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**4-H Clover Power**



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**Add/Drop And New Members Enrollment Deadline-March 17**

March 17, 2008 will be the last day to add or drop projects for the 2007/2008 4-H year. New members must be enrolled by 5:00 p.m. on March 17, 2008. Animal care and housing forms are also due that day for youth enrolling in horse, livestock and animal projects.

**Check Writing Policies**

The Extension Office in Pueblo County has adapted the following policies:  
*Insufficient Funds*

- ◊ If the office receives a returned check – the party must pay for it in cash and pay all bank fees.
- ◊ If we receive any additional returned checks from the same family, they will be notified that we will no longer accept checks from the party; only cash or money orders.

*Check Writing – No Colored Ink Please*

- ◊ We do not accept checks written in any color of ink except black or blue. If we deposit checks written in any colors but black or blue, we will be charged by the bank.

**Washington Focus Meeting**

When: March 12, 2008

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: CSUE Meeting Room

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

**Deadlines, Deadlines, Deadlines...**

**The Office will strictly enforce all deadlines.**

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

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

## OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

#### **Performing Arts Contest—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! For a complete list of classes, call Pam at (719) 583-6566.

#### **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— Creative Arts Building**

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

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

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

## OPPORTUNITIES

### Pueblo County 4-H Foundation Scholarship Deadline

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

### Camp Counselors And 4-H Camp Dates

Applications are being taken for Camp Counselors for the 2008 4-H Camp. Deadline for applications will be April 7, 2008. Applications are available in the CSUE Office. This year's camp will be held June 6-8, 2008 at Red Mountain Youth Camp in Beulah, Colorado.

### Elite National Opportunity for Three Youth...Could It Be You!?

4-H's National partner, Youth Service America (YSA), is accepting applications for its National Youth Council. This is a tremendous opportunity for three youth, between the ages of 12-22 and reside in the U.S. or Canada, to join 10 other exceptional and diverse young people in serving as catalysts for the youth service movement by participating in projects that promote youth voice, youth leadership, and youth-adult partnerships!

To request an application packet, contact Daniel Hatcher, adviser to the council, at [dhatcher@ysa.org](mailto:dhatcher@ysa.org). Completed application packets must be received by **Monday March 10, 2008, 5 p.m. EST**.

### State 4-H Scholarship Deadline Changed Please Note:

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

These scholarships include:

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

### Searching For 4-H Science, Engineering and Technology Alumni

Do you know a former 4-H'er working in pharmaceutical research, environmental science, engineering, biological or chemical science, aerospace, technology, or plant and animal science? National 4-H Council is looking for 4-H alumni to feature in an upcoming promotion. Take a moment to fill out a short 10-minute survey! Log on to [www.fourhcouncil.edu](http://www.fourhcouncil.edu) to access the survey and learn more about the 4-H Science, Engineering, & Technology (4-H SET) program. Visit [www.4hblogs.org/ccn](http://www.4hblogs.org/ccn) to see more 4-H updates, stories and career postings today! This survey sight will be open until March 10, 2008.

### Colorado 4-H Technology Team Looking for a few good members!

The Colorado 4-H Technology Team is currently recruiting 4-H youth and adult members to join the 2007-2008 Technology Team. The mission is to provide assistance with new technology curriculum, help maintain a youth-friendly section of the Colorado 4-H web site, provide educational technology opportunities to Colorado 4-H youth at county, district and state levels.

We are looking for 5-7 senior age 4-H members and 1-2 adult volunteers with a technology interest to join us on this inaugural team for Colorado 4-H.

Interested individuals need to send an application to [perry.brewer@colostate.edu](mailto:perry.brewer@colostate.edu). Applications are available online at the Golden Plains Area Staff Web Site (<http://156.108.32.67>) or by emailing Perry. Applications are due by May 1, 2008.

### Horse and Livestock E-record Training

Join us on May 14 and 15, 2008, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. to discuss the in's and out's of E-Records. This training is for both youth and adults. May 14 will be tailored for youth & parents and May 15 will be tailored to 4-H leaders, **but** you may attend either session.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### 4-H Adventure Day Camp Planning Meeting for Youth and Adults

Do you want to make a difference in our community? Are you looking for opportunities to expand your leadership skills? Do you want to add some FUN to your summer! Volunteering for 4-H Adventure Day Camp is for YOU! Please join us for a pre-camp planning meeting on Tuesday, March 25, 2008, from 10 a.m. to noon. We will work on a camp theme, programming ideas, activities, t-shirt design and more. If you have questions, please call Pam at CSUE at 583-6566. If you are interested in volunteering for camp, but cannot make the planning meeting, please let us know.



### Is Your Family New To 4-H?

Welcome to the nation's premier youth organization! We are happy your family has chosen to be a part of 4-H! We hope you will find 4-H to be an enjoyable and educational experience for the whole family. Our goal is to make 4-H as user friendly as possible. Here are some ways that you can ease the stress (yes, we realize that the first year can be rather intimidating) that comes to most families during their first year.

- **Read your newsletter** – This is our main method of communication. The newsletter is also on line at <http://pueblo.colostate.edu/>
- **CSU Extension will enforce all deadlines.**
- **Keep a calendar for each 4-H'er in your family** – Write down events attended, activities participated in, and if applicable, trainings attended. This type of information will greatly reduce the stress at record book time.
- **Don't be afraid to say "I'll help"**– 4-H is a volunteer lead organization. You probably have a talent that some youngsters need. Jump right in; your leaders will be happy and you will quickly get acquainted with other parents and with 4-H procedures.
- **Attend 4-H club meetings** – This is a monthly chance for your 4-H'er to interact with their peers and to start learning new life skills. It is also a chance for you as a parent to learn what you can do to help your child. ***Few 4-H'ers succeed without parental involvement!***
- **Ask! Ask! Ask!** – **Never** be shy about asking who, what, where, when or why. Ask your leaders, ask an "old timer" parent, or call our office. We would be happy to spend a few minutes answering your question so you don't have to try to figure a way to fix a problem later.
- **And for leaders and experienced 4-H parents** – Remember how you felt the first year your children were in 4-H? Be free with your explanations and helpful tips.
- **Remember, we are all in the 4-H Youth Development Program together.**

### Adventure Day Camp

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

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

**Audience:** 100 youth 1-5 grades

**Who:** 4-H Junior Leaders and Adult leaders

**When:** June 10, 11, 12, 2008

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

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

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

### Colorado 4-H Animal Care & Housing And Premises Registration Policy

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

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

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

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

### Fair Board Meeting—CHANGE OF DATE

**When:** March 11, 2008

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

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

### Report Forms - Date Due August 18

Report Forms will be due in our office on later than August 18, 2008 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 30, 2008 so the committee can review them before interviews during County Fair.

### 4-H Golf Tournament – April 26

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



### E-Postcard Update – We don't need to file until 2009

We have received additional information on the e-postcard from the IRS. We apologize for the confusion. E-Postcards will not be due until next year, so you do not need to worry about it this year. Since 4-H clubs operate on an Oct. 1 – Sept. 30 calendar year, *they do not need to file a return at this time. Clubs that operate on an Oct. 1 – Sept. 30 fiscal year will have a filing deadline of Feb. 15, 2009.*

### PICTURES NEEDED FOR THE 2008 COUNTY FAIR BOOK

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



### Pre-Payment of Fundraisers, Registrations, etc.

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

### Judges Training for Consumer Science and General Projects

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

### Camp Rocky 2008

**What:** The Colorado Association of Conservation District presents 2008 Camp Rocky.

**Who:** Outdoor Environmental Adventures for youth ages 14-19

**Where:** Divide, Colorado

**When:** July 6-12, 2008

**Cost:** \$250 (scholarships are available)

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

# HORSE

## Pueblo County 4-H Horse Bowl

Tim and Amy Decker are very excited to host the Horse Bowl Program again. Meetings will be held the on the 4th Tuesday of every month. The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 25, at 6:30 p.m. at Swallows Charter Academy at 273 S.McCulloch Drive in Pueblo West.

## 2008 Horse Show Dates

**MANDATORY Test date:** April 15, 2008

7:00 p.m., CSUE Meeting room.

If you cannot attend this *MANDATORY* meeting, you must call the CSU Extension office at (719) 583-6566 no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday April 11, 2008, to make other arrangements.

### Spring Horse Show

April 19 & 20

### Summer Horse Show

May 17 & 18

### County Fair

July 11, 12, & 13

## Horse Superintendent Needed

We still need a Ranch Horse Superintendent for the Pueblo County Fair. If you are interested or know someone who might be interested, contact Carol in the CSUE Office.

## Round Robin Judging for Horse Records in 2008

At the February, 2008 Horse Council meeting, the group voted to have the horse record books judged in the same fashion as shooting sports and livestock record books were judged in 2007. 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

## E-Record Training

Are you confused about the e-records for the horse project? If you are, Lynn Clark will present at training at the April, 2008 Horse Council Meeting. Bring your questions and concerns to this meeting and Lynn will help you with any problems you might be having. Please view the horse record book on-line on the Colorado State 4-H Website at:  
[http://4hweb.ext.colostate.edu/project\\_resources/erecords/](http://4hweb.ext.colostate.edu/project_resources/erecords/)

## New Horse Levels Tests

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

### Riding Tests

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

### Written Tests:

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

### Show attire:

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

#### Level 1 & 2

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

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

#### Level 3 & 4

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

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

## HORSE

### Final Horse Ride

Join all your 4-H friends in the Horse Project when they meet at the Colorado State Fairgrounds for an "All-Club Practice Horse Ride" on Sun., April 6<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:00 p.m. in the covered arena. If the weather is bad, a decision will be made by 10:00 a.m. Call Stacy Deaton at 252-0416 or Amy Decker at 671-3242 for that information.

### Horse Council Meeting

When: April 10, 2008- 7:00 p.m.  
Where: CSUE, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Social Services Building.  
We will be discussing plans for this year's show season.

### Horse Judging

The Pueblo County Horse Judging Team meets each week on Mondays from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at the State Fairgrounds VIP Room. There is room available for more participants. Our coach, Mrs. Jameson, and her daughter, Anna, make it fun. They're doing a fantastic job of working with the team, adjusting their teaching methods and strategies from week to week in order to meet the youths' individual learning styles. While we practice horse judging, *we're also studying for the written horse test.* We have a great time with friends and learn:

- how the horse is put together
- what to look for when buying a horse
- what a judge looks for at horse shows
- how to work together as a team, something that employers and college entrance personnel look for in resumes.

We also improve academic skills and gain self confidence, perseverance, dedication, communication skills and decision-making proficiency.

At Horse Judging contests, the team views several classes of 4 horses each, places them, and defends their placing in a short, concise set of oral reasons. Team, as well as individual, results are awarded at contests. We are planning to attend several contests this year:

*March 15      Douglas County*  
*April 26      Logan County*  
*May 4          El Paso County*  
*June 7         Elbert County*  
*June 25       State 4-H Conference*

At the Monday practices, we view DVD's and discuss the conformation and performance of each horse. For questions or more information, contact Stacy Deaton at 647-0668 or [HorseHeaven66@msn.com](mailto:HorseHeaven66@msn.com)

## DOG

### Pueblo County Dog Show Schedule - 2008:

MARCH 29	CREATIVE ARTS	Mighty Dogs Show & Go -	10:00 a.m.. (Open Show-no awards)
APRIL 19	KITCHEN KRAFT HALL	8:30 Registration	9:30 a.m. - Show Starts
MAY 31	KITCHEN KRAFT HALL	8:30 Registration	9:30 a.m. - Show Starts
JUNE 21	KITCHEN KRAFT HALL	8:30 Registration	9:30 a.m. - Show Starts
JULY 14	COUNTY FAIR DOG SHOW	9:30 Registration	10:00 a.m. - Show Starts
AUGUST 23	STATE FAIR RALLY FUN MATCH		
AUGUST 24	STATE FAIR DOG SHOW		

### Feet N Fur

The Mighty Dogs 4-H Club will one again plan the 2008 Feet N Fur Dog Walk. Mark your calendar for Saturday, September 27. 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.

# LIVESTOCK

## LIVESTOCK COUNCIL

No livestock council meetings are scheduled until after the County Fair.

## Anthony Ingo Memorial Scholarship

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

### Livestock Test Policy and Wholesome Meat Training Policy—2008

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

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

## Vesicular Stomatitis (VS)

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

## New Livestock E-Record Rule for 2008 and 2009

Beginning this year, youth **MUST** receive a minimum of 70% on their **2008** livestock e-records to be eligible to show those livestock projects at the **2009** Pueblo County Fair

## Anthony Ingo Memorial Jackpots

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

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

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

### Livestock Test Policy – 2008

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

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

## Swine Workshop

**Where:** Prowers County Fairgrounds  
Livestock Barn

**When:** April 19, 2008, 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Cost:** \$10 by April 15; \$20 thereafter

## Swine Ear Tagging

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

### The process for swine ear notch cards and tags:

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

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

## Rental Deposit to Borrow Ear Tagger!

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

## LIVESTOCK

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

### Swine Exhibitors – Pseudorabies

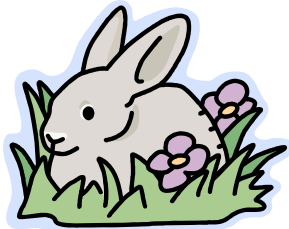
At this time, Colorado is a "Level 5 Pseudorabies Free State". Swine do not need to be pseudorabies tested. HOWEVER, the rule in the fair book states, the exhibitor must provide proof of premises of origin (including name, address and phone number of seller on the bill of sale) at the time the swine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

### THE PORKULATOR!

There are Excel spreadsheets provide as a valuable tool for calculating the proper weight to purchase market hogs for show at county fair. The spreadsheets will also help you calculate the feed consumption of market hogs at any given weight. There are two versions of the spreadsheets; one that you can print and carry with you to pig sales, and another that is designed to be used on your computer or on Windows Mobile OS/Palm OS PDA's. These spreadsheets were developed by Mick Livingston in Kit Carson County. If you have questions, please contact Mick at [mick.livingston@colostate.edu](mailto:mick.livingston@colostate.edu), or at 719-346-5571. For copies of the spreadsheets, visit <http://ansci.colostate.edu/content/view/415/> and look for the **PORKualtor** near the bottom of the page.

### 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.



### Rabbit Workshop with Walter Sloan

**When:** March 22, 2008  
Noon to 3:00 p.m.

**Where:** Rabbit/Poultry Building, Colorado State Fairgrounds

### Sheep and Goat Weigh In

May 8, 2008, 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.



### New Meat Pen Of Poultry Added To County Fair And Showcase Sale

A Meat Pen of Poultry will be added to the 2008 Pueblo County Fair. New guidelines for this project are:

- All poultry must be owned and managed by exhibitor for a period of 70 days. Meat pen of 3 must be less than 70 days old and weigh no more than 5 pounds each.
- All three birds must be of the same breed.
- The class will read as follows: Meat pen of 3 – large breed or small breed
- If you are currently enrolled in 4-H or new to 4-H, this project may be added until March 17, 2008.
- All exhibitors must provide feed and water cans for their birds and you must wire them in place. (no paper or Styro-foam cups will be allowed in poultry cages or pens). The exhibitor must complete the initial feeding and watering before leaving the barn.
- Any fowl that shows signs of disease, infection or parasites will not be accepted.
- It is the exhibitor's responsibility to get their birds to the show table.
- The Superintendent has the authorization to disqualify any exhibitor of violations of any show rules, or if any sick or uncared for animals are observed.
- General livestock and 4-H/FFA Showcase Sale Rules will apply.
- The grand and reserve grand champion meat pens of poultry will be allowed to sell in the 4-H/FFA Showcase Sale.

### Poultry Superintendent Wanted

We are still in need of a poultry Superintendent – please call the CSUE Office at 719-583-6566 if you are interested or know someone who might be interested.

### 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Weld County Goat Extravaganza April 25 – 27

There will be a variety of sessions and contests, including Showmanship Workshops, Artificial Insemination Clinic, Jackpot Showmanship Contests, Jackpot Prospect Market Goat Show, Quiz Bowl, Open Breeding Boer Goat Show, Open Dairy Goat Show, Open Pygmy Goat Show, a dinner and social and vendors. For a flyer and schedule of events, call the CSUE at 583-6566.

## LIVESTOCK

### Free 4-H/FFA Lamb Clinic

**When:** Saturday March 15, 2008  
**Time:** 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
**Place:** Sheep and Swine Barn – Colorado State Fairgrounds

**TOPICS:**

Early Management (including nutrition, health, care & early training)  
Selection of show lambs  
Presented by: Dr. Bob Barr, D.V.M. – lunch will be provided. Please RSVP to the CSUE Office no later than March 12, 2008 by 5:00 pm.

**NOTE:** Three youth who attended this clinic placed in the top five in showmanship at the Colorado State Fair. They will also be helping with this clinic.

### SECOND FREE LAMB CLINIC

**When:** Sunday, June 8, 2008  
**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

### Massey Lamb Clinic with Dr. Barker

**When:** June 22-24, 2008  
**Where:** Colorado State Fairgrounds, Sheep and Swine Barn  
More information to be announced!

## SHOOTING SPORTS

### THANK YOU Shooting Sports Council!

Pueblo County Shooting Sports Council planned and hosted a state 4-H Leader Shooting Sports Certification training in Pueblo February 29 – March 2. Twenty-one leaders from around the state attended the three day certification in Pueblo. The event was very successful!

### On Target with Shooting Sports! Mandatory Practice Matches

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

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

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

Air Rifle/pistol: April 24 at DOW range at 6:30 p.m.; June 28 at the 4H Dining Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Keep an eye on the newsletter and attend the council meetings for updates or changes.

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

See the State 4-H Shooting Sports Website for details!  
[http://www.co4hshooting.org/family\\_campout.html](http://www.co4hshooting.org/family_campout.html)

### Countywide Shooting Sports Event – April 8 – State Fairgrounds

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

### NEW 2008 Shooting Sports Workshop List

For more information please visit the 4-H State Shooting Sports page:  
[http://www.colorado4h.org/ss/2008\\_training\\_deadline\\_extended.html](http://www.colorado4h.org/ss/2008_training_deadline_extended.html)

- **La Plata County** - Durango - 3/14-16/2008 - All disciplines. Deadline 03/07/08
- **Prowers County** - Lamar - 3/28-30/2008 - All disciplines. Deadline 03/21/08
- **Washington County** - Akron - 3/28-30/2008 - Shotgun games only. Deadline 03/21/08
- **Fremont County** - Canon City - 4/4-6/2008 - Shotgun games only. Deadline 03/28/08
- **Gunnison County** - Gunnison - 4/11-13/2008 - All disciplines. Deadline 04/04/08
- **Routt County** - Steamboat Springs - 5/2-4/2008 - All disciplines. Deadline 04/25/08
- **West Slope Shotgun Games Training**—TBA

## 4-H Carnival & Dance

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

COME ONE COME ALL to the 4-H Carnival and Dance – a fun 4-H family day and event on March 8. It's a great time to involve all our 4-H and community families! There will be games, activities, prizes food and a dance sponsored by 4-H Youth Council. Admission is **FREE** and carnival booth tickets are 5 for \$1.00. The concession stand will be hosted by the 2009 Citizenship-Washington Focus group. Concessions include **Homemade meatball subs!!**

*Carnival: 4:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.*

*Dance: 9:00 p.m. – 11:30 p.m.*



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