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Want to see all the latest and the greatest that is happening with 4-H? Make sure to [like us on Facebook](#) today! Tell your friends to like us too. Have 4-H photos or news that you would like to share? Email Danielle at ddubois@arapahoegov.com.

Travel to Another Country without Packing a Bag!

Please come join us on Monday, March 14 for our annual IFYE Potluck and Presentation, Centrepoint Plaza, 14980 E. Alameda Dr., Aurora. Jennifer Johnston will do a presentation on the countries that she traveled to (N. Ireland, Wales, and England). The night will begin @ 6 pm with a potluck and then presentation. Please bring an item to share with the group. Families with last names that start with "A" through "L", please bring a main dish or salad. Families with last names that start with "M" through "Z", please bring a side dish or dessert. **If you plan to attend please RSVP with Jean Walton @ 303-730-1920 or jwalton@arapahoegov.com no later than Monday, 3/7/16**, so that way we know how many to prepare for.

New This Year! - Cat Show!

Are you interested in cats? Did you know that the cat project is going to be a state project this year? Arapahoe County will be hosting a 4-H Cat Show during pre-fair events on Saturday, July 23. More details will follow in the 2016 fair book.

You will have to be enrolled in the cat project in order to participate in the 4-H Cat Show. So, if you are interested make sure to enroll in the cat project by April 1 at the latest.

We are excited about the new addition! But we need more enrollments in the cat project to move forward with the show!



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4-H is a community of young people across America who are learning leadership, citizenship, and life skills.



Headlines

Cowboy Ethics Training

We now have a trained facilitator in Cowboy Ethics! If you would like to offer some of the Cowboy Ethic program/activities to your club members or would like more information about what the program covers please contact Katy if you are interested in attending at katydidklv@hotmail.com

Please review and follow 4-H Dress Code

The [Colorado 4-H dress code](#) is in effect at any 4-H function, including club sponsored horse shows and livestock shows. When attending an activity as part of 4-H, you are representing your family, yourself and your county, so dress appropriately as outlined in the dress code. This includes family members and friends who might also be attending the event. It is not just the responsibility of the club or the individuals who host the event job to enforce the dress code, but also of all 4-H leaders who are present.

Ice Hockey Opportunity

EXPERIENCE EAGLES HOCKEY!

4-H Night at The Colorado Eagles

The Colorado Eagles are hosting 4-H members from all over the state! Your \$22 ticket includes \$10 in concession vouchers that are good for all food and drink stands in the building. FREE PARKING included! Be sure to wear your 4-H gear to show your support!

EVENT INFORMATION:
 LOCATION: Budweiser Events Center
 ORGANIZATION: Colorado 4-H

GAME DATE: Friday, March 18th
TIME: 7:05 p.m.
VS: Utah Grizzlies vs.

TICKET PRICE: \$22 (no fees)
 Tickets can be purchased online using the link below or by calling Sean in the Eagles office.

For a direct link, go to: <https://eagles.isportstix.com/order/group/4HNIGHT/>

QUESTIONS? CONTACT **Sean Linfield 970-686-SHOT (7468)**
slinfield@coloradoeagles.com coloradoeagles.com



Headlines Continued

Contest Information: Mark your calendars

Guidelines and entry forms for the Consumer Choices, Cake Decorating and Speech and Demonstration Contests may be found at:

<http://www.extension.colostate.edu/arapahoe/4h/4-H-contests.shtml> . **Please pay attention to all entry deadlines as LATE ENTRIES WILL NOT be accepted!**

Dates for upcoming Contests:

March 12, 2016: Consumer Choices Contest, CenterPoint Plaza – Entry Deadline: February 12, 2016

April 2, 2016: Speech and Demo Contest, CenterPoint Plaza – Entry Deadline: March 4, 2016

April 23, 2016: Cake Decorating Contest, Douglas County Fairgrounds – Entry Deadline: March 21, 2016

Clothing and Cooking Project Info Sheets

The State Office has posted more information on the new Clothing and Cooking projects for this year. To access the Clothing information sheets, click [here](#) To access the Cooking information sheets, click [here](#).

National 4-H GIS/GPS Leadership Team

It's not too late to submit a team application for the National 4-H GIS/GPS leadership team. The National 4-H GIS/GPS leadership team is a national leadership opportunity for state 4-H youth-adult teams to support 4-H GIS and community mapping programs. Our leadership team is typically 20-40 teens and adults from 7-15 states. The team serves for one year beginning in June 2016.

As members of the leadership team, youth and adults will represent 4-H at the Esri Educational GIS Users Conference in June 24-28, 2016 in San Diego and participate in a GIS service project there; participate in team communications for the year and take an active role throughout the year on a team GIS project that supports 4-H GIS activities at national, state and local levels; and serve as mentors for future 4-H GIS software grant recipients.

The national team is composed of state/LGU teams of one or two 4-H teens and one adult. Additional teams and members from a state/LGU may be accepted if there are positions available. States that wish to submit applications for more than one team need to rank them (first team, second team, etc.). A ratio of no more than two youth to one adult is required by the GIS conference. Youth must be 4-H members at least age 14 and not yet graduated from high school when the team attends the GIS conference in June.

Completed and digitally signed PDF applications must be submitted by Friday, Feb. 19, 2016. Download the fillable PDF application from <https://sites.google.com/site/nat4hgis>. E-mail the completed PDF document with digital signatures to both e-mail addresses shown on the last page of the application. Team applications will be reviewed and selections made in March.

Details are included in the application form. If anyone has questions about the National 4-H GIS/GPS Leadership team, they can contact Jim at JKahler@NIFA.USDA.GOV or by calling 202-690-1568.

Headlines Continued

Jr. Livestock Committee

SAVE THE DATE! The Junior Livestock Committee will be hosting a Prospect Show, May 21st at the Arapahoe Co. Fairgrounds for beef, goats, and market lambs!!! If you would like to learn the process of putting a show on, or want to have fun helping out, please join us for the next meeting, which will be held Tuesday, March 1st at 6:30 at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. We will also be taking some of our animals for a visit Life Care Center of Aurora for our community service project this spring, so please come and join us!

AgDiscovery

AgDiscovery is a 2- to 4-week residential outreach program sponsored by different United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) programs for high school students in partnership with selected universities. AgDiscovery is a unique opportunity for students to gain a first-hand look at the many career paths open to them in agriculture. The program allows students to live on a college campus and learn about different agriculture careers from university professors, scientists, and other professionals who work for the U.S. Government in a variety of fields. In 2016, there are 20 universities participating in AgDiscovery.

The program is targeted towards middle and high school students, who are interested in learning more about plants, animals, and agribusiness. The students will visit a variety of private and university farms, zoological facilities, animal shelters, wildlife conservation areas and research facilities. Students chosen to participate in AgDiscovery will gain experience through hands-on labs, workshops, and field trips. They will also participate in a number of cultural awareness and teambuilding activities. Every activity is being planned to enhance the student's learning experience and provide countless hands-on opportunities which will be crucial to the student's enjoyment of the program.

Students selected for the 2016 AgDiscovery summer session will pay only the cost of their transportation to get from their home to the college campus for the start of the session and back again at the end of the session. The cost of tuition, room and board, and lab supplies for the program will be covered by various programs within APHIS.

Applications can be submitted as follows:

A fillable PDF application can be obtained at www.aphis.usda.gov/agdiscovery and mailed, along with the required two-page essay and 3 references to the address listed in #4 below for Ms. Sophia L. Kirby.

Hard copy applications must be postmarked no later than **March 7, 2016**. APHIS will not accept application packages that are incomplete or received after March 7, 2016.

See the current AgDiscovery website for age requirements. Students can only apply for **one** program this year. Applicants will be notified on or before **May 5, 2016** if they have been selected for one of the 19 AgDiscovery programs this summer. If you have questions about the AgDiscovery program, please call APHIS at 301-851-4199 or send an email to agdiscovery@aphis.usda.gov.

Meeting REMINDERS

The following committee's will be holding elections in the coming months so if you would like to serve on one of these advisory committee's please contact Jonathan for details ASAP.

The **Livestock Advisory Committee** meetings are held the third Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. at O'Malley's Mercantile.

The next **Horse Committee** meeting will be March 17th at 6:30 at the Fairgrounds.

The next **Shooting Sports** meeting will be March 7th at 6:30 at the Fairgrounds.

The next **Jr Livestock Committee** meeting will be March 1st at 6:30 at the Fairgrounds.

County Junior Leaders Council: Meetings are held the second Monday of every month (with the exception of County holidays) at 7 p.m. at the Arapahoe County CentrePoint Plaza.

Headlines Continued

Colorado Youth Corps Association (CYCA) Internships

Internship opportunities with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to youth, disadvantaged youth, veterans, and students interested in natural resource management.

Internships are in partnership with the BLM State Office, Field Offices and the National Operations Center here in Colorado. Internships focus on a diverse range of duties including information technology, firefighting, public information officers, hydrology, GIS mapping and many others. Since its inception in 2011, the BLM internship program has resulted in:

- 107 interns serving at BLM Field Offices, the CO State Office, and the NOC
- 37% of the interns qualify as diversity hires
- Over 56,000 hours of service performed, and
- \$1.9 million in BLM funds obligated to date

Please Contact Edward R Morrison if you are interested, AmeriCorps DOI/VISTA - Colorado Youth Corps Association Email: EMorrison@BLM.gov or Calls & Text: [720-480-6197](tel:720-480-6197).

4-H Volunteer Process

- Enroll in 4-H Online, making sure to include 3 references and their contact information.
- Complete the e-learning modules (there are 4 and they take about 20 minutes each).
- Reference check.
- Background check.
- Pay the \$10 first year leader fee.

If you need more specific information, please contact Shaylen at sflorez@arapahoegov.com.

E-Record Update

The e-records for Family and Consumer Science and Natural Resources/General projects all should be updated for the 2015-2016 4-H year. You may find the most updated e-record on our website, arapahoeextension.org.

2015—2016 4-H Policies and Guidelines

CSU Extension 4-H in Arapahoe County Policies Document

The CSU Extension 4-H in Arapahoe County Policies is located on CSU Extension in Arapahoe County web site on the 4-H page:

http://www.extension.colostate.edu/arapahoe/4h/4h_docs/PoliciesforSuccess14.pdf

2016 National Beekeeping Essay Contest

Submission Deadline to State 4-H Office: Monday, February 22, 2016

Beekeeping has had its five minutes of fame for the past five years. Now more than ever, people are asking "What will happen if the bees are gone?" Your paper should research and answer this question.

Headlines Continued

Parliamentary Procedure Contest

The parliamentary procedure contest will be held on March 5th. It will start at 1:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. It usually last about 3 hours depending on the number of teams who wish to participate. If you are interested in participating please contact Jonathan at the Extension Office via email jvrabec@arapahoegov.com by **February 19th** (deadline extended). Rules for the contest will follow the state rules with the exception of a shorter time limit and a reduced number of new business problems and fewer motions to be handled. State contest rules can be found by clicking [HERE](#)

All clubs are encouraged to enter their officer teams and an adult leader to supervise. Participants will test their skills at running meetings and handling different situations. The contest also includes a written test based off the parliamentary procedure handbook, officers receive during officer training. This should be a great hand's on learning experience and a lot of fun. The top team will qualify for the state contest in June. If the top team is a mixed team of multiple aged members, high scoring senior members from the other teams can be used to fill the team going to state.

Teams are made up of four to six members they can be a mix of any age members. If your club has a small membership you may combine with another club in order to field a team. The contest will be made up of three parts. The demonstration portion of the contest is where the team has 15 minutes to demonstrate proper parliamentary procedure. They will be presented with two items of new business and four motions. Teams will have 15 minutes to review and prepare before presenting. The second part is a Written Test, which will emphasize knowledge of parliamentary procedure on the part of each member. Tests will be taken individually. The last portion of the contest will be the Oral Questions portion where each team member will be asked one 10-point question that will pertain to the motions they used during the demonstration. Remember to register your team by Feb 5th by emailing Jonathan at jvrabec@arapahoegov.com.

State 4-H Conference

Save the dates, State 4-H Conference June 21-24, 2016. More details will be emailed to enrolled 4-H members, 14-18 (as of December 31, 2015) in April.

Video Challenge

HHS ASPR is pleased to announce the [My Preparedness Story: Staying Healthy and Resilient Video Challenge](#). Taking action ahead of an emergency can help individuals, families, and communities fully prepare to prevent or minimize potential health impacts. Young people can help their families, friends, and communities become stronger by protecting their health during disasters and every day.

This contest invites young people between the ages of 14 and 23 to create a short video, 60 seconds or less, that answers the question, "How are you helping family, friends, and community to protect their health during disasters and every day?" Click on the link above (you may have to hold the Ctrl button while you click) for more details.

Headlines Continued

Feb 6th Extravaganza = Success!!!!

Just a short note to THANK EVERYONE who made the Skill Building Extravaganza on Feb 6th possible. We really appreciate all the volunteer support we received that day!! We had a great night around a 100 people in attendance! We even had people from neighboring counties taking advantage of this fun educational opportunity! This was one of the largest non-fair related events we have had!!!! I think everyone came away with something new and useful they could use!

MAD Science Challenge!

What: A chance to show off your sweet science skills and learn some fun new projects. Come check out the activities that we will have in the areas rocketry, robotics, energy, and animal science.

Who: anyone in 5th & 6th grade

When: March 31st- April 1st 8am-3pm

Where: Buckley Air Force Base youth center

Cost: Free! Please make sure to bring your own lunch

Interested? Contact Danielle for more details and to rsvp- ddubois@arapahoegov.com 303-738-7977.

Dog News

4-H Dog Training Sessions

Arapahoe County Extension Office

Monday, March 7, 6:30-7:30 pm, Caring for dogs and important positive training methods

Monday, March 14, 6:30-7:30 pm, Obedience

Monday, March 21, 6:30-7:30 pm

Monday, March 28, 6:30-7:30 pm

Monday, April 4, 6:30-7:30 pm

Monday, April 18, 6:30-7:30 pm

Please email Sara Tremear if you plan to attend any of the sessions @ saratremear@gmail.com. It is very important that you let Sara know that you are coming so that she can prepare for the sessions.

Arapahoe County 4-H Spring Dog Fun Match

Sunday, April 17, 2016

Arapahoe County Fairgrounds

Please click [here](#) for more information.



Featured Article

The Importance of Community

“The good we secure for ourselves is precarious and uncertain until it is secured for all of us and incorporated into our common life”— Jane Addams

While there continues to be discussion over what actually defines a community, for many people it is a sense of cohesiveness among a group of people. For generations, an individual’s community served a vital role in terms of offering camaraderie and acting as a support system. With our society moving at a faster and more detached manner due to technology, busy schedules and the frequency at which we change jobs, homes and locations, it makes it harder and harder to feel any sense of community. It is too easy to become isolated in our homes and yet isolation tends to beget a sense of loneliness and depression not to mention the breakdown that can occur in communities due to a detachment from others— increased violence, substance abuse, mental illness and so forth. The idea of community may simply come down to supporting and interacting positively with other individuals who share a vested interest. Whether your vested interest is in the well-being of your neighborhood or extends to the well-being of your global community, you may consider:

- Participating in random acts of kindness. For more information, visit: www.actsofkindness.org
- Acknowledging a passerby in your neighborhood or at work.
- Attending community events.
- Meeting your neighbors.
- Buying from local merchants.
- Making an extra effort to talk with someone who may have a different background or perspective than your own.
- Volunteering.
- Supporting schools, which tend to be cornerstones in a thriving community.
- Organizing or attending a neighborhood or community party.
- Spending less time on the internet or watching television and more time outside.
- Joining a club or other social organization.
- Personally greeting newcomers to your community.

A strong community benefits the individual, the community as well as the greater society. People of all ages who feel a sense of belonging tend to lead happier and healthier lives, and strong communities create a more stable and supportive society.

To Contact UW CareLink Faculty and Staff Assistance Program, please call: 866-598-3978 or visit www.apsheplink.com (company code: UW)

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Enrollment News

Enrollment Deadlines

The re-enrollment deadline for returning members and leaders has passed.

New members still have time to get enrolled but the sooner new members are in the system and we have fees collected and paper work completed the better we are able to communicate and serve their needs. New members have until April 1st.

All members have until April 1st to add, make changes or drop projects providing project requirements can still be met. Members can do this themselves by logging into their 4honline account and making the needed changes. Any project a member is enrolled in after April 1st the member will be expected to complete that project.

Helpful Tips

It is amazing how much misinformation there is about 4-H, even among 4-H people. Club organizational leaders have asked some interesting questions, so don't ever be afraid to ask. We love it when someone asks clarifying questions about club operations, policies, procedures, events and opportunities. It's as easy as a phone call to 303-730-1920 or an email. So far we have not found a problem that we cannot help you with. That really is the mission of Extension, to help find answers, solve problems and to be the most reliable source for information.

Project Add/Drop

Do you need to change the projects you are enrolled in? Remember, you only have until **April 1 at 5:00pm to change your projects!** After that the system will lock and you must complete all projects that you are enrolled in. Completion includes **either** exhibiting the project at the county fair OR doing a demonstration on the project **and** satisfactorily submitting a completed record book. Add/Drop is done ELECTRONICALLY using 4honline. **There is no paperwork for Add/Drop and it cannot be done over the phone.** The Add/Drop instructions are at the very top of this website: <http://www.extension.colostate.edu/arapahoe/4h/4h-enroll-changes.shtml> If you have trouble with Add/Drop, please contact your club leader.

Are you into it? 

Reminders

Get Started on Your Record Book!

All members need to complete a Record Book (e-Record) for each project they are enrolled in. Some of these are due at fair, some of them are due after fair. Regardless, they take into account your entire year's work, so start working on them now! The e-Records are posted online at:

http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/erecords/index.php

Important— any record book due after county fair (i.e. Animal Project e-records) please do not hand it in, in a 3 ring binder. Something like the picture below would be a great option. They help keep our record books easier to handle, store or transport as they go out to be graded. These are available from the extension office or through the 4-H mall online. Or you can pick something similar up at an office supply stores or anywhere they sell school supplies.



Record Books

One of the most important life skills 4-H can offer members is record keeping skills. That is why we require members to complete a record book for every project they are enrolled in. Our full record book policy is located in the 2015/2016 Policies for Success document posted on our website, and it is copied below. To find the record book you should be using, visit:

http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/erecords/index.php

Record Book Policy

1. Members must complete a record book for each project the member is enrolled in receiving a score of 70% or above.
2. Please be aware that some record books have a supplemental form that must also be submitted.
3. Record books for Family Consumer Science, Shooting Sports and General projects will be turned in at the County Fair with the member's exhibit (only if the member chooses to exhibit) otherwise they will be turned in to their project leader and graded prior to the last Friday in August.
4. Record books for Dog, Horse, Livestock and Small Animal projects are to be graded by the project or club leader prior to being turned in to the Extension office by **September 7th**.
5. The official Score sheet should be used when grading record books. Score sheets (rubrics) are posted on the COUNTY 4-H website and can usually be found on the project area pages.
6. SEE Animal Project Record Book Policies for more detail on animal record books.

NOTE: In the event a member turns in an unsatisfactory record book, they should be given one week to revise their record book to reach a score of 70% or higher, prior to the final due date of the first Monday in September. If revisions are required, they will not be eligible for end of the year record book awards but will satisfy the completion requirement.

Leader News

Club/Organizational Leaders: Community Service

Don't forget all clubs should be doing some kind of community service project at some point during the 4-H year. Participation in a community service project is required as part of completion for 4-H members. This is a great time of year to start planning what that community service project for your club will be. By doing community service when the 4-H program is asked, what kind of impact it makes in a community we can not only point to the impact we make on the youth enrolled in the 4-H program but also the impact we make on the community. Both are vital to the future of the 4-H program. I would also like to clarify that a community service project is NOT a project for which the club gets paid unless those funds derived from the project are being donated to some other kind of charity. Cleaning-up a facility used by your club or project group is a community service projects but that is the contribution your club or group should make for the use of the facility and it should NOT be the only community service your group or club does. The 4-H program benefits from its use and the quality of the facilities. Community service projects should be things that benefit others and outside groups not our own program. It is our desire that all clubs should be doing other community service projects at the club level in-addition to any organized through the overall 4-H program. Projects we do or have organized as part of the 4-H program that benefit the 4-H program are things we should all pitch in and do anyway to help make the program which we all participate in better and/or the facilities we use better. Those types of things should be done in-addition to your community service projects because it is the right thing to do! When selecting a community service project for you club try and select one that is not self-serving but rather one that benefits the community or a segment of the community/county. Clubs should select their Community Service Projects as a group and work on them as a group so as to make a more noticeable impact. If individuals or project groups want to do a community service project that is also related to their project they are welcome to do that as well. If clubs are in need of ideas for community service projects we usually have things come our way through the year. You are welcome to contact us and we can assist you in finding a project.



Shooting Sports News

Shooting Sports:

Congratulations to our newest shooting sports leader, Lory Fetty who was certified in the Rifle discipline! Jr Leaders attended the training also and we welcome Kassidy Euritt, certified in Rifle and Evin Vincent, certified in Archery! Dustin Euritt also attended the state training and added Pistol to his certifications and Kathy Euritt added Hunting and Outdoor Skills.

Any 4H volunteer interested in becoming an adult or jr. leader (ages 14 - 18) for Shooting Sports should contact Jonathan at jvrabec@arapahoegov.com or Katy at katydidklv@hotmail.com.

Shooting Sports Leader Training Dates:

Montezuma, March 4, 5, 6

Pueblo, March 11, 12, 13

Garfield, April 8, 9, 10

Boulder, April 15, 16, 17

All disciplines may not be available at all locations. Cost is \$135.

Safety:

Just a reminder that all members must have attended a **mandatory safety training class** in Arapahoe County before coming to shoot at practices. Our last scheduled one was at the Extravaganza. Please email Katy if you are still in need of this training. We will schedule one more for late enrolled members in the project but please be aware that in addition, you will have to make 5 practice dates to qualify for County Shoot. YHEC, Family Campout and the Boggsville Campout will count towards your minimum requirements. Please make sure you can commit to the schedule.

Arapahoe County 4H Shooting Sports 2016 Schedule

*Regular practices at Sorber Ranch

March 5- 2pm *

March 20- 2pm *

April 2- 2pm *

April 17- 2pm *

April 23/24 YHEC Flagler – State Championship for Outdoor skills

May 7- 2pm *

May 15- 2pm *

June 11- 2pm *

June 17-19 State 4H Shooting Sports Family Campout

July 6/7 Western Heritage/Outdoor Skills Campout - Boggsville Historic Site

July 9- County Shoot- All day

Reminders:

- Please note that we have a new rule this year: **NO SHORTS** will be allowed to be worn by members on the range.

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Shooting Sports News Continued

- **Weather:** Please be mindful of the forecast before you head to practice! Always come prepared for the weather to change and remember that you can't put it on if you didn't bring it along! Weather can change rapidly and we will make every attempt to hold practices but we will have bad weather days, please bear with us. If the range becomes muddy or the weather is not suitable for shooting, we will email members on our roster with as much advance notice as possible. If conditions look questionable, please call or text Katy Vincent at 303-913-7314 to check.
- **3D Archery:** Practices will be held once a month beginning in March. These will be in addition to the regular practice dates. Watch for more info.
- All members will need to have their Hunters Education Card and provide the number before July 1. You can schedule this on your own through Parks and Wildlife:

<http://cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HunterEducation.aspx> We will also be working on setting up our own class in Bennett also. Please contact Katy at 303-913-7314 or katydidklv@hotmail.com if you wish to be put on the list for our local class.

State Leader Training in Morgan County



Left to right: Jeff Goodwin- CSU Extension Director 4H Youth Development, Evin Vincent, Kathy Euritt, Dustin Euritt, Katy Vincent, Lori Fetty, Jim Hamilton- CSU Extension 4H Shooting Sports Program Coordinator- Retired

Horse News

Horse Judging Team Practices!

The Horse Judging Team is practicing every Thursday at the fairgrounds from 6:30-8:30 each night. We have a great group of kids participating! We have enough interest for a senior team and a junior team. It is not too late to get started so if you are interested please attend practice! Myself (Jonathan Vrabc) and Samantha Gagas will be coaching the team. So far we have covered judging halter horses, western please and giving reasons. This week we will start in on Hunter Under Saddle and in March we will learn to judge Reining. I have had the privilege to coach and work with several State and World Champion Horse Judging teams over my 19 years of coaching horse judging teams in addition to being a judge myself. Members of all ages and project areas are welcome to attend. Contests will start in April! If you want more information or are not able to attend practice sessions please contact Jonathan at jvrabc@arapahoegov.com. Judging Teams are a great way to make friends, have fun and build important life skills while learning about horses!

Horse Committee

The committee is making revisions to the Fair Premium Book/Rules of Exhibition they have some exciting additions and changes to this years county fair proposed. As soon as they are finalized we will announce them!

Upcoming horse events in Arapahoe County are as follows:

- Open rides in the covered arena start March 24th and will be held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. the following dates are scheduled: March 24th, April 14, April 28, may 12 and may 26. Future dates will be posted in each newsletter and on our Horse program page on our web site.
- 4-H/open horse show on June 4th AC Fairgrounds Covered Arena
- A clinic and tack swap are also in the works! Details out soon!
- The Trail Ride is scheduled for June 11th at Sand Creek Arena.
- Quint Valley Fair Horse Show on June 25th, 9am.

Don't Forget! NEW state policy this year: HORSE ID forms are due to be uploaded in 4honline.com by May 1st.

The next meeting of the Horse Committee will be March 17th at 6:30 at the fairgrounds.

Silver Buckle Winter Woolies Schooling Show Series

Spicer Arena; 37440 WCR 43, Eaton, CO.

February 21, 2016 - Western Show

March 20, 2016 - English Show

April 17, 2016 - Speed Show

Office opens at 6:30 a.m., show starts at 8 a.m.

For more information, contact info@weldcountyhorsecouncil.com.

Horse News Continued

HORSE OWNER — 101 —

If you're new to horses or interested in owning one, join us for a **FREE** workshop where we'll teach you the ins and outs of caring for a horse.

FEB. 19TH

6:00 TO 7:30PM

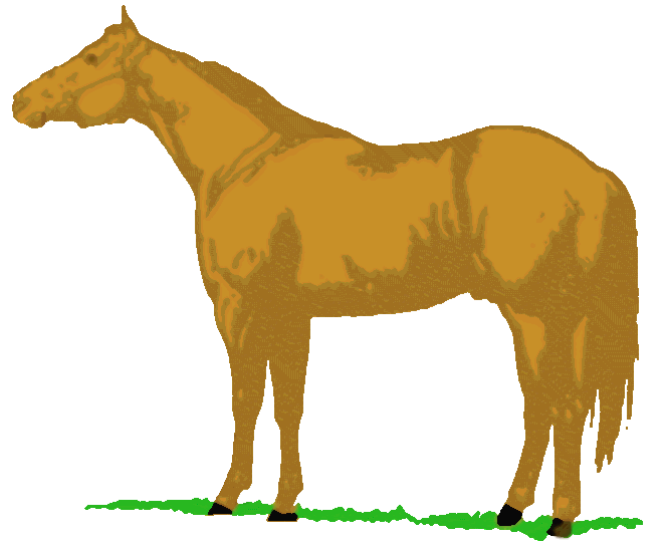
Guest Speaker Topics include:

- The basics of groundwork and saddling
 - Owner and Farrier Relationship
 - When to call your vet
- Practical Nutrition - brought to you by Purina

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IMPORTANT Horse Levels Testing Information!

Levels 3 & 4 Written Tests Taking Opportunity - We will offer those interested in taking Levels 3 & 4 Written tests an opportunity on March 17th at the Horse Advisory Committee meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. Please email me at jvrabec@arapahoegov.com at least 24 hours in advance and let me know if you plan to take the written test that night. Further test taking opportunities will be announced in future newsletters for the spring.

Level 2, 3 & 4 Riding Test Taking Opportunity is being arranged for this spring and scheduled. You are welcome to arrange and schedule your own levels riding test with a certified levels rater. Contact numbers for raters are available on the Colorado 4-H Web Site or by clicking [HERE](#)

However, if you wish to take advantage of the county wide testing you must contact Jonathan at jvrabec@arapahoegov.com to register and schedule your ride time. Space is VERY limited so register ASAP once we announce the date. There is a \$20 fee for each test.

Livestock News

Livestock Prospect and Jackpot Shows

As I receive information on these shows I will be posting them on the Livestock project page of the web site please check back as I will be updating it once a week. Please contact organizers of these shows directly for more information as the posted information will be all we have.

Leased Livestock Procedures

4-Hers 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, a standardized universal lease form has been developed that will require the animal's tattoo or ear tag number listed on it. This lease form is universal so anyone leasing an animal will need to use this form and **have it on file at the Extension Office by April 1st** (to coincide with the add/drop date) If you have additional requirements specified by the person who is leasing out an animal, you should add that information as a separate sheet, but this "universal" form must be filled out if leasing an animal for 4-H. These projects ideally should begin in October and go through September since only breeding animals can be leased. Leases are not permitted on market livestock.

4-H Livestock Advisory Committee

The Arapahoe County Livestock Advisory Committee will meet again on Feb 16th at 7 p.m. at O'Malley's. The group reviewed the schedule of events for the 2016 County Fair and are working on Fair Book revisions. We will highlight those in our next newsletter. We are currently seeking someone to take over as Poultry Superintendent in 2016. If you are interested please contact Jonathan via email at jvrabec@arapahoegov.com as soon as possible so the appropriate paperwork can be filled out. We are also working on finalizing sponsorships for awards. If you know anyone or if you are interested in sponsoring an award such as buckles at the county fair please contact one of the committee members or Jonathan. As always if you or anyone in your club is interested in becoming a member of the committee for the upcoming year please let me know!

Livestock Quiz Bowl

We are looking for team members!! All 4-H members are welcome to participate, but seniors will have an opportunity to compete at the State 4-H Conference in June! We currently have two senior's participating but would like to find two more to fill a team for state. All projects can participate; you do not have to be in a livestock project. Questions in the competitions will consist of questions relating to Sheep, Swine, Beef, Goats, Dairy Cattle, Rabbits and Poultry projects. This is a great opportunity to learn more about your project! If you are interested in joining the team, please contact Jonathan at jvrabec@arapahoegov.com We will be practicing from 8:00-8:30 following Jr Livestock Committee meetings. The next practice will be March 1st at the Fairgrounds.

4-H Sheep Project Supplemental Meetings

Tuesday March 8th 7:00 p.m. -8:30 p.m.
Arapahoe County Fairgrounds Classrooms

Members interested in doing or already enrolled in the 4-H Sheep Projects from any club are welcome to attend. These sessions will supplement your club project meetings or if your club doesn't have a sheep project leader they can serve as your project meetings. This is the third session, it will cover facilities and animal health/diseases. Dr Jodie Vetter will be presenting the health and disease portion. This should give the members the information they need to be prepared to prevent and treat most common health issues. I hope you will join us for the second session. It is never too early to get started on learning about your projects! Please RSVP to Jonathan by March 4th at jvrabec@arapahoegov.com

Livestock News Continued

Meat Quality Assurance

MQA training is required for anyone new to 4-H (which includes juniors (8-10) as well as first year intermediates age group (11-13) and first year seniors (14-18) if they are taking **cattle, dairy, hogs, goats, sheep, rabbits, or poultry 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 remaining MQA Workshop in Arapahoe County will be on April 7th at the new CSU Extension Office starting at 6:45 p.m. This one is lecture based, therefore participants need to be there at the start. It will last about 2 hours and you must attend the entire program. Remember that if you are not able to attend a MQA Workshop in Arapahoe 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 (Swine Project Members only: Both Market and Breeding)

PQA certification is accomplished by first attending an MQA training initially. Attending an MQA training certifies a member for PQA for one year. PQA certification can then be renewed in two ways:

1. By attending another MQA training which will provide certification again for one year.
2. By the youth coming to the Extension Office (or making other arrangements with the Agent) and taking a written test. They must pass the test with at least a 70%. If they do not pass with a 70% they may attempt to test twice more. If the three tests yield unsuccessful results, 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, testing is only for those needing to renew their PQA certification. All initial PQA certifications are accomplished by attending an MQA workshop.

Youth Livestock Field Day

Saturday March 5th

At The Ranch in Loveland

This program includes workshops on market beef, Goat, Poultry, rabbit, Sheep swine, Dairy Cattle and Dairy goats. Kids will learn about nutrition, selection, animal health, fitting and showmanship. Pre-register online by March 1st at Larimer.org/ext; then follow the links to 4-H Youth Development; Livestock Field Day.

Livestock Judging Field Day

Morgan County Fairgrounds, Brush, CO

Saturday, March 12th, 2016

Registration Begins at 8:30 AM

For more Information: Marlin Eisenach, (970) 542-3543 or marlin.eisenach@colostate.edu

Cost: Junior Registration - \$10 (Lunch included)

Adult Jackpot - \$5, Lunch Ticket - \$5



Livestock News Continued

Tag-in

Tag-in for Market Beef will be held on March 5th

Tag-in for market sheep, goats and swine will be on April 30th so mark your calendars now!

BEEF Tag-In

Beef Weigh-In will be held March 5, 9:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. (Emergency date to be announced and will only to be used if you are notified of a cancellation)

Things to know before coming to Weigh-In:

- You must bring your animal with a halter already on before it will be unloaded, or it will not be weighed. **Any uncontrollable animals will NOT be weighed!!!! The idea is to work with them ahead of time!!!**
- Please have your calves brand inspected prior to coming to weigh-in. Do not forget to bring your brand inspection papers.

REMEMBER ALL ANIMALS MUST BE CASTRATED PRIOR TO BEING WEIGHED IN AND TAGGED AS A 4-H MARKET PROJECT. CASTRATION MUST BE DONE PRIOR TO ARRIVING AT THE FAIRGROUNDS (NOT THE DAY OF WEIGH-IN) AND HEALED AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE! ALL CATTLE AND MARKET GOATS MUST BE DEHORNED.

State Fair Nomination Cards and Premise ID's

Remember all 4-H and FFA exhibitors must have their premise ID# on their nomination cards to be accepted for State Fair. This is a State Fair Policy NOT a requirement to participate in the local 4-H program. This information should be completed on ALL cards at the time of weigh-in. **You will need to apply for your premise ID number well in advance of weigh-in so they have time to assign you one. Please do so 3-4 weeks before you need it. Please call 303-869-9000 to get your ID or apply online at www.coanimalid.org.**

Producer Classes

What is a producer class? It's a market or breeding class for those of you who raise and show your own animals. Individuals who breed and raise their own show animals will show against one another. This class is in addition to the regular classes (Market and Breeding). In order to participate in the producer classes you must be signed up for the corresponding breeding project. Producer's Market Class Animals must be tagged in at the Tag-in for that species under the name of the producer. They must also make weight as well as abide by all other regulations in regards to showing of 4-H market animals. Proof of ownership of the dam must be established and certified by the superintendent prior to show. This can be accomplished by either a Bill of Sale OR a Letter from the 4-H Livestock leader OR a herd inspection by the superintendent. It is NOT required that the dam/sire of producer animals be shown at a previous County fair.

Livestock News Continued

Jr. Livestock Committee

SAVE THE DATE! The Junior Livestock Committee will be hosting a Prospect Show, May 21st at the Arapahoe Co. Fairgrounds for beef, goats, and market lambs!!! If you would like to learn the process of putting a show on, or want to have fun helping out, please join us for the next meeting, which will be held Tuesday, March 1st at 6:30 at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. We will also be taking some of our animals for a visit Life Care Center of Aurora for our community service project this spring, so please come and join us!

Membership is open to all Arapahoe County 4-H members who are enrolled in a livestock project and you can get involved at any time. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 p.m. at the Fairgrounds. **AGAIN The next meeting will be March 1, 2016.**

The Purpose of the committee as defined in their by-laws is to:

Improve sportsmanship throughout the Arapahoe County 4-H Program.

Work with 4-H members to promote changes and help people through workshops.

Educate and help 4-H members better understand their projects and improve their skills

Sheep, Swine and Goat Tag-In – April 30th

Saturday April 30th, Arapahoe County Fairgrounds

All market animals must attend to be eligible to be shown at County Fair. Animals must be owned by tag-in. All species must be castrated and healed as much as possible prior to tag-in.

Market Hogs - 9 – 11:30 a.m. (Note: Due to biosecurity concerns, if you do not absolutely need a weight on your hog, weighing it at Tag-In is not suggested. However, if you wish to weigh your hog, you may get it tagged and weighed from 11:30 a.m. - noon, rather than arriving earlier.) All hogs must be ear-notched prior to tagging for State Fair. Members or family members should come prepared to do their own tagging. We will have taggers available for your use but due to biosecurity precautions we would like to avoid having people enter multiple trailers. Same procedure as last year.

Market Lambs - 9 - 10:30 a.m. (Note: All market lambs must be retinal scanned. Weighing of lambs at tag-in is optional.)

Market Goats - 10:30 - 11:30 a.m. (Note: (Note: All market goats must be retinal scanned. All market goats must be dehorned or tipped. Weighing of goats at tag-in is optional.) If you are also tagging in one of the other species being tagged in that day you may bring your goats along and tag-in at the time.



Livestock News Continued



BYERS AMERICA IS HOSTING ANNUAL 4H FEEDER MEETING

DATE: 2-18-16

TIME: 6:30p

LOCATION: BYERS LEGION HALL

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Special Guest Speakers:

Katie Sinclair – Ranch-Way Feeds

Lisa Rasmussen – Agape Naturals

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Come in to the store and sign up

OR

Contact Joe or Scott at the store (303-822-5625)

Hats Off to You!

Thanks to...

Everyone that presented and helped at the Extravaganza on Feb 6th!

Congratulations to...

- Isa Williams, Heather Purvis, Cynthia Sabin and Paula Welsh-Howard for completing the volunteer process to become volunteers with the Arapahoe County 4-H Program. If you are interested in volunteering and starting the process, please contact Shaylen Florez at sflorez@arapahoegov.com for more information.

Scholarship Opportunity

Conservation District Scholarship

Please visit the [scholarship page](#) of our Arapahoe County 4-H web site for more details and application.

Here are the requirements for this scholarship:

- Parents or guardians must live within the boundaries of Deer Trail or East Adams Conservation District boundaries. (these do not follow county lines)
- Applicant must be enrolled or accepted as a full-time student in an accredited college or Institute of higher learning (12 credit hours fall and spring semesters).
- Applicant must have a grade point average (GPA) of 2.5 or better to apply.
- In college, applicant must enroll in agriculture or an agriculture related field such as: agriculture business, agriculture economics, agronomy, animal science, vet science, bio-agricultural technology, general agriculture, horticulture, landscape horticulture, or vocational horticulture.

If you are interested or would like more information about this \$500 Scholarship please contact Sheryl at 303-822-5257 ext 101. Application deadline is April 6th.

Club News

Mighty bots 4-H Club

Do you want to have some fun while doing projects about robotics? Mighty Bots 4-H club gives an opportunity to have a fun-filled learning experience about robotics. Mighty Bots is the new robotics club. The next meeting is Sunday, Feb. 21, 2016 at 3 p.m. You are always welcome to join us. If you are interested in joining this Robotics club, please contact Sangeetha Chandrashekar, club leader, by e-mail csangee07@gmail.com or by phone 631-579-1232. Please remember to let Sangeetha know if you plan to attend so that she know to watch for you.

CSU Extension in Arapahoe County

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The deadline for submissions for the April/May 2016 Newsletter is: March 1, 2016.

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