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4-H *on the 4th*

February 2020

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Leadership Development Conference 2020



Six 4-H delegates from five different clubs represented El Paso County at Leadership Development Conference in Denver over the past weekend. 4-Her's attended district meetings, learning sessions, engaged in civil debate, met new friends, visited with State Senators and Representatives, toured the State Capitol, and of course, a great time was had by all at the 4-H dance.

Reminders and Upcoming Events

County Contest

When: Saturday, April 25

Where: Rocky Mountain Classical Academy

4-H County Contest is an opportunity for 4-H youth to showcase and present their project knowledge and skills. Competitions will be held in:

1. Public Presentations
2. Performing Arts
3. Creative Cooks
4. Cake Decorating
5. Baking

4-H County contest is a [qualifying](#) event for the following contests at Colorado State Fair:

- Cake Decorating Contest
- Creative Cooks Contest
- 4-H Public Presentations

[Click here for the flyer.](#)

Super Saturday 2020

When: Saturday, March 21, 2020

Where: Skyview Middle School-
6350 Windom Peak Blvd, Colorado
Springs, CO 80923

Super Saturday is a day for learning and fun. There will be speakers hosting interactive and informational classes for 4-H members. The cost for the event will be \$5.00 per participant. **There will also be a Community Service Expo from 12pm -2pm.**

4-H Community Meeting

Commissioner Waller will host a community meeting at 6:30pm on Thursday, March 5, 2020 at Swink Hall, El Paso County Fairgrounds, 366 10th Street, Calhan to discuss progress on the 4-H program improvements. **4-H leaders, parents and participants are encouraged to attend.**

Mark Waller, Chair of the Board of County Commissioners, hosted a series of community meetings with 4-H leaders, parents, and participants over the past several years to discuss the 4-H program including the organizational structure (staff, 4-H leaders, volunteers,...), and potential improvements in customer service, communication, and teamwork. Over the past year, the El Paso County Extension Office has been reorganized to help address these objectives.

Announcements

County Fair: Horse Show

The 2020 County Fair Horse Show will be held at **Latigo Trails Equestrian Center** located at 13710 Halleluiah Trail, Elbert, CO 80106 on Monday July 6 and Tuesday July 7, 2020. Stay tuned for the upcoming horse show premium!

Shooting Quality Assurance

Two new SQA dates have been added to the calendar. Both sessions will be held on February 15 at the Colorado Department of Wildlife (4255 Sinton Road Colorado Springs, 80907). The first session will be held at 9 AM and the second at 1 PM. Please make sure to attend one of these sessions if you have not yet attended an SQA for the 2019-20 year. SQA is required for each discipline in shooting sports, so be sure not to miss this opportunity! There is no need to register for this event.

Reminders and Upcoming Events

St. Patrick's Parade

When: Saturday, March 14

Where: Downtown Colorado Springs

El Paso County 4-H has been a part of the Colorado Springs St. Patrick's Day parade for more than 14 years. We currently have 3 entries: Dog, the float for Cloverbuds to ride on, Llama and all other animals. All clubs and 4-Hers are welcome to attend and represent their project interest whether they bring a sign, carry a model rocket etc. Members who work with animals are welcome to bring them. In the past members have pulled rabbits, chickens, ducks and goats. Show your 4-H spirit by walking as part of the parade! **If you would like to participate, contact Stacy Cantu at 719.231.9760.**

Fair Queen Clinic

When: Saturday, February 22 9am - 3pm

This clinic, hosted by the El Paso County Fair and Events Center, welcomes all young ladies ages 10-22 years of age who want to learn the ins and outs of being a fair queen. The clinic will provide information in areas including horsemanship, personal interview, speech, appearance, and other necessary skills. Click [here](#) for full registration details, **registration is due by 2/17 4pm.**



35TH ANNUAL ST PATRICK'S DAY PARADE



**SATURDAY, MARCH 14,
DOWNTOWN COLORADO SPRINGS**

If you are interested in joining us please call Stacy Cantu at 719-231-9760. Come support our local 4-H!

Calhan Posse Leap Year Dance and Chili Cook Off

The Calhan Posse (separate 501(c)3 group) is hosting a fundraiser to help support EPC Nationals Livestock Prospect Show for 4-H/FFA members. Please consider supporting them by attending this super fun event on **Saturday, February 29th from 5-10pm at Kit Carson Riding Club!** It will be **\$2 per person or \$5 for the family.** Ice Cream Bar is \$1 a bowl and \$10 for chili cook off. **Register for the chilicook off by 2/14 by reaching out to Matt Zeiger at 719.510.2351 or sending Calhan Posse a message via their Facebook page.**

Rules and expectations for this event are as follows: this is a family event. All youth under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Any person or persons attending this dance will be required to abide by the 4-H and FFA code of conduct rules. There will be no alcohol permitted on the property during this event. Any person believed to be under the influence of alcohol or drugs will be removed from the property immediately. **If anybody has questions regarding this event, please contact Matt Zeiger at 719.510.2351.** Or you can find the Calhan posse on Facebook and send us a message. Click [here](#) for the flyer.

2020 El Paso County Fair Superintendent and Superintendent Assistant List

The role of superintendents and assistant superintendents is to help organize and coordinate the assigned 4-H Youth Development department and/or division at the 2020 El Paso County Fair. They help support 4-H members concerning county fair matters such as weigh-in/tag-in, FairEntry, schedule, rules/regulations, stalling, load in/load out, and project advice.

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2020 El Paso Superintendent List Continued

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What is an Advisory Committee?

Please see the article below which includes excerpts from 'Advisory Committees: "An Essential Element in Extension Programming"' written by Donald D. Kaufman retired District Director, Colorado State University:

A working definition offered by Cochran, Phelps and Cochran states, *An advisory committee is a group composed primarily of individuals outside the educational profession who are selected from segments of the community collectively to advise educational personnel regarding one or more educational programs or aspects of a program (1 see end of article).*

... Individuals selected for Extension advisory committees are those individuals outside the Extension profession who collectively advise Extension staff regarding educational programs. The primary purpose of an advisory committee is simply to advise!

...The question often arises as to what terminology should be used to identify the advisory group. Such titles as council, board, or committee are frequently used. Because advisory groups in Colorado are advisory in nature and not administrative, the preferable title is advisory 'committee'.

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Why Have Advisory Committees for Extension?

Upholding Grass-Roots Philosophy

Historically, Extension has been labeled as a 'grass-roots' organization... While it is true some programs are initiated from the state and national levels, it is generally accepted that local Extension programs are 'born' at the local level.

A local Extension Advisory Committee provides a basis for assuring the grass-roots concept remains a strong benefit to Extension. A local committee can be instrumental in sorting out local needs as they relate to broader issues identified by state or national advisory groups and the Extension staff.

Local Support System

In addition to providing program suggestions and determining program priorities for the local planning unit, an advisory committee provides a support base for Extension. A well informed committee which has taken an 'ownership' view of

the local Extension program will provide support by communicating the impact of Extension programs to the public-at-large and governmental decision makers.

In times of limited financial support for public education and other services, a well-informed, influential group of individuals is essential to the continuation of funding and support for Extension and the programs it delivers.

Opportunity for Two-Way Communication

An advisory committee should provide a two-way communication between Extension professionals and the community. Advisory members who represent their local area are in an advantageous position to relay concerns and needs as expressed by their neighbors and community in general. Needs and concerns of various communities may or may not be the same. Differences and similarities can be expressed maintaining a broad perspective of the community-at-large.

1 Leslie H. Cochran, L. Allen Phelps and Linda Letwin Cochran, *Advisory Committees in Action*, Allyn and Bacon, Inc., 1980, p. 4.

Advisory Committee Updates

Horse Advisory Committee (HAC)

Monthly 3rd Tues. 6:30pm at Kit Carson Riding Club

- Planned Super Saturday workshops
- Is organizing a parent/child safety course for 4-H Horse Project Members
- Planning a Horse Project Informational Meeting
- Discussing ideas for ways to help 4-H horse members utilize the leveling system
- Fundraising for county fair

Livestock Advisory Committee (LAC)

• Monthly 2nd Thurs. 7pm 3275 Akers Dr. COS 80922

- Discussing awards and fundraising for county fair
- Sponsorship
- Clinics and educational events
- LAC Bike Tour Fundraiser

Small Animal Advisory Committee (SAAC)

Monthly last Thurs. 6:30pm 3275 Akers Dr. COS 80922

- Planning Super Saturday workshops
- Discussing awards for county fair
- Suggesting small animal premium book changes
- Planning educational activities (Rabbit Rally, Dog Show, & much more)
- Reviewing and sharing program growth and informational meetings



Animal ID's and Paperwork Deadlines

- Monday May 1-All breeding animals, horse, dog and cat ID's due.
- Monday May 4-Hog DNA/Paperwork due.
- Saturday July 11- Sunday July 19 County Fair.

Updated 19-20 Animal project forms are currently available on the CSU Extension, El Paso County website. Go to the 4-H Member Resources page accessible through the 4-H drop down menu on the homepage. This is the direct link:
<https://elpaso.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-member-resources/>, then select the "Project Resources Tab"

Meat Quality Assurance (MQA)

There is no charge for MQA training because it is required for (most) animal projects. MQA training is required for all members in the following projects: all rabbits (companion and market), poultry (breeding, market, and show), breeding and market livestock (swine, beef, sheep, and goats), dairy goat, llama/alpaca, pygmy goat, and dairy cattle.

You need to attend once as a Junior (ages 8-10), once as an intermediate (ages 11-13) and once as a Senior member (ages 14 - 18). So, if you are new to Livestock or if you graduated from one age group to the next this year, then you will be required to attend an MQA training this year. **There will be a MQA Training this year at Super Saturday, March 21 from 9am-1pm at the Skyview Middle School gymnasium.**

Beef Weigh-in

Beef Weigh-In will be held February 29 from 8am - 12pm at the El Paso County Fairgrounds. Things to know before coming:

1. 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!
2. Please have your calves brand inspected prior to coming to weigh-in. **Do not forget to bring your brand inspection papers.**
3. **Tag-in is the only time State Fair Nominations will be taken**
4. Retinal scans at tag-in are \$3.00 per scan due at tag in. The first 6 ear tags free, \$1.00 per tag over six. Only cash or check accepted. **Fees are due on the date of tag/weigh in.**

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.



4-H PROJECT CORNER



Swine Selection Clinic

When: Sunday, February 23 11am – 1pm

Where: El Paso County Fairgrounds- Swink Hall

Ralph Hinton from Elizabeth, CO will be educating 4-H members on the importance of quality selection. He owns and operates SOCO Showpigs where they strive to produce the highest quality show pigs that can compete at any level. Hinton maintains a herd of 15-20 crossbred, Hampshire, Berkshire, and Yorkshire sows. They farrow hogs to fit a wide variety of shows including National Western, Texas Majors, World Pork Expo, July-September County and State Fairs, and Arizona National. Ralph loves helping 4-H/FFA members new to raising and showing pigs!



Calling All Mini Pig Owners!!!

There has been quite a bit of interest in a mini pig project this year and we are trying out a round of mini pig agility, showmanship, and project work!

Our next meeting is February 15 at 10am, location TBD. If anyone is interested in joining or for more information, please contact **Amy Lepine at 719.216.7325 or email amynikale@gmail.com.**

Poultry Project Meetings

“I wanted to invite all new and returning poultry members to our Poultry Project Meetings.... Our meetings will be on the 4th Sunday of the month starting at 5pm in the Ellicott Community center. It is located off Hwy 94 in the same building as El Bronco Ranch Market, the door directly to the east.

Meetings will be open to all poultry members but are not required if you have a leader you can work with closer to your home.

Look forward to seeing and working with you all this year please feel free to email me if you have any questions”

-Dawn Wheeler, 2020 El Paso County Fair Poultry Superintendent **Contact Dawn with any questions at Whealersmadhouse@hotmail.com.**

Horse Judging Contest

When: Sunday, June 7

Where: Latigo Trails Equestrian Center- 13710 Halleluiah Trails, Elbert, CO 80106

This Horse judging contest is open to all interested 4-Hers in El Paso County. **Registration begins at 9am, judging starts at 9:30am.** Click [here](#) for the flyer. Horse judging practice is held every Thursday at 6 pm at the Latigo Trails Equestrian Center.

Email Randi at Randaleehudson@yahoo.com with any questions about the judging contest or 4-H horse judging practice in El Paso County.

4-H PROJECT CORNER



Horse Safety Clinic



When: Saturday March 28, 3pm – 6pm

Where: 18885 Brown Road Colo Springs, CO 80908-when you get to the cul-de-sac take a left on the driveway on the far left and follow it towards the tan and green house and barn. Stay straight to the barn.

This clinic is specifically for **new horse project members/parents** and **horseless horse project members**. The purpose of this clinic is to prepare equestrians for the required safety test for leveling and attending events. It will be a series of rotations reviewing all the required safety mastery skills followed by an opportunity to take the test. **For all horse project members please bring your own horse, grooming supplies, and tack.** There will be no riding, only groundwork. For horseless horse members it will be an opportunity to interact with a horse and learn about the different safety and ground skills. In order to attend please sign up [here](#).

FIRST COUNTY WIDE CAVY PROJECT MEETING!



Come and learn about the project! Bring your record book (Companion Animal Record Book), and your questions! **Sunday, February 23rd at 2pm.** Email Kim Dowden, Cavy Fair Superintendent for location and directions kimtdowden@yahoo.com

Sign up for Critter Corner, a virtual learning opportunity!

Explore the career opportunities, responsible pet ownership, and unique species during the 2020 Critter Corner virtual learning series. Participate in meetings from the comfort of your own home and bring your pets too! Critter Corner features three sessions, “Preparing Household Pets & Non-Commercial Livestock for Disaster”, a Companion Animal Career Panel, and “Snakes and Axolotls, Oh My!” Registration is open in 4HOnline to participants ages 8-18.

March Critter Corner: “Snakes and Axolotls, Oh My!”

Join popular Tik Tok creator and axolotl owner, Jess Anderson, and experienced snake owner, Rick Ritter, as they talk about what it takes to own some of our favorite non-furry pets. The March Critter Corner session, “Snakes and Axolotls, Oh My!” will be held on March 3rd at 6:00 pm on video conference app, Zoom. Please register in 4HOnline by February 27th. Meeting links will be sent out on February 28th to those registered. Critter Corner is open to youth ages 8-18

Save the Date! 2020 County Contest

Saturday, April 25, 2020

This year's County Contest will have a new look and feel to it as we make some adjustments to the way we do things.

1st of all: **Baker's Day is Back!** It will look a little different so pay close attention to the flyers and entry forms. Classes are limited and there will no longer be an adult division. Participants **must** be present to discuss the recipe and process of making their entry. Because entries include a question and answer session, and a presentation of the recipe, Baker's Day will be included as a contest qualifier for the STAR Award.

2nd of all; Contest day, will continue to be divided into two categories:

Speech and Performing Arts.

While this is nothing new, the division exists because while the speech events, (demos, impromptu, prepared speeches, and interpretive readings) will all still go on to State Contests at fair or State Conference, the Performing Arts will **NO LONGER** have a state competition at the State Fair. Instead, **ALL CHAMPION AND RESERVE CHAMPION** recipients will present their contest entry at the **County Fair** in Calhan on the **Tabletop Awards Night**. There will be separate entry forms for each contest.

3rd of all: Creative Cooks and Cake Decorating Contest will continue to run in conjunction with the Speech and Performing Arts Contests, with winners qualifying for the State Contests in Pueblo at the State Fair. Creative Cooks remains the same, open to anyone who would like to participate. Cake Decorating Requirements state that the level in which one participates must be the same in which they are entered as a project. It is limited to those in the Cake Decorating Project.

4th of all: Registration and payment will be available on-line.

Keep watch for flyers stating the various categories for entry as well as information on entry deadlines. Contest location will be at Rocky Mountain Classical Academy.

Let's get ready, 4H'ers, for a great spring contest!

-Dave McIntosh, 2020 El Paso County FCS/General (Tabletop) Co Superintendent



EL PASO COUNTY 4-H HORSE JUDGING CONTEST

**When:
June 7th**

**9:00 am - Registration
9:30 am - Judging Starts**

Where:

**Latigo Trails Equestrian Center
13710 Halleluiah Trails
Elbert, CO 80106**

Randi Hudson 719.231.5614

Emily Tobler Emily.Tobler@colostate.edu

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Agriculture + Tourism



For information or to register visit:

elpaso.extension.colostate.edu

Or contact Michele.Ritchie@colostate.edu

April 3, 2020

10:00 am to 5:00 pm

17 N. Spruce Street, COS, 80905



El Paso County Fair Queen Clinic

Saturday
February 22, 2020
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

This clinic welcomes all young ladies ages 10-22 years of age who want to learn the ins and outs of being a fair queen. The clinic will provide information in areas including horsemanship, personal interview, speech, appearance, and other necessary skills. The clinic is an excellent opportunity for potential riding club royalty, other queens, or any young lady that wants to learn what being a fair queen is all about!

Fee: \$30 Includes Lunch
NO Late Registration

Additional Lunch Tickets Available for Parents or Coach \$5.00

Deadline for Clinic Registration: February 17, 2020 4:00 p.m.

Queen Contest: March 28, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.

Register for the clinic by
calling or emailing
Pam Dawson at:
(719) 749-2342
OR
dawsranch@aol.com

**Applications for the
2020 El Paso County Fair
Queen Contest are due to
County Fair Office by
March 13, 2020 by
3:00 p.m.*

El Paso County Fair & Events Center
366 10th Street
Calhan, CO 80808
(719)-520-7880
www.elpasocountyfair.com



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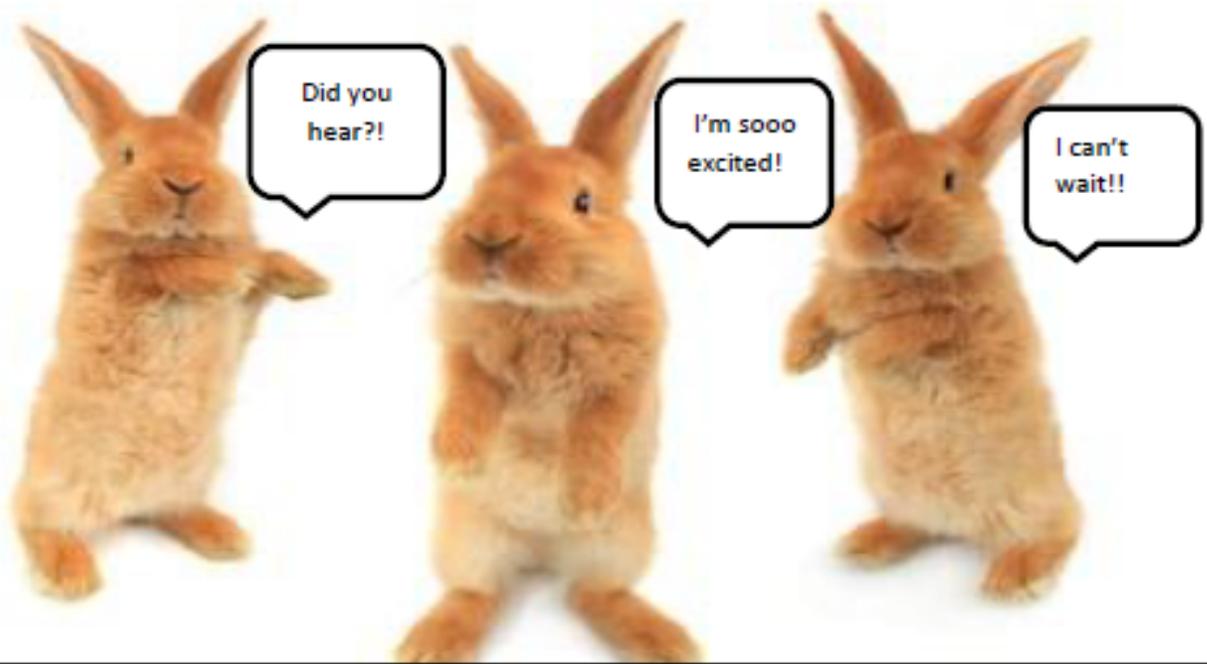
LARIMER COUNTY 4-H

2020 Field Day

February 29, 2020
9am – 2pm

The Ranch McKee Building
5280 Arena Circle, Loveland, CO

- There will be 9 workshops taught by Colorado State University Livestock Specialists, industry professionals, and Extension Agents. Topics range from: livestock selection, identification, nutrition, health, record books, livestock ethics, animal stress, and anatomy.
- Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) Certification will be available from 10am-2pm
- Breakfast and Lunch will be available for purchase on site



Mesa County's Annual 4-H Rabbit Field Day

March 7, 2020 Fun Starts at 10 Am

Come on over to Mesa County Fairgrounds and Building C for rabbit fun for all ages! If you have 100 or are just thinking about getting into the project or just interested in rabbits, this is the event for all things rabbit related! Admission is free, but we ask you bring an item to donate to our raffle table or auction table! We will have multiple learning activities about 1st aid, nutrition, grooming and health needs! We will make gifts for you and your rabbit to take home, have some fun photos, hop around our agility course and test your rabbit knowledge at our breed ID & Quiz Bowl! We will have a concessions stand for light breakfast items, and lots, lots, lots, more! Come see what else we have planned for you! Hope to see you there!

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Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.



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