

June 2011

Clover Clippings

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DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR ENTRIES AND PREMIUM BOOK

Douglas County Fair Entry Forms are now available on our website: www.douglascountyextension.org
The Premium Book is also posted on the site and will soon be posted on the Douglas County Fair site as well:
<http://douglascountyfairandrodeo.com>

Read the Premium Book for Important Information about 4-H

Reminder of Deadlines:

Exhibit Day and County Shoot Entries:

Due to Leader: June 14 (Tuesday).

Due to Extension Office: June 16 (Thursday)

Animal and Livestock Record Books—Dog, Horse and all Livestock Entries:

Due to Leader: July 6 (Wednesday)

Due to Extension Office: July 8 (Friday)

Cloverbud Primary Fair Registration

Due June 14

Horse Level Testing

Passed/Turned-In by July 1

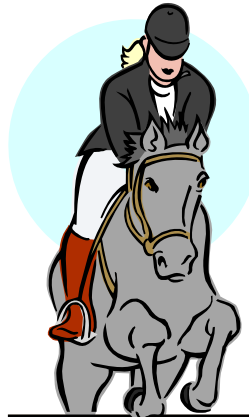
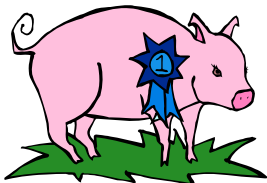
Fashion Review Entries

Due July 8

Secretary/Treasurer Books

Due Sept. 8

While we did our best to get all information into this newsletter, some information was not yet available. It is therefore extremely important that you read all 4-H email from this point forward. This is how you will get 4-H AND fair updates as they are available. Thursday Blast will include only those items with changes or updates since the last newsletter. Please make notes of the important deadlines and information in this newsletter.



DOUGLAS COUNTY FAIR AND RODEO

July 30–August 7

COLORADO STATE FAIR

August 26-September 5

**Colorado
State
University**

Extension



4-H Happenings at a Glance

Vanbibber Family Celebration Information

**Come Celebrate the lives of John, Caleb,
and Jessa Vanbibber**

June 10th,

D. C. Fairgrounds Event Center

5:00 p.m.

To honor their wishes this will be a life celebration of them as we have known them. Please bring your stories, antidotes, and pictures that you have and come help us celebrate. Family neighbors and friends have graciously offered to provide food and drinks.

Meetings You Don't Want to Miss....

June 6

Youth Council

6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month (barring holidays) – (Council Officers meet prior at 6:00 pm): *Extension Office, Downstairs Conf. Room.*

Leaders' Council

6:30 p.m. on the first Monday of each month (barring holidays): *Extension Office, Downstairs Conf. Room.*

June 20

Horse Steering Committee

6:00 p.m. on the 3rd Monday of each month (barring holiday): *Extension Office, Downstairs Conf. Room.*

PIES AND BISCUITS!

Baking Class: June 8 at 6:30 p.m.; Ag Barn at Lowell Ranch, 2330 South I-25 on the East Frontage Road.

RSVP: Sylvia Worcester—303-660-1594

Jackie Quinn—303-918-7975

FASHION REVUE:

This year's 4-H Fashion Revue on **July 25**, will be featuring some new and exciting changes! Judging will be in the early afternoon, with Styling Sessions following the Judging, and a Public Show and Awards at 7:00 p.m. The Judging and Public Show are required in order to receive awards. It is highly recommended that participants attend the Styling Sessions, which promise to be entertaining and educational. All events will be held in Kirk Hall.

Entries are due to the Extension Office by **July 8**. Entry forms can be found on-line and in the office. If you have any questions please contact superintendents Tanell and Natalie Roberts at tanell-roberts@hotmail.com or home phone 303 688-1427. Tanell and Natalie will be visiting as many clubs with members in the clothing, decorate your duds, heritage arts and leather craft projects as possible between now and then. All suggestions are welcomed!

Schedule for the Fashion Review is as follows:

2 p.m. Fashion Revue Judging

3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Styling Sessions including Make-up, Hair & Style and design

7 p.m. Public Show and Awards

The theme this year, consistent with the 2011 Douglas County Fair theme of "Put on Your Cowboy Boots and Find Your Country Roots," will be "Fashion and Ranches of the American West."



Rocket Fly Day

Monday, June 13, 2011

beginning at 5:00 p.m.

DC Fairgrounds Outdoor Arena



The rocketry contests is open to rocketry members only!

The straw rockets and bottle rockets contests are open to all current 4-H members (non-Cloverbuds).

OPPORTUNITIES

Save Money Shopping and Raise Funds for 4-H

Yes, this can be done with the My Shopping Genie computer program. The Colorado 4-H Foundation is partnering with My Net Universe to offer this opportunity for Colorado 4-H families and friends. To use the program go to www.co4hfoundation.colostate.edu/shopping.shtml, the Colorado 4-H Foundation web site, and follow the directions to install the program. After the program is installed, each time a search engine (Google, Yahoo, Bing, etc) is used, the 4-H Foundation Logo will appear in the lower left hand corner. Several store names and the words "compare", "map," and "deals" are also displayed. Each time a store name or the word "compare" is clicked, the best item prices are displayed and the 4-H Foundation receives a small donation. For more information, contact Gary Small at (970)491-1537 or gary.small@colostate.edu Thank you for supporting the Colorado 4-H program.

Tickets are available for the 2011 Colorado 4-H Foundation Truck Raffle

The Grand Prize is a 2011 XLT Ford F150 Crew Cab! Additional prizes added this year include cash and other smaller prizes. Ticket prices are the same as in the past: **\$5 each or 5 tickets for \$20.**

Youth Council will receive 40% of the sales. This year, prizes will be awarded to the individual member and 4-H Club that sell the most tickets! Packets for clubs and individual members will be available. Please call Sonia Eyre at 303-840-2102 with any questions.

STATE SHOOTING SPORTS RAFFLE

Colorado's 4-H Shooting Sports, Colorado's largest youth shooting program, is holding a statewide fundraising raffle to help offset the costs of equipment, ammunition, targets, instructor training, travel, and contest expenses. All Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports participants will benefit from the proceeds of this raffle! Tickets will be sold by 4-H members until September 5th, 2011. The drawing will be at the conclusion of the State Shotgun Contest at the Pikes Peak Gun Club. **Raffle Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5/\$20.00.**

AVAILABLE PRIZES:

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| • CZ Redhead 12 ga 28" O/U Shotgun | Donated by CZ America |
| • CZ American Bolt Action 22 LR Rifle | Donated by CZ America |
| • Burris Fullfield II 3x-9x-40mm Bal-Plex Rifle Scope | Donated by Burris |
| • Burris Landmark 15x-45x Variable Spotting Scope | Donated by Burris |
| • Steiner Predator Pro Binocular 8x-22mm | Donated by Steiner |
| • Lodge Cast Iron 8 Qt Deep Camp Dutch Oven | Donated by Lodge Cast Iron |
| • 5 - (10 box) cases of 12 ga. Shotgun Shells | Donated by Rocky Mountain Shooters Supply |
| • 5 - cases of .22. Long Rifle Shells | Donated by Rocky Mountain Shooters Supply |

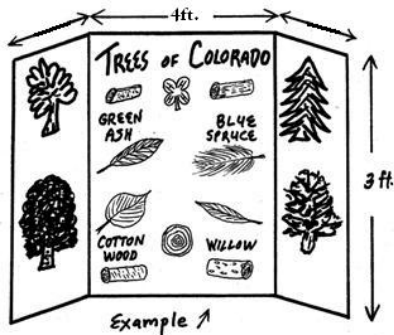
While this Raffle is being conducted for us under the auspices of the State 4-H Foundation, the funds from this project all go to the 4-H Shooting Sports program with 50% going to the clubs/counties who generate the funds.

Contact Jim Hamilton for raffle tickets and flyers and any questions.
jim.hamilton@colostate.edu or call 719-846-7403.

Club News and General Information

e-Record, Secretary and Treas. Books

e-Records are posted on our website: www.douglascountyextension.org. Click on "4-H Youth," and then "Record Books." Secretary and treasurer books are also available online and are due **Sept. 8th**. Remember, if you try to fill them out online, they will not save! If you want to fill them in electronically, you must download and save the forms to your computer first. Awards will be given to the top secretary and treasurer e-Record books, as well as champion and reserve champion livestock, horse, dog e-Record books at the 4-H Achievement night in Oct.



4-H Project Show Boards for Sale:

All projects requiring a display board must be done on a tri-fold show board. The 4-H Leader's Council has them available for only \$3.50/board.

Dimensions need to be 4 feet wide by 3 feet tall.

Reminder: e-Record Book Covers for Sale

The 4-H Leaders Council has them available for only \$3.75/cover.

A note about show boards!

We have noticed that some tri-fold show boards available at area stores are **SMALLER** than the dimensions required by the state: 4ft X 3ft.

BEWARE! A board not meeting size requirements could be disqualified.

NOTES for Leaders:

*If you have not already done so, please bring or send a copy of your club charter to the office so we may complete our office records.

Thank you for your help on this!

The updated version of our "Welcome To Douglas County 4-H" booklet, for those who are new to the program, is now available! Leaders, if you need copies for any of your club members, please let us know. We will compile the booklets for you and put them in your club folders here at the office.

Looking for a Community Service Project?

The Fairgrounds needs help. If clubs would like to come and work at the Fairgrounds for their community service project, please contact Jonna or Carolyn at 720-733-6900.

Personal information change? Not receiving important email announcements?

If you have changed your phone number, mailing address, or e-mail address, please notify the 4-H office immediately so that we can make the change in the computer and keep our records as current as possible.

The 4-H Foundation has purchased Allstate Motor Club service for both of the Foundation vans. If you are using one of the vans and have any problems, you can call for assistance. Here are some of the services:

Towing - up to \$150.00; Lock out Service - up to \$150.00; Vehicle Theft/Hit&Run - up to \$10,000;

Legal Defense benefit - up to \$1,000

If you need to use the service, there is a card in each vehicle with a phone number to call and the policy number.

Club News and General Information

REQUIRED:

All 4-H members must turn in a completed e-Record and score a minimum of 50% of the total points possible on their e-Record book by the published deadline in order to complete their project(s). Any 4-H'er not in compliance with these rules will not be allowed to compete in the Douglas County Fair and are, therefore, not a member in good standing in that particular project. Members not in good standing cannot participate in the 4-H classes for that project at the State Fair.

e-Record Book Reminder

When you turn in your e-Record books, you need to put a cover on them: however, due to limited space, we DO NOT want 3-ring binders, clear plastic folders or covers that do not hold the book in place. If we receive your book in one of these covers, we will remove the cover and staple it together. Any cover you use must have tabs inside that hold the book through holes. The only exceptions are for projects that require a 3-ring binder. The extension office has the perfect 4-H e-Record book covers and binders for sale.

Materials are available at the 4-H Office

If you are looking for more information about a certain project in Livestock, Horse, Home Economics/General, the 4-H office can help. We have large collections of videos, books, handouts, kits, cake pans, and other helpful materials. You are welcome to come into the office to browse. We ask that a cash or check deposit be made on materials that are checked out. Some materials are not available for checkout. Call the Extension Office at 720-733-6940 with questions.

Project Completion Requirements:

To complete a project, a 4-H member must:

- 1) Attend 2/3 of their club meetings and participate in their club community service activities.
- 2) Give a speech or demonstration on at least one of their projects at the club level.
- 3) Completely fill out his/her e-Record book. General and Home Ec. Project e-Record books are due on Exhibit Day (July 30, 2011) along with the project. Horse, Livestock, and Dog e-Records are due before County Fair: to leaders by July 6th and to the office by July 8th.
- 4) Display their project(s) at the County Fair on Exhibit Day, or their respective shows for his/her project.

Primary Fair—for Cloverbuds Only!

All Cloverbuds are invited to Primary Fair starting at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 30. There will be fun crafts, games, and yummy treats.

Cloverbud Interview: Cloverbuds will have the opportunity to exhibit one project they made this year by going through an interview—just like older members! There is an area on the registration form to check if you would like to schedule an interview. Interviews will be in the afternoon so that all Cloverbuds can participate in the Primary Fair that morning.

You must let us know if you plan to participate by returning the Registration Form, available in the office, by Friday, July 8.





SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS

2011 Shooting Sports Family Campout

June 17-19, 2011

Grainger Ranch in Victor, CO

Want an opportunity to meet other families while having a good time? The fun begins on Saturday when youth/parent/leader teams are randomly selected. Shooting events will be educational and FUN-oriented!

More information on the state website at www.co4hshooting.org/family_campout.html

You may also contact Rick Romanin if you have questions: rlromanin@netzero.net or (303) 761-5651.



2011 State Shoot

Dates and Locations

August 20—22 Rifle Contest - Pueblo West Sportsman's Club

August 21—Muzzleloading Contest -- Pueblo West Sportsman's Club

August 21—Archery Contest - Lake Pueblo State Park

Aug 20 and 21—Air Rifle/Air Pistol Contest - State Fair Event Center

Sept 3—Jr. Skeet/Sr. 5-Stand Contest - Pikes Peak Gun Club, Colorado Springs, CO

Sept 4—Sr. Skeet/Jr. 5-Stand Contest - Pikes Peak Gun Club, Colorado Springs, CO

September 5—Shotgun Trap Contest - Pikes Peak Gun Club, Colorado Springs, CO

Shooting Sports Requirements

All 4-H members enrolled in Shooting Sports must have a valid hunter safety card in order to participate and shoot in 4-H. You will NOT be allowed to exhibit your display board if these documents are not submitted. If we have a copy of your hunter safety card from previous years, you do not need to send us another copy. However, there must be a signed and notarized copy of the Shooting Sports Release form on file at the Extension Office each year. There are NO EXCEPTIONS!

County Shoot Information:

July 16th - Saturday

8:00 a.m. Registration Shooting Sports

County Shoot (All disciplines except Shotgun)

(Highlands Ranch Law Enforcement Range, Sedalia)

Muzzleloading competitors must shoot this discipline first at 9:00 a.m. as the range will be taken down for other event use. Please plan ahead!

July 17th - Sunday

8:00 a.m. Registration Shotgun

(Skeet, 5-Stand & Trap)

(Pikes Peak Gun Club, Colorado Springs)

Volunteers are needed to help run the ranges.

Please contact Shawn Meyers to sign up.

shawn.meyers@mesanetworks.net or 303-660-2304

Oakland OK's First Annual Shotgun Invitational

VANBIBBER FAMILY BENEFIT FUN SHOOT

(at Sterling Ranch)

When: June 11th, 2011

Registration: Pre-Register with the Oakland OK's, by June 1, 2011 or come day of shoot.

Open to the Public — All Disciplines

Pre-Register at:

303-663-0818

coloradosunnydays@gmail.com



Reminders for All Shooting Sports Members

County Shoot is an optional event; however, if you wish to qualify to shoot at the State Contest, then you must participate in the County Shoot. You are required to attend a minimum of three club-organized practices for each discipline you are shooting before you can participate in the County Shoot.

NOTE: Shooting sports leaders have the discretion to bar any member from competing at the County Shoot that they feel does not demonstrate proper safety protocol. That is why a shooting sports leader signature is required on the County Shoot entry form. The 4-H Office will not accept entries with out a shooting sports leader's signature.



For Exhibit Day:

Even though you may participate in several shooting disciplines, **you may select only ONE to do for your exhibit.** Your exhibit will consist of your e-Record book and a display board or a stand alone item which demonstrates something you've learned this past year.

Your **e-Record book** should contain the **e-Record and any Shooting Sports Supplements.**

The Shooting Sports Supplements consist of:

1. Shooting Sports Inventory (this is for ALL disciplines)
2. Shooting Sports Record Sheet for each of the discipline(s) you are taking.

For example, if you're taking shotgun and archery, fill out an Archery Shoot Record AND a Shotgun Shoot Record, but only ONE Shooting Sports Inventory that contains both your shotgun and archery inventory items. If you are using a **display board**, it must be the required **4 ft x 3 ft dimension.** Display boards that do not meet these requirements will be given a white ribbon and disqualified. You will then be incomplete in your project and ineligible to compete at the State Shooting Contest should you have qualified at the County Shoot. Please read the "Display Board Requirements" in the highlighted box on page 28 of the Fair Premium book. If your exhibit is about a **general or broad subject**, i.e. hunter safety, history of firearms, different types of ammunition, etc., enter it in the **Miscellaneous category.** Once your Exhibit Day entry is turned into the 4-H Office you **CANNOT change** what discipline you are doing for your exhibit. ----> *For example,* you shoot both shotgun and .22. On your Exhibit Day entry form you said your exhibit would be on shotgun, but you change your mind and do it on "Parts of a .22 Rifle" - you will be disqualified since you were scheduled with the judge to do shotguns. You will then be incomplete in your project and ineligible to compete at the State Shooting Contest should you have qualified at the County Shoot.

Exhibit Day is mandatory for all members to complete their project. You do not have to interview with the judge (although we strongly encourage you to do so), but you must turn in an exhibit and your record book to be judged. If you are not interviewing, then your project is due at Kirk Hall by 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 30, 2011. If you do not participate in Exhibit Day, you will be incomplete in your project and ineligible to compete at the State Shooting Contest should you have qualified at the County Shoot.

Department, class and lot numbers on the County Shoot entry form and the Exhibit Day entry form ARE NOT THE SAME. In order to fill out Exhibit Day entry forms, refer to page 37 of the Fair Premium book found online at www.douglascountyfairandrodeo.com . Scroll down to page 37 to the Shooting Sports section for the correct information.

****Please Note: Any shooting sports display receiving a white ribbon automatically disqualifies that member from competing at the state shoot.****



Upcoming Events

2011 Douglas County Junior Livestock Show

June 4, 2011

Douglas County Fairgrounds

Castle Rock, CO

Beef Shows (In the Pavilion)

CCCA Sanctioned Show

7:30- 8:30 a.m.

Beef Weigh In & Registration

Breeding Beef Reg. Closes at 10 a.m.

10:00 a.m. Market Beef Show

Beef showmanship to follow show

Goat & Lamb Shows

(Multi Purpose Barn)

8:45-10:30 a.m. Mkt. Goat & Sheep-

Weigh In and Registration

11:00 a.m. Market Goat Show

Goat showmanship to follow Futurity Class

1:00 p.m. Market Lamb Show

(Or immediately following Market Goat)

Lamb showmanship to follow Futurity Class

Camping at the D.C. Fair?

Forms for camping at the Fairgrounds during the D.C. Fair will be available in the next couple of weeks on the website and by email. Forms will not be accepted until July 8, 2011. If forms are sent in before the 8th, they will go to the bottom of the pile and may not be considered. Camp registrations forms will be accepted on a first come basis (received at office) until they are all assigned. Campers may not come onto the Fairgrounds before 3:00 p.m. on July 29, and must be in place by 8 p.m. on Monday, August 1, 2011.

Douglas County 4-H Foundation Green Swing Golf Tournament

When: July 11, 2011

Where: Spring Valley Golf Club

Elizabeth, CO

Benefits 4-H Participant Scholarships

Registration Information must be received by July 1st.

Make checks payable to "The Douglas County 4-H Foundation" and mail to 410 Fairgrounds Road, Castle Rock, CO 80104. Questions? Maryjo @720-733-6930 or Erin @303-805-3801.

You Must Have a County Fair ID

If you are new to D.C. 4-H or if you have lost your County Fair ID, you **MUST** get a new ID at the Douglas County Justice Center in Castle Rock. To get into the County Fair free of charge or to stay on the fairgrounds after hours during the County Fair, you must have a 4-H ID on you at all times. **REMEMBER:** please print out the required security form and bring with you to one of the times below. It's located on our website under the "DC Fair" tab. Also, this year's expired card is the horse background. You must get a new ID if you have a HORSE background.

The following dates and times are available for getting your ID at the Justice Center (all Saturdays):

June 11 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

July 9th 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

* Remember to check the bulletin board at the office for updated flyers and information.



LIVESTOCK NEWS

Breeding Record Books

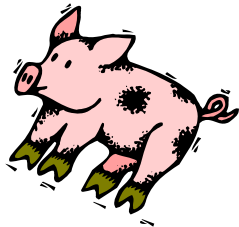
Members carrying breeding projects from the previous year need to be tracking them all year. Therefore, you should start your e-Records the day after you showed at County Fair last year. If you are carrying both market and breeding of the same species, you should include both projects in one record book.

Livestock Record Book Information—Please use the following numbers to complete the page in your record book entitled "Comparison of Market vs. Fair Prices:"

Actual Price Per Head

(based on 2010 DC Sale):

- *Beef—\$1770
- *Goat—\$725
- *Sheep—\$900
- *Swine—\$860
- *Turkey—\$870
- *Meat Pen of 3 Chickens—\$825
- *Meat Pen of 3 Rabbits—\$860



Floor or Market Price (based on auction prices):

- *Market price for sheep: \$ 1.85 /lb
 - *Market price for swine: \$ 0.68 /lb
 - *Market price for beef: \$ 1.04 /lb
 - *Market price for goat: \$ 1.30 /lb
 - *Market price for rabbit: \$ 0.90 /lb
 - *Market price for poultry: \$ 1.33 /lb
- (Meat Pen of 3 Chickens and Turkeys)



Goat Work Outs

Douglas County Fairgrounds Pavilion - every Wednesday from June 1st-July 27th; 6 p.m.-9 p.m. Contact Sara Warren if you have any questions: 720-277-2639 or

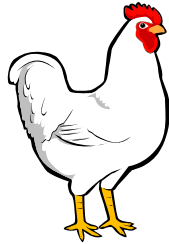
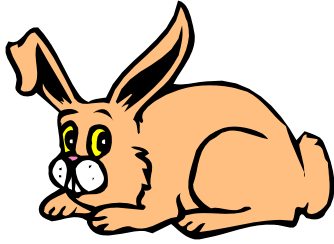
sarawarren2010@hotmail.com

2011 County Fair Weights

- SHEEP: Minimum weight = 95 lbs.
No maximum weight
- GOAT: Minimum weight = 60 lbs.
Maximum weight = 150 lbs.
- HOGS: Minimum weight = 225 lbs.
Maximum weight = 285 lbs.
- STEERS: Minimum weight = 1,000 lbs.
No maximum weight

CALF Scales at Lowell Ranch

These scales will once again be available for your use. Please remember to zero the scale before use to ensure a proper measurement. You may also want to bring weights with you to double check the scale. As always, please be respectful and leave things nicer than how you found them. So, please remove all manure and put things back the way they should be before pulling out. If you need directions to the CALF ranch, please contact the Extension Office at 720-733-6940.



Rabbit and Poultry ID Day:

Sunday, July 10th; 2-5 p.m.

Fairgrounds Multipurpose Barn

Rabbit ID Day Details:

The ID Day session will be held in the Rabbit Barn/ Multi Purpose Barn, located on the fairgrounds and every rabbit 4-H member must attend this session. There will only be one session this year and any rabbit not checked in on ID Day will not be allowed to be shown at the county fair. Each 4-H member is limited to 12 rabbits total and 2 rabbits per class. A meat pen entry is also counted as 1 entry. Please plan on bringing all of the rabbits that you would want to show and any rabbits that could be used as substitutions in case one of your rabbits becomes ill or for any reason cannot be shown. Remember that substitutions have to be the same sex, variety, breed, and class as the rabbit that they are replacing.

If your rabbit needs a tattoo, it can be done at the check-in, free of charge. Please bring pedigrees for your meat pen bunnies as we will be checking for ownership on these rabbits. You may not share rabbits or meat pen bunnies with other 4-H members, even if they are members of your family. Each 4-H member must own their own rabbits. If someone else is bringing your rabbits to ID Day, please call Karen Serafini (303-841-5448 or 303-840-7138) in advance to arrange for this change.



DOG

Douglas County 4-H Dog Show:

Saturday, July 23 at the Multipurpose Barn

9 a.m.

This show is open to any county 4-H Dog Project member. Contact Mary Parenti for more information and details: excalibur981@msn.com or 303-210-6890

Pueblo County 4-H Dog Show

June 18, 2011

AG Palace, Colorado State Fairgrounds

Registration: 8:30 a.m. Show: 9:30 a.m.

Registration Fee: \$5.00 per youth

For more Information: Pueblo County, 719-583-6576 or kuhns@co.pueblo.co.us

Canine Classic & Adams Family 4-H Fun Dog Match

June 26, 2011

Adams County Fair Grounds, Brighton

Registration: 7:30 a.m.

(Pre-registration is recommended for a quick and easy check-in.)

Show: 9:00 a.m.

Entry Fee: \$10, includes Rally

More Information: Lori Torgerson, Canine Classic 4-H Dog Club, 303-868-8378

Elbert County Dog Fun Match

To be held at the Ag Building on the Fairgrounds in Kiowa on **July 9**. For more information, contact Sheila Kelley, Elbert County Extension Agent, at 303-621-3162.



Horse News



Buckle Series Horse Show Stall Use

Douglas County Fairgrounds requests that if you plan on attending the horse show at the fairgrounds and using a stall, please follow these guidelines:

#1- Bring at least one bag of shavings and cover the stall floor for bedding.

#2- After the show is over, please empty the shavings out of the stall to the middle of the aisle. Fairgrounds staff will clean this up after the end.

#3- If the stalls are not cleaned, you will be charged a \$10 stall fee and we will lose our privileges to use the stalls during horse shows. Please help to spread the word and keep this a great event for all.

Reminder!

Plan Ahead - Schedule these Dates Now

Horse Camp has been canceled, please see the 4-H website for up to date information on horse events.

June 11 Buckle Series Horse Show -
Outdoor Arena

June 26 Buckle Series Horse Show -
Indoor Arena

July 20 County Fair Horse Written Test
and BBQ at Kirk Hall ; members
MUST take this test for high
point awards

Horse Level Testing

All Level 1 written and riding tests are given by 4-H leaders. All Level 2, 3 and 4 written tests are given in the Extension Office. Level raters may be available at the open riding on Wednesday nights. A state approved levels judge must administer Level 2, 3 and 4 riding tests. You must call to make an appointment to take either test. If you won Reserve or Grand Champion in your division, you must attempt the levels test. The Horse Steering Committee will pay for your first try at a Level 3 or 4 test.

A new date will be announced for a level testing day. Watch for emails.

All level testing must be passed and turned into the extension office by July 1st.

NO EXCEPTIONS.

Horse e-Records

Horses are a year round project, so project members should be tracking them all year. Your e-Records for the 2011 County Fair should start the day after you turned in your books for the 2010 County Fair, which is likely to be somewhere between **July 15th and 20th** of last year. So, last year's County Fair results should be in this year's book.

New members to the project can start your e-Records either the day you got your new horse(s) or the day you entered your 4-H club with a previously owned horse. e-Records can be found on our website.

State 4-H Horse Web Page

Bookmark the following website and check it often for information about projects, shows and contests, advancement levels, judging, and Horse Bowl:

<http://equineextension.colostate.edu/>

All horse members and leaders: The new 2011 4-H horse rules are now posted to the 4-H website. Please visit: www.coopext.colostate.edu/douglas/4h/4h_docs/Horse%20steering%20comm/2011%20Horse%20Rules-%20final.pdf

All members must read and sign the rules.



4-H Staff



The 4-H Staff is available to help you in many ways and with a broad variety of projects. The Douglas County 4-H staff includes 4-H agents, support staff, and temporary summer staff.

You can reach any staff member by calling them at the Extension office. The phone number is 720-733-6940, or visit the CSU Extension Office located at 410 Fairgrounds Road, Castle Rock, 80104. If you need to visit with an agent in person, it is a good idea to make an appointment.



Douglas County 4-H Extension Staff from left to right: 4-H Secretary Vickie Baroch, 4-H Agent Brenda Kwang, and 4-H Agent Mary Baldwin.

4-H Office Welcomes Summer Staff

Summer Secretary: Katie Eilers, CU Grad. Student

Summer Intern: Natalie Roberts, CSU Student

The 4-H Office would like to thank you for your patience and understanding as we work through figuring out what all needs to be done for our program. Staff members are on a steep learning curve and something changes every day. Most of the time we don't always have a history of what has been done in the past, and we are doing our best to make this a great program. We ask that if you have questions or concerns, to please bring them to one of the 4-H agents (Brenda or Mary). If these concerns are about one of the agents, please talk to us or our immediate supervisor (Joe Julian). For every announcement, form, deadline, rule or program you see as a 4-Her, there are numerous hours of work and research that has gone into making it happen for the program. As we move into the busy time of summer, please be patient, kind, and understanding that we may not always know what needs to be done. Together, we can make this a great program for the kids, volunteers and families.

Summary of Important Dates:

Goat Work-Out Days:	Weds. June 1—July 27
Jr. Livestock Show:	June 4
Leader/Youth Council:	June 6
Baking Class:	June 8
VanBibber Benefit Shoot:	June 11
Buckle Series Indoor:	June 11
ID tags avail. at Justice Center:	June 11/July 9
Rocket Fly Day:	June 13
Primary Fair Entries Due:	June 14
Exhibit Day Entries Due:	June 14
County Shoot Entries Due:	June 14
Shooting Sports Family Campout:	June 17—19
Horse Steering Committee:	June 20
Canine Classic:	June 26
Buckle Series Outdoor:	June 26
Animal Record Books Due:	July 6
Elbert County 4-H Dog Fun Match:	July 9
Rabbit and Poultry ID Day:	July 10
Green Swing Golf Tournament:	July 11
County Shoot:	July 16/17
Horse Written Test & BBQ:	July 20
D.C. 4-H Dog Show:	July 23
Fashion Revue:	July 25
Exhibit Day:	July 30
Primary Fair:	July 30
State Shoot:	see page 6



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