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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.

FEB 6th: 4-H Training Extravaganza

The winter Member/Leader Training known as the Training Extravaganza will be held at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds on Saturday Feb 6th. Shooting Sports Safety training will start at 9:30 a.m. with the rest of the program getting going at 10 a.m. This is THE event for ALL Arapahoe County 4-H members, families and leaders! Mark your calendars for February 6, 2016 and plan to spend the day at the fairgrounds, to partake in some fun and education! This will be your one stop educational program for all things 4-H! This event will include things like fun project related activities: Workshops will include: Cloverbud Activities, MQA, Club Officer Training, Shooting Sports Safety, Sausage Making, Tobacco Prevention, Discover the Science in 4-H Projects, Game Plan for a Successful Food Project, Your 4-H Project: Career Possibility?; and Help with 4-H Animal project E-records.

For Volunteers we will have; A presentation on how leaders can use 4honline to help manage their clubs, guidelines for grading animal record books, an overview of how to use the Livestock Project Meeting Lesson plans, even the state volunteer specialist will come down and have a presentation for you all!

Don't miss this selection of great presentations and workshops. There is something for everyone on Feb 6th!

Club Leader Reminders

Please remember to be getting your remaining new members enrollment fees and everyone's paper work such as Code of Show Ring Ethics Form and Animal Care and Housing Form (if animals are not housed at members house) into the Extension Office. Hard copies of these forms are still needed and can be printed from http://www.extension.colostate.edu/arapahoe/4h/4h-enroll-paper.shtml

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.

Overhead projector Wanted

Do you or someone you know have an old overhead projector that you no longer need? The Extension Office is looking for one for our Embryology program. Please contact Danielle if you would like to make a donation - ddubois@arapahoegov.com or 303-738-7977.

Teen Night

Who - Anyone ages 13 - 18.
What - A fun night of food and games! There will be a pretty stellar capture the flag tournament.
Where - Buckley Air Force Base Youth Center
When - Friday, December 18th; 7 - 11 p.m.; RSVP by December 11th to Danielle at ddubois@arapahoegov.com or call her at 303-738-7977.

Truck Raffle Sales

Truck Raffle TOTAL Sales: $5,815.00
50% of sales: $2907.50
10% of sales to office: $581.50
40% of sales to clubs: $2,326.00

Jr. Leaders' Council earned: $304.00
Elk Creek 4-H Club earned: $908.00
Quint Valley 4-H Club earned: $356.00
Champion Drive 4-H Club earned: $566.00
Antelope Crossing 4-H Club earned: $192.00

Thank you to all the 4-H Clubs that participated in the truck raffle this year. It sounds like a good possibility that the Colorado 4-H Foundation will be getting another truck donated for the 2016 year! Once we have more information, we will share it with you.

Headlines Continued

4-H Recruitment Facts

Did you know that 4-H'ers are 2x more likely to go to college? As part of the 4-H family, you know that 4-H helps to "make the best better," but not every young person has 4-H in their life. Today, I'm asking you to help more kids succeed.

Mason, a young man from a small town in Tennessee, credits his success to 4-H:

> **4-H has opened up more doors than Mason ever imagined.** Through his eight years in 4-H, Mason found a deep passion in performing arts with the Tennessee 4-H Performing Arts Troupe. He also served as President of the State 4-H Council, honing his leadership skills. Because of his 4-H experiences, Mason is now enrolled in college, pursuing his education and his passion for performing arts.

Contest Information: Mark your calendars

Guidelines and entry forms for the Creative Cooks, Consumer Choices 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:

Please mark your calendars for contests that will start in February.

February 13, 2016: Creative Cooks Contest, Arapahoe County Fairgrounds - Entry Deadline: January 8, 2016
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 on the following link: http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/project-manuals/ClothingConstructionUnits1-3.pdf. To access the Cooking information sheets, click on the following link: http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/project-manuals/FoodAndNutritionUnits1-4.pdf.

Leadership Development Conference

January 23-24, 2016 Denver
Click on the following link for information about the conference.
http://www.extension.colostate.edu/arapahoe/4h/4-H-conferences.shtml

It is for 4-H members, ages 14-18 as of December 31, 2015. Deadline for Arapahoe County delegation is January 4, 2016 to register on 4-H online. If you attend to go, please make sure to register on 4Honline between 12/15/15 and 1/4/16. It is a wonderful conference to attend.

Headlines Continued

4-H Promotion Recruitment

Now is the time to promote the 4-H program. We need your help in recruiting members into our program. Also, if you're interested in starting more clubs, now is the time for that! Our staff resources and time is already stretched thin and our time is limited, so it would be impossible for us to attend all the many opportunities that are out there to recruit members at. There are so many community events and opportunities that are great places for us to get new members. We cannot continue to be the best kept secret in Arapahoe County! So we need your help to promote and recruit 4-H members. We created some marketing kits to help make it easier for you to get the word out! The marketing kits are ready for you to check out for you to recruit members. Each kit includes a table cover and display pieces, club contact information, tracking form, 4-H enrollment information, project list and more. Clubs can check them out for 1 week by contacting one of our 4-H Staff Members via email. Please help us Build the Program! It is everyone's job to bring new members into 4-H (the program we all love so much!). Let's make sure everyone gets an opportunity to experience it!

Holiday Schedules

Please keep in mind that the holiday season is fast approaching us and the 4-H staff may be in and out of the office in December to be able to spend some much needed time with family. We hope that you will be doing the same and that all of you have a safe and joyous holiday season.

Cash Your Fair Premium Checks!

If you haven't cashed your premium check from this year's Fair yet, hurry and do so prior to 12/31/15! They will be voided at the end of this year and there are about 60 checks that have not been cashed yet.

Wreath Sale Results

Stephen Walton won the cash prize for selling the most Christmas greenery, followed by Anna Marie Vaughn in second place and Sydney Raymond in third. The top selling 4-H clubs were Cove Circle Creations 4-H club with 42 items, Elk Creek 4-H Club with 40 items and Antelope Crossing with 31 items.

Headlines Continued

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.

FREE National Western Stock Show Tickets

Hello 4-H Families, I have a VERY limited number of NWSS one day passes available on a first come, first serve basis. Please email Jonathan at jvrabec@arapahoegov.com if you would like tickets. Emailing me is the only way to ensure your place in line for the tickets. This way the email will show us who responded first and we do not have to juggle multiple phone calls.

I will give just two out per family from now until January 7th. On Monday, January 11th (if there are any left) we will allow those who want them to get more than two or come back for seconds so we are sure to use them all up. Last year all tickets were requested within 24 hours of this notice being sent out. You will need to come in to our office to pick them up. (don't forget the office has moved!)

4-H day at the NWSS is Friday January 15th. Clubs can still buy group ticket packages through the Stock Show. The passes I have are for general gate admission and do not include any special or ticketed events.

Thanks and I hope those of you who get tickets enjoy the Stock Show!

NATIONAL WESTERN Stock Show

January 9-24, 2016

Headlines Continued

Parliamentary Procedure Contest

The parliamentary procedure contest will be held on March 5th. It will start at 1:30 p.m. 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 5th. 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 at http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/stateconference/2015/Rules-ParliamentaryProcedure.pdf

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.

Featured Article

Winter Water for Livestock and Horses

Water is an essential nutrient livestock require. The importance of animals having access to clean water year round cannot be over emphasized. In the winter giving livestock access to a reliable water source can be a real problem because of the snow, ice and freezing temperatures. 50-80% of the animals live weight comes from water. Animals can lose all most all of its body fat and 50% of its body protein and survive but the loss of 10% of its water can be fatal (Brown, 2006, p. 1). Livestock require a GOOD supply of water in order to maximize performance (feed intake and production). A "Good" water supply would be one that has enough water to meet the animal's needs and one that is of high enough quality i.e. clean. Livestock water consumption is based on a variety of factors which include:

- Size and kind of animal
- Physiological state of the animals i.e. a lactating animal will require more water intake than one that is not as will pregnant and growing animals
- Level of activity- animals such as horses that are being worked or livestock that are being transported.
- Type of diet- Animals grazing dry pastures which is common in Colorado in the winter months will require more water.
- Water quality- i.e. salt content and purity
- Water temperature-
- Air Temperature

"Do not mistakenly believe that animals can meet water requirements by eating snow or licking ice. With daily water requirements varying from three gallons (sheep) to 14 gallons (cattle), one can see that livestock would need to spend every waking hour eating snow to meet their requirements. Ice and snow consumption lowers body temperature and will increase maintenance energy needs, so it should be discouraged." (Kerr, 2008, p.1)

Research has shown that water sources that are warmed to 37 degrees Fahrenheit will encourage animals to drink and help ensure they get adequate water intake. Water tank heaters may be needed to ensure that water sources do not freeze. Always follow manufacturers' recommendations to prevent fires and electric shocks or electrocution of livestock when using water tank heaters. If you do not have access to tank heaters, fresh water needs to be provided several times a day. Breaking ice in water tanks or ponds just once or twice a day may not be enough for the animal to meet its requirements depending on how long it stays unfrozen. Ensuring adequate water intake will encourage optimal health and performance of livestock and help prevent serious conditions such as colic and impaction (Kerr, 2008, p.1).

Sources

Brown, Lance (2006), Livestock Watering Requirements Quantity and Quality, Livestock Watering Factsheet, British Columbia Ministry of Agriculture and Lands.

Kerr, Susan (2008), Winter Livestock Management, Vol III No.1, Oregon State University Extension Service: Small Farms.

Enrollment News

Enrolling

All returning members will need to enroll themselves again online. This means if you are a current member you will need to log into your existing account in order to re-enroll. Currently returning members that have not already re-enrolled will be charged a late fee and have until January 29th to get this accomplished. **RETURNING MEMBERS DO NOT create a new account**. If you do not know your log-in information (log-in is your family email address you use for 4-H). You will need to contact us if you are unsure what that is but it is likely the email you are receiving this Newsletter at. If you do not know your password you will need to request the system to send it to you. If you still have problems you will need to contact Jean at the Extension Office. To review the procedures please visit our web site at http://www.extension.colostate.edu/arapahoe/4h/4h-enroll-login.shtml

NEW MEMBERS will need to create a new account.

For more help on Getting Enrolled please visit:
http://www.extension.colostate.edu/arapahoe/4h/4h-enroll-getting.shtml

Enrollment Deadlines

All returning 4-H members and leaders had until the end of the day on Dec 1st to re-enroll**!** If they miss the deadline they still have until January 30th to get reenrolled but a $25 late fee will be assessed.

Club/Organizational Leaders please have all paper work and fees handed into the Extension Office 4:30 p.m. on Dec 15th for your returning 4-H members.

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.

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

Reminders

Youth Fest Camp

This leadership camp for 4-H members between the ages of 9-13 is scheduled for February 5th–7th. The camp is organized by the State 4-H Senate and will be held at Ponderosa Camp near Monument. This camp will be limited to the first 195 paying campers. This camp will fill so do not hesitate to get registered! Registration information is available at http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/youthfest/index.php Registration fee will be around $140 this year. Registration should open in January via 4-H Online. You can simply register through your 4-H Online account. Online registration is the best way to guarantee yourself a spot! Registrations end January 25th. As soon as we receive more details we will email them out.

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.

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 January 21st at 6:30 at the Fairgrounds.
The next **Shooting Sports** meeting will be January 4th at 6:30 at the Fairgrounds.
The next **Jr Livestock Committee** meeting will be February 2nd 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.

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.

Shooting Sports News

Arapahoe County Shooting Sports 2015 - 2016 Dates

Date	Time	What	Where
Jan. 9	1 - 3 p.m.	Shooting Sports Workshop	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds
Feb. 6	TBD	Mandatory Safety Training (Extravaganza)	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds

New!

Coming this year to our Shooting Sports Program will be the addition of 3D Archery! Also we hope to have a new clay thrower to use this year which will change the way we shoot trap dramatically.

The Shooting Sports workshop on 12/5 was a lot of fun. We saw many new faces and enjoyed being inside at the fairgrounds. Members cleaned guns, worked on the basics of goof form in Archery and built paper rockets to launch while learning about trajectory in Shooting Sports. There will be more to learn and do this winter. Next time, bring your equipment to clean, learn map and compass plus GPS and we will have more STEM activities, so don't miss the January 9th workshop at the fairgrounds!

Shooting Sports Leader Training Dates

Morgan, January 29, 30, 31
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. Anyone 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.

Dog News

Multi-Club Dog Show

Save the Date! There will be a multi-club dog show at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds on Sunday, April 17,2016. More information will follow in the coming months.

Horse News

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 January 21st 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 http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/clover_guide/psg-livestock/horse/horse-levels-testing.php

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.

Horse Judging Team Practices beginning!

Did you know that a study in Indiana found that 93% of 4-H judging team participants went on to attend college with 58% of those receiving a Bachelor's degree and 30% of those going on to earn a Master's degree. Now that I have your attention, it is time to start thinking about joining the Arapahoe County Horse Judging Team!

The Horse Judging Team has started practicing! Its holiday practice schedule will be Dec 10th and January 6th! The team's regular practice schedule will resume on January 14th and continue every Thursday evening from 6:30-8:30 at the fairgrounds. Myself (Jonathan Vrabec) and Samantha Gagas will be coaching the team. 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. We currently have 9 members practicing and preparing for contests in the spring! If you want more information or are not able to attend practice sessions please contact Jonathan at jvrabec@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 started making revisions to the Fair Premium Book/Rules of Exhibition, Ideas for Horse related programs at Extravaganza on Feb 6th, the open horse show on June 4th, Open rides in the covered arena starting in March and a possible clinic and tack swap! The new horse project member welcome pack was reviewed and should be out soon as well as up-dates to the web site. **NEW state policy this year HORSE ID forms are due to be uploaded in 4honline.com by May 1st**. The next meeting is January 21st at 6:30 at the fairgrounds.

Livestock News

Prospect and Jackpot Shows

Jon will be posting Prospect/Jackpot shows and other livestock related clinic information that he receives on the Livestock Project web page located at:
http://www.extension.colostate.edu/arapahoe/4h/4-H-livestock.shtml

Members and Leaders please share this information with your members. If you have questions about the events listed please contact the organizer of the event directly. We do not have more information than what is shared on the web site.

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 May 1st**. 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 met on 11/23. 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. 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! The next meeting will be held December 15th at 7 p.m. at O'Malley's.

Jr. Livestock Committee

The Junior Livestock Committee has begun meeting for the 2015-2016 4-H year. We meet the first Tuesday of every month, except for January, at 6:30 at the Arapahoe County Fairgrounds. All 4-Her's involved in a livestock/horse project are welcome to attend. We will be going on a field trip to Rocky Mountain Sire Services located in Watkins, CO, on Dec. 11th. We are planning on sponsoring a livestock prospect show for cattle, sheep and goats, in May 2016, and would love to have help planning this exciting event! We also try to make time to practice Livestock Quiz Bowl after our meetings. Quiz Bowl is a fun game where you learn lots of information about all livestock projects from poultry and rabbits to sheep, hogs,and cattle. Come learn a lot and have fun learning. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, February 2nd, at 6:30pm at the Fairgrounds. - Anna

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. The first MQA Workshop will be held Saturday February 6th at the Fairgrounds. ***4-H'ers who are 13 and under must have a parent stay at the MQA with them.*** There will be one other MQA Workshops held in Arapahoe County. The date and time is yet to be determined. 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. More details on the MQA's and start times will be in future newsletters.

State Fair Livestock, Small Animal and Horse results can be found on the State Fair's web site at http://www.coloradostatefair.com/

Sheep Needed for Live Nativity

Fellowship Community Church at Arapahoe Rd and Parker is doing a live nativity scene to celebrate the holidays on December 12 and would like to know if any of you might allow them to use your sheep to participate in the nativity scene. It will only be for a few hours in the evening. Please contact Debbie Spencer at 303-807-5205 if you are interested in helping them out. Thanks for your attention in this matter.

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 Weigh-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 in the next newsletter only to be used only 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.**

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! 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 7:30-8:15 following Jr Livestock Committee meetings. The first practice will be Feb 2nd at the Fairgrounds.

Hats Off to You!

Thanks to…

- THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU to the Clerk and Recorder's office for opening up their section of the warehouse for the Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation to use during their annual wreath sale, decoration, and distribution. A special thank you to the staff, especially Jim for being there to help us. The Foundation truly appreciates the use of this facility and the help from the staff at this location.

- Thanks to Cindy and Jordan Camp, Sally Eliasen, Theresa Kollath, Leigh Ann Kollath, Renea Mackay, Fanny Garber, Rita Campbell, Shaylen Florez, Jonathan Vrabec, Kathy McDaniel, Art and Barbara Stewart, Audra, Leah and Nathan Moyer, and Marilyn and Dick Chisholm for all their help in decorating wreaths, cutting garland and helping distribute wreaths.

- A special thanks to Sally Eliasen for making 200 bows for the wreaths.

- Thanks to the club members and leaders who supported the Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation wreath sale.

Congratulations to…

- April Murray and Sangeetha Chandrashekar 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

Graduating Seniors

Please remember to apply for the Arapahoe County 4-H Foundation Scholarship if you plan to continue your education. The deadline will be here before you know it, February 1, 2016 and the holiday break would be the perfect time to work on all your college scholarship applications. Please click on the following link for the application: http://www.extension.colostate.edu/arapahoe/4h/4h_docs/2016%20Arapahoe%20County%204-H%20Foundation%20scholarship%20application.pdf

Club News

Bit of Class

The Bit of Class horse 4-H club celebrated Halloween with costumes and riding events. “We always dress up ourselves and our horses for our Halloween party,” said Marina Klassen, club president. “The contest categories are Funniest, Scariest, Most Colorful/Over the Top, and Most Creative,” added Klassen. In addition to a costume contest, riders competed in gymkhana events including barrel racing, pole bending, flying W, and keyhole. Participating club members were: Megan Bigner on TC, Natalie Frisch on Moonlite, Claire Harris on Big Faith, Marina Klassen on Sapphire, Molly Ramlet on Belle, Juliana Van Kirk on Cherokee, and Lydia Van Kirk on Little Faith. - Molly Ramlet, Reporter

Megan Bigner and TC getting ready.

Jr. Leaders’ Council

If you are interested in joining Jr. Leaders Council please be in contact with Shaylen @ sflorez@arapahoegov.com. This is a wonderful way to get involved at the county level and also give you the chance to run for Senator and Alt. Senator positions with District 3 Senate and be more involved at the District level and possibly the state officer level. I know that there are a lot of you that are interested in leadership and getting more involved. The Jr. Leaders are having a quick meeting, potluck, and gift exchange on Monday, December 14, 7 pm @ Centerpoint Plaza. You are always welcome to join us. The next full meeting for the new year will be Monday, January 11, 7 pm @ Centrepoint Plaza. Please remember to let Shaylen know if you plan to attend so that I know to watch for you.

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The deadline for submissions for the February/March 2016 Newsletter is: January 1, 2016**.**

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