



# Clover Times



El Paso County 4-H  
May 2008

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



## Congratulations to our Festival of Events Champions!

All the 4-H'ers and adults were great competitors at Festival of Events on Saturday, April 12 at Skyview Middle School. 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.

### Demonstrations

*Individual:* Sr. Champ. ~ Elizabeth Squires\*; Sr. Res. Champ. ~ Amanda Watson\*  
*Team:* Int. Champ. ~ Emily Watson/Rebecca Watson\*

### Theatrical

*One Act Play:* Sr. Champ. ~ Jared Bateman\*, Sean Bateman\*, Chad Bateman\*, Katherine Brickley\*, Peter Duszynski\*, Samuel Duszynski\*, David Duszynski\*, Parker Haynes\*, Lauren Haynes\*, Claire Helmreich\*, Laura Helmreich\*, Maria Kercher\*, Robbie Kercher\*, and Lauren Rust\*

### Music - Piano

*Individual:* Sr. Champ. ~ Yewon Song\*; Jr. Champ. ~ Sydney Paul\*; Jr. Res. Champ. ~ Shaye Barry

### Music - Instrumental (Non Piano)

*Brass/String Ensemble:* Sr. Champ. ~ Albert Brouillette\*, Elise Brouillette\*, Thomas Brouillette\*, Timothy Brouillette\*

### Music - Vocal

*Individual:* Jr. Champ. ~ Laura Koop\*  
*Duet:* Jr. Champ. ~ Sydney Correll\*, Sydney Paul\*

### Dance

*Solo:* Sr. Champ. ~ Kaitlyn Woofter\*  
*Duet:* Sr. Champ. ~ Kaitlyn Woofter\*, Miryssa Woofter\*

### Public Speaking

*Original Speech:* Jr. Champ. ~ Jared Bateman\*\*  
*Interpretive Reading:* Jr. Champion ~ Sean Bateman; Jr. Res. Champ. ~ Karlin Rufenacht  
*Impromptu:* Sr. Champ. ~ Amanda Watson\*\*; Jr. Champ. ~ Jared Bateman \*\*

### Creative Cooks Contest

*Individual:* Sr. Colorado Specialty Champ. ~ Raquel Lintner\*; Int. Champ. ~ Taylor Moran\*;

### Poster Contest

Int. Champ. ~ Derek Buehner; Jr. Champ. ~ Stephen Davis; Jr. Res. Champ. ~ Sarah Davis

### Photography Contest

Adult Champ.: Lesley Johnson; Int. Res. Champ. ~ Taylor Moran; Jr. Champ. ~ Mayah Johnson

### Cake Decorating Contest

*Unit 1:* Int. Champ. ~ Kyleigh Glasper\*  
*Unit 3:* Int. Champ. ~ Alice Davis\*  
*Unit 8:* Sr. Champ. ~ Philicia Fahrenbruch\*

### Baker's Day

Sr. Baker of the Day ~ Haley Hock  
Jr. Baker of the Day ~ Antoinette McIntosh  
Adult Baker of the Day ~ Karen Hudson

### Parliamentary Procedure Contest

Champion ~ Country Style 4-H

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*Thank you to everyone  
who participated in  
Festival of Events -  
It was a fun morning!*

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## Leader's Lounge

### Leader's Council

There will be *NO Leader's Council* held in May.

Thanks to all leaders who responded concerning Exhibit Day on a Friday or Saturday. Based on majority opinion, Exhibit Day will be Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>. In addition, Fashion Revue will be on Wednesday, July 16<sup>th</sup>. We need parent helpers as judge assistants on Friday and parent helpers for display on Saturday. In addition, we are asking each club to take ½ day to a full day (depending on the size of the club) to monitor the Whittmore Building while it is open and share information with visitors on the 4-H program. Please e-mail [maureenbergenfeld@elpasoco.com](mailto:maureenbergenfeld@elpasoco.com) if you can help. Training will be provided approximately one week prior to Fair at the Extension Office.

Organizational Leaders - we again need game prizes (valued at \$1 or less-about 20) and door prizes (valued at \$10 - 2) for "Old Fashion Night" on Thursday, July 24<sup>th</sup> at the Fair. Please bring your donations in by June 13<sup>th</sup> (Fair Entry Deadline).

## Small Animal Update

### Poultry

The Colorado Poultry Clinic will be held on May 16-18, 2008 in Fountain, CO. More information can be obtained by going to [coloradopoultryclinic.com](http://coloradopoultryclinic.com)

### MQA/PQA

Livestock, rabbit, and poultry project members must complete their MQA and PQA requirements by June 6th. MQA and PQA must be completed 45 days prior to county fair weigh-in. The regular clinic requirement deadline has been extended to June 16th. All educational clinics must be attended no later than June 16th. MQA/PQA does NOT count towards the clinic requirement they are separate requirements.

### Dog Shows

*Weld County Dog Show* will be held May 10 in Greeley. The entry fee is \$10. More information and registration forms are available at the Extension Office. The deadline to register is May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

*K-9 Kapers Fun Match* will be held June 14 at DeKovend Park in Denver. For more information call Jody at 303-790-4630.



### Rabbit Shows

There will be a rabbit show on June 28 in *Pagosa Springs*. More information is available at the Extension Office or contact Bill Nobles at 970-264-5931.

There will be a *Rabbit Judging Contest* on May 31 at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. Deadline is May 16. More information is available at the Extension Office or call 303-663-3673 after 6pm.

## Fast Tracks

### Club Fundraising Opportunity

The Colorado State 4-H Foundation is raffling off a Ford F150 XLT 4X4 Flex Fuel Pick-up Truck and is asking that 4-h clubs help sell the raffle tickets. Tickets are \$20 a piece and are tax deductible. For every ticket you sell your club will get \$3 and our county office will get \$2. Please contact Jonathan at [jonathanvrabec@elpasoco.com](mailto:jonathanvrabec@elpasoco.com) to make arrangements to check out tickets. If every 4-Her in El Paso County could sell just two tickets our 4-H program would make \$2400 and clubs would raise \$3600.

### St. Patrick's Day Parade - A Success!

The St. Patrick's Day Parade was a success and we want to thank the 4-H Wildcats for decorating the float. The float received the Leprechaun award for best kid decorated entry. Also, a big thank you to Dan and Rhonda Gillis for providing the flatbed and the beautiful new truck to pull the float! Those clubs that participated were Falcon Trails, Falcon Ranchers, Pals of the Pines, Plainsmen, Angel Fire and 4-Bits 4-H clubs. The llamas and the Doggie Drill Team gave it a special touch. And let's not forget the goats, chickens and bunnies that came out for the event. It was a good day and thanks to all of you who participated.

### Hurry it's not to Late to Get Involved!!!! in Horse Bowl and Hippology

It's not too late to join the Hippology or Horse Bowl Team but you definitely want to get started now!!!! The primary objectives of Horse Bowl and Hippology is to provide, in a friendly and competitive setting, an opportunity for youth enrolled in 4-H to demonstrate the breadth of their knowledge of equine science and management, and in particular, the practical application of this knowledge and skill. The Hippology and Horse Bowl activities are open to any 4-H member eight years or older who is interested in learning about horses. You do not need to be enrolled in the horse project to participate. Horse Bowl and Hippology are a great way for members enrolled in the horse project to study for level tests and improve their test scores at horse shows. Both junior and senior teams will have the opportunity to compete at the county level. Dedicated seniors may also earn the privilege of competing at the state and national levels. Upcoming practices will be from 5-7 pm contact Lisa Wermuth (244-7352 or email [Ljwermuth@comcast.net](mailto:Ljwermuth@comcast.net)) or Jackie Mead (494-1764) for questions and practice dates and location.

### El Paso County 4-H Youth Council

*By: Weston Doyle*

The El Paso County 4-H Youth Council met on April 29th, 2008 at Kit Carson Riding Club. Many items of business were taken care of. The Council voted on light blue shirts for the council with a logo identifying them as such and approved a fund-raiser of selling matching shirts to 4H members (minus the County Council title). This would give 4Her's the advantage of presenting a county team effect at functions by wearing matching shirts. County Council members will be selling raffle tickets for the donated Ford F150 truck so be sure not to miss your chance to win! Plans for county fair activities were decided upon (dance, game night, passports, watermelon feed, etc.) and a carnival for October is being investigated. Overall, it was a very productive night for the Council.

## Camper's Cabin

### Summer Camp

Colorado State University is offering summer camps for middle and high school students through June. Topics are artificial Intelligence, Renewable Energy and Cloud, Climate and Weather. The cost is \$300 per camp. More information is available at the Extension Office.

### Camp Round-Up

This camp at Colorado State University is an opportunity for youth ages 13-18 to join in a fun and enriching learning environment immersed in agriculture. Modules include beef, poultry, dairy, sheep, swing equine, animal nutrition, ag/resource economics, soil and crop sciences, and more. Registration by May 9 is \$475. Scholarships are available. For more information go to <http://camproundup.agsci.colostate.edu>

### Cloverbud Day Camp

Cloverbud Day Camp will be held on May 17<sup>th</sup> at the Extension office from 10-3. All Cloverbuds enrolled in 4-H are eligible. There will be crafts, games and a lot more fun. The cost is \$15 per child and includes lunch. Forms are posted on <http://elpasoco.colostate.edu> or available at the Extension Office. Registration deadline is May 5<sup>th</sup>. We are still looking for a couple more senior 4-H members to help with the program. Questions - contact Maureen at

[maureenbergenfeld@elpasoco.com](mailto:maureenbergenfeld@elpasoco.com)



### State Conference

The 2008 State 4-H Conference will be held on the CSU campus in Fort Collins June 23-27 for 4-H'ers who are 14 or older. This conference provides a great educational experience and an opportunity for 4-H members and leaders to strengthen their leadership skills, meet new people, and make new friends. Registration forms and fees are due at the Extension Office no later than May 23. The general registration fee is \$60 and the cost of housing and meals varies from \$120-\$195 depending on the days a participant will be at the conference. The sooner the Extension Office receives a participant's registration, the more likely that person will be to get into their first choice for workshops. For further information and forms go to <http://colorado4h.org/stateconference/index.shtml> Information and registration forms are also available at the Extension Office. If you have questions, please email Jonathan Vrabec at [jonathanvrabec@elpasoco.com](mailto:jonathanvrabec@elpasoco.com)

### SummerFest 2008 Day Camp - June 4<sup>th</sup>

Summer Fest 2008 Day Camp promises to be an exciting event for everyone. The day camp is for kids ages 8-13 and will satisfy clinic requirements. There will be several fun workshops presented including workshops on Science, Engineering, Technology and Team Building as well as other fun topics. A presentation from one of the state's International Foreign Youth Exchange participants sharing her experiences from the time she spent in another country. The cost of the Camp will be \$15 and the registration deadline is Monday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please go to our website at <http://www.elpasoco.colostate.edu> and print off the brochure and registration form. Just fill it out and send it to the extension office. If you have questions please contact Jenni at 337-7907. Junior and Intermediate 4-H'ers mark this date on your calendar and plan to attend as the senior 4-H'ers will be passing on what they have learned and it promises to be fun and exciting for everyone!



## Tabletop Update

### Model Rocketry Members...

Two important model rocketry classes are coming up and are open to any 4-Her enrolled in the 4-H Model Rocketry Program. In addition, Les and Deanna Mann, 4-H leaders for the model rocketry program for over 20 years, offer their services as resource leaders to any leader, adult or 4-H member with any questions or concerns regarding their rocketry project. The Manns may be contacted at 528-5969 or [L\\_D4HRocketry@comcast.net](mailto:L_D4HRocketry@comcast.net).

**1) Class Topic: Judge's Tips for Fair Exhibit and Fly Day Competition.** You are invited to a special session with the county fair rocketry judge, scheduled for Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, from 1:00 - 4:00 p.m. The session will be held at Fire Station #20 located on Rangewood Drive, just north of Dublin Blvd. and south of Woodmen Rd. Contact the Manns to reserve a spot for you.

**2) Fly Day Workshop:** You are invited to attend the Fly Day workshop scheduled for Saturday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., at the Calhan Fairgrounds. This is a special workshop for rocketry members who wish to participate in the Fly Day Competition on Exhibit Day. Key things to know: Workshop and Contest—Members must build a second rocket for Fly Day within the unit and skill level of study they are currently enrolled in. Fly Day rockets must have a parachute recovery system and are required to be flown on their recommended "first-flight" motors. Workshop Only—Contact the Manns if you plan to attend the workshop; there is no charge for the workshop. Contest Only—"Contest" entry forms for the "Fly Day Competition" must be turn in to the Extension Office by Friday, June 13. The cost is \$3 per member. Champions of each unit and age category are eligible to compete at the State Fair Rocket Fly Day Contest.

## County Fair

### Stall Cleaning at the 2008 County Fair

We will once again use the bid process that we used last year. The bid should be made in the form of per exhibitor per barn. Groups or clubs interested in cleaning stalls following county fair as a fundraiser for their club or organization may still submit a bid. At that point, clubs and outside organizations will be considered equally. Only a few barns remain available. If you have questions please contact Patty Woodard at 541-2309.

## Fairground Improvement and Clean-up Days

May 3rd has been set aside for clubs and or individuals to come out to our fairgrounds to help in addition to our normal fair clean-up/set-up day of July 12th. 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. Everyone who wants to gain some volunteer hours and community service is encouraged to participate regardless of project areas. Please contact Tim Stickle at 499-9882 by May 1<sup>st</sup> to arrange your project for that day. Although these dates are set aside for this activity, clubs that have work/improvement projects that they are interested in spear heading or working on are still welcome to contact the fairgrounds at 520-7881 or Tim Stickle to set-up additional dates and times as needed.

## Helpful Links

The following are links that you might find helpful when trying to locate fair information.

[http://colorado4h.org/project\\_resources/index.shtml](http://colorado4h.org/project_resources/index.shtml) ~ Project Selection Guide, E-records (Poultry, Guinea Pig, Dog, Rabbits and Llamas use county record book), Supplements, Tips, State Fair Exhibit Requirements, Score Sheets

[http://colorado4h.org/project\\_resources/erecords/index.shtml](http://colorado4h.org/project_resources/erecords/index.shtml) ~ Master List of E-records, Supplements, etc., Secretary Book, Treasurer Book

<http://elpasoco.colostate.edu> ~ Add/Drop Form, Tabletop Exhibit Requirements, Fair Schedule, Livestock Exhibit Requirements, Horse Exhibit Rules and Requirements, Entry Forms (all), Newsletters, Horse Show Bills

<http://www.coloradostatefair.com>

<http://elpasocountyfair.com>

## 2008 County Fair Rules

The 2008 4-H County Fair Rules are posted on <http://elpasoco.colostate.edu>. Please download print the appropriate sections for the various projects you are in. Entry Forms will be posted and can be downloaded.

# Club Reports

## Kolbe Kids 4-H Club

*By: Lauren Haynes*

In April, many of our members competed at the Festival of Events and our club contributed to a food drive. The Festival of Events was a blast for Kolbe Kids! Everyone who attended had a wonderful time, especially since our play, *The Golden Turkey*, took a blue ribbon. Other than our success with the skit, many of our members also won individual awards. The Brouillette family took away champion and grand champion ribbons in cooking and music, while President Katherine Brickley attained champion and blue ribbons in cooking. Sean Bateman and Vice-President Jared Bateman both received Champion ribbons in speech and blue ribbons in music. One of our Cloverbuds, Chad Bateman, got high scores in photography and poster. March through April, Kolbe Kids collected non-perishable food items to donate to the Silver Key food drive.

## Prairie Pals 4-H Club

*By: Alice Walker & Chantel Ledbetter*

On March 30<sup>th</sup>, we held our Prairie Pals 4-H meeting at 3:00 P.M. We began by going over unfinished business. The group discussed fundraising and the dollar bars of candy. They will be in late. Later this spring we will plant flowers at the Simla Nursing Home. The concession committee is still looking for donations for our hotdog stand at the Calhan Ranch Rodeo. Next meeting is April 20<sup>th</sup> at the Ledbetter's home.

## High Country Kids

*By: Derek Buehner*

For our April meeting we met for a potluck at the Knutson's house. We said the pledges and went over the Treasurer's and Secretary's report. Our fundraiser will be held at Harding Nursery on April 18-19. We discussed the Goat Quad show at the fair grounds on June 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> of which our group will be running the concession stand. Our highway clean up and demo day will be June 10<sup>th</sup>. For the host presentation, Mrs. Knutson compared the differences between goat milk and cow milk. One of the main differences is that goat milk is more digestible than cow milk and is helpful for people and babies who are lactose intolerant. Our next meeting is scheduled for May 13 at the Buehner's house for a potluck and goat showmanship practice. Hope everyone had a good time at Festival of Events.

## Purple Circle 4-H Club

*By: Christe Christensen*

We held a quick meeting on Wednesday April 2, 2008. Everybody should know by now that the Meat Quality Assurance in El Paso County is to be held Sunday April 13 at 3:00 PM following the Select Sale. The Pork Quality Assurance info and clinic is to be held that same day in the morning 10:00 AM. Both will be held in the Exhibition Hall (next to Swink Hall) at the county fair grounds. If you miss this Meat Quality Assurance clinic there will be a final one in El Paso County at the Extension Office on May 6<sup>th</sup>. We will finish a community service project we began last fall (raking the Paulson Center) in Calhan on Sunday the 20<sup>th</sup> of April. We set our demonstration day and potluck to be June 29<sup>th</sup> at noon in the Calhan Park. The add/drop a project deadline is May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Weigh in and nose printing for sheep, goat and swine is on Saturday May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Everyone is to keep track of any community service hours we are doing on our own. Last but not least we need to remember to bring our check books to our next meeting because we will fill out entry forms and pay the dues. Fair is just around the corner!!

## Plainsmen 4-H Club Report

*By: Charlie Goodwin*

Our meeting was held on April 14 at F.E.S. to discuss the many things going on in our club in the coming months. As we prepare for our club's Demo Day and BBQ in June, our officers gave us examples of a good demo by Mary Lou and Anna Marie, and a bad demo by Kris and Jeremiah. Then we had officer nominations for next year. Elections will be held at the next meeting after the nominees give their speeches.

We discussed the car wash we are going to hold at the Meineke in Falcon, and county fair volunteer opportunities for our members. Also we are having an e-record book night to help all of our members with their books. Don't forget the Prospect Show on May 31st at the fairgrounds. We want you all to come!

## Pronghorns

*By: Alea Doyle*

The Pronghorns had a great April Meeting. Roll call was to name what you did over Spring break. The club had to reschedule the grounds clean up for the church we meet at because of cold weather. We discussed festival of events and voted between Friday and Saturday fair interview days. Saturday won. Club members voted to review the Constitution and By-laws. Mandy explained some of the details of her 4H awareness letter, a snack sign up sheet was put out and Alea gave a report on Youth Council. Everyone is working hard on their fair projects and we're all looking forward to our May meeting.

## Angel Fire

*By: Shelby Gillis*

Angel Fire members met Friday night before festival to make food for the next day. Dawn Wheeler made cinnamon rolls to sell. The Parli-Pro team (Sarah, Natasha, Taylor, Rebecca, Megan, and Shelby) practiced while Rhonda, Debbie, Scott, and Laura made burritos. Yvette, Jeannette, Kim, Chris, Kimmy, Cherith, Tara, Amanda, and Sue helped the D.C Delegates stuff 3000 bags with 7 different fliers for a fundraiser. Thanks to all that supported us at the Festival of Events. We hope everyone enjoyed the food. Angel Fire members have been busy working on projects: Horse members are 85% done with the horse books; Decorate your Duds members have had 3 meetings and are having lots of fun; Rabbit members have had several meetings learning lots of new things; market kids have had 1 market meeting with Mr. Jade Van Cleave on how to market themselves and their animals for fair.

## Country Style

*By: Delaney Kochan*

Hey everyone! Summer is coming and things are starting to heat up! We have a lot on coming up, so mark your calendars!! First off, congratulations to the Country Style Parli Pro champs! We're all so proud of you! This month we are having a lot of clinics to help get everyone prepared for the show season: April 19<sup>th</sup> is the ranch horse clinic, April 26<sup>th</sup> is the horseshow 101 clinic for all our new members and the 27<sup>th</sup> of April is the beginner-level 1 horsemanship clinic. Make sure to check out the website for all the details! Next month there are whole bunches more clinics, but the events everyone is talking about are Mock Show on May 10<sup>th</sup> and the Country Style Show, May 31<sup>st</sup>!! These are huge deals and are going to be so much fun! Officers are going to be walking around at Mock Show and available to anyone who is new or needs a little help figuring out this showing business. Come support your club and have a great time tuning up your horse for the show season!

## Falcon Ranchers

*By: Bethany George*

On Friday, April 11, 2008, the Falcon Ranchers held their regular meeting at the Falcon Fire Station. We recognized birthdays, and had no visitors. Our secretary read the minutes and we had several leader reports. Everyone is busy with their projects. Plus, several people have already completed their community service! Way to go! The first agility class, taught by a Pikes Peak Obedience Club trainer, ended, and was enjoyed by all who attended. The next class will begin on June 1st. Several dogs shows have been scheduled around the area. Plus, sheep and rabbit clinics are coming up soon. Demo day for our club will be April 26th at the George home. We are busy planning our El Paso County dog show. It will be held June 14th at the El Paso County fairgrounds. We are very excited about that and think it will be a fabulous show!

## 4-Bits 4-H Club

*By: Antoinette McIntosh*

We had our meetings on March 10th and April 14th. We had a game time before the meetings and played many name games. We also had nine people do demonstrations. Demonstrations were given by Julie, Kayleigh, Cheyenne, Brooke, Bethany, Andrea, Hannah, Sarah and Maya. Our club participated in many community service projects, including wrapping books at Barnes & Nobles and the Ronald McDonald House. Last month Dani, Brooke, Julie, Cheyenne and Maya all participated in community service. Our club has decided to help improve the fairgrounds on May 3rd and to watch over the Table Top entries during the fair on Thursday, July 24th. Our whole club had the pleasure of participating in the Festival of Events. Haley and Antoinette received the Senior and Junior Baker of the Day award, respectively. We have had exciting meetings and events these past two months. Our next meeting is on May 12th.

## Mt. Herman General 4-H Club

*By: Alex Nicely*

Mt. Herman General 4-H Club has been very busy the past month. On April 5th, we cleaned out the Bluebird Houses along trails on Mt. Herman. Most of our shooting sports members have been attending the certified practices at the York's property. There were several demonstrations at this past meeting including some on shooting sports, rabbits, cooking, scrapbooking and chickens.

## 4-H Wildcats

*By: Raquel Lintner*

The Wildcats have been working hard this month bringing animals to Zach's Place for developmentally disabled youth, collecting items for Ronald McDonald House and making cards for our soldiers in Iraq. However, all work and no play makes wildcats very dull kitties! So Festival of Events came just in time for some needed fun and recognition. We had a great meeting and nine members presented great demos while the Cloverbuds discussed and showed the cakes they decorated at their project meeting. Learning and working and having fun while we do it seems to be what wildcats are about this year. We were delighted to see a great article about two of our members, Alex and Philicia Fahrenbruch, in the in the High Plains News. Way to go Wildcats!!!

## Peyton Farmers

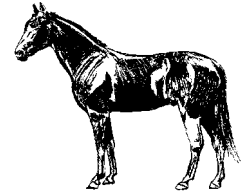
By: Laura Day

The Peyton Farmers held their meeting on Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at the Peyton Middle School. We talked about different fundraisers that we could do. Near the end of our meeting we voted on new club colors and chose Royal Blue and Lime Green. We are all working on getting our animals into showing condition and look forward to seeing everyone at the fair.

## Horse Program News

### Horse Advisory Committee

There will be 5 shows sanctioned by the 4-H Horse Advisory Committee. One class and the written test must be completed to qualify for the El Paso County Fair. A 4-H'er must attend El Paso County Fair to attend the Colorado State Fair. The following shows are: May 31st - Country Style Show at Latigo Equestrian Center, June 8 - Ranch Horse at Christianson's Ranch, June 14 - Mt Herman at Black Forest Saddle Club Arena, June 21 Kit Carson 4-H at Kit Carson Riding Club Arena, and July 13 - Horse Advisory at Kit Carson Riding Club Arena. El Paso County Fair is July 21, 22 and 23. Other dates to remember: Ranch horse county clinic for level 2 and up is on June 1 at Devin Warren's barn. May 17 there is a Ranch horse clinic and mini contest at Christianson's.



Jonathan asked that the written and riding test results both be given to the club leader first. The club leader will collect both tests and submit them together to Jonathan.

### Open Riding at Latigo Date Added!

Open Riding will once again be offered at Latigo, thanks to the generosity of the Pikes Peak Range Riders Foundation. One final open ride is scheduled for May 9. Please take advantage of the last remaining open riding opportunity. This is a great opportunity for your club to come out and have a project meeting or for your project leaders to work with you on showmanship or riding horsemanship patterns or even for you to just get your horse out for some exercise to start gearing up for the show season. You could even arrange to have someone come and give you your levels riding tests if you need to or want to test up. Please take advantage of this great chance for you to get out and ride in an indoor area out of the weather. There will be a Horse Advisory Committee member at the arena each of these nights for minimal supervision. Ride times will be from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

### Horse ID Certificates

Horse ID Certificates are due at the Extension Office by May 30. An ID Certificate on a second horse is suggested in case something unforeseen happens. Please *use only the horse ID form you get from the Extension Office or the one on the Equine Extension website*. DO NOT use the ID form that comes in your E-record book. Those ID forms will NOT be accepted because they do not have sufficient information on them.

### 4-H Horse Camp

The University of Nebraska Extension is offering a 4-H Horse Camp at Fort Robinson State Park on June 12, 13, and 14. Any 4-H'er is invited to register. The registration fee is \$35. More information is available at the Extension Office.

### 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.

### Horse Bowl and Hippology

See article under Fast Tracks in this newsletter for information on these great activities.

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

On April 26th the Horse Judging Team competed in their second county contest of the year, this time in Sterling, CO. Both the juniors and seniors did very well for being very young and inexperienced teams. The Seniors Team won their first contest of the year. The Junior Team improved on their previous effort and finished second overall. Unfortunately at this time we have not received a printed copy of the results so to insure accurate reporting we are unable to list everyone's individual accomplishments. There were many outstanding performances and first time accomplishments. The Horse Judging program is open to all youth enrolled in 4-H in El Paso County. Youth do not have to own a horse to participate. For more information contact Jonathan Vrabc at [jonathanvrabc@elpasoco.com](mailto:jonathanvrabc@elpasoco.com).

### **Ranch Horse Roundup!**

We had an awesome clinic on 4/19 - 20 kids showed up for a clinic on Horsemanship, Trail and Halter. Thank you Cindy and Split Pine Ranch for use of their beautiful facilities! It's not too late to join us for summer Ranch Horse fun - we will be having another clinic on Saturday, May 17 out at the Christiansen Ranch. In the morning we will rotate through clinic stations on Roping, Halter, Horsemanship, Trail, and Cow Work. You will get a great introduction on each class offered at a Ranch Horse Contest. Bring a bag lunch and then in the afternoon we will have a judged "practice" contest for you to give Ranch Horse a trip. We will end the day with a family BBQ out at the Ranch! More information can be found at [countrystyle4h.com](http://countrystyle4h.com) click on the Ranch Horse tab or contact [lynn@countrystyle4h.com](mailto:lynn@countrystyle4h.com).

### **Ranch Horse Testing!**

If you are interested in level testing for Ranch Horse Versatility - contact Lynn Wilkison - [lynnwilk@countrystyle4h.com](mailto:lynnwilk@countrystyle4h.com) for a time slot. We will have a level tester out at Christiansen Ranch on May 18th and testing will be offered for Ranch Horse Level 1, Level 2, Level 3 and 4 for \$15 a test. You must sign up for a time slot and spots are filling up!

### **Spring Mock Show - May 10<sup>th</sup>**

Latigo Trails Indoor Arena. Come on out May 10th for Spring Mock Show - a great way to practice and school your horse before the shows start. We will be running just like a show. Show Buddies will be around the ingate and parking areas to help those kids that need help with patterns and getting ready - they are there to help! Classes will be judged by 2 judges - judges will discuss the placings after each class. We hope everyone goes home with something to work on. After the regular classes we will have some FUN classes - candy bar race, stick horse race. This is a fun day at a great price - \$15 to show the entire day!!! Door prizes donated by Cowboy Magic to be given out throughout the day! Whether a beginner, novice or age group - english or western ...classes for everyone! Showbill on [countrystyle4h.com](http://countrystyle4h.com) or contact [president@countrystyle4h.com](mailto:president@countrystyle4h.com)! County Wide - Everyone Welcome!

**Used Tack & Show Clothing Sale** - during Mock Show on May 10th at Latigo Trails Indoor - we will be hosting a used tack and show clothing sale! Anyone can purchase a table to sell - \$15 for the space for the day, bring your own table. Purchase space the day of the show. Plan to come shop! Great place to stock up for the upcoming show season.

### **Country Style 4-H Show - Everyone Welcome!**

Latigo Trails - MAY 31, 2008! Be sure to come on out for the first 4H Show of the season! We will be offering 3 arenas! The Grill at Latigo will be open!! Awesome Prizes!! Fantastic Judges!! Door Prizes!! Great Classes!! Super fun day! For more information and a showbill/entry form go to [countrystyle4h.com](http://countrystyle4h.com) or contact: [president@countrystyle4h.com](mailto:president@countrystyle4h.com)!

## Living with Livestock



### 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.

### State Fair Nomination Cards

There will be changes on the 2008 State Fair nomination cards. All 4-H exhibitors must have their premise ID# on their nomination cards to be accepted. **This information should be completed on ALL cards at the time of weigh-in.** This is a State Fair Rule not an El Paso County rule. **ALSO STATE FAIR NOMINATIONS MUST BE DONE AT THE TIME OF THE COUNTY WEIGH-IN. NO NOMINATIONS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THAT TIME.**

### State Fair and National Western Stock Show Entries

I would like to notify all members interested in exhibiting at the State Fair and the National Western Stock Show you will need to have your entry form COMPLETELY filled out prior to me signing your entry form. This is due to past issues experienced by the State Fair and National Western and the added responsibilities placed upon agents when signing the forms. You will no longer be able to have Jonathan sign a couple forms for you to take home and fill out or for you to fax them in incomplete. Please make arrangements to get your entries filled out and signed by me early and well in advance as my schedule is very full at the end of July and Beginning of August. Thanks

### Livestock Judging Team

The livestock judging team started competing in April. There are several members on the team who have done well so far this year. The new members on the team are learning a lot and are getting much better. This month they will be competing in Elbert County, Weld County, and in Gunnison. If you would like more information about the judging team and competing next year please contact either Quentin at 303-243-1320 or Aaron at 720-272-8650. The team this year is having a blast getting to know each other and traveling around Colorado.

### 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Plainsmen Prospect Show

The 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Plainsmen Prospect Show will be held May 31, 2008 at the El Paso County Fairgrounds in Calhan. Registration and scales open at 7:00 am with the show starting at 9:00 am. Classes will be offered in Breeding Heifers, Breeding Sheep, Market Lambs, Market Goats, Market Steers, and Pygmy Goats (Pygmy has a 4 goat per exhibitor limit). Best Herdsmanship Award will be offered for every class. Fiber Goats will be doing Showmanship Classes Only. Pre-Registration is required so please contact Linnea Frates for entry forms and additional information (719-440-9215 or 719-347-0149; e-mail address [linneaf@magnumtool.com](mailto:linneaf@magnumtool.com)). Entry forms must be received by the Plainsmen Club prior to May 27, 2008.

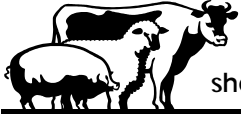
### Simmental Association News

CSA is inviting 4-H'ers to attend the American Junior Simmental regional competition, to be in Colorado this summer. The multi-state event will be June 13-15, 2008 at the Colorado State Fairgrounds in Pueblo. The event schedule is posted on our web site, [www.coloradosimmental.com](http://www.coloradosimmental.com) or on the national junior site, [www.juniorsimmental.org](http://www.juniorsimmental.org). The participation entry deadline is May 15.

Colorado Simmental Association also offers a *special* award to youth who exhibit the overall market, breeding or open show grand champion at their county fair, whose project is Simmental or Simmental sired. County fairs must be held in Colorado. Winning animal must be sired by a registered Simmental bull to qualify. The form is available on line at [www.coloradosimmental.com](http://www.coloradosimmental.com).

### MOA/PQA

Livestock, rabbit, and poultry project members must complete their MOA and PQA requirements by June 6th. MOA and PQA must be completed 45 days prior to county fair weigh-in. The regular clinic requirement deadline has been extended to June 16th. All educational clinics must be attended no later than June 16th. MOA/PQA does NOT count towards the clinic requirement they are separate requirements.



### Meat Quality Assurance

If you are a first year senior or new to 4-H and you are taking cattle, dairy, hogs, goats, sheep, rabbits, or poultry projects you must attend a meat quality assurance workshop.

Regardless of whether it is a market project or a breeding project you must attend a Meat Quality Assurance Workshop. *4-H'ers who are 13 and under must have a parent stay at the MQA with them.* The final MQA Workshops held in El Paso County will be on May 6th at the Extension Office from 6:30-8:30. Remember that if you are not able to attend an MQA Workshop in El Paso County you are welcome to attend MQA Workshops in other counties. Those counties will mail your certification to our office to show that you attended. However, Meat Quality Assurance certification must be completed 45 days prior to our County Fair. It is best to get this requirement accomplished early to avoid any unforeseen conflicts.

### 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.

### Swine Tag-in Sheep and Goat Weigh-in May 3rd

Remember all market animals you wish to exhibit at the 2008 State Fair must be tagged in and nominated at this time. All goats and lambs must be in proper halters, collars and leashes when they come to weigh-in. **NO BAILING TWINE AROUND THEIR NECKS AND PLEASE LEAD THEM PROPERLY. REMEMBER TO SET A GOOD EXAMPLE.**

- Hogs may tag in at any time that day from 8 a.m. - noon. Hogs are not required to weigh-in. However, if you wish to weigh your hog you may do so from 11 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. If you want to be eligible to compete for swine rate of gain awards you must get weighed at this time. **Remember** when purchasing your market hogs that the weight ranges for hogs at county fair are 230-280 pounds.
- **All Swine must be ear notched. SWINE WILL NOT BE NOTCHED FOR YOU AT THE WEIGH-IN!** Currently the state fair requires all market swine to also be ear notched as well as tagged therefore the Livestock Advisory Committee has decided to require both tags and ear notches on all market swine coming to county fair in 2008. Hogs will need to be ear notched prior to being tagged in at the May tagging. This could make a great topic for a project meeting. Reading ear notches is a common question in showmanship class and a skill all swine project participants should have.
- Market Lambs are required to weigh-in and be tagged. Lambs will start weighing in at 8:00 a.m. and run till 9:30 a.m. Your scrapie tag will be used for your breeding sheep identification and used to enter them for county fair on the entry form all breeding sheep must be **owned or leased by May 1st.**
- Market Goats are required to weigh-in and be tagged. All market goats must be dehorned. Goats will weigh-in from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. If you wish to nominate your goats for State Fair, the 4-H member must be present to have his/her picture taken with the goat at weigh-in.
- There will be a \$1 fee per animal assessed after 6 per species tagged-in to offset the cost of ear tags. For example you can tag in 6 lambs and 6 hogs for free but if you are weighing in 10 goats 6 of those will be for free but you will be charge \$1 for each of the remaining 4 for a total of \$4.
- Also there is a \$3 fee per state fair nomination. All animals must be castrated prior to being weighed-in and tagged as a 4-H market project.
- **CASTRATION AND EAR NOTCHING for swine must be done prior to arriving at the Fairgrounds (not the day of weigh-in) and healed as much as possible! This applies to all species of market livestock!**

(Emergency date will be May 10th. This date will be used *only* if you are notified of a cancellation.)

**STATE FAIR NOMINATIONS MUST BE DONE AT THE TIME OF THE COUNTY WEIGH-IN. NO NOMINATIONS WILL BE TAKEN AFTER THAT TIME.**

### 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.

### 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 at the weigh-in in May. You must be in compliance with these regulations or you will not be allowed to weigh-in on May 3rd. If you have questions about these regulations please contact the Colorado Dept. of Ag. in Lakewood at (303)239-4100 or APHIS at (303)231-5385.

### Leased Livestock Procedures

4-H'ers may only lease two animals for project areas which they do not already own. For example, if you already own dairy goats you may not lease a dairy goat but if you own dairy goats and would also like to try fiber goats you are allowed to lease a fiber goat. We have a standardized universal lease form that will require the animal's tattoo or ear tag number listed on it. This lease form is universal and so anyone leasing an animal will need to use this form and have it on file at the Extension Office by May 1st. If you have additional requirements specified by the person who is leasing out their animal, you should add that info as a separate sheet, but this "universal" form must be filled out if they are leasing an animal for 4-H. These projects ideally should begin in October and go through September since only breeding animals can be leased.

### 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)

### Sheep Camp

A Sheep Camp will be held at the Douglas County Fairgrounds on May 17 from 9 am - 4 pm. The registration is \$20 which includes lunch. More information is available at the Extension Office or from Alexa Lamm at 720-733-6940 or [alamm@douglas.co.us](mailto:alamm@douglas.co.us)

### Livestock Advisory Committee

At the April 10th meeting, plans for the Select Sale April 13<sup>th</sup> were finalized, including arrangements for an auctioneer. The 2008 El Paso County Fair Livestock Premium List is posted and entry forms will be posted shortly. Judges have been contacted for the fair and most contracts confirmed. The committee was advised that camping at the fair will be moved to near the Whittemore building and generators are planned, pending fuel donations totaling about \$3000, equivalent to \$45 per campsite, due to high diesel costs.

The next Livestock Advisory Committee meeting May 8th at 7 PM in Swink Hall at the El Paso County Fairgrounds will review results of the April 13<sup>th</sup> Select Sale and clinic and finalize buckle and bag award designs for fair. Reminder: These meetings are open to the public so feel free to attend.

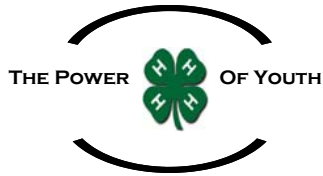
## Horse and Livestock

### Livestock Industry Camp

The 1<sup>st</sup> annual 4-H and FFA Livestock Industry (Overnight) Camp will be held on June 17 and 18 at the Logan County Fairgrounds and Northeastern Junior College Campus. The purpose of the camp is to enhance the education, experience and development of skills for youth involved in a beef, sheep, swine, goat or horse project. There will be showmanship & Fitting Workshops, Educational Classroom Sessions, a Round Robin Contest, a Quiz Bowl and an Awards Ceremony. More information is available at the Extension Office or contact Heather Forster at 970-522-3200 x 280 or [heather.forster@colostate.edu](mailto:heather.forster@colostate.edu) Registrations must be postmarked no later than May 20 to avoid late fees.



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## Dates to Remember

### May

- 1 Leader Training for Fair  
Fair Board Forum
- 2 Deadline for project add/drop; club  
change; enrollment for fair participation
- 3 Weigh-in for sheep, goats, swine
- 17 Cloverbud Day Camp
- 23 State Conference Registrations Due
- 26 Office Closed - Memorial Day

### June

- 4 SummerFest Day Camp
- 13 County Fair Entries Due
- 24-27 State 4-H Conference, Ft. Collins

### July

- 12 Fairgrounds Cleanup
- 18 Exhibit Day
- 19-26 County Fair!

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