



Southeast Area 4-H Newsletter

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Editorial

The Area newsletter includes general information relevant to the total 4-H program for the seven Colorado Counties in District VI. Individual counties have added pages specific to local events or needs.

Be sure to read both the Southeast Area portion of this newsletter, as well as the County portion of your monthly newsletter. Both sections have pertinent information concerning 4-H activities, rules and opportunities. Remember, your lack of effort to be informed does not excuse you from meeting deadlines, requirements, etc.

Articles for upcoming newsletters should be submitted by the 25th of the month prior to publication via e-mail: otero@ext.colostate.edu. Newsletters are also available on the Southeast Area website: www.coopext.colostate.edu/SEA/

New Agent in Baca County



It's a real pleasure to be in Springfield as the Baca County 4-H/Livestock/ Range Management Agent! Let me introduce myself so that you can know a little about me.

My name is Deborah, you can call me "Deb", Lester and I grew up on an east central Illinois corn and soybean farm. My Mother still owns our family farm in Illinois.

I was a 4-H member for 9 years and even joined 4-H House sorority in college at the University of Illinois. My projects in 4-H were: clothing (9 years worth), cooking (9 years here too!), candle making, photography, rock collecting, dog obedience, horsemanship, and "Share The Fun". (Ask me about my Share The Fun experience sometime.) I was an IFYE (International 4-H Youth Exchangee) to Denmark for a summer and would highly recommend the program to everyone.

I loved my 4-H experiences and desire to bring all the excitement and opportunities of 4-H to each one of you. I have gone all over this country and the world through the 4-H program and those experiences have absolutely changed how I think about the world today.

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4-H Calendar

January

- 8 LDC Registration due
- 17 District VI Horse Committee Meeting
- 26-28 Leadership Development Conference

February

- 4-8 IFYE in area
- 10 Officer Training – Otero Co.
- 17 Officer Training – Kiowa Co.
- 15-17 Youth Fest
- 24 Officer Training – Baca Co.

March

- 27 MQA – Kiowa Co.
- 28-30 Shooting Sports Leader Training

April

- 2 MQA – Prowers Co.
- 5 Home Ec and General Project Judges' Training
- 6 Dist. VI Spring Senate Meeting
- 11 MQA – Crowley Co.
- 14 MQA – Otero Co.
- 18 MQA – Bent Co.
- 19 Swine Workshop – Lamar
- 29 MQA – Cheyenne Co.

May

- 2-4 YHEC
- 6 MQA – Baca Co.

June

- 23-27 State 4-H Conference

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.

New Agent – continued

I love to ride my horses, go on walks with my Australian Shepard, Freckles and my all white domestic short hair kitty, Tso (pronounced “So”) is a great lap buddy at night. I don't have any children, so I just spoil my animals!! I also love to camp, trap shoot, swim and snorkel and go to a ranch rodeo, or any kind of rodeo for that matter.

Moving to the west after I graduated from college was one of the best things I have done. I simply love the wide open spaces, the weather, (expect a snow like Baca County had in 2006!!) the people and the agriculture.

Right now I'm just getting to know people and learning about how things are done in Baca County. I'm also looking for my perfect little ranch where my horses can graze and my Freckles can run in the big back yard.

I look forward to meeting each of you in Baca and the other counties in the Southeastern Region. Give me a call at the office at 719-523-6971 or on my cell phone at 719-688-6260. Hey, let's have some fun as we learn by doing---the great 4-H way!
Adios for now.

Deb

Sponsorship of 4-H Newsletters

Members please take a look at the ads in this newsletter and note what businesses sponsored your newsletters this year. It is with the financial support of these people that you have received your newsletters at no cost to you or your club. Please take the time to stop by and visit with the sponsors and let them know that their support is very much appreciated.



Leadership Development Conference

LDC and 4-H Day at the Capitol are set for January 25-28, 2008. The conference will be held at the Marriott Denver City Center. Rooms will be \$115 per night. The conference registration is \$130 per person. Registration deadline is January 8, 2008.

Highlights for this year's conference include:

- Community Service Project with the Children's Hospital coordinated by the Colorado State 4-H Officer Team
- IFYE presentation from the 2007 IFYE delegates
- County Night Out in Downtown Denver – Saturday Evening
- Banquet and Awards Presentation – Sunday Evening

Monday, January 28, is 4-H Day at the Capitol where the legislature will issue the Proclamation for Colorado 4-H day. Tours of the Capitol will be available as well as an information and question and answer session with legislators, aides and interns.

District VI Spring Senate Meeting

District VI Officers have selected April 6, 2008, for the Spring Senate meeting. The meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m., in Holly, Colorado. Elections of district officers, as well as several other items, are on the agenda. Mark your calendars and watch your February and March newsletters for more details.



Officer Training Workshops

There will be three officer trainings to better serve the youth in the area. All trainings are open to any area youth who currently hold or wish to hold an office on the club, county, district or state level. The afternoon will consist of a panel discussion with community members who currently hold positions in their community or business. Descriptions and responsibilities of the following offices will be discussed: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Reporter and Historian.

There will also be get-to-know-you and leadership games. Each training will begin at 2:00 p.m. Plan on coming for a fun and educational afternoon at one of the following workshops:

Feb 10– Otero, Extension Office
Feb 17 – Kiowa County
Feb 24 – Baca County

Meat Quality Assurance Requirements

All Southeast Area 4-H programs where youth have enrolled in Livestock/Horse projects will annually provide a Meat Quality Assurance program. Members will be required to attend MQA training the first two years they show livestock and then must recertify at the beginning of their Intermediate (age 11) and Senior (age 14) years. This is assuming that you start 4-H when you are eight years old. If a member does not start taking livestock/horse projects until later they must still take the initial first two years and then whenever the next age break fits in. This includes all breeding and market: beef, sheep, swine, goats, poultry, and rabbits, all dairy animals and horses.

All MQA Trainings are open to any youth in the area. Please make sure you sign in at the trainings. The hands-on learning stations will be used again with changes in the stations. This is a come and learn-by-doing training that will take approximately an hour to complete. Parents and leaders are strongly encouraged to attend. The following dates have been set and the county in which they will be held. The specific location will be determined as the date gets closer.

- March 27 – Kiowa – 6:00 to 8:00
- April 2 – Prowers – 6:00 to 8:00
- April 11 – Crowley – 2:00 to 4:00
- April 14 – Otero – 6:00 to 8:00
- April 18 – Bent – 2:00 to 4:00
- April 29 – Cheyenne – 6:00 to 8:00
- May 6 – Baca – 6:00 to 8:00

Youth Fest 2008

Youth Fest is a camp for youth ages 9-13 and is held each year at the Ponderosa Retreat and Conference Center in Larkspur. The camp is filled with activities, workshops, dances and great food. This year's camp will be February 15-17 and is limited to the first 195 campers. The cost is \$110 and the registration deadline is February 1. Information can be picked up at the Extension Office.

2008 4-H Curriculum Updates

New Curriculum for 2008

Horse Manual

Global Citizenship

Photography –Focus on Photography –Level 1, Controlling the Image, Level 2, Mastering Photography –Level 3.

Competitive Trail Riding – Resource Materials

Deleted Project

Horticulture

Project put on Hold

Computers---will not be offered this year. Pending on new materials will be available next year.

Project List

Livestock Member Codes---these are not broken down into units. There is just one number for Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors.

State Fair Exhibit Changes

These seven projects are now open to Juniors, Intermediates, and Seniors

Veterinary Science
Gardening
Bicycle
Electricity
Forestry
Outdoor Adventures
Sportfishing

There are a few projects that have projects for only seniors and intermediates so please be sure to check the project list.

Display boards ---standardized size of 4ft x 3ft with sides that do not overlap is to be used for 4-H projects.

Binder/Notebook –a sturdy binder or notebook is to be used according to the appropriateness of the project.

e-Records

Minor changes will be made to the format to correct problems. Specific Information Page will have all the information that is required for those certain projects.

District Horse Committee Meeting

District VI Horse Committee will meet January 17, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. at the Bent County Extension Office. Each county should have a representative present if possible. Any 4-H leader or parent is invited to attend. Items on the agenda include discussing pros and cons of 2007, advancement levels, contests for 2008, and increasing membership. For more information, please contact Yonda Leonard at 719-688-0741.

IFYE Delegate to Visit SE Area

We are fortunate to have an IFYE (International 4-H Youth Exchange) delegate visiting the Southeast Area February 4-8. Many of you may know this year's delegate, Megan Fickenscher. Megan is the daughter of Kiowa County Extension Agent, Bruce Fickenscher. Megan spent six months in Switzerland, and also visited Germany, Italy and France for short times. She is now traveling throughout Colorado sharing her experiences. Tentative schedule for Megan is as follows.

Feb. 4 – Cheyenne/Kiowa Counties
Feb. 5 – Baca County
Feb. 6 – Bent/Crowley Counties
Feb. 7 – Otero County
Feb. 8 – Prowers County

Promote 4-H at the International Sportsman's Exposition!

4-H members involved in the 4-H Shooting Sports and/or Sportfishing programs are invited to help at the 2008 International Sportsman's Exposition January 23 – 27 in Denver at the Colorado Convention Center. The Colorado Division of Wildlife has reserved a large block of booth space and given the Colorado 4-H program two of the available spaces in the block.

Participants will have to pay for parking (\$5.00) but will receive free gate passes to the Exposition. All handout materials and a script to follow when working with groups will be provided. You can work the booths for a couple of hours, part of a day, or a whole day, whatever fits your schedule. It would be a good time for parents and youth to interact with each other and with general public to highlight the 4-H Shooting Sports and Sportfishing programs.

Contact your local Extension Office for a list of dates and times, and then notify either Jim Hamilton at (719) 846-7403, jim.hamilton@colostate.edu, or Perry Brewer at (719) 346-5571, perry.brewer@colostate.edu, by January 7, 2008 with your name, what county you are in, what times you wish to help, e-mail address, and phone number.

The booths will consist of a variety of hands-on activities for attendees to perform as well as general information about the Colorado 4-H program. Besides having fun you will also be able to record this in your "Community Service" section of your Record books! It is also fun to look around the Exposition when you get time and can enjoy the other booths that are set up.

4-H Day at National Western Stock Show

Mark your calendar for Wednesday, Jan. 23, 2008! 4-H Day at the National Western Stock Show is an opportunity for 4-Hers from across the great state of Colorado to promote 4-H. The State 4-H Officer Team, 4-H Scholars, Collegiate 4-H members, Colorado 4-H Foundation members, state staff and 4-H members will be handing out a wide variety of 4-H promotional materials.

Also on January 23rd, 4-H members, families and friends are eligible for discounted prices on reserve seating at the National Western Stock Show. Tickets must be purchased through Group Services:
www.nationalwestern.com/groups. Discounts will not be given at the Stock Show Box Office.

2008 4-H Shooting Sports Workshops

Several leader certification workshops have been scheduled around the state in the next few months. If you are interested in becoming certified in one of the SS disciplines, contact your local Extension Office for information and registration forms. Information and forms are also available on the SS web-site: www.co4hshooting.org

<u>Date</u>	<u>Deadline</u>	<u>Location</u>
2/20-3/2	2/8	Pueblo
3/7-9	2/15	Weld
3/14-16	2/22	La Plata
3/28-30	3/7	Prowers
3/23-30	3/7	Washington
4/4-6	3/14	Fremont
4/11-13	3/21	Gunnison
5/2-4	4/11	Routt

Judging Contests

Several contests have already been scheduled for 2008. Contact your County Extension Office if you need more information about any of these contests.

February:
9 – Eastern Slope Rabbit Judging

April:
12 – Otero Co. Livestock Judging
19 – Elbert 4-H Dog Fun Match

May:
3 – Eastern Slope Livestock Judging

June:
7 – Eastern Slope Horse Judging
21 – Elbert 4-H Dog Fun Match
22 – Elbert Pre-Fair Horse Show