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## **CSU Extension in Arapahoe County welcomes new 4-H Agent** *Jonathan Vrabc will oversee 4-H program and serve as Livestock Agent*

**Littleton, Colo.** —The Colorado State University Extension Office in Arapahoe County welcomed Jonathan Vrabc Feb. 3 as 4-H Youth Development and Livestock Agent. CSU Extension is responsible for delivering research-based information and programs from the university to county residents, including the popular [Colorado 4-H](#) youth development program.

Vrabc will lead [Arapahoe County 4-H](#), which reaches more than 5,000 youth each year through traditional 4-H clubs, school enrichment, after-school and community programs. Currently more than 300 youth members and 90 volunteer leaders are enrolled in 25 traditional 4-H clubs. Vrabc will oversee volunteer recruitment and training for club leaders, and will guide all 4-H projects involving horses, cattle, swine, sheep, goats, poultry, and shooting sports. He will also support his colleagues who coordinate 4-H general and consumer science projects and community outreach programs.

Vrabc will oversee all horse and livestock contests at the annual Arapahoe County Fair each July and serve as an advisor to the Fair Planning Committee and liaison to the 4-H Advisory Council. He also will work as the County's Livestock Agent and part-time Agriculture Agent by developing educational programs and consulting on natural resource issues for farmers, ranchers and small acreage owners.

Vrabc brings more than 15 years of experience in Extension agriculture and 4-H programs. He comes to Arapahoe County from El Paso County's CSU Extension Office, where he worked as the 4-H Youth Development and Agriculture Agent since 2000. He previously interned for the CSU Extension in Adams County and also was a Graduate Assistant for the State Extension.

Vrabc is an experienced livestock and horse judge, and holds a judge's card for the National Reining Horse Association and United States Equestrian Federation's Arabian Division. He has served as Ring Stewart for the National Western Stock Show and volunteer coordinator for the Rocky Mountain Horse Expo.

Vrabc holds a Masters of Agriculture in Extension Education and a Bachelors in Animal Sciences from Colorado State University, as well as an Associates in Agriculture from Casper College in Wyoming. He lives in Colorado Springs with his family and a small backyard flock of chickens, and his kids participate in the 4-H sheep and dog projects.

Vrabec can be reached at 303-730-1920 or [jvrabec@arapahoegov.com](mailto:jvrabec@arapahoegov.com). For more information about the CSU Extension in Arapahoe County, please visit [www.arapahoextension.org](http://www.arapahoextension.org). For more information about Colorado 4-H, please visit [www.colorado4h.org](http://www.colorado4h.org).

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