



# Clover Times



El Paso County 4-H  
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## Budget Crisis Update

As you know, Colorado State University (CSU) Extension (which includes 4-H) has been facing the potential of major budget cuts this year, along with many other departments in El Paso County. The Board of County Commissioners are now proposing that the county provide part of the funds that are needed to fund CSU through December of 2008. Several groups (including the Rural Development Association, the Fair Association, and the extension program fund) have pledged most of the remainder of the funds necessary to fund El Paso County Extension through the balance of 2008. The Commissioners will vote on June 9<sup>th</sup> to approve the budget cuts.

Many of you have provided public support of our programs. We thank you for that support. It is good to know that you value the programs that are provided by El Paso County Extension. We hope that we are in El Paso County long into the future to continue to provide services. The future will most likely depend on a tax increase approval by El Paso County voters in November, if it that measure is put on the ballot.

## Congratulations to our High School Graduates!

We wish the best to our 4-H seniors as they graduate and move on to the next exciting part of their lives...Wade Anderson, Noel Augustine, Keri Berens, Karla Boogaard, Albert Brouillette, Catie Budney, Kelly Calderini, Tara Cantu, Nicole Couture, Chris Crumpler, Cassie Durham, Alex Fahrenbruch, Philicia Fahrenbruch, Erica Fellion, Vanessa Fontana, Sheree Friedel, Haley Hock, Rhonda Holton, Racquel Lintner, Jennifer McDermott, Jake Meinzer, Olivia Millar, Kira Nelson, Holly Nequette, Gwen Norvell, Emily Prather, Amber Riester, Kristopher Rogers, Janelle Rokes, Hannah St. Louis, Samantha Wester, Haley Wilkison, and Cassidy Woodard.

## Congratulations to our Scholarship Winners for 2008!

Nicole Couture	El Paso County Horse Scholarship \$500
Haley Hock	El Paso County 4-H Foundation Memorial Scholarship \$2000
Jake Meinzer	El Paso County 4-H Foundation Scholarship \$2000, El Paso County Livestock Scholarship \$500
Holly Nequette	El Paso County Livestock Scholarship \$500
Emily Prather	El Paso County 4-H Foundation Scholarship \$2000
Amber Reister	El Paso County Horse Scholarship \$1000
Hannah St. Louis	El Paso County Livestock Scholarship \$500
Samantha Wester	El Paso County Farm Bureau Scholarship \$1000
Cassidy Woodard	A.L. Pieper Memorial Scholarship \$2000, Lewis Schwartz Memorial Scholarship \$1000, El Paso County Livestock Scholarship \$500

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***Congratulations to  
our graduating  
seniors!***

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## Leader's Lounge

### Grocery Certificates

4-H Foundation will be taking over the grocery certificate sales as of July 1. Please have your unsold certificates and any funds to the Extension Office by June 19. No additional certificates will be issued at that time. The July newsletter will have information about how to obtain certificates from Foundation.

### Leaders' Council

There will be a Leaders' Council meeting on June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office. That group will be planning Old Fashion Game Night for the fair. Everyone is encouraged to attend!

## Small Animal Update

### Poultry Updates

Important poultry dates:

**June 21st** - Poultry showmanship clinic 9:00am at Swink Hall at the fairgrounds. This will fulfill your clinic requirement for those who still need it, and is a good opportunity to get in some practice.

**July 12th** - Barn cleanup/setup. Everyone is required to be at one barn cleanup day. If you were not at the one in Aug. you need to be at this one. If you're not sure, let me know and I'll check the sign up sheet for you (Dawn 683-6524 or [wheelersmadhouse@hotmail.com](mailto:wheelersmadhouse@hotmail.com) ).

**July 19th** - Coop-in. All birds need to be in by 1:00pm. Don't forget to bring feed and shavings. There will not be a place in the barn for you to store your feed, so please do not leave it in the barn.

**July 20th** - Poultry show and showmanship. Please check the schedule at coop-in to find out when you'll be needed for showmanship. Make sure you arrive early and tend to your birds before the judging starts. Showmanship will be in the dance tent.

**July 23rd** - Market poultry that are selling at the auction need to be in the Owens Arena at 1:00pm for pictures.

**July 26th** - Small Animal Round Robin will be at the Whittemore Building. Check in at 8:00 and will begin at 8:30am. 4-H livestock Auction at the Owens Arena starting at 1:00pm. Public poultry sale, all day.

**July 27th** - Coop-out. All coops need to be cleaned and birds removed from barn by 12:00pm.

**Aug 9th** - Barn Cleaning, this is for those that are returning for next year's poultry project.

We'll see you at the fair!



### Dog Project

#### *El Paso County Dog Show*

The Falcon Ranchers are hosting a dog show at our fairgrounds in the Whittemore Building on June 14. Registration will be at 9 am. Show (obedience, showmanship and rally fun runs) will start at 10 am. This is always a fun show with tons of great prizes and door prizes, dog photo contest, coloring station, concessions, and silent auction. Email [falconranchers4h@aol.com](mailto:falconranchers4h@aol.com) for registration information.

#### *Other Dog Shows*

Information on several dog shows outside of El Paso County (including Bark in the Park in Meeker on June 7 and Pups and Pals Fun Match on June 7 in Golden) will be posted on our website <http://elpasoco.colostate.edu> and is available at the Extension Office.

#### *Dog Agility*

There will be a Dog Agility Fun Match at the El Paso County Fair this year! It will be held Thursday at 6:30 pm in Owens Arena. If you want to participate, contact [falconranchers4h@aol.com](mailto:falconranchers4h@aol.com) or go to <http://elpasoco.colostate.edu> for rules, training log and information.

## Fast Tracks

### Extension Office Hours

This is a reminder that the 4-H Office is open to the public from 8-noon and 1-5 Monday through Thursday. The exception to this is that we will be open all day on Friday, June 13 so that families can bring in fair entries.

### 4-H Dress Code IN EFFECT!

Remember that the 4-H dress code is in effect whenever at ALL 4-H functions including club sponsored horse shows and livestock shows as well as the County Fair. Any activity attended as part of 4-H requires appropriate dress because you are representing your family, yourself and your county. Dress appropriately as outlined in the dress code! This includes family members and friends who might also be attending the event!

### El Paso County 4-H Youth Council

*By: Weston Doyle*

The May 27, 2008 Youth Council meeting was short but much was covered. To start the meeting a student (Erin Doherty) in the IFYE program, spoke to us about her trips to Germany and Austria. If you ever have the chance to hear Erin speak, it's definitely worth the time. She told of many fun/interesting events she encountered. Then Shelby Gillis passed out Youth Council shirt order forms. Mandy read to us her "4-H Awareness" letter which will soon be mailed to many important figures to increase public awareness. Mandy then quickly reported on what happened at the Citizens Budget Oversight Committee meeting where she was able to speak to both the committee and the media. Jonathan reported on various committees, this ended up being Jonathan's shortest report ever! Youth Council Members are still selling tickets for the Ford F150 truck so be sure to get yours before they're gone. Shelby reported on how great the Fourth of July Parade in Ellicott is and encouraged everyone to attend. Youth Council moved its next meeting to June 16<sup>th</sup> at the CSU Extension Office and the Officers meeting to June 11<sup>th</sup>. Mandy Cramer then adjourned the meeting at 8:23 pm.

### 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 8<sup>th</sup> to Jonathan.



### Summer Reading Party

The Fountain Branch Library is looking for 4-H'ers to help with their Summer Reading Party on Wednesday July 30 from 10:30 - 12:30 at the Fountain Branch (230 S. Main St. in Fountain). They would love to have 4-H'ers bring animals to the party and or do some demonstrations. If interested, please contact Jessica Freeland at 382-5347 or [jfreeland@ppl.org](mailto:jfreeland@ppl.org)

## Tabletop Update

### Tabletop Exhibit Day Change!

El Paso County Fair Exhibit Day has changed from Saturday, July 19 to Friday, July 18.



### Table Top Clean Up Day

Clean up day is scheduled for the tabletop project area in the Whittemore building on **Tuesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.** 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](mailto:maureenbergenfeld@elpassoco.com)) if you are available.

## Fashion Revue News

Do you want some fun and excitement? Then you want to be involved in the 2008 4-H Fashion Revue. To participate you must be in a clothing or decorate your duds project and make a wearable garment to model at the show. The date of the show is Wednesday, July 16, 2008 and it will be at Gold Camp Elementary. There will be two workshops to help you prepare for this event. If you have never participated, it is strongly encouraged that you attend both. The first will be on June 19, 2008 at the Extension Office from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. That workshop will assist you in writing a commentary for your outfit and you. There will also be some time to help you with basic modeling steps! The second workshop will be July 14, 2008 at Gold Camp from 1:00 PM to 3:00 and we will practice for the show on the stage (and help you with the basics if necessary.) Remember, you must register by June 13, 2008 on a fair entry form to participate and all commentaries must be to Georgia Hock by July 1, 2008. You may mail them to Georgia at 2420 Parkview Lane, Colorado Springs, CO 80906 or email to [georgiahock@comcast.net](mailto:georgiahock@comcast.net) Commentaries must be typed and double spaced. They may not exceed 250 words. Longer commentaries will be cut. There are lots of opportunities for you and your friends to help. We need help with decorations, getting flowers and music. If anyone wants to be an escort or read commentaries, now is also the time to volunteer. Please contact Georgia Hock at 633-2815 if you want to be involved or have any questions. Don't miss this fantastic opportunity. Plan now to participate!

## County Fair



### 4-H Passes

4-H'ers who enter at least one project in the County Fair are entitled to a County Fair pass for this year's County Fair. Tickets for clubs are available for Organizational Leaders to pick up at the Extension Office. The Extension Office hours are 8-12 and 1-5 Monday through Thursday (exception - open June 13). If you have questions regarding these tickets, please contact Gay at [gay-leighcamp@elpasoco.com](mailto:gay-leighcamp@elpasoco.com) or 636-8922.

## County Fair Entry Deadlines

June 13 is the deadline to turn in the following County Fair entries to the Extension Office:

- *Entry Form, Record Book and Fees* for the following projects - Dog (attach vaccination record), Guinea Pig, Llama, Alpaca, Poultry, and Rabbit.
- *Entry Form and Officer Book* for Club Secretary, Club Treasurer, and Club Historian.
- *Entry Form and Fee* for Contests, Livestock (attach W-9 for market entries), Fashion Revue, and Tabletop.

### Other Deadlines:

June 6 is the deadline for Shooting Sports Competition Entry Form and Fees to Dave York.

June 23 (postmark) is the deadline for the County Fair Horse Show Bill.

All entry forms, Exhibit Requirements and Fair Rules are all posted on <http://elpasoco.colostate.edu> Use the class numbers indicated in the Exhibit Requirements to complete the entry forms. Checks for Small Animal, Tabletop and Contest entries should be made out to El Paso County Extension. Checks for livestock entries should be made out to the Livestock Advisory Committee. Checks for horse entries should be made out to the Horse Advisory Committee.

## Record Books

Most county projects require the Family and Consumer Science e-record this year. Those e-records are posted at <http://colorado4h.org> The county projects are listed online at <http://elpasoco.colostate.edu> Alpacas/llamas, poultry, dog, guinea pig and rabbit projects continue to use their own county record book - not the e-record book. Fiber goats and mini horses will continue to use the Livestock/Horse e-record book.

## Fair Entry Volunteers Needed

**HELP! HELP!** We desperately need volunteers to help new members complete their small animal and/or tabletop entry forms (class #, age division, etc.) or take fair entries on June 13<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers are needed for 2 hour shifts from 8 - 5 pm. Please contact Maureen ([maureenbergenfeld@elpasoco.com](mailto:maureenbergenfeld@elpasoco.com)) if you can help. Thanks in advance.

### Old Fashion Game Night

It's time again to start collecting gifts for Old Fashion Game Night to be held on July 24th at the County Fair from 7-9 pm. These games are free to all 4-H youth, and we normally have over 150 youth attended. We would appreciate if each club could collect about 20 small prizes for games (many times you can get these from businesses) and 2 door prizes valued at about \$10 each. Contributing clubs will be acknowledged in the Whittemore Building. Please bring your items into the office NLT June 13th. Currently we have no left over items from last year. Questions? Contact Maureen at 575-8568 or [maureenbergenfeld@elpasoco.com](mailto:maureenbergenfeld@elpasoco.com).

### Fair Passes, Camping Spaces, Stalls

Fair passes for people other than 4-H'ers, camping spaces and horse stalls will be available at the Fair Office in Calhan starting on June 6 at 7 am. Representatives from the Fair Office will be available at the Extension Office from noon until 5 pm on June 13. If you have questions, contact the Fair Office at 520-7880.

### Exhibit Day Helpers Needed

The County Fair is not that far away and we need your help again this year for **Tabletop Exhibit Day, Friday July 18<sup>th</sup>**. We need the following 4-H'ers and adults:

- o Runners - must be at least 13
- o Judge's Assistants - must be at least 18, no longer a 4-H member, and not assisted the last two years
- o Display assistants - must be at least 16 and will be needed to help on Saturday also

Please consider helping this year it is a wonderful learning opportunity for 4-H members and adults. Please e-mail Maureen Bergenfeld at [maureenbergenfeld@elpasoco.com](mailto:maureenbergenfeld@elpasoco.com) if you would like to assist and indicate which role you would like to help out with. Thank you for considering volunteering for these very important roles.

### Job Descriptions for County Fair Helpers

**Registration Helpers** - Registration Helpers need to be at least 13 years of age. Need 6 people. Registration Helpers may sign up for the morning, 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or afternoon 12:00 p.m. until all exhibits are checked in. Sign up for the entire day, however, is more desirable. Registration helpers will look up the names of 4-H exhibitors on the intake forms and check them off when they are presented with 4-H exhibits. They will then ask a runner to take the project into the judging area to the appropriate judge's assistant. They will take questions to the "Lead Registration Person".

**Runners** - Runners need to be at least 13 years of age. Need 6 people. Runners may sign up for the morning, 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. or afternoon 12:00 p.m. until all exhibits are checked in. Signing up for the entire day, however, is more desirable. Runners will carefully carry 4-H exhibits to the appropriate judging area and place on the risers. They will work with the judge's assistants to make sure the project is put in the correct location. They will take all questions to the superintendents at the "ribboning table".

**Judge's Assistants** - Judge's Assistants are 18 years of age or older and no longer a 4-H member. Need 14 adults. The judge's assistants must be able to stay for the full day until the judge has completed awarding all ribbons. The judge's assistants will assist the judges by making sure the 4-H exhibit is in the judging area. They will make sure the exhibitor is present for the interview and get the exhibitor when it is time for the 4-H'ers interview. They will also fill in the green exhibit card with the 4-H exhibitor's information. After the judge is done with the interview and has filled out the score sheet, the assistant will take the filled out green card to the "ribboning table". The judge's assistant will also be responsible for filling in the master ribbon sheet. They will take all questions to the superintendents at the "ribboning table".

**Display Assistants** - Display Assistants need to be at least 16 years of age. Need 7 people. Display Assistants will be asked to stay until 6:00 p.m.; unless we finish sooner and perhaps return on Saturday. The display assistants will work with the superintendents in displaying the 4-H projects. They will also have interaction with the judge's assistants and runners. They will take all questions to the superintendents at the "ribboning table".

## Helper's Training

If you have signed up to help out at Tabletop Exhibit Day it is extremely important that you attend the training meeting on Thursday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. This is the same day as the leader's meeting. We will give you a brief overview of your job duties, give you an opportunity to ask questions, and you will also have an opportunity to meet your fellow peers who will also be helping out on Exhibit Day. This meeting should not take more than an hour.

## Club Reports

### High Country Kids 4-H

*By: Derek Buehner*

For our May meeting we went over the clinics that some 4-Hers still need to go to for county fair requirements. Dates for our fair goat showmanship practice were set and we went over additional requirements for fair. Many of us participated in Festival of Events and many ribbons were given. Good job to all those participating! Our Harding Nursery fundraiser was a success. Our club will be running the concession stand for the Quad Goat Show June 7-8. My mother gave our host presentation on different kinds of feed requirements for goats. We look forward to getting ready for county fair in July!

### Pronghorns

*By: Alea Doyle*

The Pronghorns got together on May 8th. Even though we didn't have a quorum we had a good time. Business items were all tabled until next month. Everyone able to attend filled out their fair entries. We discussed possible demo dates. Elizabeth presided over the meeting and gave the secretaries report. Alea gave the treasurer report and the youth council report. Luke led our activity - a word game made up of 3 teams (two 4H teams and 1 parent team). The competition was strong and we're still waiting for a final judges decision to declare a winner. On April 21st we got together to do community service by cleaning up the grounds at our meeting place. It was cold and windy but we got the job done. The Pronghorns are working hard to get ready for another county fair.

### Purple Circle

*By: Christe Christensen*

The club has completed its community service at the Paulson Center. Hurray! The yards are all raked up! The Paulson Center felt compelled to give our club \$100 for this service. In turn we donated the \$100, in the Paulson Center's name, to the fund that is set up for the Crowley County fire victims. We also donated an additional \$200 from the Purple Circle 4-H Club for this same fund, with a total donation of \$300. We will not meet the first Wednesday in June because we set June 29<sup>th</sup> as our demonstration day. This meeting will cover both June and July meetings. We will meet at noon at the Calhan Park for a potluck meal and demonstrations. We discussed that July 12<sup>th</sup> is a mandatory clean-up day at the fair grounds and we are to be there at 9 AM sharp! Our Historian is still in need of photos so we need to get her some! I'm so excited for Fair! Aren't you?!

### Woodlake Hills 4-H

*By: Wyatt Wear*

The Woodlake Hills Club met at the Davis residence on May 8, 2008. Since our April meeting was snowed out, we had no minutes or old business to discuss. Several of our members won awards at the April Festival of Events: Stephen Davis won Champion for his poster, Sara Davis won Reserve Champion for her poster, Wyatt Wear won a Blue Ribbon for his poster, and Alice Davis won a Red Ribbon for her poster and Champion for Cake Decorating! We were all very proud of each other. Our Leader announced upcoming activities including a mock horse show, leather crafting club and we had lots of discussion about the County Fair activities. Our club will be participating in force at the Fair. Finally, we all did our 4-H demonstrations: Stephen properly cleaned a .22 rifle, Emily properly cleaned a saddle, Wyatt presented a poster on his egg business, and Alice presented a poster about cake decorating. Sara explained egg candling, and Fiona did a great demonstration of leather tooling. Several of us will be attending the poultry showmanship clinic on June 21st.

### **Kolbe Kids 4-H Club**

*By: Lauren Haynes*

April/May, several members presented demonstrations and did several community services. At our April meeting, Vice-President Jared Bateman and Secretary Collin Duncan got together to produce a very informative demo on leather crafting and the use of a tool called the beveller. Next, Laura Helmreich contributed a picture-filled demonstration on how to make rolls. Lastly, Jared was up again to explain how to download your E-records off the internet. During our May meeting there were even more demos, with Claire Helmreich explaining how to make hard candy, Lauren Rust going over the benefits and ingredients of quick breads, Lauren Haynes demonstrating on the basic elements of a story, Sean Bateman explaining how to prepare and use a piece for leather crafting, and Parker Haynes contributing a demo on electronic tools, diagrams, and simple circuits. Our community services for this month include participating in Adopt-a-Trail and contributing to the Silver Key food drive.

### **Plainsmen 4-H Club**

*By: Charlie Goodwin*

At our May meeting we elected our new officers for next year: President-Jeremiah Henderson, Vice President-Mary Lou Goodwin, Secretary-Lauren Migliaccio, Treasurer-Nic Rogers, Historian-Jodi Rogers, and Reporter-Brittany Carson. We signed up for the jobs we will do for the 19th Annual Prospect Show on May 31st. Our club is helping to host the Grand Opening of the Falcon Meineke by doing a fundraiser car wash on May 17<sup>th</sup>. We were reminded to get our demos ready. We had leader's reports and ended our meeting with snacks. Good Luck to everyone at the Fair!!!

### **Pals of the Pines**

*By: Megan McKinley*

The Pals of the Pines had busy meetings in April and May. In April we greeted several new guests and had project reports. There was no old business, so for new business we discussed what to do for a fundraiser and decided on a bake sale. Some other choices were also suggested, including selling 4-h candy bars. After the business meeting several members did demos. The Cloverbuds did a demonstration on a terrarium. They told us how to make a terrarium and take care of it. Then three members did demos on various goat diseases. Next, the members doing Calligraphy demonstrated how to make some letters in calligraphy and then had volunteers draw the letters. After that more members demonstrated how to show swine. Finally, the members doing quilting showed us different types of quilts. In May we discussed more options for fundraising. A used book sale was suggested and then we had even more demos, including sewing and sheep. The meetings were very eventful for the Pals of the Pines!

### **4-H Wildcats**

Energized! Energized! Energized Wildcats are a force to be reckoned with! Congratulations on winning "Best Kid Decorated Float" in the St. Patrick's Day parade. Most members have completed their community service and we've had great demonstrations from the club. At demonstration day we learned about food preserving, cultural foods, dog training, rabbit breeding and much more. At our meeting we elected officers for next year. They are President and senior Youth Council Rep- Garrett Prather, VPs of Community Service - Karlin and Mattie Rufenacht, Secretary - Emily Watson, Treasurer - Amanda Watson, Reporter - Thomas Price, Historian - Esther Lintner, Asst Historian - Gabriella Cantu, Birthday Chairman - Brianna Williams, Refreshment Chairman - Becca Watson, Junior Youth Council Rep - Colton Deck. Keep up the good work Wildcats and look out for great things to come as we gear up for fair.

## **Horse Program News**

### **Horse Project Fundraiser**

Pikes Peak 4-H Horse Show on July 13th at Kit Carson Riding Club starting at 9:00 am. This is also a qualifying show for El Paso County Fair but is open to ALL ages to show at. CASH prizes to High Point and Reserve High Point - one horse/one rider in each division. For a show bill and more information go to <http://www.coopext.colostate.edu/el Paso> click on Youth Development (4-H) then Horse Program or contact Pam Archuleta at 495-2464. Pre-Entry deadline is postmarked by July 7th.



### 4-H Club Spectator Contest

A contest for the El Paso County 4-H clubs will be held at the Pikes Peak Horse Show. \$500 will be awarded to the club which brings the most total spectators to the show on Saturday 5/24 and Sunday 5/25 combined. We will also award \$100 to the club which brings the most spectators based on a percentage of their club's membership, so there will be incentive for the smaller clubs to participate. If you have questions, contact Vicki Hill 303-901-1680.

### Ride for the Kids

The Children's Hospital Cancer Research Fundraiser sponsored by Douglas County Horse Steering Committee will be held on June 28<sup>th</sup> in Franktown. There is a \$25 minimum to participate in the ride. Registration and pledge forms are due by June 14<sup>th</sup>. Call 720-733-6940 or email [4h@douglas.co.us](mailto:4h@douglas.co.us) for more information.

### Horse Advisory Committee

This is a reminder that stalls for County Fair become available on June 6 at 0600 at Fair Grounds. First Horse show is Country Style on May 31 at Latigo. Ranch Horse Show will be on June 8. The Mini Show will be on May 31 and June 21. There is a New Ranch horse division for unrated riders. They can participate walk/trot without cows or ropes. They must wear helmets. This year is a trial period. If participation is good, it will become part of the rule book next year.

### 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](mailto:jonathanvrabec@elpasoco.com) to arrange an appointment.

### El Paso County 4-H Horse Judging Team

On may 4<sup>th</sup> El Paso County Held its annual Horse Judging Contest. I would like to thank everyone who assisted in holding and organizing the contest. The El Paso County Senior Team took 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Junior Team finished 4<sup>th</sup>. The contest was one of the best contests held in recent history. We able to create a DVD from the contest. We hope to market it to other local teams as a fundraising venture thanks to the hard work of team member's parents. The team now has one county contest left in Elbert County on June 7<sup>th</sup> and then will prepare for the state contest on June 25<sup>th</sup> in Fort Collins.

### County Fair Horse Requirement

Do not forget 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.

## Living with Livestock

### Pork Quality Assurance Recertifying Procedures

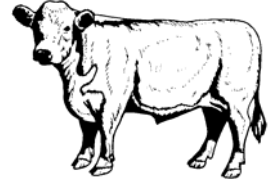
In order to renew your PQA certification the youth will need to come to the Extension Office and take a written test. They must pass the test with a 70%. If they do not pass with a 70% they may attempt to test out once more. If the two tests yield unsuccessful results, then the youth must attend an MQA class prior to being recertified. Tests will be graded once a week and you will be notified of the results. Again this is only for those renewing their PQA certification all initial PQA certifications are accomplished by attending an MQA Workshop.

### Livestock Judging Camp

Colorado State University will be providing a 3 day judging camp (June 9 -11) for those interested in improving their livestock evaluation and oral communication skills. The fee is \$200 and includes lodging, meals, an individual reasons DVD and a CSU Livestock Judging Manual. Registration is due by June 2. More information is available at <http://ansci.colostate.edu/content/view/663/42/>

### Beef Clinic

Gary Fillmore will be holding a beef fitting clinic on June 14th at 1:00 pm at the Fairgrounds. This is a hands on clinic so bring your calves, clippers and chutes to get credit for attending.



### Ak-Sar-Ben 4-H Livestock Exposition

The 2008 4-H Livestock Exposition (September 25-28) is requiring that all market lambs, swine, meat goats and new this year, feeder calves be DNA identified to be eligible to show. The cost to exhibitors will be \$5 per head. This fee covers the expense of materials and handling. An envelope including the nomination form, DNA sample and check are due at the Extension Office by June 15th. To request materials call 402-554-9600 x 111 or e-mail [farnstromc@aksarben.org](mailto:farnstromc@aksarben.org)

### Open Livestock Shows

Plan now to Exhibit your 4-H Breeding Sheep and Beef in the Open Classes at the fair. The Open Livestock Shows at the County Fair are a great place to get more experience. Contact the Fair Office or the County fair Web site for information on the Open Class shows at the County Fair. 4-H'ers 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 21<sup>st</sup>. 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.

All swine must originate in herds not known to be infected with pseudo rabies and be accompanied with health certificates. Pseudo rabies tests are not required on swine as long as they originate from a free heard.

Please check the El Paso County Fair Livestock Exhibit Requirements for more specifics.

### Discounted Health Certificate Day June 28

A Health Certificate Day will be held at Terry Shaw's house on June 28<sup>th</sup> from 8 am until noon. All species are welcome (cattle, sheep, goats and swine). They will not do pseudo rabies testing on hogs, only health certificates. There will be a small fee for this service of \$2 per head. Airway Veterinary Hospital will be doing the health checks. Please call Terry Shaw at 683-3712. Terry's house is located off of Ellicott Hwy at 6930 Ellicott Hwy.

### Steer Hoof Trimming June 28

The Livestock Advisory Committee will not be hosting an open scale this year due to lack of participation in previous years. They WILL still schedule a steer hoof trimming on June 28<sup>th</sup> at Terry Shaw's house at the same time as the Discounted Health Certificate opportunity. Hoof Trimming will take place from 9 am - noon. The hoof trimming is for anyone in the beef project. There will be a \$25 charge for this service so please be prepared to pay at the time of service. See the article in this newsletter regarding the Discounted Health Certificates for Terry's address and phone.

### State Wide Prospect and Jackpot Shows

Information about the state wide prospect and jackpot shows is available at the Extension Office. Please stop by and look through the file. We will make a copy of the entry forms for you. We are not able to email/mail these out.

### **Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) and Pork Quality Assurance (PQA)**

*The last MQA/PQA workshop in El Paso County was held May 6th. If you have not yet met the requirement for MQA and PQA it must be completed by JUNE 6TH (45 days prior to County Fair weigh-in). If you have not yet got this accomplished you may attend one in another county. Please refer to the County Extension web site for a list of other MQA trainings offered around the state. Please remember the regular clinic requirement deadline has been extended to June 16<sup>th</sup>. All educational clinics must be attended no later than June 16th.*

### **Participate in Catch-It Calf and the NEW Catch-A Lamb!!**

It's time to start thinking about participating in the Catch-it Programs at our County Fair. You start the process by filling out an application which will be available on our web site under livestock program. Applications are due at the Extension Office by June 13th. You may obtain an application by contacting a Catch-it committee person or picking one up at the Extension Office. The Catch-a Lamb program is NEW this year but is run very similar to the Catch-it Calf Program.

### **Fairground Clean Up Days**

Small Animal, Horse and Large Livestock Clean Up Day is July 12<sup>th</sup> from 8 am- 5:00 pm Tabletop Clean Up is July 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. If you are not able to make it out there on one of your project area dates please attend the other date. All clubs should have representation at the clean-up days.

## **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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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.

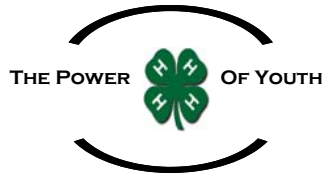
With the new online record books I have been receiving some questions regarding how many books need to be filled out. The policy has NOT changed and is the same as the last several years. ONLY put one market project per book and put the breeding project in a separate book per species. Do not put both in the same book because it causes difficulty when grading. 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.

### **Large Animal Round Robin Showmanship Clinic June 4th**

Learn how to show each of the species that compete in the large animal round robin competition at County Fair!! The clinic will start at 7 pm on June 4 in the Livestock Arena Building at the Fairgrounds. This clinic will satisfy one species clinic requirement! This is a hands on clinic and participants should not wear sandals.





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## Dates to Remember

### June

6 Fair Presale  
13 County Fair Entries Due  
24-27 State 4-H Conference, Ft. Collins

### July

12 Small Animal, Horse, Livestock Fairgrounds  
Cleanup  
15 Tabletop Fairgrounds Cleanup  
18 Exhibit Day  
19-26 County Fair!

### August

22-1 State Fair

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