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El Paso County 4-H
July 2008

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Budget Update

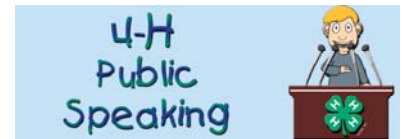
The El Paso County Commissioners voted on June 9th to approve the additional \$41,173 cut to the CSU Extension Office 2008 budget. Several groups have stepped forward to offer funds to help make up that difference and keep our doors open to the public through December 2008. We are grateful to the following groups for their support - the Rural Development Authority, the Fair Association, 4-H Foundation and the extension program fund.

Thank you also to all of the individuals who continue to volunteer their time and effort to make sure everything somehow is accomplished in spite of the extreme staff downsizing! We appreciate your efforts!!!!

We do not currently know what the status of CSU Extension (including 4-H) will be for 2009. The process to determine our fate is just beginning. We will keep you informed of developments. Hold positive thoughts!

State Conference

This year's annual State 4-H Conference was attended by 17 El Paso County youth and nearly 600 youth overall. This conference, which includes various workshops, competitions, meetings, and social events, was held at CSU on June 24-27. While in attendance, 4-H'ers were able to improve their leadership skills, demonstrate their knowledge and hard work, learn about the state-wide 4-H program, various resources available to them, and meet others from around the state and world (through the International 4-H Youth Exchange program.)



Congratulations to all of the participants! This year El Paso County won four State Champion titles! The Consumer Choices Judging team comprised of Emily Prather, Garrett Prather, Shelby Gillis, and Amanda Watson, captured first place in the state competition; as did the Junior Horse Judging Team comprised of Zac Abushaban, Abby Ward, Emily Auer, and Emily Boulter. Competing in, and winning the first annual State Parliamentary Procedure contest were Haley Wilkison, Rebecca Wilkison, Shelby Robertson, and Vince Abushaban. Rebecca and Haley Wilkison also were also the State Horse Team Demonstration Champions. Additionally Amanda Watson placed second in the Impromptu Speech contest and Haley Wilkison placed second in the Horse Public Speaking competition.

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***Congratulations to
our State
Conference
representatives
and winners!***



Leader's Lounge

Leaders' Council

There will be no Leaders' Council in July.

Small Animal Update

Dress Your Bunny Date Change

Dress Your Bunny will be held Monday, July 21 at the Whittemore Building at the County Fairgrounds.

Camper's Cabin

SummerFest Day Camp

Summer Fest 2008 Day Camp was a great success. We had 14 participants. Thank you to everyone who volunteered to help and to those who did presentations.

Fast Tracks

Trail Ride

The Falcon Lions Club is sponsoring a Trail Ride to support the El Paso County 4-H Program! The ride will start at 8 am on August 9 at Hwy 24 and Woodmen. A delicious meal will be served at trail's end. The donation per rider is \$10 which includes the ride and meal. Forms are available on <http://elpasoco.colostate.edu>, at the Extension Office, Big R in Falcon or any Farmers State Bank. Make your reservations by August 2. For more information contact Rick Wilcox at 719-660-1950 or honeydolists@msn.com *Join the fun and support 4-H at the same time!*



4-H Dress Code IN EFFECT!

This is a reminder to everyone that the 4-H dress code is always in effect at ANY 4-H function including club sponsored horse shows and livestock shows as well as the County Fair. Please remember that you are representing your family, yourself and your county at any activity that you attend as part of 4-H, so dress appropriately as outlined in the dress code! This includes family members and friends who might also be attending the event!

Photo Slide Show

Clubs start taking pictures now for the photo slide show that will be presented at the Awards Nights. The county Council will compile the photos into a digital year book so start taking picture to assure your club is included. Pictures can be taken either digitally or with a regular camera and handed in by September 8th to Jonathan.

Host Families Still Needed

Seventeen boys from Japan ages 12-21 still need homes from July 23-August 18 or July 25-August 18. Matches are made on the basis of same sex and age as well as some common interests. Participants are covered with medical insurance. If interested, contact Courtney Loflin at 970-491-2711 or courtney.loflin@colostate.edu

El Paso County 4-H Youth Council

By: Weston Doyle

The El Paso County 4-H Youth Council held their meeting on June 16, 2008. Here they covered the shirts ordered for the Youth Council, trying to get the Calhan High School for the County Fair Dance, how exciting SummerFest was, and how the 4-H Awareness letter was published in the Independent Newspaper. Congrats Mandy! Jonathan also went over Passport Day at the fair, the 4-H game night, and how the County Extension Office will be open until at least the end of the year with the following year dependant upon voters. As you can see, much was covered during this short meeting.

Next Newsletter

Our next newsletter will be an August/September combined newsletter. The deadline for articles for that edition is August 15.

Grocery Certificate Update

The following is a breakdown of the grocery certificate activity from January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008. 4-H Foundation will be mailing out the commissions to the clubs listed in July. 4-H Foundation will be notifying us soon regarding future arrangements for the purchase of certificates.

4-H Grocery Certificate Program

Commissions Earned January 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008

Club	Deposits	3% Commission
American Prairie	\$100.00	\$3.00
Country Style	\$1,950.00	\$58.50
Edison Drylanders	\$850.00	\$25.50
Four Bits	\$3,750.00	\$112.50
Hanover Guys and Gals	\$500.00	\$15.00
Kolbe Kids	\$700.00	\$21.00
Mt. Herman - General	\$4,400.00	\$132.00
Mt. Herman - Horse	\$12,300.00	\$369.00
Patton Scholarship Fund	\$2,550.00	\$76.50
Trailblazers	\$2,550.00	\$76.50
4-H Wildcats	\$1,800.00	\$54.00
Totals	\$31,450.00	\$943.50

Summary

2% Foundation	\$629.00
3% 4-H Clubs	\$943.50
5% Total	\$1,572.00

Tabletop Update

Table Top Clean Up Day

Clean up day is scheduled for the tabletop project area in the Whittemore Building on **Tuesday, July 15th at 1:30 pm**. This is a change from last year! Please note that we will prepare the Table Top Exhibit Area on Tuesday not Wednesday this year! This usually takes a couple of hours. Please bring your rubber gloves, buckets, and rags (no colored rags-they leave color behind). We will set up the judging area, put display rings and tables in place and have the entire area set up for Exhibit Day on Friday. We need volunteers who can help with some of the heavy work also. Thank you for your help! Please contact Maureen (maureenbergenfeld@elpassoco.com) if you are available.



Clothing Construction Award

Sprinkles Sewing Center is donating a baby lock sewing machine (value of \$120) to the grand Champion Senior Clothing Construction Winner. This 4-H member is chosen from clothing units 22-28.

Fashion Revue at Western National Roundup

There will be a Fashion Revue Contest at Western National Roundup. States are able to send 4 contestants. There are two categories - Clothes that You Buy and Clothes that You Make. The State will pick from the top 15 State Fair Fashion Revue winners.

Colorado Make It With Wool Contest

Win miscellaneous prizes and a chance to represent Colorado at the National Make It With Wool Competition in San Diego, January 21-25! The Colorado contest is December 6 in Burlington. More information is available at the Extension Office or you can e-mail sheririder@centurytel.net

County Fair

2008 County Fair Rules

The 2008 4-H County Fair Rules are posted on <http://elpasoco.colostate.edu>. Please download the appropriate sections for the various projects you are in.



Tabletop Interview Schedule

The Tabletop Interview Schedule for Exhibit Day (Friday, July 18) will be completed early in July. When it is ready, the information will be e-mailed out to Organizational Leaders who will notify their club members of their interview times. 4-H'ers should bring Tabletop exhibits and record books to the Fairgrounds (Whittemore Bldg) in Calhan on Exhibit Day. Plan to arrive at least 15 minutes before your scheduled interview. Members should check in at the registration desk (alphabetical check in this year). Exhibits and record books are turned in at that time. 4-H'ers will be called for their interview when the judge is ready for them. Note: All record books should be secured as instructed in the Exhibit Requirements and all projects need to have the member's name, age and project on the back or bottom of the item. If you are not interviewing, make sure your items are checked in by noon.

Old Fashion Game Night

The 6th annual Old Fashion Game Night sponsored by the Leaders' Council will be held on Thursday, July 24th starting at 7 pm in the dance tent at the County Fair. Some of the games will include limbo, big foot, and sack races. There will be lessons in line and swing dancing. We would like to have many door prizes this year and are asking clubs to donate two prizes valued at \$10 each for the game night. We would also appreciate donations from clubs of smaller prizes for the games. Smaller prizes could include donations from local businesses like key chains, yoyos, frisbees, etc. We need at least 400 small items. We have extended the deadline to get these items to the Extension Office to July 14th. Label the donation with your club name. Donating clubs will be recognized during game night and also on a poster in the Whittemore Building. Contact Maureen at 575-8568 with any questions.

Creative Arts Open Show Drop Off

Anyone entering a Creative Arts Open Show at the El Paso County Fair may drop their entry off at the Extension Office kitchen on July 16 from 10 am until 1 pm.

Flower Pot Entries

Decorated flower pots may be brought to Exhibit Day on July 18 and entered in the Flower Pot Contest at that time. Information about this fun entry can be found on our web <http://elpasoco.colostate.edu> under County Fair Information, 4-H Tabletop Exhibit Rules, page 5.

4-H'er Passes

A reminder to Organizational Leaders to come to the Extension Office to pick up the free 4-H fair passes for their club members.

Help Needed at Whittemore

We need clubs to "man" the tabletop 4-H project display area in the Whittemore Building. Adults and 4-H'ers alike are needed to help answer public questions, monitor the displays and keep the area picked up. We need coverage between 9 am to 6 pm, Monday through Friday of fair; preferably in 1/2 day shifts but we can work with you on this if needed. Please consult with your club members and contact Jacque Doyle to sign up. Contact info: cell at 719-201-1947 or email at cosdoyle@comcast.net.

Tabletop Exhibit Pick Up

Tabletop exhibits should be picked up at the Whittemore building on Sunday, July 27 from 9 am until noon. Champion projects that will be going on to State Fair will be annotated with a state fair sticker and will have a sheet of instructions stating when the project should be brought back to the Extension Office for delivery to State Fair and will include information on proper wrapping for safe delivery. If you cannot pick up your project, please make arrangements for someone who is going out to the Fairgrounds on Sunday to pick your project up for you. Those projects that are not picked up will be left at the Fairgrounds. You will need to contact the Fair Office at 520-7880 to make arrangements to pick up projects that are left at the Fairgrounds.

State Fair



State Fair Volunteers Needed

Teen Clerks and Adult Volunteers are needed for the Colorado State Fair. More information and application forms are available at <http://colorado4h.org/communications/update/2008/080613.shtml> The deadline for applications is a postmark of August 1.

State Fair Contests

Champions of county competitions (Talent Show, Creative Cooks, Cake Decorating, Demonstration, Shooting Sports, Dog Show, Rocket Fly Day and Fashion Revue) may enter the State Fair contests subject to the rules and regulations of these contests. Competition dates for these contests are posted on <http://colorado4h.org> **Do not send the entry forms directly to the State.** Information with complete details will be sent in mid July to all of those who are eligible to complete. Entry forms should be completed and returned to the Extension Office in a timely manner. Entries for shooting sports will be coordinated by the El Paso County 4-H Shooting Sports Council based on the results of the county competition.

Club Reports

Hitch-N-Post 4-H

By: Lindsey Davis

Our last scheduled meeting was on May 20th. We discussed the upcoming swine show, and candy bar sales. On May 31st, our club held their first annual Prospect Swine Show. The show went great and we had a lot of fun. With the Grand taking home \$250 and the Reserve taking home \$100, the Stewart family took both. The Stewart family made a generous donation of \$50 to the club. Our junior showmanship winner was Jenna Lingold, intermediate showmanship winner was Summer, and our senior showmanship winner was Jesse Kerchal. We would like to thank all who attended the show, volunteers, and a special thanks to our judge Russell Tomlinson. Our next scheduled meeting is on June 17th at 7:00 p.m.

4-H Wildcats

June was a busy month for the Wildcats. We started the month with our second demo day and 13 great demos. The next week we had a short organizational meeting where we elected our Vice President of Fund Raising - Illiana Derr-Evans and then honored our 7 graduating seniors with cake and a party. Our graduating seniors are: Philicia Fahrenbruch, Alex Fahrenbruch, Vanessa Fontana, Raquel Lintner, Kira Nelson, and Emily Prather. We finished off the month with a swim party for all our Cloverbuds and top performers. Just watch us score at fair.

Pronghorns

By: Alea Doyle

The Pronghorns had a great June meeting. We had a visitor named Lacy and we all hope she will choose to return next 4H year as a new member! The club discussed tabling bylaws/constitution revisions till after fair and what we should do for future community service for the church where we meet. Our demo day is now scheduled for July 12th. Fair clean up day was mentioned and everyone is encouraged to help out. Cecelia Otto announced that Janet Otto's company is sponsoring a food drive for Care and Share and on the day they have Santa (Christmas in July) they would like some club members to volunteer to be elves. The date for this is not yet released. Everyone is busy getting their fair projects and demos done. Here's to another great fair!!

Country Style 4-H

By: Delaney Kochan

Hey everybody! We're wrapping up with our meetings and moving on to the shows! All those fun clinics we put on to prepare you for show season are finally going to pay off! Country Style 4-H show was a complete success!! We had so much fun and we hope you did too! Thank you to all of our amazing sponsors; we couldn't have done it without you! We're looking forward to a summer full of showing and supporting our fellow 4-H clubs; then off to compete at County and State Fair! Just a reminder to all CS members that we are having our annual barbeque Monday evening of County Fair at the Thayer's camper; come join in on the fun whether you show at the fair or not! That's it for June! Looking forward to seeing everyone on horseback!

Kolbe Kids 4-H

By: Lauren Haynes

May through June, Kolbe Kids has done a fundraiser, planned a community service, done demonstrations, and elected new officers. Our May community service involved preparing and serving meals for guests to a horse clinic hosted by the Rockin B Feed Store in Black Forest. As a community service, our club has planned to donate soap and paper goods to the EAA Hanger, where we hold our meetings. At our June meeting we held our Demo Day and Officer elections. Robbie Kercher's informative demonstration covered all aspects of archery, while President Katherine Brickley gave a masterful presentation on advanced photography equipment. Samuel Duszynski assembled an interesting demonstration on drawing. We would like to welcome this year's new officers, lead by President Albert Brouillette, Vice-President Collin Duncan, Secretary Lauren Haynes, Treasurer Elise Brouillette, Reporter Sean Bateman, and Historian Laura Helmreich. Also, we would like to honor Mrs. Brickley and Katherine Brickley, who will be leaving Kolbe Kids as Leader and President, respectively. They will be greatly missed!

Falcon Ranchers 4-H

By: Bethany George

Falcon Ranchers 4-H club hosted a dog show on June 14, 2008, at the El Paso County Fairgrounds. We had a really fun time. It was a lot of hard work, but it was worth it!!! We had tons of people who were there showing their dogs. Everyone who shows their dogs know that it's a lot of hard work, but it's a lot of fun!!! There were a lot of concessions, and a LOT of door prizes!!! Door Prize tickets were a HUGE success!!! There were tons of awesome baskets filled with things such as blankets, dog food and other pet products, dog bowls, candles, kids stuff, and more. All of the dog show handlers had a great, but tiring time. We were all proud of our dogs. They all did a great!!! They also all put in a lot of their time to train their dogs for this show. Good job all dog show handlers!!! We hope that you had fun at our show!!! Thanks to everyone who came to the dog show!!!

Woodlake Hills 4-H

By: Wyatt Wear

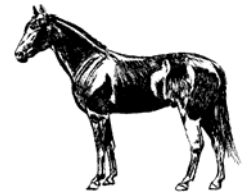
The Woodlake Hills Club met in the Davis family barn on June 12, 2008. We discussed the County Fair and are excited about participating. We were told about the budget cuts by the County Commissioners and were sad to realize that we may not have our 4-H Club next year. Our leader, Tina Davis, demonstrated how to properly wash and dust our poultry for the Fair. Demos included Cassie and Alice, jewelry; BreeAnn, pygmy goat and Callista, hatching chickens. We then had cookies and explored the barn. They had fifty baby chicks, many Serema Bantams, four horses, and many other full size chickens in a coop. There was brand new baby kitten, and Ruby the Red Healer was in the middle of everything as usual. We turned in our entries for Fair and our completed poultry project books.

Horse Program News

IMPORTANT Levels Testing Information!

Levels 3 & 4 Written Test Taking Opportunity

Jonathan will offer those interested in taking Levels 3 & 4 written tests opportunities Tuesdays through Thursdays in June during business hours by appointment only. Please email Jonathan at jonathanvrabec@elpasoco.com to arrange an appointment.



County Fair Horse Show

Do not forget that to be eligible to show at the County Fair you must have shown the project horse in a class and taken the written test at least once during the show season at an Advisory Committee sanctioned 4-H horse show. NOTE: Showing at a "closed show" that was open only to those in the member's club does not qualify a member to register for the County Fair 4-H Horse Show, even though it was sufficient for project completion. If a member wishes to show a second project horse at County Fair, it must have been used in at least one class at an Advisory Committee sanctioned 4-H horse show.

Horse Advisory Committee

The mini horse driving test will be on June 21. Their next show will be held June 28. Stalls are still available for the County Fair. Registration for the County Fair for horse shows is due June 23. The Horse Advisory Committee sponsors a class and written test. T-shirts, decorations and a pizza party are also being planned. The Falcon Lions Club is sponsoring a trail ride on August 9 to benefit El Paso County 4-H. The Fairground cleanup is July 12. The Spring Show is July 13. This is an open show for all levels and breeds.

Do You Know What Your Horse Is Eating?

Dr. Tony Knight, Clinical Sciences Department at CSU, will do a presentation on the plants found in Colorado that are toxic to horses on Saturday, July 12 from 10 am - 2 pm at Kit Carson Riding Club (6775 Cowpoke Rd - Woodman Rd east to Black Forest Rd, left to Cowpoke). Bring plants that you would like Dr. Knight to identify and discuss with you. Admission \$5, lunch \$7. Sponsored by the Southern Division of the CAHC.

Living with Livestock



4-H Breeding Sheep and Breeding Beef Open Shows

The Open Livestock Shows at the County Fair are a great place to get more experience. Contact the Extension for information on the Open Class shows at the county fair. 4-Hers and their families are welcome and encouraged to participate. The Open Livestock Shows will be held the same day as the 4-H breeding shows, July 20th. There will be open shows for breeding beef & breeding sheep.

Health Certificates

All livestock (goats, sheep, hogs and cattle) exhibited at the El Paso County Fair must be accompanied by an official health certificate individually identifying each animal issued within 30 days before the weigh-in at fair. All exhibitors should contact their local vet to obtain the required health certificate. Pseudo rabies tests are not required on swine as long as they originate from a free herd. Please check the El Paso County Fair Livestock Premium List for more specifics.

Round Robin Showmanship Clinic

Once again the Round Robin Showmanship Clinic was a success and had a great turn out and participation. Thank you to all the superintendents for lining up the clinicians for each of the species. The following 4-H'ers took the time to bring their animals and to teach our members the basics of showing them: Noel Augustine, Swine; Kristie Frates, Market Lamb; Blake Tope, Market Beef; Holly Nequette, Pygmy Goats; Brenna Harford and Heather Magginetti, Fiber Goats; Hannah St. Louis, Market Goats; Mathew Fries, Dairy Cattle.

Livestock Sale Rules

The Fair Association Livestock Sale Committee would like market exhibitors to be aware of the following rule additions for this year:



- Exhibitors may not give notes to the auctioneer prior to entering the sale ring. There will be NO announcement by the auctioneer of any sort of "premium" attached to a designated animal for the purchaser of that animal.
- Sale checks will be MAILED to exhibitors by the Sale Committee WITHIN 7 - 10 DAYS FOLLOWING THE SALE. Prior to receiving a check, each market exhibitor must write a thank-you note to the buyer of their animal and turn in this note to the livestock sale office at the Fairgrounds on Sunday, July 27. Names and addresses of buyers will be provided to exhibitors. The Sale Committee will mail the thank-you notes to the buyers immediately following the Fair.
- To participate in the sale, each market exhibitor must return a completed W-9 including their social security number with the fair entry form(s) or prior to the fair. These forms are available online at <http://elpasoco.colostate.edu> under County Fair Information or at the Extension Office.

DO NOT FORGET TO REVIEW THE 2008 4-H LIVESTOCK PREMIUM LIST WITH COUNTY FAIR RULES. It is available online at <http://elpasoco.colostate.edu>

Scrapie Tagging Regulations will be Enforced!!!

Goat and sheep projects Do Not Forget the Scrapie Surveillance Tagging Regulations, which you are required to comply with during county fair. You must be in compliance with these regulations or you will not be allowed to show at the County Fair. If you have questions about these regulations please contact the Colorado Department of Agriculture in Lakewood at (303)239-4100 or APHIS at (303)231-5385.

Catch-It Lamb Correction

The Catch-It Lamb "Program Overview" (posted on the website) correctly states that there will be a total of six lambs split between the three age groups. However, point two of the Catch-It Lamb "Program Rules" incorrectly states this fact. The second point should read "The program will be limited to a maximum of two lambs per age group."

Horse and Livestock

Horse and Livestock Record Books

Horse and Livestock Record books are due to the extension office graded from the club/project leaders on September 12th. Your clubs/project leaders will require you to hand the books into them at an earlier date so that they have time to grade them, before handing them in to the office. I would like clubs to hand their books in together so please do not bring your book into the extension office and drop it off it will only be accepted from your club or project leader. Ungraded books will also not be accepted. Leaders please grade all books as having the feedback to your members assists in the learning process.

With the new online record books I have been receiving some questions regarding how many books need to be filled out. The policy has NOT changed and is the same as the last several years. ONLY put one market project per book and put the breeding project in a separate book per species. Do not put both in the same book because it causes difficulty when grading. In other words...put all market sheep in one book and breeding sheep in a separate book. Remember for some projects a supplement is required and is also available on the web site. Also you may find it helpful to also download the Record Users Guide for Livestock/Horse e-Records also available at the same site and location as the record books are. It will have helpful information you can use to assist you in filling the books out.

Leaders when you get questions please refer to the Organizational Leaders Handbook and review the Horse and Livestock Record Book Policy. Score sheets are being developed at the state office to assist in grading the record books. We will notify you as soon as possible once they are finished.

County Fair Judges

Dairy Goat and Pygmy Goat, Renee Furst; Fiber Goat, Bob and Pam Marshall; Market Goat, Logan MacLennan; Market Cattle, Ted Morgan; Market Swine, Brett Kaysen; Breeding Show (Beef), Don MacLennan; Breeding Show (Boer Goats, Sheep, Swine, & Dairy Cattle), Logan MacLennan; Miniature Horse, Tiffany Mead; English Horse, Lindsey Berbee; Western Horse, Kim Madsen; Horse Showmanship & Trail, Robert Dehn, Market Sheep, Kenny Thies.



Happy 4th of July!



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Dates to Remember

July

- 4 Office Closed for Holiday
- 12 Small Animal, Horse, Livestock Fairgrounds Cleanup
- 15 Tabletop Fairgrounds Cleanup
- 18 Exhibit Day
- 19-26 County Fair!

August

- 11 Deadline for State Fair entries - non perishable
- 13 Deadline for State Fair entries (8 am) - perishable
- 22-1 State Fair

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