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## R Clubs R Gr8!!

### News from the Jeffco Ranger Wranglers

Spring is just around the corner and we are busy getting ready for the summer 4-H activities. Preparations started by hosting a spring vaccination clinic with Dr. Shane Baird. In addition to the routine shots, he performed a complete dental hygiene on Melanie's horse and explained everything as he worked. It was very educational. On

April 26, we had a "mock" horse show so all of our young members could get some authentic practice. We did this complete with a judge, ribbons and a pizza party for lunch. Thank you Jude for being such a great judge. Everyone had a good time. Our next project is our gymkhana to be held in the JEC Arena on July 19. Last year we had a clinic before the events and would like to have it again this year. Details of our day will follow later. We are also working on a club scrapbook and if we get it completed we will enter it in the county fair.

### News from the Hearts and Horses 4-H club

The Hearts and Horses 4-H Club is finding it hard to believe it's already April! Time has flown by this 4-H year as they've been very busy with new community service projects and club goals. Hearts and Horses, a horse project only club, is comprised of girls of all ages who both own and lease horses; however they all have one thing in common: they can't keep away from the barn! This month they met for the first Pony Patrol ride of the spring and had a blast while doing it. Pony Patrol is the community service project of the Hearts and Horses 4-H club; the girls are volunteer rangers with Jefferson Country Open Space, and they are trained to patrol the open space parks, enforce park policies, and even handle emergency situations. The only thing they don't love about the rides are the patrol paperwork that go with them! In addition to Pony Patrol the girls have met to work on record books together, practice their riding in time for the spring show season, and practice giving demonstrations. Several members are studying up for the upcoming Horse Bowl competition, and a few others just got back from the Leadership Development Conference and the Youth Fest weekends. With such a great first half of the year, the girls can't wait to see what happens next!



## General News

### F-150 pickup donated to the Colorado 4-H Foundation

The Rocky Mountain Ford Stores have donated a 2009 Ford XLT F-150 4x4 pickup truck to the Colorado 4-H Foundation to help raise funds for 4-H. Raffle tickets will be sold until October by Foundation Board members, Extension staff and 4-H members and leaders. The drawing will be held at the

Colorado 4-H Gala on October 3, 2009 at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science.

Tickets cost just \$5 each, or \$20 for 5. Forty percent (\$2) from each ticket will be returned to the county program or state 4-H project area responsible for the sale. The remaining funds will be used to fund special 4-H youth programs.

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE 4-H OFFICE FOR CHECK OUT AND SALE. PLEASE CONTACT BARBIE TO PICK UP THE TICKETS.**



## 2009 Summer Science Camps for middle and high school students

Attached is a brochure and registration for the 2009 Summer Camps for Middle School and High School students.

Camps include: Artificial Intelligence: Computing, Designing and Robotics; Renewable Energy and Climate Change.

The goals for the students are to implement hands on activities in math and science, to expose young students to engineering concepts and to provide team work and leadership opportunities. Students will also get the whole college experience, spending a week (or more) living in the CSU residence halls with college student mentors.

There are limited spots available for middle and high school students from participating school districts listed on the back of

the brochure. For further information contact Aaron Benally at [Aaron.Benally@Colostate.edu](mailto:Aaron.Benally@Colostate.edu)

## Camp Rocky

Camp Rocky is a week long, residential camp for 14 through 19 year olds who enjoy the outdoors and are interested in natural resources. The Camp Rocky professional staff helps participants learn about their environment through hands-on experience. The students work in teams making new friends from across Colorado. Each year, new and returning students choose one of the following resource fields; Forest Management, Rangeland Sciences, Soil and Water Conservation, and Fish and Wildlife management, for their area of focus.

Please visit the following website for more information. <http://www.cacd.us/Education/Camp%20Rocky%202009%20brochure%20pdf.pdf>

## 4-H members needed to form Jazz Band

In the planning process for the 2009 Colorado 4-H Gala that will be held on October 3, at the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, the planning committee would like to see if there is enough 4-H member talent across the state to form a 4-H jazz band for this event. Please see the attached flyer with more information and an audition form. Jeramy McNeely, Cheyenne County 4-H agent, has volunteered to provide leadership toward this effort. If there are any volunteer leaders who would like to be involved please contact the 4-H Office.

The short term goal for this jazz band is to perform at the 2009 Gala. A possible long term goal might be for such a musical group to be the start of an ongoing and expanding Colorado 4-H performing arts troupe; such as the Clovers and Company 4-H performing arts group in Georgia. Check out their website at: <http://www.georgia4h.org/public/edops/cloversandcompany/> If you have any questions or are interested in this opportunity please contact Barbie in the 4-H Office at 303-271-6620

## Leader News

### Leader training

We will be hosting a leader training to discuss the what makes a vibrant 4-H Club on Thursday, May 28 from 6:30- 8:30 in the ECMR. We strongly encourage all leaders to attend especially organizational leaders.

Please RSVP to Cheryl Hurley, so that we know how many to plan for, either by phone 303-271-6626 or email at [churley@co.jefferson.co.us](mailto:churley@co.jefferson.co.us)

### Fair entry

We will be hosting a clinic on filling out Fair Entry forms on Tuesday, June 9 starting at 7 p.m. Fair Entry Packets will go out to all 4-H members on Friday, June 5. We are holding a clinic for leaders to help their youth fill out the entry forms correctly. It is very important that the forms are filled out properly so that the members are entered in the correct classes at the County Fair. We recommend that all clubs fill out their forms together so that members are entered into the correct class. Fair Entry Forms will be due to the Extension Office by Wed. July 1. Late entries will have a \$5.00/ class entry fee and will only be accepted until Friday, July 10. Please RSVP to Cheryl Hurley, so that we

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know how many leaders will be in attendance, either by phone, 303-271-6626 or by email at [churley@co.jefferson.co.us](mailto:churley@co.jefferson.co.us)

## Livestock News

### Meat Quality Assurance requirements

The Jefferson/ Gilpin County 4-H program will annually provide a Meat Quality Assurance program for 4-H members. Members will be required to attend MQA training the first year they show market or breeding livestock and then must recertify at the beginning of their Senior (age 14) year or born in 1994.

This includes all breeding and market: beef, sheep, swine, goats, poultry, and rabbits, all dairy animals.

All MQA Trainings are open to any youth in the area. Please make sure you sign in at the trainings. This is a come and learn by- doing training that will take approximately an hour to complete. Parents and leaders are strongly encouraged to attend.

The following dates have been set in the Northern Region. Please plan to attend one of these upcoming trainings.

- May 5 - Adams County Fairgrounds - 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.
- May 12 - Morgan County - 4:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. - Morgan County Fairgrounds
- May 19 - Weld County - 6:30 p.m. - Island Grove Park
- June 6 - Park County - 3:45 p.m. - Bailey

### El Paso County 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>.

## Horse News

### Working Ranch Horse Clinic

Please find attached a Working Ranch Horse Clinic flyer for three upcoming clinics.

Three clinics will be held at 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.

Reservations will be made through the Jefferson County Extension office so please call 303-271-6620. Space is limited so please encourage your youth and leaders to sign up quickly.

### Hairy Horse Show

The annual Hairy Horse Show, sponsored by Bibber Creek Pride 4-H Club, will be held on Sunday, May 10th in the Wester-

nares Arena. They will also be having a consignment sale for any of your old tack or show clothes. Please see the attached show bill for more information.

### Leveling clinic

Jefferson County will again be hosting a levels clinic for youth wishing to level up for the 2009 Jeffco Fair. The leveling date will be Tuesday, June 16th from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Pleasant View Arena. Please remember that you must pass your written test prior to taking the riding test, so make sure to contact the office to set up a time to take your test.

There will be a \$20.00 fee for each test that you wish to complete. Please RSVP to Jude to reserve your time slot, by phone at 303-271-6620.

## Pet News

### Weld County 4-H Dog Show

Paws and Trails 4-H Club will be hosting their annual county dog show on Saturday, May 16th starting at 9:30 a.m., youth must be currently enrolled in the dog 4-H project to show. Please see the attached flyer and registration form for more information.

## FCS & General News

### Unit 1 Cake Decorating clinic

We will be hosting a Unit 1 cake decorating clinic on Saturday, June 13 from 9-12 in the ECMR. This will be a great time to practice your cake decorating skills and get some tips for the County Fair. If you plan on attending this clinic please bring the following: frosting (see recipe in project manual), colors to tint frosting, toothpicks, mixing bowls or board, plastic bowl with lid, metal cake decorating spatula, turn table or lazy susan (if you have one), clean parchment paper, box or tote to carry supplies, 1 layer cake, cake board covered in foil, pan the cake was baked in, candy or other edible items of your choice, drawing of the design for your cake. Please RSVP to Jude by Thursday, June 11 if you plan on attending.

### State 4-H Shooting Sports website

There are many events and opportunities for the Shooting Sports youth across the state. These events are posted on the State Shooting Sports website. Visit [www.4h.colostate.edu/ss/](http://www.4h.colostate.edu/ss/) for more information and upcoming opportunities.

## 4-H Newsletter News

### Club of the Month

We would like for the reporter/secretary to write up a short article telling about some of the great things that your club is doing. We would love to have pictures to include with the article. Articles are due the 10th of the Month before so Jan articles and pictures will be due on the 10th of Dec. Please make sure that your club participates as we all want to applaud the great things your clubs are doing!

Here are the clubs assigned to each month:

- Jun. - Arvada Hoofprinters & Squirrels (Due May 10, 2009)
- Jul. - Sunflowers & Evergreen Hillbillies (Due Jun. 10, 2009)

Aug. – Rough Riders & Evergreen Horsefeathers  
(Due Jul. 10, 2009)  
Sept. – Pups N Pals & Royal Rebels (Due Aug. 10, 2009)  
Oct. – Traildusters & Bear Valley 4-H (Due Sept. 10, 2009)  
Nov. – Livestock Council & 4-H Achievers (Due Oct. 10, 2009)  
Dec. – New Livestock Club & Compound Grizzlies  
(Due Nov. 10, 2009)

Please send all articles and pictures to Barbie Garnett at bgarnett@co.jefferson.co.us or fax them to 303-271-6644.

## Quote of the Month

“The essence of life is finding something you really love and then making the daily experience worthwhile.” *Denis Waitley*

## Save the Date!!

- CSU Extension will be hosting a 4-H Summit on Tuesday, May 19, 2009, from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Jeffco Fairgrounds.
- The purpose of the Summit is to gather many of the active groups in Jefferson and Gilpin Counties who work with 4-H and create partnerships, alliances and commit to working collaboratively for the betterment of 4-H Youth.
- Part of the evening will be spent defining all of the different groups, their missions, and gaining an idea of who is involved. Then there will be a trade-show environment where all of the groups will host a table and be available to answer questions, create partnerships and catch-up.
- More information on the 4-H Summit to follow.

# Meetings

(What's coming up this month that you can't possibly miss?)

### 4-H Community Service Project

Sunday, May 3, 9:30 a.m.  
Deckers- tree planting

### Jeffco Fair Inc. Meeting

Wednesday, May 13, 6:30 p.m.  
ECMR

### Livestock Sale Committee/Livestock Council

Thursday, May 14, 5:30 p.m., 7 p.m.  
ECMR

### 4-H Alliance

Tuesday, May 19, 6 p.m.  
ECMR

### 4-H Summit

Tuesday, May 19, 6:30 p.m.  
Exhibit Hall 2

### Leader Training

Thursday, May 28, 6:30 p.m.  
ECMR

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