

One journey ends and another begins

Dear 4-H Families and Friends,

Twenty-six years ago I started working for the Colorado State University Extension Office in Douglas County and my oldest daughter started 4-H. After a couple of years, my husband and I were asked to become the organizational leaders of the Castle Rock Aggies large livestock club where we served as beef project leaders and I was the organizational leader for over six years.

Over their ten year membership in 4-H, my two daughters did very well with their livestock projects and were very active in the 4-H program taking advantage of all the programs offered, from Youth Fest to Citizenship Washington Focus, Dan Forth "I Dare You" camp in Michigan, and the 4-H Exchange. They both received scholarships toward their college education through 4-H as well. My husband was asked to become a member of the D.C. Fair Board where he served as the Beef Superintendent and Treasurer and retired after twelve years serving on the board and he still serves on one 4-H board today. My oldest daughter is now married and lives on a cattle ranch in Northern Wyoming with her husband and family and is a 4-H Mom, organizational leader of a 4-H club, and a former Fair Board member herself. So you can see that 4-H was not only a job for me, but has been a huge part of my life as well as my family's lives.



As many of you know, it has been a very hard decision for me as to when would be a good time for me to retire. Someone very recently said to me "Do what you have to do!" That statement was like an epiphany to me. I have truly enjoyed working with the youth, volunteers, and parents in the 4-H program here in Douglas County and I believe very strongly that 4-H teaches life skills and does and has shaped the lives of many youth!

After twenty-six years of working at the CSU Extension Office, I have decided to retire. My last day here will be May 20, 2010. Now, I will continue to enjoy 4-H vicariously through my grand children as I will be traveling to Wyoming to watch them show their 4-H livestock projects.

I look forward to seeing you all around the county and community.

Always,

Kathie Jackson
4-H Secretary

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Kathe over the years.....



Kathe - We have been best friends for 25+ years, probably due to the fact that you are as anal as I am and a wonderful spaghetti cook!
~Your Best Friend Karen



Share your Kathe stories and memories at her retirement party May 19 from 4-6 p.m. Ext. office.



It is with fear and trepidation that we contemplate the first county fair in decades without the presence of Kathe Jackson. She can not only tell us what we did last year, but how we did it 5 years ago or 15 years ago! Kathe is always the solution to our fair problems.
~David and Marsha Amick, friends 20+ years



Kathe and I have worked together for 14 years. We've weathered many storms, lived through lots of changes, and have managed the office alone on several occasions. It's not going to be the same without her!
~Maryjo Woodrick



Well, I have known Kathe Jackson since 1987 so 23 years total! She was my Secretary when I started as a Horticulture Agent. Quite frankly, when I started, I had no idea what I was suppose to do! Kathe kindly came over and told me that I needed to write articles and submit them to the newspapers, get ready for Master Gardener training, etc., etc. Kathe has always been helpful and kind to me, considerate and caring. I will miss her a lot!
~Joe Julian

Meetings and Events

4-H meetings at a glance

Youth and Leader Councils

Monday, May 3 at 6:30 p.m.
Extension office, downstairs
Discussion of leader appreciation ideas, spring events schedule, and community service projects.

Horse Steering Committee

Monday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m.
Extension office, downstairs
Discussion will include upcoming shows, clinics, and level testing.

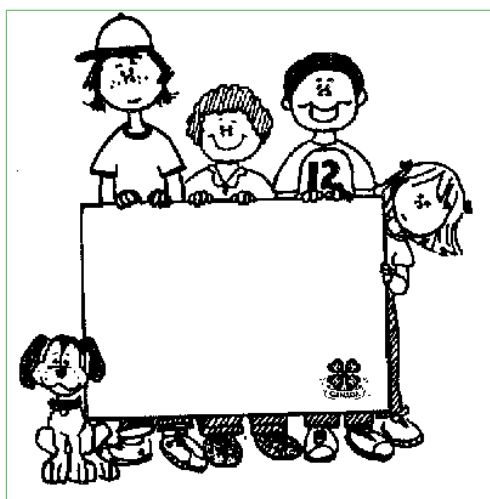
FCS/General Committee

TBA

Livestock Adv. Committee

TBA

Upcoming events



Rocket Fly Day

Monday, June 14 at 5:00 p.m.
DC Fairgrounds Outdoor Arena
Registration due May 21 to the Extension office

This contest is open to rocketry members only. Cloverbuds are not allowed to participate. Registration forms will be posted online the first week of May. Hard copies will be available at the office.

Fashion Revue

Monday, July 26 at 4 p.m. DC Events Center
Registration due July 16 to the Extension office

This contest is open to any sewing, heritage arts, or DYD member who has made a wearable garment, as well as Cloverbuds. Registration forms available online first week of June and at the office. Also, Mary is seeking theme suggestions for the revue! Call/email her with your fab ideas.

Lightning contest continues..

In 2009, a Douglas County 4-H member's photo was chosen for display in the traveling exhibit!

Wanted: High resolution photographs of lightning taken by Colorado 4-H members in 2010

Reward: \$100 to each 4-H member who meets the following requirements.

1. Read lightning photography guide
2. Be an inter. or senior age level 4-H member.
3. Enter photo into DC Fair.
4. Be selected at 2010 Colo. State Fair to display photo in traveling exhibit (20 total selected)

Guide on state site at www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/erecords/activities/lightning/LightningPhotoGuide.pdf **You must **COPY AND PASTE this entire web address into the web browser rather than clicking on it here.



2010 Ford Truck Raffle

Hey, remember last year? A Douglas County resident won the truck raffle! The state is doing it again, so watch your newsletter and emails for details on how 4-H will be handling it this year.

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More fun stuff to do

2010 State 4-H Conference

June 22-25, 2010

Registrations due May 18 to the Extension office
Forms posted under Coming Events tab on website

The Colorado State 4-H Conference provides a unique opportunity for youth 14 and older and adults to update knowledge and skills and experience personal growth through workshops, contests, meetings, and social opportunities.

Participants in Consumer Choices, Livestock and Horse Judging, Hippology and Horse Bowl Teams, Senators, and Washington Focus winners will attend from Douglas County. There are slots open for delegates to attend also. The cost is \$200 per delegate, which includes lodging and selected meal events only. See forms for other details.

The policy for attending 4-H camps also applies to State 4-H Conference. You must pay in full, but will have up to one-third reimbursed by Council after fulfilling the requirements. (Refer to article on page 6 entitled "4-H Council Camps Policy" for further details).



Camp Rocky: Outdoor Environmental Adventures for Youth

July 4-10, 2010 near Divide, CO

Camp Rocky is a week long, residential camp for 14 through 19 year olds who enjoy the outdoors and are interested in natural resources. Camp Rocky professional staff help participants learn about their environment through hands-on experience.

Cost is \$300/person. Non-refundable \$75 deposit required by July 1 directly to the Colorado Association of Conservation Districts. Every camper must have a physical prior to going to camp. Submit your registration ASAP so that CACD can send you the appropriate health forms. Registration and information available at this web address: www.camprocky.colostate.edu/

CSU Camp Round-Up Agriculture Program for Youth

2010 dates pending - 5 days, 4 nights

Camp Round-UP is an opportunity for youth ages 13-18 from all backgrounds to join in a fun and enriching learning environment immersed in agriculture. Youth are invited to learn about Food-Animal Agriculture, Equine Sciences, Plant Science, Environmental Science and/or Agricultural Business through participating in hands-on, science and math based activities, tours of state-of-the-art facilities, and presentations by Colorado State University's distinguished faculty and graduate students. Lessons incorporate science, math and agricultural issues, while developing teamwork and friendship with fellow campers by encouraging a common interest in the Agricultural Industry.

Contact Nancy Irlbeck at 970-491-6274 for more information.

Wild Bug Fish Camp

June 14 - 17, 2010 in Granby, CO

There will be several educational programs on wildlife, wildlife habitat, fishing, tackle crafting, fish environment, and entomology. This camp will provide plenty of fishing, fly tying, wildlife viewing, insect catching, and a ton of fun. The cost is \$75 for 4-H members and \$60 for parents/leaders. For more information contact Mick Livingston at 719-346-5571 or email mick.livingston@colostate.edu. Web site for info, forms, and maps: www.4hfishing.org/2010_wbf_camp.html

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General Information

Project Stuff

E-Record books * Secretary Books * Treasurer Books

To get E-Record books, go to www.douglascountyextension.org, click on the 4-H/Youth link, and then the E-Records button on the left side of the page. The secretary and treasurer books button is right below that.

- All general and consumer family science record books are the same as in past years.
- **New for 2010:** horse, livestock, rabbit, and poultry E-Records have been revised for use by Douglas County 4-H members only.
- **This is important: DO NOT USE HORSE AND LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOKS FROM THE STATE WEB SITE.**
- **Rabbit record books:** E-Records are on the web site under the livestock tab. Remember to save to your own computer first, and then add your information.
- **Remember:** E-Records must first be downloaded to your computer before you type into them. If you type into them directly from the web site, your information WILL NOT be saved.



A note about showboards!

We have noticed tri-fold showboards 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.

4-H project showboards on sale...

All projects requiring a display board must be done on a tri-fold showboard 4 feet wide by 3 feet tall. The 4-H Leader's Council has them available for only \$3.50 per board at the Extension office.

Grievance Procedure

As we head into a busy season of contests, camps, and fair, many decisions must be made. At times, there may be disagreement about these decisions. If you would like to discuss an issue, please follow proper procedures listed below.

Procedure to register a grievance:

1. Discuss your disagreement directly with the person who made the decision.
2. If a satisfactory resolution is not reached, contact the Douglas County CSU Extension director.
3. If the grievance is not resolved, contact the CSU State Office. Any decision rendered by the state office is final.
4. Any written complaint or grievance that does not contain contact information and is not signed by the complainant will not be addressed.

Cloverbud Policies

Cloverbud Members are 4-H'ers ages 5-7 years old. The following restrictions apply to the Cloverbuds or Primary Members:

1. A Cloverbud may not enroll in another 4-H program. Membership is valid in one county only.
2. Cloverbuds do not compete with other Cloverbuds at 4-H events. Evaluation of achievement is based solely on individual merit. No placings are given for fair exhibits, Creative Cooks Contest, Demonstration Day, Talent Contest, and County Fair Primary Fair Day. Cloverbuds receive participation ribbons and recognition, but not premiums, trophies, or placing ribbons.
3. County Fair participation is encouraged, but limited to exhibition on County Fair Primary Fair Day.
4. May not be involved in animal or shooting sports activities.

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General Information continued

4-H Council Camps Policy

All delegates attending 4-H camps (i.e. CLC, Youth Fest, Conservation Camp, June Conference, etc.) **must pay in full**, but will have up to 1/3 reimbursed by Council by fulfilling the following requirements:

- Work at Council activities, fund-raisers, and projects at a rate of \$5 credit for every hour worked. Possible events: Achievement Night, Council sponsored dances, livestock shows, Community Pride Project, concession stands, etc.
- Attend Council meetings for 1 hour credit per meeting.
- It is the delegate's responsibility to contact the Extension office or the Council member in charge of the event that you want to work.
- It is the delegate's responsibility to sign in and out when working so hours can be credited.
- Hours do not have to be completed before the date of the conference or camp attended. Reimbursement will be credited until September 30.

Douglas County /CSU Invitational Meat Judging

Contest Results * April 3, 2010 at CSU

RETAIL ID

Seniors

3rd Jake Hutton
4th Danielle Ufer
6th McKayla Clayton
9th Juli Collins
10th Jackie Collins
Team - 2nd DC Red;
3rd DC White

Intermediate

6th Taylor Buckley
10th Sydney Buckley
12th Dan Clayton
13th Destry Bannister
Team 3rd

PLACINGS

Seniors

1st Danielle Ufer
2nd Ryan Johanns
8th Jake Hutton
9th McKayla Clayton
10th Zack Socolofsky
Team - 1st DC Red;
4th DC White

Intermediates

2nd Dan Clayton
3rd Sydney Buckley
7th Taylor Buckley
14th Destry Bannister
Team 2nd

REASONS/QUESTIONS

Seniors

3rd Jake Hutton
4th Danielle Ufer
5th McKayla Clayton
6th Juli Collins
8th Zack Socolofsky
Team - 2nd DC Red;
5th DC White

Intermediates

4th Taylor Buckley
6th Dan Clayton
12th Sydney Buckley
14th Destry Bannister
Team 2nd

OVERALL

Seniors

3rd Jake Hutton
4th Danielle Ufer
6th McKayla Clayton
7th Juli Collins
Team - 2nd DC Red;
3rd DC White

Intermediates

6th Taylor Buckley
10th Dan Clayton
11th Sydney Buckley
13th Destry Bannister
Team 2nd

Kudos Corner

Congratulations 2010 scholarship winners!

4-H Council Scholarship: \$1,000

Jessica Brown
Shelby Cunningham
Amanda Erskine
Jena Fleiner
Selena Giers
Dave Jordan
Anastasia Kellogg
Natalie Roberts
Katlin Sanderson
Brody Wilson

Foundation Community Service: \$1,000

Jena Fleiner

Stuart Mazanec Shooting Sports: \$1,000

Jena Fleiner

4-H Foundation Scholarship: \$2,500

Maggie Weinroth

4-H Horse Committee: \$1,000

Jessica Brown
Selena Giers



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General Information continued

You must have a County Fair ID !

If you are new to DC 4-H, or you have lost your County Fair ID, you MUST get a new one at the Douglas County Justice Center in Castle Rock. To get in to 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. 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. **Please note: green cards with a plain background have expired and must be replaced this year.**

The following dates are available for getting your ID at the Justice Center.
Saturdays are from 8:00 a.m. to noon and Wednesdays are from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
May 1, 5, 12, and 15 * June 2, 5, 9, and 12

Douglas County Fair and Rodeo Premium Book and schedule

The premium book and fair schedule will be available on the **fair web site** by May 5. Like the last few years, you will be able to print your own copy. Please go to www.douglascountyfairandrodeo.com.

Scholarship information

www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/scholarships/index.shtml **Copy and paste - will not click through.

Due in May

Guide Dog Raising/Training - Due **May 15** to Guide Dogs for the Blind. This scholarship is open to high school seniors who have actively raised a Guide Dog puppy for Guide Dogs for the Blind. T

Douglas County Fair and Rodeo

July 31- August 8

Colorade State Fair

August 27- September 6

2010 Douglas County Fair and Rodeo 4-H Show Dates

Rocket Fly Day	June 14
County Shoot	July 17
	July 18
Dog Show	July 24
Fashion Revue	July 26
Exhibit Day	July 31
Primary Fair	July 31
Horse Show	July 31
	Aug. 1
	Aug. 2
Goat Show	Aug. 3
Rabbit Show	Aug. 4
Swine Show	Aug. 4
Poultry Show	Aug. 5
Sheep Show	Aug. 5
Beef Show	Aug. 5
Llama/Alpaca Show	Aug. 7
Sheep Lead Contest	Aug. 7
Beef Fitting Contest	Aug. 7

State fair entry forms

The Colorado State Fair Premium Book is ONLY available online at the following site: www.coloradostatefair.com/. Then, go to Fair Entry Info and select your area of interest. After selecting an area, select Premium Book.

State fair teen and adult clerks needed

Teen clerks and adult volunteers are needed at the Colorado State Fair to assist with entering 4-H projects and with various contests. Teens must be at least 14 years-old to work and stay at Camp Tobin (4-H dormitory) during State Fair. If you are interested, contact Kathe at the Extension office for an application and more details.

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Shooting Sports

2010 State Shoot dates and locations

The State 4-H Shoot will again be held over two weekends.

Dates and locations are as follows:

- Aug. 21: .22 Rifle Contest – Pueblo West Sportsman's Club
- Aug. 22: Muzzleloading Contest -- Pueblo West Sportsman's Club
- Aug. 22: Archery Contest – Location TBD
- Aug. 21 and 22: Air Rifle/Air Pistol Contest – State Fair Event Center
- Sept 4 and 5: Skeet Contest – Pikes Peak Gun Club, Colo. Springs
- Sept. 4 and 5: 5-Stand Contest – Pikes Peak Gun Club, Colo. Springs
- Sept. 6: Trap Contest - Pikes Peak Gun Club, Colorado Springs, CO



Mandatory Shooting Sports Leader Meeting

Tuesday, May 4

Extension office at 6:00 p.m.

The Shooting Sports Superintendent requests at least one SS leader per club attend this mandatory meeting.

Confused? Helpful hints here!

Every year, shooting sports members, leaders, and parents are confused by the different county fair entry forms they need to fill out. Here's the breakdown:

- ALL SHOOTING SPORTS MEMBERS must fill out an entry form for Exhibit Day.
- EVERYONE must exhibit their record book and poster to complete their shooting sports project.
- ONLY those who wish to participate in the county shoot need to fill out the county shoot entry form. This contest is optional; however, if you want to participate in the county shoot you MUST fill out the county shoot entry form!

2010 Shooting Sports Family Campout

June 18-20, 2010 Grainger Ranch in Victor, CO

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

More information and registration forms are available on the state website at www.co4hshooting.org/family_campout.html. Contact Rick Romanin if you have questions at rlromanin@netzero.net or (303) 761-5651.

County Shoot

July 17, 2010

2010 State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certifications

Enrollment deadlines and all other details are on the registration form available online at: www.co4hshooting.org/article12212005.html

- 5/21-23/2010 - Grand County (Kremmling) - Shotgun Games and Discipline Certification
- 6/4-6/2010 - Eagle County (Eagle)

Shooting Sports Contest Rule Book

Available on our web site under the shooting sports tab along with a supplement that corrects typos, etc. The rules remain the same.

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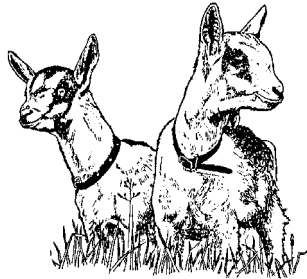
Livestock News

Meat Quality Assurance - Did you miss the Douglas County date? See below.

For details on what MQA is and who needs to take it, please see the March 2010 newsletter page 10.

**MQA dates in other counties. Call them directly.*

May 12	Weld County	970-304-6535
May 13	Larimer County	970-498-6006



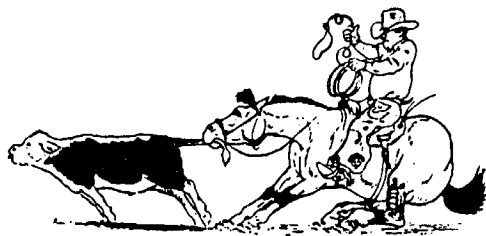
Scrapie ID requirement for sheep and goats

ALL females, regardless of age, and wethers 18 mos. of age and older, regardless of breed purpose, are required to have a flock ID (Scrapie ID) tag to show at the Douglas County Fair. When purchasing animals for show, producers should be able to provide you with a Scrapie ID tag. Otherwise, if your animals were born at your home or you will be raising sheep or goats, tags can be requested by calling USDA at 866-873-2824. Tags should be ordered soon after sheep and goats are purchased. All sheep and goats should be checked in at weigh-in with a Scrapie ID tag in their ear.

Beef hoof trimming

June 26, 2010 beginning at 9:00 a.m.
Douglas County Fairgrounds near livestock scale
\$20 for steer or heifer; \$25 for cow

RSVP to Cheryl at the Extension office no later than June 18. Call 720-733-6940.



Mandatory sale meeting!

If you make the sale at fair, you must attend the sale meeting Friday, August, 6 at 5:00 p.m. in the Indoor Arena. If you don't come to the meeting, you won't sell. No exceptions!

Scrapie ID vs. Premises ID: not the same!

A Scrapie ID is NOT the same as a Premises ID. A Scrapie ID will be sent to you printed on ear tags and will always begin with "CO plus the county you live in" followed by several numerical digits. If you have questions regarding this requirement, contact Kathe at the Extension office.

Premises Identification

Premises ID is one component of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS). For NAIS's purposes, a premises is defined as a location or site where livestock and poultry are born, handled, housed, managed, marketed, processed, or exhibited. Premises ID is critical to rapid detection and evaluation of the scope of animal disease outbreaks and in improving emergency response efficiency.

For the 2010 project year, Premises ID is highly recommended for 4-H members with horse and livestock projects. In some cases, members may come across activities and events where Premises ID is mandatory, as is the case for participation in the Colorado State Fair. Also, Premises ID may be required by the packer (buyer) who purchases animals at County and State fairs.

It is easy (and free) to obtain a Premises ID. You can register online at www.coanimallid.org or call 1-877-842-0102.

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Livestock News continued

Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (COOL)

4-Hers with market animals are **required to bring signed COOL forms to the first weigh-in/tag-in** to be checked. We will not collect them at this time, so you **MUST** bring them to the second/final weigh-in for county fair. Those without these forms will not be able to check in, thus not be able to show.

The USDA implemented COOL in 2008. As a result, all cuts of beef, pork, lamb, goat, and chicken must have documentation as to the origin of the animals to be marketed in the U.S. and international meat industry. Effective documentation of 4-H market animal projects that will be sold for meat purposes is required. Turkeys and rabbits are exempt.

Documentation can be accomplished using the form available on the website under the Livestock tab and may be used for both purchased and home grown animals. Home grown animals, however, are required to have a record system to support the affidavit as outlined later in this article.

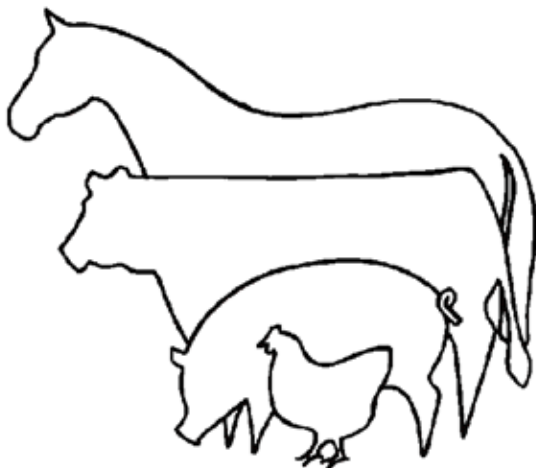
When a 4-H member purchases a project animal, the individual should receive, from the original owner, verification of the source of the animal or have the original owner fill out and sign an affidavit. Other supporting information the buyer should maintain in their files could include a Bill of Sale, health papers, or brand inspections.

For home grown animals, responsibility for the documentation of origin lies with the producer. A good start for documenting the source of an animal would include ear-tags or notches, recorded birth dates, or descriptions in birth records (calving books, PigChamp, PigTale, etc.).

It is recommended that 4-H members maintain all records and affidavits on file for a minimum of two years to provide an audit trail should the USDA require verification. 4-H records already required for market livestock projects emphasize the types of information that provides a good trail for any USDA audit. With the addition of an affidavit for any purchased animal, compliance with the latest USDA regulations should be easily achieved.

Breeding record books

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



CALF scales at Lowell Ranch

These scales are once again available for your use. Please remember to zero the scale before use to ensure a proper measurement. You may want to bring weights with you to double check the scale as well. 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.

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Livestock - Species Specific

Attention rabbit 4-H members: changes this year!

For more details on these changes, please see the March 2010 newsletter. There are two important changes in the rabbit barn for the 2010 Douglas County fair.

1. The first change is that members are allowed to have up to two rabbits in the same class for the rabbit judging. You will still be limited to 12 total rabbits that can be shown at the fair.
2. The second change is: **you are not allowed to share bunnies with other 4-H members, even if they are family members.**

If you have questions regarding these changes, please contact the Rabbit Superintendent, Karen Serafini at 303 841-5448 or 303- 840-7138.

Breeding project info

If your rabbit is a show rabbit and you are not breeding it at all, you only need to complete the rabbit e-record book. However, if you are breeding your rabbit at all, even if the doe did not get pregnant, and regardless of whether you are breeding for meat pens or not, you must complete the additional breeding supplement of the rabbit e-record book. If your doe did not get pregnant, state that you attempted to breed your rabbit in the supplement, but that it was unsuccessful.

Rabbit ID day

Rabbit ID day is Sunday, July 11 from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m. Each 4-H member is limited to 12 rabbits. A meat open entry can be counted as #1. The ID Day session will be at the Rabbit Barn and every member **MUST** attend this session. Any rabbit not checked in will not be allowed to show. If your rabbit needs a tattoo, it can be done at check-in free of charge. Ownership of the animal will also be determined at check-in, so bring your pedigree information. If someone else is bringing your rabbit, call Karen Serafini, Rabbit Superintendent, in advance at 303-840-7138 to arrange for this change.

Meat pen information

Your meat pen of bunnies will consist of three rabbits, all of the same breed and variety (color). They do not have to be the same sex or born from the same litter. All rabbits that you may be using for your meat pen must be checked in at ID day. Please bring any possible rabbit to ID day. If the rabbit is not checked in, you may not use it as a meat pen rabbit.

All of the rabbits must weigh between 3-5 pounds at the time of judging. If any one of the rabbits is not in this range, then the entire pen will be disqualified. In

Rabbit meat pen breeding dates

- Rabbits should not be bred before April 28, 2010.
- Bunnies should be born no earlier than May 28, 2010.



This rule is in place so that you raise your bunnies. You are not allowed to share bunnies with a brother, sister, or any other family member. The records for the doe and her bunnies must be recorded in the member's Rabbit Record Book. The top four meat pens will be allowed to sell at the Junior Livestock Sale. Failure to meet any of these requirements can disqualify you.

Rabbit meat pens are judged on these factors:

1. Meat type (rabbits must be a commercial breed of rabbit)
2. Condition (flesh, fur, overall condition)
3. Uniformity
4. Fur

All ARBA disqualifications and breed disqualifications will apply to the meat pens. All ARBA general faults and breed faults will also apply. Be sure to check your American Rabbit Breeders Association Standard Book of Perfection. If you do not have a copy of the standard, one is available at the Extension office for your use.

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Livestock - Species Specific

Swine Time

Hog ear notching

All market hogs must be properly ear notched to show at the 2010 Colorado State Fair and the DC Fair. So, if you are breeding for market hogs, be sure to properly ear notch your piglets after they are born. Those of you who will be purchasing your market hogs for state fair need to be sure that they are ear notched. If you have questions about ear notching contact Paul Clayton, Swine Superintendent, at 303-660-1289.

Sheep Share

4-H Sheep Lead Contest

This is a great time to think about the 4-H Sheep Lead Contest! It will be held on Saturday at 3:00 p.m. during fair in the Livestock Pavilion.

Contestants do not have to be enrolled in a sheep or sewing project to enter. Outfit modeled must be made of at least 50% wool. Watch for wool items in the end-of-winter sales happening now and be ready for a great time at a great contest! Call Jennie at 303-688-8888 or Milou at 303-688-2493 if you have any questions.

Moo Messages

State Fair Junior Market Beef

Show eligibility for Junior Market Beef at the Colorado State Fair requires individual ownership prior to April 1, an official brand inspection certificate prior to April 1, nomination nose print card (due April 1) and a Douglas County Fair ear tag.

Poultry Picks

Record books

All poultry projects will go into one book i.e. turkeys, chickens, ducks, etc. Copy pages as needed.

Poultry ID Day - ONLY ONE THIS YEAR

Poultry ID day is Sunday, July 11 from 3 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Dog Data

Douglas County 4-H Dog Shows

May 15 and June 12

DC Fairgrounds - Multi Purpose Barn

For more information and to preregister (no later than one week prior to show), call Mary Parenti at 303-681-3152.

Goat Notes

Please note: no notes of note.

Alpaca/Llama Drama

No drama to report! That's not such a bad thing, is it?



2010 county fair weights

SHEEP:	Minimum weight = 95 lbs. No maximum weight
GOAT:	Minimum weight = 55 lbs. Maximum weight = 130 lbs.
HOGS:	Minimum weight = 225 lbs. Maximum weight = 285 lbs.
STEERS:	Minimum weight = 1,000 lbs. No maximum weight

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Horse News

Open ride nights Wednesdays 6 - 8 p.m. * DC Fairgrounds Indoor Arena * \$5/ rider
***NEW:** Any 4-H member or leader may participate. ALL participants must show proof of current enrollment in 4-H and must sign a release form EACH AND EVERY TIME.

Contact the designated person below with questions or concerns.

May 5*	Lonia Maxwell	303-814-3685	*Level 1 riding test given May 5
May 12	DC Dallys	303-868-9173	
May 19 & 26	Dawn Roemer	303-880-1191	
June 9	NO RIDE - Horse Camp		
June 16	Sandy Tey	303-688-8865	
June 23	Boots & Saddles	303-646-1957	
June 30	Alice Clark	303-683-3981	



2010 Horse Show Buckle Series

Show dates: May 8; June 12 and 26
Showbill and entry form are located on the 4-H web site at www.douglascountyextension.org, 4-H/Youth link, Horse button.

2010 Horse ID sheets

Horse ID sheets due to the office **May 28**

Each horse being carried in your project books (one that you will ride at 4-H shows, County Fair, State Fair, or take level tests on) must have a Horse I.D. form. They are in the horse record book or on the web site under 4-H/Youth, Horse, and then 4-H Horse ID Sheet. The State 4-H Horse Program mandates this ruling. You will not be allowed to compete or complete the horse project without it.



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.
- Please call the person listed on Wed. ride night to schedule a level rater. for that night.
- A state approved levels judge must administer Level 2, 3 and 4 riding tests.

Please call to make an appointment to take either test. If you won Reserve in your division, you **must** attempt the riding test and PASS the written test. If you won Grand Champion in your division, you must PASS both the written and riding tests.

***All horse level tests must be completed and turned in at the Extension office by July 1 to count toward the 2010 County Fair.**

Horse E-Records

Horses are a year round project, so project members should be tracking them all year. Your records for the 2010 County Fair should start the day after you turned in your books for the 2009 fair, which is likely to be somewhere between July 10 and 25 of last year. So, last year's County Fair results should be in this year's book.

New members to the project can start 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 care on the web site.

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Horse News continued

2010 DC Horse Camp

June 7 – 10, 2010 * Douglas County Fairgrounds

You should sign up for horse camp this year. Everybody always has lots of fun! Registration forms are on the web site and at the office. Payment must accompany registration; deadline is May 14. Limited to the first 50 campers.

Colorado Horsecare Food Bank

Colorado Horsecare Foodbank™ is a nonprofit foundation developed to address the growing challenge associated with feeding Colorado horses whose owners have been impacted by the current economic environment.

Visit www.horsefoodbank.org.

More horse shows

Memorial Day Weekend 4-H Horse Clinic
May 29-31 in Lamar, CO
Call 719-336-7734

Pueblo County Horse Shows
May 14-16 and June 11-13
Call 719-583-6566

Hairy Horse Show
May 9 - Jeffco
Call 303-648-1264

Arvada Hoofprinters 4-H Open Horse Show
May 23 - Jeffco
Call 303-648-1264

Plan ahead and schedule these dates now

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| May 8 | Buckle Series Horse Show – Outdoor Arena |
| May 22 | Versatility Ranch Horse Clinic w/ Diana Quintana, Time TBA |
| May 28 | Horse ID forms due |
| June 7 – 10 | Horse Camp, DC Fairgrounds |
| June 12 | DC Buckle Series Horse Show |
| June 26 | DC Buckle Series Horse Show |
| July 28 | County Fair horse written test and BBQ – members MUST take test for high point awards |
| July 31- Aug. 2 | DC County Fair 4-H Horse Show |
| Aug. 27 - 29 | State Fair 4-H Horse Show, Pueblo |



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Mary Baldwin
4-H Youth
and Outreach Agent



New 4-H Agent
Star!



Melody Jones
Communications
Specialist



Kathe Jackson
4-H Secretary



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Called to order at 6:32p.m.

No changes were amended to the January minutes.

Treasurer reported \$2,020.68.

Fairboard report included: Schedule changes Sheep show Thursday, August 5, 2010, 8:00 a.m.; Beef show Thursday August 5, 2010, 3:00 p.m. Both in Lowell Pavilion.

Horse committee report: Shows start Sunday, Registration 8:00 a.m., event 9:00 a.m.

FCS/GEN. committed reported: next meeting April 21, 2010, upstairs conference room.

Livestock committed reported: changes for the 2011 fair – breeding heifers will be put in classes according to weight and hip height for cross breeds; registrations paper for pure breeds. Ranch raised will be changed to county fed and bred.

OLD BUSINESS

- Volunteer opportunities – if any leader would like to help promote 4-H embryology in the schools, please contact Mary
- Many scholarships available – some deadlines already past – check newsletter
- Tri-folds – contacted Rick and he will get back to us
- 4-H Bears – should be in within next month
- Creative Cooks file of information is available in the 4-H Office

NEW BUSINESS

1. Colorado 4-H Foundation Truck Raffle – we get 40% of our sales if we follow state procedures; if we sell \$3500 worth of tickets, we get 45% of sales
2. Cloverbud Leader Training – Mar. 16, 6 p.m., Extension basement – cost \$5 – limited space
3. Judges' Training – April 24, 9 a.m., Kirk Hall – cost \$20
4. Plans for 100 years: ideas such as State Fair exhibit, old pictures ,etc.
5. Shooting sports clubs needed to help at archery and air pistol ranges at State Fair
6. County fair stage and exhibit in Event Center – Motion made and seconded to have booth manned by clubs and/or leaders at fair.
7. Parade of Champions list copies available upon request.
8. Fair ID's – dates and times pending – green backed cards expire this year and MUST be replaced
9. Club/county evaluations?

Meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Please remember these events:

- State Shooting Sports Leader Trainings – Trainings are: 3/5-7/2010 - Fremont County (Canyon City) (Shotgun Games & Discipline) – this one is definitely a go and they will accept registrations until Mar. 3; 3/19-21/2010 - Delta County (Delta); 3/19-21/2010 - Boulder County (Longmont); 3/26-28/2010 - Southeast Area (Eads); 4/23-25/2010 - Washington County (Akron); 5/21-23/2010 - Grand County (Kremmling) (Shotgun Games & Discipline); 6/4-6/2010 - Eagle County (Eagle) For more info, go to <http://co4hshooting.blogspot.com/>
- Horse Steering Committee – Mon., Mar. 15, 6 p.m., downstairs in Extension Office
- Western Regional Leaders Forum is Mar. 11 – 13 in Albuquerque – info at www.aces.nmsu.edu/4h/wrlf2010
- Buckle Series Horse Shows – May 8, June 12, June 26
- Mar. 6 – Beef Weigh-in – ALL brand papers must be in youth's name including breeding projects and must be enrolled/drop/add in project by Mar. 1
- Mar. 16 – THIS IS A CHANGE - Cloverbud leader training – registration due Mar. 8, limited space
- Hunter Safety Class – Mar. 19-21 in Elbert County – call Kiowa Office at 303-621-3162 to register – cost \$15
- April 1 – Shooting Sports enrollment deadline – Hunter Safety and Release forms due by April 15
- April 7 – applications for DC 4-H Agent close
- April 10 – Speech and Demonstration Contest – at Arapahoe County Extension Office – no registrations accepted by Arapahoe County after March 15 – send registrations to Arapahoe County
- April 17 – Cake Decorating Contest – at Westridge Rec Center, Highlands Ranch – begins at 9 a.m. – registrations not accepted after March 24
- April 17 – Goat Sale and Health Clinic
- April 20 – Performing Arts Contest – Harvest Baptist Church, Castle Rock – 6 p.m.
- April 21 – FCS/General Advisory meeting
- April 24 – Judges' Training – 9 a.m., Kirk Hall – registrations due by April 16
- May 1 – Horse enrollment/drop/add and Horse Rules and Regs due – Horse ID's due by June 1
- May 1 – FCS and General projects enrollment/drop/add deadline
- May 1 – Sheep/Hog/Goat Weigh-in at 9 a.m. – must be enrolled/drop/add by April 28

- May 7 – Leader Appreciation Dessert Tasting Event – 7 p.m., Kirk Hall
- May 8 – DC Livestock Judging Contest – Spruce Mountain Ranch
- May 4 – Shooting Sports Leader Mandatory meeting – 6 p.m.
- May 22 – WRH Clinic – limited to first 15 to register
- June 5 – June Show
- June 7-10 – Horse Camp
- June 9 – Cloverbud Camp
- Animal care forms are due by species enrollment deadlines
- June 14 – Rocket Fly Day, 5 p.m.
- June 13-19 – Exchange members from Ohio are in Douglas County
- June 22-24 – June Conference
- July 11 – Poultry/Rabbit ID day - THIS DATE WAS INCORRECT IN THE AGENDA AND MINUTES PREVIOUSLY
- July 12 – 4-H Foundation Golf Tournament – please help raise funds for foundation scholarships by getting businesses and organizations to sign up teams to play

*We ask that you go online for many of the forms mentioned to save on paper for our budget and the environment.

*Also, please call before coming to the office if you need to see the 4-H agent. Being short staffed, you may not find the agent in, as she may be out of the office doing programs or at other commitments.