Thursday Blast Weekly Email

IMPORTANT DUE DATES





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What's New This Week

- Reminder: Horse & Dog IDs DUE April 1st
- Reminder: Scholarship Applications DUE
- April Cloverbud Activity Night Gardening
- Gardening & Photography Project Meetings in April
- Market Rabbit Breeding Dates
- Goat Practice: Saturday, April 5th 8-11 am
- IMPORTANT Livestock Dates



Douglas County 4-H Calendar

March 31

Fair Foundation Scholarship Deadline

April 1st

Horse/Dog IDs Due 4-H Foundation and Project Grant Scholarship Deadline

Swine Tags Available for Pickup

April 3rd

Firing Up On Livestock Education - CSU Extension Office at 6:00 pm

April 5th

District 3 Jamboree - Kirk Hall at 11:00 am - 3:30 pm

April 5th

Goat Fitting Clinic - Multipurpose Barn at 8:00 am - 11:00 am

April 7th

Youth and Leader's Council - CSU Extension Basement at 6:30 pm

April 12th

Need to add another email to receive the blast? Submit an email here!

ALL HUNTER SAFETY EDUCATION
CARDS ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL
SHOOTING SPORTS MEMBERS.
DUE INTO 4HONLINE BY

APRIL 15TH, 2025

EMAILED TO Ext. Office

(40HNLINE WILL NO LONGER ALLOW UPLOADS)
ANY MEMBER WITHOUT A HUNTER SAFETY
EDUCATION CARD WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO
PARTICIPATE IN ANY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS
ACTIVITIES (PRACTICES, COMPETITIONS, ETC.)

New Families - Don't Miss the New 4-H Family Dinner coming up on April 21st Leathercraft Workshop - CSU Extension Basement at 10:00 am

April 14th

Gardening Project Meeting - CSU Extension Basement at 5:30 pm

April 15th

Hunter Safety Cards Due

April 15th

Informational Zoom Meeting for Super Saturday Cake and Demo/Speech Contests

April 17th

Cloverbud Activity Night - CSU Extension Basement at 5:30 pm

April 21st

New 4-H Family Dinner - Kirk Hall

@ DC Fairgrounds at 6:00 pm

April 28th

Photography Project Meeting - CSU Extension Basement at 5:30 pm



RSVP for New Family Dinner

2025 Exhibit and Contest Rules are now Available!

4-H Exhibit Requirements

4-H Contest Rules

2025 Junior Division Competition Rules

March Youth Council Meeting Minutes

Local Opportunities



April 17th @ 5:30-6:30pm



Douglas County Extension Office 410 Fairgrounds Road Castle Rock, CO



RSVP for Cloverbud Activity Night HERE



April 21

Dinner at 6 p.m. Where: Kirk Hall @ DC Fairgrounds

What: A dinner for all new 4-H families to attend and learn more information about our great program!

Please RSVP here: https://forms.gle/hEd4b24dFJjcJ5u19

RSVP for New Family Dinner on April 21

General Projects

General Project Tips, Online Manuals and eRecord Books

4-H General Project Manual Order





RSVP for Gardening Project Meeting

RSVP for Photography Project

Meeting



Saturday, April 12, 2025 Workshop starts at 10 a.m. & goes until to 4 p.m.

Douglas County Fairgrounds, Castle Rock, CO.

Leather Craft Workshop April 12th

Super Saturday Contest - Registration Now OPEN!

Click HERE to Register for Super Saturday Contests





Save the Date for the Super Saturday Information Session on April 15th @ 5:30 pm via Zoom

Shooting Sports

Douglas County 4-H Shooting Sports Webpage

Shooting Sports Member Reference Manual

<u>Members</u> new to Shooting Sports this year: Please refer to these <u>Helpful Information and Links</u>. All Shooting Sports members are required to complete the Colorado Hunter Safety Class including a Live Fire Test. https://cpw.state.co.us/hunting/education-outreach

REMINDER: Hunter Safety Cards are Due by April 15th Please take a picture of your card and email to info.douglascoextension@gmail.com

Shooting Sports Practice Cards are now available to pickup.

Those who did not attend the All Member Shooting Sports meeting will have to pick up their practice card at the Douglas County Extension Office and discuss the missed materials with Jacie or their organizational leader.

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Animal Projects

Animal Project Tips, Online Manuals and eRecord Books

Animal Project Manual Order

Companion Animals

Market Rabbit Project
Breeding day for rabbit meat pens is April 23rd.....NO EARLIER
Should be born on May 23rd.



Meat Pen of 3 Rabbits Eligibility Requirements:

- Each rabbit must be no more than 69 days old and weaned from the doe.
- Each rabbit must weigh between 3.5 pounds and 5.5 pounds.
- All 3 rabbits must be the same breed and color.
- The rabbits can be either gender.

- Rabbits must be purebred.
- Rabbit Breed must be a Meat/Commercial Breed.





Horse

Reminder: Horse Project ID's due by April 1st



Next Show - Sunday, April 26th

Douglas County Buckle Series 2025 Show Bill







Statewide 4-H: Miniature Horse Camp Thursday & Friday June 5-6, 2025

Register Here

Jeffco 4-H Winter Classic



4-H RANCH HORSE AND TRAIL
COMPETENCY TESTING
OPPORTUNITIES

*****Space is limited to a maximum of 6
youth per session for each date. Please only
sign up for ONE date to allow other youth to
participate. Please e-mail Mercedes if
you're interested in completing your
Advanced Ranch Horse Competency.

**You must already be a Level 1 Western for
Ranch Horse and Level 1 Western or English
for the Trail Riding Competency



March 25 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Trail Riding Competency Practice and Testing
- with Andrea

April 15 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Limited Ranch Horse Competency Practice and Testing - with Morgan & Andrea

April 17 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. Limited Ranch Horse Competency Practice and Testing - with Morgan & Andrea

Location: 1054 S Perry Park, Sedalia, CO 80135 Please RSVP here: https://forms.gle/erYfJAx76KsHnEWj7

Please remember that RSVPing does not guarantee you a spot as it is first come first serve, however it will add you to the waitlist.

RSVP for Horse Practice and Testing Opportunities Here

Show Dates: April 10-13, 2025



CAHC No Frills Classic Horse Show & 4-H Extravaganza

SCHEDULE

Friday (April 11) 12:00-4:00 pm 4-H Check In 3:00-5:00 pm Open Schooling 5:30-9:00 pm Clinic Rotations

CLASSES

- Showmanship
- Horsemanship
- Trail
- Ranch Rail Pleasure
- Hunter Under Saddle
- English Equitation
- Walk Trot/Jog Classes

4-H COST: \$250

Includes: Clinics, Stall, and all 4-H classes for which a participant is eligible at the National Western Event Center Denver, CO.

*Additional breed specific and all-breed classes may be added for the additional class fee.

**Shavings are not included and must be purchased through Sue Sayler and paid to the show.

> 4-H Classes will be split by age group, 13& Under and 14 & over, or by rider experience as entries warrant.



hockeyandhorsemom@gmail.com



https://coloradoarabianhorseclub.org

Dog

Reminder: Dog Project ID's due by April 1st

Click here to RSVP for Dog **Practices**



What: 4-H Dog Project Meetings hosted by Cowboys 4-H Club

When: Tuesday Nights starting January 14 at 5:30 p.m.

Where: Multipurpose Barns @ DC Fairgrounds

RSVP by 5pm MONDAY:

https://forms.gle/cGccxxT4Jjsa6w399

If you do not RSVP you might not be able to participate. If RSVPs are low-practices are subject to cancellation. Other information:

- MUST BE ENROLLED in Dog Project
- · Dogs MUST be ID'd in 4HOnline
- Up-to-date on vaccinations
- No Aggressive dogs

Please contact mercedes.glenn@colostate.edu with any questions.

Dog Show Opportunities

Poudre River Dog Show May 3rd

Dog Fun Match - May 10th

El Paso Dog Show - May 15th

State 4-H Dog Trials Internship

- This year, we are introducing a teen intern program at the State 4-H Dog Trials on Aug. 16-17 in the Ag Palace at the State Fairgrounds in Pueblo.
- State 4-H Dog Trials Internship Application
- You do not need to be in the Dog project to apply.

Cat

Click Here for more details



Two Days 14 Rings 14 Judges 6 Congresses



Garden of the Cats Presents Retro Katz 2025 A TICA Cat Show





Under the Sun Training and Event Center 6540 Vincent Drive Colorado Springs, GO 80918

April 5-6, 2025 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Join us for a weekend of feline and family fun and frivolity. This weekend offers:

TICA sponsored championship and Household pet cat show with exotic and unique cats, information booths, vendors, breed booths, HCM clinic (echocardiograms for cats, signup necessary), and more.

Garden of the Cats is a nonprofit animal welfare organization that strives to help animals in the Southern Colorado area through a variety of means. Portions of the profits from our event will be donated to local animal shelters and rescues.

Public hours:

Saturday, April 5, 2025: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, April 6, 2025: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Entry

Individuals: \$10 Family of four: \$25 Military: \$5



Or Give to Our Donation Drive

We are collecting pet food and supplies during our show and we encourage you to bring something in lieu of cash for entry into our show. Food and supplies will be collected to be distributed to local animal shelters.



To Learn More About This Event, see our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/GardenOfTheCatsClub

Tickets

Livestock Opportunities





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April 1 - DC Swine Tag Pick-up

April 1 - CSF Mkt Beef Nominations Due

May 1 - DC Swine Tag/4HOnline ID Due

May 1 - Breeding Sheep, Breeding Beef,

Non-Market Goat, & Cat ID Deadline

May 1 & 2 - Meat Quality Assurance
**Required for ALL animals (beef, sheep, goat, swine, rabbit, poultry) twice in 4-H career.

May 14 - Sheep & Goat Tag-in

May 21 - CSF Mkt Sheep, Swine, Goat bound ONLY Tag Pick-up *RSVP Required

JUNE 1 - CSF Mkt Sheep, Swine, Goat Nomination Deadline

JUNE 1 - Llama/Alpaca ID Deadline

JUNE 14 - Poultry ID Day

<u> JUNE 10 & 11</u> - Rabbit ID Day

JUNE 23 - Market Rabbit ID Day

JULY 16 - DC Fair Livestock Test Night

Animals not tagged in with DC Fair ear tags will not be eligible for County and/or State events such as the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo and Colorado State Fair





- March 13: Health and Diseases
 - Extension Office Basement Castle Rock, CO
 - o 6-7 p.m.
- April 3: Record Keeping and Advocacy in AG
 - Extension Office Basement Castle Rock, CO
 - o 6-7 p.m.
- May 14: Show Ring
 - Castle Rock, CO
 - o 6-7 p.m.
- June 6: Master Showmanship Clinic and Competition
 - Douglas County Fairgrounds
 - o Clinic from 9-11 a.m
 - Competition from 12-2 p.m.

*All dates are TENTATIVE

PRIZES ARE AVAILABLE!!!

RSVP here!: https://forms.gle/ByGY5mpfYBghRW2U9

Firing Up on Livestock Education RSVP

Mercedes and the DC Livestock Advisory Committee are excited to present the Firing Up On Livestock Education Series. Each month will focus on a different topic and be held in different parts of the county in an effort to bring educational programming closer to you! Prizes will be available for each session (show equipment, 4-H branded swag, etc.) The next topic will cover Animal Health and Diseases and will be held at the South Metro Station #43 in Parker.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend.
Email Mercedes.glenn@colostate.edu with any questions.

We're excited to see you there!



Camp CALF!

Camp CALF Page

Register TODAY for Camp CALF

CAMP CALF REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Ever wondered what it's like to spend summer days on a ranch—feeding chickens, exploring the creek, climbing trees, and making unforgettable memories? Now's your chance!

Camp CALF at Lowell Ranch is a fun-filled agriculture day camp where kids get to run, play, learn, and get their hands dirty while discovering the importance of agriculture from June 9th-13th.

Not for the faint of heart—you'll get muddy, wet, and maybe even a little smelly as you care for animals, track frogs and snakes, and tackle ranch chores. But we promise, you'll love every minute of it!

Spots fill up fast—register now to give your kids a summer adventure they'll never forget!

CALF Summer Camp needs you!

Click the button below to Apply to be a CALF Camp Counselor this summer. Applications are due by March 28th.

CALF Camp Counselor Application



Click Here for Information about Becoming a Big R Producing Partner Enrollment opens March 1st

Register HERE for Beef Blow n
Go Show



GOAT Practice and Fitting Clinic Saturday, April 5th 8-11 am

@ Fairgrounds in the Multipurpose Barn.

OPPORTUNITES FOR THOSE IN THE GOAT PROJECT

Weld County Goat Extravaganza: April 25-27 Greeley, CO https://colodga.org/index_files/Page497.htm

You WDGA Fuzzy Goat Show May 23-25 Cheyenne, WY http://wydga.org/

Colorado Summer Showdown: June 13-14 Brighton, CO https://drive.google.com/file/d/laprt59_52YX198aj(VFe5BIDo5lv50a8/view?usp=drive_link

WDGA & Wyoming State Fair: Douglas, WY

CDGA Harvest Show: September 13-14 Longmont, CO

Black Hills Goat Show: Sundance, WY

You can also find Jackpots, Shows, and Clinics here: facebook.com/groups.543028621179651/?ref=share&mibextid=nsmwbt

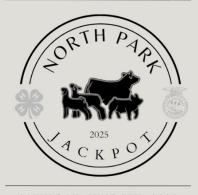






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SAVE THE DATE



SATURDAY, JUNE 7TH, 2025

JACKSON COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS 686 JCR 42, WALDEN, COLORADO 80480

Educational Resources

Request a STEM Kit - Click Here





This Spring Break, let kids explore, build, and create with our STEM kits! Perfect for learning through play and discovery.

Check one out from the DC extension office!

Make all kit requests through our online google doc form.

You can find the form by clicking the link HERE!



- Embryology Program Chicks available
 - Mid April to mid May Click here for details





CHICKS AVAILABLE FOR ADOPTION FROM THE DC EXTENSION OFFICE

Starting from mid-April to mid-May Please fill out the link here to request yours.

QUESTIONS ?
CALL 720-733-6930 OR EMAIL
PRATIMA.CHANDRAKUMAR@COLOSTATE.EDU



Mental Health First Aid for Rural Communities

Sign up for Mental Health First Aid training to learn how to identify, understand, and respond to signs of mental health and substance use issues. This course is especially important for rural communities, where access to care can be limited, and will equip you with the skills to offer crucial support during a crisis.

Join us in strengthening our community's mental health resilience!

May 21st & May 22nd Signup

> June 14th Signup



Explore 4-H learning online with CLOVER - Start HERE!

Project Grants & Scholarships

Visit our Website for Scholarship Details



4-H Foundation Scholarships and Project Grant Applications now OPEN through April 1st.

Project Grants: Apply now for a grant to support your current 4-H Project.

Graduating Seniors: Apply now for Scholarships for your future education

2 Year Institution

- 4 Year Institution
- Technical School or Certification Program/School



Douglas County Fair Foundation Scholarship, Apply by March 31st

The Douglas County Fair Foundation is pleased to present 2 scholarships in the amount of \$1,500.00 each for the 2025-2026 school year.

Eligibility is for individuals who have demonstrated a strong commitment to the Douglas County Fair & Rodeo in support of the agricultural underpinnings and western heritage of Douglas County through 20 hours of volunteer activities.

Applicants should be currently enrolled in a two or four year academic program or a certification program or a trade school program for 2025. Please see attached application and submit a letter detailing the volunteer activity and how that activity helped gain experiences which have shaped their desire to be involved in the agricultural or western heritage industries.

Douglas County Fair Foundation Scholarship Application

National Youth in Action Awards

Teen 4-H members aged 14-19 are encouraged to apply to the <u>4-H Youth in Action Program</u> to showcase how 4-H changed their lives and helped them change the lives of others. Four award winners receive a \$5,000 scholarship, professional and media development training, a trip to travel as a national youth spokesperson. Don't forget to have your outstanding 4-H'ers and/or their parents and volunteers register for our <u>February 26 Applicant/Parent Webinar</u>. This will be a great opportunity to learn how to submit a successful application for the Youth in Action Program. Here is a link to the <u>2026 YIA Application</u>. **Applications close on March 31**. Here are stories from previous winners:

- Meet Kaycie
- Meet Wyatt

Fair & Rodeo Internship Opportunity

We're excited to share some great news! This opportunity came together much faster than anticipated, but we're thrilled to announce that we've been approved to add a **brand-new seasonal internship position** to support the **Douglas County Fair & Rodeo**.



This additional role will make a huge impact, providing an extra pair of hands and a fresh set of eyesto help with the behind-the-scenes work that goes into making the Fair & Rodeo a success. The Fair & Rodeo Intern will play a key role inevent operations,

sponsor relations, social media management, VIP event coordination, and more, gaining valuable hands-on experience while contributing to our strong and dedicated team.

Position Highlights:

- **\$20/hour** temporary position (May-August, flexible start and end dates)
- Work directly with Fair & Rodeo leadership on event operations, sponsor relations, and marketing
- Hands-on involvement in all aspects of the Fair & Rodeo, including daily preparation and execution

We'd greatly appreciate your help in spreading the word to potential candidates—whether they're students, community members, or anyone looking for an exciting, real-world experience in sports and event management. The full job description and application link can be found here:

Apply Here

If you have any questions or know someone who might be a great fit, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your support in helping us find an outstanding intern to join our team!

Community Opportunities

Click on images below for Flyer Information

Register for CALF Showmanship Clinic and Blow and Go



100% + Payout

Showmanship Clinic AND Blow and Go Showmanship Jackpot

May 10, 2025

CALF's Farm and Ranch Day

Open to all active 4-H and FFA members of all experience levels.

Learn from seasoned experts.

- Beef Sara Shields, NWSS Beef Superintendent, 25+ year Custer County 4-H Leader, Westcliffe Cattle Rancher
- Sheep and Goats Clint Chitsey, Vice President of Livestock and Event Operations
- Hogs (Clinic Only)- Lindsay Gillmor, Custer County

Bring your own livestock project (except hogs CALF will provide hogs for clinical Wash racks and pens are not available.

\$10 Jackpot Entry fee per animal 8:00 am check-in CALF's Lowell Ranch Register: www.thecalf.org





Pre-Register Here for DC FFA Car Show



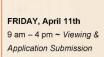
GIVE A GOOD HOME TO A WILD HORSE OR BURRO

CO Wild Horse & Burro Adoption

April 11th – 12th, 2025

Douglas County Fairgrounds, 500 Fairgrounds Rd Castle Rock, CO





SATURDAY, April 12th 8 am – 10:30 am ~ Viewing 10:30 am ~ Auction Starts 11am ~ Auction Ends 11:30 am ~ Paperwork Begins Noon ~ Load Out Begins

Bidder registration and adoption application approvals MUST be completed no later than Saturday, April 12th at 10 a.m.

Approximately 35 wild horses and 10 burros will be available for adoption. Minimum Bidding starts at \$125 fee for adopted animals and for purchased animals (Sales Authority, 3 strikes, or 10yrs old +)

Applications approved on-site!

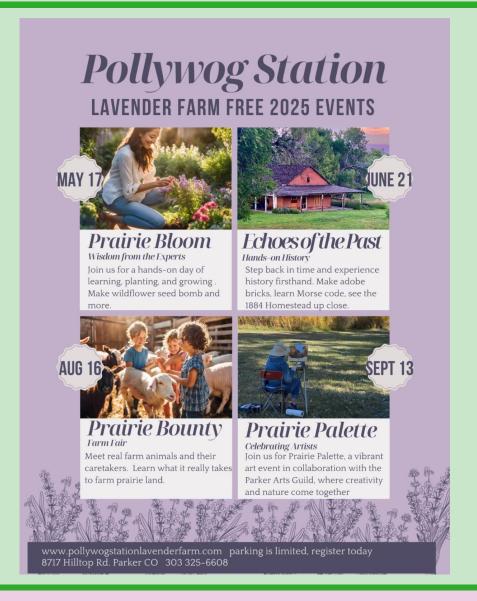
Not able to attend this event? Find more events or adopt a wild horse or burro online! Visit BLM.gov/WHB for more information.

\$125 Minimum fee



The Colorado BLM is having a wild horse and burro adoption on April 11-12 in Castle Rock at the Douglas County Fairgrounds. We are trying to get the word out to communities within driving distance of the event to help these animals find great homes. Would you be willing to share this event in your office? I've attached a flyer for printing and a link to the event can be found here:

https://www.blm.gov/announcement/blm-colorado-offers-wild-horses-and-burros-adoption-castle-rock



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 - <u>@Douglascountyextension</u>
 - @Douglas County, Colorado, 4-H
- Connect with us on Instagram.
 - @csudouglascoextension
- Stay up to date with our website! Be sure to check the <u>calendar</u> for upcoming dates.
 - https://douglas.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/

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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8 am - 5 pm, Closed Fridays

All Blast Submissions Must Be Sent into the Office by 12:00 PM the Wednesday **Before You Would Like Your Information Added** Effective March 1st, 2023

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https://col.st/0WMJA

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