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# 4-H *on the 4th*

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## Club Leader Spotlight

**Travis Chamblin**  
**Hitch N Post 4-H Club**

- 4-H Volunteer Years: 13 years
- Favorite Color: Champion Purple
- Favorite Candy or Sweet Treat: Ice Cream
- Hobbies: Working on show cattle

**Acknowledgment:** We would like to thank Travis Chamblin for his years of dedication to the 4-H program! He is passionate about the livestock industry and has dedicated many years to helping the youth with clinics, clipping/fitting steers, and guiding families toward competitive results in the show ring.

He also spends his volunteer time on the Livestock Advisory Committee creating the first ever Cattle Select Sale in El Paso County. In addition, he also spends a lot of time helping with facility oversight as we go through fair season. Thank you for all you do for the youth and families in our 4-H program!



## Next Level Livestock Camps Recap

A big shout out to all youth who were able to attend the Next Level Livestock Camps held at the El Paso County Fairgrounds!

Youth spent two days learning about nutrition, showmanship, fitting, and selection. There was also an interactive parent session, and fun team building activities as well.

Thanks to youth who attended this clinic and represented our 4-H program!





## State Conference Highlights

### Livestock Quiz Bowl Team

A huge shout out to the El Paso County Livestock Quiz Bowl Team who represented El Paso County at its finest! They put in so much hard work, dedication, and commitment to compete at State Conference in Fort Collins! We are so proud of the youth and how they commit to their team and spend countless hours working toward a common goal. On the team are El Paso County members Kaleb Gramsch, Rebecca Kragel, Riley Spurlock, Stephanie Taylor, and Maddie Unruh.

#### Their accomplishments include:

##### 3rd Overall Team (out of 10 teams)

**Maddie Unruh:** 6th overall individual,

4th overall on the written test

**Kaleb Gramsch:** 10th overall individual,

5th overall on the written test

Congratulations to all members of the Livestock Quiz Bowl Team!



### Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, & Hippology Team

Four youth represented El Paso County in Horse Quiz Bowl, Hippology and Horse Judging: Isla Anderson, Caoimhe Benn-Rothstein, Muireann Benn-Rothstein, and Juliet Newsome. Their hard work and positive attitudes shined during the conference. The four seniors were coached by Jackie Mead for Horse Bowl and Hippology, and Jonathan Vrabec and Mercedes Glenn for Horse Judging.

**Their accomplishments include: Reserve Champion Hippology Team, Champion Horse Bowl Team, Champion Horse Judging Team.** High Team in Performance, Reasons and Overall and 2nd High Team in the Halter Division. Reserve High Team in Hippology Overall as well as 2nd High Team in the Examination, Stations, and Judging Portions.

#### Horse Judging Highlights:

Individual Halter Placings  
4th- Caoimhe Benn-Rothstein  
5th- Muireann Benn-Rothstein  
6th- Juliet Newsome  
14th- Isla Anderson

Individual Reasons Placings  
1st- Caoimhe Benn-Rothstein  
2nd- Muireann Benn-Rothstein  
6th- Isla Anderson  
9th- Juliet Newsome

Individual Performance Placings  
1st- Caoimhe Benn-Rothstein  
2nd- Muireann Benn-Rothstein  
3rd- Isla Anderson  
11th- Juliet Newsome

Individual Overall Placings  
1st- Caoimhe Benn-Rothstein  
2nd- Muireann Benn-Rothstein  
3rd- Isla Anderson  
12th- Juliet Newsome

#### Hippology Highlights:

Examination Portion Placings  
5th- Caoimhe Benn-Rothstein  
7th- Muireann Benn-Rothstein  
8th- Juliet Newsome  
9th- Isla Anderson

Judging Portion Placings  
1st- Isla Anderson  
2nd- Muireann Benn-Rothstein  
12th- Juliet Newsome

Stations Portion Placings  
5th- Muireann Benn-Rothstein  
6th- Caoimhe Benn-Rothstein  
9th- Isla Anderson  
12th- Juliet Newsome

Overall Individual Scores  
5th- Muireann Benn-Rothstein  
6th- Isla Anderson  
8th- Caoimhe Benn-Rothstein  
11th- Juliet Newsome

#### Horse Bowl Highlights

Individual Awards  
1st- Caoimhe Benn-Rothstein  
6th- Isla Anderson  
7th- Muireann Benn-Rothstein  
10th- Juliet Newsome

The Horse Bowl Champions have chosen to represent Colorado 4-H at Western Round-Up in January. The Horse Judging team plans to travel this fall.

We also had two juniors represent El Paso County for the Colorado 4-H Junior Horse Judging Invitational along with one member from Jefferson County. Lexi Vrabec and Emily Fiocco competed as a combined team with Jefferson County's Frances Cabral and won the 2022 Colorado 4-H Junior Horse Judging Invitational. Congratulations to Isla Anderson, Caoimhe Benn-Rothstein, Muireann Benn-Rothstein, Juliet Newsome, Emily Fiocco and Lexi Vrabec on their success.



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Record book covers are pictured here. There are two options for purchasing: **You may find them on the National 4-H website or purchase them through the Extension Office for \$5 per folder.**

## Procedure for Tabletop Record Books/Officer Books

Club officer books and any Tabletop project record books not submitted with a Fair exhibit should be turned in to your club leader for grading and project completion. Members should verify submission dates with their club leaders.

If you are interested in serving as a judge and providing feedback to our youth officers by scoring and judging Club Officer Books, [save your spot here](#) before **August 18**.

## EPC 4-H Officer Book Judging & Scoring: Recruiting Judges until Aug. 18

We are looking for volunteers to judge officer books on **Thursday, September 8th, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Extension Office.**

Score sheets and rubrics will be provided, along with a light dinner for volunteers. We are looking for 4 to 8 volunteers to serve.

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## El Paso County 4-H Advisory Committee Interest: Nominations Due Sept. 2

Are you the kind of person who enjoys sharing their ideas, leadership, organizational skills, and planning skills to help provide opportunities for youth? **If so, we need you!**

We are looking for committee members to serve on **the Shooting Sports Advisory Committee, Tabletop Advisory Committee, and Youth County Council.**

Please fill out [this interest form](#) if you want to share your unique skills with El Paso County 4-H!



## Dress Code Reminder

This is friendly reminder about dress code expectations for 4-H programming and contests.

**Please note that each project area may have their own additional dress code requirements for contests and/or working with animals.** These expectations are applied at County Fair when participating in 4-H contests or working in 4-H barns.

**4-H volunteers may ask a youth member to change** if they feel the member is violating 4-H dress code. Youth and their families must respect the request, or it may be brought to the Extension Office to determine potential violations of dress code and/or code of conduct.

Please see the [Colorado 4-H Dress Code](#) for more information.



Diagram above created by California 4-H Alum, Cindy Sperry

## Fair & Camping Passes Pickup: July 9

4-H Exhibitor fair passes should be picked up on Saturday, July 9 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM at the El Paso County Fairgrounds. By verifying with a signature for pickup, 4-H families or volunteer leaders may pick up passes for other members or volunteers.

Once passes are picked up, the member or volunteer is responsible for securing. Passes can be replaced for a fee. Fair tickets or passes purchased earlier (i.e. family pack or camping spots) should also be picked up this day. This is for the entire El Paso County 4-H community and is not project-specific.

## General & Tabletop Fair Schedule

### Delivery (Thursday, July 14, 4:00 to 7:00 PM):

All project entries submitted through FairEntry must be dropped off and checked in at the Whittemore Building (EPC Fairgrounds, 366 10th St. Calhan) to be eligible for placings and awards. By verifying with a signature for delivery, 4-H families or volunteer leaders may deliver projects for other members or volunteers (Member accepts full responsibility for condition of project if delivered by another person).

### Interviews & Judging (Friday, July 15):

The project interview provides youth an opportunity to highlight and share about their work during the 4-H year. Interviews give judges a firsthand account of the member's learning experience and is an important life skill! [Members can verify their interview times here.](#)

### Awards (Friday, July 22):

Don't miss out on celebrating the efforts and hard work completed by our 4-H members. Youth must be present to receive their premium money!

### [County Exhibit Guide](#)

### [State Fair Exhibit Guide](#)



## Fair Cleanup: July 9

Mark your calendars, because this year fair clean-up will be on **Saturday July 9, 2022, starting at 9 AM** at the Fairgrounds. Please make sure you are available this day to help set up for County Fair!



## Calling Helping Hands!

**Do you enjoy talking with people? Do you love sharing about 4-H? Then we need your help!**

During county fair, the static project exhibits (located in the Whittemore building) are open to the public. We need smiling 4-H members, families, and leaders to help welcome people and answer questions about 4-H or projects. We will have superintendents present, and will provide all you need—just select a time slot that works best for you, and [sign up HERE!](#)

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**Helpers needed for July 16 – July 23 to staff welcome table in 3-hour shifts (10AM–1PM, 1–4PM, and 4–7PM)**

**Helpers needed for July 24 to assist with project pick up (9AM–12PM)**

## 2022 County Fair Animal Judges

**Market Beef** - Ryan Rash

**Market Swine** - Ryan Rash

**Market Sheep** - Jon DeClerck

**Market Goat** - Jon DeClerck

**Breeding Livestock Show** - Glenn Hogan

**Llama/Alpaca Show** - Pat Ager

**Pygmy & Dairy Goat Show** - Donna Elkins

**Poultry Show** - Bill Eldridge

**Poultry Showmanship** - Del Valhing

**Pocket Pets Show** - Dawn Moon

**Rabbit Showmanship** - Graham Thomas

**Rabbit Show** - Jon Barba

**Cavy Show & Showmanship** - Sandie Ruppel

**Miniature Horse Show** - Kelly Harding

**Horse Show (English)** - Lanae McDonald

**Horse Show (Western)** - Rebecca VanTassel

**Horse Show (Ranch)** - Rebecca VanTassel

**Dog Show (Obedience and Rally)** - Katherine Shogren

**Dog Show (Showmanship)** - Dennis Corash

**Dog Show (Agility)** - Tate Fields



## Load In Schedule for County Fair

All livestock/small animals must be accompanied by an **official Health Certificate issued within 14 days prior to the start of fair**. Each animal must be individually identified on the certificate.

At fair you will need to **make sure you have a copy of your health certificate for every day you enter the fairgrounds with animals**.

Families: enter through the south gate and proceed to the fire land. Volunteers will direct trucks and trailers at that point. **Only market swine will weigh off the trailer, no exceptions**. Trucks and trailers will exit through the fire lane gate. Please drive with caution when on the fairgrounds.

**Market Animals, Small Animals, Miniature Horse, and Tack cannot be loaded out before 9 AM on Sunday July 24.**

Date	Time	Species
Saturday July 16	6:00-9:00 AM	Breeding Livestock (Load out after 7 PM), Dairy + Pygmy Goat
Saturday July 16	9:00 AM- 12:00 PM	Small Animal & Miniature Horse Load In
Sunday July 17	6:00-8:00 AM	Market Swine & <b>MUST WEIGH OFF TRAILER</b>
Sunday July 17	8:00-11:00 AM	Market Beef, Market Sheep, Market Goat <b>LOAD IN</b>
Sunday July 17	8:00-11:30 AM	Market Beef, Market Sheep, Market Goat <b>WEIGH IN</b>

## Livestock Stalling

Stalling will be paid at livestock (**CASH ONLY**) when youth pick up their exhibitor packet, so please plan accordingly. **Stalling assignments will be posted in the respective barns on July 9**. Exhibitors are responsible for brining in their own bedding for their animals. **Please make sure it aligns with the rules outlined in the premium books.**

## Exhibitors Livestock Stall Prep

It is highly encouraged that all livestock exhibitors set up their stalls with shavings and equipment **before the start of fair**. You can come to the fairgrounds **from Wednesday July 13 AFTER 3-5 PM, normal business hours Thursday July 14, and normal business hours Friday July 15**. If youth do not take advantage of the pre-set up, they will need to haul everything by hand from their parked trailer in the south lot outside the fairgrounds to the barns. Youth are **not allowed** to unload tack, equipment, or feed during our scheduled animal load in times.

## Large Livestock Exhibitor Meetings

Calling all youth showing large livestock animals at county fair! Each livestock species will be holding a zoom meeting the week before fair to go over the requirements, expectations, questions, and any last-minute information. The schedule along with the zoom link is listed below, so please attend!

Topic: Large Livestock Exhibitor Meeting

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://zoom.us/j/97207965028> Meeting ID: 972 0796 5028

Date	Time	Species
Tuesday, July 5	6:00 PM	Sheep
Tuesday, July 5	7:00 PM	Beef
Wednesday, July 6	6:00 PM	Goat (Pygmy, Dairy, Breeding, Market)
Thursday, July 7	6:00 PM	Swine

## Ultrasounds for Large Livestock: July 18

Every large livestock entered in the market show is required to have an ultrasound done at County Fair. This year, ultrasounds will take place on Monday, July 18, starting with swine at 9:00 AM and moving on to cattle, goat, and then sheep.

Please be close to your stalls and animals that day, as you will need to be present for the ultrasound.

It is highly recommended to download the Remind App (listed in the newsletter) for livestock so you can stay updated on ultrasound times.

For the ultrasound:

- Animals must be dry
- Purple oil will be used
- For market steers with a tough carcass or a lot of hair, grease will be used instead of purple oil. We will go over how to remove the grease, and have cornstarch on hand to help with the removal process.



## Open Pregnancy Verification for Market Heifers

All market heifers must be accompanied by a certificate issued by a licensed veterinarian verifying the heifer is pregnancy tested OPEN within 30 days of the El Paso County Fair.

## What's the why behind Thank You notes?

Why is it so important to write a good thank you note?

The generous support of buyers, add-on contributors, and sponsors make for a successful Sale. You are receiving well above market price for your project animal from people who support our youth exhibitors and embrace the 4-H and FFA programs. Thank you notes are the appropriate way to express proper gratitude for this financial support.

A good thank you note contains 5-6 sentences, and expresses thoughtful consideration. Talk about things such as your plans for the funds received, your future plans, what you have learned, and how 4-H/FFA helped you.

A little hint is to write out your thank you notes before fair, and then add the personal touch to each buyer, add-on contributor, or sponsor once you have your final list. If you were wondering—yes, they do read them! Some even hang on to them through the years. A well-written thank you note can set you apart, and is the proper way to show your appreciation.



There will be drop-off locations to turn in thank you notes after Fair. Don't forget to complete your online profile on the [Stockshowauctions.com](https://www.stockshowauctions.com) website as soon as possible, preferably by July 15. Profiles are required to be set up before we can accept sale releases this year.

## Horticulture Open Show—[Enter Today!](#)

The 2022 El Paso County Fair is right around the corner! If you grow flowers, fruits, vegetables, or herbs in your home garden, consider entering them in the **Open Class Horticulture Competition for adults and youth**. This is open to any of our 4-H Members or families, event if you're not enrolled in the garden project!

**Horticulture Day is Friday, July 22 at the Whittemore Building** at the El Paso County Fairgrounds in Calhan, CO. You do not have to be the best gardener to enjoy entering something in the horticulture competition. Every year, people bring a favorite rose, a fragrant bunch of chocolate mint, or a striking blanket flower bloom, and they walk away with a ribbon. If it impresses you, it's likely to impress other people and the judges!



FRIDAY NIGHT  
**DANCE  
PARTY**

MUSIC BY

**DJ VRABEC**



**7-10  
PM**

SWINK HALL

JULY  
**22**

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BRING CANNED FOOD FOR THE FOOD DRIVE

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ALL 4-H MEMBERS WELCOME

**4-H DANCE AND FOOD DRIVE**

**3 FOR FREE!**

bring 3 canned goods to receive  
a free drink





MONDAY JULY 18 AT  
2PM, OWENS ARENA

# Barn Olympics



All 4-Hers are encouraged to join the fun!  
Sign up your team of 6 on the sign up genius.

Barn Olympics Team Sign Up:  
[Youth County Council: Barn Olympic Teams \(signupgenius.com\)](https://signupgenius.com)

## Shooting Sports Awards: July 9

**Saturday, July 9th, 2:00 PM**  
**Fountain Creek – Large Pavilion #1**

Come join us in celebrating our 2022 4-H Shooting Sports season and competitions! All 4-H families are invited to join us! Bring lawn chairs and sunscreen, and get ready for a fun day of celebrations and awards!



## Photography Calendar Fundraiser: Submit by Nov. 30

We will be selling a County 4-H wall calendar to help generate funds for county programming. Share your best 4-H photos (an item you've built, nature/environment shots, travel, 4-H friends, project work, etc.)! 12 photos will be chosen and sold to earn funds

for new FCS Judging Teams. Each member can submit up to 4 total photos (4 total, not per category). Winners will be awarded the following:

**\$25 gift to 4-H Mall** for 1st photo selected, **\$10 additional gift to 4-H Mall** for each 2nd through 4th photos selected. Example [(4-H Member submits max number of photos, and each photo is selected for calendar publication. Prize amount would be \$55) (\$25, \$10, \$10, \$10)]

**All photos must be uploaded here** in .jpg or .png format by **November 30**. Use this shared folder for submission to upload your photos (max of 4).

## Remind App For Animal Project Areas

For families that would like to stay up-to-date on deadlines and reminders, a Remind App was developed to help bridge communication. There will be three different groups which include Horse, Livestock, and Small Animal. This will be used as an additional communication tool throughout the year.

Please understand that the Remind App does **NOT** replace the monthly newsletter **OR** the responsibility of families to keep track of deadlines. This is simply an additional form of communication, however, will **NOT** be the source of all information. Please continue to reach out through email if you have questions.

Please refer to more detailed instructions sheets attached to this newsletter.

Horse Project Remind App Code: <https://www.remind.com/join/22epchorse>

Livestock Project Remind App Code: <https://www.remind.com/join/22epcstock>

Small Animal Remind App Code: <https://www.remind.com/join/22epcsa>

## State Fair Market Rabbit Nominations: Due July 15

Exciting news for State Fair— rabbits are being brought back! If you would like to compete at State Fair with Market Rabbits, please email [Emily.Tobler@colostate.edu](mailto:Emily.Tobler@colostate.edu) to set up a time to complete the paperwork and nomination forms.

**The Nomination forms need to be to the Extension Office by July 15th.** Exhibitors may nominate as many as they would like, however, only four (4) pens of rabbits may be brought to the Fair. No late nominations will be accepted.

Rabbits not nominated will **not** be eligible to show at the Colorado State Fair and entries will be returned to the exhibitor (no exceptions).

**Rabbits need to be born around June 15th** to be the correct age to compete in the Market Rabbit division of the Fair. **Market Rabbits cannot be older than 10 weeks on the day of show** (August 27, 2022) **and weigh between 3.5 and 5.5 pounds.**

Exhibitors will be required to participate in a Meat Quality Assurance program and sign a "Quality Assurance" form to turn in at the time of check-in at the Colorado State Fair. **Full disclosure of any medications, medicated feeds, and/or supplements given to animals exhibited at the Colorado State Fair is required on this form.** This form **MUST** be turned in at the time of check in at the Colorado State Fair, please do not send it with nominations.

**Exhibitors who have not completed a Meat Quality Assurance Program (either Colorado MQA or YQCA) are not eligible to show at the Colorado State Fair.**

**Exhibitors MUST provide Premises ID (PID) on nomination and entry forms, forms without PID will be rejected and returned (no exception).**

Nominations forms must come from the County Extension Office, nominations sent by the exhibitors will not be accepted.

Updates on shows will be posted on the Fair's website ([www.coloradostatefair.com](http://www.coloradostatefair.com)) or on the Livestock Updates Facebook page.



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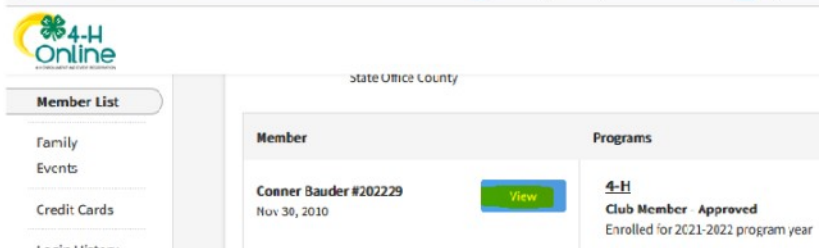
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### Printing Animal Information – Members\*

1. Log into [4-H Online](#) account
2. View “Member Profile”



3. Click on “Animals” (Left Side Navigation)  
Select the animal to “View”
4. 2 options for printing
  - a. Select File | Print or “Right Click” (if using Google Chrome). This **ONLY** prints the 1<sup>st</sup> page of the animal data.
5. If pictures are needed for the record book, they can screen shot (using the Microsoft snipping tool ) or insert the images directly in the record.

Horse (Front/Face View)



\*This is the current option in 4-H Online, the developers are working on a standard report which isn't available to date.



# Advisory Committees—Postponed for July

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## Horse Advisory Committee

**When:** Third Tuesday of the Month @ 6 PM

**Where:** Kit Carson Riding Club



## Livestock Advisory Committee

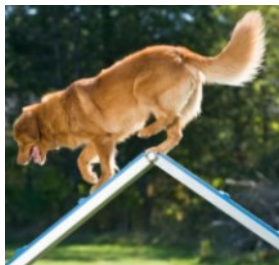
**When:** Second Thursday of the Month @ 7 PM

**Where:** Latigo Trails Equestrian Center

## Shooting Sports Advisory Committee

**When:** Third Friday of the Month @ 6:30 PM

**Where:** 3275 Akers Dr.



## Small Animal Advisory Committee

**When:** Second Monday of the Month @ 6:30 PM

**Where:** Akers Property

## Tabletop Advisory Committee

**When:** Third Thursday of the month @ 6:30 PM

**Where:** Extension Office, 17 N. Spruce St.



## Youth County Council

**When:** Last Tuesday of the Month @ 6:30 PM

**Where:** Extension Office, 17 N. Spruce St., enter in north side door

### Ag Day at CSU—Special Game Day Ticket Pack

AG Day tickets are available for purchase! The affordable package available to 4-H members and their families, includes a Pre-game BBQ Meal and football ticket!

#### [Purchase Ticket Package](#)

**Saturday, September 24**

“It is a time when we can come to the table together to honor our roots and the agricultural producers that provide for our community.”

“Ag Day is a long-standing tradition and celebration of Colorado agriculture and CSU’s College of Agricultural Sciences.”

“We are proud to host Ag Day along with Colorado agricultural organizations and associations. The pregame event features the state’s agricultural growers and producers preparing Colorado’s premier outdoor barbecue from quality Colorado food products to fund scholarships for agricultural sciences students. This tradition honors both the institution’s roots and Colorado’s rich agricultural history in a celebration that appeals to all ages.”

