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Community Service – Help Buy Dictionaries for 3rd Graders

Rotary #43 in Pueblo has been a long time 4-H partner. They have given Pueblo 4-H over \$6500 in the last three years to support programs! The organization also buys a dictionary for every 3rd grader in Pueblo County. Most of you have been recipients of the dictionaries!

The group has requested our help with its Duck Stampede. They want help selling (distributing) "Duck Adoption Papers" starting the first week in April. Ducks are adopted for \$5 each. *One duck adoption will provide one dictionary!* 4-H does not have to collect any money – they have to provide the adoption papers to those willing to purchase them. Duck adopters must be at least 18 years old. People then mail the papers, with their money to Rotary #43. All adoption papers must be received by mail by Rotary 43 no later than **Friday, May 15**. 4-H would get \$1 for each adoption sold, however, as a community service project, 4-H would donate it's share back to Rotary #43.

The Washington Focus group is challenging all county 4-H leadership councils to help get 100 ducks per council adopted. Parent/Leader Group, Youth Council, Horse Council, Shoeing Sports Council and 4-H Clubs are encouraged to join the challenge too!

The Duck Stampede is on the Historic Arkansas Riverwalk Saturday, May 16 at noon. Winning Duck owners receive: First Place gets \$5,000, Second Place gets \$2,000 and Third Place gets \$1,000 Please consider joining the challenge! Stop by the office to get adoption papers!

4-H Youth Council

The last 4-H Youth Council meeting before summer activities start will be:

When: May 6, 2009—7:30 p.m.

Where: CSUE—Room 220

Agenda items include:

◆ Slate of officers for 2009-2010

4-H Parent/Leader Meeting

The 4-H program has many things to offer your child. Come to the parent/leader meeting and learn. The next meeting is scheduled for:

When: May 6, 2009 -- 6:30 p.m.

Where: CSUE — Room 410

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.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Pueblo County 4-H Foundation and Master Gardener Scholarships Due June 4!

Youth may apply for a number of 4-H Scholarships including the Friends of the Fair, KELO, Donna Boitz Memorial, Violet Hyberger Memorial, Anthony Ingo Memorial, Farmers Marketeers and the Dickerson/Pueblo County Stockmen's Association Scholarships. See the Scholarship information page in this newsletter for full details. Applications are available on our web site or in our office and are due no later than June 4 by 5 p.m. Interviews are mandatory for high school seniors and are scheduled for the evening of June 18.

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED:

- ◆ **Friends of the Fair - \$500**
Available to graduating seniors or continuing college students.
Must have been involved in a variety of 4-H citizenship and leadership activities.
- ◆ **KELO Scholarship - \$500 - NEW THIS YEAR!**
Available to high school seniors
Must have been enrolled in any 4-H project for two years
- ◆ **Donna Boitz Memorial Scholarship - \$500 - NEW THIS YEAR!**
Available to graduating high school seniors
Based on financial need. An essay explaining need will be requested.
- ◆ **Violet Hyberger Memorial Scholarship - \$500**
Available to graduating high school seniors
Must have been a 4-H member for *three* years
- ◆ **Anthony Ingo Memorial Scholarship - \$500**
Available to graduating high school seniors
Must have been enrolled in Livestock projects for four years
- ◆ **Kiwanis Scholarship - \$500**
Available to graduating high school seniors
- ◆ **Farmers' Marketeers Scholarship for all high school seniors – (\$ to be determined) NOTE: *This scholarship will also be open to FFA and current immediate family members of the Farmers' Marketeers program.***
Must be involved in agriculture-related field
- ◆ **Farmers' Marketeers Scholarship for current college students – (\$ to be determined) NOTE: *This scholarship will also be open to FFA and current immediate family members of the Farmers' Marketeers program.***
Must currently be enrolled in college with at least a 2.0 GPA
- ◆ **Dickerson Scholarship/Pueblo County Stockmen – (\$500) (2)**
REQUIRES SEPARATE APPLICATION
Have been a Pueblo area resident the last 2 years of high school
Must be a high school senior or freshman college student
Be pursuing agriculture related degree or one beneficial to agriculture
Selected candidates will be required to provide proof of college registration/class schedule before funds are awarded.

To be eligible for any 4-H scholarship you must meet all of the following requirements:

1. Must be a 4-H member in the Pueblo County program for at least two years.
2. Must attend or graduate from high school or an accredited home school program.
3. Must plan to attend college or trade school the fall semester (documentation required - acceptance letter or equivalent must be provided before funds are awarded).
4. May continue to apply up to four (4) years, scholarships not automatically renewable.
5. Must submit the general application form (one copy for all scholarships) as well as a separate questionnaire for 4-H Memorial, KELO Scholarship, Donna Boitz, Violet Hyberger, Anthony Ingo, Friends of the Fair and Kiwanis scholarships.
6. Must submit a separate application form for FM/CMG scholarships.
7. High school students must submit a transcript of final high school grades. College students must submit college transcript or copy of grades from the latest semester.
8. Must submit **three** current letters of reference. Reference letters should contain a statement about your relationship (how they know you) and their opinions about your character, your desire to succeed, and your ability to succeed.
 - a. High School seniors must include reference from a 4-H leader (excluding parent) (it should include their impression of you as a 4-H member).
 - b. College students – 4-H leader reference not required
9. Scholarships for seniors in high school require an interview with a panel of judges.

Selection will be based on 4-H participation and accomplishments, scholastic achievement, community service, demonstrated leadership abilities, and potential for success.

If you have any questions regarding these applications, please contact our office.

Application Due June 4, 2009 by 5:00 pm

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Applications are available in our office or on our website.

OPPORTUNITIES

State 4-H Conference – Join us for the Fun!

Conference is an exciting opportunity for youth and adults to visit the CSU campus and meet people from around the state. State 4-H Conference is June 23-26. Participants representing Pueblo County in the Speech Contest were selected through the county contest. The 4-H Senators and Leader Delegates will be involved at the state meeting. Other youth will attend workshops. Games, banquets, dances, county night out and tons of FUN! Plus, a chance to visit Ft. Collins and the campus of Colorado State University.

Requirements:

- You must be 14 years of age as of 12/31/2008
 - You must turn in an application and payment by May 22
- Applications will be available at the CSU Extension office. The cost is about \$225 per person, which includes conference registration, lodging for three nights, opening picnic and closing banquet. The 4-H Foundation and Youth Council will donate \$2,000 to be divided among participants.

State Citizenship/Leadership Awards for Youth and Leaders

For a list of awards and trips available to youth and leaders, please refer to the March 2009 newsletter, page 4. Awards and trips include: National 4-H Congress, State Citizenship Award for youth, State Citizenship Award for Youth and State 4-H Volunteer Leader Awards.

National 4-H Conference Applications Due May 15

National 4-H Conference is an annual event planned and conducted by The National 4-H Headquarters in Washington, D.C. The purpose of the conference is to solicit input from a diverse cross-section of the U.S.D.A. Extension System to strengthen and expand the 4-H Youth Development program at local, state, and national levels. This event brings together youth, volunteer leaders, state, and county Extension staff from across the U.S., its territories, and the Canadian Provinces. National 4-H Conference is usually held at the end of March or the first week in April. Members must be between 15 and 18 years of age as of December 31 of the previous year to participate. The trip is funded one-third by the Colorado 4-H Foundation and two-thirds by the Pueblo County 4-H Foundation. Each county may nominate two delegates. Nominees fill out submit an application form by May 15th. Applications are available in the office or on the state 4-H website http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/nat_conf/index.shtml

4-H Camp Counselor Meetings

Camp Counselor Meetings will be held on the following dates in Room 410

Monday, May 4th – 6:00 PM – bring t-shirt design ideas

Monday, May 18th – 6:00 PM

Monday, June 1st – 6:00 PM

Remember, we need to recruit as many kids as we can for this fun and affordable camp.

4-H CAMP

We had such a successful camp in 2008 and we are out to make the 2009 4-H Camp bigger and better than the previous year.

The 2009 Camp includes:

- We will hold the camp in Beulah at the Red Mountain Youth Camp on June 5, 6, 7, 2009.
- We will once again be doing our own cooking at this camp. Campers will help with kitchen duties.
- We have many fine counselors who have applied to help with this camp.
- Our goal is to have more campers signed up this year than in 2008.
- We will continue to keep the price reasonable - \$70.00 per camper for the camp!
- Camp age is 8-13 years of age as of December 31, 2008.
- Camp t-shirts for everyone!
- Same great fun – educational workshops, skits, team building experiences, a dance and campfire (weather and fire advisories permitting).

The theme this year is “Survivor – 4-H Camp”.

Please spread the word and let's make this years camp more successful than any camp before. **Camp registrations are available in our office or on our website and due May 22, 2009 by 5:00 P.M**

Adventure Day Camp

WE NEED YOUR HELP! If you haven't already volunteered to work with non 4-H youth between 6-11 years old, at this fun-filled day camp, please contact Pam at 583-6566.

Who: 4-H members and adult leaders

When: June 9, 10, 11

Where: CO State Fairgrounds (first two days) third day location is at City Park

Time: 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. (each day)

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

Volunteers are required to attend a camp training will be held on Thursday, June 4, 2009.

Camp Rocky

Outdoor Environmental Adventures For Youth Ages 14-19

July 5-11, 2009

It is held in the mountains near Divide, Colorado. You can have fun and learn about the environment at the same time. For a full color brochure and more information, contact the Colorado Association of Conservation District at 719-686-0020 or www.camprocky.colostate.edu Registrations are due July 1st. Sponsorships are available through our local conservation district.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

4-H Foundation/Outlaws Car Show

Thank you for all those who donated items and/or helped at the Outlaws Custom Car Show on Saturday, April 25th. Over \$850.00 was earned at the concession stand and by the Pueblo County 4-H Foundation. The Outlaws Custom Car Club will also make a donation to the Foundation

THANK YOU to all who did the Ford test drive to help benefit the 4-H program.

E-Record Book Information

Consumer Science and General Project Books
The Consumer Science and General Project Books will not be turned in to our office prior to fair; but will be turned in with your project when you bring the exhibit for your interview judging on July 14. Leaders must review records and sign them before fair. *Exception:* Shooting Sports e-records are due to the office by June 15 at 5:00 p.m.

County Community Service Opportunity Volunteering at the State Fairgrounds

Please join us for day of helping the Colorado State Fairgrounds! A countywide 4-H Community Service Project is May 30th beginning at 10:00 am in the 4-H Exhibit Hall. We will be cleaning and painting the display cases. Please bring your own tools such as: pliers, hammers, buckets, rags, scrubies etc. Also, bring water bottles and snacks. The State Fairgrounds will supply all the paint and equipment. This is a State community service. Please contact the Extension Office to sign up. Members can sign up individually or as a club. We aren't sure how long it will last, but if it lasts through lunch, we will decide what to do at that time.

Report Forms - Due August 17

Report Forms will be due in our office no later than August 17, 2009 at 5:00 pm. If you are eligible for an Outstanding 4-H'er or Citizenship/Leadership Award, *your report form will have to be updated by June 29, 2009* so the committee can review them before interviews during County Fair.

Fair Board Meeting

When: Wednesday, May 20th
Time: 7:30 p.m.
Where: CSUE – Room 220

Please call the Extension office if you would like to be on the agenda.

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.

Important Leader Enrollment Reminder

This is a reminder that 4-H leaders must submit an enrollment form each year to be considered a leader. If you have not done so this year, please fill out an enrollment form which enables you to be covered for liability and get credit for the year of leadership.

2009 Fair Books Arriving in Your Mail Box

Fair Books are being mailed the first week in May. Please save your fair book and refer to it often. It has all the project and exhibit requirements and rules for County Fair.

Golf Tournament Thank You

Thank you to Dr. Matt Braunschmidt for organizing and leading a successful 4-H Foundation Golf Tournament!!! Thank you for all the Foundation does to raise money for the 4-H Program

Display Boards For Fair Projects Available In The Office

We purchased a supply of display boards that meet the exhibit guidelines for size. The price is \$3 per board. The boards are white.

2009 Contest Day

Thank you to all who participated in 2009 Contest Day!
Congratulations – you are all amazing!

Upcoming Washington Focus Meetings

May 18, 2009 -- 7:30 p.m., Room 4, Social Services Bldg.
June 15, 2009 -- 6:00 p.m., Pot Luck and Swimming at the Bottini's.

Remember: if you are not attending the meeting, you must call Vanessa at 583-6566 to be excused.

Vet Science Meeting Change

Dr. Barker's Vet Science meetings are normally the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. The May 5th meeting is cancelled due to the mandatory Showcase Sale Meeting. The next meeting will be May 19th.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Using the 4-H Name and Clover

Did You Know... The 4-H Name & Emblem is a highly valued mark within our country's history? As such, it was granted a very unique and special status; it is in a category similar to the Presidential Seal and the Olympic Emblem. This federal protection makes it a mark into and of itself with protection that supersedes the limited authorities of both a trademark and a copyright. As a result, responsibility and stewardship for the 4-H Name & Emblem were not given to the U.S. Patent Office but were given to a higher level of the federal government, a member of the Cabinet, the Secretary of Agriculture. The Secretary has responsibility for the 4-H Name and Emblem, at the direct request of Congress. The "18 USC 707" is the statement in the United States Code that outlines the protection of the 4-H Name & Emblem.

Today, the 4-H Clover is one of the best-known and most valued images symbolic of a century of 4-H achievement! The 4-H Name and Emblem are very important to us as an organization because they represent who we are. We encourage clubs and entities of 4-H to use the name and emblem – it's great for marketing. If you are publishing the clover on posters, rule books, t-shirts, etc. please send us a copy of the design via fax or e-mail.

The official 4-H Emblem is a clover with four leaves and an "H" on each leaf. The clover's stem must point to the right as you look at the image. The 4-H Emblem is *not* a plain four-leaf clover. The 4-H Emblem should appear in specific colors and in its entirety. The 4-H Name & Emblem belongs to the 4-H Youth Development Program, under the authority of USDA and anyone wishing to use it must obtain permission to use it ahead of time. The preferred color of the clover is 100 percent PMS 347 green (a dark green). The clover can also be black, white or metallic gold. **The 4-H Extension Agent and County Extension Director approve use of the emblem. We just check it to make sure it looks ok, then grant permission.**

For more specific information on the name and emblem usage and to download official graphics, check our county 4-H web site or <http://www.national4-hheadquarters.gov>

2009 Colorado 4-H Ford Truck Raffle/Giveaway

The Rocky Mountain Ford Stores have donated a **2009 Ford XLT F150** 4x4 pickup truck to the Colorado 4-H Foundation to help raise funds for 4-H. The 2009 F-150 has recently been named the 2009 Motor Trend Truck of the Year. Raffle tickets will be sold until October by Foundation Board members, Extension staff and 4-H members and leaders. The drawing will be held at the Colorado 4-H Gala being held October 3, 2009 at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

Tickets cost just \$5 each, or \$20 for 5. \$2.00 from each ticket will be returned to the 4-H club responsible for the sale. The remaining funds will be used to fund special 4-H youth programs. "Our goal is to have the truck on display at as many county 4-H events as possible between now and October," said Gary Small, Executive Director of the Colorado 4-H Foundation. "The funds raised from the raffle will provide the 4-H learning experience to more kids in Colorado. We greatly appreciate Ford becoming an official sponsor of the Colorado 4-H Program". **We would like to have each club (adults only) sell tickets for this fundraiser. Contact Vanessa or Carol in the Extension Office to obtain or buy tickets.**

Clubs will get to keep
\$2.00 from every \$5 ticket
sold!



HORSE

Horse Council Meeting & Spring Horse Show Test Date

When: May 12, 2009

Time: Horse Council Meeting at 7:00 PM – tests taken after the meeting.

Where: CSUE, 2nd floor of the Social Services Building

Agenda: Upcoming Shows

If you cannot attend this meeting and test for Spring Horse Show at this time, you must contact Carol by Friday, May 8th by 5:00 P.M. to make other arrangements before spring show to take the test. Help is still needed at the Spring Show - a sign up sheet will be available at Horse Council.

Clarification on Horse E-Records

Youth MUST receive a minimum of 70% on their 2009 horse E-Records to be eligible to show the horse project at the 2010 Pueblo County Fair. If the youth doesn't show the project at the 2009 county fair, and *did 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%.

Working Ranch Horse Camp And Competition

If you are interested in a fun competition to practice your Working Ranch Horse skills, please save the following date. This will be an excellent opportunity to practice for your County Fair as well as the State Fair.

June 14, 2009
Larimer County Fairgrounds
Longhorn arena
Registration time: 7 a.m.
Classes will begin at 8 a.m.

Classes will be by age groups. Those who hold a Western Level I card will be able to complete in the cattle sorting classes. Those who hold a Working Ranch Horse card of Level II or higher will be able to compete in the following classes. Cattle Sorting, Ranch Trail, Ranch Horsemanship, Individual Cow Working. Contact LuAnn Goodyear at 970-498-6016 or lgoodyear@larimer.org

Larimer County is also sponsoring a 4-H Competitive Trail Riding program for 2009. If you might be interested, contact LuAnn Goodyear at the above number and email address or a complete schedule is available in our office.

2009 Horse Show Dates

Summer Horse Show

June 13, 14

County Fair

July 11, 12, & 13

Rocky Mountain Horse Expo –

Colorado Springs, July 3-5 – Norris-Penrose Event Center.

Events include:

- ◇ Ride for the Brand – WRCA Ranch Rodeo;
- ◇ Road To The Horse – 2007 & 2008 Champion Chris Cox
- ◇ Dr. Temple Grandin (Saturday only)
- ◇ Debbie Bibb, Art Kiger, Jason Patrick, Karen Scholl, Moses Woodson
- ◇ Green Ranch Show & Green Resource University
- ◇ Private Treaty Horse Sales
- ◇ Breed, Stallion & Mare Demonstrations
- ◇ Trade show, Family Fun and More

More information at www.RockyMountainHorseExpo.com or call (303)292-4981.

Helmets – Horse Council

You must possess a SEI helmet for horse events in Pueblo County. Once again, Carol will be willing to order helmets from Troxel for those that might need them. They are \$20.00 each or \$15.00 each if we order ten. There is a \$6.00 shipping charge for the first helmet and \$2.00 for each helmet after that. Orders will be taken at the May Horse Council Meeting.

4-H Ranch Horse Clinic

The Ranch Horse Clinic that is scheduled for May 31st at Diana Quintana's home will be held if there is enough interest. Please call the Extension Office if you are planning on attending this clinic or you can sign up to attend at the May Horse Council Meeting. If there is not enough interest, the clinic will be cancelled.

E-Record Book Information

Dog, Horse and Livestock Records (including rabbit and poultry) DO NOT need to be pre-graded by the 4-H leader, but we will need leader verification that the record book is acceptable as up-to-date and correct. A sticker will be provided for leaders to place on the record book showing verification that the book is acceptable. Leaders must call or stop by the Extension Office by June 8, to verify all youth's e-record books.

All completed dog, horse and livestock e-records are due in the CSUE office on September 9, 2009. Horse and Livestock e-records will be graded by committees and Dog e-records will be judged by an outside judge. Awards will be given at Achievement Night.

HORSE

Horse Project Corrections In Fair Book:

Page 18 – Instead of Friday, July 13th it should read MONDAY
Page 19 – Cow/Horse Classes must be at least a Level 2

Mark This Date On Your Calendar – SUNDAY, AUGUST 2, 2009 Moneymaker For Horse Council

Mark August 2nd on your calendar and plan on spending the day earning money for the Pueblo County 4-H Horse Council. Last year the Horse Council earned \$3,160.00. This was a large amount of money earned in a short amount of time. Little Britches has once again offered to let us do it again this year. They stated that we did a great job so we need to do the same this year.

For those who are not familiar with this project, Robert Lay, a past 4-H parent, and a board member with Little Britches Rodeo offered to pay youth and parents to help clean the horse stalls at the Colorado State Fair after the Little Britches Rodeo. This has allowed us to provide better awards for Spring, Summer, and County Fair Horse Shows.

We are also planning a pizza party after the cleanup. MARK AUGUST 2nd ON YOUR CALENDAR – WE NEED EVERYONE'S HELP!!!!

Horse Registrations

Pueblo County 4-H Horse Registration Forms will be due in the CSUE Office on May 15th. We have 3-part NCR forms available in the Extension Office or you can use the copy on-line in the horse e-record book. If you use the e-record form, we are asking that you make an additional copy of your registration for yourself and for your leader. The Extension Office will be glad to make these copies for you.

Round Robin Judging for Horse Records in 2009

The 4-H Horse Record Books for 2009 will be judged with a "round robin type judging" process. This is the same as last year. This is an opportunity for you to be an active part of the horse project in Pueblo County. If you would like to be part of this process, please contact Carol in the CSU Extension Office. This is a great way to learn what to look for and how to correctly fill out the horse e-records.

Stall Policy At Pueblo Horse Shows

As you all know, the stall fee for Spring, Summer and County Fair went up to \$25.00 per stall. After talking to the fairgrounds, they have agreed to a fee of \$15.00 per stall if each stall is cleaned out after each show. You will still need to initially pay the \$25.00 fee and we will have volunteers checking stalls after the show and refunding \$10.00 for each stall cleaned. In checking with the fairgrounds, cleaning a stall means having everything out of the stall and placed where a bobcat can scoop it up and dispose of it. We will need additional help at each of these shows for "clean-up patrol". If you choose not to clean your stall no refund will be given. There is no fee for tack stalls.

Yipee...Horse Rule Books Are Here!

Every one will need a copy of the new 2009 Colorado 4-H horse show rule book. Cost for this book - \$8.00. Carol will have them available May 12th at the Horse Council Meeting on April 8.

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 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.

HORSE

Horse Shows/Opportunities

Schooling Fun Horse Show Spring Schooling Show – 4-H members welcome. Latigo Trails Equestrian Center – May 30, 2009. Tack or clothing sale – spaces \$10.00. This is a practice/schooling show – show buddies will be available to help you. \$20 all day fee for beginners; \$25.00 for novice & age group. Entry forms available in the CSUE

Jackpot Horse Show and Gymkhana – Westcliffe, Colorado July 12, 2009 – Classes include halter, English western, and gymkhana. For more information, contact Jennifer Engelman at 719-942-3130

Beginner Roping and Tying Clinic – Saturday, May 30th sponsored by the Cowboy Church and presented by Dr. Justin & Pam Youngren, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.. Registration for the show is \$10 in advance, \$15 at the door and registration for the show will begin at 9:30 a.m. Cowboy style lunch will be included. Special thanks to the Cowboy Church for allowing some of our 4-H Groups to use their facility.

Nebraska Extension 2009 4-H Horse Camp – June 11-13 in Fort Robinson. Registration and information in the CSUE Office. Great opportunity for those enrolled in the horse project. Registration fee is only \$40.00.

Memorial Day Weekend 4-H Horse Clinic – May 23, 24, 25, Lamar Community College. Three days of instruction includes Horsemanship, showmanship, Gymkhana, Levels 1-3 riding tests (you must pass the written test in Pueblo first), Silent Auctions and more. Registration form available in the CSUE Office in Pueblo or for more information contact Haley at 719-688-0026 or email her at hzwicker@kcoe.com

Working Ranch Horse Clinic – Colorado State Fairgrounds – June 1. Contact Barbie Garnett at (303) 271-6620 for more information.

Phillips County Amateur Rodeo Association will host the Colorado Junior Rodeo Association Show May 16th and 17th at the Phillips County Fairgrounds in Holyoke CO.

Hairy Horse Show – Sunday, May 10th – Lakewood Colorado – Jefferson County Fairgrounds. A tack and clothing sale will also be held.

LIVESTOCK

Sheep and Goat Weigh-In

May 11, from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M at the Fairgrounds in the Sheep and Swine Barn. All market goats and sheep must be weighed in and tagged this evening. We will also tag and photograph sheep and goats for state fair at that time.

Mandatory Showcase Sale Meeting – May 5

All 4-H members planning to sell at the 2009 Showcase Sale during County Fair must attend the following meeting:

When: May 5th 6:30 p.m.

Where: 4-H Auditorium – Fairgrounds

Agenda: Election of Officers

Contact Assignments will be made and Intent to Purchase Forms are due to the office by July 1

If a youth cannot attend this meeting, he/she must submit a written excuse note/letter to CSUE. If the excuse is mailed or hand delivered, it must be received by Friday, May 4 at 5:00 p.m. If the excuse is faxed, it must be faxed by 5 p.m. May 4, 2009 to 583-6582. If a youth does not attend and no excuse is received, \$75 will be deducted from the youth's premium check.

FREE LAMB CLINIC – hosted by Dr. Barr

When: Sunday, June 13

Time: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Place: Sheep and Swine Barn – Colorado State Fairgrounds

TOPICS:

Late fitting and nutrition

Fitting and showmanship

Bring lambs and your equipment to this clinic

Please call the Extension Office to sign up!

Clarification on Livestock E-Records

Youth **MUST** receive a minimum of 70% on their **2009** livestock E-Records to be eligible to show those livestock projects at the **2010** Pueblo County Fair. If the youth doesn't show the projects at the 2009 county fair, and *did 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%.

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.

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.

Forms are available in the office or on the website. See the April 2009 Newsletter for more details.

Livestock Shows and Sales

The office periodically gets flyers for livestock shows and sales. Call us if you are interested in attending or want more information.

Colorado State Fair Information

The 2009 Colorado State Fair livestock schedule is now available at: www.coloradostatefair.com. Check the website periodically for updates. The premium book will be available May 15.

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.

Massey Lamb Camp

When: June 22-23

(you can move in June 21 starting after 4 p.m.)

Time: 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. daily

Where: Colorado State Fairgrounds

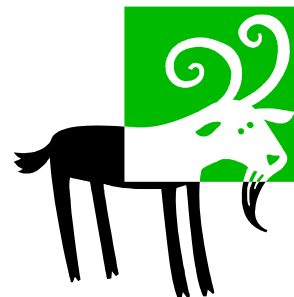
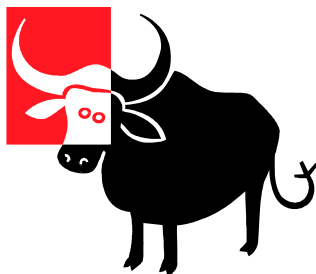
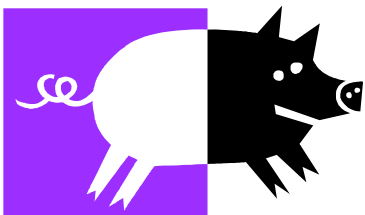
Contact/Sponsor: Dr. Joe Barker – 719-251-4262

Space is limited to the first 40 registrants.

Each participant is *required* to complete a Medical Authorization & Liability Release Form and it must be notarized. The cost is \$200.00 with a \$100.00 deposit to accompany the registration form. Remaining balance will be collected at the door. Participants will receive a Massey Lamb Camp T-Shirt

You can move in after 4:00 p.m. on June 21. Lambs will be stalled in the swine barn. Only wood shavings will be allowed for bedding and *must* be purchased from the fairgrounds feed store. Bring your blocking stand, blow dryer, electric clippers, halters, feed, water buckets and two lambs. The clinic will cover: washing, shearing, selection, health care, exercise, feeding, fitting for show and showmanship.

Registration forms are available from Dr. Barker or the Extension Office or online at www.clublambpage.com then click on Massey Camp.



LIVESTOCK

Meat Quality Assurance vs. Pork Quality Assurance

Meat Quality Assurance (MQA):

- * MQA is required for all 4-Her's entering the market livestock project.
- * MQA is required the first year in the market livestock project.
- * MQA is required annually for those entered in the market swine project.
- * MQA is required each time a 4-Her enters a new age bracket, i.e. their first year as a junior and their first year as a senior.

Pork Quality Assurance (PQA)

- * **PQA is required for market swine participants who plan to show at the Colorado State Fair, National Western Livestock Show or other major shows. It is not required for the Pueblo County Fair.**
- * PQA participants age 8-11 must attend a training annually. Certification under PQA will be valid for one year.
- * PQA for 12 to 18 year old individuals have two options
 - Option 1: Annually attend PQA training. Participant is certified for one year.
 - Option 2: Participants can certify or recertify by examination to become certified in PQA. The participant will take an exam and if a score of 70% or better is received will have passed. Having passed the exam the participant is not required to take the PQA training again until the next age level, i.e. Test at age 12 and again at age 15. Or if the first year in the market swine project is age 14 then testing must be taken at ages 14 and 15. Youth PQA Certification expires on December 31 of the year a participant turns age 19.
- * **MQA is not required for youth who take PQA in 2009, if you have a species other than swine.**

2009 Livestock Test Policy

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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).
4. The test will be over the 4-H manual (Level I for Juniors, Level II for Intermediate and Level III for Seniors.)
5. Remaining opportunities will be provided for testing.
 - May 5 — 6:30 p.m.—Dining Hall & 4-H Auditorium— State Fairgrounds—after MANDATORY Showcase sale Meeting. (Test follows MQA training)
 - June 16 — 6:30 p.m.—Dining Hall & 4-H Auditorium— State Fairgrounds—NOTE DATE CHANGE (Test follows MQA training)

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

PQA Dates

May 13 -- 6:00 p.m., CSUE Office

June 10 -- 1:00 p.m., CSUE Office

Please call the Extension Office at 583-6566 to register for a PQA class. Plan to spend about 2 hours to take the class and the test.

MQA Dates

May 5 -- 6:30 p.m. following Mandatory Showcase Sale meeting. Livestock and Dog tests to follow.

June 16 -- 6:30 p.m. Livestock and Dog Test to follow.

E-Record Book Information

Dog, Horse and Livestock Records (including rabbit and poultry) **DO NOT** need to be pre-graded by the 4-H leader, but we will need leader verification that the record book is acceptable as up-to-date and correct. A sticker will be provided for leaders to place on the record book showing verification that the book is acceptable. Leaders must call or stop by the Extension Office by June 8, to verify all youth's e-record books.

All completed dog, horse and livestock e-records are due in the CSUE office on September 9, 2009. Horse and Livestock e-records will be graded by committees and Dog e-records will be judged by an outside judge. Awards will be given at Achievement Night.

DOG

Other dog shows announced are as follows:

Falcon Ranchers Annual 4-H Dog Show – May 17 – El Paso County Fairgrounds in Calhan. Showmanship, Rally and Agility offered this year – door prizes, concessions and more. For information, contact falconranchers4h@aol.com

Mesa County 4-H Obedience – Grand Valley Kennel Club – B/OB/Rally Match June 13, 2009 – Mesa County Fairgrounds, Veterans Park, Grand Junction, Colorado
For more information contact Kelly Davidson at 970-623-0343 or kellydavidson@remax.net

Douglas County 4-H Dog Shows – May 16th and June 27th – pre registration is recommended and the form is available in our office and is due May 13th. Bring proof of rabies registration to the show. For more information, contact Mary Parenti at 303-681-3152 or email excalibur981@msn.com

Elbert County Dog Fun Match – June 20th – Elbert County Fairgrounds in Kiowa. Pre-registration is available in the Pueblo CSUE Office and due by June 15th. For more information, contact Janele Caldwell at 303-880-5538 or email her at newhealth@q.com

Weld County 4-H Paws and Tails Dog Show – Island Grove Regional Park – Greeley, Colorado. Date – May 16th. Pre-registration forms are available in the Pueblo CSUE Office and due by May 8th. For more information contact Jean Glowacki at (970) 304-6535



Dog Shows

Pueblo County will host two open shows this year and one closed show. The open shows will be held at the AmeriCraft Hall (Ag Palace) at the Colorado State Fairgrounds on the following dates: May 30, 2009 and June 20, 2009 starting at 9:00 AM. Greenhorn Kickers 4-H Club will sponsor the May 30th show and Pups and Hounds will sponsor the June 20th show. All 4-H Obedience, Showmanship, and Rally classes will be offered.

The third show will be held after County Fair on August 1st in Rye or Colorado City. This will be a show-and-go type show – we will be giving away door prizes and we will have our Pueblo County 4-H Dog Project Annual Pot Luck Lunch. We ask that the club get door prizes donated. This show will also be informal – you will not need to dress up for showmanship – this is a fun day, but scores will count for those needing an additional score before State Fair. State Fair placements will not be announced at County Fair, but will be announced shortly after the August 1st show. More information on this show at a later date.

Dog Test Dates:

May 5, June 16 - 6:30 p.m. - 4-H Dining Hall

Feet N Fur

The Mighty Dogs 4-H Club will once again plan the 2009 Feet N Fur Dog Walk. Mark your calendar for Saturday, June 13 at City Park. The event this year will be bigger and better! If you or your club or organization would like to have a booth or become involved at this event, call Donna or Caitlyn Darnell at 947-0615.

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SHOOTING SPORTS

Want To Be A Shooting Sports Leader?

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.

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. This fee includes materials, Saturday lunch and dinner and breaks. 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/>

2009 STATE TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION DATES ARE:

- **Gunnison County** - Gunnison - May 1-3
- **Eagle County** - Eagle - May 29-31
- **Park County** - Fairplay - October 2-4

4-H Supporting ACOVA

Shooting Sports Fundraiser – May 30th

4-H Leader Kent Irvin is in charge of a community project for ACOVA (The Pueblo City and County Law Enforcement Victims Assistance Program). 4-H has volunteered to support the event by volunteering to work and many are interested in shooting in the tournament. The tournament is May 30 starting at 9 a.m. at the Pueblo Skeet and Trap Club.

For those shooting, there is a \$50.00 entry fee. Categories are: Trap Singles are from 16 yard line from the trap house. There are five stations and you shoot 5 rounds from each. Shoot this twice = 50 birds. Handicap is determined by your experience. Most will shoot from the 19 or 20 yard line. Max yardage will be 27. Shoot this twice = 50 birds. SKRAP is shot on the Skeet field. Birds coming from 3 directions and there and two people shoot at the same time. There are divisions for women, men and kids. There are prizes for each division and overall best shooter.

If you have questions, please call Kent at 250-5215.

Shooting Sports Council

The next Shooting Sports Council meeting will be Thursday, May 7 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: 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., May 9, June 13; Pueblo West Range
Air Rifle & Air Pistol: 8:00 a.m., May 16; 4-H Dining Hall
Shotgun: 4:00 p.m., May 13, June 17; Pueblo Skeet & Trap

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

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 family outing.
http://www.co4hshooting.org/family_campout.html



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

- 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 13—PQA Training
- May 15—Horse Registrations Due
- May 16—Mandatory Air Rifle & Air Pistol Shoot
- June 8—County Fair entries due/E-Record registration by leaders
- June 8 — “COOL” Registration Form Due
- June 10—PQA Training
- June 13—Mandatory .22, Muzzleloading and Archery Shoot
- June 15—Shooting Sports Record Books due
- June 16—MQA and Livestock Tests, Dog Tests—**NOTE CHANGE OF DATE**
- 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 and Horse E-Record Book Judging

EVENTS:

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> May 2—Goat Clinic May 2—Horse Clinic May 9—Cloverbud Camp May 12—Spring Horse Show Test Date May 16-17—Spring Horse Show May 30—County Dog Show May 31 - Ranch Horse Clinic June 5-7—4-H Camp June 9-11—Adventure Day Camp June 13—Dr. Barr Lamb Camp June 13 -- Feet n' Fur June 13-14—Summer Horse Show June 18—4-H Scholarship Interviews June 19-21 —State Shooting Sports Campout June 20—County Dog Show | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> June 21-23—Massey Lamb Camp June 23-26—State 4-H Conference July 10-18—Pueblo County Fair August 21-September 7—Colorado State Fair October 3—4-H Gala -- Denver 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 |
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MEETINGS:

MAY

- 4—Camp Counselor Meeting
- 5—Mandatory Showcase Sale Meeting/MQA/Testing
- 6—Youth Council, Parent/Leader Group
- 7—Shooting Sports Council
- 12 – Horse Council
- 18 -- Washington Focus
- 18 – Camp Counselor Meeting
- 20 – Fair Board

JUNE

- 1 – Camp Counselor Meeting
- 3 – Fair Board—TENTATIVE
- 4—Adventure Day Camp Training
- 9 – Horse Council AND horse test
- 15 -- Washington Focus
- 17 – Fair Board
- 18—Scholarship Interviews
- 30— Livestock Superintendent's Breakfast

JULY

- 1 – Fair Board-TENTATIVE
- 1—First Superintendent Meeting
- 2—Shooting Sports Council
- 29 – Post Fair Superintendent's Meeting (Fair Board)

AUGUST

- 2 -- Horse Council Work Day (Little Britches Clean Up)

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

4-H DEADLINES:

- May 8—Adventure Day Camp Volunteer Applications Due
- May 15 -- National 4-H Conference Applications Due
- May 22 -- 4-H Camp Applications Due
- May 22 -- State 4-H Conference 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

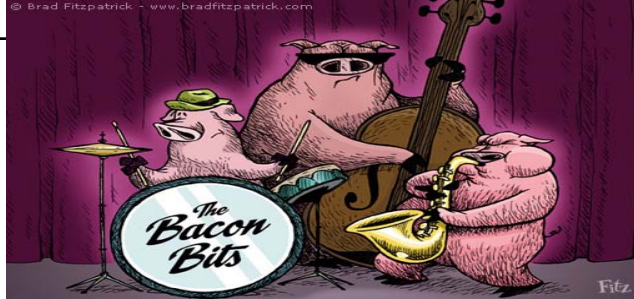
CALLING ALL JAZZ MUSICIANS ~~ Colorado 4-H Jazz Band!:

Attention all Extension Agents, 4-H Leaders, and 4-H'ers!

We are putting together a 4-H Jazz Band for the upcoming Colorado 4-H Gala in October. We are looking for experienced musicians who have jazz band experience and, of course, are enrolled in 4-H.

The Audition Process:

Submit an audition form and audition tape (music CD, cassette tape, VHS or DVD format) to Jeramy McNeely at the address below. The tape can be of any excerpt they wish and should be about two minutes long. It is our hope that we can get some quality musicians put together and make the Colorado 4-H Jazz Band a permanent fixture for our Colorado State 4-H Program. The deadline for entries is June 1. We will schedule a few practice sessions between then and the Gala once the musicians are picked. We will try to be flexible with everyone who makes the band concerning the practice schedule, but attendance will be required. If you have any questions, please contact Jeramy McNeely. at P.O. Box 395, 425 South 7th West, Cheyenne Wells, CO 80810, or Phone: 719.767.5716, Fax: 719.767.5835, Email: jeramy.mcneely@colostate.edu



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