Springtime is the time of year when thoughts turn to graduation, particularly from high school, which is seen as one of the biggest changes in a young person’s life. Your families are extremely proud of you as are we. After the commencement speeches are given, and all the good advice bestowed, the topic of conversation turns to what you’ll do next.

Our graduating 4-H’ers will begin to make tough choices in their lives, and no amount of advice gets them through those moments. It’s the “doing” over the years – staying up all night with a sick animal, the disappointments and victories, (and yes, you have to do the record book!) - that will get them through. It’s also about finally realizing that adults do things for youth, even when they don’t get paid, for the sheer enjoyment of helping. And finally, it’s giving back as an adult to the program that helped you grow strong. In short, when you leave here, don’t forget why you came.

We wish all our graduates good health and prosperous journeys to whatever comes next. Remember, the most important thing is to be a productive adult, no matter what you are doing. We’ll miss you, but we know it’s your time to move on.

The fireworks begin on your graduation day. Each diploma is a lighted match. Each one of you is a fuse. Go out and light up the future.
What Is Your 4-H Age?

Do you know if you are a junior, intermediate, or senior member? Do you even know what this means? If not, here is an explanation: the age you were on December 31, 2016 is the age that determines your 4-H age. A junior 4-H member is any member between the ages of 8 and 10 years old as of 12/31/16; an intermediate member is anyone between the ages of 11 and 13 years old as of 12/31/16; a senior member is anyone who is 14 years old or older as of 12/31/16. So, if you turned 11 in March, you are still considered a junior member for your 4-H projects in 2017. That is your 4-H age!

Delta County Fair Royalty Contest

Are you a young lady that is interested in being an ambassador for the Delta County Fair during 2017-2018? Then the Delta County Fair Royalty Contest is for you! Open to young ladies that are enrolled in the Delta County school system, have horsemanship skills, and are between the age of 9 and 19. You need not be a 4-H or FFA member to apply. During their reign winners will travel around Colorado as representatives of Delta County.

Contact Angel Sharpe at 275-5317 for more information.

COUNTY FAIR THEME FOR 2017:
COUNTRY ROOTS, DIRTY BOOTS

FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF DELTA COUNTY FAIR RULES AND REGULATIONS, AS WELL AS CLASSES AND DEADLINES—PLEASE SEE THE 2017 DELTA COUNTY FAIRBOOK.

Here is some exciting news for our food project members! This year members can exhibit in \textit{one or more} of the following classes that are listed under their main food project:

- **Cooking 101** fair classes are: No Bake Bars/Cookies, Coffee-cake, Cookies
- **Cooking 201** fair classes are: Quick Breads, Scones, Muffins
- **Cooking 301** fair classes are: Shortened Cakes, Yeast Rolls, Creative Yeast Breads, Party Planning
- **Cooking 401** fair classes are: Flatbread, Double Crust Pie, Celebration Meals

For more information on your fair classes and their requirements go to:

\url{http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf}

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Here is some exciting news for our clothing project members! This year members can exhibit in \textit{one or more} of the following classes that are listed under their main clothing project:

- **STEAM 1** fair classes are: Pillow (Juniors Only), Pillowcase (Juniors Only), Simple Top, Simple Bottom, Simple Dress
- **STEAM 2** fair classes are: Top (vest acceptable), Bottom (pants or shorts), Skirt, Dress (not formal wear), Romper of Jumpsuit, Two Piece Outfit
- **STEAM 3 (Intermediate and Senior Only)** fair classes are: Cotton or Cotton Blend, Synthetics and Rayon, Wool/Wool Blends, Silk and Silk-like, Specialty Fabrics

For more information on your fair classes and their requirements go to:

\url{http://www.colorado4h.org/project_resources/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf}
The following is the “Official” State 4-H policy regarding the Meat Quality Assurance Act and the required training:

- Any 4-H member enrolled in a market or breeding livestock project that has not previously attended training must do so.
- Any 4-H member who was a Junior (age 13 or under as of December 31, 2016) and is moving into the Senior division in 2017 (age 14 as of December 31, 2016), will be required to attend the training.
- Everyone enrolled in a 4-H livestock project must sign the Tri River Area 4-H Commitment to Excellence.

In summary, all 4-H members must attend the Wholesome Meat training once as a Junior (13 and under) and once as a Senior (14 and over). You may attend training in another county if you cannot make the date scheduled in your county. Be sure to sign in when you arrive, this way we have a record of your attendance. Swine members who are exhibiting at the Colorado State Fair will need to attend an MQA class to fulfill the Pork Quality Assurance Training requirements. Below is the date of the final class:

- May 26 - Livestock Field Day (9AM-1PM) & FINAL MQA/PQA Training (2-3PM), Montrose County Fairgrounds
COUNTY FAIR INTERVIEW JUDGING DATE!

Members with 4-H General Projects (the projects that are exhibited in Heritage Hall during the County Fair) and Premier Exhibitor Contestants need to be aware of the date for Interview Judging. Interview Judging will be held Saturday, August 5th beginning at 9:00 AM in Heritage Hall. (This date does not apply to Clothing project members. These projects will be interview judged on July 20th at the Delta Center for the Performing Arts.)

Be sure to mark this date on your calendars! A full schedule of interview times will be mailed to General Project members and Premier Exhibitor Contest participants in July.

Important Horse Levels Information

The highest level test that a member has taken and passed (both written and riding) as of July 7, 2017 is the level that member will be allowed to exhibit in at the 2017 Delta County Fair! (Members must pass their written test before taking their riding test for each level.) Written levels tests will not be given at the Delta Extension Office from July 3, 2017 through August 31, 2017.

Delta County Horse Leaders who give Horse Levels RIDING tests need to be sure to turn in all completed tests to the Delta Extension Office. This is the only way we have of knowing which members have passed the different riding levels. If you do not turn this information in, we will assume that the information we have on file is the most current information available.

TRA 4-H will host a Livestock Field Day, Friday, May 26, 2017 at the Montrose County Fairgrounds. This event is designed for large animal (beef/swine/sheep/goats) project members. Members are invited to bring their animals to the event to learn more about fitting and showing. In addition, this will be the LAST opportunity for TRA livestock project members to attend a Meat Quality Assurance Class—which will pertain to members with both large and small animal projects. The Field Day will begin at 9:00 AM and conclude at 1:00 PM. If you bring your animal you can be there as early as 7:30 AM. There will be an open scale from 7:30 AM— 8:45 AM. Lunch will be provided. MQA will follow at 2:00 PM. To reserve your spot please call the Montrose Extension Office at 249-3935 by May 22, 2017.
The 2017 Delta County Fair Fashion Revue and Clothing Construction Judging will be held Wednesday, July 20th at 1:00 PM at the Delta Performing Arts Center in Delta. As in the past judging will be held in the morning and the public Revue will be held at the Delta County Fair. Be sure to watch upcoming newsletters as more information will be available closer to the event!

**Record Book Policy**

All Delta County 4-H members with general projects (those that are displayed in the exhibit hall) who do NOT bring an exhibit to the 2017 Delta County Fair will be required to turn in their record books on September 8, 2017 which is the same date that the livestock, horse, dog and shooting sports record books are due! The 70% completion requirement will apply to these books. In addition, general project members who do not participate in the 2017 Fair and fail to turn in their record book(s) will not be allowed to participate in those project(s) the following 4-H year.

**Record Book Cover Requirement!**

Effective starting in the 2016-2017 4-H enrollment year: We will no longer accept record books that are loose leaf or have been stapled, paper clipped or held together with binder clips, bobby pins or hair ties. In addition, slide type covers and pocket folders will no longer be accepted.

**ALL** record books must be turned in enclosed and secured in binders. Please hole punch your pages and use either ACCO or brad type binders. Three ring binders are still acceptable, however we do ask that they be no more than 1 inch thick. Be sure to double check that ALL pages/photos/receipts are securely attached inside your binders. The member name and project should be clearly visible on the outside of the binder. Please be sure to either write or attach a label with this information to the cover of your binder. (If you have a see-through cover and the front page of your record book can be seen you can skip this step.)

The 4-H Office is not responsible items that are lost from record books.
All 2017 Delta County Fair pre-entries are due by 5:00 PM on July 7, 2017. This includes the following:

- 4-H and FFA Livestock pre-entries
- Open Class Livestock pre-entries
- 4-H and FFA Exhibit Hall and General pre-entries
- 4-H Shooting Sports Event pre-entries

These entries must be signed by both the 4-H or FFA member and leader/advisor. Unsigned entries WILL NOT be accepted.

Entries forms will be available at the Delta County Extension Office in early June.

Open class exhibit hall entries will be accepted Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at Heritage Hall on the Fairgrounds in Hotchkiss from 8:00 AM to 6:00 PM.

Record books for the following members/projects are due September 8, 2017:

- 4-H Livestock, Horse & Dog record books
- 4-H Exhibit Hall record books for projects that were not exhibited at Fair
- 4-H Shooting Sports record books

Members who have projects in the above listed categories that do not turn in a record book will not be allowed to enroll in that project next year.

Cloverbud members may display their completed projects at the county fair and/or other events. (Please remember these displays will not be judged.) Some suggested displays for Cloverbuds to bring to the county fair are:

- Craft projects such as beadwork, artwork, scrapbooks, or any other craft type item that a member has made.
- Display boards with pictures showing what the member has done throughout the year.
- Potted plants they have cared for or other plant exhibits.
- Short stories and poems.
- Clothing articles the member has made or embellished.
- Dioramas. (A diorama is a three-dimensional miniature scene in which figures, stuffed wildlife, or other objects are arranged in a realistic setting against a painted background. Shoeboxes work great for this!)
- Drawings or paintings
- Specimen boxes with bug collections.
- Several small items the member has made throughout the year.
- Rock collections
- Club displays featuring work done by each Cloverbud in the club.

Be sure to mark all items with the Cloverbud’s name, age and club! (NO addresses, please!) We want everyone to know who our little guys are and see what wonderful work they do!
CA$H, CHECK$ OR CREDIT

"CHECK IT OUT"
Do you know these financial terms?
(Answers are on the back.)

ACROSS
1. A bank account for writing checks
   (2 words)
2. Another name for money
3. Items placed on a credit card
4. To sign on the back of a check
5. A checking account and a savings
   account are examples of (2 words)
6. Money charged on an unpaid bill
7. Dollars owed (plural)
8. 100 cents
9. Your money minus what you owe
   equals your_____
10. To take money out of your bank
    account
11. Metal money
12. Yearly charge for use of a credit card (2 words)
13. 25 cents
14. To take control of your spending is called
    "good money_____

DOWN
1. Book of forms for writing checks
2. Checks must be written in _________ (not lead)
3. Using money is to pay with_____
4. Plastic used to charge items (2 words)
5. Written order to a bank to pay money
6. To put money into your bank account (plural)
7. 1 cent
8. Bank reports of your account
9. Dollar bills and coins
10. 5 cents
11. A dollar
12. Your name written by you
13. Fee for spending more money than is in your
    checking account is called a _______ charge
14. 10 cents
15. Trust that you will pay later
16. Slang for a dollar
17. Business that handles money

Cash, Check or Credit Card
Checks and credit cards are ways to spend money. You must put
money into the bank before you can write checks. Then you buy
things by writing your checks. The banker subtracts the checks’
dollar amounts from the money you gave him or her. You can keep
writing checks until all the money you gave the banker is spent.

Credit cards are used to say that you will pay later. You just write
your name to buy things. Then the letter carrier brings you a
monthly bill. This bill has all of the things you bought during the
month listed on it. You have to pay all or part of this bill. If you pay
only part of the bill, you are charged interest. Interest means you
are charged extra money for not paying all of the bill.

Operation: Cash Identification
Whose picture is on a ...
1. $1 bill? _________ 5. penny? _________
2. $5 bill? _________ 6. nickel? _________
3. $10 bill? _________ 7. dime? _________
4. $20 bill? _________ 8. quarter? _________
CA$H, CHECK, DEBIT OR CREDIT CARD

Your Child's $ Sense

Some children learn to identify coins and their values long before they enter grade school. They realize what cash can and cannot do for them. But school-age children often are confused about the act of writing checks and charging purchases to a debit or credit card. If you ever have told your child, "I don't have the money to buy that," only to hear your child say, "Just write a check," or "Just use your credit card," you understand completely.

Today's children learn about money in a very complex world. Children learn most of their attitudes about money from their parents, so a family's guidance and support are the keys to helping children understand. Preteens learn that their money supply is limited. They may need help realizing that money also is limited for everyone else, including their parents. Parents also must help children understand that they need to have money before they can write a check, use a debit card or repay a purchase made with a credit card.

You may choose to involve your children in family finances to help them understand the concepts of cash, checks and credit cards. If so, the following ideas may prove helpful to you:

- Your child might help you balance your monthly checking account by putting the checks in order or calling off the amounts while you mark off canceled checks.
- Your child might write out portions of monthly checks.
- Your child might cross-check individual credit card charge slips with monthly billing statements.
- Convert your paycheck into cash and involve your child in counting out dollars for monthly bills and budgeted expenses. If any cash remains, discuss together your spending and saving options.

Puzzled

The following answers refer to the terms at the beginning of this document. You may choose to discuss the topics of cash, checks and credit cards with your child, using these questions to initiate a discussion.

"Check It Out" answers


"Operation: Cash Identification" answers

1. Washington 5. Lincoln
2. Lincoln 6. Jefferson
3. Hamilton 7. Roosevelt

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*4-H Enrollment Deadline & Project Add/Drop Deadline Horse & Dog Identification due*
Important Upcoming Dates!

- May 1 - 4-H Enrollment Deadline, Horse & Dog i.d. forms due
- May 6 - Swine Member Info Due, 9AM to Noon, Fairgrounds, Hotchkiss
- May 6 - Sheep/Goat weigh/tag in, 9AM—Noon, Fairgrounds, Hotchkiss
- May 8 - Delta Council, 7PM, Delta Courthouse, Room 234
- May 26 - Livestock Field Day, 9AM-1PM, Montrose County Fairgrounds
- May 26 - Last MQA/PQA training, 2-3PM, Montrose County Fairgrounds
- May 29 - Memorial Day, Offices Closed
- June 3 - Montrose Invitational Shoot, San Juan Range
- June 10 - Mesa County Invitational Shoot, Grand Junction, 8 AM
- June 12 - Delta Executive Council, 7PM, Hotchkiss
- June 19-23 - 4-H State Conference, Fort Collins
- June 24 - Delta County Invitational Shoot, 4-H Range, Eckert, 8 AM
- July 4 - Independence Day observed, Offices Closed
- July 10 - Delta Council, 7 PM, Hotchkiss
- July 20 - Clothing Construction & Fashion Revue judging, 12:30 PM
- July 21 - Delta Fair dog record books due. Shooting sports record books due for members not participating in the County Fair shoot, 5 PM
- July 22 - Delta County Fair Shooting, 8AM, Eckert Range
- Aug 4 - Delta 4-H Club Wall decorating party, 6PM, Heritage Hall
- Aug 5 - Delta County Fair General Projects Interview Judging, 9AM
- Aug 6-12 - Delta County Fair
- Sept 8 - Achievement Nominations and all record books due to office, 5 PM
- Sept 11 - Delta Council, 7 PM, Delta—Elections
- Sept 22 - Delta Award Forms & Special Nomination Forms due to office, 5 PM
- Oct 7 - Achievement Program, HHS
- Oct 9 - Delta Executive Council, Hotchkiss
- Oct 9 - Columbus Day, Delta & Montrose Offices Closed
- Nov 11 - Veteran’s Day, Office closed
- Nov 23&24 - Thanksgiving Day & day after - office closed
- Dec 25 - Christmas Day, office closed

Dates in this calendar are tentative and subject to change!
Tri-River Area 4-H Invitational Shoot Dates

- June 3, 2017  - Montrose County Invitational Shoot
- June 10, 2017 - Mesa County Invitational Shoot
- June 24, 2017 - Delta County Invitational Shoot

These events are designed to give 4-H members an opportunity to practice their skills in an out-of-county setting. They also experience what it is like to be in actual competition with members from other counties in their age groups. Registration information will be available soon!

Members from Mesa, Montrose, Delta, Ouray, Garfield, Gunnison, Moffat, Routt, Rio Blanco, Montezuma, La Plata and San Miguel counties are invited to attend!

Livestock & Horse Record Books

Having trouble downloading your livestock and/or horse record book? If so, you can pick up a hard copy to fill out at the Delta 4-H Office. They are printed and waiting for those who need them!