

4-H Clover Gazette

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DaNell Hennis, New 4-H Agent

A true native, I was born and raised in Idaho. I grew up in the middle of Idaho Falls in southeast Idaho. Shortly after graduating from high school, I moved to Utah for a change of scenery. I've had many jobs including pharmacy technician, customer service for a sign company, director of marketing for a food manufacturer, nanny in Philadelphia, and escrow

assistant for a title company before working with extension.

My most recent position is 4-H Program Coordinator in Bonneville County, my home county in Idaho. I attended Idaho State University where I earned my Bachelor's in English Literature. I am the third of five children, and the aunt of 6 1/2 adorable children. I married my perfect match, Keegan, in August of 2005. I love traveling, People Magazine, reading, and a few select TV shows. I enjoy having a good time regardless of what I'm doing or who I'm with. I'm really looking forward to working with the great people of Boulder County.

Challenge Day Registrations Due

Be sure to get your registrations for Challenge Day into the Extension office by April 17, 2006. Forms are attached to this newsletter or are online at: <http://www.coopext.colostate.edu/boulder/4-Hsite/index.shtml>.

Learn How to Prepare for Fair

The annual 4-H Family Fair Prep is back with a special program to help you get your project ready for fair. The open house, designed primarily for first-time exhibitors (but anyone can come!), will be held in Barn A at the Boulder County Fairgrounds on April 18, 2006, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.

There will be help stations for all major project areas featuring past award winning projects and record books. Senior leaders and members will be on hand to answer questions about getting your project ready for fair and can tell you what to expect at fair. Members of the fair office will also be on-hand to answer questions about filling out your entry forms correctly.

It promises to be a fun evening that will ease anxiety about getting your project ready for the show. Parents are strongly encouraged to attend, as well. If you have any further questions about Family Fair Prep 2006, please contact Adrian Card at 303-678-6238.

Operation Easter Bunny

Operation Easter Bunny will begin Thursday, April 13, from 3-6 p.m. with egg dyeing and basket-filling. The baskets are made out of strawberry cartons and are now available for pick-up from the Extension office. Each club should put an honest effort into making as many baskets as they can to meet the need for over one thousand baskets in the county. Please note that all youth helping with OEB on April 13 **must be accompanied by a parent or a 4-H leader; no greater than a 3:1 ratio.** If you have any candy and/or trinkets left over from club activities or Carnival, please consider donating them to Operation Easter Bunny.

Clubs are encouraged to deliver the baskets to homes on Saturday, April 15. This year, clubs may pick up their baskets on Thursday afternoon after decorating and filling, or by 4:30 p.m. on Friday afternoon. **There will be no Saturday pick-up**, as the baskets will not contain eggs again this year due to health code regulations. We will still continue to dye the eggs for the Niwot group to use in their egg hunt.

Thanks to Kirsten Simpson, for serving as this year's OEB coordinator! Kirsten has been hard at work arranging all the many details of this county-wide community service project. Great job!

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E-Recordbooks Are Here

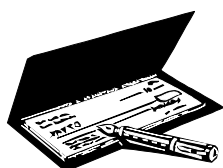
All 4-H General and Home Economics project recordbooks and supplements are now available electronically, and must be used in 2006, either electronically or by hard copy. **The new Livestock and Horse E-Record books will not be used in Boulder County until October 2006.** Members of the Boulder County 4-H Leaders' Council received training from Connie Cecil from the Colorado State 4-H Office on their use on March 1, 2006. If you need one-on-one assistance with the e-recordbook system, please contact your club leader, a member of the 4-H Leaders' Council, or come to the Fair Prep program on Tuesday April 18 from 7 - 8:30 p.m. in Barn A on the Fairgrounds. Please explore the e-recordbook system and become familiar with its use. Visit the CSU-CE 4-H e-record site at: <http://www.4h.colostate.edu/e-record/index.shtml>

Steps for 4-H Project Completion

In order for a 4-H member to complete a project, five things must take place:

1. The member must **display** the project either at the Boulder County Fair or within the club at an exhibition day or other public event.
2. The member must completely fill out their **record books in each project.** All General and Home Economics projects record books are due at the Interview Judging day, July 26, 2006. Livestock record books must be turned into the Extension office by September 15, 2006, and the organizational leader must sign them. This rules does not mean that the record books must be judged on the county level, only that they must be turned into the Extension office.
3. Every member must give a **speech or demonstration**, either on the club level, the county level, or state level once during the year.
4. Each member must participate in some form of **judging** once during the year. This judging does not have to be on a formal team (although it can be). The judging exercise can take place within the club.
5. Each member must be involved in a minimum of one **community service** activity during the year.

Clubs Must Account for Treasury



4-H clubs are strongly encouraged to maintain their treasury in a bank checking account. When money is raised in the name of 4-H or collected in the name of 4-H, accountability of the funds is required regardless of where the money is housed. The club treasurer through the use of a bank and the treasurer's book easily maintains this accountability. A treasurer's book is available from the Extension Office.

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If a 4-H club disbands, the money in the treasury **must** be distributed to a county 4-H or state 4-H organization where it will be used to support 4-H. The money can *never* be distributed back to individual members because the money was raised and/or collected in the name of 4-H. Contact Deryl for more information if your club is disbanding.

When a bank account is opened, banks require that an Employer Identification Number (EIN) be assigned to individual 4-H clubs. All bank accounts in a club's name use the same EIN. This number can be applied for using the SS-4 form available from the Extension Office. It takes less than a minute to fill out. Call Dee if you have questions.

For those who have questions about a 4-H club's tax-exempt status, listed below is the link to the official web site explaining everything you need to know about the "Tax-Exempt Status of 4-H Organizations Authorized to Use the 4-H Name and Emblem." Click on:

http://www.national4-headquarters.gov/library/4h_tax.pdf

New Extension Office Hours

The Boulder County Extension Office will begin new office hours on April 1, 2006. We will be adjusting our hours to align with those of the Boulder County Fairgrounds Office and the Parks and Open Space Department. Our new hours will be 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday.

More Boulder County Fair info

The 2006 Boulder County Fair is a 10-day fair running from July 27-August 6th. All entries must be postmarked on or before Mon., June 26th or delivered to the Boulder County Fair Office, not the Extension office. 4-H Horse entries are due in the Extension office by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, June 26th or they may be hand-delivered to the summer picnic on June 26th, BCFG gazebo, 6 p.m. **No** horse entries of any type will be accepted after June 26th. The July *Clover Gazette 4-H* newsletter is a special fair issue. Keep it handy for quick reference during the fair.

**June 26th
is the fair
entry
deadline!**

**Club/project
enrollment
deadline is
5/1/06. No late
forms
accepted!**

Don't Miss Enrollment Deadline

All 2006 Boulder County 4-H project changes, additions or deletions must be submitted in writing on a 4-H enrollment form to the Boulder County Extension Office in person or postmarked on or before 5 p.m., May 1st. This day is also the last day to enroll as a 4-H club member for the 2005-06 4-H year in order to participate at the 2006 Boulder County Fair. If you miss this deadline, you cannot participate at the 2006 Boulder County Fair in 4-H.

4-H Community Service

Though it has been called several names throughout the years (service learning, public service, community development), community service has been an important part of the 4-H program. We pledge our hands to larger service every time we get together, and our clubs spend many hours giving back to our communities. But why do we ask 4-Hers to perform community service?

It's *fun!* 4-Hers have reported they enjoy conducting community service projects. More importantly, 4-H member's self-esteem is elevated by doing things for others. Community service projects are a great way for young people to get involved in the needs of communities, and they learn about community resources. News media outlets also enjoy featuring 4-Hers in community service activities; don't forget to include them in your community service activities.

The only way youths will learn about giving of themselves to benefit others is to *get involved!* There are many ways in which 4-Hers can make a difference. Project and general leaders can help guide community service projects that are related to 4-H projects. Community service is not merely donating money to needy causes. It is an active involvement to benefit others. This is why each member is expected to participate in at least one community service project each year. If you have questions about community service projects, contact the Extension office.

Boulder County 4-H Foundation Activity Scholarships Available

The Boulder County 4-H Foundation has scholarships available for the following activities and educational purposes: youth camps, Colorado State 4-H Leaders' Forum, judging contests, Interstate Youth Exchanges, etc.

Applicants should submit a two (2)-page essay, which is typewritten and double-spaced at least 30 days prior to the event. It may also be e-mailed to the Extension office. The essay must address the following topics: What are you applying for? How much is the dollar amount of the request? How will the program benefit you? Why should you be considered for this scholarship? How will you contribute back to the 4-H community in return for this award?

Also include how you are...

1. Attending meetings of your 4-H club and participating in the activities at the club level as time permits.
2. Attending meetings of the Boulder County 4-H Council and participating as a member or officer as time permits.
3. Raising some of your own funds.
4. Asking your own 4-H club for funds.
5. Contributing time and energy to the 4-H Carnival and working at the 4-H Dairy Bar during the Boulder County Fair.

These 10 points must be addressed/explained when applying for funds. Include with your request. Also include your name, address, phone, social security number, and 4-H club on all pages and submit to: Boulder County 4-H Foundation Scholarships, 9595 Nelson Road, Box B, Longmont, CO 80501. Call the Extension Office at (303) 678-6238 for information or contact Ella Travis, President at (303) 494-9229.

Colorado State 4-H Conference

The 2006 Colorado State 4-H Conference will be held June 20-22 at Colorado State University, in Fort Collins. Any senior 4-H member, age 14 by Jan. 1, 2006, is eligible to go for three days of hands-on workshops and seminars. This year's workshops will focus on marketing and image, animal science, technology, leadership, departments and colleges (CSU), and youth-led activities.

In addition, senior-aged members of the Livestock Judging, Horse Judging, Hippology, and Horse Bowl teams will represent Boulder County at the state competitions. Adults are needed to help chaperon. Registration details and applications will be available at the Extension office around (call first) April 20.

2007 National 4-H Conference

4-H teens over 15-years-old may apply to attend the 2007 National 4-H Conference at the National 4-H Center near Washington, D.C. Colorado sends a team of members, leaders and agents annually. Participants will have input into 4-H programming on the national level. Contact the Extension office for an application. Applicants are screened at the county level. Final interviews are tentatively scheduled during the 2006 Colorado State Fair. Applications are due in the Colorado State 4-H Office on June 1st.

4-H Family/Leader Discounts

Many businesses often offer a 4-H family or 4-H leader a 10% discount for their business. Businesses in the past that have offered discounts include: Murdoch's, Hobby Lobby and JoAnn's. There may be other businesses that also offer these discounts. Just ask them.

National Gardening Association Healthy Sprouts Awards

This program invites applications from schools or organizations who plan to garden in 2007. The maximum award is a \$200 gift certificate. Your group must have at least 15 children between the ages of three and 18 to apply. The deadline for submitting an application is October 15, 2006. For further information please click on the following link:

<http://www.kidsgardening.com/healthysprouts1.asp>

2008 National 4-H Calendar

National 4-H Supply Service wants to hear about your favorite 4-H project and why it is meaningful. Your story could be used in the 2008 National 4-H Calendar. Sending in a submission may even get you a free gift certificate towards your next purchase of merchandise from the 4-H Source Book!

The 2008 calendar theme is "My Favorite 4-H Project." It will be up to 4-H members, volunteers, parents, staff and partners to furnish the stories that will be featured. These personal testaments must tell the what, when, where, why, and how; so everyone can understand how 4-H projects are meaningful.

One story for each month will be featured in the calendar and the author will receive one \$10 gift certificate towards a future purchase in the 4-H Source Book. Please limit your entry to 125 words due to the space restrictions of the calendar. Don't forget to include your contact information.

Please e-mail, fax or mail your stories by April 30, 2006 to: Maria Cascioli, National 4-H Supply Service, 7100 Connecticut Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD 20815; e-mail mcascioli@fourhcouncil.edu; phone: 301.961.2948; or fax 301.961.2937.

Out of the Office

Both Deryl and DaNell will be out of the office from April 11-April 13, as they are attending the annual Colorado Association of Extension 4-H Agents meeting. Dee and Adrian will be available during that time if you need assistance.

Newsletter Duplicates

The 2005-06 Boulder County 4-H newsletter mailing list has been updated. Please check your label to see that your name and address is correct. The newsletter is sent one per 4-H family unless otherwise directed. If you receive more than one newsletter in your family or if your address is not correct, please clip or copy the label and return it to the Extension office so corrections can be made. We do not intentionally mail duplicate copies of the newsletter. Leaders, if you know of any families not receiving the newsletter, notify the Extension office.

Silent Auction Donor Letters

The success of the Boulder County 4-H Carnival Silent Auction depends on many businesses donating items to 4-H clubs. We strongly encourage all members and/or leaders to write thank you notes to each person or business that donated to show our appreciation of their support. In previous years, some businesses have voiced concerns because they did not receive thank you notes. Those businesses are not likely to donate again and the good name of Boulder County 4-H suffers when this happens. The Silent Auction committee developed the following thank you note as an example for 4-Hers to use when writing to their sponsors. You can copy it word for word if you like, or change the wording to match your

own personal style. Thank you notes should be sent within **one week** of obtaining the item(s). This could be done as a club at your next meeting, if convenient.

(Date)

Dear _____ (Donor's Name) _____,

We/I would like to thank you for donating _____ (items) _____ to our 2006 Boulder County 4-H Carnival and Silent Auction. We appreciate your support of this project, and your support of the 4-H program as a whole. Again, thank you for your contribution.

Sincerely,

(Your name)

(Your 4-H club)



4-H Dairy Bar Planning

The 2006 Boulder County Fair is only five months away!!

Planning is beginning for the 2006 4-H Dairy Bar, which serves as one of the two big fundraisers for the Boulder County 4-H Council. The

first planning meeting will be Wednesday, June 7th, 5:30 p.m. at the NRB (before the regular Boulder County 4-H Council and Boulder County 4-H Leaders' Council meetings). All interested members, leaders, and parents are invited to attend. Food will be provided. This meeting will set the menu direction and profit sharing with clubs for 2006.

4-H Dairy Bar Co-Managers needed

What: 2 paid co-managers for 2006 4-H Dairy Bar

When: July 24th, July 26 –August 5th; and Aug. 7th

Who: Any adult with interest in food service/concession

Pay: The lead manager will receive \$850 and the second manager will receive \$750 in contract service (tentative)

What: To give major direction and guidance to the 2006 4-H Dairy Bar. Must like working with 200-300 different members, leaders and parents of 4-H clubs, Extension office, and commercial vendors to order food, organize, manage, and wrap-up the Dairy Bar. Must be flexible and willing to compromise for the good of the program. Must be self-motivated. The co-managers report to the Extension 4-H Agents.

Misc: Interested applicants should send a résumé with three reference names, addresses, and phone numbers. Include name and phone number of current employer (or past employer if currently self-employed). Highlight any current or previous work in the food service industry or concession stand experiences. Submit package to the Extension office by May 15th. Contact Deryl for further information. Interviews, if needed, will be conducted in late May.

Attention Senior Members

The Colorado 4-H Awards, Opportunities, and Applications website is now available at: <http://4hweb.ext.colostate.edu/scholarship/handbook.shtml> You will find the **latest** information on contests, project recognition, events, youth leadership recognition, international opportunities, volunteer recognition and helpful pointers for interview and workplace information. Each one of these sites will link you to information in that area.

2006 4-H International Exchanges

4-H/Japanese Exchange Programs



Japanese exchange students have 100 percent medical coverage and may participate in host family vacations. Teens from hosting families in Colorado can subsequently be eligible to participate in an exchange program to

Japan during any of the following summers until they are 21 years old.

Summer Exchange – Host families are needed for approximately 75 Japanese boys and girls, ages 12-21. Japanese teens from the Labo and Lex organizations arrive in Colorado on July 25 and join host families on July 27 after orientation by 4-H staff. Teens from the Utrek program arrive in Colorado on July 25, joining their host families on July 29 after orientation and a camp in the mountains. Both groups return to Denver on August 22 and depart for Japan on August 23.

4-H/Japanese Exchange Programs

High School Exchange –

Colorado will also host 10 Labo, Lex and Utrek Japanese high school exchange students, ages 16-18. These participants stay with host families and will attend Colorado high schools from July 2006 through mid-June 2007. They are proficient in English and will attend an additional intensive English language class before arriving in Colorado.

Families who host a high school delegate are eligible to receive a \$1,000 scholarship toward the cost of sending their son or daughter to Japan for one month.

Future Leaders Exchange (FLEX)

Host families are needed for FLEX students. This program is funded by the U.S. State Department to instill democratic principles in exchange participants from the New Independent States (NIS) of the former Soviet Union. FLEX participants come from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. Colorado will host 10 participants ages 15-18

who will stay with host families and attend high school August 2006 through mid-June 2007.

International 4-H Youth Exchange

Incoming – International Four-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) delegates, ages 19-30, stay two to three weeks with several host families during their three-month stay in Colorado. IFYE's come from many regions of the world: Western Europe, Eastern Europe, Latin America, Australia, Asia and Africa. They share information about their country, culture and the IFYE program with various community groups and travel throughout Colorado during their visit. IFYEs generally arrive in Colorado mid-June or mid-September.

International 4-H Youth Exchange

Outgoing – International Four-H Youth Exchange (IFYE) delegates may participate as an ambassador or as a representative. *Ambassador* age is 15-19; 2006 Ambassador trips are scheduled for Australia (4 weeks), Finland (6 weeks), Mexico (4 weeks). Delegates leave in late June (Australia and Finland) or mid-July (Mexico). Ambassadors travel to the host country as a group, accompanied by adult group leaders; after arrival they stay with a host family. The traveler is responsible for all program expenses.

For more information contact:

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Leader Information



4-H Volunteer Tax Deductions

4-H volunteers are entitled to and should claim out-of-pocket expenses including travel and auto mileage incurred for service to 4-H. You must complete a schedule A and itemize deductions under charitable contributions.

Leaders Pick Up Club Packets

The Boulder County Extension Office still has a few packets in the office from Achievement Night and 4-H Leaders' Banquet. These packets include completion certificates, club awards, record books, year pins and certificates for leaders, etc. Please pick up the packets from the Extension Office no later than May 1, 2006, if your club name is listed below: Regionals, Sharp Shooters, and Rocky Mountain Round-Up. Thanks.

First-Year Leaders' Training

One more live Boulder County leader training is set for spring 2006 for all first-year leaders. The Boulder County Extension 4-H staff to benefit leaders and the 4-H program is providing the new leader orientations. Plan on investing two hours of time to attend one of these important trainings.

At the training you will receive "the big picture" about 4-H. At the conclusion of the two-hour training, you will receive a resource packet of valuable information. There is no test; just sit back and enjoy the presentation.

Continuing in 2006 is a **video-based** orientation with quiz. If you have new leaders who can't make the face-to-face orientation, the video with quiz may be the alternative. An 80% pass rate is required to compete the process. Have your leaders call the Boulder County Extension Office to schedule their 4-H leader orientation video-based training. The take-home program and video may be checked out for one week and a standard \$5 deposit will be required, and will be refunded when the video is returned.

There is also a **web based** orientation program through CSU's WebCT. If you are interested, please e-mail Deryl your name, e-mail address and phone number. Boulder County staff must then get prospective leaders a CSU user ID and password to take the web-based curriculum. It may take up to two weeks to get the ID and password, which will be e-mailed upon receipt. Prospective leaders then proceed through the curriculum at their own speed, taking section tests and a final test requiring an 80% pass rate.

Final 2005-06 Face-to-Face Trainings:

- ❑ May 11th, Natural Resources Building, Boulder County Extension Office, Longmont, 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- ❑ April 22, Kirk Hall, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock, 6 p.m., RSVP required, 720-733-6940.
- ❑ May 10, Arapahoe County, Center Point Plaza, Aurora, 7-9 p.m., RSVP required, 30-730-1920.
- ❑ May 9, Larimer County Fairgrounds, The Ranch, Loveland, 7 p.m., RSVP required, 970-498-6000.

2007 Western Regional 4-H Leaders' Forum

The 2007 Western Region 4-H Forum Workshop Committee is seeking proposals for workshops during the 2007 Western Region 4-H Forum (Arizona - Jan. 11-15, 2007). Workshops are requested for each of the four dynamic program tracks (Belonging, Generosity, Independence, and Mastery) modeled after the 4-H Essential Elements. Workshops should focus on one of the following themes:

1. Belonging--Connecting Youth and Adults

2. Generosity--Youth and Adults Making a Difference
3. Independence--Training Youth and Adults to be Successful Leaders in Their Communities
4. Mastery--Engaging Youth and Adults in Experiencing Success

Workshops are required to model youth and adult partnerships and are to be presented by a team that includes at least one youth and one adult presenter. Information regarding workshop selection criteria and/or the downloadable workshop proposal form can be found on the web at http://cals.arizona.edu/4h/wr_forum/proposals.pdf. **Workshop Proposals are due by April 30, 2006.** Please contact: Teresa Noon, Program Coordinator, Extension Programs, University of Arizona, Forbes 301, P.O. Box 210036, Tucson, AZ 85721-0036, phone: 520.621.7205, fax: 520.621.1314 or Email: nteresa@cals.arizona.edu if you have any questions.

Youth and Contracts

In Colorado, it is **illegal** for a minor to sign a legally binding contract, even if the individual's parent or guardian also signs. If you have contacts/leases, which are intended to be legally binding, be advised that the minor should not sign those contracts. Only the parent/guardian should be party to a contract that is intended to be legally binding. You may have an agreement between cooperators and the 4-H youth regarding behavioral expectations of the youth outlined as they relate to care and treatment of the animals, keeping records and exhibiting at the fair.



**Home Economics &
General Projects**



Superintendents Needed

We are still looking for individuals who would be willing to answer the need for superintendents in the following areas:

Leadership (1)

Consumer Savvy and Financial Champions (1)

Although the last area looks intimidating, it really is a very small category, with approximately ten participants all day. If you can attend two meetings and Interview Judging Day and have a positive attitude, we can teach you the rest! Call DaNell at 303-678-6238 for more details, after April 1.

State Fair Exhibit Requirements

The 2006 State Fair 4-H Syllabus is available online at: http://4hweb.ext.colostate.edu/agent_resources/syllabus.pdf

Interview Judging Day

Plan ahead! Interview Judging Day is July 26, 2006. The only make-up date for this event is Tuesday, July 18. If you cannot make either one of these dates, we may be able to arrange a telephone interview with the judge on July 26, provided a parent/leader is able to bring the project and record book for the judge to see. If you need to schedule a make-up or phone interview, you must submit your request in writing to the Extension office no later than July 1, 2006.

Individuals who need to sign up for a make-up interview will be expected to have all of his/her projects completed by July 18. There will be no extensions granted, for any reason. The same applies for telephone interviews—if you sign-up for a telephone interview and cannot or do not make the call, an automatic white ribbon will be awarded, no excuses.



2006 Shooting Sports Workshops

Did you know that all leaders who want to help teach the shooting sports projects are required to complete a state-certification workshop in the discipline of their choice? It's

true and a leader who does not comply with this rule is considered to be acting negligently and will not be protected in the event of a lawsuit. In order to prevent that from happening, choose one of the following workshops to get certified at!

- March 17-18, 2006 -- **(SPECIAL: Five Stand/Skeet Only Training)** Akron, CO (Washington County)
- March 24-26, 2006 -- Eads, CO (Kiowa County)
- April 7-9, 2006 -- Montrose, CO (Montrose County)
- September 22-24 -- Eagle, CO (Eagle County)
- September 29-October 1 -- Longmont, CO (Boulder County)

Registration materials are available online at: <http://4hweb.ext.colostate.edu/>, under "Member/Leader Resources" or at the Extension office.

State Fair Shooting Sports Dates

At the Ben Lemond Range, Ramah, CO

Aug. 19 .22 rifle

Aug. 20 Black Powder (Muzzleloading)

Aug. 20 Archery

Sept. 2 Air Pistol, Air Rifle, Location TBA

At the Pikes Peak Gun Club, Colorado Springs

Sept. 3 Shotgun, Trap Contests

Sept. 4 Shotgun, Skeet and Five Stand Contests

All dates, times, and locations are subject to change.



Livestock & Horse Information



Livestock Fitting & Showing Clinic

The Boulder County 4-H Program will again host a livestock fitting and showing clinic on Thursday, July 6th, 6-8 p.m., Barns A and B, Boulder County Fairgrounds. Members may bring their 2006 Boulder County Fair market sheep, goats and dairy cattle for additional help. There may also be a swine clinic, if there is sufficient interest. Full details will be in the summer issue of the *4-H Clover Gazette*.

Swine, Sheep, and Goat tag-ins

Dates have been set for all market animal tag-in for the 2006 Boulder County Fair. Market swine, lambs and goats will be tagged on Sunday, May 7, 2006, (**note new day**) from 7 a.m. to noon, south parking lot. Please snake your pickups and trailers throughout the south parking lot. The tagging will take place near the large cottonwood tree on the east side. Call Deryl's cell for an update that day, if the weather is questionable, (303) 349-7403.

As in the past, swine will not be weighed because of disease concerns that arise from mixing of swine animals. All 4-H and FFA members in beef, sheep, and goats must weigh their prospective animals in on the given date. Absolutely no make-ups will be allowed, so if members are going to be absent they need to make arrangements to get their animal(s) to the tag-in. Participants bringing animals to be tagged need to pay \$2 per tag. Cash or checks accepted. This fee is charged for every animal that is tagged and will be collected at the time of tagging.

All swine exhibitors going to out-of-county shows will also need to fill out the National Pork Producers Council's Producer Verification Form. Both the exhibitor and parent/guardian, in order for the exhibitor to sell an animal at an out-of-county show must sign this form. Those 4-H members participating only at the Boulder County Fair will no longer need to fill this form out.

These forms will be passed out at the swine tag-in, or will be available from the Boulder County Extension Office after May 1st.

Ear Notching Swine

The standard method of identification of animals in swine production is to notch the ears after birth. There is a specific method of notching ears that assures that numbers are standardized. This information is particularly important for 4-H and FFA members showing swine at shows. The right ear is marked with the litter number, and all pigs in the same litter will have the same notches in this ear. The left ear is used for the individual pig number in a litter. Each pig in the same litter will have different notches in their left ears.

Premise ID Number for 4-H Animal Projects

Some of you may be aware of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS) that will require that all animals be identified with a unique number for rease of tracking. USDA and APHIS have put this system into effect to handle animal emergencies such as disease outbreaks. Premise registration is now being handled through the Colorado State Veterinarian's Office. A functioning web sit for registering livestock premises should be up soon. Postcards designed for registration are available in the Extension office.

It is recommended that all 4-H members secure premise Ids for the location of their animals. A premise ID refers to a location and all members who have animals at the same location will have the same premise ID number. If your family already has a number, you will use that number and have your name and contact information added into the database. Premise ID will be needed for all 4-H animals including cattle, sheep, goats, swine, horses, rabbits and poultry. Cats and dogs are exempt for this program. Stay tuned for further details the next two years, as they become public.



Meat Quality Assurance Programs

The Meat Quality Assurance program continues in 2006. All first year members in livestock projects and those seniors who were 14 on January 1, 2006, must attend in 2006 to participate at the Boulder County Fair. The following is a list of future MQA dates in Boulder County and other Colorado counties. Any training may be attended and count for Boulder County credit. **You must call ahead to the appropriate Extension office to RSVP to attend another county's MQA program.** More dates will be given as they become available.

Front Range MQA Dates:

- March 20 – Arapahoe County Extension Office, Littleton, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., (303) 730-1920.
- March 22 – Douglas County Fairgrounds, Kirk Hall, Castle Rock, 6 p.m., (720) 733-6940.
- March 26 – Jefferson County Fairgrounds, Golden, 9 a.m. – noon, 303-271-6620.
- March 29 – Weld County Extension Office, Exhibition Bldg, Island Grove Park, Greeley, (970) 304-6535, extension 2081, 7 p.m.
- April 4 – Larimer County Fairgrounds, The Ranch, Loveland, 7 p.m., 970-498-6000.
- April 19 – Weld County Extension Office, (970) 304-6535, extension 2081, 7 p.m.
- April 19 – Adams County Fairgrounds, Sale Barn, Brighton, 6:30 p.m., (303) 637-8100.
- May 10 – Boulder County Fairgrounds, Exhibit Building, 7-9 p.m., Longmont, (303) 678-6238.

- May 11 – Larimer County Fairgrounds, The Ranch, Loveland, 7 p.m., 970-498-6000.
- May 24 – Douglas County Fairgrounds, Kirk Hall, Castle Rock, 6 p.m., (720) 733-6940.
- June 1 – Arapahoe County Extension Office, Littleton, 7 p.m., 303-730-1920.
- June 7 – Adams County Fairgrounds, Sale Barn, Brighton, 6:30 p.m., (303) 637-8100.
- June 14 – Boulder County Fairgrounds, Exhibit Building, 7-9 p.m., Longmont, (303) 678-6238.

Both Boulder County training sessions are identical in content, and the MQA curriculum is the same in content. A pre-and-post test will be given. There will be a separate training for junior and senior members. All market and breeding exhibitors in the "Big 7" (beef, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, meat/market rabbits only and diary) are required by the Colorado State 4-H Office to attend a Meat Quality Assurance program in order to exhibit their animals at a fair.

You do not specifically have to attend the program again because you are changing/adding species. Show rabbit members are exempt. However, those exhibiting market rabbits/meat pens still must attend the training. *A parent/guardian signature is required on the acceptance form that is completed at the end of the training.*



Colorado State Fair News

The 2006 Colorado State Fair in Pueblo runs from August 25th – September 4th. "Youth Week" begins August 21st. All market animals must arrive and stall on Wednesday, August 23, for those entered in market lamb, hogs, goats and beef.

All market animals must be nominated. Market beef going to the CSF must be nose printed on March 5th in Boulder County. The Extension Agent will process the nomination forms and mail to Pueblo by the deadline.

Market hogs going to the CSF must be ear notched by and tagged on May 7th in Boulder County, and market lambs and market goats going to the CSF must be nose printed on May 7th in Boulder County. The Extension Agent will process the nomination forms and mail to Pueblo by the deadline. CSF nomination forms are available ahead of time for filling out to speed up the tagging process. CSF entries will not be accepted if the animal has not been nominated. A nomination is not an entry of any animal. The CSF 2006 Junior Livestock Sale will be Tuesday, August 29th in the Events Center.

Questions: Call the livestock department at (800) 876-4567, extension 2035, or e-mail, jeanne.csf@coyotenet.net. Visit the CSF web site to get the latest schedule changes:

<http://www.coloradostatefair.com/html/schedule/index.asp>

2006 NWSS Catch-a-Calf Results

Boulder County 4-H members Clint Johnson, Clay Johnson and Ryan Boldt were successful in catching calves at the 2005 National Western. These three catch-a-calf participants received a 600-pound steer in May 2005, and returned to the 2006 National Western with market steers weighing between 1275 pounds and 1395 pounds.

Forty calves and kids competed for prizes in several categories. Congratulations to all three members for the following accomplishments. Production Phase: consisting of sponsor relations, record books and industry performance: Clay Johnson 5th place; Clint Johnson, 6th place; and Ryan Boldt 13th place. Live animal evaluation, medium weight class: Ryan Boldt, 7th place; heavy weight class - Clay Johnson, 1st place, and Clint Johnson 2nd place. Showmanship: Clint Johnson and Clay Johnson were recognized in the top four showman. Details from the carcass contest will be announced later. Congratulations to all three members for the 2006 Catch-a-Calf event.

Market Sale Reminder for 2006

The Boulder County Fair Junior Livestock Market Sale Committee has policies that affect the 2006 Boulder County Fair Livestock Sale. You must submit your hand-delivered thank you letter(s) by September 15, 2006, to the Boulder County Extension Office. **Failure to do so will result in a \$100.00 fee being deducted from the member's 2006 check.** Any non-show material(s) not allowed in the show ring are not allowed in the sale ring, e.g., glitter or decorations on all species. Show awards won are allowed in the show ring, e.g., ribbons, banners, etc.

4-H Beef Pre Fair Warm-Up Show

The Boulder County Fair Beef Department and the Boulder County 4-H Program are again planning the 8th annual 4-H Pre-Fair Warm-Up Beef Show on Saturday, June 24th, Barn C, Boulder County Fairgrounds in Longmont. There will be a pre-show clinic, and market and breeding beef classes. Participants can arrive at 8 a.m., and check-in starts at 9 a.m. No pre-entry required; belt buckles for champions, lunch concession on the Boulder County Fairgrounds. Entry fee is \$10.00 per calf. Bring your own bedding. Contact: Bruce German, (303) 776-6463 or Clarence Kneebone, (303) 449-1356. A copy of the flyer is available from the Extension office.

Livestock Field Days Details

- Junior Sheep Producers Field Day, March 18th, Adams County Fairgrounds, Henderson. Program runs from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Cost is \$5, which includes lunch. Call Tom McBride at (303) 637-8110 for more information, or get your copy of the flyer from the Extension office.
- Junior Beef Field Day, March 25th, Morgan County Fairgrounds, Brush. Program runs from

9 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$5 which includes lunch. Call (970) 542-3543 for more information, or get your copy of the flyer from the Extension office.

Upcoming Judging Contests & Events

If you are interested in a county judging experience this year, several areas will be available. Contact the following persons for time and location details:



- Hippology - Donna Pattee, (303) 665-7941
- Horse - Jodi Zeier, (303) 828-5122
- Livestock - Ben Elliott, (303) 478-5889
- Rabbit – DeAnna Cassidy, 303-684-6484
- Horse Bowl, Dawn Strickland, (303) 823-5853

The following lists upcoming judging contests and livestock field days. The Extension office may not receive registration information until 10-days before the event.

Horse

- April 8, Working Ranch Horse Rater Training, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock
- April 22, Logan County Fairgrounds, Sterling
- April 29, Horse Judging Contest, Adams County Fairgrounds, Brighton
- April 30, Advancement Level Rater Training, Adams County Fairgrounds, Brighton
- May 6, Horse Bowl & Hippology Contest, AdCo Fairgrounds, Brighton (Hippology judging on 4/29)
- May 13, Horse Bowl and Hippology, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock
- May 14, Horse Judging Contest, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock)

Consumer Choices

- March 18, Arapahoe County, CentrePoint Plaze, Aurora, 8 a.m., 303-730-1920.
- April 1, Adams County Fairgrounds, Brighton
- April 22, Sterling
- May 13, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock

Livestock

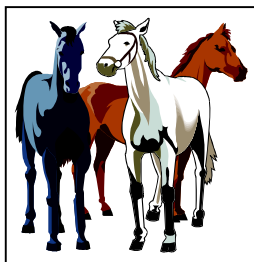
- March 11, Swine Field Day, Morgan County
- March 18, Sheep Field Day, Adams County
- March 25, Beef Field Day, Morgan County
- April 1, Adams County Fairgrounds, Brighton
- April 8, Otero County
- April 15, Lincoln County
- April 22, Logan County Fairgrounds, Sterling
- May 6, Eastern Slope, Elbert County FGS, Kiowa
- May 13, Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock
- May 20, Gunnison County
- June 24, 4-H Beef Camp, Barn C, Boulder Co. FGS
- July 6, Livestock Fitting & Showing Clinic, Boulder County Fairgrounds, 6-8 p.m.

Horseless Horse Project

The Horseless Horse Project is finally complete and will now be offered as a state project. The Horseless Horse Project contains four units: A1565 - Unit 1— Making Horse Sense, A1566 - Unit 2 — Hooves, Health & Horsemanship, A1567- Unit 3 — Breaking Ground, and A1568 - Unit 4 — Brushing Up on Horses. The Colorado 4-H Horse Manual is required for all of the units. The 4-H Horse Judging Guide is required for Unit 3. This project is great for 4-H members who love horses but do not have the availability or capacity to have one or for those that are looking to purchase a horse. These units will be posted on the website but for now they have been sent out to all the counties via email. The state fair exhibit requirements are as follows:

- A. Complete Horseless Horse Unit Manual along with the 4-H Project E-Record secured in a sturdy binder.
- B. A show board illustrating an investigated topic during the project year.

4-H Horse Identification Certificates



The 4-H horse record book has two copies of a 4-H horse identification certificate. These certificates are due or postmarked to the Boulder County Extension Office by June 1, 2006. The Boulder County 4-H Horse Leaders' Council has required these

certificates since the 1995-96 4-H year. This certificate provides proof of project horses. They need to be submitted once for each horse, unless ownership or leasing arrangements changes. If you have added a new horse(s) since last year, then a new horse identification form must be submitted. Each project horse should be submitted on a separate form. A drawing can be used or a color photograph may be attached to the back of the form.

Horse Project Helmet Survey

The Colorado State 4-H Office and the Colorado State 4-H Horse Committee are conducting a survey to retrieve information from around the state regarding the use of protective helmets by Colorado 4 H members enrolled in the horse project. The survey can be accessed on the Colorado State University Equine Extension website at: www.equineextension.colostate.edu.

This web-based survey will be active now through April 14, 2006. 4-H horse members and leaders are encouraged to respond to the survey as well. The results of the survey will be presented at the next Colorado State 4-H Horse Committee meeting which will be at the Adams County Extension office on April 14, 2006 at 10:00 a.m. The subject of helmet use in the horse project will be addressed at this meeting. Jeff Goodwin, Colorado State 4-H Program Leader will take the recommendations from the committee as well as the compiled survey results

to make a decision regarding state 4-H office policy on this issue. Agents, parents, members, and leaders are welcome to attend. If any 4-H member, parent or leader would like to speak with Jeff Goodwin prior to the horse committee meeting, please contact him at 970-491-1152.

Boulder County 4-H Horse Judging Team Wins National Championship

The Boulder County 4-H Horse Judging Team competed as the representative of Colorado 4-H, at the 4-H National Western Horse Classic Horse Judging contest, held during the National Western Stock Show. They were named 4-H Western National Champion Horse Judging Team, prevailing over the champion 4-H teams from 17 western states (AZ, CA, CO, IA, ID, KS, MN, MI, MT, ND, NE, NM, OR, SD, TX, UT and WY). Only the champion teams from each state are invited to compete in the contest.

The Colorado horse judging team was high team in overall halter, overall performance, and reasons. Individually, Jenni Lamb was high individual in performance and high individual of the contest and, as champion, was awarded a trophy and a \$500.00 scholarship from AQHA. Anna Krafft was high individual in reasons, and winner of a trophy from the Pinto Horse Association of America. Plaques were presented to all team members, as high team and a trophy from the Tennessee Walking Horse Association to Jodi Zeier, coach.

Youth representing Colorado were presented the high overall state award, as youth from Colorado were 4th in the Horse Demonstration Contest (El Paso County), Reserve Champion in the Horse Bowl contest (El Paso County), Champion in the Hippology contest (El Paso County) and Champion in the Horse Judging contest (Boulder County).



Photo, left to right: Shawna Strickland of Lyons – Easy Riders 4-H Club; Rachel Krafft – Cloverleaf Riders 4-H Club; Anna Krafft – Cloverleaf Riders 4-H Club; and Jenni Lamb – Easy Riders 4-H Club, all of Longmont.

Gymkana Events at Boulder Co. Fair

New this year Boulder County 4-H Horse Leaders' Council will include barrel racing, pole bending, and key hole racing as part of the 4-H Horse Show at the Boulder County Fair. These will be offered for 4-Hers holding their Level I Riding Card. They will compete as juniors, intermediates and seniors. The horse must be included in their 4-H record book with an ID sheet filed with the Boulder County by June 1st. These events were held last year at the Colorado State 4-H Horse Show with slight modifications for 2006 Colorado State Fair (4-Hers must hold a Level II riding card to participate in gymkana at the State Fair). Ask your horse leader for full details.

2006 4-H & Open Horse Shows

*Boulder County 4-H Leaders' Opener Show, Sunday, March 26, Indoor Arena, BCFG, 9 a.m. start, contact Laura Boldt at 303-772-4467.

Dust Riders 4-H Blue & White Show, Saturday, April 1, 9 a.m., Indoor Arena, contact Chuck or Nancy Wilkinson at 303-857-1221.

*Easy Riders 4-H Show, Boulder County Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena, 8:30 a.m., Saturday, April 15, contact: Jodi Zeier at 303-828-5122.

Easy Riders Youth & Amateur Show, Boulder County Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena, 8:30 a.m., Sunday, April 16, contact: Jodi Zeier at 303-828-5122.

Boulder Valley Riders 4-H Fun Show, April 22, 9:00 a.m., Indoor Arena at Fairgrounds in Longmont, contact Rhonda Healy at 303-499-3303.

Cloverleaf Riders 4-H Open Horse Show: Boulder Co. Fairgrounds Indoor Arena: April 23, 9:00 a.m.; Contact: Jack Wheeler at 303-652-2729.

*Kicks-N-Bucks 4-H Horse Show, Saturday, June 3, Outdoor Arena, Boulder County Fairgrounds, 8:00 a.m., Contact Laura Boldt at 303-931-2635.

*Boulder Valley Riders 4-H Horse Show, June 17, 9:00 a.m., Indoor Arena at Fairgrounds in Longmont, contact Rhonda Healy at 303-499-3303.

Boulder Valley Riders 4-H Open Horse Show; June 18, 9:00 a.m.; Indoor Arena at Fairgrounds in Longmont; contact Rhonda Healy, 303-499-3303.

*Rocky Mountain Riders 4-H Show, Boulder County Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena, July 16, 9:00 a.m., contact Kay Burkett at 303-776-0165.

*4-H Teams Benefit 4-H and Open Show, Boulder County Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena, 8:30 a.m., Saturday, July 22, contact: Jodi Zeier at 303-828-5122.

*Qualify for year-end high point award. Please submit any updates on show dates, times, or locations to Adrian Card, 303-678-6238, so that he may update the show calendar at the office. Clubs are welcome to post flyers promoting their shows at the Extension office, but may not use the office copier to make flyers. We hope everyone has a safe and successful show season!

Camp Rocky 2006

What: The Colorado Association of Conservation District presents Camp Rocky 2006

Who: Outdoor Environmental Adventures for youth ages 14-19

Where: Divide, Colorado

When: July 9 - 15, 2006

How Much: \$250 (scholarships are available)

[Camp Rocky](#) is a weeklong, residential camp for 14- through 19-year-olds who enjoy the outdoors and are interested in natural resources. Camp Rocky staff, resource professionals from around the state, help participants learn about their environment while working in teams and making new friends.

Forest Management

The forestry team learns about different forest types, how to determine the overall health of the forest, how to find a tree's age without cutting it down, why trees can be "dangerous" and how fire can be "good" for forest health and safety.

Rangeland Science

The rangeland science team learns about the "fitness" of rangeland and forage. They will study how rangelands provide food for animals, habitat for wildlife, chemicals for fuel and clean water for drinking and recreation!

Soil and Water Conservation

This team learns about two primary components of nature - soil and water. They will "create" a river and learn how many different types of soil affect plants, wildlife and humans.

Fish and Wildlife Management

The wildlife biology team will track a radio-collared animal, go electro-fishing (a "shocking" experience) and learn how different types of Colorado wildlife survive the elements.

Participants also explore, discuss and use critical thinking and problem solving techniques to find solutions for various controversial environmental issues. Additional activities include volleyball games, hiking, a campfire, the Camp Rocky Challenge, and a dance. At the close of camp, students receive a Camp Rocky Certificate of Completion.

Scholarship opportunities are also available. The Boulder Valley and Longmont Conservation Districts, Colorado's Section of the Society for Range Management, The Colorado Division of Wildlife, and others) provide financial support to assist students who want to attend Camp Rocky. To inquire about scholarships, please contact the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts (CACD) at 303-776-4034, X3 or nmcintyre@co.boulder.co.us.

Rabbit Royalty News

Anyone interested in being a part of Rabbit Royalty for the 2006 Boulder County Fair should contact Sara Wendland, (303) 828-4357 by April 1st. After April 1st, applications will be sent out. Applicants may be required to attend the Boulder County Rabbit Judging meet to fulfill two of the requirements for Rabbit Royalty: judging and breed identification. An outline of all requirements and other information will be sent out with the applications.

Rabbit Mini Fair

This year's Rabbit Mini Fair will be on April 22nd, Barn A, BCFG, Longmont. Check in will be at 9:00 a.m. and activities will start at 10:00 a.m. Details for the rabbit educational day have not been completed at the time of printing. Rabbit Mini Fair is designed to be a learning experience for everyone, so please bring any questions you have about your rabbits and the Boulder County Fair with you. If you have any questions about the Rabbit Mini Fair, please call Sara Wendland, 303-828-4357. There will not be tattooing at this time. If you are planning on bringing a rabbit that is not tattooed, please use a black permanent marker for a temporary tattoo.

2006 Fair Rabbit Information

Tattoo dates are July 5, 5-8 p.m., and again July 15, 2006, 9 a.m. – Noon, in the Clover Club Room (tentative location), BCFG, Longmont. For more details, call Sara Wendland at (303) 828-4357. All meat pen/market rabbits must also be tattooed on one of those two days by the Superintendent. No exceptions. Cost is \$1 per rabbit. Meat Pen of 3 Market Rabbits: Grand and Reserve Grand Champion Meat Pen rabbits sell in the Junior Market Livestock Sale. Rabbits must be no more than 69 days old and each rabbit must weigh between 3-5 pounds.

Photography Project Changes

This year, all members enrolled in the 4-H photography projects will be using the new Family and Consumer Science and General Projects E-Records. The general rules for all photography project exhibits are:

1. Either color/or black and white prints may be entered for all exercises in UNITS 1, 2, and 3.
2. For all units, submit photo material for the current unit being entered. Do not submit previous photos or records.
3. Photos in UNITS 1, 2, and 3, should be no larger than 4"x6". Best photo may be up to 5"x7" in size. No duplicate pictures except for best picture.
4. Binders: Hardback, three-ring notebook no larger than 10"x12" in size for all units. No posters or oversized books. Do not use plastic covers on any pages in any unit. All materials must fit within the notebook.
5. Panoramic cameras are not to be used in units one and two.
6. Videos must be appropriate for total family viewing.

There are additional unit-specific requirements for preparing your photography project exhibit. For a copy, please contact the Boulder County Extension Office, or download a copy from the 4-H website:

<http://www.coopext.colostate.edu/boulder/4-Hsite/news.shtml>. Click on 2006 Photography Changes.

If you have questions about any of the photography projects, you can contact Mike Thero at 303-665-7941. Mike will also be at the 4-H Fair Prep meeting scheduled for April 18 to answer questions about the photography projects.



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FOR 4-H AND FFA MEMBERS

Fifth Annual

**BOULDER COUNTY CLUB PIG, LAMB & GOAT
AUCTION**

DATE: SATURDAY APRIL 1st 2006...AUCTION STARTS AT 5:00 P.M.

LOCATION: BOULDER COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS - 9595 NELSON ROAD
LONGMONT, CO.

We will be selling at auction over 50 pigs and 20 lambs and 10 goats. These pigs, lambs and goats will be of show quality. Any 4-H or FFA member who purchases an animal at this auction will be able to show at the jackpot show which will be at the Boulder County Fair on August 5th. This show is only for animals purchased at this auction. Preview for this auction will be at 3:00 on the day of the auction only. Drawing to be held for bags of Show Quality feed and other prizes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

*Roy Rush - 303-485-7560 or 303-517-0981 cell
Jeff Rasmussen - 303-652-3870 or 303-588-7334 cell
Joe Knight - 303-776-6490 or 303-589-4119 cell*