



Southeast Area 4-H Newsletter

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Animal Tampering

We have all seen or heard the headlines: Grand Champion Animal Disqualified for Drug Residues. Regretfully this is becoming more of a problem with many of our Junior Livestock Shows, especially the larger ones where many dollars are at stake. Instead of teaching our children to raise a wholesome product in a humane manner, some parents feel it is better to win a \$7.00 Rosette ribbon, regardless of the cost. Sadly, many times this includes buying a heavier animal and “holding” them at a specific weight or buying a lighter animal and “pushing” them above and beyond what a normal animal of that species usually gains. In either case, products may be used that are not specifically labeled for a livestock species – therein lies the problem.

The current stir in the livestock show industry is the use of a product that is labeled for one species and used on another species that it is NOT labeled for. This causes a restricted residue to be found in the finished product – i.e. – the meat which ultimately ends up on our dinner tables. The majority of our fair books in the Southeast Area already have a clause stating that we reserve the right to test any market animal for residues and take appropriate action.

Colorado also has a “Tampering and Drugging of Livestock” statute. This statute, 18-9-207, appears in the Colorado Revised Statute Criminal Code and makes animal tampering a Class 1 misdemeanor, one step below a felony! Specific definitions are given for what is considered “tampering” as well as what the courts may impose as penalties for a conviction. If a person is found guilty they could face a stiff fine or serve time in jail. Consider your actions and consequences.

Copies of the statute are available on the State of Colorado website, www.michie.com/colorado/, from your local CSU Extension Office, and will be posted in the livestock barns at fair time. Local CSU Extension Offices also have lists of withdrawal times for specific products and specific species. One quote that seems appropriate is “It is better to raise a red ribbon animal and a blue ribbon child than it is to raise a blue ribbon animal and a red ribbon child.” Also remember, you are a role model to your child for the rest of their life!

- Bruce Fickenscher

Project Score Sheets Now Available

Score sheets for general and family and consumer science projects, as well as state contests are available on the 4-H website at: http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/state_fair/score_sheets/index.shtml. These sheets will help you know what the judge will be looking for when judging your projects.

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4-H Calendar

June

- 6 Prowers County Horse Show – Lamar
- 9 Show Camp – Cheyenne Wells
- 11 Creative Cooks, Demonstration & Cake Decorating Contests – Las Animas
- 13 Horse Show Workshop – Ordway
- 13 Fun Shoot – La Junta
- 13-20 Citizenship Washington Focus
- 15-18 Wild Bug Fish Camp-Victor
- 19-21 SS Family Camp- Victor
- 20 Showmanship Clinic – Springfield
- 23-26 State 4-H Conference – Fort Collins

July

- 5-11 Camp Rocky – Divide
- 12 Prowers County Horse Show – Lamar

August 28 –

Sept. 2 Colorado State Fair

October

- 4-10 National 4-H Week

Check out the Colorado website at:
www.colorado4h.org

If you wish to participate in any of these events/activities and need special accommodation, please notify the Extension Office of your need at least 5 business days prior to the event/activity.

Clerks Needed for State Fair

Clerks are needed to assist with entering and judging of family & consumer science, general and natural resource projects. They will also assist superintendents with contests (i.e. demonstrations, creative cooks). Applicants need to be 13 years of age as of

December 31, 2008.
Responsibilities include:

- Record accurate data on each project
- Arrange entries per correct classification
- Present each entry to judge until class is complete
- Record comments and scoring accurately on individual comment sheets which are to accompany each entry
- Accurately record ribbon and placing designations on result sheets, attaching appropriate ribbon to exhibit
- Arrange exhibits to facilitate display
- Assist superintendents and display volunteers as requested
- Assist contest superintendents as requested.

Besides the above-mentioned work, teen clerks have the opportunity to stay at Camp Tobin, meet other 4-H'ers from across the state, and have a great time on the Colorado State Fairgrounds.

If this sounds like something you would be interested in, contact the Extension Office for an application. Applications must be postmarked by **July 1**.

Horse Show Workshop

On Saturday, June 13, from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. Brian James will conduct a horse workshop at the Crowley County Fairgrounds. This workshop will be geared toward getting you and your horse ready for show day, and will include halter, showmanship and riding patterns. Please bring your horse and equipment as the day will conclude with practicing basic riding patterns.

This workshop is open to all Southeast Area 4-H members. It is free of charge; however, members planning to attend need to pre-register by June 8. To register, contact the Crowley County

Extension Office at 719-267-5243 or via email at: coopext_crowley@mail.colostate.edu

Prowers County Horse Show

The Prowers County Horse Committee will host Horse Shows June 6 and July 12 at the Prowers County Fairgrounds. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. with classes beginning at 10:00 a.m. These shows are open to all 4-H Horse members in the Area. Classes will include showmanship, horsemanship, western riding, reining, rookie class (June show only) and gymkhana events. Concessions will be available. For more information on cost or anything else please call the Prowers County Extension office, (719) 336-7734.

Dog Obedience Training Sessions

There's still time to join the June and July Dog Obedience training held in Springfield! Trainings are led by Area Extension Agent Deborah Lester, and 4-H leader Carla Forrest. Please bring a choker or training collar and your required six foot leather leash and your canine friend. Lessons are in the Gold Building at the Baca County Fairgrounds in Springfield and will be held on June 6, 13, 27, and July 11 and 18 from 9:00-10:30 a.m.

Come join the fun, pick up some training and showmanship tips and work your dogs with others. Auditing the sessions is free; those working with dogs pay \$15 for all sessions. Dr. Rick Birdsong will be the guest speaker at the June 13 training. He will give 4-H'ers tips on health, nutrition and basic grooming. No need to reserve a spot. Hope to see you there!



Cheyenne County Show Camp

On Tuesday, June 9, 2009, at the Cheyenne County Fairgrounds in Cheyenne Wells, Cheyenne Feed & Supply in conjunction with Show-Rite Feeds will be sponsoring a hands-on Show Camp from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m. The camp will cover a variety of topics including: nutrition, clipping, grooming, judging pointers, show day preparation, and showmanship. There will also be live animals to help teach attendees. The camp will be presented by Mr. Ryan Sites – Show-Rite Manager. Mr. Sites grew up in Southwestern Oklahoma and was a member of the Eastern Oklahoma State University and Oklahoma State University judging teams. He taught Ag Ed for nine years in Elgin, Oklahoma, where his students were very successful, winning a state livestock judging contest and placed fourth at the 2002 Nationals. He has also judged many state and national swine shows across the country.

Please plan on attending this camp. The cost is absolutely free and is for all 4-H and FFA Exhibitors as well as showman and parents. If you have any questions, please contact Jeramy McNeely at the Cheyenne County Extension office at (719)767-5716.

FREE Showmanship Clinic in Springfield

A FREE Showmanship Clinic is scheduled Saturday, June 20 at the Baca County Fairgrounds in Springfield from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Experienced teen showmen will be paired with knowledgeable projects leaders for a day of: "tell 'em, show 'em, and let 'em do it" style teaching that will feature beef, hogs, goats, sheep, rabbits and poultry. Workshops will run four times during the day, so

participants can attend more than one event.

During the morning session Leslie Morris and Natalie Hefley, who have recently completed the Working Ranch Horse Clinic in Pueblo, will share with the group how the working ranch horse program operates. Participants may choose to bring your horse or just "audit" the workshop on foot. Mylea Carwin with Kaili Wait will be giving basic showmanship tips and skills in the afternoon for Western Riding and Halter. Workshops will also be available on Super Record books, Building Your Interviewing & Communication Skills and Concession Stand Know-How.

Lunch will be available for \$5, provided by the Boy Scouts and Lil' Britches will start at 4:00 p.m. in the Fairgrounds arena following the 4-H workshops. Contact the Baca County Extension Office for more information (719) 523-6971. So, come one, come all!! Don't miss all the fun and learning!

Livestock Shows, Clinics and Contests

Several shows, clinics and contests continue to be scheduled throughout eastern Colorado. Contact your County Extension Office or go to the Southeast Area website and look under livestock.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED – 4-H JAPANESE EXCHANGE

Host families are needed for 65 inbound Japanese boys and girls, ages 12-21, coming to Colorado through the 2009 inbound Colorado-Japan Teen Exchange. Hosting dates are July 23 – August 18.

This program is coordinated through Colorado State University and has been running since 1975.

Host families do not need to be 4-H members and may reside in urban, suburban, or rural settings throughout Colorado. They may share a room with their host sibling. Matches are made on the basis of same sex and close in age, as well as some common interests. Note: Host siblings may be as young as nine to match with a 12 year old Japanese participant.

All participants are 100 percent medically covered with 4-H insurance and may participate in host family vacations, camping trips, youth camps. They are expected to become part of the family, including attending church, helping with household chores, following house rules, and participating in other aspects of US daily life. The program covers costs for the exchange. Each participant has his/her own spending money.

Japanese participants will attend an orientation in Denver before going to host families and a debriefing in Denver before returning to Japan. Carpools are planned to transport delegates to homes if host families are not able to pick up or return their exchange student. Orientation for host families is done in Denver. In addition, there will be a host family orientation in the Montrose/Grand Junction/Delta area.

Host siblings have the option of traveling to Japan to participate in a four or eight-week exchange while staying with Japanese host families and learning Japanese culture.

**THE GREATEST SUCCESS
OCCURS WHEN FAMILIES
TREAT THE DELEGATES AS A
MEMBER OF THE FAMILY,
RATHER THAN A "GUEST."**

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2009 Inbound IFYEs to Colorado – HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

Austria – Markus Zuser – age 26 – June 22 – July 29. Speaks German and English. Hobbies include jogging, skiing, friends. Areas of interest include agriculture, economics, and politics. Lives on a farm. Currently studying economics education at a university.

England – Katharine Smaldon – age 23 – June 22 – July 29. Speaks English. Hobbies are friends, photography, shopping, reading, current affairs, politics, young farmers. Lives on a poultry farm. Has a degree in English Literature.

Germany – Anne Osterkamp – age 21 – June 22 – September 4 – Speaks German and English. Hobbies include sports, horseback riding, swimming, friends, movies. Lives on a dairy farm. Has a three year apprenticeship in agriculture.

Greece – Anastasia Zaralt – age 16 – June 22 – July 29 – Speaks Greek and English. Hobbies include biking, shopping, swimming, dancing, music, friends, reading, football, volleyball. Currently studying at the American Farm School.

Greece - Anna Panagiotoudi – age 18 – September 1 – December 1 – Speaks Greek and English. Hobbies include swimming, music, shopping, friends, reading, volleyball, basketball. Currently studying at the American Farm School.

Switzerland – Nina Hunziker – age 22 – June 22 – September 15 – Speaks German, French, English. Hobbies include riding horses, reading, friends, travel. Plans to study social work.
(Vegetarian)

Please contact Courtney Loflin at the State 4-H office for more information regarding these IFYEs. They generally stay with a host family for two-three weeks. The goal is for these exchange participants to learn about everyday life in the United States by participating in the homestay experiences. All delegates have medical insurance and personal spending money. Please contact Courtney Loflin at 970-491-2111 or courtney.loflin@colostate.edu

Shotgun Fun Shoot

The Otero County Shooting Sports leaders and members will host a fun shoot June 13, 2009, beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the La Junta Gun Club. Cost is \$4.00 per round. This will be a great opportunity for members to practice before the state contest and since it is open to adults the event will be fun for the entire family. Shooters will need to show a valid hunters safety card and sign a waiver. State 4-H shotgun rules will be followed. For more information contact Doug at (719) 384-9028 or Darwin at (719) 384-5939.

Grand Champion Senior Clothing Award

The Grand Champion Senior Clothing Construction exhibitor at State Fair will be presented with a Baby Lock Decorator's Choice sewing machine during the Colorado State Fair 4-H Fashion Revue, Saturday, August 22, 2009, at Sangre De Cristo Arts and Conference Center, Pueblo, Colorado. The recipient must be present to accept this generous donation. Please advise senior clothing construction members that if their garment goes to State Fair and is selected as the Grand Champion Clothing Construction exhibit, they must attend the State

4-H Fashion Revue to receive their award.

The Baby Lock Decorator's Choice is sponsored by Baby Lock Sewing Machine Company and Sprinkles Sewing Center of Pueblo. This sewing machine offers a non-stick foot, adjustable zipper/piping foot and 11 other feet. The Decorator's Choice will give you the versatility to express your own personal style. This sewing machine is valued at \$1,399. Special appreciation to Jerry and Kathy Binfet, Sprinkles Sewing Center, for their continuous support of the 4-H clothing construction projects! -
Connie Cecil

Fashion Revue Workshop

Bent County is hosting a fashion revue workshop open to all AREA 4-H members in clothing, decorate your duds, heritage arts and beyond. The training will be presented by Bernie Hamilton, a former state fashion revue winner, at the Las Animas Elementary school Wednesday, July 8 beginning at 6 p.m. The workshop will cover modeling, accessories, the judging process and practice time to get your strutting groove down. Please call the Bent County office by July 1, (719) 456-0764, to reserve your spot.

Surprise from Ford!

Some families who test drove a Ford vehicle during April to benefit 4-H got a surprise: the first debit cards sent to families were \$50 instead of \$25. Ford is going to honor those debit cards, and still give 4-H \$25. We really appreciate those families who made the effort to drive the auto and earn money for 4-H. During summer, first year families will be given the same opportunity to drive a Ford vehicle and earn dollars for 4-H. Those families will receive a \$25 debit card for their time.