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El Paso County 4-H
May 2009

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



Festival of Events

Festival of Events had to be rescheduled to May 9th because of the closure of D-49 based on weather. If you had registered for Festival and will not be able to make it on the 9th, would you please email Maureen at maureenbergenfeld@elpasoco.com and let her know so she can update judges' rosters. The schedule and location will remain the same. All information is online at <http://elpasoco.colostate.edu>

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Leader Fair Training - May 21

All leaders and parents are encourage to attend a training at 6:30 pm at the Extension Office in the kitchen across from the main office. Fair entries and requirements will be discussed. There are many changes this year, so please come and update your knowledge!

Fair Board Update

The Fair Board will be presenting an update and answering any questions 4-H leaders and parents have regarding Fair starting at 8 pm on May 21. This will be at the Extension Office in the auditorium. The training is scheduled to be over by that time, so plan to stay to get more information.

State Conference

The State Conference will be held on the CSU campus in Fort Collins June 23-26 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 by May 21. The general registration fee is \$70 and the cost of housing and meals varies from \$75 to \$105 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 able to get into his/her first choice for workshops. For further information and forms go to <http://elpasoco.colostate.edu> or the Extension Office. For questions contact Jonathan at jonathanvrabec@elpasoco.com or Gay at gay-leighcamp@elpasoco.com

Festival of Events

*new date:
May 9 at
Skyview Middle
School*

Miss America Gives Credit to 4-H

Katie Stam, Miss America 2009, has a passion for community service which she says all started with 4-H. It was in 4-H she learned the values of leadership, mentorship and community service. She feels that community service is important and rewarding. Her platform, Promoting Community Service and Involvement, aims to get youth involved in their own neighborhoods. Her first goal is to partner with President Obama to expand service learning in schools nationwide. She says "4-H is such an advocate for community service. It encourages you to reach out to people in so many different ways." What a great role model Katie has become for current 4-H'ers!

Small Animal Update

Important Record Book Change Reminder!

New this year! Poultry and rabbit project members will complete the Horse/Livestock e-record. Guinea pig, llama/alpaca and dog project members will complete the 4-H Pet Animal e-record. All of the completed small animal e-records will be due at the Extension Office by September 14 (not June 11). E-records are available online at <http://colorado4h.org> or at the Extension Office.

Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) Reminder

Rabbit and poultry project members need to attend an MQA. See article in the Livestock section of this newsletter for more information.

State Dog and Small Animal Meetings

I just wanted to remind everyone about the upcoming 4-H State Dog Committee and Small Animal Meeting on Saturday, May 9, 2009 at the Cultural Arts Building on the Colorado State Fairground in Pueblo. The meeting will run from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please invite your leaders who might be interested in being on this committee and helping with the state contests in these areas. I would also like 4-H leaders and agents who are interested in the small animal area - rabbits, poultry, pocket pets, etc. to come to this meeting. Please RSVP to Carol Kuhns at: carol.kuhns@colostate.edu

Elbert County Dog Fun Match

Elbert County is hosting a Dog Fun Match at the Elbert County Fairgrounds on June 20th. Registration is from 8-9 am. Showmanship, obedience and rally will be offered in an indoor arena. Pre-register by June 15 - \$5 for the first dog. For more information and forms email newhealth@q.com or call Janele at 303-880-5538.

Camper's Cabin



Junior Farmhands Program

Venetucci Farm will be holding several three week long sessions for aspiring farmhands this summer. The sessions are June 29-July 3, July 13-July 17 and July 27-July 31, Monday-Friday from 9 am - noon. The cost is \$125/week. Activities will include collecting eggs, feeding chickens, grooming a horse, slopping the pigs, watering and weeding the gardens and planting seeds. Space is limited. For more information go to www.venetuccifarm.org

June 3rd SummerFest 2009 Day Camp

SummerFest 2009 Day Camp promises to be an exciting event for everyone. The day camp is for kids ages 8-13 and will satisfy clinic requirements. It will be held on June 3rd from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Extension Office. There will be several fun workshops presented on Science, Engineering and Technology as well as team building and fun games and activities. We will once again have an international Foreign Youth Exchange representative sharing her experience from the time she spent in a foreign country. We are also planning to have a portable planetarium which a student at CSU made himself. Furthermore from 3 p.m.-5 p.m. those in attendance who still need to meet their MQA/PQA requirements will be able to fulfill those. **The cost of the camp will be \$15 and the registration deadline is Monday June 1st.** This camp is sponsored and organized by the County Youth Council and all proceeds benefit them. If you have questions please contact Mandy Cramer (mrcramer@pcisys.net or 265-6185). Registration forms/flyers will be emailed out later this month to everyone in 4-H and will also be available on our county web site (<http://elpasoco.colostate.edu>) under the camps link. Forms can be printed off and mailed in or simply picked up at the Extension Office. Get Signed up!!!

Fast Tracks

Change/Enrollment Deadline

4-H Enrollment Change Forms are due at the Extension Office by 5 pm on *Monday, May 4*. These forms are used to add or drop projects or to change clubs. The form is posted on our website <http://elpasoco.colostate.edu> May 4 is also the deadline for members to enroll in 4-H if he/she is planning to exhibit at County Fair. Enrollment forms are posted at <http://colorado4h.org>



4-H Office Coverage

Remember that the 4-H Office will not have administrative coverage from June 15 until July 6. Please plan ahead and try to pick up project manuals or e-records (if you need the hard copies) prior to that time. There will be people available to answer questions during that time. Those people were listed in the April newsletter and will be listed again in the June newsletter.

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 14th to Jonathan.

Nick Offers Grants and Features 4-H Million Trees Project

Nickelodeon is offering grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$5,000 to 10 Green Teams—extraordinary youth across the nation that are helping to make smart, eco-friendly changes in their home, school and community. This initiative is a part of the "Big Green Help," an environmental awareness campaign and kid-led movement that provides information and tools to help explain climate change to young people, and connects them to energy-saving and earth-friendly activities in their everyday lives. This is a great opportunity for 4-H'ers that are currently engaging in environmental projects. Youth can register their projects online—starting on Earth Day, April 22, and through the end of the year. Details about "The Big Green Help" and the grants are available online at 4-H.org.

Lightning Photos Wanted

The State 4-H Office is looking for lightning photos taken by intermediate or senior 4-H members to assemble for a photography exhibit that will appear in the Denver Museum of Nature and Science from October 1 through December 31, 2009. The exhibit will be showcased as a traveling gallery over the next two years. Twenty lightning photography images will be selected at the 2009 Colorado State Fair photography exhibit to be included in this gallery. The State 4-H office will also offer a \$100 premium to 4-H members whose lightning photography images are selected to be in the gallery. More information is available at <http://colorado4h.org>

Wind Power Exhibits Wanted

The State 4-H Office wants to showcase the new pilot Wind Power pilot project by inviting 4-H'ers to participate in a public exhibition of wind powered machines, vehicles, or sculptures that they have created. The public exhibit will be held at the 2009 State Fair. These items will not be judged. Five of the wind powered devices will be selected for display at the 2009 Colorado 4-H Gala on October 9 at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science. Selected exhibits will be auctioned off at the Gala with proceeds going to the Colorado 4-H Foundation to support 4-H program efforts in Science, Engineering and Technology. Each of the five devices selected for display at the Gala will earn the individual or team members a \$200 premium. For more information go to http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/erecords/activities/powerofwind.shtml

Shooting Sports Fundraiser

The Pueblo County 4-H Shooting Sports Council is helping organize a charity shoot fundraiser for ACOVA - the victim's assistance program through the police department, sheriffs department and judicial system. The events will be held on May 30th starting at 9 am at the Pueblo Skeet and Trap Club. The entry fee is \$50. Call Kent at 719-250-5215 for more information.

Win Great Prizes! Create a 4-H SET Video!

Volunteers are welcome to create a 3-5 minute video that will assist staff and volunteers implement the SET curriculum (Science, Engineering, Technology). Between May 8 - June 19th CSU will be accepting 3-5 minute digital video entries. More information will be coming your way soon at <http://4-h.org/set/videochallenge> - but start creating NOW! Prizes will include gift certificates for Amazon.com . If you have questions in the meantime, contact Pam Garza - pgarza@fourhcouncil.edu or Kirk Astroth - kastroth@cals.arizona.edu

Volunteers Needed

The Western Museum of Mining & Industry is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to the collection, preservation and educational interpretation of America's western mining heritage. They are looking for volunteers to help with tickets, parking, kids activities, ice-cream scooping, and burro handling on Saturday, August 1st for their Burro Birthday Bash from 10-3pm. They are located off 1-25 at exit 156 A – 225 North Gate Blvd. If interested contact Cindy at 719-488-0880 or info@wmmi.org by May 30.

Free Eye Exams and Glasses

LensCrafters is doing a charitable event, May 11 and 12, we will be offering free eye exams and glasses for children up to age 20 in financial need. We will have a "Vision Van" at Hillside Community Center in Colorado Springs. The van will have Dr.'s and staff volunteering their services and set up to produce glasses on the premises! This is really a great opportunity for kids who need glasses (and perhaps don't have insurance or are not able to afford them) to get a pair. There is really no red tape involved just call to schedule an appointment! You can contact Connie Shumaker at 548-8650 to schedule an appointment or Teresa Abushaban at 494-1034 or 321-2217 for any questions.

Fair Time



County Fair Entries

Checks that are written to pay for County Fair entries should be written to the committee indicated on the entry form. *New this year* is that Tabletop entry checks will be written to the Tabletop Committee and Small Animal entries will be written to the 4 B's Committee. **PLAN TO PAY WITH MULTIPLE CHECKS.**

County Fair Pre-Sale Information

El Paso County Fair presale date will be June 5th from 7:00 am to 4:30 pm at the El Paso County Fairgrounds in Swink Hall. Staff will also be available at the Extension Office on June 11th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Fair tickets, fair camping passes, fair horse camping passes, horse stalls and carnival tickets will be available for purchase. Camping will be organized the same as last year with no assigned spaces. Sponsorship and donations for camping fuel for generators is still being obtained; therefore, the camping fuel fee has not been determined. Fee information is posted on <http://elpasoco.colostate.edu>

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 dates are April 19th and May 2nd in addition to our 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 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 and set-up additional dates and times as needed.

2009 County Fair Rules

The 2009 4-H County Fair Rules and entry forms are posted on <http://elpasoco.colostate.edu>. Please download the appropriate sections for the various projects you are in. Entry forms are also available at the Extension Office.

Volunteer Opportunities at the Fairgrounds

Shawn Carpenter from the Parks Department reminds us that there are many opportunities that the kids have available for them to get in some of their community service time at the Fairgrounds even prior to clean up day. They rely heavily on our volunteers to help us provide the best possible facilities and environment we can for the kids. So in turn, any help that the 4-Hers and their families are willing to give, will ultimately be benefiting themselves. We are also beginning to receive more assistance through Eagle Scout Projects, in which these young men are completing community service projects to finish their Eagle Scout requirements. Last years' painting and repair work on the rabbit barn is a good example of what our local troops are doing to help 4-H and the Fairgrounds. We would like to thank the 4-H members and their families for all their assistance through the years, and we hope to continue working together for many years to come to ensure that our kids can have an enjoyable learning experience. Here are some ideas of projects that are available and can be done prior to Fair: painting and minor repair work to building exteriors, modifying the interior of the beef barns to make them easier to clean, mowing and weed eating around the barns, concrete repair in the Dairy Goat barn, installing a walk through door on the east side of the Rabbit Barn, modifying cage shelves to hinge up in the Poultry Barn, paint the east side of the Sheep Barn, and clean and plant the planter beds. If any of these projects are of interest to you or your club or if superintendents or leaders have additional improvement ideas, contact Shawn at shawncarpenter@elpasoco.com



Creative Arts Superintendent and Volunteers Needed

The Open Class Creative Arts Department at the El Paso County Fair is looking for a new superintendent and adult volunteers to help with exhibit check-in and during the fair this summer. They are also looking for a ceramics judge and quilting judge. Judging will be done on July 17. If you think you might be qualified to judge either of these categories or are interested in volunteering or being the superintendent please contact Sue Hare at the fair office (520-7880). Open Class Creative Arts entries are also needed.

Club Reports

Falcon Ranchers

By: Bethany George

Falcon Ranchers held their monthly 4-H meeting on Friday April 10, 2009, at the Falcon Fire Station. Currently, the Dog show committee is going to meet two more times, before the dog show on May 17, 2009. The dog show will have showmanship, obedience, agility, and rally. It costs \$5.00 per dog, and if you want to pre-register, contact Mary Killen at falconranchers4h@aol.com. There will also be a photo contest. The photos will be judged, and prizes will be awarded to the best photos, and it costs \$2.00 per photo. This contest is for dog pictures only. The concessions and door prizes are terrific once again at this annual dog show!!! The rabbit show committee is also meeting about how to run the rabbit show, and are adding the things that are necessary. They are still organizing all of the committees for the rabbit show, and reporting what they've done at the monthly 4-H meetings. We are currently getting donations for the dog show from large businesses. We are still having dog training every weekend; keep up the good work, Dog Kids!!! Shooting Sports kids had their hunters' safety class, and as for all of the other projects, the leaders are meeting in small groups with the kids that are doing that project, and helping them with their project(s).

Hitch 'N Post

By: Nicole Westfall

This month we do not have a lot to talk about. We had our last meeting on March 17 followed by a pot luck. We will be having our next meeting the 21st of April. Reminder we will be putting on our second annual prospect swine show in June.

Kit Carson 4-H

By: Kayla Summers

This past month has been a little off because of the weather, but we still had a great time. At our last meeting, we had door prizes, finished the last of our officer demos, and had veterinarian, Dr. Anderson, speak to the club about equine first aid. For the butter braid and pasta fundraising, there were two top sellers for the entire club, Hannah Overton and Kayla Summers. We had a trail ride or movie night planned for the month of April, but because of the weather, we ended up not getting to do either. For our community service, we had a great turn out for our maintenance day at KCRC. We also have another opportunity to complete our community service by cleaning up at the Pikes Peak Therapeutic Riding Center later this month. We are excited for the weather to get better so we can get out and ride.

Pronghorns

By: Ellie Ruth

We had a good meeting with the Pronghorns on April 13th. Our President was not there, so Elizabeth held the meeting as Vice- President. We had a lot of ideas for community service projects for our club. We may do some clean-up projects at the church where we meet, donate some food for Care and Share, or make blankets for the Ronald McDonald House. A hospital visit is also a possibility. Next, month we will report back on the ideas and decide what activities to do. The Ruth family brought snacks which were enjoyed by all.

Barbwire N' Boots

By: Rebecca Jones

This meeting we discussed the topic of our Historian book, which was donated by Ashley Bullock. Thanks Ashley! We have also decided that we would have t-shirts, hoodies, and possibly caps for our 4-H club. Our Parli-Pro team is working hard. Thanks for reading, Till next time, Barbwire N' Boots 4-H.

4-Bits Club

By: Crystal Benson

In the 4-Bits Club we have two new members, Marlene and Elke. Demonstrations were given by Cheyenne, Katelynn and Lukas. Cheyenne did her demonstration on the Cake Decorating Tips. Katelynn and Lukas did their demonstration on Dog Commands. Farren, Antoinette and Lukas went to the Ronald McDonald House. They brought food that they made from their Foods meeting. Our Fairgrounds clean-up day is May 2nd.

4-H Wildcats

By: Thomas Price

"Don't ever join 4-H...it's a waste of time...you'll never learn leadership skills, public speaking or make any friends." Once she had the attention of the entire Wildcats club with this introduction, Amanda Watson delivered an incredible impromptu speech as practice for the Festival of Events. Of course, her speech explained that this may be what people think about 4-H, but nothing is further from the truth. The Wildcats really showed their stripes at our April meeting, when Sam Pullen, Emily Watson, and Mattie and Karlin Rufenacht joined Amanda in impromptu speeches, wowing the audience. Two great demos on knitting let the group know what Karlin and Mattie were learning in their project and project reports showed that members are working hard on rocketry, ceramics, woodworking, foods, and animal projects and all are preparing for the rescheduled Festival of Events in categories like public speaking and drama. The Wildcats planted trees and brought animals to Zach's place for community service this month. A garage sale will plump up the club treasury in late May, and an early summer swim party will celebrate a year of hard work. Go 'cats!

Horse Program News

Nebraska Horse Camp

Nebraska Extension will be hosting a 4-H horse camp June 11, 12, and 13. The registration fee is \$40 and due by June 2 along with registration and health papers. More information posted on <http://elpasoco.colostate.edu>

Working Ranch Horse Clinics

Several clinics will be held at three different locations across the state. June 1, Colorado State Fairgrounds; June 2, Jefferson County Fairgrounds; June 3, Rifle County Fairgrounds. Each session will be held from 9a.m. - 3p.m. with lunch provided. The cost for riders is \$50, \$25 to audit. Contact Barbie at 303-271-6620 for reservations.

Horse Advisory Committee

Ranch Horse clinic and level testing will be held on Sunday June 7th at 9:00 am at the Christensen Ranch. Tim Unsinger is hosting 2 working cattle nights at his place on May 6 and 13 at 5:00pm. He will go over basics of working cattle. Test up letters have gone out. Open position on the Horse Advisory Committee has been filled.

El Paso County 4-H Horse Judging Team Competes in First County Contest

On April 25 the Horse Judging Team competed in their first county contest of the year. We entered two senior teams in the Sterling Invitational Contest. The teams took 1st and 3rd in the contest overall. Those participating included Kellie Ashby, Katie Ashby, Emily Archuleta, Gail Ward, Emily Hawkinson, Zan Abushabon and Emily Auer. Many individual and team awards were earned and we are excited about the opportunity to build off of this success this year.

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 Vrabec at jonathanvrabec@elpasoco.com. The upcoming May practices are as follows (all practices are from 6:30- 8:30 pm):

Thursday the 7th northern location (contact Jonathan for directions)

Wednesday 13th Extension Office

Wednesday 20th Extension Office

Wednesday 27th Extension Office

CONTEST- Sunday the 31st El Paso County Contest! Please wish them luck.

Horse ID Certificates

Horse ID Certificates are due at the Extension Office by June 1st. 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. You can download the ID form on our county web site at <http://elpasoco.colostate.edu> go to the 4-H page and then clinic on the link for the horse program.* DO NOT use the ID form that comes in your E-record book those will NOT be accepted because they do not have sufficient information on them.

Open Ride Dates at Latigo

The Horse Advisory Committee will once again host open riding at Latigo Equestrian Center in the indoor arena from 6-9. This year they are working on having someone to instruct on a different topic at each of the open rides. Riders may choose to participate in the organized instruction or ride and work on their own thing either sharing or splitting the arena we had a great amount of positive feedback on this when we tried it last year prior to state fair. Also the last half hour (8:30-9:00) each night will be spend providing educational activities for the members to prepare for the written tests given at shows and or when passing levels. Open riding is on Friday nights, dates are as follows: May 8 & 22.



Horse Bowl and Hippology

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. Upcoming Practices will be at the Extension Office (305 S. Union) from 5:30-6:30 pm on Wednesdays 13th, 20th, 27th. For questions contact Jackie Mead 494-1764.

Important Levels Testing Information!

- **Levels 3 & 4 Written Tests Taking Opportunity**
Jonathan will offer those interested in taking Levels 3 & 4 Written tests an opportunity on May 19th right before the start of the Horse Advisory Committee meeting at KCRC at 7:00. Please email Jonathan at jonathanvrabec@elpasoco.com at least 24 hours in advance to let him know if you plan to take the written test that. Further test taking opportunities will be announced in future newsletters for the spring.
- **Level 2,3 & 4 Riding Test Taking Opportunity**
There will be a levels riding test taking opportunity on May 8th at Latigo Arena during the open ride. You must contact Jonathan at jonathanvrabec@elpasoco.com to register and schedule your ride time. Space is VERY limited so register ASAP. This will be the last county organized levels testing. If you are still in need of levels testing you can coordinate a levels testing through your club or on your own. There is a \$20 fee for each test.

4-H Horse Camps/Clinics and Shows

If you visit the horse program page on our county web site at <http://elpasoco.colostate.edu> you will find information on a variety of horse camps/clinics around the state including one at the State Fairgrounds on Working Ranch Horse. You will also find show bills for all the club shows to be held in El Paso County this year.

Living with Livestock

Hog Tag-in, Lamb & Goat Weigh-in May 2nd

- 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.
- 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. 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.
- **EAR NOTCHING** of swine AND Castration 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!
- All market goats must be dehorned.

(Emergency date will be May 9th. This date will be used *only* if you are notified of a cancellation.)

Swine Must Be Ear Notched Prior to the May 2nd Tag-In

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 2009. 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 also a common question in showmanship class and a skill all swine project participants should have.

Swine Tag-in and Sheep and Goat Weigh-in May 2nd

Remember all market animals you wish to exhibit at the 2009 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: SET A GOOD EXAMPLE.

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 2nd. 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.

Plainsmen 20th Annual Prospect Show

Plainsmen 4-H Club invites you to its 20th Annual Prospect Show to be held on Saturday, June 6 at Owens Arena, El Paso County Fairgrounds, Calhan, CO. We will be offering market classes for beef, goats and lambs this year. Scales open at 7:00 a.m. and close at 9:00 a.m. for lambs and goats. The shows for market lambs and goats will begin at 9:30. Scales for market beef open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 11:00 a.m. The market beef show will begin at approximately 12:30 p.m. Grand champion beef will receive 50% of entry fees up to \$300, reserve 25% up to \$150; grand champion goat and lamb will each receive 50% of entry fees up to \$200, reserve 25% up to \$100. There will also be cash prizes for class winners. And, if that isn't enough . . . there will also be raffles and concessions!! Please contact Karla Wester (719) 495-0391 or Helen Rogers (719) 683-2686 for more information or visit the Plainsmen website at <http://plainsmen4h.webs.com>.

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.

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. Also the developed 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 information 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.



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 third and final MQA date will be June 3rd from 3-6 at the Extension Office. This training will be self paced and hands on. Participants can come anytime during that time frame and plan to spend about an hour going through the stations. 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 (June 3rd) prior to our County Fair. It is best to get this requirement accomplished early to avoid any unforeseen conflicts. If you are unable to make this training, you are welcome to attend another county's MQA/PQA training prior to June 3rd. A list of other county's trainings is posted on our web site <http://elpaso.colostate.edu> under the livestock program link.

Livestock Judging Team

Two contests have been canceled due to the unpredictable spring weather: Adams County and Lincoln County (Hugo). El Paso County Livestock Judging Team, both Senior and Junior Divisions, are showing up in the top ten at the awards at each contest. Congratulations to our El Paso County Senior team - Blake Tope, Chase Glaser, Cade Christensen, Vince Abushaban and Brianna Churchill. They took first place overall at Otero County. Our Junior Team is Christe Christensen, Stacey Tope and Bailey Jago. This Saturday, May 2nd, is a contest in Elbert County (Kiowa), followed by Weld County (Greeley) on the 9th, then Gunnison on the 16th. They will make up the Lincoln County (Hugo) contest on Saturday May 30th. There is the opportunity to go to Routt County, Hayden, the first Saturday in June followed by an out-of-state contest held in Kearney, NE on the 13th of June. That will wrap up the season!



Showmanship/Fitting Clinics

We will be holding a Swine, Sheep and Beef Showmanship and fitting clinic on June 20th 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.

MQA/PQA and Educational Clinics

Livestock, rabbit, and poultry project members must complete their MQA and PQA requirements by June 4th. MQA and PQA must be completed 45 days prior to county fair weigh-in. The regular clinic requirement deadline has been extended to June 22nd. All educational clinics must be attended no later than June 22nd.

Dairy Extravaganza

The 8th annual Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza will be held in Greeley May 31-June 2. Many fun learning activities are planned. General registration is \$45. The entry deadline is May 11. More information is available from Keith Maxey at 970-304-6535 ext. 2075 or kmaxey@co.weld.co.us

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 herd. Please check the El Paso County Fair Livestock Premium List for more specifics.

Discounted Health Certificate Day June 27

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

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.

State Fair Nomination Cards

All 4-H and FFA 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. State Fair nomination must be done at the time of weigh/tag-in.

Participate in the 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 picking one up at the Extension Office.



Livestock Show Advisory Committee

The Livestock Show Advisory Committee met on April 9, 2009 at Swink Hall - El Paso County Fairgrounds, Calhan, CO to make preparations for the Select Sale on April 19th, Goat, Sheep & Swine Weigh-In on May 2nd and finalize the premium list & Judges for the 2009 El Paso County Fair. The only bid received so far for stall cleaning is the beef barn. Please contact Jonathon Vrabec if your club is interested in submitting a bid to clean one of the barns after fair. Entry forms have been revised slightly to maintain consistency between all large animal entry forms. Please read & complete your entry forms carefully. The Livestock Advisory Committee is looking for Buckle and other award sponsors. Please contact Sonya Vandergriff at svandergriff@hughes.net or Shannon Blankenship at sbship@earthlink.net if you wish to give a donation or know someone who might be interested in supporting the large animal shows. **NEW:** The maximum size for goat horn nubs is the size of a quarter (increased from a dime) with the maximum length of 1½ inches. There will be an upcoming clinic for Beef, Sheep & Swine Showmanship & Fitting on June 20th. Terry Shaw will host a Health Check with Dr McIntyre on June 27th. Donations are now being accepted for Fuel (Farm/Dyed Diesel) can be fuel or funds. Make Checks payable to the Pikes Peak Community Foundation. The next meeting of the El Paso County Livestock Advisory Committee will be May 14th at 7:00 PM.

Douglas County Jr. Livestock Show

Saturday, June 13th at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock. Call Michael at 720-733-6940 with questions.

Beef Fitting Clinic

Saturday, May 9th at the Douglas County Fairgrounds in Castle Rock. Call Michael at 720-733-6940 with questions.





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Dates to Remember

May	
4	Deadline to submit add/drop/club changes
9	Festival of Events (new date)
25	Holiday - Office Closed
26	County Council
June	
3	SummerFest
11	County Fair entry forms 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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