



# Southeast Area 4-H Newsletter

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## May 2008



### Extension

### Holly Begins Reforestation at Gateway Park

By: The Colorado State Forest Service

On April 6th, the Town of Holly began its effort to replant trees at Gateway Park. Over 30 volunteers helped with the replanting effort, which involved the planting of six large trees; three bur oak and three honeylocust trees. Three additional American elm hybrids, that are Dutch elm disease resistant, will be planted this spring as well. Mayor Bruce Roup officially proclaimed April 6th, 2008 as Arbor Day in the Town of Holly with the reading of the Arbor Day Proclamation. A great deal of appreciation goes to all of the people who helped with this project. Over 25 4-H youth and 4-H leaders from across Southeastern Colorado contributed a helping hand, as well as Southeastern Colorado CSU Extension agents from Crowley, Otero, Baca, Bent, Kiowa, and Prowers Counties. Colorado State Forest Service foresters also assisted, providing the tree planting leadership for volunteers.



Over 30 volunteers donated their Sunday afternoon on April 6<sup>th</sup> to help replant trees at Gateway Park in Holly. Pictured here are the many 4-H youth from around Southeastern Colorado who volunteered.

### Crowley County Benefit Auction

In an effort to assist the victims of the Crowley County fire, Greg Storey has graciously volunteered to conduct a benefit auction at 10:00 a.m., on May 31, 2008, at the Otero County Courthouse parking lot. All proceeds from the auction will go to victims of the fire. Greg is looking for donations of new items to be auctioned off. If you would like to help out, please contact Greg at 719-384-4797.

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## 4-H Calendar

### May

6 MQA – Baca Co.  
 10-11 Pig Jackpot, Las Animas  
 24-26 Memorial Day Horse Clinic  
 30 – Fun Festival – Kiowa Co.

### June

8 District Horse Show – Prowers  
 12 Fashion Review Workshop – OJC  
 13-15 Shooting Sports Family Camp  
 14-21 Citizenship Washington Focus  
 16 Creative Cooks, Cake Decoration & Demonstration Contest – Bent Co.  
 17 – Fashion Review Workshop - LCC  
 23-27 State 4-H Conference  
 28 District Horse Show – Crowley

### July

13 District Horse Show – Baca

### August 22-

### Sept. 1

Colorado State Fair

### October

5-11 National 4-H Week

Check out the Colorado website at:  
[www.colorado4h.org](http://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.



## District VI Elects Officers

The Spring District VI meeting was held April 6<sup>th</sup> in Holly. The main item of business was the election of District officers. New officers include:

- ◆ President: Jason Russell - Crowley
- ◆ Vice President: Larry Dale Fritzler - Baca
- ◆ Secretary: Alyssa Mueller - Otero
- ◆ Treasurer: Garrett Grasmick - Otero
- ◆ Reporter: Jennifer Negley - Kiowa
- ◆ Executive Committee: Kelsey Larsen - Otero
- ◆ Executive Committee: Preston Fritzler - Baca
- ◆ Executive Committee: Jacob Machone - Prowers

These officers will take office at State 4-H Conference in June. They will make a great officer team.

## Memorial Day Horse Clinic and Show

May 24, 25, 26, 2008  
 LCC College Arenas

The Prowers County 4-H Horse Committee will be sponsoring the clinic again this year!

We will be having 3 days of instruction: Horsemanship events on Saturday and Sunday; Gymkhana events on Monday. The Committee requests that participants be involved in at least one day of Horsemanship to be involved in the day of Gymkhana.

Cost is \$25 for any two days or \$30 for all three days.

Indoor stalls will not be available, but outdoor pens will on a first come first serve basis. Cost is \$15, with a \$5 refund if they are cleaned at checkout.

Concessions will be available.

Clinic is open to any 4-H member. Early registration needs to be in the Prowers Extension Office by Wed., May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008. All registrations will be accepted; however, after 5/7/08 there will be a \$10 late fee.

For more information call Shirley @ Prowers Extension Office (719)336-7734 or Yonda @ (719)436-2060 or (719)940-9663.

## Fun Festival

The Kiowa County Fun Festival has been scheduled for Friday, May 30, 2008, at 6:00 p.m. at the Eads Community Building. Kiowa County has graciously invited all members from the Southeast Area counties to participate in the Fun Festival. Entry forms will be due in the Kiowa County Extension Office NO LATER THAN 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2008. Entry forms can be found on the Kiowa County Extension Website: <http://kiowacounty.colostate.edu/4h.html> Please call us if you have any questions!

## Fashion Revue Workshops

All Fashion Revue Contestants are invited to these fun workshops hosted by the Cosmetology Departments at OJC and LCC. At both locations, the workshops will cover good grooming, make-up and skin care, accessories, and modeling. Each participant will receive a mini-manicure. Each location is limited to 15 participants, so call your local office soon to reserve your spot. Participants should bring \$2 for the cosmetology students for their supplies. Both workshops will be structured the same; choose the date and place that works best for you.

➤ June 12 OJC 12:30-3 p.m.  
 Registration deadline June 9

➤ June 17 LCC 10am-12 noon  
 Registration deadline June 12

## Creative Cooks, Cake Decorating and Demonstration Contests

All counties are invited to joint contests this year on June 16 at 6 p.m. at the Extension Office in Las Animas. You must be enrolled in Cake Decorating to enter that contest, but the Creative Cooks and Demonstration Contests are open to all 4-H members. Each county will be judged separately, and contestants will also compete for district awards. County winners are eligible to compete in the state contests held during State Fair. All these contests teach public speaking, organization and project skills. Contest rules are on-line at [www.colorado4h.org](http://www.colorado4h.org) under state fair requirements, or contact your local Extension Office. Enter by calling your local Extension Office by June 9.

4-H: The Key to Your Future



Colorado State 4-H Conference  
June 23-27, 2008

State Conference is an opportunity for fun and adventure on the Colorado State University campus! The 2008 State 4-H Conference will be held June 23-27. Registration forms are due at your County Extension Office by May 30. State Conference provides great training and an opportunity for 4-H members, leaders and Extension Agents to strengthen their leadership skills. It also hosts the following state contests: Livestock Judging, Consumer Choices, Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Hippology, Horse Demonstrations, Public Speaking, Prepared Speech and Extemporaneous Speech.

Also held during State Conference are the Senate meetings, where the County representatives vote on State officers and other relevant issues.

State Conference is for 4-H'ers 14 years or older as of December 31, 2007. Contact your County Extension Office for more information and to obtain the registration forms.



## Going Green with 4-H and Ford

The Rocky Mountain Ford Stores have donated a **2008 Ford XLT F150** 4x4 pickup truck to the Colorado 4-H Foundation to help raise funds for 4-H. The truck runs either on gasoline, or on **E-85 Ethanol fuel**, a cleaner burning fuel alternative to gasoline.

Raffle tickets will be sold for the next six months by Foundation Board members, Extension staff and 4-H members and leaders. The drawing will be held at the Metro Area Support 4-H (M\*A\*S\*H) Gala being held October 11, 2008 at the Wings over the Rockies Air and Space museum in Denver.

**Tickets are \$20 each.** Five dollars from each ticket will be returned to the county program. The remaining funds will be used to fund special 4-H youth programs through a RFP (Request for Funds) process through the State 4-H office.

“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 help us provide the 4-H learning experience to many more kids in Colorado. We greatly appreciate Ford becoming an official sponsor of the Colorado 4-H Program”.

Talk to your club leader or Extension Office to get your tickets.

## Camp Round-UP

CSU's Department of Animal Science will offer “Camp Round-UP” June 15-19. Camp Round-UP is an opportunity for youth ages 13-18 to join in a fun and enriching learning environment immersed in agriculture. For more information or to register, contact the coordinator: [Jennifer.Berg-ramsey@colostate.edu](mailto:Jennifer.Berg-ramsey@colostate.edu), or go to <http://camproundup.agsci.colostate.edu>.

## High Plains Range Camp

High Plains Range Camp (formerly Black Mesa Range Ecological Academy) will be held June 16-20, 2008, at the Camp Billy Joe facility near Kenton, Oklahoma. The week-long experience will cover:

- Basic ecological principles
- Plant identification
- Leadership skills
- Speaking skills
- Teambuilding skills
- How to evaluate habitat for wildlife and livestock
- How to develop a land management plan
- How to incorporate technology such as Global Positioning Satellites (GPS) & Geographic Information Systems (GIS) into land management
- Have fun

The Academy is for high school sophomores, juniors and seniors from Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas. All teaching is done in a participatory learning environment – just a little talking, quite a bit of doing.

Funds are available to assist participants with the cost of tuition to the Academy. To inquire about the availability of scholarships please contact your local Conservation District or County Extension Office. All applications must be received by June 2, 2008.



## Shooting Sports Family Camp Out

The annual Shooting Sports Family Camp Out will be held June 13-15, 2008, near Victor, Colorado. Participants are responsible for their own tents, trailers, food and drinking water. Registration fee is \$12.00 per person, with a maximum charge of \$35 per family, for immediate family only.

This is an opportunity for families to meet each other and have a good time. The fun begins Saturday with youth/parent/leader teams, selected at random. Shooting events will be educational but FUN-oriented!

Registration forms are available on the State Shooting Sports website: [www.co4hshooting.org](http://www.co4hshooting.org) or can be obtained at the Extension Office. Registration deadline is May 30.

### Wild Bug Fish Camp

Sport Fishing, Wildlife and Entomology members, parents and leaders should make plans now to attend the Wild Bug Fish Camp to be held June 9-12. The camp will be located close to the Rocky Mountain National Park near Granby, CO. There will be educational programs on wildlife, wildlife habitat, fishing, tackle crafting, aquatic environment and entomology. The camp will provide plenty of fishing, fly tying, wildlife viewing, insect catching and learning a little camping and a lot of fun thrown in.

Don't miss this chance to fish, view and learn about wildlife, add to your insect collection and have fun with other 4-H members. Interested members and leaders do not have to be enrolled in the projects to attend.

The cost is \$75.00 for 4-H members and \$60.00 for parents/leaders. Contact your local Extension Office for more

information and to obtain the necessary forms, or visit <http://goldenplains.colostate.edu>  
Registration deadline is June 1.

### Camp Rocky

Camp Rocky is a week long, residential camp for 14 through 19 year olds who enjoy the outdoors and are interested in natural resources. Camp Rocky staff help participants learn about their environment, while working in teams and meeting other students from across Colorado. Students choose one of the following resource fields for their area of focus: Forest Management, Rangeland Science, Soil and Water Conservation, Fish and Wildlife Management.

Camp Rocky will be held July 6-12, 2008, at Divide, Colorado. If interested, youth will need to submit an "interest form", they will then be sent the application and health forms, and all forms must be returned by July 1<sup>st</sup>. Cost for the camp is \$250.00; however, full or partial scholarships are available to help cover the costs. Contact the Extension Office for more information or to obtain the "interest form".

### Livestock Industry Camp

All 4-H & FFA members enrolled in beef, sheep, swine, goats, or horse are invited to attend the first annual Northeast Colorado Livestock Industry Camp, to be held June 17-18, 2008. During the two day camp you will receive one on one, hands on training with live animals in each species. You will be introduced to proven techniques within the livestock industry and receive tips on show day preparation, showmanship, feeding and daily care. You will also receive instruction on such topics as carcass development and evaluation, meat production and cuts, and record keeping. Cost is \$75.00 per member and that price includes camp material, t-shirt,

overnight stay at NJC dorms, and all meals. For more information, contact your local extension office, or Heather Forster in the Logan County Extension Office at 970-522-3200 x 280, or [heather.forster@colostate.edu](mailto:heather.forster@colostate.edu).

### State Fair Reminders

All market lamb, goat and hog nomination cards are due in the CSF office no later than June 1<sup>st</sup>. Check with your county for local deadlines.

The 2008 tentative livestock schedule is posted on the website: [www.coloradostatefair.com](http://www.coloradostatefair.com). Premium books should be available by May 1. Exhibitors are responsible for assessing and being familiar with ALL Colorado State Fair requirements, regulations and health requirements.

### Livestock Shows, Clinics and Contests

Several shows, clinics and contests are scheduled throughout eastern Colorado. Contact your County Extension Office if you need more information about any of these opportunities:

May:

- 3 – Eastern Slope Livestock Judging
- 3 – State Meat Judging Contest (CSU)
- 10 – Douglas County Dog Show
- 10 – Weld County Dog Show
- 16-18 – Colorado Poultry Clinic – Fountain, CO
- 31- Central Colorado Classic – Kiowa, sheep & swine

June:

- 1 – Central Colorado Classic – Kiowa, beef
- 7 – Kit Carson Co. Prospect Show
- 7 – Eastern Slope Horse Judging
- 21 – Elbert 4-H Dog Fun Match
- 22 – Elbert Pre-Fair Horse Show
- 26 – Colorado 4-H Livestock Quiz Bowl Contest (at State Conf.)
- 28 – Douglas County Dog Show