DELTA COUNTY 4-H NEWS

March 2020

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70th Annual DELTA COUNTY

BEEF ROAST

Adult tickets (ages over 12) $10.00

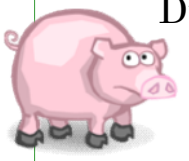
Child tickets $6.00

Sunday, March 8, 2020 ~ Noon -3:00 PM

Serving Locations:

Delta Middle School & Hotchkiss High School

Livestock Weigh-in Dates



Swine Nominations

May 1, 2020

Due to Extension Office by 4:30 PM

Sheep/Goat Weigh-in/Tag-in

May 2, 2020

9:00 AM—11:00 AM

Market Sheep, Goat and Swine Enrollment Deadline

4-H members who want to enroll in the 4-H market sheep, goat or swine project MUST have their enrollment for this project turned in to the Delta Extension Office by 4:30 PM, on Friday, April 24, 2020.

A line is a dot that went for a walk.

~ Paul Klee

Meat Quality Assurance Trainings

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) and is moving into the Senior division in 2019 (age 14 as of December 31, 2019), 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. Attendance at a MQA Class will fulfill swine members Pork Quality Assurance Training requirements. Below is a list of dates for these trainings:

- April 27 - Meat Quality Assurance Class, 6:30 PM, C Building, Mesa County Fairgrounds
- April 28 - Meat Quality Assurance Class, 6:30 PM, Heritage Hall, Delta County Fairgrounds
- April 29 - Meat Quality Assurance Class, 6:30 PM, Montrose County Fairgrounds

Please note that all dates are tentative and subject to change. Please watch upcoming newsletters for more information.

ONE PERSON CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

A man walking on the beach where thousands of starfish lay dying in the sun saw a girl tossing them into the sea one by one. "Why bother?" he asked "You won't make much of a difference." Tossing yet another starfish into the sea, the girl said, "I made a difference to that one."

Important Swine Nomination Information!

This year Delta County 4-H families with market swine project members will be responsible for tagging all swine that they intend to take to the Delta County Fair and/or the Colorado State Fair. Families will check their tags out from their club organizational leader or their swine project leader. **Families will NOT check out tags from the 4-H office.** Club organizational leaders and/or swine project leaders need to double check with their swine project members as to how many tags each member needs. The Extension office needs to be emailed with a count for each club by March 27th.

Delta County Bred & Fed Goat Producers

If you are interested in registering as a Delta County Goat Bred and Fed Producer for the 2020 fair you need to be registered by March 31, 2020. Please contact Amy Perkins at 970-623-5832 or email dcgbf@yahoo.com to receive a Producers Packet.

ATTENTION: **Delta County 4-H members MUST officially make all project additions and/or deletions on or before May 1, 2020.**

Members who have not dropped projects that they do not want to participate in, and who do not turn in a completed record book, will not be allowed to enroll in that project area the following year. In addition, members who do not enroll in a project by the above date will not be allowed to show in that project at the 2020 Delta County Fair.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING & CLUB OFFICER TRAINING

The 2020 Delta County 4-H Club Officer Training has been scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2020, at the Maloney House in Hotchkiss. The training will take place right after a short Delta County 4-H General Council meeting, which starts at 7:00 PM.

Clubs are encouraged to hold your elections before this date so you can send your club officers and club representatives to this training. The training is conducted by council officers. All 4-H members who want to know about the duties of club officers or who want to know how to become a club officer are invited to attend!

You are here to enrich the world.

2020 Horse Identification & Dog Identification Due Date

The due date for both Horse Identifications and the Dog Identifications is May 1, 2020. All information for these two species must entered on **4HOnline** by 4:30 PM on the above listed date in order for animals to be shown at the Delta County Fair. *Instructions on how to do this are available in your 4-H Horse and Dog record books.* Please be aware that our summer hours take effect this day and the office closes at 4:30 PM.

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 2020 Delta County Fair will be required to turn in their record books in September on the same date that the livestock, horse, dog and shooting sports record books are due! (This date will be published in future newsletters.) The 70% completion requirement will apply to these books. In addition, general project members who do not participate in the 2020 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.

FIRST YEAR LEADER BACKGROUND CHECKS

All first year leaders will be submitted for a background check. (Consent for this is given when you fill out and sign your Volunteer Leader enrollment.) After you have enrolled online you will receive an email requesting that you go to a secure website called HireRight, which is approved by CSU, and provide requested information. Background checks cannot be completed without your information. Your enrollment will remain pending until your background check is complete. Please note that if you do not complete this information you will not be allowed to participate in the 4-H program as a leader. (All information remains confidential—even the county offices are not provided with details.) If you have any questions regarding first year leader background checks, please call Jackie at 874-2198.

STATE FAIR RULE FOR GENERAL PROJECTS!

If a member enrolls in two **units** of the same project (For example: leathercraft. A member enrolls in Unit 2 & Unit 3) they must exhibit in the higher unit. When a member takes two units at the same time, they should master the skills of the lower unit and therefore exhibit in the higher unit.

Enrollment Fees

The 2019/2020 fee for **regular 4-H members** (8-18 years of age) will be **$50.00** for the first two projects and $5.00 for each additional project beyond the first two. **Cloverbud** (ages 5-7) fees will be **$30.00**. (All ages are based on December 31st, 2019.)

Returning members must have re-enrolled by close of business on February 3, 2020. Members re-enrolling after this deadline will be assessed a **$10 per member** late fee. All members must be enrolled by close of business on May 1st of 2020 in order to participate at the County Fair. (Late fees do not apply to Cloverbud, new member, and leader enrollments.)

Every child I know who overcame long odds and grew into a responsible adult can point to an adult who stepped into his or her life as a friend, mentor and guide.

MARCH 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Delta 4-H Beef Roast - DMS & HHS Daylight Saving Time Begins	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Delta 4-H Council meeting and Club Officer Training, 7 PM, Maloney Property, Hotchkiss	17 St. Patrick's Day	18	19	20 First day of spring!	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	32				

Important Upcoming Dates!

- Mar 8 - Delta Beef Roast, Noon to 3PM, HHS and DMS
- Mar 8 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- Mar 16 - Delta Council, 7 PM, Hotchkiss
- Apr 13 - Delta Executive Council, 7PM, Delta Courthouse, Room 234
- Apr 27 - MQA /PQA class, Mesa, Fairgrounds, C Bldg, 6:30 PM
- Apr 28 - MQA /PQA class, Delta Fairgrounds, 6:30 PM
- Apr 29 - MQA/PQA class, Montrose, Friendship Hall, 6:30 PM
- Apr 24 - Delta Market Sheep/Goat/Swine enrollments due, 4:30 PM
- May 1 - Delta Office hours change to 7:30-11:30 and 12:30-4:30, Mon-Friday
- May 1 - 4-H Enrollment Deadline, Horse & Dog i.d. forms due, Swine Nominations due, Delta 4-H Office, 4:30 PM
- May 2 - Sheep/Goat weigh/tag in, 9-11 AM, Fairgrounds, Hotchkiss
- May 11 - Delta Council, 7PM, Delta Courthouse, Room 234
- May 25 - Memorial Day, Offices Closed
- May 30 - Garfield County Invitational Shoot
- June 8 - Delta Executive Council, 7PM, Hotchkiss
- June 23-26- 4-H State Conference, Fort Collins
- June 26 - Delta County fair 4-H/FFA and Open class livestock due, 5PM
- June 27 - Delta County Invitational Shoot, Eckert Range, 8AM
- July 4 - Independence Day observed , Offices Closed
- July 13 - Delta Council, 7 PM, Hotchkiss
- July 17 - Delta Fair dog record books due. Shooting sports record books due for members not participating in the County Fair shoot, 4:30 PM
- July 18 - Delta County Fair Shoot, 8AM, Eckert Range
- Aug 1 - Delta County Fair General Projects Interview Judging & Premier Exhibitor Interview Judging, 9AM
- Aug 2-9 - Delta County Fair
- Sept 7 - Achievement Nominations and all record books due to office, 4:30 PM
- Sept 14 - Delta Council—ELECTIONS! - Delta Courthouse, 7PM
- Sept 25 - Delta Award Forms & Special Nomination Forms due to office, 4:30 PM
- Oct 1 - Delta Office hours change to 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-5:00, Mon-Friday
- Oct 12 - Columbus Day, Delta & Montrose Offices Closed

STEP into your FUTURE

Dates in this calendar are tentative and subject to change!

SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAINING

2020 Shooting Sports Leader Training Workshops are being offered to 4-H Leaders and Teen Leaders in Garfield County March 27-29, 2020. There must be at least 25 registered leaders at a training site in order for the workshop to be held.

The training will begin at 6:00 PM on Friday, March 27th and conclude at Noon on Sunday, March 29, 2020. Participants MUST attend the entire training to receive certification.

Cost is $135 for adults and teens (ages 14-19). **Registration** is offered through 4-HOnline and opens February 14th. **Deadline is March 13th** - NO EXCEPTIONS! (Important: only active, approved and enrolled 4-H leaders may attend these workshops.) Fee includes lunch and dinner on Saturday.

For a more information on the trainings throughout the state go to:

http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/shooting-sports/

Questions? Call Jackie at 970-874-2198

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