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This newsletter includes:

- Animal ID instructions for 4HOnline
- Meat Quality Assurance
- Marketing Class
- Record Books
- Future dates and reminders
- Fair updates- **FAIR IS NOT CANCELED**
- Demonstrations
- Horse Levels Tests
- Fun!

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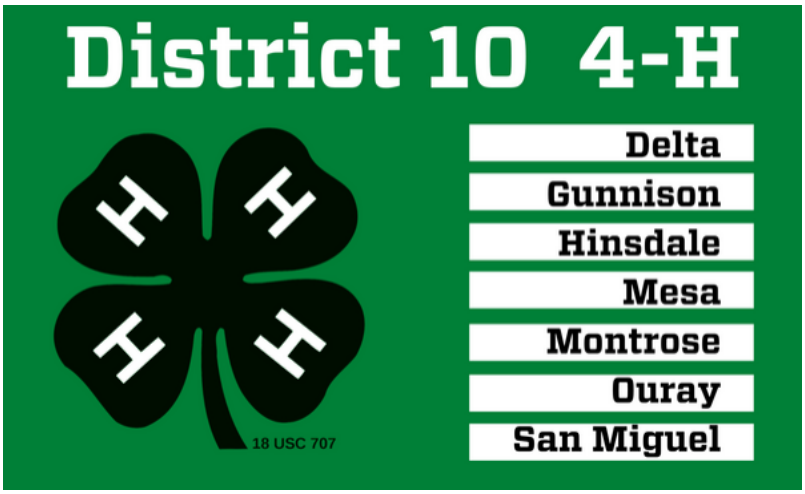
Council Spotlight

District 10 Business Meeting + Community Service



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Even though we are staying at home, Mesa County 4-H Coucil has still been active!

Community Service

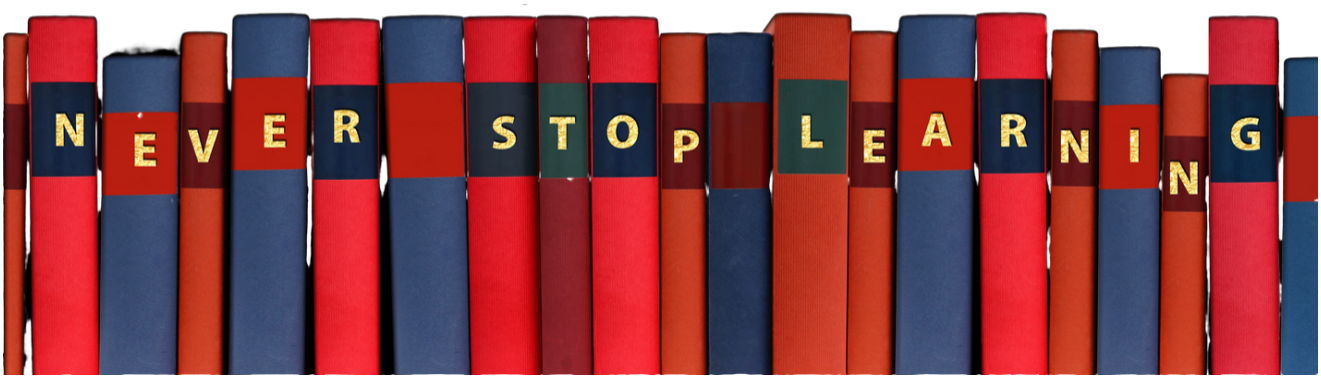
As a way to give back, Council members have been writing cheerful notes to nursing home residents at Palisade Nursing Home.

District 10 Business meeting

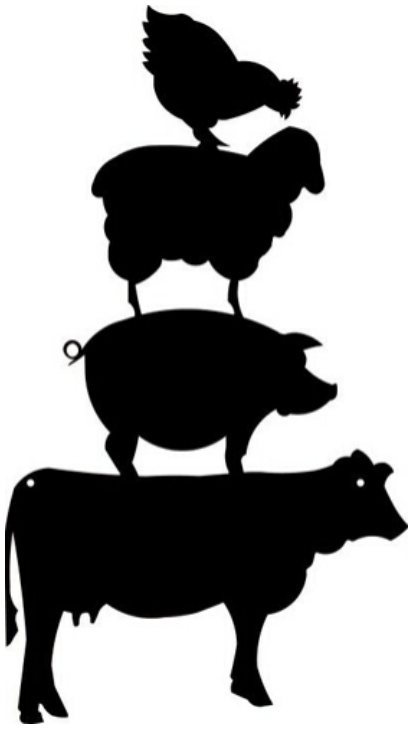
Because of COVID-19, District 10 Retreat was cancled. However, we still needed to elect a District 10 President to participate on the State officer team and a Vice President to help them organize District 10 activities. The District 10 Business meeting was held on April 29 at 2 PM via zoom. Lauren King (Mesa County, 2019 VP) started off the meeting with a game. Charlie Zeiter (Gunnison County) was elected D10 President. Maddie Renfroe (Gunnison County) was elected D10 Vice President. Lily Redden (Gunnison County, 2019 President) gave a report on her year as D10 President and her involvement on the State Officer Team. Charlie Zeiter closed the meeting out with another game.

Gradutating Seniors!

We know this year has been tough! So many bummers in your last year of high school. We want you to know that you are amazing and there are so many good things to come. This is but a bump in the road. You've worked hard and you made it! As senior 4-H members, you have given so much to your community, don't stop giving, don't stop believing in yourself and the possibilities to come. Congratulations, good luck on your next adventure! If you have some great 4-H memories to share send them to Ruth Shepardson, Jennie Hudson or Melissa!



Animal ID's, MQA, Marketing



Animal ID's- ALL

This year we will be identifying all animals, including breeding, poultry, rabbit, utility, dairy, fiber, etc. on 4HOnline. This will help make fair entries eaiser and help us plan logistics this year to help keep everyone healthy and safe.!

Dates for Livestock Identification:

Market Goat- May 8
Market Sheep- May 8
Rabbit Roasters and Breeding- May 15
Rabbit Market- June 1
ALL Poultry (breeding, show, turkeys, game birds, ducks, geese, etc.)- June 1
Breeding and Market Beef- June 1
Dairy Cows- June 1
Breeding Sheep- June 1
Breeding Goats- June 1
Dairy Goats (including breeding dairy)- June 1
Utility Goats- June 1
Miniature/Pygmy Goats- June 1

Meat Quality Assurance Certification

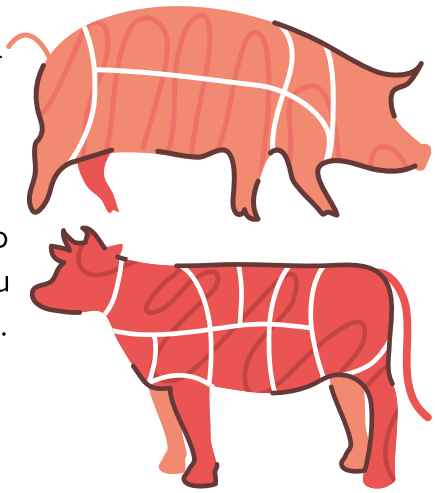
If you are a first year livestock exhibitor (excluding horse and dog) or have just become a senior (just turned 14 4-H age), it is required by Colorado 4-H to get or renew your Meat Quality Assurance Certification. This can be done online this year!

The pdf of MQA slides will be attached to this newsletter email.

There is a separate set for juniors and seniors. At the end of the slides is a link to a quiz. You must pass the quiz with at least 80% for your quiz to be counted! You can take the quiz as many times as you need to until you pass with 80% or more.

You can also view a recorded MQA session at:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oQr4eypO9RY

If you have questions, please reach out to Melissa!



Marketing Class

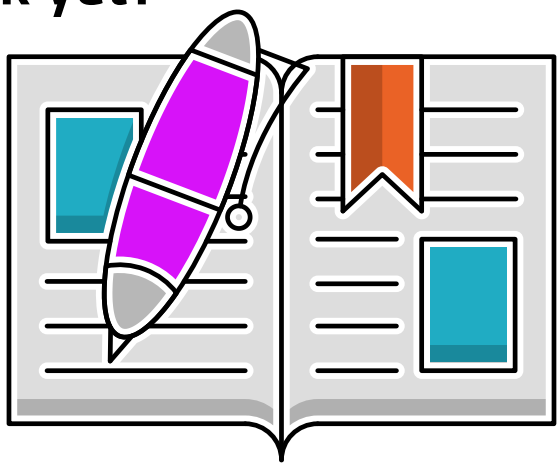
First year livestock exhibitors who plan to sell at the sale need to complete the Marketing Class.

Watch the informational session here:
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n2a7KkquT3E&feature=youtu.be

Then take this quiz: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd-xcwK5t4DvOyDqP1fysf7m5dcAbz31BTHhb9czuapwE5hCA/viewform?usp=sf_link (both will be attached to the email this newsletter is in!)

Record Books and Fair Updates!

Have you started your record book yet?



Record books can be found on the Colorado 4-H website under 4-H Programs/Projects -> Project information. There you will find access to Animal and General e-records, including breeding, fiber, layer supplemental pages under the tab labeled supplements. There are also many helpful tip sheets under this tab if you need some help with your projects!
If you can't find what you're looking for or are unsure which record book you need, call Bonnie or Melissa and we'll help you find what you're looking for!

Updates on Fair!

First, we want you to know how hard the Fairgrounds, Superintendents, Livestock Marketing Committee, and Extension Office are working to make sure all Mesa County 4-H'ers have a chance to exhibit their projects at fair and for those who have market animals to be able to sell them at a sale this year. There are many factors involved this year. The biggest message we want to send to you is: FAIR IS NOT CANCELLED. It might look differently, but we are making alternative exhibition plans in the case that fair will not look the same as it has in the past. The County Commissioners, Fairgrounds and Fairboard are planning to make a decision on whether to have the grounds acts, carnival, and vendor part of the fair sometime in May. They are all committed to making sure that 4-H and FFA members have a way to exhibit this year. The decision on how all 4-H and FFA members will exhibit will occur by June 15.

Fair entries will most likely be done online through the FairEntry system for both 4-H and FFA members (don't worry, Bonnie will send out very detailed instructions on how to do this in June!) and fair entry deadline will be pushed back from the original date. This is part of the reason its so important for us to have all animals identified in 4HOnline ahead of time!

Here are the options:
Option 1: Fair goes on as normal.

Option 2: Livestock go jackpot style, including breeding and showmanship on their original scheduled dates- animals come in and out the same day. A separate exhibition day for indoor projects will be scheduled later in July. Shooting sports, horse and dog shows will be moved back to accommodate extra practice and scheduled graduations. If the fairgrounds cannot accommodate these activities because of public health concerns and continued testing, there are alternative venues being considered.

Option 3: Virtual Livestock Show- Horse, dog, indoor, and shooting sports fair dates will be moved back and will not be virtual.

Important Upcoming Dates!

May

- May 8- Market Sheep and Goat ID due in 4HOnline
- May 15- Rabbit Roasters and Breeding due in 4HOnline
- Mid-May: County Commissioners and Fairgrounds make a decision about the carnival, grounds acts, and vendor portion of fair.

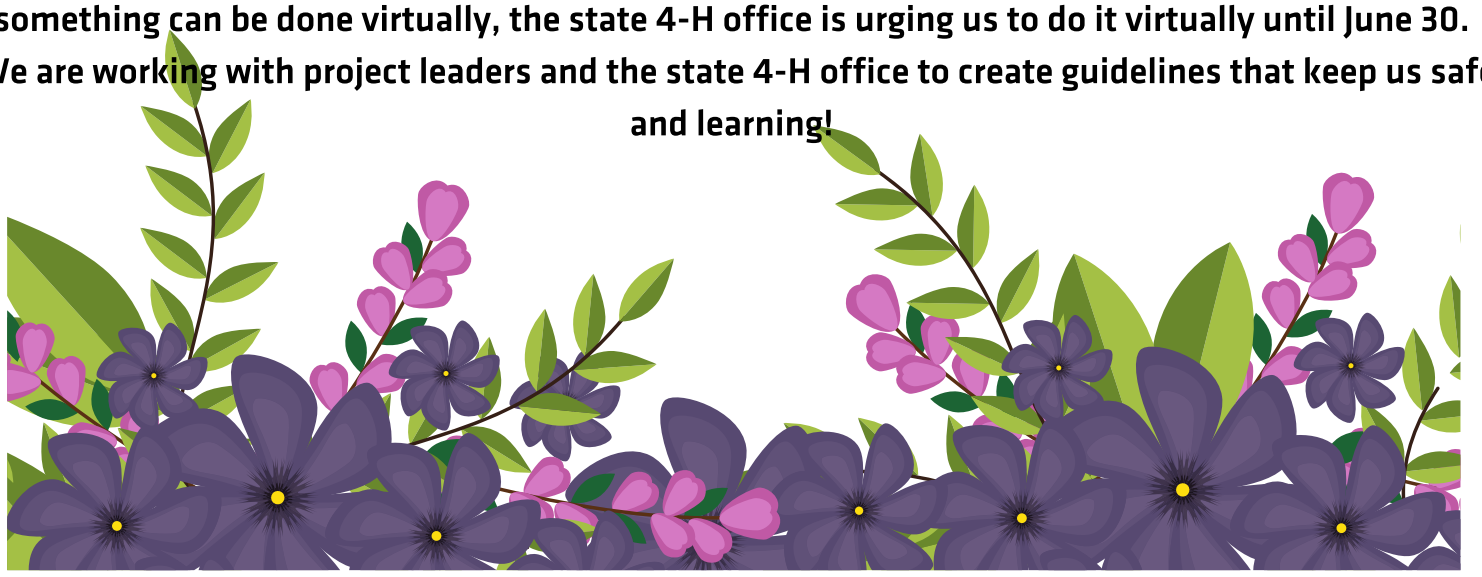
June

- June 1- Demonstration videos due to Melissa and your Club Leader
- June 1- All breeding large animal livestock ID's due in 4HOnline
- June 1- ALL poultry market rabbit ID's due in 4HOnline
- June 1- Market rabbit ID's due in 4HOnline
- June 1- Utility, miniature/pygmy, and fiber goat ID's due in 4HOnline
- June 15- Decision date for exhibitions and livestock sale by Fairboard, Superintendents, and LMC
- June 19- Fair Entries Due- Subject to change!
- June 26-28- District 10 Horse Show- Mesa County!

July

- July 13-18- Mesa County Fair Livestock shows
- All other fair dates TBD

May 15 is the current date that Face-to-Face programming may resume.
However, there will be some guidelines as to what and how programming may resume after that date.
As soon as we know when and how Face-to-Face programming will resume, we will let you know! If something can be done virtually, the state 4-H office is urging us to do it virtually until June 30.
We are working with project leaders and the state 4-H office to create guidelines that keep us safe and learning!



Horse'n Around- Levels test and more!

4-H Horse Levels Virtual Riding Test Guidelines

County 4-H organized riding levels tests may be virtual or recorded via video, recorded or live chat (zoom, Facetime, etc.) Providing the following criteria is met: The 4-H Agent must find an appropriate 4-H Horse levels rater from the list on the website http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/horse-resources/levels-testing/ to evaluate virtual or video riding tests. The 4-H Agent is to be included on all emails regarding the video or virtual evaluation. The 4-H Agent, members parents or a designated 4-H volunteer should be on calls or video sessions between members and raters. This will avoid one on one instances between youth and raters. Also, the member(s), volunteer(s) and rater(s) must follow all CSU, State 4-H, Local, State and Federal Covid-19 no face to face and social distancing guidelines.

You can review the updated Colorado 4-H Horse Levels Guidelines on the Colorado 4-H website.

An opportunity to take written tests online will be available. Stay tuned for updates to come soon!

Save the date! Spring Gather Reschedule to October 3-4

Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book Cover Art Contest

Colorado 4-H members, please submit your 4-H Horse related drawings or sketches via email no later than June 1, 2020. Make sure that your image can be printed in black and white should it be selected as the winner. The winning artwork will be placed on the cover of the updated edition of the Colorado State 4-H Horse Show Rule Book. The winner will also receive a $150.00 Scholarship to be used towards registration fees for one of the following: State 4-H Horse Show, State 4-H Conference, 4-H Leadership Development Conference, Colorado 4-H Leadership Camp or 4-H Youth Fest. The $150.00 prize must be used by the winner within 12 months of notification and will be paid directly to any of the above listed events. The $150.00 Scholarship prize is non-transferable. No money will be issued to the contest winner directly. Please make sure that entries are 4-H appropriate.

Entry Requirements:

- Entries are limited to members who are actively enrolled in Colorado 4-H.
- Members do not have to be enrolled in the horse project to enter the contest.
- Only one entry per member will be accepted.
- Attach high resolution gif or jpg digital files of pencil or black ink drawing / sketch to your email.
- Entries should be no larger than 8.5” x 11” when printed.
- 4-H appropriate horse related images only.
- Please type “4-H Horse Art Contest” in the subject line of the email submission.
- Also include the members name and county in the email.

Please email entries and questions to Sam Lowry at sam.lowry@colostate.edu

2020 Horse Rulebook addendum is available on the Colorado 4-H Website. It will also be emailed out to all 4-H Horse Members

4-H Demonstration Score sheet

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Why?

During the 4-H year, participants are required to complete a demonstration as part of their 4-H project. Because of COVID-19 and regular face-to-face programs being suspended, we are offering an online format for Mesa County 4-H members to complete this requirement.

What?

- Create a short video (minimum 3 minutes, max 10) on your demonstration topic, video must include introduction with your name, your club name, and what your demonstration topic is.
- Submit video to Melissa at melissa.tabke@mesacounty.us
- A team of leaders and Melissa will evaluate the video based on the requirement in the rubric below.

When?

All videos must be submitted by June 1, 2020 to be considered as fulfilled for your club's demonstration requirement. Members who have already fulfilled their club's demonstration requirements do not need to submit a demonstration video.

Item	Score: 1= needs work, 5= awesome	Comments
Meets Minimum Requirements - Introduction (Name, club, topic of demonstration) - Time (3-10 min) - Submitted on or before due date	1 2 3 4 5 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	
Demonstrated knowledge of topic. 4-H member is able to: -Demonstrate activity and/or share credible facts about subject matter. -Share what they learned while doing the project.	1 2 3 4 5 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	
Creativity 4-H Member uses: - Props or aids (display board, materials, or other like items) - Creative delivery method (story, music, photos, jokes, activity, or other creative liberites.)	1 2 3 4 5 ○ ○ ○ ○ ○	

Date Submitted: _____ Reviewed by: _____ Total Score: _____

Member Recognition and Projects to look out for!

Buzzed about Bees!!

Congratulations to Mesa County 4-H'er Ember Quigley! Ember is moving on to Nationals, representing Colorado 4-H, in the 2020 Foundation for the Preservation of Honey Bees Essay Contest! Way to beeee awesome!

Ember has also been making how-to videos for 4-H members in the beekeeping project!

Project help!

Even while we cannot meet face-to-face, there are some awesome learning opportunities still happening right here in Mesa County!

- Rabbits- regular google meets and google class room projects
- Dogs- Fun online learning ops through AKC
- Shooting sports- an online safety training coming soon!
- Beef- hold on for some Facebook Live events!
- Leathercraft! Kay Orton has made and sent out some awesome how-to videos!
- Learn Ag with Shep- fun, short ag lessons with Ruth Shepardson (on her YouTube page!)
- Check Melissa's weekly email updates and the Mesa County 4-H Facebook page for more opportunities!

Make sure to touch base with your project leaders or superintendents and see what continuing educational opportunities are available!

on the lighter side...

Which vegetable is only kind of cool?

A rad-ish...