



Happy 4-H New Year!

National 4-H Week

October 5-11

To promote the 4-H Youth program and kick off the 2009 enrollment year, the first full week of October is designated National 4-H Week. Although this is a National event, Boulder County brings it local by encouraging each 4-H club to hold some sort of promotional event during the month of October.

Some activities to consider are: placing flyers and posters in schools, newspaper stories and information booths at supermarkets, discount stores, or other high traffic businesses. Please check the Extension Office for promotional items.

Of course, we still encourage window displays and we will have a number of them set up over

the week. Please take the time to visit these locations set up by Critters & Creations 4-H Club:

- Erie Community Center at 450 Powers Street
- Longmont Public Library at 4th Ave & Emery St.
- Erie Elementary School at 4137 E County Line Rd

If a club has a window display location or a promotional activity they'd like to advertise, please let the office know and we will get the word out.

Achievement Night

Mark your calendars for Thursday, October 16. Boulder County 4-H will be hosting Achievement Night to recognize the accomplishments of our Youth and Leaders over the past year.

Among awards to be announced include:

- Recognition awards will be acknowledged for years of membership, youth and leader alike.
- Team Awards including Horse, Livestock

and Consumer activities.

- Shooting Sports Awards
- Outstanding Record Book Awards
- Outstanding Member Awards
- Home Economics and General 4-H Project Grand and Reserve Grand Champions
- Horse Awards
- Scholarship Recipients

- And much more!!!

The fun starts at 5:30 pm with a Potluck, Pig Roast and Brat dinner. Clubs are asked to RSVP to the Extension Office with their choice of Potluck dish to bring. We need salads, vegetables, breads, and desserts. Drinks and meat will be provided. Also, we will have cups, cutlery, and plates available.

Come and help celebrate!!

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OPERATION: Military Mail

Looking for a way to support our troops? This is it!!

A Navy chaplain who is stationed with a group of sailors and Marines: “The letters...were a big success with the men.” This is typical of the messages of “thanks” that are regularly received by Friends of Our Troops.

Friends of Our Troops receives Fan Mail — cards and letters prepared by thousands of members, from every part of the country. All that Fan Mail is thoroughly mixed, then made up into packages varying in size from a few pieces for small units to much larger quantities for an entire base or large ship. Those packages are then sent via USPS Priority Mail to more than 1,000 bases, units, hospitals, ships, etc. across the US and around the world.

The dual goals are to send each person’s letters far and wide, and to include mail from as many people and locations as possible in each package of mail they send out.

Boulder County 4-H proudly participates in this exciting mission each year. Last year our clubs combined sent 100 pieces of mail!

When your club prepares their mail, please keep the following points in mind:

- Using 8 1/2 x 11 paper or light card stock, fold each sheet (*individually* and *sharply*) in half to form 8 1/2 x 5 1/2 folders. If desired, colorful pre-printed stationery with various themes may be used.
- Greeting cards which have been purchased may be used *without* envelopes.
- On either the front or the back side of each *folder*, or back of the *greeting card*, place the 4-H Club name and the member’s name, along with either the Club address or the Extension Office address.
- Your message should be positive, upbeat and cheerful. Write about yourself, your family, friends, hobbies, interests, jobs classes, pets, etc.

And there are a few things to avoid:

- DO NOT affix stamps to the individual

cards or letters

- DO NOT use “glitter” or anything that will rub off or flake off the letters or envelopes.
- DO NOT affix any three-dimensional objects (candy, chewing gum, key chains, ball point pens, pencils, etc.) to the letters. Any stickers or labels used on the letters should be completely and firmly affixed.
- DO NOT use staples
- DO NOT address the individual cards/letters to “Friends of Our Troops.”

Deadline for turning in your cards and letters to the Extension Office is Friday, November 14 at 4:00pm.

Bring joy into the lives of our troops over the holidays!!!!



Award Sponsors — Thank You!

A huge thank you goes out to all the generous clubs and individuals who answered the plea for Home Economics and General Projects Awards. The Extension Office received so many offers of sponsorship, the 4-H program could have added another dozen categories :)

In past years, plaques were awarded only to Grand Champions and Reserve Grand Champi-

ons in departments with at least 10 participants per category. It was difficult when awarding purple/pink and white ribbons as Grand and Reserve Grand Champions to then have to tell the member they weren’t receiving a plaque because their project didn’t have a sponsor.

This year, thanks to the overwhelming amount of offers of sponsorship, we’re happy to an-

nounce all Grand and Reserve Grand Champions will receive a plaque.

Truly, no member left behind :)

Please check the Award List posted on the index page of the Boulder County 4-H website for the name and address of the sponsors!!

Thank you again, Boulder County! You’re the best!!

2009 Western Regional 4-H Leader's Forum (WRLF)

WRLF is an annual conference for volunteers working to deliver 4-H Youth Development Programs. Each forum reflects the unique characteristics of its region. While there are many differences among the four regional forums, they share the same purpose: to equip participants with knowledge and skills they can share with other volunteers. WRLF rotates annually among the thirteen western states.

Participants will:

- Gain new ideas, philosophies and perspectives, especially in regard to youth development education.
- Expand their horizons, gain skills and knowledge, and increase their effectiveness and competence.
- Share their learning experiences and new ideas from throughout the region.
- Learn of national trends and developments in 4-H and Extension.
- Enjoy the experience of interacting and exchanging ideas with those from other states, territories and provinces.

This year, the Forum will be held February 25—March 1, 2009 at the Denver Marriott City Center.

Youth Council Elections

Please note the new date for 4-H members' Youth Council elections. Due to conflicts of many schedules, the elections for the 2008-09 Youth Council Officers have been postponed until the November 5th meeting. The completed application is due to the Extension Office by Friday, October 24 (about a week after Achievement Night).

Youth Council offers a great opportunity for 4-H members to offer input on decisions effecting the 4-H program in Boulder County. Please be aware that you do not have to be an Officer to attend and participate in Council. All members in good standing of Boulder County are invited to attend the Council meetings.

For a download of the application, please visit the e-Gazette on the BC 4-H web site: www.extension.colostate.edu/boulder/



Boulder County 4-H Shooting Sports

Shooting Sports Fee

For the past two years the Boulder County Shooting Sports Council has collected \$20.00 from each County Shoot-off participant to cover the cost of the State Fair shoot fees, a County Shooting Sports t-shirt, and the cost of the County Shoot-off.

In order to reduce the paperwork and manpower involved in collecting the fees we are now collecting the fee as you sign up for shooting sports at the start of the new 4-H year. The \$20.00 fee covers all of your shooting sports projects.



Please turn in the \$20.00 fee as a *separate check to Boulder County 4-H Shooting Sports Council during your sign-up procedure through your club.*

This \$20.00 fee does not cover range fees that may be charged for each discipline. For example: you would still have a range fee for Air Rifle in Barn A if you wish to shoot as part of that group.

If anyone feels that the \$20.00 fee is going to keep them from participating in Boulder County 4-H Shooting Sports, please let me know and the Council will work to find a way to help.

Thank you for your participation and good shooting!

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Hunters Safety Course

Boulder County will be offering a Hunters Safety Course in January 2009. In order to participate in any competitive shooting event (County and State and National) each Shooting Sports member must pass the Hunters Safety Certificate training.

This training consists of a series of lectures, hands-on training, and a range/shooting exercise. Not only will you learn how to handle firearms safely, you will also learn firearm etiquette, survival techniques and many other useful outdoor tidbits. Well worth the time and effort to

complete the class, even for the most recreational outdoor enthusiast.

Keep watching the Clover Gazette and online e-Gazette for more information.

Catch-A-Calf Applications due December 1, 2008

They come from Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Wyoming to compete in National Western Stock Show's longest running program of practical beef cattle management. In just over 70 years, the Catch-A-Calf contest has awarded nearly 3,000 steers to 4-H members hailing from the western United States.

The program is designed so successful participants catch a calf, feed it, and return with the animal one year later as a market steer. The market animals are judged on rate of gain, quality of fitting, and carcass quality. The exhibitor is judged on showmanship, their record book, and a personal interview.

The 2009 Catch-A-Calf schedule includes the placing of the 2008 calves in the Stadium Arena on January 10, at 4:00pm. Catch-A-Calf contests in the Coliseum are held during the morning and matinee rodeo performances on January 17, the matinee and evening performances on January 18, and the matinee on January 21.

4-H livestock members: Would you like to catch a calf at the one of the rodeo performances at the 2009 National Western Stock Show and show it the following year at Stock Show (2010)?

Listed below are the rules for this contest:

1. Contestants must be 12-18 years old as of January 1, 2009
2. Interest in beef cattle and production.
3. Must have the facilities to keep and feed a beef animal.
4. Must be a 4-H member
5. Have the approval of the County 4-H Agent. **Make sure you contact Nick well in advance to get his approval and signature before the deadline.**

Contact Nick Striegel with questions and/or for an application. Applications must be mailed to Dinah Peebles, 2775 Hwy 50; PO Box 20000-5028; Grand Junction, CO 81502-5028 **postmarked no later than December 1, 2008**

Goat Information Clinic

Attention Goat members. Dr. Tyler Hotaling from Town and Country Veterinary Clinic will be giving an informal talk on how to prepare your goat for breeding, to keep her in good condition during gestation, and how to prevent pregnancy related problems. He will also discuss the care of breeding bucks. October 26, 2008, 1:00 pm in the Clover Club room. Any questions please call Pam Bartholf, 303-828-3120

Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium November 15-17, 2008

The Nebraska Youth Beef Leadership Symposium promotes educational experiences and career development in the beef industry for high school students.

Students will have the opportunity to:

- Investigate career areas within the beef industry through participation in workshops and discussions with
- Demonstrate knowledge of the beef industry by using information

presented at the symposium to develop and market a retail beef product.

- Network with Nebraska beef producers, allied beef industry personnel, beef industry staff, and UNL faculty.
- Increase their preparedness and competitiveness for beef industry careers.

Registration ends October 17, 2008

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Calendar of Events

Oct 1	Leaders Council/ Youth Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	NRB
Oct 5-11	National 4-H Promotion Week	
Oct 6	Horse Leaders Council, 7:00 p.m.	NRB
Oct 8	Outstanding Members Interviews	NRB
Oct 8	Livestock Advisory Team Meeting	CCR
Oct 16	Achievement Night -- 5:30pm Potluck; 6:30pm Awards	EB
Oct 24	4-H Council Officer applications due by 4:00 pm	NRB
Oct 26	Goat Information Clinic, 1:00 p.m.	CCR
Nov 3	Horse Leaders Council, 7:00 p.m.	NRB
Nov 4	Election Day - Boulder County Extension Office Closed	NRB
Nov 5	Leaders Council, 7:00 p.m.	NRB
Nov 5	Youth Council, including Officer Elections, 7:00 p.m.	NRB
Nov 10	Boulder County 4-H Foundation, 7:00 p.m.	NRB
Nov 11	Veterans' Day - Extension Office Closed	NRB
Nov 27-28	Thanksgiving Holiday - Extension Office Closed	NRB
Dec 3	Leader/Youth Council Caroling and Holiday Party	NRB
Dec 24	Boulder County Extension Office Closed @ noon	NRB
Dec 25	Boulder County Extension Office Closed	NRB
Dec 31	Boulder County Extension Office Closed @ noon	NRB

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