



# Clover Times



El Paso County 4-H  
June 2009

A community of young people across America who  
are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.



## **Congratulations to our Graduating Seniors!**

We wish the best to our 4-H seniors as they graduate and move on to the next exciting part of their lives...Andrea Beatty, William Blankenship, Patrick Browning, Molly Engelman, Kristie Frates, Erin Gauck, Mary Goodwin, Brenna Harfert, Jeremiah Henderson, Jenny Kim, Margaret Lusk, Talor Migliaccio, Megan Nelson, Viki Paintin, Tara Reilly, Cristina Sotelo, Tabea St. Louis, William Stroup, and Halev Wilkison.

## **Congratulations to the Livestock Scholarship Winners!**

Keri Berens, Jeremiah Henderson, Kristie Frates and Samantha Wester are the 2009 winners of the Livestock Show/Sale Scholarship.

## **Congratulations to our Festival of Events Champions!**

All of the 4-H'ers and adults were great competitors at Festival of Events on Saturday, May 9. The winners are listed below. Those who have an asterisk (\*) after their name will represent El Paso County at the State Fair; double asterisks (\*\*) will represent El Paso County at State Conference.

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#### **Instrumental**

##### **Piano**

Junior Reserve Champion: Sydney Correll\*

Intermediate Champion: Sydney Paul\*

Intermediate Reserve Champion: Abigail Ward

##### **Woodwind**

##### **String**

Intermediate Reserve Champion: Crystal Benson\*

Senior Champion: Amanda Watson\*

Senior Reserve Champion: Edward Prentice

Senior Ensemble: Albert, Elise, Timothy, and Thomas Brouillette\*

##### **Vocal**

Senior Reserve Champion: Lindsey Davis\*

Junior Reserve Champion: Sydney Correll\*

##### **Dance**

##### **Ethnic Dance**

Senior Champion: Kaitlyn Woofter\*

Senior Ensemble: Miryssa and Kaitlyn Woofter\*

##### **Demonstration**

Senior Champion: Amanda Watson\*

Senior Team Champion: Jenna and Melissa Oxenhandler\*

Intermediate Champion: Samuel Pullen\*

Junior Champion: Rebecca Watson\*

##### **Theatrical**

##### **Skit**

Senior Champion: Thomas Price\*

Junior Champion Group: Sean and Chad Bateman\*

##### **Speech**

##### **Impromptu**

Senior Champion: Kyle West\*\*

Senior Reserve Champion: Amanda Watson\*\*

Intermediate Champion: Sam Pullen

Intermediate Reserve Champion: Emily Watson

##### **Original**

##### **Creative Cooks**

Intermediate Champion: Walter Prentice

Intermediate Champion: Dylan Prentice\*

Intermediate Colorado Specialty Champion: Taralyn Walker\*

##### **Photo**

Adult Champion: Adrienne Bergenfeld

Adult Reserve Champion: Maureen Bergenfeld

Senior Champion: Krystal Flathers

Senior Reserve Champion: Jenna Oxenhandler

Intermediate Champion: Melissa Oxenhandler

Intermediate Reserve Champion: Kolt Woofter

Junior Champion: Carlie Anderson

Junior Reserve Champion: Gabriella Cantu

##### **Poster**

##### **Animal Science**

##### **Project Theme**

Senior Champion: Jenna Oxenhandler

Junior Champion: Sydney Correll

##### **Baker's Day**

Junior Baker of the Day: Heather Flathers

Senior Bake of the Day: Marissa Woofter

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***Congratulations to  
our seniors,  
scholarship winners  
and Festival of  
Events winners!***

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## Small Animal Update

### Falcon Ranchers Dog Show

Falcon Ranchers Dog Show was a huge success! Fun was had by all who attended and we want to thank you for your support again this year! See ya at next years show!



Talor Migliaccio and Kali

### Grand County Dog Match

A fun day of 4-H Obedience, Showmanship and Rally is planned for June 13 at the Kremmling Town Square in Grand County. For more information contact Caroline Smith at 970-509-0476 or [csmith@co.grand.co.us](mailto:csmith@co.grand.co.us)

### K-9 Kapers 4-H Fun Match

All levels of showmanship, obedience and rally will be competing on June 20 at Sterne Park in Littleton. Registration is from 8-9, judging at 9. First entry is \$6; additional entry \$2. For more information contact Jody Kelly at 303-790-4630.

### Falcon Ranchers 4-H Rabbit Show

Falcon Ranchers 4-H Rabbit Show is scheduled for June 14 at the Whittemore Building at the Fairgrounds in Calhan. Registration starts at 8 am; the show starts at 9 am. All breed show, cross breed show, pee wee show, showmanship, great concessions, door prizes and more! Come join us for a fun day with your bunny! We will have show and pet rabbits for sale also! For more info email [falconranchers4h@aol.com](mailto:falconranchers4h@aol.com) or call 749-2397.

### Rabbit School

Rocky Mountain High Shows is sponsoring a Rabbit School on June 20 in Loveland. A day of fun, learning, door prizes and tips on raising and showing the domestic rabbit is planned. There will be three classrooms dedicated to this event from 8 - 4 pm. The cost is \$5 per child under 18 and \$10 per adult. Applications and fees are due no later than June 6. For more information contact Marie Adams at [marie.adams@ag.state.co.us](mailto:marie.adams@ag.state.co.us) or 719-404-2035.

### Animal Record Books

Refer to article in Horse and Livestock section of this newsletter for the record book policy on ALL ANIMAL record books.

## Fast Tracks



### Parliamentary Procedure

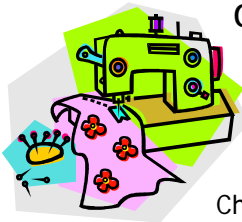
The seventh annual El Paso County 4-H Parliamentary Procedure Contest was held on April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Kit Carson Riding Club. The contest is open to all 4-H clubs and other 4-H groups who can field a five person parliamentary procedure team. The contest consists of three parts, a written test, a meeting demonstration, and oral questions. This year's Champion team is the El Paso County Youth Leaders. The winning team members were Emily Archuleta from Trailblazers 4-H Club who was the acting president for the contest, Amanda Watson from 4-H Wildcats, Weston Doyle from High Country Kids, Zac Abushaban from Woodman Valley 4-H, and CJ Bilodeau from Falcon Ranchers. The winning team was coached by Jonathan Vrabec. The Reserve Champion team from the Barbwire N' Boots 4-H club was represented by Rebecca Jones, acting president for the contest, Courtney Schmidt, Emily McCaffery, Sarah Schmidt, and Michael McBride. The winning team plus Rebecca Jones will represent El Paso County at the Colorado State 4-H Conference in Fort Collins in June where they hope to then qualify for the National 4-H Western Round-up Parliamentary Procedure Contest, January 2010 in Denver. If you are interested in participating in the county contest in 2010 please visit the El Paso County Extension website (<http://elpasoco.colostate.edu>) for contest rules. The contest can be fun and is a great way for your club officer teams to bond and learn how to run efficient meetings.

### 4-H Dress Code IN EFFECT!

I would like to remind everyone 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 that you attend as part of 4-H you should remember that you are representing your family, yourself and your county so dress appropriately as outlined in the dress code! This includes family members and friends who might also be attending the event!

### Shooting Sports

Crunch time is here. There are only a few more practices left. Our annual County Competition is just around the corner, June 20, 2009. You can find the Competition Entry Form on the County 4-H website. Please have them filled out and mailed with the appropriate fees to the location highlighted on the form by June 6, 2009. We will accept them as long as they are postmarked by that date. We will start at Ben Lomond Gun Club located in Ramah, Colorado. Just take Hwy 24 east to Ramah and follow the signs we will post for you. Registration starts at 8:00am. Shotgun competition will be held at Pikes Peak Gun Club located at the bottom of dump hill on Hwy 94 starting at 2:00pm for registration. If you did not attend one of the mandatory meetings, you need to contact a Shooting Sports Council Member and plan to attend our Council meeting on June 14 at 3:00pm to complete your project obligation. We are planning to do a fund raising Shooting Sports Power Point Presentation for the Pike Peak Firearms Coalition on Thursday June 11, at 7:00pm in downtown Colorado Springs. Mandy Cramer is going to head up the efforts, and she will need your help with the presentation. If you are interested, please contact Mandy, [mcramer@pcisys.net](mailto:mcramer@pcisys.net) or myself, [jbirsik@netzero.net](mailto:jbirsik@netzero.net) for the details. Just a reminder, you need to have your Hunter Education class completed and your Card number registered with the Council by June 20.



### Grand Champion Senior Clothing Award

The Grand Champion Senior Clothing Construction exhibitor will be presented with a Baby Lock Decorator's Choice sewing machine during the Colorado State Fair 4-H Fashion Revue, Saturday, August 22, 2009, at Sangre De Cristo Arts and Conference Center in Pueblo. The recipient must be present to accept this generous donation. Please advise senior clothing construction members that if their garment goes on to State Fair and is selected as the Grand Champion Clothing Construction exhibit, they must attend the State 4-H Fashion Revue to receive their award.

The Baby Lock Decorator's Choice is sponsored by Baby Lock Sewing Machine Company and Sprinkles Sewing Center of Pueblo. This sewing machine offers non-stick foot, adjustable zipper/piping foot and 11 other feet, the Decorator's Choice will give you the versatility to express your own personal style. This sewing machine is value at \$1399. Special appreciation to Jerry and Kathy Binfet, Sprinkles Sewing Center, for their continuous support of the 4-H clothing construction projects!

### Japanese Exchange Host Families Needed

Host families are needed for inbound Japanese boys and girls, ages 12-21 to Colorado July 23-August 18. More information is available at <http://www.colorado4h.org/Blog/?p=343>

### New 4-H Page on Facebook

Visit facebook.com/4-h to see what's new! Click on the blue button to become a fan. If a fan already, use the "Suggest to Friends" button under the big clover to show everyone how awesome 4-H is by inviting all of your friends.

### Ford Test Drive Update

Thank you to everyone who test drove a Ford product during Ford's 4-H promotion. The first batch of MasterCard debit cards sent to 4-H families for test driving Ford cars and trucks were for \$50 instead of \$25. The State contacted Ford and they are still going to give 4-H the \$25 for the test drives and let families who received \$50 cards keep them. The next batch of cards sent to the families will be for \$25.

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

## Fair Time

### Fair Entry Forms/Fees Due June 11

Fair entry forms and fees (not record books) for small animal, tabletop and livestock are due at the Extension Office by 5 pm on June 11. Officer books and entry forms are also due at the Extension Office by June 11. You are welcome to bring entries in prior to the deadline date. Shooting Sports Competition entries are due to James Irsik by June 6. The County Fair Horse Show entry is due postmarked by June 22 to Pam Archuleta. All entry forms are posted online at <http://elpasococ.colostate.edu> and are available at the Extension Office.



### 4-H Office Coverage

A reminder that the 4-H will not have administrative coverage from June 15 until July 6. Please plan ahead. If you need to purchase books or need assistance with anything else relating to fair, NOW is the time to ask! The following people will be available to answer questions: Horse - Pam Archuleta ([pcarchuleta@juno.com](mailto:pcarchuleta@juno.com) , 495-2464), Miniature Horse - Cherie Erler ([mrsrelre@aol.com](mailto:mrsrelre@aol.com) , 495-0867), Swine - Karla Wester ([kawester@msn.com](mailto:kawester@msn.com) , 495-0391), Beef - Shannon Blankenship ([sbship@earthlink.net](mailto:sbship@earthlink.net) , 347-3152), Goats - Sandra Hoihjelle ([sandra.hoihjelle@saic.com](mailto:sandra.hoihjelle@saic.com) , 495-5760), Sheep -Teresa Abushaban ([teresaabushaban@hotmail.com](mailto:teresaabushaban@hotmail.com) , 494-1034), Jr. Livestock Sale Managers - Aleta Fields (478-5560), Debra Hartman (347-3007), Dog (Showmanship/Obedience) - Linda Maple ([linda14850@cs.com](mailto:linda14850@cs.com) , 749-2691), Dog (Rally and Agility) - Mary Killen ([falconranchers4h@aol.com](mailto:falconranchers4h@aol.com) , (719)351-7451), Guinea Pig - Pat Kuhlmann ([wekuhl4h@citystar.com](mailto:wekuhl4h@citystar.com) , 540-0347), Poultry - Dawn Wheeler ([wheelersmadhouse@hotmail.com](mailto:wheelersmadhouse@hotmail.com) , 683-6524), Rabbit - Samantha Taylor ([rabit\\_luver\\_5@hotmail.com](mailto:rabit_luver_5@hotmail.com) , 574-2085), Llamas/Alpaca and Tabletop - Maureen Bergenfeld ([maureenbergenfeld@elpasoco.com](mailto:maureenbergenfeld@elpasoco.com) , 575-8568). The Fair Office number is 520-7880.

### 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 Monday through Thursday, 8-12 and 1-5. Keep in mind that there will be no administrative office coverage from June 15 until July 6. If you have questions regarding these tickets, please contact Gay at [gay-leighcamp@elpasoco.com](mailto:gay-leighcamp@elpasoco.com) or 636-8922.

### 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 17. We need the following 4-H'ers and adults:

- Runners - must be at least 13
- Judge's Assistants - must be at least 18, no longer a 4-H member, and not assisted last year
- 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. Indicate which role you would like to help out with. Thank you for considering volunteering for these very important roles.

### Fairground Improvement and Clean-up Days

The following dates have been set aside for clubs and or individuals to come out to our fairgrounds to help make improvements. There will be a lead volunteer to help supervise and lead the projects. The last clean up day at the fairgrounds is the normal fair clean-up/set-up day of July 11th. The Parks Department staff plan to meet with leaders/parents before the workday begins to cover basic safety practices, get to know everyone who has come, coordinate the work effort and address any specific needs. Work times will be from 9:00-3:30 each day. Parents of children younger than 12 should plan to stay and participate. Please bring a sack lunch and something to drink. Please call the fairground ahead of time if you plan to work on one of these days so they can have a project lined up for you. Contact Tim Stickel at 520-7880. Everyone is encouraged to participate regardless of project areas. Although this date is set aside for clean up, clubs that have work/improvement projects that they are interested in spear heading or working on are still welcome to contact the fairgrounds and set-up additional dates and times as needed.

## 2009 County Fair Rules

The 2009 4-H County Fair Rules are posted on <http://elpasoco.colostate.edu>. Please download the appropriate sections for the various projects you are in. Entry Forms are also posted and can be downloaded, printed off and mailed in. Entry deadline for County Fair is June 11<sup>th</sup>.

## Club Reports

### Pals of the Pines 4-H

*By: Monica West*

Our 4-H club is getting ready for the end of our club meetings. We are doing many demos in May and June. All of our club is trying to work on our record books so we aren't rushing to get them done. We also are doing three more community services so everyone is in the right standings for fair, and nobody ends up not going to fair. We hope all of our fellow 4-H clubs have a great last few weeks and everyone has a great summer.

### Kolbe Kids

*By: Sean Bateman*

Several of the members of Kolbe Kids said the April meeting was the best ever. Several moms brought sewing machines and everyone got to help cut out and sew bags for gifts we are giving away at the hospital. Everyone enjoyed trying their hand at sewing without being in a sewing project. Two weeks later we all met and hiked around in Palmer Park. The weather was perfect and we all had a great time climbing around on the rocks.

### Hitch-N-Post

*By: Nicole Westfall*

This month we had a meeting on April 21st. We are selling 4-H pants and we are holding our second annual prospect swine show June 13th at the El Paso County Fairgrounds. The Grand Champion hog will get \$350 and an embroidered chair. Reserve Grand Champion will get \$250 and a bag! So bring your pig and have a fun time and a great experience!

### County Style

*By: Dillon Martin*

Country style 4-H had over 20 kids attend the "Get Ready to Show" unmounted clinic at the Wilkisons house this past month. It was a great clinic with lots of good information to help us and our horses get ready for the horse shows this summer! We are looking forward to the Tally Ho clinic this month which will be one of the last clinics of the year. As a club we are gearing up for our annual MOCK/SCHOOLING SHOW. This will be happening on **May 30th** out at Latigo Trails Indoor. This is a big fundraiser for our club and all 4-H'ers are welcome to come and participate. There will be 4-H show buddies to help kids get ready for their classes among other things, they will be wearing decorated cowboy hats so if you need help they will be there! Country Style 4-H held its club meeting May 4th, 2009 going over our usual business and announcements. Demos were presented by Sylvia Conquest and Stephanie Mooty. Sylvia gave an outstanding presentation on branding and how it is done. Stephanie presented her demo on Appaloosa's and their traits, they both did an awesome job!! For more information please check out our website at [www.countrystyle4h.com](http://www.countrystyle4h.com).

### Kit Carson 4-H

*By: Kayla Summers*

This month has been an exciting, progressive month. Our club started out the month with two community service projects. Members had an opportunity to get full credit by doing either the KCRC maintenance day, helping out at the Therapeutic Riding Center, or doing both. For our May meeting, we talked about upcoming activities which include our show on June 13 and our horsemanship clinic in June. Then we had Bob Brenner from Pikes Peak Saddlery come and speak to us about saddle care. We then closed up the presentation with final questions.

### 4-H Wildcats

*By: Thomas Price*

Do you the difference between a Vermeer and a veneer? Well, many of the Wildcats didn't either. However, Colton Deck's excellent demo on woodworking at our May meeting cleared up the confusion (the first was a great painter, and the second is a thin layer of wood applied to other wood). The whole club was in a spring mood, at role call listing their favorite spring flower and later enjoying both "dirt cups" (oreos, pudding and gummy worms) from yours truly, and carrots with green stems still attached (not really, actually parsley stuck in the top) "planted" in ranch dressing supplied by the Watson girls. Club Historian Gabby Cantu was busy snapping outdoor photos of leaders and officers for the club scrapbook. Members were reminded to clean out garages, attics, basements, etc. for the May 30 garage sale, and to bake their best goodies to sell there, too. Happy Spring from the 'cats!

### 4-Bits 4H Club

*By: Crystal Benson*

Our club met on May 11th. We went to the County Fairgrounds on May 2nd. Our assignment was to paint all the risers white. We had a great time helping. Hannah, Andrea, John, Elke and Marlene enjoyed all that painting. Way to go!! Crystal went to the Ronald McDonald House this month. She delivered delicious cookies and got a tour of the facilities. The festival of events was great. Every Member from our club participated in the event. Congratulations to all our club members. Our dog project members went to a dog show at the County Fairgrounds on May 17th.

### Barbwire N' Boots

*By: Rebecca Jones*

Hi Barbwire N' Boots here! This last meeting was kinda short. We talked about future fundraisers and our club shirts, and will be talking more about them next meeting. Hope you all had a great Memorial Day; thanks and God Bless our troops!

### Falcon Ranchers

*By: Bethany George*

This past month, Falcon Ranchers 4-H club hosted their annual dog show at the El Paso County Fairgrounds on May 17<sup>th</sup>. The dog show was a HUGE success, with great concessions, a photo contest, great door prizes, and great awards!!!! Thank you to all of the people who helped organize and put on the dog show, and to all of the people who came from all of the different counties to participate at our dog show!!! Also, this year, we added Agility and Rally classes!! Everyone had a blast during these, and we hopefully will offer these classes again next year!! We currently are organizing a rabbit show that will be held on June 14<sup>th</sup> at the El Paso County fairgrounds!!! Closer to the show, we will be releasing more information about the show!!!

## Horse Program News

### Country Style 4-H Horse Show - June 20<sup>th</sup>!!

All 4-H horse project members are welcome to attend the Country Style 4-H Horse Show on June 20th at Latigo Trails Equestrian Center!! Classes offered in English Western and Speed! Great judges, great prizes, awesome time! Come on out and show! More information and a showbill can be found on the Country Style website: [www.countrystyle4h.com](http://www.countrystyle4h.com)

### Elbert County PreFair Horse Show

Elbert County will be hosting a PreFair Horse Show at the Elbert County Fairgrounds in Kiowa on Saturday, June 27. The show starts at 8:30 am. Cash entries. For further information or questions contact Rex Roberts at 303-805-2094.



### Important Levels Testing Information!

#### *Levels 3 & 4 Written Test Taking Opportunity*

Jonathan will offer those interested in taking Levels 3 & 4 written tests two more opportunities in June once on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Extension Office at 6:00 p.m. and the last time will be on June 30<sup>th</sup> during the County Council meeting at KCRC at 7:00 p.m. Please email Jonathan at [jonathanvrabec@elpasoco.com](mailto:jonathanvrabec@elpasoco.com) to make arrangements.

*Levels 2, 3 & 4 Riding Test- At this time of the year you must make your own arrangements with a levels tester to set up riding tests for these levels. There will not be anymore county organized riding test offered. Please visit <http://equineextension.colostate.edu/> and follow the link to advancement levels where you will find a list and contact information for all state certified levels testers.*

### Horse Members Remember

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.

### Horse Advisory Committee Report

On June 7, 2009 there will be a Ranch Horse test up and clinic. County Fair sign up for camping and stalls will be June 5, 7:00 am in Calhan. The County Fair cleanup day is July 11, 2009. The Pikes Peak 4-H Spring Show will be July 12, 2009. All proceeds will benefit the El Paso County 4-H Horse Project. There will be a Silent Auction with some great items new and used. If you would like to donate a new or used item please contact Lori Howell 495-0600 or cell 351-0660. Classes held from age 13 and under to 19 and over. Sign up for the Jackpot Hunter under Saddle and the Jackpot Western Pleasure. Let's make this a great fundraiser for 4-H this year.

## Living with Livestock

### Showmanship/Fitting Clinics

We will be holding a Swine, Sheep, and Beef showmanship and fitting clinic and now a Goat showmanship clinic and grooming for Dairy, Pygmy and Market Goats has been added on June 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am at the Fairgrounds. This is a hands on clinic for steers and market lambs so bring your animals and fitting supplies/equipment to get credit for attending. If you are attending the swine clinic you will not need to bring your animals. There will be animals there that will be used for demonstration purposes. Aaron Volosin will be doing the Beef Showmanship and Fitting, Tom & Cathy Myers will be doing the Sheep Fitting and Showmanship and the swine clinician is yet to be determined. This clinic will be the last clinic to count towards your clinic requirements. You will only be able to satisfy one clinic requirement during these clinics on the 20<sup>th</sup> as you will spend the entire 2 hours learning about one specific species and will not be able to jump around from species clinic to another. This is in hope that you will get more out of the clinics on one species.



### Discounted Health Certificate Day June 27

A Health Certificate Day will be held at Terry Shaw's house on June 27<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 27

A steer hoof trimming on June 27<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 \$20 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.

### 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.

### 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. Furthermore, 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 Premium List for more specifics.

### Livestock REMINDERS!!!!!!

LIVESTOCK PROJECT MEMBERS Clinic requirement deadline is June 22<sup>nd</sup> for all educational clinics or if you choose to show in two jackpots they must be attended no later than June 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### 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.



### Participate in 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. Applications are due at the Extension Office by June 11th. You may obtain an application by contacting a Catch-it committee person or picking one up at the Extension Office.

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

*The last MQA/PQA workshop in El Paso County will be held June 3rd. If you have not yet met the requirement for MQA and PQA it must be completed by JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup> (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 website for a list of other MQA trainings offered around the state. Please remember the regular clinic requirement deadline has been extended to June 22<sup>nd</sup> -all educational clinics must be attended no later than June 22<sup>nd</sup>.*

### Beef Clinic

Colorado State University Extension and the Northeastern Junior College Livestock Judging Team are joining forces to provide you with the opportunity to learn feeding, fitting and showing from the premier market beef showman educators in the industry. Mr. Kirk Stierwalt will provide the excellent training in how to help your next beef project reach its full potential as a show calf! I really encourage you to attend, as you will see great benefit from this training! All members interested should make plans to attend this Livestock Camp which will be held June 9-10, 2009 at Northeastern Junior College Campus in Sterling. Contact Mick Livingston at 719-346-5571 for more information.

### Livestock Grazing Behavior Basics

The Resource Group with funds from Grazing Lands Conservation Initiative is presenting a workshop on June 13 from 8 am until 5pm at the Exhibit Hall at the Fairgrounds in Calhan. Reservations taken over the phone (303-621-3162), pay at the door-\$15/person or \$25/couple.

## Horse and Livestock



### All Animal Record Books

Small Animal, Horse and Livestock Record books are due to the extension office graded from the club/project leaders on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Your club/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 project per book (in other words you put both your market sheep in one book and put your breeding sheep in a separate book and put your market swine in a different book). Do not put everything in one book it causes difficulty when grading. They must be separated by project areas (i.e. breeding and Market are different project areas as is species). 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 Record Book Policy. Score sheets are posted for horse and livestock on our county web site. Small animal project score sheets will be posted soon. We will notify you as soon as possible once they are finished.





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### *Dates to Remember*

June	
3	SummerFest
11	County Fair entry forms due; Officer Books due
23-26	State Conference
30	County Council
July	
2	Holiday - Office Closed
11	Clean Up Day at Fairgrounds
17	Exhibit Day
18-25	County Fair
August	
28-7	State Fair

*Office Hours: Monday - Thurs 8am - noon and 1 - 5pm*

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