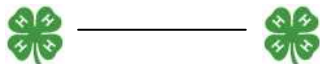


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TRA LIVESTOCK JUDGING TEAM HAS SUCCESS!

The TRA Livestock Judging Team traveled to their first contest of the year on March 20, 2009 and had great success. The contest was in Cortez Colorado. Results were as followed:

Team Results:

1st Place Junior Team (Jeananne Mosher, Fallon Flick, Ross LeValley and Tristan Barela)

2nd Place Junior Team (Kaitlin Nicolas, Kylie Haas, Kyra Dowd and Samantha Faulk)

3rd Place Junior Team (Dean VanWinkle, James LeValley, Shannan Davey and Justin Mosher)

Individual Results:

Juniors

1st Place Overall – Kaitlin Nicolas (Montrose County)

2nd Place Overall – Fallon Flick (Montrose County)

3rd Place Overall – Ross LeValley (Delta County)

4th Place Overall – Jeananne Mosher (Montrose County)

5th Place Overall – Kylie Keys (Mesa County)

6th Place Overall – James LeValley (Delta County)

8th Place Overall – Shannan Davey (Montrose County)

Seniors

3rd Place Overall – Katie Keys (Mesa County)

9th Place Overall – Adam Seymour (Montrose County)

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Important Dates!

TRI-RIVER AREA

- **May 1, 2009** – Deadline for enrollment to be able to participate in County Fairs. Deadline for all project additions and deletions.
- **June 1, 2009** – Horse ID Forms due
- **June 5-7, 2009** – Mesa Verde Trip

MONTROSE/OURAY

- **June 30, 2009** – Fair pre-entries due
- **Sept 11, 2009** – Montrose livestock and horse record books due
- **Sept 18, 2009** – Ouray livestock and horse record books due
- **Nov. 7, 2009** – Ouray Achievement Program
- **Nov. 21, 2009** – Montrose Achievement Program

MESA

- **June 30, 2009** – Fair pre-entries due
- **Sept. 4, 2009** – Livestock, horse and shooting sports record books due
- **Oct. 31, 2009** – Achievement Program

DELTA

- **July 10, 2009** – Fair 4-H & Open class pre-entries due
- **Sept. 4, 2009** – Livestock and horse record books due. Club completions, Award Forms and Achievement Nominations due
- **Nov. 7, 2009** – Achievement Program

A word to the wise – deadlines are non-negotiable and will be enforced!

Got Manuals & Record Books?

NOW is the time to check and see if you have all your project manuals and record books. Waiting until sometime in June or right before your county fair will be too late. Check this out today!

TRA Livestock Weigh-in and/or Tagging Dates

Delta County

Swine - May 2, 2009
7:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Sheep/Goats - May 2, 2009
10:00 – 12:00 PM

← *New Dates!*

Mesa County

Swine Tagging – April 30, 2009
6:00 PM – 9:00 PM &

May 2, 2009 - 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Sheep/Goats - May 5, 2009
5:00 PM – 7:00 PM

← *New Dates!*

Montrose County

Swine “Tag-in”- May 8, 2009
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Sheep/Goats - May 15, 2009
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Ouray County

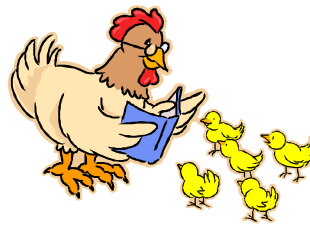
Swine/Lamb/Goat – June 6, 2009
8:00 AM – 10:00 AM

Poultry Fun Day

The Tri River Area Poultry Fun Day is scheduled for Saturday, May 16, 2009, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, at the Mesa County

Fairgrounds under the Grandstand. The topics will be: poultry nutrition, grooming, showmanship, and preparing for Fair. The

program will also include playing games and hands on activities.



Members are encouraged to bring their chicken or a turkey to practice showmanship. (Please be sure to bring only healthy animals!)

Wholesome Meat Act Classes

It's that time of year again, when anyone that is taking a livestock project should make sure they are current on their Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) certifications.

Quick check to see if you are one of the 4-H members who need to take this training: Is this your first year in a Livestock Project? Is this your first year as an Intermediate 4-H member? Is this your first year as a Senior 4-H member? If you answered **YES** to any of these questions, then you need to come to one of the MQA trainings. This is a strict requirement for the Livestock projects and must be complete prior to the county fair.

There are two MQA trainings scheduled in each county, with the exception of Ouray.

MQA training dates:

Mesa – April 27th, May 19th both trainings in the C-Building at 6:30 pm

Delta – April 23rd, May 18th trainings being held at Heritage Hall in Hotchkiss at 6:30 pm

Montrose – April 29th, May 20th both trainings being held at Friendship Hall at 6:30 pm

Ouray date to follow.

You may attend training in another county if you cannot make the date scheduled in your county. **Be sure to sign in when you arrive, this way we have a record of your attendance.**

If you have questions, please contact your local Extension office.



Livestock & Horse Record Book Info

Below are the requirements for the 2008-2009 Livestock and Horse record books:

1. **Livestock record books will be *one per specie*.** Market and breeding projects may be kept in the same book, however beef will need a book, sheep will need a book, swine will need a book, etc.
2. You do not have to keep a different record for each horse. Records for several different horses can be kept in the same record book.
3. ALL record books must be turned in to the Extension Office with some type of binding. This can include three ring binders, acco or brad type binders, or just simply by stapling all pages together. Binding must hold all pages securely.

ALL additional information that is included with a record book (i.e. feed labels, photos, plans, patterns, etc) must be securely affixed within the record book.

Livestock, Horse & Dog E-Records Rule Change

Effective for the 2009 4-H Year the Tri River Area will have some new rules regarding Livestock (beef, sheep, swine, poultry, llama, and rabbit), Horse & Dog e-records. They are as follows:

- All members are required to turn in a 70% completed e-record for every project in which they enroll.
- If your e-record falls short of the 70% completion than you will not be allowed to re-enroll in that project the following year.
- All e-records will have due dates and there will be no exceptions made for late e-records. If you fail to turn in an e-record you will not be allowed to re-enroll in that project regardless of years in project.

Please note: Members will be allowed to attend a mandatory e-record training *only if it is their first or second year enrolled in the project* to be eligible to re-enroll in that project. If a member does not complete this training by the date established within their county, then their enrollment in that project will be dropped.

Attention Horse Members!!!

It is that time year when all you can think about is getting on your horse and riding. There is still one last piece of information that each of you must turn in. You must have a Horse ID for each horse that you may ride during the 4-H Year by **June 1st**. The Horse ID Certificate may be found in your E-record or from the Extension Office.

Montrose County Invitational Shoot

Saturday, May 30th is the date and the event starts at 8:00AM. The location of the event will soon be announced. Registration forms will soon be made available through all TRA 4-H Offices. For more information please contact Danny Hoy at 249-4180 or Marty Flowers at 626-5684.

Delta County Invitational Shoot

The Delta County 4-H Invitational Shoot is scheduled for Saturday, June 27, starting at 8:00 A.M., at the Eckert 4-H Shooting Sports Range. Registration forms will soon be made available through all TRA 4-H Offices. The Delta County Invitational Shoot will include classes in Archery, .22 Rifle, Air Rifle, Air Pistol, .22 Rifle Scope, Shotgun, and Muzzleloading. For more information please call Isaac at 874-2198.

2009 Cloverbud Camp

Calling all Cloverbud members. This year's TRA Cloverbud Camp will be held on June 14th at the Mesa County Fairgrounds. Save the date on the calendar. We will be getting more information out to each of you! You will need to RSVP to the Mesa County Extension office 244-1835 by June 15th, limit 50 Cloverbuds.

Congratulations Class of 2009

Springtime is the time of year when thoughts turn to graduation, particularly from high school, which is seen as one of the biggest changes in a young person's life. Your families are extremely proud of you as are we. After the commencement speeches are given, and all the good advice bestowed, the topic of conversation turns to "what you'll do next."

Our graduating 4-H'ers will begin to make tough choices in their lives, and no amount of advice gets them through those moments. It's the "doing" over the years – staying up all night with a sick animal, the disappointments and victories, (and yes, you have to do the record book!) - that will get them through. It's also about finally realizing that adults do things for youth, even when they don't get paid, for the sheer enjoyment of helping. And finally, it's giving back as an adult to the program that helped you grow strong. In short, when you leave here, don't forget why you came.

We wish all our graduates good health and journeys to whatever comes next. Remember, the most important thing is to be a productive adult, no matter what you are doing. We'll miss you, but we know it's your time to move on.

The fireworks begin on your graduation day. Each diploma is a lighted match. Each one of you is a fuse. Go out and light up the future.



MARKET SWINE EXHIBITORS

The following requirements for swine members can be met at one of the Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) trainings being held in the TRA. The National Pork Board, sets the requirements for swine exhibitors, these requirements are as follows; (youth age as of January 1 of the current year)

- Youth 8-11 years of age (Beginner) must certify / re-certify annually by attending an approved Youth Pork Quality Assurance (PQA) education program.
- Youth 12-14 years of age (Intermediate) and 15-18 years of age (advanced) can certify / re-certify by annually attending an approved Youth PQA education program OR can certify by testing at the appropriate skill level for their age bracket. To certify by test, a minimum of 70 % of questions must be correctly answered.
- Once certified by test, the youth is not required to re-certify in Youth PQA until the next age bracket and skill level is reached. When youth reach the next age bracket they can either attend an annual Youth PQA class or retest at the new skill level. Certification by test is valid for a minimum of one year.
- Youth may attempt to pass a Youth PQA exam a maximum of three times in one sitting. If three tests yield unsuccessful results, the youth must attend another Youth PQA class prior to more attempts at passing a test.
- Only educators approved by the State and National Pork Producers Council can administer the tests.

Members that don't meet these requirements cannot participate at the local County Fair, Colorado State Fair, National Western Stock Show, or any other major show.

Again, swine members can meet all of the above requirements by attending the local MQA trainings that have been scheduled for the months of April and May. Contact your local Extension office if you have questions.

OINK, OINK, OINK...

While some might say raising a pig is disgusting others, such as our 4-H Swine members, think it is extremely fun because you get to interact with a somewhat large animal which has its own personality. Now that you all have chosen to take the pig project, it's time to get down to business. You'll need to attend your counties Swine tagging, once you have done that then the fun begins. Your pigs need to be kept as comfortable as possible, check them twice a day and make sure they have food and water. Keep their pen clean and dry. You can also provide them with something to play with, such as an old basketball. As your pig grows, it's important to build muscle instead of fat. To do that, we suggest walking your pig daily – which is a lot like chasing fireflies if you have more than one.

You will also need to weigh you pigs periodically during the summer. You don't want to get down to crunch time for fair and try and put some major pounds on your pigs or put them on a serious diet to make fair weight. If you don't have scales yourself, there are several in the county that you could utilize, you just have to ask. Keep on top of how your pig is doing as well as any other livestock project that you have. If you have questions, ask for some help. One more thing, just think about that once a week mud bath that you are getting for free (courtesy of your pig) while other people are going to a health spa and paying for this service. Your pigs are not only keeping you entertained, but active with the walking and your skin healthy. ☺

HELMET POLICY

A certified equestrian helmet with safety harness fastened in place is required in over fences classes, gymkhana events, activities and practice sessions (i.e., timed events not involving livestock). It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of the 4-H member to see that the headgear worn complies with such standards and is in good condition. The State 4-H office encourages the use of ASTM certified/SEI approved safety helmets in all equine events. Protective headgear may be used in all classes and shall not be discriminated against. Leaders, if you choose not to enforce this rule at practice or another 4-H horse activity and something bad should happen, it will be your insurance that covers the injuries. Please help keep everyone safe!!

Mesa Verde Trip Chaperons Needed!!!

The Mesa Verde Trip is still waiting on Chaperones to commit so that we can get a schedule that will work for everyone put together. Because of the amount of planning and making reservations at Mesa Verde I have extended the deadline for Chaperones until May 8th. If we don't hear from and interested adults before this date that are willing to help organize camping equipment, shopping lists and chore duties for the trip then the 2009 Mesa Verde Trip will be cancelled. It is imperative that you notify us immediately if you would like to help out. Please respond to Trent Hollister at 970-249-3935.



State 4-H Conference

The 2009 Colorado State 4-H Conference will be held June 23-26. State 4-H Conference provides great training and an opportunity for Senior 4-H members (ages 14 and up) and leaders to strengthen their leadership skills.

It also hosts the following state contests including: Livestock Bowl, Livestock Judging, Consumer Choices, Consumer Bowl, Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Hippology, Horse Demonstration and Public Speaking, Prepared Speech, Extemporaneous Speech, and Parliamentary Procedure.

NEW this year will be a main speaker who is bringing a team of workshop presenters for the duration of the conference and workshops. The State Officer Team has worked hard to put this together and there is a lot of excitement to see the results.

We look forward to your participation! Be sure to give us a call if you have any questions about this event. Keep an eye out for applications; they will be out soon!



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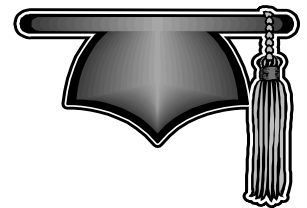
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