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El Paso County 4-H
December 2007

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are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.



Extension Office Holiday Closure
The Extension Office (includes 4-H) will be closed from December 21 through December 26 due to a shortfall in the County budget.

Funding Update

Thank you for your support and understanding during this difficult time of budget cuts. Last week the County Commissioners indicated that they would not provide any funds for the El Paso County Extension programs for 2008. Yesterday they reconsidered and indicated they would provide us with \$149,000 (approximately half of our previously budgeted amount from the county). The Extension Advisory Committee will hold an emergency meeting on December 5 to prioritize programs and provide a recommendation for which staff will continue to work for El Paso County Extension. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact Gary Hall at 636-8934 or garyhall@elpasoco.com

Officer/Leader Training Rescheduled

The Officer/Leader Training has been rescheduled to January 12th from 9 am until noon at the Extension Office. Thank you for bearing with us through the cancellation of the original training scheduled for November. Officers (president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, historian, and reporters) will meet in the auditorium downstairs and leaders will be in the main floor conference room (kitchen). Everyone is still encouraged to bring either a jar of peanut butter or jelly in a plastic container or a cash donation. Everything that is being donated needs to be here by 11 am so that the donations can be taken to Care and Share that morning.

2008 Leadership Development Conference

To clarify from last month's article the base cost of attending LDC will be \$190 which includes hotel for Saturday and Sunday nights as well as registration, the banquet meal, 2 breakfasts and a lunch. LDC and 4-H Day at the Capitol will be held January 25-28, 2008. The conference will be held at the Marriott Denver City Center. Highlights for this year's conference include:

- Community Service Project with the Children's Hospital coordinated by the Colorado State 4-H Officer Team
- IFYE presentation from the 2007 IFYE delegates
- Optional 4-H Night at the Denver Nuggets - Friday Evening
- County Night Out in Downtown Denver - Saturday Evening
- Banquet and Awards Presentation - Sunday Evening

Friday, January 25, attendees are encouraged to participate in the Colorado 4-H Night at the Nuggets (at an additional cost). Then, Saturday morning the Science, Engineering and Technology (S.E.T.) Tour will be a new addition for those in attendance. Monday, January 28, is 4-H Day at the Capitol where the legislature will issue the Proclamation for Colorado 4-H day Tours of the Capitol will be available as well as an information and question and answer session with legislators, aids and interns. Registration forms are available at the Extension Office. *The deadline to return completed forms and a check made out to El Paso County Extension is January 7 at noon.*

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**Officer/New Leader
Training Rescheduled for
Saturday, January 12
don't forget to bring your
Care and Share
donation!**

Leader's Lounge

Grocery Certificates

All unsold grocery certificates and money collected from the sale of grocery certificates are due in the Extension Office by Friday, December 28th. Keep in mind that the office will be closed from December 21 through December 26. Commissions will be paid to participating clubs in January 2008. If your club is interested in finding out more about this fundraiser contact Gay at 636-8922 or gay-leighcamp@elpasoco.com



Leader's Council

There will *not* be a Leader's Council meeting during the month of December. The next meeting will be at the Extension Office at 6:30 pm on Thursday, January 17th. *All leaders and parents are invited* to these informal meetings. If you have questions, contact Maureen at 575-8568 or Maureenbergenfeld@elpasoco.com

Newsletters

Please encourage new families to go to our county website to download or read the 4-H newsletters. That address is <http://elpasoco.colostate.edu>

Club Charters

Does your club have a charter? A charter is required for a 4-H club to use the 4-H name and emblem and to be included under the tax-exemption group ruling for 4-H. A copy also should be placed in the Historian's book. For clubs that have been long established and verification of a valid charter is not available, issuance of a new charter is recommended. If your club meets the following criteria, you should request a charter if you don't already have one. The club needs to have a membership of at least five, a leader to guide the club, officers, a constitution and bylaws with a copy at the Extension Office, and a written program of work with copies in the 4-H Secretary's Record Book, at the Extension Office and one copy for the leader. Contact Gay (636-8922 or gay-leighcamp@elpasoco.com) for directions on how to start this process.

Small Animal Update



Dog kids!

As another 4-H year kicks off, I would like to introduce a new member of my dog training team! Some of you have trained with me at Pikes Peak Obedience Club in the past, and this year we have an exciting addition to our program! Tara Harris has recently moved back to El Paso County and brings with her many years of dog training experience. She began showing dogs in 4-H at 8 yrs of age and moved to AKC at 10. Tara was one of the top junior handlers in AKC at the time. She has apprenticed under some of the best handlers in the county, and has shown across the country including Westminster in New York City, taking top honors in Junior handling. Tara's love is showmanship...mine is obedience, teaming up will be great! We are planning our 1st meeting sometime in mid January 08. If you would like to be on the training list, please email me at Falconranchers4h@aol.com ! Thank you! Looking forward to a great year! Mary Killen, Falcon Ranchers 4-H.

Dog Project Shows

Dog project members and leaders please mark your calendars for the following Elbert County dog fun match events for 2008. This is a great way to start practicing for the County Fair dog show in July. Remember, you must show in at least one 4-H dog show before the County Fair. Please remember to save your score sheets in obedience and showmanship and put them in your record book. Linda Maple MUST see proof of your shows in order to count for your required dog show. Fun matches count. The more you show, the better you and your dog become as a team. Above all, have fun! If you have any questions, please call Linda Maple, Dog Superintendent, at 749-2691. Two fun matches will be held at the Kiowa Fairgrounds - Elbert County 4-H Dog Fun Match on April 19, 2008 and on June 21, 2008. If you have any questions about these shows, please call Lore Denson at 719-541-2361.

Rabbit and Poultry Projects

4-H'ers in the rabbit and poultry projects need to abide by the MQA requirements. Please see the article on MQA in the Living with Livestock section of this newsletter.

Camper's Cabin

South Central District Retreat

The South Central District Retreat will be held at the Frontier Ranch near Buena Vista March 14 - 16, 2008. The cost of the retreat is \$115 and covers two nights lodging, two breakfasts, one lunch, one dinner, dance and workshops. The registration form, health form, code of conduct form, check and candidate authorization form (if appropriate) is due at the Extension Office by February 22. Members and leaders are encouraged to provide workshops for the retreat. Workshop proposals are due by December 31. Forms and information is posted on our website <http://elpasoco.colostate.edu>



2008 Youth Fest

Youth Fest 2008, a leadership camp for 4-H members between the ages of nine and 13, is scheduled for Feb. 15-17, 2008 (Presidents Day Weekend). The camp is organized by the State 4-H Senate and will be held at Ponderosa Camp near Monument. This camp will be limited to the first 175 paying campers. Information on Youth Fest will be posted on the state website <http://colorado4h.org> the second week of December.

Fast Tracks

Next 4-H Newsletter

Our next 4-H Newsletter will be a January/February issue and will be sent out at the end of January or beginning of February. The deadline for articles to be included is January 16, 2008.

Parliamentary Procedure Contest

The Parliamentary Procedure Contest will be held the same weekend as festival of events which is still to be announced but is usually held in April. It will start approximately 15 minutes following the conclusion of Festival of Events and usually last about 3-4 hours depending on the number of teams who wish to participate. If you are interested in participating please contact Jonathan at the Extension Office via email jonathanvrabec@elpasoco.com by February 8th. Rules and an outline of the contest will be sent to you once you email Jonathan or call 636-8920 to register. All clubs are encouraged to enter their officer teams and an adult leader to supervise. Participants will test their skills at running meetings and handling different situations. The contest also includes a written test based off the parliamentary procedure handbook, officers receive during officer training. This should be a great hand's on learning experience and a lot of fun.

Teams are made up of six members. If your club has a small membership you may combine with another club in order to field a team. One member of each team will be designated as the chair and another as the team's secretary. The contest will be made up of three parts. The Demonstration portion where the team has 10 minutes to demonstrate proper parliamentary procedure when presented with two items of business and four motions. The second part is a Written Test, which will emphasize knowledge of parliamentary procedure on the part of each member. Tests will be taken individually. The last portion of the contest will be the Oral Questions portion where each team member will be asked one 10-point question that will pertain to the motions they used during the demonstration.



Holiday Card for a Soldier

When you are making out your holiday card list this year, you might want to consider sending good wishes to "A Recovering American Soldier, c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center, 6900 Georgia Avenue NW, Washington, D.C. 20307-5001. You could do this as a club community service!

Livestock & Horse Activities/Teams

It's time to start thinking about the various projects and activities you plan to get involved with this upcoming year. Several fun, rewarding and educational activities are available to 4-H'ers interested in horses, livestock, wildlife and natural resources (*you do not have to be enrolled in these projects in order to participate in these activities*). The following is a list of the various activities and the coaches. You can also contact Jonathan at jonathanvrabec@elpasoco.com if you need more information or have questions about any of these. **Livestock Judging** - Coaches Brandy and Quentin Miller (303) 243-1377; **Hippology** - Coaches Lisa Wermuth (719) 244-7352 and Jackie Mead (719) 659-1884; **Horse Bowl** - Coaches Lisa Wermuth (719) 244-7352 and Jackie Mead (719) 659-1884; **Horse Speech and Demo** - Coach Spencer Wilkison (719) 481-1010; **Horse Judging** (article in horse section of this newsletter)- Coach Jonathan Vrabec (719) 636-8936.

Club Reports

Club Report Guidelines

Congratulations to our new reporters! It is fun to hear what your club is doing. Please remember that reports are due to the Extension Office (gay-leighcamp@elpasoco.com) by the 16th of the month. The report should be a summary of monthly club activities, not retelling of the minutes. A concise report should fall between 50-170 words and can include a picture.



Pronghorns

By: Alea Doyle

The Pronghorns November meeting started out with the roll call of stating your favorite Thanksgiving food. This is one of our community service months and we sponsored a Care and Share food drive. We celebrated 3 parent and 2 member birthdays and the club's birthday party was rescheduled to January. Registration and dues were collected beginning our new 4H year. We made holiday party plans for the December meeting. Janet and Luke Otto brought a bag of pine cones for each family. The pinecones are to be used as a craft Holiday decoration made by each family for a competition that will be judged at the December meeting. Good luck to everyone! It's great to be in another 4H year!!!!

Plainsmen

By: Charlie Goodwin

The Plainsmen 4-H Club has gotten off to a great start this year! Our September meeting was attended by returning members and new members, too. Welcome to all our new families! Also we were introduced to the new officers. At our October meeting, we had awards for kids who completed and for our awesome project leaders. We volunteered to participate in the haunted hayride at the safe Halloween night at the County Fairgrounds. It was a fun and spooky event! In November we finished up our registration forms. Now we are anticipating our Christmas party and meeting. For years our club has adopted a stretch of the Rock Island Trail in Falcon, where we pick up trash every month. We are exploring more ways to fulfill the part of the 4-H pledge that says "...our hands to larger service for our club, our community, our country, and our world." Stay tuned for more news from your friendly neighborhood Plainsmen 4-H Club!

4-H Wildcats

By: Racquel Lintner

The October meeting was a great success for the Wildcats. Our Ice Breaker was great fun with trying to figure out how to untwist from a human pretzel and all our entrants in the pumpkin contest were winners for their creativity and great food. Emily Prather gave a demonstration to illustrate the correct procedures for a demo and the 12 and 13 year olds came up and showed everyone how to make a motion with pro and con discussion. Things are looking up for the holidays as we start planning our December party. Our community service for the month of November will be project related and individualized to each project. Some that have been discussed are hats and mittens from our sewing, knitting and quilting group and Care and Share food collection from our food project group. At the end of the meeting we had a small ceremony to say good-bye to Mrs. Camp who will be leaving us as co-leader. She has been a great asset and will be missed! Thank you, Mrs. Camp.

Falcon Ranchers

By: Bethany George

On Friday November 9, 2007, we met at the Falcon Fire Station. During the meeting, we did the American and 4-H pledge. We welcomed several visitors. Our new officers are still getting used to their new duties. There weren't any leader reports, because none of the project leaders really know what projects the members are doing this year yet. For the Dog Project, the trainings will start in January. For K-9 Drill Team, practice is every Sunday at 3:30 p.m. Our first parade will be on December 1, 2007. This parade is called The Parade of Lights. For Dog Agility, it was decided that dog agility will be an activity, instead of an actual project, so that means NO RECORD BOOKS!!! We decided that for our community service project for this year, that we're going to volunteer at the Mill Dog Rescue. We are all excited about that! Our end of the year party will be on November 11, 2007. We're going to go see the movie Fred Clause, and then we're going to go to Fargo's Pizza. The officer and leader training has been rescheduled for sometime in January. Tonight was award's night. The awards for completing projects this year were given to: Logan, Marisa, Megan, Ryan, Casey, Josh, Olivia, Bethany, and CJ. Certificates, pins, hoodies, and miscellaneous small 4-H gifts were earned by everyone. In addition, the parent volunteers were recognized and received a nice, 4-H tote bag. We are looking forward to the Parade of Lights and our Christmas get together in December!

Purple Circle

By: Christe Christensen

Our meeting was held in the Calhan School Library on Wednesday, November 7, 2007. Fifteen out of nineteen members brought shoeboxes full of "goodies" to donate to Operation Christmas Child. This is our first community service. We also set the date for our second community service which will be to rake up the Paulsen Center yards in Calhan on December 8, 2007. We also planned to make a food and gift basket for a local 'in need' family for Christmas. Our fundraiser which was selling Butter Braids brought in over \$1,200.00. The Butter Braids were there at the Library for each of us to take home and distribute to our buyers. Everyone present enrolled and paid for the upcoming 4-H year and we discussed a couple other fundraiser options. New members and new seniors were informed of the need to do a Meat Quality Assurance class. One is coming up in February 2008. Everyone seemed excited about beginning their projects for the year. Animal folks have until December 1st to get their producer nominations in, and it looks like all who want to do that either have already or will soon. Happy Thanksgiving! Merry Christmas! And Happy New Year!!!!!!!

4-Bits

By: Antoinette McIntosh

The 4-Bits 4-H club met on November 19th, 2007. Before the meeting most everyone came and played games and had cake that the cake decorators made. Everyone had a blast. Members are continuing to go to the Ronald McDonald House. Our youth group leaders would like to congratulate everyone who received an award at the Achievement Celebration. 4-Bits 4-H club is helping the D.C Delegates by purchasing wreaths from the group. Our club is planning to go and watch the Parade of Lights in December. The 4-Bits 4-H clubs next meeting is December 10th and will be our Christmas party at Louie's Pizza. On that night we will have a gift exchange. Happy Holidays from the 4-Bits 4-H Club.

KCRC

By: Lauren Hamilton

KCRC wants to welcome eight new families and eleven new 4-H'ers. If you want to be a project leader you have to complete the following ASAP. The 3 options are: workshop, take home video, or go online to <http://colorado4h.org>, then click-volunteer resources, click-volunteer training. Password is: VOLUNTEER (is in all caps) there is an open ride on December 1st from 1-3 pm at KCRC (tentative due to weather) meeting and Christmas party is on December 10th at 6:30 pm at KCRC. The Christmas party will be pot luck! Secret Santa is on December 10th. There is a \$10 limit (Please DO NOT bring junk that you want to get rid of. THANKS!). There is no meeting or an open ride in January. January 21st is the trip to the National Western Stock Show, if you want to go and you did not sign up; please contact one of the leaders. January 27th is the Showmanship clinic tentatively at Latigo with Kathy Walton. Level 1 and below come from 1-3 pm, levels 2 and 3 from 12-1 pm. Great time to fulfill your requirements! The Parade of Lights work days for the KCRC float in November are: 17-18, 23-25. The actual parade is December 1st!! Please come!

Angel Fire

By: *Shelby Gillis*

Nov. 2 was our awards dinner and officer inductions, with a pot luck dinner and fresh bread. Congratulations to Jimmy Wheeler who graduated from being a Cloverbud. 1st year honor award went to Natasha Greenwood-honors clover, 2nd year honors Taylor Rogers-honors jacket, 3rd year Sarah Schmidt, Courtney Schmidt-honors chairs, 4th year Codie Mc Bride, Michael McBride, Emily McCaffery, Chelse Wheeler, Christofer Gillis, Shelby Gillis-honors water proof hoodie. This year we had a bread ceremony to do our officer induction. Ms. Dawn read of the ingredients needed to make bread and told each officer how they represented that ingredient and that we all need to work together to as a team to make a loaf of bread like the fresh baked bread that we had enjoyed at dinner. Our new officers for 2007-2008 will be: President-Chelsea Wheeler, Vice President-Chris Gillis, Secretary and Reporter-Shelby Gillis, Treasurer-Adriana Hudson, Historian-Taylor Rogers, Sargent at Arms-Taylor Rogers, County Council Reps-Amanda Pepper, Shelby Gillis and Taylor Rogers, and Fundraising Chairman-Jimmy Wheeler. Our song leaders will be the Cloverbuds. Angel Fire members will have a float in the Ellicott Christmas parade on December 8th. December 15th is our annual home light contest in Ellicott Valley. Contact Mrs. Gillis at Angelfirekids@aol.com or 683-4348 for boundaries. Thanks to Mountain View Electric for the great prizes. Angel Fire meetings are the 3rd Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm in the Ellicott Community Center.

Horse Program News

Horse Judging Team

For those interested in the horse judging team, practices will start for EVERYONE on Thursday, January 3rd to prep for our workout at the NWSS on Saturday January 12th. All practices start at 6:30 p.m. A practice schedule will be handed out for the spring at the first practice. If you are interested in participating on the team this year it is highly recommended that you attend however if you are unable to attend or want more information please contact Jonathan by email at jonathanvrabec@elpasoco.com Horse judging is great way to learn more about horses and showing while developing skills and experiences that will last you a life time!

Horse & Livestock Activities/Teams

It's time to start thinking about the various projects and activities you plan to get involved with this upcoming year. Several fun, rewarding and educational activities are available to 4-H'ers interested in horses, livestock, wild life and natural resources (*you do not have to be enrolled in these projects in order to participate in these activities*). See the article in the Fast Tracks section of this newsletter.

College Scholarships

El Paso County 4-H Horse Advisory Committee Scholarships applications will be available at the 4-H Office starting December 3, 2007. Applications are due by February 29, 2008. Please see section 14 of the El Paso County 4-H Horse Rulebook (2007) for additional information or contact Jackie Mead (719) 494-1764 or Cherie Eler (719) 495-0867.

Photography Contest

The Arabian Horse Association of Arizona Amateur Committee is organizing their second photography contest to run during the Scottsdale Arabian Horse Show in 2008. There are two divisions - youth (13-17) and adult (18 years and older). Photos can be entered into the following categories: Love my Horse, Humor Our Horse, Beauty of the Arabian Horse, or My Horse and His Buddies. Rules and entry forms are available on <http://www.scottsdaleshow.com/contests/photography.html>

Living with Livestock

Market Goats at County Fair

The Advisory Committee has voted to allow youth to bring and show up to 3 head of market goats at the County Fair. This has worked well for steers and lambs and we wish to extend it to market goats in 2008.

Vet Clinic Information Available

Thanks to Rhonda Gillis and Dr. Ellis, the information on Sheep Production Management that was presented by Dr. Ellis at the Fairgrounds on October 27 is now available in hard copy at the Extension Office if you would like a copy. Contact Gay at 636-8922 or gay-leighcamp@elpasoco.com if you would like the information e-mailed to you.

Leased Livestock Procedures

The number of leased animals are limited to two per 4-H'er. There is a standardized universal lease form that will require the animal's tattoo or ear tag number to be listed on it. This lease form is universal and so anyone leasing an animal will need to use this form and have it on file at the Extension Office by May 1st. If you have additional requirements specified by the person who is leasing out their animal, that information should be added as a separate sheet. The "universal" form must be filled out if the animal is being leased for 4-H. These projects ideally should begin in October and go through September since only breeding animals can be leased.

Beef Weigh-in & Blow and Go Show

The Beef Weigh-in & Blow and Go Show will be held March 1st starting at 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. at the El Paso County Fairgrounds. (Emergency date to be used only if you are notified of a cancellation in the next newsletter.)

Things you need to know before coming to weigh-in:

- You must bring your animal with a halter already on before they will be unloaded or we will not weigh it! This is for your safety and for everyone else's.
- Calves need to be brand inspected prior to coming to weigh-in. Bring your brand inspection papers to weigh-in.
- There will be \$3 charge per head for state fair nominations (this will also be assessed to sheep, swine and goats that are being nominated later this spring)
- If more than 6 animals of a species are weighed-in/tagged-in by a member there will be a \$1 fee per animal over 6. (this also will be assessed to sheep, swine and goats at the May weigh-in).

REMEMBER ALL ANIMALS MUST BE CASTRATED PRIOR TO BEING WEIGHED-IN & TAGGED AS A 4-H MARKET PROJECT. CASTRATION MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT THE FAIRGROUND (NOT THE DAY OF WEIGH-IN) AND HEALED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE! THIS APPLIES TO ALL SPECIES OF MARKET LIVESTOCK! ALL CATTLE AND MARKET GOATS MUST BE DEHORNED.

Blow and Go Show Rules

El Paso County 4-H Livestock Advisory Committee will be holding a Blow & Go Prospect Market Show following the weigh-in on March 1st. Out of county calves that come in just for the show and are not part of the El Paso County 4-H Program will be weighed from 11:00-11:30 am. The show will begin at 12:30. Exhibitors may use oil or other hair compounds on the calves. **Adhesives will not be allowed.** ANY calf with adhesive will be dismissed from the show without refund. **This year we will once again offer classes for both heifers and steers**, so here is another chance to get your breeding heifers out. Entry fee will be \$10 per head and jackpotted back. A showmanship class may be held at the discretion of the superintendent. Exhibitors may use stalls but they must be cleaned before they leave. Electricity will not be guaranteed. Wash racks will be closed so get your steers cleaned and clipped before coming to the show.

Livestock & Horse Activities/Teams

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Informational Class on Steers

Teller County will be holding an informational class on steers. Shane Bedwell will be leading the class on December 6th and will cover the basics of feeding and conformation. The class will start at 6:30 pm and it will be held at the Florissant Fire House. Contact Terri Wagner at 719-686-7963 with any questions.

Swine, Sheep and Goat Producer Classes

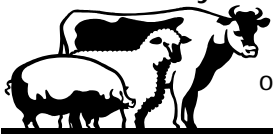
What is a producer class? It's a market class for those of you who raise and show your own animals. Individuals who breed and raise their own show animals will show against one another. This class is in addition to the regular market class but does not increase the number of animals you can bring as you will still be limited to the species limit as published. In order to participate in the producer classes you must be signed up for the corresponding breeding project. The rules and nomination procedure are the same as for the other species. You will be limited to nominating 10 animals. You must be enrolled in the breeding project, the animals must still be nursing, and the animals must be tagged, notched or tattooed. Producer class animals will be shown in a market producer class at the county fair and must be tagged in at the weigh-in for that species under the name of the producer. They must also make weight as well as abide by all other regulations for showing of 4-H market animals. Again this year main club leaders may verify nominations to assure the animal was born at your place of residence this must be done while the animal is still nursing. To nominate an animal the club leader should take a picture (preferably a digital one) of the animal with its Dam so that any distinguishing marks are visible. Please record a written description of the animal as well as sex, animal ID or tag number (some form of identification on the animal such as ear notches on swine, Tattoos for goats, etc. must be used) and submit them to Jonathan at the Extension Office by April 21st in the 4-H member's name. The Champion Producer for each species will be awarded at the large animal awards night. Remember nomination verification must be completed prior to weaning. Please review a complete description of the class on the 4-H web site.



Junior Beef Day

The first Kansas State University Junior Beef Day will be held on December 15 from 9 am to 3:30 pm on their campus. The focus will be to provide tools for youth and parents interested in being more involved with a steer or heifer project. Presentations will be made on nutrition, selection and management. Kirk Stierwalt, a national renowned clinician who is known for his clinics on clipping cattle and preparing them for the show ring will be speaking. The early registration fee of \$15 is due asap. More information is available at www.youthlivestock.ksu.edu

Meat Quality Assurance



If you are a first year senior or new to 4-H and you are taking cattle, dairy, hogs, goats, sheep, rabbits, or poultry you must attend a meat quality assurance workshop. Regardless of whether it is a market project or a breeding project you must attend a Meat Quality Assurance workshop. The first MQA Workshop will be held Monday February 4th and will run from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the CSU Extension Office. *4-H'ers who are 13 and under must have a parent stay at the MQA with them.* There will be two other MQA workshops held in El Paso County. Those dates will be announced in future newsletters. If you are not able to attend a MQA workshop in El Paso County you are welcome to attend MQA workshops in other counties. Those counties will mail your certification to our office to show that you attended. The Meat Quality Assurance certification must be completed 45 days prior to our County Fair. It is best to get this requirement accomplished early to avoid any unforeseen conflicts.

Livestock Advisory Committee

Become a Livestock Advisory Committee Associate member! For more information, committee member expectations & an application please contact Jonathan Vrabec (jonathanvrabec@elpasoco.com). Deadline for applications is December 31, 2007. New members and officers were elected at the November meeting. Expired 3 year terms were filled by Teresa Abushaban, Les Bullock, Wade Canaday, & Terri Volosin. Dan Gillis & Scott Rogers filled the 2 year partial terms left open by two retired members. New Officers are as follows: Chair - Patty Woodard, Vice Chair - Curt Manyik, Secretary - Richard Fellion, Treasurer - Wade Canaday. Superintendents: Beef - Jack Lawson, Goat - Sandra Hoihjelle, Sheep - Teresa Abushaban, Swine - Curt Manyik. Assistant Superintendents will be determined at the January meeting. Please mark your calendar for the following important dates: Beef Weigh-In & Blow & Go Show - February 16, 2008 and Annual Select Sale - April 13, 2008 (tentative) with the snow day April 20th. NEW for 2008!! Members may now show 3 Market Goats at the fair. **IMPORTANT:** Clubs are encouraged to send a liaison to the Livestock Advisory Committee meetings. Each club has one vote. Please make sure your club is represented! The next Livestock Advisory Committee meeting will be held on **January 17th at 7 pm in Swink Hall** at the El Paso County Fairgrounds. *These meetings are open to the public so feel free to attend.*

American Paint Horses Available

(paid advertisement)

Don and Mary Simmons were killed in a freak accident at Lake Powell when a huge slab of sandstone broke loose from an overhang and landed on their boat. Don had been working for years breeding champion American Paint Horse Association horses and there are many still for sale including a champion Homozygous stallion named Pistol Pete. Pistol is at stud in Pueblo. The horses are being fed from stud fees. Many are already trained for show. They would love to have their lines live on in the show rings if anyone is interested. For information you can call Al Simmons, (719) 683-4841.





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Dates to Remember

December 7
December 21-26
January 12
January 17
January 25-28
February 15-17

Returning Member Enrollments Due
Christmas - Office Closed
Officer/Leader Training
Leader's Council
Leadership Development Conference
Youth Fest



Happy Holidays!

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