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**Beef Weigh-in is moved to Saturday, March 7, at 1-3 p.m.**

**Note, both date and time changed.**

**NEW MARKET BEEF WEIGH-IN DATE:**

**Saturday MARCH 7, 2015**

**1 P.M. TO 3 P.M.**

Elbert County Fair Grounds

Bring your bill of sale or brand inspection papers

(Proof of ownership) with you.

Please make sure to enter fair grounds from the south
ALL 4-H FAMILIES

4-H LEADERS & CLUBS:
Thank you to all our volunteers for enrolling and completing annual training to be 4-H Leaders in Elbert County. Extension depends on each of you in order to deliver vibrant quality 4-H programing and we couldn’t do it without you! We would like to encourage all our 4-H Leaders to foster a sense of belonging to all your 4-H members. Every 4-H meeting whether it is a club meeting or project/activity meeting, should promote belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity. Quality and vibrant 4-H meetings should always include three parts: Business Meeting, Educational Programming, and Recreation Time. If you want 4-H members to participate, it’s all about fun, friends, voice and choice! Extension depends on our 4-H Leaders to keep Elbert County 4-H a quality and vibrant program in which our youth want to belong. Thank You!

FACILITY USE:
Since the county is tracking the usage of our buildings, we need to be very careful that we use them as reserved. Remember our 4-H clean up policy. When a 4-H event is held, the expectation is that your group will leave the facility as clean, if not cleaner, than before you used it. Part of being able to use the county buildings is that we agree to provide our own cleaning. We have a great year started and let’s celebrate our ability to use our awesome buildings by making sure we adhere to the rules!

PROJECT ADDING/DROPPING and Additional Literature BEFORE APR 1
Projects can be changed added/dropped before April 1, using the traditional paper add/drop form. Additional literature can also be ordered using the same add/drop form if needed and the applicable cost of each book will be collected along with the form. The second batch order of 4-H Literature will not be made until after the April 1 deadline.

E-RECORDS:
E-record books are required of each and every 4-H project. Please visit the state website, http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/index.php, download your appropriate project e-records, and START keeping your project records TODAY!

YOUTH COUNCIL:
The next scheduled County Youth Council meeting is Sunday, April 12, 5PM, fairgrounds Ag Building. We will be preparing to sell Ford Truck Raffle Tickets at the Gala on April 18. Club representatives please plan to attend. Attending and active participation at a youth council meeting can serve as a club meeting attendance substitute ONLY IF you pre-plan and confirm with your club leader.

LEADERS COUNCIL – 4H SPRING FLING GALA – SAT. APRIL 18:
Please plan to work and support this major fundraiser. Each 4-H Club traditionally donates $75 worth of themed basket(s) for the silent auction. Money raised helps provide scholarships to graduating 4-H high school seniors and scholarships to all ages of 4-H members in Elbert County to attend camps, seminars, and programs throughout the state, region, and country, as well as provide general support for 4-H programming.

IMPORTANT DATES:
- 4-H GALA DATE – Saturday, April 18, 2015
- ELBERT COUNTY FAIR Theme: Where the Pavement Ends and the Fun Begins
  (4-H events start Friday, July 24, with shooting sports even earlier)
  2015 Advertised Dates Tuesday, July 28 – Sunday, August 3
- 4-H Calendar Listing Link: Elbert County 4-H 2014-15 Calendar
ANIMAL PROJECTS

ANIMAL IDENTIFICATION
All animal projects that require an ID in 4honline (Dog, Horse, Llama/alpaca, and Rabbit) must have each animal identified through 4honline before June 1. Market Beef, Sheep, Goat, Swine, and Poultry are all identified at scheduled spring weigh-ins.

MARKET ANIMAL WEIGH-IN & ID DATES (MANDATORY)
(Note time changes from previous years.)
- **BEEF** = Beef Weigh-in is moved to Saturday, March 7, at 1-3 p.m. Note, both date and time are changed.
- **SWINE** = Wednesday, May 13, 4-7 p.m. – Market Swine Weigh-In & ID
- **SHEEP/GOAT/POULTRY** = Wednesday, May 20, 4-7 p.m. – Market Sheep, Goat, Poultry Weigh-in & ID

MANDATORY – Meat Quality Assurance
Meat Quality Assurance program participation is required for ALL the following animal project members: Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Poultry, and Rabbit
Elbert County 4-H is offering the Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) program on three different dates in our county.
- **March 16 & 17** in Kiowa, at the fairgrounds Exhibit Hall
- **April 22** in Simla, at the school transportation shop
Each of our MQA program dates are set up as self-paced learning stations, open house style from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.

SEMINARS FOR LIVESTOCK & SUPREME QUALIFICATION these are a local Elbert County 4-H Requirement made by Fair Board.
4-H members taking market, beef, sheep, swine, and/or goat projects who wish to qualify for the specialty Supreme Contests at the Elbert County Fair are required by the Fair Board to attend at least one of the following livestock seminars. Each year the Fair Board suggests the livestock seminar topics and speakers they want Extension to arrange. Please RSVP for seminars.
Thank you to all the 4-H families (over 40 members) who attended the “Line in the Sand” Show Ethics Seminar, presented by Jeff Goodwin on Tuesday, January 27, here in Kiowa at the Ag Building.

MARCH – Fair Board recognizes the following posted out of county events:
- **Larimer County** Livestock Field Day, March 7, 9-3 at the Ranch Facility in Loveland
- **Adams County** Sheep/Goat Field Day March 14
- **Morgan County** Beef/Swine Field Day March 28

APRIL
- **Elbert County** – April 22 – 6 p.m. - Simla, following MQA, “Doing the Right Thing”, how animal welfare ties into quality livestock production.
- **Elbert County** – April 30 – 5 p.m. – Kiowa Animal Behavior, presented by the Denver Zoo, Fair Grounds, Kiowa. Thursday, April 30, 5 p.m.

JUNE
- **Elbert/Lincoln Counties, June 10 – 6:30 p.m. Simla** School Cafeteria Kali Benson and Travis Taylor Livestock Seminar.
DOG
Mandatory Dog ID forms can now be entered directly in 4honline and need to be entered in each 4-H dog member’s 4honline record before June 1. Please consult with your dog leaders or the Extension office for help adding or updating your dog id in 4honline.
Dog Fun Match date of April 25 has been changed to an Elbert County 4H Dog Members only “Go and Show.” This will be our county’s first time conducting a “Go and Show,” so we want to practice with our own kids. Next year we hope we can conduct a “Go and Show” open to all 4-H dog members across the state. For 2015 we will have only one Dog Fun Match open to all 4-H members across the state on Saturday, June 20.
April 25 – Elbert County Only “Go and Show”
June 20 – Elbert County Hosted Dog Fun Match

GOAT
Goat Hike, Saturday, March 28, 10 am to 2 pm
Bring sack lunch and wear good hiking shoes.
Please contact Rebecca Zunker at 720-560-8242 or email at beccamz@comcast.net
Please RSVP by Thursday March 26.

HORSE
Mandatory Horse ID is available in 4honline now and due before June 1. If you need help updating or adding a horse ID in 4honline, please contact the Extension office at 303-621-3162.
Horse Leaders meetings are the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the Ag Building. We are always open to having additional horse leader help.
Contact Extension if you want to volunteer as a horse leader.
Horse project e-mails contain more detailed information and a horse project seminar flier of events for 4-H families to print out, will be forth coming as soon as complete.

Seminar on March 7th from 10-12 at the Silver Buckle Arena. This will have speakers Amy and Nate Bowers on Partnership with your horse. We will have some problem horses there for you to watch them work with. You may have a horse with the same type of problem. So come watch and learn how to handle different situations with your horse.

The Cost: $10 per 4H whole family (all in a group)
Lunch: Pot Luck bring something to share with everyone and bring your own drinks.
Plates and utensils will be provided
NO HORSES
Bring your own chairs to sit and watch the seminar.
Dress warm if it is a cold or even a cool day the indoor doesn’t get very warm.

Please RSVP to
Talynn Allen
4H Horse Superintendent
talynallen3@yahoo.com
303-621-2323 H
303-807-2595 C call or text
GENERAL PROJECTS
Visit the Colorado 4-H website to see what requirements are needed to complete your exhibit, e-record and manual:
http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/index.php

MANDATORY SHOOTING SPORTS MEETINGS
4-H Shooting Sports, County Coordinating Leader, Steve Villyard
There is a mandatory shooting sports orientation meeting; mandatory firearms safety class; and hunter safety is a state requirement, as well as practice attendance requirements. In 4-H shooting sports these are NOT optional.

4-H member and parent must attend ONE of the following scheduled Mandatory Orientation Meetings at 6pm, on the fairgrounds:
Feb. 23; Mar. 3; Mar. 6; Apr. 3.
Practice schedules are provided at the mandatory orientation meeting.

Mandatory Firearms Safety Certification April 4, 6 p.m., Ag Building on the fairgrounds.

A Hunter Safety class is offered locally in Elbert County March 27-29, 2015.

You have been invited to register for Hunter Education sponsored by the Elbert County Shooting Sports Program. To register, please email cwalker@frontiergeotek.com. You will be emailed a link to register online. If you are registering more than one student, you can use the same link in this email to do so. Just complete the first registration, use the link again and choose 'Update Registration' and follow the prompts.

Event Information:
Standard Course
Elbert County Fairgrounds
Starting and approximate ending times
03/27/2015 at 6:30 PM to 9:30 PM (Friday)
03/28/2015 at 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM (Saturday)
03/29/2015 (Sunday) Live fire exercise scheduled by participants in 30 minute increments starting at 8:00 AM

4-H members who need their hunter safety and cannot attend will need to contact the Colorado Division of Wildlife
http://wildlife.state.co.us/Education/Pages/EventsCalendar.aspx
for other hunter safety course offerings around the state.
GENERAL PROJECTS continued...

OTHER GENERAL PROJECT MEETINGS:

Elbert County 4-H has some county-wide general project leaders. E-mail blasts will be sent to 4-H families enrolled in certain projects when meetings or workshops are offered. While the general project meetings/workshops are optional, the adult 4-H leaders’ time and expertise is valuable and they appreciate 4-H members contacting the leader directly to either confirm or decline attendance.

Please make sure you contact your project leader(s)! Call them and RSVP directly for project meetings.

PROJECT MEETING SCHEDULES: TO BE REVISED YET

- **Cake Decorating** – Johnie Patrick and Gwen Listul
  Cake Decorating Project Meetings on scheduled Wednesday’s at 6:30 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall,
  please RSVP to gwenmarie7@juno.com
  Mar 18, Apr 1 & 15; May 6 & 20, and June 3
  *Live Cake Decorating Specialty Contest, Sat. June 6 at 2:30 pm*

- **Clothing Construction and Decorate Your Duds** –
  Cynthe McFarland – 303-621-2010 –
  3rd Tues/mo., 6pm, Ag Bldg.

- **Fashion Revue Modeling Clinic, June 14, 9:30 to 12 noon**

- **Horseless Horse** – Vicki Hutson – v hutson@gmail.com 4th
  Thurs/mo. night sessions are our official "horseless horse" meetings but are open to all horse project members.

- **Leathercraft** – Bill Haszelbart quartercircleh@wildblue.net
  Kick off meeting, March 12, 7 p.m. Ag Building Meeting Room


- **Photography** – Susi Dodge – 303-621-0146
  Mar 11; Apr 8; May 13; Jun 10; and Jul 8
  Beginners meet at 6 p.m., Advanced units at 7 p.m.
  Ag Building Meeting Room

- **Robotics** – Jill Parker – after school – first meeting March 2nd
  4p.m. Elizabeth Middle School, will establish years meeting schedule with group

- **Rocketry** - Chuck Schumacher, 303-805-1903 or
  schu2725@gmail.com; meetings scheduled by group as needed.

- **Sports Fishing** – Rex Roberts – Determined ongoing basis by project member group. Scheduled outings.

- **Vet Science** – Nancy Ramsour – 303-921-0734 – 3rd Fri. /mo.,
  6:30pm, Ag Bldg.
JUDGING GROUPS

RABBIT JUDGING
Coaches, Mary Brewer and Kurt Wassil
Kurt 303-621-7707 or email kwassil@yahoo.com
Rabbit project/judging practice meetings are at 7 p.m. in the Ag Building.
Judging meets are usually on Saturdays.
Practice Schedule: Jan. 16 & 3; Feb. 13 & 20; Mar. 13 & 20; Apr. 10 & 24; May 8 & 15. Coaches request that 4-H members bring their rabbits and an ARBA standards book if they have one.

Photo is from Rabbit Project Meeting where members learned from expert judge and speaker, Scott Weibeson.
Additionally, we held a very successful Eastern Slope Rabbit Judging Contest, on Saturday, February 14, 2015. Thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this contest possible.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING,
Coach Garrett Miller, phone 303-619-9275
Practices are on Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m. Kiowa Fellowship Hall. .
Most contests are on Saturdays.
**Eastern Slope Livestock Judging Contest, Saturday, May 2, 2015**

HORSE JUDGING
Coach Kali Benson, phone 303-621-3162
Practices are every Thursday, 6:30 p.m., Ag Building.
Most contests are on Saturdays.
**Eastern Slope Horse Judging Contest, Saturday, June 13, 2015**

LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL TEAM
Coordinator Susan Sewald, 303-621-2650 or 303-243-0460 (cell) or bertx2@aol.com. Please contact Susan if you are interested in being part of the team. The team will compete at the State Conference in Ft. Collins in June.
SPECIALTY CONTESTS
PERFORMING ARTS, SPEECH, CAKE, COOKS & FASHION REVUE
Cloverbud members, (ages 5-7) are encouraged to participate in both the clinics and at the day of the contests. Regular 4-H members (ages 8-18) are encouraged to attend clinics and enter contests. Some contests are being held on Sundays to allow judging team members the opportunity to compete as well. Specialty contests are needed to qualify for the Lembke Scholarship.

PERFORMING ARTS
PERFORMING ARTS CONTEST, Sunday, March 8, 2015 1 pm, Kiowa Fellowship Hall – South end of fairgrounds, Entry Forms Due Monday, March 2.

SPEECH AND CREATIVE COOKS
CLINIC, Monday, March 16, 2015, 4-6p.m., Kiowa Exhibit Hall – stop by the information table during MQA to learn about requirements and all the classes of competition you can enter. Entry forms will be available.
Speech Clinic
Do you love horses? Like to do public speaking? 4-H offers double the opportunities for you – the 4-H horse demonstration and public speaking contests. Elbert County contests will be held Sunday, April 26 along with our regular 4-H public speaking contests.
The horse demo contest is for an individual and/or a team of two. The subject matter must pertain to the horse industry. They may either be a demonstration or illustrated talk. Presentations should be 10-15 minutes in length.
The horse public speaking contest is open to the same aged members and must also be about something in the horse industry. These prepared and memorized speeches should be 7-10 minutes long.
In the last couple of years, we’ve had members compete at the state competition and take top honors for our county! Sheila Kelley is willing to help any member plan and prepare for these contests. You don’t need to be a member of the horse project to compete.
Sheila will be explaining more about all the public speaking contests at the March 16 Speech Arts clinic in Kiowa, held at the same time as the MQA training is going on, 4-6 p.m. Stop by the Speech Arts table and learn about all the speech contests and take your MQA test too! If you want more information, give Sheila a call at 303-621-3162.

SPEECH CONTEST, APR. 26, 1 p.m.
AND CREATIVE COOKS CONTESTS, APR. 26, 4 p.m. with potluck supper.
Both Contests on Sunday, April 26, 2015, Fair Grounds Exhibit Hall

CAKE DECORATING LIVE
Project meeting CLINIC, Wednesday, May 6, 2015, 5 p.m., Kiowa Ag Building – Come participate in a workshop, learn about requirements, and brainstorm ideas. Both the clinic and the contest will provide you with an opportunity to add pictures of the five required cakes for your e-record. Entry forms will be available.
CAKE DECORATING LIVE CONTEST, Saturday, June 6, 2015, 2:30pm, Fair Grounds Exhibit Hall

4-H FASHION REVUE
CLINIC, Saturday, June 6, 2015, 9:30 a.m.-12 noon, Exhibit Hall - Come learn about: how to write a commentary, hair, make-up, shoes, how to coordinate a ‘total look’ and how to present your-self with confidence on stage.
4-H FASHION REVUE CONTEST, Saturday, July 25, 2015, 2 p.m., Kiowa Fellowship Hall – South end of fairgrounds
RETREATS/CAMPS/CONFERENCES
Leadership Development Conference and 4-H Day at the Capitol January each year.
Youth Fest
9 to 13 year-old members attended camp in Larkspur at the Ponderosa Retreat Center in February each year.

Citizenship Washington Focus is a 4-H leadership program for high school youth. Delegations of 15-19 year-olds from across the country attend this six-day program at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Washington, D.C. This year’s CWF program will be held the end of June, 2015, all forms and application, along with your picture to the Elbert County Extension Office, WAS due no later than February 23. Delegates for 2015 will be announced on March 8 at the Performing Arts Contest.

South Central District Retreat Dates: Mar 20-22, 2015
Registration in 4honline.com
4-H members, ages 13 to 18, attend at the Silver Cliff Ranch near the Mount Princeton Hot Springs in Nathrop, CO. District officers are elected here.

ELBERT COUNTY 4-H CLOVERBUD CAMP JUNE 1-4, 2015
9a.m. to 11a.m. each day, Fairgrounds Ag Building
Under The Sea – Marine Biology Theme
5 to 7 year-olds will engage in hands-on learning stations with 4-H adult and teen leaders. Each day features something new.

Cowboy Ethics Camp, Hosted by Elbert County 4-H in June 2015
4-H members, ages 8-10, will set up tents and check-in on a Saturday early morning, participate in workshops, eat from a chuck-wagon, camp overnight, and parents will pick-up the following morning. More information and dates in the next bulletin.

Colorado 4-H State Conference Dates: June 23-26, 2015
Registration in 4honline.com
Usually for 4-H members ages 14-18, includes County Youth Council Senators, Senior Judging and Bowl Teams, and Public Speaking winners, State Officers and Candidates, and other senior age group 4-H members who want leadership experience while at the CSU Campus in Fort Collins, CO.
**SCHOLARSHIPS**

**Graduating Seniors:**
The *Colorado Foundation scholarships* are available now and due April 1. They can be found at [http://www.co4hfoundation.colostate.edu/scholarships.shtml](http://www.co4hfoundation.colostate.edu/scholarships.shtml).

The variety of *county scholarships* were mailed to graduating seniors in February. Most of these have a July 1 due date.

**ALL Elbert County 4-H Members**

**LEMBKE SCHOLARSHIP:**
Three $1,000 scholarships available each year, one to each age group: Juniors ages 8-10, Intermediates ages 11-13, and Seniors ages 14-18. Basic qualifications to apply are that Elbert County 4-H members complete both a general project and an animal project and participate in a county specialty contest. Scholarship applications are due at the end of the 4-H year on September 30. The scholarship application is based on a point system with certain points awarded for the 4-H member’s level of involvement in a wide variety of 4-H programming throughout the year.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

**Communications:**
While we continue to do our best to get all information into these bi-monthly bulletins, some information will not yet be available. It is therefore extremely important that you read all 4-H e-mails. E-mail blasts will include items that apply to a 4-H member in your family.

Extension e-mail addresses for 4-H communication
Agent/Director: [Sheila.Kelley@colostate.edu](mailto:Sheila.Kelley@colostate.edu)
4-H Livestock Agent [Kali.Benson@colostate.edu](mailto:Kali.Benson@colostate.edu)
4-H Assistant [Lore.Denson@colostate.edu](mailto:Lore.Denson@colostate.edu)

Call the Extension office at 303-621-3162.
We also have a drop box outside our office door here on the fairgrounds.
Our mailing address is P.O. Box 189, Kiowa, CO 80117. Please remember to stay in contact with Extension as we are here to help you have a positive 4-H youth development experience!
OTHER EXTENSION PROGRAMMING
FROM OUR ECCO PARTNERS
Elbert County Extension is a partner in the Elbert County Coalition for Outreach (ECCO). When events from our partners are up-coming, we will try to get their information out to you. Most of them will pertain to programs for Elbert County’s youth and family.
From Our ECCO Partners:
CECA Tax Preparation
Elizabeth Stampede

MASTER GARDENER SEMINARS
Elbert County Extension, Master Gardener Volunteers, Colorado State University, U.S. Departments of Agriculture, and local Elbert County groups all cooperate to deliver researched based programming to our county communities.
RSVP to 303-621-3162 to attend upcoming seminar
- March 4 – Elbert School Woodworking Shop – 6 p.m. - *Let’s Get The Garden Started – Plant Propagation and Seed Starting*
  - April
  - May
  - June

ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Saturday, March 7, Extension staff will be meeting with our Advisory Committee to plan Extension programming for the upcoming year 2016 and also hope to develop a 3-year plan. If you have programming needs or requests, please email them to Sheila.Kelley@colostate.edu BEFORE March 7.