

4-H Clover Gazette

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Boulder County Fair Information

The 2006 Boulder County Fair is rapidly approaching. All families should note that the Boulder County Fair runs from July 27th – August 5th. Interview judging for 4-H General and Home Economics projects is scheduled for Wednesday, July 26 from 9 a.m. to 3:10 p.m. (members must be present by 3:10 p.m. to interview) in the Exhibit Building.

All 2006 entries for the Boulder County Fair must be postmarked on or

before Monday, June 26th. The 4-H Horse Show is July 26-29th. Entries for the 4-H Horse Show are due to the Extension office on or before Monday, June 26th, 4:30 p.m. or you may bring them to the Boulder County 4-H Horse Leaders' Council picnic (July meeting) on June 26th at the BCFG gazebo area at 6 p.m. No 4-H horse entries will be accepted after June 26th. The *Clover Gazette* 4-H newsletter will carry a special fair issue in July. Keep it handy for quick reference during the fair. The 2006 Boulder County Fair premium book has been mailed to all 4-H families. If you have not received your copy, contact Kathy Lynch at the Boulder County Fair Office, (303) 772-7170. Livestock parking permits may be

purchased at the Box Office trailer, located in the south public lot beginning Thursday, July 24, or pay each day at the gate. See page 10 of the Boulder County Fair premium book for full details of the parking and admissions fees for 2006.

Volunteer to Teen Clerk

The 4-H office is looking for members who are at least twelve years old to work as teen clerks on 4-H Interview Judging Day, July 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Teen clerks assist superintendents with checking in projects, displaying projects, and may serve as runners. Teen clerks will be provided with a free lunch. In addition to the opportunity to see some great projects and get tips from the judges, teen clerking counts towards involvement on the county level when applying for 4-H scholarships in the future! To volunteer, call the Extension Office at 303-678-6238 and request the project area in which you would like to assist.

Michele Koenig, 4-H Summer Intern

We are proud to introduce Michele Koenig as our summer intern this year. Michele will be joining the 4-H staff in mid-May to coordinate the 4-H summer outreach programs and assist with the traditional club program. Michele comes to us as a recent graduate of South Dakota State University, in Sociology and Spanish. She plans to get a position as a 4-H Agent. Please take the time to introduce yourself as you see Michele around this summer!

Reserve Campgrounds Early

There will be a motorcycle rally in Longmont during the Boulder County Fair. The Radisson has listed the Boulder County Campgrounds at the fairgrounds as the number one location for camping in the area. Rebecca Harp and Pete Reynolds from the fairgrounds staff stress for those fair participants who plan to stay in the campgrounds, they should get their reservations in as soon as possible. To make reservations, contact Tina at 303-678-1525. She is in her office from Wednesday through Sunday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. If you are a 4-H organizational leader, make sure your club knows about this. Please forward this information to all of your exhibitors who intend to reserve a place at the campground.

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June 26th is the fair entry deadline!

2006 4-H Scholarship Recipients



Six Boulder County 4-H members were awarded \$4,050 in scholarships in 2006. Congratulations to all seven candidates. The scholarships awarded are primarily based on the outstanding contributions given back to Boulder County 4-H at the county level and above. The current philosophy of the Boulder County 4-H Foundation

Scholarship Committee is to award larger scholarship amounts to fewer candidates. The scholarship committee awarded scholarships to the following:

Boulder County 4-H Council Scholarship	
Dolly Smith	\$150.00
Nicole Wallace	\$150.00
McKenzie Chambers	\$400.00
Boulder County 4-H Horse Leaders' Council	
Shawna Strickland	\$250.00
Dust Riders 4-H Club Memorial Scholarship	
Katie August	\$200.00
Boulder County 4-H Livestock Scholarship	
Dolly Smith	\$500.00
Nicole Wallace	\$500.00
Boulder County Homemakers	
Jenni Lamb	\$800.00
McKenzie Chambers	\$250.00
Delrose "Ditty" Varra Memorial Scholarship	
Shawna Strickland	\$400.00
Jeri Krafft Memorial Scholarship	
Katie August	\$450.00

2006 National 4-H Congress Details

The 2006 National 4-H Congress will be held in Atlanta, Georgia, November 24 – 28th. Members must be between 14 and 18-years-old as of December 31, 2005, to participate.

This wonderful educational experience will draw outstanding 4-H members from throughout the USA. This event is a partially expense-paid trip for 4-H members from Boulder Co. who are selected to attend.

Colorado will be sending a delegation of over 20 people to this event. Total cost is expected to be about \$1,000 per delegate. The deadline to the Extension Office is June 15. Get the CSU Fact Sheet, No. 9150, "Putting 4-H Experience on Your Resume", or visit the website, <http://www.ext.colostate.edu/pubs/consumer/09150.html>.

Guidelines for the National 4-H Youth Résumé:

1. Use a word processor or typewriter to complete the required résumé.
2. Margins - top and bottom - 1"; left - 1 ½"; and right - 1".
3. Limit paper size to 8 ½" X 11".
4. Limit number of pages to no more than three pages, single-sided.
5. In your résumé emphasize leadership, community service or unique ways you've helped others in 4-H.

6. Observe deadline of June 15, 2006, to the Boulder County Extension Office. Contact Deryl or DaNell at the Extension office for a copy of résumé samples.
7. Attach your résumé to a cover letter expressing interest in this trip.

2007 National 4-H Conference Details

Colorado is looking for two individuals to serve as state representatives at the 2007 National 4-H Conference, next spring, in Washington, D.C. The Conference will involve more than 300 delegates in strategic planning for the future of 4-H. Delegates to the conference will meet in consulting groups to discuss plans for 4-H and the Cooperative Extension System as well as with officials from USDA and the National 4-H Council. Their recommendations will go to all the states, national leaders and others involved in determining programs. Participants will take a break from the Conference tasks to tour several historic sites including the Capitol, the National Mall and various national monuments. Special activities will include a talent show, and the Banquet and Clover Ball, held on the final night of the conference. The deadline is June 1, so act fast!

Please review the application and selection criteria at:

http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/nat_conf/index.shtml.

Adult Chaperon Applications due June 1

Chaperon applications for all state events such as National 4-H Congress, National 4-H Conference, Western 4-H Roundup, and Citizen Washington Focus are due in the State 4-H office by June 1. The application form can be found on the 4-H web site:

http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/index.shtml.

Click on Adult Chaperon Opportunities.

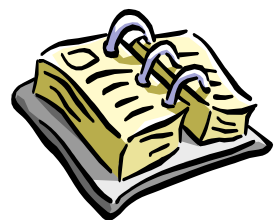
Colorado State 4-H Alcohol Policy

Colorado 4-H has an event alcohol policy. This policy is in effect at all Colorado State 4-H-sponsored events, including the Colorado State 4-H Conference in Fort Collins and the Leadership Development Conference in Denver. In order to help enforce this policy, the Colorado State 4-H Office possesses a breathalyzer. All 4-H agents have received training in its use. Boulder County 4-H has a very good track record when it comes to not having alcohol violations—let's keep it that way!

Need to Visit the 4-H Office?

In order to help you plan your visits to the 4-H office, we are including the dates of our summer vacations/time off for the 4-H staff.

- Adrian: June 19-23
- DaNell: June 16, August 17-18
- Dee: June 9-20
- Deryl: June 30 – July 4



2006 4-H Carnival Results

The 2006 and 45th Annual Boulder County 4-H Carnival was held on March 11th. The Extension office, its staff, the Boulder County 4-H Council and the Boulder County 4-H Leaders' Council extend a special "thank you" to all 4-H members, volunteer 4-H leaders and parents who helped make this fundraiser so successful.

Evaluation: Suggestions to improve the 2007 4-H Carnival may be submitted to the Boulder County Extension Office. In addition, the Boulder County 4-H Council and 4-H Leaders' Council are continuing evaluating the whole carnival process to find new ways to increase club booth and silent auction profits. Look for more changes in 2007.

Financial Summary: The following is the financial summary for the 2006 4-H Carnival. The Boulder County 4-H Council paid out \$8,188.52 in club payouts. The final Boulder County 4-H Council profit was \$6,375.51. For a final copy of the booth and silent auction financial statements, contact the Extension Office.

	2006	2005	2004
Booths –	\$8,449.35	\$7,752.55	\$10,093.33
\$ Donations- -	000.00	0.00	0.00
S. Auction –	\$6,106.63	\$5,336.80	\$5,525.40
Total Gross:	\$14,555.98	\$13,089.35	\$15,618.73
Net Deposit:	\$14,386.33	\$13,084.99	\$15,726.96

2006 4-H Carnival Winners

Boulder County Extension 4-H Agents, Deryl Waldren, Adrian Card and DaNell Hennis would like to commend all of this year's 4-H Carnival booth participants. Clubs did an outstanding job of using the theme "Mardi Gras!" and were very creative with the presentation of their booths. Clubs helped to make 2006 another very successful year. Congratulations to all winners!

Poster Contest:

Juniors – 8-10-years-old

1st, Caroline Curtis, Critters and Creations

2nd, Kayla Martinez, Niwot Nifties

3rd, Hannah Kerber, Handy Helpers

Intermediates – 11-13-years-old

1st, Natalie Curtis, Critter and Creations

2nd, Katie Server, Busy Beavers

3rd, Tyrell Pohlmann, Critters & Creations

Seniors – 14-18-years-old

1st, Molly Server, Busy Beavers

2nd, Emily Andreas, Critters & Creations

3rd, Autumn Rees, Busy Beavers

Food Booths:

1st, Hoof-N-Horns, "Mardi Gras Nachos"

2nd, Rocky Mountain Riders, "Chili and Burgers"

3rd, Pleasantview Sheepkeepers, "Root Beer Float"

Game Booths:

1st, Critters and Creations, "Kings Corner"

2nd, Niwot Nifties, "Party Down Mardi Gras Lane"

3rd, Mountain States Show Club, "Dance Booth"

Spirit Award:

Mountain States Show Club, "Dance Booth"

Best Theme:

Niwot Nifties, "Party Down Mardi Gras Lane"

Carnival Thank You

I would like to express my thanks and appreciation to the following people for all their help advertising the 2006 Boulder County 4-H Carnival: the Pohlmann family, especially Tyrell for designing a great announcement; the Mike Cook family; the Kay Burkett family, Anne Zander, Twin Peaks Mall; St. Vrain Valley Schools; Outdoor Promotions, Inc.; Longmont Daily Times-Call; The Fence Post; Deryl Waldren, Adrian Card, Dee Hasenkamp; all the 4-H families who helped spread the word about 4-H Carnival, and finally Vanessa, Brandon, Jessie and Jerry Slepicka.

Marsha Slepicka, Niwot Nifties 4-H Club

School Enrichment

What's this? School enrichment is part of our 4-H outreach program, designed to bring hands-on 4-H activities into local schools that enhance the curriculum. The most popular school enrichment programs are embryology (incubating chicken eggs), mini-greenhouse, bug breakthrough (raising caterpillars), and Earth Gardens. Do you want more hands-on activities in your school? Call Deryl or DaNell to talk about possibilities for this fall!

What 4-H Council Does For You

The Boulder County 4-H Council is a group made up of youth representatives. Each 4-H club is invited and encouraged to send two representatives to the meetings, which are held on the first Wednesday of each month, 7 p.m. at the Natural Resources Building on the Boulder County Fairgrounds. It is important that clubs are represented in the planning, execution and evaluation of many activities and programs of Boulder County 4-H.

The council sponsors two major fundraisers each year in cooperation with local 4-H clubs: Carnival and the 4-H Dairy Bar. Both events share profits with local clubs. In addition, the 4-H council uses the money raised from its two fundraisers to sponsor these major 4-H events annually: Colorado State 4-H Conference, Achievement Night, Leaders' Banquet, Challenge Day, Scholarships for graduating members, Leadership Development Conference, Colorado State Fair participation scholarships, Operation Easter Bunny, Officers' and Leaders' Training, Holiday party, Rabbit Mini Fair, and \$400.00 each for judging and shooting sports teams. The Boulder Co. 4-H Council has a \$40,000 budget annually.

4-H Council Wants You!

All 4-H members, 12 years of age and older, are eligible to apply for the Boulder County 4-H Council. There are numerous opportunities to learn, expand and display your leadership talents and skills. Applications for an officer position may be picked up at the Extension office and can be returned to the Extension office or brought to the Boulder County 4-H Council Picnic on July 5th.

4-H Picnics for Everyone

The Boulder County 4-H Council and the Boulder County 4-H Leaders' Council are sponsoring their annual summer picnic, Wednesday, July 5th, 6 p.m. at the gazebo area, Boulder County Fairgrounds, Longmont. The picnic is open to any 4-H family. Those attending are asked to bring a salad or dessert to complement the meal, plus their own table service. The Boulder County 4-H Council will provide the meat and fixings. The Extension office will provide drinks and other miscellaneous items. There will be a volleyball game and other sports activities.



Also, a picnic will be held at the next HEGAC meeting on Wednesday, July 5th, 6 p.m. at the Gazebo on the Fairgrounds in conjunction with the Boulder County 4-H Council picnic. All HEGAC superintendents are welcome. There will be a short business meeting at 5:30 p.m. before the picnic. Those attending should bring a side dish or dessert.

In addition, the Boulder County 4-H Horse Leaders' Council picnic is Monday, June 26th, 6 p.m. at the gazebo area, Boulder County Fairgrounds, Longmont. The picnic is open to any 4-H family. Those attending are asked to bring a salad or dessert to complement the meal, plus their own table service. The Boulder County 4-H Horse Leaders' Council will provide the meat and fixings. The Extension office will provide drinks and other miscellaneous items. The regular July meeting (even though it is in late June) will start at 7 p.m., in case you can't make the picnic.

The Boulder County 4-H Foundation will hold its summer picnic, Monday, July 10th, 6 p.m. at the gazebo area. The picnic is open to any 4-H family. Those attending are asked to bring a salad or dessert to complement the meal, plus their own table service. The Extension office will provide drinks and other miscellaneous items.

Dairy Bar Profit Sharing Continues

Boulder County 4-H is still looking for two co-managers for the 2006 4-H Dairy Bar. One manager will work from 7 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and the other from 2:30-10:00 p.m. 4-H members, leaders and parents are needed to work during the Boulder County Fair at the 4-H Dairy Bar. The Dairy Bar is the second major fundraiser for the Boulder County 4-H Council. Profits are used for judging teams, scholarships, conferences, awards and recognition, and camps.

Leaders, please begin planning with your clubs as to when your club will work at the Boulder County Fair. Remember, the Dairy Bar will open July 26th for 4-H Interview Judging and the Boulder County Fair 4-H Horse Show and run through August 5th from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., with some time modifications during the horse show. Clubs will be paid \$16 per shift hour this year. For those members, parents, and leaders working, a \$4 food coupon will be provided at the end of the work shift for those who worked the entire shift.

The club packet of information with a schedule sign-up preference sheet was mailed in mid-May. 4-H club work schedule preferences for the 2006 Dairy Bar are due back to the Extension office on or before June 30th for priority status. If you have question or comments, contact Deryl, DaNell or Adrian at the Extension Office.

Fundraising at Murdoch's

For the second year, 4-H in Colorado has an official corporate sponsor, thanks to the folks at Murdoch's Farm and Ranch Supply. Each county hosting a Murdoch's store will receive funding for its 4-H program, in return for holding multiple yearly fundraisers at the local locations. This is a great opportunity for 4-H clubs to make extra money in a relatively short amount of time. Murdoch's is looking for 4-H clubs/groups to host a variety of events, from petting zoos to dog obedience demonstrations to holiday gift-wrapping.

A packet with available dates and activities was mailed to all 4-H Club Organizational Leaders and judging team coaches in late April. Requests will be granted on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call the front desk of the Extension Office to check on the availability of a date. After June 1, 2006, clubs/groups may sign up for multiple dates. We are looking forward to our 4-H clubs and groups taking advantage of this convenient opportunity to fundraise. For more information, contact Deryl, DaNell, Adrian or Dee at 303-678-6238.



Accident Insurance Update

Every 4-H member has a small \$2,500.00 accident insurance policy to cover accidents while participating in a bonafide 4-H activity. The cost is \$1.00 per year. Volunteer 4-H leaders are also covered by this policy. American Income Life now recognizes claims that are submitted with them either as the primary company or as the secondary company. This means that claims may be submitted later after being paid by a 4-H family's private policy.

In the event of an accident, leaders and parents still need to contact the Extension office as soon as possible. There is a CSU accident form that needs to be filled out, notification of how the claims are to be paid, and submission of bills to be paid. There is also no time limit on filing a claim since it sometimes takes a while for the primary insurance company to respond. Please contact Deryl, DaNell or Dee, if you have questions.

Interview Judging

While participation in interview judging is not required to complete a project, it is required for consideration as a champion. Also those members not completing the interview judging process will receive an automatic white ribbon as per the Boulder Co. Fair Premium Book. All 4-H members participating in home economics and general projects who would like their projects to be eligible for ribbons should plan to attend interview judging on July 26. Interview judging should be given heavy emphasis and commitment when planning your schedules; make-ups are strongly discouraged and will be severely limited this year on a case-by-case basis. **Those requesting a make-up must do so in writing as soon as possible and have their requests in to the Extension office no later than July 1, 2006.** The Extension Office reserves the right to refuse make-up interviews on July 18. Thank you for planning to include 4-H in your summer!

Only Show Boards Allowed Now

Display cases, poster boards and foam core boards will no longer be accepted for the Boulder County Fair and the Colorado State Fair. Projects submitted using these methods of display will receive an automatic white ribbon. Show boards are the only type of display boards that can be used for 4-H projects. A "Show board" is a folded cardboard 3' tall by 2' wide when closed, with a 1-foot wing on both sides when open. These cardboard displays are available at local stores. Pick up a diagram of a show board from the Extension Office.

Be a 4-H Host Family This Summer

The following young adults will be in Colorado the next few weeks. Why not host an exchangee this summer? For full details, contact Courtney Loflin at 970-491-2711 or e-mail: Courtney.Loflin@Colostate.edu.

International Four-H Youth Exchange: Botswana: Victoria Monnaatsie, a 38-year-old female that speaks English and Setswana, has a Certificate in General Agriculture and an Associate's Degree in Youth Development. She assists youth in establishing projects that include beekeeping, vegetable production, fruit production, poultry, and mobilizing youth into work camps. Her hobbies include interacting with young people, watching football games, and reading newspapers. She is anxious to learn more about 4-H in the United States. Victoria will be in Colorado June 19 through Sept. 1.

Germany: Katja Shruve is a 20-year-old female student. She was raised on a 450-acre farm for 20 years (grassland, corn, wheat, canola, and dairy). Katja is a three-year member of the Land Youth Club and is interested in rodeo, horseback riding, and swimming. She would like to visit horse ranches and wheat, corn, and dairy farms. She speaks German and English. Katja will be in Colorado July 11 through Sept 1.

Austria: Helga Wanberger is a 26-year-old female. She is a member of Landjugend (similar to 4-H). Helga is interested in horses, friends, skiing, swimming, and enjoying nature with her dog. She is also interested in learning more

about US farms and cities. Helga speaks German and English and will be in Colorado June 19 through July 31.

Austria: Karin Baumann, a 23-year-old female, is an advisor at an agriculture office and lives on a farm (dairy, cattle, grain, and grass). She is also a member of Landjugend. She is interested in walking, swimming, nature, and friends. She would like to learn about US agriculture, mainly cattle and milk production. Karin speaks German and English and will be in Colorado June 19 through July 31.

Japanese Summer Exchange: July 27 - Aug. 22, 2006 Host families are needed for 65 Japanese summer exchangees, boys and girls, ages 12-17. All participants are 100 percent medically covered and can participate in host family vacations. The homestay program emphasizes sharing of culture and "every day" home life. Host siblings are subsequently eligible to travel to Japan and stay with a host family.

Japanese High School Exchange: 8/1/06 – 6/15/07 Colorado is hosting five Japanese high school students who will stay with host families and attend high school. There are two girls (ages 16) and three boys (ages 15 and 16) available. Participants are 100 percent medically covered and can participate in host family vacations and sports. They have received extensive orientation and English language training.

FLEX (Future Leaders Exchange): 8/15/06 – 6/15/07 Colorado will host five high school students ages 15-18 from Eurasia: two from Russia, one from Kazakhstan, one from Ukraine and one from Armenia. These students stay with host families and attend high school. They are part of a democracy-building program instituted by the U.S. State Department as a result of the Freedom Support Act passed in 1993. The FLEX students have been selected from a large pool of applicants based on their English language skills and interest in learning about US culture.

Use of the 4-H Name and Emblem

Colorado 4-H clubs and groups must have permission to use the 4-H name and emblem. It is governed by the United States Department of Agriculture. Local Extension Agents are authorized by the USDA, through CSU Cooperative Extension and the Colorado State 4-H Program to assist local 4-H clubs and county 4-H programs in the correct use of the 4-H name and emblem. Visit this site to learn more about the "4-H Name and Emblem Regulations."

http://www.national4-headquarters.gov/emblem/4h_name.htm.

Rabbit Tattooing Dates Set

The 2006 Boulder County 4-H Rabbit tattooing dates have been set. Any rabbit that will be shown and exhibited at the 2006 Boulder County Fair must have a tattoo or be tattooed on one of these dates. If you have questions, contact Sarah Wendland, 303-828-4357 or DeAnna Cassidy, 303-684-6484.

- ❑ Wednesday, July 5, 5-8 p.m., Exhibit Building Meeting Room, BCFG, Longmont
- ❑ Saturday, July 15, 9 a.m. – noon, Clover Club Room, BCFG, Longmont.

Livestock Fitting & Showing Clinic

The Boulder County 4-H Program will again host a livestock fitting and showing clinic again this summer. Older youth and volunteer 4-H leaders will fit sheep, swine, goats and dairy cattle as examples. You may bring your animals to the clinic.



The clinic will be **Tuesday, July 18th, 6-8 p.m., Barns A and B, Boulder County Fairgrounds.** Note the date change from July 6th. Members may bring their 2006 Boulder County Fair market sheep, goats and dairy cattle for additional help. However, do **not** bring your pigs due to continued concern over spreading pseudorabies, a highly transmittable virus that can easily be spread when pigs are mingled at events. Advice will be given on how to fit your animal for the fair. Bring any equipment needed to practice fitting on your animal. Tips will also be given on how to best show animals at the 2006 Boulder County Fair. Those bringing animals and using pens must clean these pens after using them on July 18th. **If you are planning to attend or bring an animal to the clinic, please call the Extension office to register on or before Friday, July 14th, so that sufficient help can be organized for the event.**

Hog Contest Winner

Eric Rademacher and Mary Rademacher, members of the Sharp Shooters 4-H Club were awarded one pig each in an essay contest sponsored by the late Jerry Cassidy of Longmont and Joe and Kim Knight. Jerry was a director of the Boulder County Fair Board, and was a long time supporter of 4-H. Congratulations to Mary and Eric.

Jr. Market Beef Nominations for NWSS

The deadline for submitting nose print and DNA samples for nominating junior market beef for the 2007 National Western Stock Show is July 1st. Exhibitors must use this year's DNA kit and nose print cards from the National Western Stock Show. Continued in 2007 is a \$10 per head non-refundable, nomination fee for the 2007 NWSS due with the nomination. Contact Deryl Waldren at the Extension office, if you need the request form.

4-H Pre-Fair Warm-Up Beef 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 \$20.00 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.

Upcoming Local Horse Shows

Contact your 4-H horse leaders for information regarding club ride outs and local shows scheduled for the current year. A partial listing with contacts follows:

2006 4-H & Open Horse Shows

- ❑ *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.

4-H Poultry Identification Workshop

All 4-H members enrolled in poultry and their parents are invited to the poultry workshop, Saturday, June 17th, 9 a.m. to noon, 8440 Diagonal Hwy. (119) south of Longmont.

Directions: From the intersection of Hover Road and Hwy. 119 go southwest about a mile to the entrance to XiLinX. There is a big sign. Turn opposite, go across the highway and the railroad tracks to the dirt driveway. There is a red brick house and a big barn. This is the home of the Kelly family, phone 303-651-6623. Activities follow:

- ❑ Learn how to get birds ready for fair, i.e. how to wash birds, how to check birds for lice and mites, and treat if necessary.
- ❑ Bring your birds for breed identification if you are uncertain which breed you have. This will eliminate a lot of confusion when entering your birds for fair and at the fair.
- ❑ Learn how to fill out the entry form for entering birds in the fair. This is due June 26.
- ❑ Learn how to do poultry showmanship and judging.

Leg bands will be required to exhibit at fair. They will be available for free at the workshop. They will be available at the fair office after the workshop. When filling out the fair entry form please include the leg band numbers. Clare Shier, superintendent, Jerry Slepicka, and Kevin Taberski, assistant superintendents, will present the workshop. If you have any questions contact Clare at 303-278-1261 or email: clare@rockypine.com. Please plan to attend.

Colorado State Fair News

The 2006 Colorado State Fair runs from August 25 – September 4, 2006.

BBQ: The Colorado Springs Utilities Appreciation BBQ for only the 4-H & FFA Colorado State Fair exhibitors and their families will be the kick-off for the Colorado State Fair “Youth Week.” This gathering is our personal salute to all the “AG Youth of Colorado.” Youth Week consists of all 4-H / FAA Horseshow events, Jr. Market Hogs, Lambs, Beef and Goat Shows; Junior Livestock Sale, and Youth Poultry and Rabbit shows. The Colorado State Fair commends the exhausting efforts, time and love each youth has contributed to their individual projects and their devotion to Colorado Agriculture.

Market Goats: There is a minimum weight limit of 50 lbs. and a maximum weight limit of 115 lbs. for Market Goats; the judge will select goats for placing based on the size in demand by packers and consumers. Revised: Exhibitor will be permitted to enter only four (4) goats in the Market Goat show. All breeds and/or crosses will show together. Classes will be separated by weight. New: Before weigh-in, all goats must be shorn slick (with no indication of blocking) to the skin above the knee and hock joints, excluding the tail switch. New: No family members are allowed in any of the Goat holding or staging pens at any time. Revised: No paint, powder or any artificial coloring may be used on goats. Any goat having any external parasites will be disqualified and removed from the grounds. All market goats must be shown with a collar. No muzzles of any kind are allowed on goats.

Market Hogs: Revised: Each individual exhibitor will be permitted to enter only four (4) Hogs in the Market Hog show. All hogs entered must have been previously nominated. If an exhibitor brings 1 or 2 pigs they are allowed one pen, 3 to 4 pigs are allowed 2 pens. Standard pen size is approximately 6' X 6'. Members of a family will be required to group 2 hogs together. If dividers are required within a pen, it is up to the exhibitors to provide their own, adjustable panel. No tack pens will be available until all hogs have been stalled. Any items such as feed, show boxes, etc., placed in pens not assigned to the exhibitor will be removed without warning. Check with superintendent for availability of space for tack placement. If stalling capacities are reached, entries will be returned to exhibitor. **Revised:** Market barrows and gilts are eligible and may be purebred, grade or crossbreeds farrowed after Feb. 1, and must weigh not less than 225 pounds and not more than 275 pounds to be eligible to show. No reweighs will be offered. If hog does not make weight, it will marked for packers only, that hog cannot be used for showmanship. **New:** No family members are allowed in any of the hog holding or staging pens at any time.

Market Lambs: Revised: Each individual exhibitor will be permitted to enter only four (4) Lambs in the Market Lamb show. All lambs entered must have been previously nominated. No tack pens will be available until all lambs have been stalled. Any items such as feed, show boxes, etc., placed in pens not assigned to the exhibitor will be removed without warning. Check with superintendent for availability

of space for tack and trimming chute placement. If stalling capacities are reached, entries will be returned to exhibitor. New: No belly or flank wool. No muzzles allowed during show. New: No family members are allowed in any of the lamb holding or staging pens at any time.

Junior Livestock Rule Changes: Revised 2006:

Possession, care and showing: Exhibitors must accompany their livestock to the show, care for and exhibit animal(s). A water container, with water, must be present in each penned/stalled area at all times. (As long as a water container is visible and available for watering on a regular basis, is sufficient). Market lambs are required to have water in their stalls at all times. Only the exhibitor is allowed in the Colorado State Fair show ring during official judging. **No family members are allowed in beef, goat, hog or lamb holding or staging pens at any time.** Exhibitors only will be allowed to handle their animal in the official photo area. No exceptions! In case of sickness or other emergency, an animal may be shown by a substitute, providing the substitute is a bona fide 4-H, FFA or Junior Breed Association Member and the exhibitor has been granted permission from the department manager. If in the case the exhibitor has knowledge he/she may have a conflict prior to the show date, he/she must submit a letter before entering and request permission to have another bona fide 4-H or FFA exhibitor (that will be an exhibitor at the CSF) show their animal. The department manager will notify the exhibitor within a reasonable time, if the request is granted or declined. If in the case an exhibitor named on the nomination card does not exhibit their animal and did not receive permission from the department manager, that exhibitor and animal will be disqualified from the show, forfeiting all awards and premium money.

Fitting of Animal: All junior exhibitors named as owner will accept and acknowledge responsibility for the custody, care and feeding of their animal(s). Junior exhibitors are expected to have prepared their own project animal for exhibition. While on the Colorado State Fairgrounds, it is expected that animals exhibited in any junior show must be handled, fitted, dressed, washed, groomed and shown for show competition by the junior exhibitor. If, for safety reasons, a junior exhibitor would need help, he/she shall contact the Colorado State Fair Species Superintendent to obtain permission for assistance. Assistance may only be provided by immediate family members (father, mother, stepfather, stepmother, sister, brother, grandparents or legal guardian of exhibitor – this does not include hired family employees). The Colorado State Fair Species Superintendent must observe the assistance provided and the junior exhibitor/owner must be present when family member(s) and superintendent(s) are aiding with the exhibitor's animal. Family members can also help with tasks such as verbal support, leading animals, feed and watering. Only the junior exhibitor with the animal is allowed in the show ring and photo area. **No family members are allowed in beef, goat, hog or lamb holding or staging pens.** Junior exhibitors are encouraged to provide support for young exhibitors. Anyone found in violation of this rule will be subject to immediate disqualification without recourse.

General Show Information: The Colorado State Fair Management is making it mandatory for all exhibitors to purchase their animal bedding through the Colorado State Fair Feed/Bedding Concessionaire. There will be no outside bedding allowed (exception for organic fed animals only) on the Colorado State Fairgrounds. If you choose to violate this rule and bring your own bedding, you will be asked to remove it from the grounds. This rule will be highly enforced by the Colorado State Fair Management team.

Ownership: Exhibitors in this department must have owned and personally cared for their livestock and not changed ownership or transferred from one program to another, on or before the following current year date: Open/Jr. breeding show animals (all species, June 1, of current year; market beef, April 1, of current year; and market lambs, hogs, and goats, June 1, of current year.

Social Security Number and W-P: All entries must have the exhibitors' Social Security Number on the summary packet and a completed W-9 form with the same SS#, before entries will be accepted. Anyone using any other person's Social Security Number will forfeit all premiums.

Premium checks: All 2006 premium checks must be cashed before Dec 31, 2006. No checks will be re-issued after that date. All entries must be final before Aug 14th. Substitutions are not allowed in any market show, unless that animal was previously nominated. Late entries in the open breeding / junior breeding shows will be at the discretion of the management and stalling availability.

Tack stalls: No tack stalls will be available until all the show animals for that particular show are in place. You must check with the superintendents before unloading trimming chutes and generators.

The Colorado State Fair Contestants Handbook/Premium book on will be on our Website: www.coloradostatefair.com by June 1st. All individual divisions will have their specific sections. All entry forms will be in a PDF form for easy downloads. We suggest all County 4-H offices and FFA Chapters to offer assistance to those in your county that do not have access to a computer. Colorado State Fair Premium Book information cards will be mailed out to all exhibitors that exhibited last year in the Livestock Dept. and the Small Animal Dept. by the first week of May. Questions concerning the Premium Book can be forwarded to: info@coloradostatefair.com. For more livestock information, contact: Jeanne Robison, at 719-404-2035 or 1-800-876-4567, extension 2035, or e-mail: jeanne.csf@coyotenet.net

2006 Entry Deadlines

Livestock – July 22nd
All Market Entries – August 5th
Wool and Dairy Cattle – August 12th
Rabbits and Poultry – August 5th
Pigeons and Doves – August 12th

Jr. Dairy Cattle Corrections - Dept. 400

There were a few errors in the printing of the 2006 Boulder County Fair Premium Book. Please note these changes regarding the Junior Dairy Cattle Show.

Check in time is - Monday, July 31, 2006 from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.

Intermediate Heifer Calves must be born After December 1, 2005 and before February 28, 2006.

If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office or Tonya Johnson, 303-651-9629.

Archery Rules Changes for 2006

There are several changes to the archery rules for the 2006 Colorado State 4-H Archery Contest and these will be enforced at the Boulder County 4-H Shoot-Off as well.

New rules on Compound and Recurve Traditional regarding arrow rests. Only stick on rests or shooting from the shelf is allowed. No adjustable rests will be allowed in these classes. So if you have an arrow rest that allows you to adjust the rest in any way (for example, a screw in rest that allows adjustment to align with the string) you are automatically in the limited category or above. The rationale is an adjustable arrow rest gives a competitive advantage so this change will make the class more equal.

All bow poundage will be checked at the end of the round. Bows over 60 pounds draw-weight will have the scores for the round disqualified.

All arrows must be in quivers at **all** times except when being shot. This includes parents and coaches with spare arrows. A warning will be given. After that the parent or coach may be asked to leave the spectators line and observe from the parking area. We want to demonstrate that we do what we tell the 4-H members to do.

Arm guards must be semi-rigid. This means that a sock over your arm does not count as an arm guard.

Quivers must be properly worn, not carried.

Bows that fail safety inspection will not be allowed on the range. You can read the full set of state rules at <http://www.4h.colostate.edu/ss/>.

Boulder County Shooting Sports Competitive Shoot

Attention all fellow shooting sports 4-H members. If you're a trap shooter come our way! Boulder County 4-H Sharp Shooters are hosting a competitive shoot, June 4th at the Berthoud Gun Club. The doors open at 8 a.m. for registration, squading and practice rounds. It will cost \$5.00 per round. Lunch will be served around noon, and costs \$2.50 per plate. Come join the fun and get in the competitive mode for the county shoot off.

Top shooters in both the senior and junior age divisions will receive awards. If you don't win an award based on your scores, you may win a prize anyway. We will load some tallow targets in with the orange colored ones, and if you hit a yellow target, you will win a prize. Prizes will range from a flashlight, to gun cleaning supplies to gun socks. Feel free to shoot any gauge you would like, but please no shot size larger than 7 ½ shot. We hope to see you there. Contact Mel Green at mgreen@centennialbanks.com, or call him at 303-818-8933 for details.

Annual Family Shooting Sports Campout

The 19th annual Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Family Camp Out is set for June 16-18, Victor, Colorado. This is a wonderful event for the whole family. Friendly competitions are held in a variety of disciplines and there is a great BBQ, as well. Families do not need to bring their own firearms. The deadline is June 3, 2006. For more information contact the Extension Office at 303-678-6238, or visit the web site: http://www.4h.colostate.edu/ss/family_campout.html.

Shooting Sports News

To determine who qualifies for the Colorado State Fair competition, Boulder County 4-H will be having shoot-offs at the following times and places. You may register until the start of the competition on the day of the shoot, but pre-registration is strongly encouraged. If you register on the day of the shoot you will most likely be placed on a later shooting relay. If you cannot attend at the scheduled times, refer to the rule on Hardship cases in the Boulder County 4-H Shooting Sports Addenda. Refer to the family mailing for a copy of the registration form.

Members may come to the shoot-offs and compete and not have to be on a state team. If you do qualify for a state team, and you do not want to go to state, you must tell the superintendent at the time of qualifying because registrations for state competition are filled out the same day as the shoot-off. *All members must practice with a certified 4-H shooting sports instructor, who is certified in that discipline in order to shoot at the Boulder County 4-H Shoot Off.* Your certified leader *must* have his/her certificate on file at the Extension Office. A parent must be in attendance with the 4-H member at each shoot-off. A Hunter's Safety card is required for the Boulder County 4-H Shoot-off and Colorado State Fair competition. You *must* bring your card with you to *each* shoot-off for inspection upon request.

All shoot-offs will be conducted using the State Fair Contest rules found at <http://www.4h.colostate.edu/ss/> and the Boulder County Addenda to the state rule book found at: <http://www.coopext.colostate.edu/boulder/4-Hsite/2006ADDENDABOCOSHOOTINGSPTS.206.pdf>.

Air Rifle and Air Pistol will be held at the Boulder County Fairgrounds in the Rabbit Barn (Barn A). Air Rifle and air Pistol competition will be on Friday, July 14, 2006, at 3:00 p.m. Day of the shoot registration starts at 2:00 p.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m. Your certified leader must sign your registration form, and then you mail it to: Tom Harris, 8575 WCR 21, Ft. Lupton, CO 80621. Each participant needs to bring his/her own box of pellets, rifle/pistol, safety glasses, and kneeling pad. Pre-registration deadline is Friday, July 7, 2006. Questions? Call Tom Harris at 303-857-6160.

Archery will be held at the Berthoud Gun Club. Archery competition will be on Saturday, July 15, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. Day of the shoot registration starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 9:00 a.m. Your certified leader must sign the registration



form, and then you mail it to: Jerry Boldt, 12900 Linda Vista Drive, Longmont, CO 80504. Each participant needs to bring his/her own bow, five or more arrows, arm protection, finger protection and a quiver. This year there will be five classifications for Archery: Compound Unlimited, Compound Limited, Compound Traditional, Recurve Limited, and Recurve Traditional. (See your coach for definitions of each class). Pre-registration deadline is Monday, July 10, 2006. If you have any questions, call Jerry Boldt at 303-772-4467.

Muzzle loading will be held at the Tom Adam Farm. Muzzle loading competition will be on Sunday, July 16, 2006, at 8:00 a.m. for juniors, and 9:00 a.m. for seniors. Your certified leader must sign the registration form, and then you mail it to: Bob Holliman, 2910 WCR 20 1/2, Longmont, CO 80504. Each participant needs to bring his/her own rifle with powder and balls, safety glasses, and ear protection. Pre-registration deadline is Monday, July 10, 2006. If you have any questions, call Bob Holliman at 303-776-7499.

Shotgun will be held at the Berthoud Gun Club. Shotgun competition will be on Saturday, July 15, 2006, at 4:00 p.m. Day of the shoot registration starts at 3:00 p.m., and ends at 4:00 p.m.. Your certified leader must sign your registration form, and then you mail it to: Mel Green, 427 Nebraska Ave., Berthoud, CO 80513. Each participant needs to bring his/her own shotgun, at least 75 rounds of shotgun shells (shot size of 7.5 or 8, or 9 bring extra shells for possible tie breaker shoot off), safety glasses and ear protection. Everyone should plan to shoot three rounds and your two best scores will be used, and the third round will be used as the first tiebreaker. Pre-registration deadline is Monday, July 10, 2006. If you have any questions, call Mel Green at 303-532-0956 or 720-494-2210. The cost will be \$3 per round.

.22 Rifle will be held at the Tom Adam Farm. .22 will be on Sunday, July 16, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. Day of the shoot registration starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 9:00 a.m. Your certified leader must sign your registration form, and then you mail it to: Paul Ross, 1536 Denison Circle, Longmont, CO 80503. Each participant needs to bring his/her own rifle, .22 shells (50 rounds), kneeling pad, safety glasses, and ear protection. Pre-registration deadline is Monday, July 10, 2006. Questions? Call Paul Ross at 303-809-0873.

Skeet and 5 stand (Advanced Shotgun) will be held July 22, 2006, Skeet at Golden Gun Club in Watkins, CO, and 5-stand at the Berthoud Gun Club. Day of the shoot registration starts at 8:00 a.m. and ends at 9:00 a.m. for skeet. Day of the shoot registration starts at 3:00 p.m. and ends at 4:00 p.m. for 5-stand. Your certified leader must sign your registration form, and then you mail it to: Mel Green, 427 Nebraska Ave., Berthoud, CO 80513. Each participant needs to bring his/her own shotgun, at least 75 rounds of shotgun shells (shot size of 7.5 or 8, or 9 bring extra shells for possible tie breaker shoot off), safety glasses and ear protection. You will shoot at least two rounds but may shoot three depending on the number of shooters and the weather conditions. This will be determined the day of the shoot before the competition begins. Pre-registration deadline is Monday, July 10, 2006. If you have any questions, call Mel Greene at 303-532-0956 or 720-494-2210. The cost will be \$3.50 per round.

4-H Dairy Bar Composting Details

A “Zero Waste Zone” is coming to the Boulder County Fair! The idea is to do away with trashcans. This year when visitors enter the fair, they will see three Zero Waste Zones dedicated to recycling and composting – with no trashcans! This will affect the 4-H Dairy Bar.

The Zero Waste Zones are areas where trashcans are replaced with recycling and composting bins - Zero Waste Stations. Look for the three Zero Waste Zones at the fair located at the Indoor Arena, Exhibit Hall and the Beer Garden. Boulder County has worked with the food vendors to find alternative food service products that previously created trash, including utensils, plates, bowls, cups, lids and even straws! These items are made from corn, wheat, sugarcane, or other natural starches as an alternative to the plastic or plastic-coated paper food service items. The 4-H Dairy Bar will be going “compostable” as much as possible.

After enjoying a meal or a snack, visitors sort out the recyclable items (water bottles and cans) as usual, but rather than putting what’s left in a bin marked “trash,” they’ll put it in a bin marked “compostables”. Don’t worry, Zero Waste Volunteers will be available to assist and teach people on how to sort their discards.

Last year Boulder County Resource Conservation brought recycling bins to the fair and you recycled over two tons of bottles, cans and paper. Now let’s see how we can keep more valuable resources out of the landfills by adding composting to the mix. For more information contact Boulder County Resource Conservation at 720-564-2223.



business with the purpose of communicating with others. Over 50% of blogs today are maintained by youth aged 13-19. The problem, these youth often use them as a personal diary, a place to vent and describe their fears, hopes, fantasies and frustrations. It’s all for public viewing, and unfortunately if done incorrectly it opens youth up to the dangers of Internet predation.

Teen blogs can take many forms, but some of the main sites today are, LiveJournal, Xanga, MSN Spaces and MySpace.com. Of these sites, MySpace.com seems to be a favorite among teens in Colorado. The problems with MySpace.com, is that there are relatively loose site controls. Members often lie about their ages indicating they are 16-19 when they are actually 13. The site promotes profiles in which youth are encouraged to share their interests and school affiliations. Additionally, anyone can log onto the site and create a fake ID to gain access. (This is an open door for Internet predators.)

So what can a parent do to minimize the risks of blogging? First, try to keep your computers in a central area of the home to allow for observation. Be nosy and watch for some tell tale signs. Does your child hide what they are doing when you enter the room? Do they exit or minimize computer screens when you approach? Is their evidence that computer logs have been erased? Secondly, look at limiting computer time. And finally, talk about it. Try to keep communication lines open and take time to discuss Internet safety.

As far as Internet safety, what can blog users do to minimize their exposure and danger? First, keep your identity private. Avoid providing information that will allow someone to locate you. This includes, your last name, your school, your interests (4-H for example!) and your hometown. Beware of the pictures you post. A picture in which you are easily identifiable, combined with a few pieces of information, can open the door for someone to find you.

Also, remember pictures and postings can often be downloaded off the Internet. They can haunt you for years to come. So be sure they are things you would want your parents, college counselor or future employer to see. Secondly, avoid meeting someone from a blog unless you are sure of his or her identity. If you feel you have to meet someone, do it in a public place, tell someone you’re going and take friends. (The school football team will do!) Finally, see if your blogging service has a friend’s list which will control who can gain access to your blog.

In the sitcoms of the 1960’s and 70’s there were never Internet predators. Today unlocking one’s diary can be done with a simple click of the mouse. But the key to locking the diary is knowledge. Yes, there are dangers, but, if done safely, blogging allows youth to have a sounding board for what is on their minds. Blogs allow for feedback and can actually improve language and communication skills. 4-H agents, leaders, members and parents please take a moment this week to talk about blogs, and the life skills needed to live in this internet age.

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The Dangers of Blogging

For sitcoms in the 1960’s and 70’s it was a common story line, someone finds a diary, quietly unlocks the latch and reads on. Now the entry, while embarrassing generally concerned crushes, boyfriends, etc. Needless to say the TV family after one-half of turmoil would find resolution and all would be forgiven. But, now it’s 2006, and the era of the diary with the lock and key has changed. For today’s youth, their diary is often the Dell computer and the Internet, and while 50 years ago there was the possibility of having a little brother read your innermost thoughts, today it opens to almost anyone who has a computer.

Over the past two years there has been an explosion in blogging. What is blogging? Blog is short for web log, and a web log is a site maintained by an individual, organization or