided at the February Horse Council Meeting.

DATE	WHAT'S OFFERED	WHO IS HELPING?
Saturday, February 14, 2009	Showmanship Tips	Stephanie Jameson, Lynn Clark
Saturday, February 14, 2009	Safety Check Off for youth who need to do safety class – youth to bring horse, must demonstrate safety issues – helmets required	Leona VerSteegh and Amy Decker
Saturday, March 21, 2009	Horsemanship and Rail Work	Michelle Klein, Cheryl Klein, (10-noon – Leona VerSteegh; Noon-2 PM - Stephanie Jameson)
Saturday, April 4, 2009	Trail Work	Dave Hill, Larry Ruot, Tom Sheppard
Saturday, April 4, 2009	Safety Check Off for youth who need to do safety class – youth to bring horse, must demonstrate safety issues – helmets required - last chance for safety class	
Saturday, May 2, 2009	Gymkhana – Walk-A-Mile Arena – 10-12 Level 1 and 12-2 PM Level 2 and above	Larry Ruot, Tim Decker, Tom Sheppard, Eric Knight
Sunday, May 31, 2009	We have both Walk-A-Mile or the fairgrounds – Ranch Horse (cattle may be closer to Walk-A-Mile) <u>PLACE STILL TO BE DETERMINED</u>	

# HORSE

## Horse Council

**When:** February 10, 2009, 7:00 P.M.

**Where:** CSU Extension Office, Room 220

**Agenda:** Guest speaker, review of horse committee changes for 2008/2009 shows.

### Pueblo County 4-H Horse Bowl & Horse Judging

Stephanie Jameson and Tim and Amy Decker are very excited to host the Horse Bowl and Horse Judging Programs again this year. These meetings will be held on the same night. These joint sessions will be held at the home of Stephanie Jameson at 897 E Witzer Drive in Pueblo West. For more information, contact Amy at 671-3242 and Stephanie at 547-1895.

**Directions from Safeway:** Take Purcell N 2.5 miles to Platteville Blvd. Turn left onto Platteville and go 1.9 miles. Turn right on Gantts Fort. Go 1.9 miles to E. Witzer Dr. Turn left on E. Witzer Dr. 1st house on right.

**Directions from Wal-Mart:** Go North on McCulloch to Platteville. Turn left on Platteville and go 1 mile to Gantts Fort. Turn right on Gantts Fort and go 1.9 miles to E. Witzer Dr. Turn left on E. Witzer to 1st house on right.

### 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.

### What is Horse Judging?

Horse judging consists of making a careful study of horses, measuring them individually against a commonly accepted ideal. Horse judging is an art where a youth expresses his or her opinion of a class, by his or her order of placement. Being on a 4-H judging team teaches youth the skills to become an authoritative person. The commonly accepted ideal type and performance should be learned for each of the various breeds by practices held by the coach. Taking notes to weigh the differences in faults and blemishes assists young judges in making the decision on how to place the class. Oral reasons are then given. To give oral reasons youth must understand the various breeds and know the terminology to describe the attributes of each breed. The coach must prepare the 4-Hers to give a flowing comparison and contrasting set of reasons. Judges should be able to describe the placing of the class in two minutes or less. As always, practice makes perfect, and you can never practice judging horses enough.

### Horse Levels Tests

The CSUE Office has copies of the tests for all levels. 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. Youth should practice before their test. Tests 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 who has 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 tests 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 tests 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.

### State 4-H Horse Committee and Horse Rule Book

The State 4-H Horse Committee has updated the 4-H Horse Rule Book for the 2008/2009 4-H year. This new rule book should be available by March, 2009. Cost for this book will be \$8.00 and is not included in the \$25.00 4-H enrollment fee.

### 2009 HORSE SHOW DATES

**Spring Horse Show**

May 16 & 17

**Summer Horse Show**

June 13 & 14

**County Fair**

July 11, 12, & 13

## HORSE

### HELP YOUR HORSES BEAT THE WINTER BLAHS

Horses are extremely adaptable animals and can manage well in just about any climate – that's one reason why they've managed to adapt to civilization and thrive even after they were no longer needed as beasts of burden. However, stall-kept horses that are blanketed to inhibit the growth of a winter coat, do not have all of Mother Nature's defenses.

Here in the Colorado mountains, we have two primary factors that can keep us from turning out horses: temperature and footing. When the temperature approaches zero, the air is so cold that it can "scorch" their lungs if they start breathing heavily. If the ground is hard frozen or icy, the risk of injury greatly increases from sprains and strains, and from slip-and-falls, which can be deadly.

We try not to keep horses in more than one day. Prolonged periods without turnout can be detrimental to horses mentally and physically, since when they do go out, they may be too exuberant and get in a wreck. If your horses are inside for an extended period, try to enhance their day by getting them out for grooming and hand walking or longeing (if footing is safe for horses and humans). Feeding grass hay throughout the day will give them a distraction, and consider breaking their concentrates into several small meals throughout the day. For some horses, stall toys are a good distraction, and tying them up near another horse so they can socialize will help with their mental health."  
–By AQHA Professional Horsewoman Julie Goodnight

### Make Your Own Horse Mask and Learn About Horse Vision.

Create your own Equine spirit Mask at a fun, informative workshop. You will assemble a wearable 3-D mask from a kit with 6 pre-cut pieces. Wearing the mask will help you learn how horses see, how their vision can explain aspects of their behavior and how horse vision is different from human sight.

Where: Cultural Heritage Building

When: February 14, 2009

Reservation Deadline: February 10, 2009

Fee: \$40.00 (fee includes mask kit and art materials).

Learn more and see examples at:

[www.ExpressiveArtifacts.com](http://www.ExpressiveArtifacts.com)

### SCHOOLING FUN HORSE SHOW – SPRING SCHOOLING SHOW

All 4-H members are welcome to attend this fun horse show. It will be held at Latigo Trails Equestrian Center in Black Forest on May 30, 2009 starting at 8:30 AM. An all day fee will be charged. Horse Show Training Buddies will be available throughout the day to help you. A tack and show clothing sale will also be held. A complete flyer is available in the CSUE Office or questions can be directed to Lynn Wilkison at [lynn@countrystyle4h.com](mailto:lynn@countrystyle4h.com) or 719-481-1010.

### Colorado 4-H Horse Show Judges Seminar and Testing Session

CSU Equine Sciences will be hosting a 4-H Horse Show Judges Seminar and a 4-H Horse Show Judges Testing Session at the CSU Equine Center on February 21st, 2009. This is the ONLY opportunity in 2009 to have your name added to the Colorado Approved 4-H Horse Show Judges list. For more information, please contact Bobbie Skelton at 970.491.8547 or registration forms are available in the Extension Office.

### COUNTRY STYLE 4-H HORSE SHOW

This show will be held at Latigo Trails Equestrian Center in Black Forest on June 20, 2009 starting at 8:00 A.M. Three arenas will be used with great prizes awarded! For a complete list of classes, contact Lynn Wilkison at [lynn@countrystyle4h.com](mailto:lynn@countrystyle4h.com) or 719-481-1010. Pre entries must be postmarked by June 13, 2009.

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

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 16. The form will be available on our county 4-H web site and was in the January 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 2009 Pueblo County Fair.)*

# LIVESTOCK

## Mandatory Beef Weigh-In

February 7 at the Hartman's Feed Lot – ½ mile south of South Road on 36<sup>th</sup> Lane. Bring your bill of sale with you. The animals **MUST** be in the youth's name. Remember, you must be enrolled in the Market Beef Project by this date!! You must have your market beef weighed in and tagged this day to show at the County or State Fair.

### 2009 Livestock Test Policy & Wholesome Meat Training Policy

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 2007-2008 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 9 — 6:30 p.m.—Dining Hall & 4-H Auditorium—State Fairgrounds
  - May 5 — 6:30 p.m.—Dining Hall & 4-H Auditorium —State Fairgrounds- after MANDATORY Showcase sale Meeting.
  - June 16 — 6:30 p.m.—Dining Hall & 4-H Auditorium — State Fairgrounds—TENTATIVE

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

*All Youth enrolled in Swine must take the Meat Quality Assurance Program (MQA) yearly. HOWEVER, MQA no longer qualifies pork exhibitors for the Pork Quality Assurance+ Training required for State Fair. You will need to take an additional training to get your PQA+ card for State Fair.*

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### SHEEP AND GOAT WEIGH IN WILL BE HELD MAY 11, 2009 AT THE FAIRGROUNDS.



### Vet Science Program

Dr. Joe Barker has offered to work with any of the 4-H youth on their Vet Science project. You must be enrolled in club to take Vet Science. Give Dr. Barker a call and tell him that you are interested. His number is 542-6075.

*The first meeting will be Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 6:30 p.m.  
Mesa Vet Clinic — 1124 20th Lane*

## LIVESTOCK

### NEW THIS YEAR! “COOL” – *Country Of Origin Labeling* *Forms Due June 8 by 5 p.m.*

Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) was implemented starting on September 30, 2008 by the USDA. As a result, all cuts of beef, pork, lamb, goat, and chicken must have documentation as to the origin of the animals to be marketed in the U.S. and international meat industry. This act will require effective documentation of 4-H or FFA market animal projects that will be sold for meat purposes.

The documentation process is not that cumbersome and can be accomplished with the simple form attached to this newsletter and on our web site. This form may be used for animals which have been purchased or have been home grown. However, home grown animals will be required to have a record system to support the affidavit that will be outlined later in this article\*\*\*.

When the 4-Her or FFA member purchases a project animal, the individual should receive from the original owner verification of the source of the animal or have the original owner fill out and sign the affidavit. In addition, other supporting information that the buyer of an animal should maintain in their files could include Bill of sale, health papers, or brand inspections.

\*\*\*For home grown animals, responsibility for the documentation of origin will lie with the producer. A good start for the records documenting the source of an animal would include ear-tags or notches, recorded birth dates, or descriptions in birth records (calving books, PigChamp, PigTale, etc.). In most cases, these records would already be maintained by the parents involved in marketing livestock.

Current recommendations are that all records and affidavits be maintained on file by the 4-Her or FFA member for a **minimum of two years**. The Extension Office will keep forms on file, and Showcase Sale will send them to the appropriate packer when the animals are sold.

The goal is to provide an audit trail of the animal's origin in case verification is required by the USDA. Sometimes we forget that even if a 4-H member only has few animals, he or she is still a producer and takes on the responsibility of meeting all producer regulations and requirements. With an affidavit for any purchased animal, compliance with the latest USDA regulations should be very easily achieved.

**SO—what does this all mean? It means when you purchase market animals, you need to ask them to fill out the “Country of Origin Label Declaration”. If you purchase animals from multiple producers, you need to have a declaration from each producer. If you purchase more than one animal from the same producer, the producer lists all the animals on the same form under “number of animals”. The seller then signs the form.**

#### Clarification on Livestock eRecords

Youth **MUST** receive a minimum of 70% on their *2009* livestock eRecords to be eligible to show those livestock projects at the *2010* Pueblo County Fair. If the youth doesn't show the projects at the 2010 county fair, and *does not drop* the project by the add/drop date of March 16 and intends to show the project at the 2010 county fair, the youth is still responsible for completing a record book to avoid a score of 0%.

#### Fair Livestock Judges

Any suggestions for livestock judges for the 2009 County Fair should be submitted to either in writing or in person to the Fair Board by/at the February 18 Fair Board meeting. Please provide the judges name, address and phone number. Livestock judges names will be released following livestock initial weigh ins, in the June newsletter.

## DOG

### COUNTY FAIR DOG SHOW

**County Fair Dog Show Date:** Monday, July 13, 2009

**Time:** 10:00 a.m.

**Place:** AmeriCraft Hall (Ag Palace)

## SHOOTING SPORTS

### Pueblo County to Host

#### February Shooting Sports Certification Training – Don't Miss Out!

We are pleased that the Pueblo County Shooting Sports Council has again offered to host a shooting sports certification training February 20 – 22. This is a rare opportunity to easily get a large number of Pueblo County leaders certified without having the extra expense of traveling to another county and staying in a hotel. *Registration plus money are due February 13.* 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. Make checks payable to Extension Program Fund. Please call the office for a registration form or visit the state shooting sports website at <http://www.co4hshooting.org/>

### Congratulations Kendra Cude

Kendra Cude has been selected as a State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador!! Congratulations, Kendra!

### On Target With The Shooting Sports Council

The next Shooting Sports Council meeting will be Thursday, March 5 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 should encourage their voting delegates to attend meeting. Additional meeting dates for the year are: May 7, July 2, September 3 and November 5.

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 mandatory practice matches is as follows:

.22, Muzzleloading & Archery: 7:30 a.m.; April 18, May 9, June 13; Pueblo West Range  
Air Rifle & Air Pistol: 8:00 a.m.; April 25, May 16; 4-H Dining Hall  
Shotgun: 4:00 p.m.; April 15, May 13, June 17; Pueblo Skeet & Trap

If you have questions about the dates/times you can call Ron Brown or Deanie Samuel.

### 2009 STATE TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION DATES ARE:

- ◇ **Pueblo County** - Pueblo - February 20-22
- ◇ **Washington County** - Akron – February 27 - March 1 (Shotgun Games Training Concurrent)
- ◇ **Weld County** - Greeley - March 13-15
- ◇ **Delta County** - Delta - March 20-22 (Shotgun Games Training Concurrent)
- ◇ **Kit Carson County** - Burlington - April 17-19
- ◇ **Gunnison County** - Gunnison - May 1-3
- ◇ **Eagle County** - Eagle - May 29-31
- ◇ **Park County** - Fairplay - October 2-4

### SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

There are ATA shoots at Pueblo Skeet and Trap Club on March 29, April 26 and June 7. 4-H is in need of volunteers. Please call John and Trish McMillan 948-5328 if you would like to volunteer.

### 4-H Shooting Sports Family Campout: June 19-21 Grainger Ranch near Victor

See the State 4-H Shooting Sports Website for details. It's a fun, inexpensive summer outing with your family!  
[http://www.colorado4h.org/ss/2009\\_ss\\_family\\_campout.pdf](http://www.colorado4h.org/ss/2009_ss_family_campout.pdf)

## 4-H LEADER NOTES



This is a special page in the 4-H Clover Power Newsletter. It is designed to be a simple resource to put important dates and brief information at your fingertips—in a hurry. Details of deadlines, events, etc, will be inside the newsletter. *All dates are subject to change.*

### July 10-18, 2009 — Pueblo County Fair

#### 2009 COUNTY FAIR DEADLINES

February 7—Beef Weigh In  
 March 16 — Animal Care and Housing Form Due  
 April 9—MQA, Livestock Test, Dog Tests  
 April 15—Mandatory Shotgun Shoot  
 April 18—Mandatory .22, Muzzleloading and Archery Shoot  
 April 25—Mandatory Air Rifle & Air Pistol Shoot  
 May 5—MQA & Mandatory Showcase Sale Livestock Meeting and Livestock Test, Dog Tests  
 May 9—Mandatory .22, Muzzleloading and Archery Shoot  
 May 11—Sheep/Goat Weigh In  
 May 13—Mandatory Shotgun Shoot  
 May 15—Horse Registrations Due  
 May 16—Mandatory Air Rifle & Air Pistol Shoot  
 June 8—County Fair entries due/eRecord registration  
 June 8 — “COOL” Registration Form Due  
 June 13—Mandatory .22, Muzzleloading and Archery Shoot  
 June 15—Shooting Sports Record Books due  
 June 16—MQA and Livestock Tests, Dog Tests—TENTATIVE  
 June 16—Shooting Sports Record Book Grading  
 June 17—Mandatory Shotgun Shoot  
 June 18—Shooting Sports Record Book Grading  
 July 1—Showcase Sale Intent to Purchase forms due  
 July 7—County Fair horse test  
 July 8—Fashion Revue Practice  
 August 17—Report Forms Due  
 August 17—Showcase Sale Thank You Notes Due  
 September 9—Livestock & Horse Record Books Due  
 September 14, 21, 28—Livestock eRecord Book Judging

#### 4-H DEADLINES:

February 17—Returning members enrollment due  
 March 16—Project Drop/Add date and new members enrollment due  
 April 6—Contest Day entries due  
 April 13 — Camp Counselor Applications Due  
 May 8—Adventure Day Camp Volunteer Applications Due  
 June 4—Scholarship Applications Due  
 June 29—Report Forms for Outstanding Awards due  
 August 17—Report Forms Due  
 October 9—Exchange Trip Applications Due

#### MEETINGS:

##### FEBRUARY

4 – Youth Council and Parent/Leader Group  
 10 – Horse Council  
 18 – Fair Board

##### MARCH

4 – Youth Council & Parent/Leader Group  
 5—Shooting Sports Council  
 12 – District Retreat Meeting  
 18 – Fair Board

##### APRIL

1 – Youth Council & Parent/Leader Group  
 8 – Horse Council  
 15 – Fair Board  
 27 – Camp Counselor Meeting (TENTATIVE)

##### MAY

4—Camp Counselor Meeting (TENTATIVE)  
 6—Youth Council, Parent/Leader Group  
 7—Shooting Sports Council  
 12 – Horse Council  
 18 – Camp Counselor Meeting  
 20 – Fair Board

##### JUNE

1 – Camp Counselor Meeting (TENTATIVE)  
 3 – Fair Board—TENTATIVE  
 9 – Horse Council AND horse test

##### JUNE (Con't)

17 – Fair Board  
 30— Livestock Superintendent's Breakfast

##### JULY

1 – Fair Board-TENTATIVE  
 29 – Post Fair Superintendent's Meeting (Fair Board)

##### SEPTEMBER

2 – Youth Council & Parent Leader Group  
 3—Shooting Sports Council  
 8 – Horse Council  
 10 – Livestock Council  
 16 – Fair Board

##### OCTOBER

7 – Youth Council & Parent/Leader Group  
 13 – Horse Council  
 14 – Fall Showcase Sale Meeting  
 21 – Fair Board

##### NOVEMBER

5—Shooting Sports Council  
 10—Horse Council  
 12—Livestock Council  
 18 – Fair Board

##### DECEMBER

8—Horse Council  
 16 – Fair Board

#### EVENTS:

<p>February 3—Foundation Annual Meeting                  February 9—Speech Workshop                  February 13-15—YouthFest                  February 17—Speech Contest                  February 20-22—Statewide Shooting Sports Leader Certification in Pueblo County                  February 25-March 1—Western Regional Leader's Forum                  March 7—4-H Carnival                  March 13-15—4-H Foundation Rummage Sale                  March 13-15—Horse Expo</p>	<p>March 20-22—District Retreat                  March 27—Cloverbud Camp                  April 18—Contest Day                  April 18-19—Horse Levels Training                  April 25—4-H Foundation Car Show                  April 25—4-H Foundation Golf Tournament                  May 16-17—Spring Horse Show                  May 30-County Dog Show                  Jun 5-7—4-H Camp                  June 9-11—Adventure Day Camp                  June 13-14—Summer Horse Show</p>	<p>June 20—County Dog Show                  June 23-26—State 4-H Conference                  July 10-19—Pueblo County Fair                  August 21-September 7—Colorado State Fair                  October 3—4-H Gala                  October 4-10—National 4-H Week                  October 23—Achievement Night                  November 13-15—Dare To Be You Camp                  December 5-6—Bells of Christmas                  December 28—Officer's Training</p>
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## 4-H Carnival & Dance

*Saturday, March 7—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 7. 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. Admission is *FREE* and carnival booth tickets are 5 for \$1.00.

*Carnival: 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.*

*Dance: 8:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.*

**See Page 5 of this newsletter for more information**



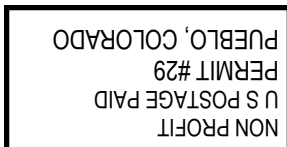
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