

4-H News to Know February 2014

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*Custer County Courthouse
and Extension Office will
be closed on Monday, Feb.
17th for Presidents' Day.*

Communication – As we continue with the new 4-H year, we want to remind you how we communicate with you. We have a lot of important information, deadlines, requirements, new changes and most importantly, educational opportunities to make you aware of. Our primary method of communication is through the *4-H News to Know* newsletter. It would be helpful to read this newsletter every month! Please make sure your

mailing address and email address are both up to date!! On occasion, we mail letters or postcards to 4-H members', leaders' homes. Please open and ready anything you receive from our office. Finally, all things related to County Fair are communicated through the Fair Book, which is generally completed and posted on www.custercountygov.com/ext in May or early June.

Keep in mind that many 4-H contests and activities have registration forms and deadlines. These will be covered in the newsletter. We publish this newsletter nearly every month, with a few combined monthly issues near fair time and the end of year. Information to be included in the newsletter needs to be submitted to the Extension Office by the 25th of each month. If information is not included in the newsletter, but needs to be sent out, we will send out an email to all 4-H and FFA members. So please keep current on viewing your email as well.

Don't forget...if you make any changes to your 4HOnline account, you NEED TO LET US KNOW!!!!!!!

Spring Carnival - mark your calendars with the carnival date: Wednesday, March 19th from 5-7 p.m. at the multi-purpose room at school.

We will have lots of fun activities and games going on for youth of all ages. Pizza and pop will be available for purchase.

Invite your family, friends and neighbors to come out for a fun time!

Meat Quality Assurance Class – all 4-H members in their first year with a market livestock project **MUST** attend a class and once again when they turn 14 or those 14 may take a written test and must pass it instead of taking the class. Those members 14 years of age with either option are: Halie Lemons and McKensie Penkoff. You must take the test before the date of the MQA class.

The following first year 4-H members must attend a class: Alysha, Brittany and Kirsten Benoit, Charlie Buchanan, Jacob Comerford, Elizabeth Mullett, Jolene Mullett, Grace Moos, and Benjamin Penkoff.

The only MQA class to be held in Westcliffe will be Wed., April 9 at 4:15 @ the Annex Bldg., OR there are several opportunities to visit the MQA trailer at several locations around the state:

Fremont County – Canon City Rodeo Grounds – April 21 or 22 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Chaffee County – Fairgrounds – April 18th from 3 – 7 p.m.

Teller County – 11122 U.S. 24, Divide – April 16th from 4 – 6 p.m.

Pueblo County – State Fairgrounds – March 20th from 6 - 8 p.m.

Park County – FitzSimmons Middle School, Shawnee, CO – April 17th – from 6 – 8 p.m.

El Paso County – Skyview Middle School, Colorado Springs – Feb. 1st – from 10:30 – 3 p.m.

If you attend one of these sessions, you must request a letter of attendance verification to be sent to the Extension Office. Please call if you have any questions.

Colorado State Fair Pork Exhibitors: All market hog exhibitors going to the Colorado State Fair need to have the up to date Pork Quality Assurance certificate for your entries. The MQA class held in Fremont County will also provide you with the PQA requirements.

Custer County 4-H Club rule: (please note the change below in bold) All elections are to be held in the 1st meeting in the calendar year (January). The 1st meeting of the 4-H year (November/December) will be run by the previous officers who are returning to their clubs. If those officers have moved on, the meeting will be run by the leader in the interim of the clubs executive board (officer team). The bylaws and officer duties will be given at the first 4-H Meeting of the 4-H year (November/December) for a 30 day review. Any changes wanted to be made to the bylaws must be made available for review 30 days prior to a vote. A discussion must be had before making such a vote. After the Bylaws have been approved no changes will be made for the remainder of the 4-H year, unless it is an avoidable necessity which must be proven to the Extension agent and met with her approval to amend the bylaws. Age requirements for officers: the President, Vice President, Treasurer, or Secretary must **be senior 4-H age** and at least a second year 4-H member. You do not have to belong to the same club, but enrolled in 4-H for a 2nd year before running for an executive office. You must also be present at the election to run for an office and give a statement of why you are a good candidate.

Are you interested in .22 Rifle

We will be offering a .22 Rifle workshop for any 4-H members that are interested. Please call the Extension Office to get on the list.

Livestock Record Books

REMEMBER... we will **NOT** be using the electronic version of the livestock or horse record books. We have printed versions, age appropriate for all 4-H members here in the office. Only one type of livestock per record book will be allowed. We will NOT combine livestock projects. So, if you are bringing beef, sheep, swine and goats to the fair, you will need to complete four different books. You may have multiple animals in your record book as long as they are all the same type. ie: 2 pigs-1 book, 4 rabbits-1 book, 3 sheep & 2 goats-2 books. Horses will have their own type of record book as well. If you have any questions at all, please call or stop by the Extension Office.

4-H Club Meeting Schedules:

Silver Spurs - at 4:15 p.m.: Feb.13, Mar. 13, April 10, May 8 and June 12-courthouse annex.

Trailblazers – at 1 p.m.: Feb. 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, and June 1-Mrs. Tillotson’s classroom at school.

Triple C Clovers – Feb. 7, March 7, April 4, May 2, June 6 @ 1 p.m. in the school Great Room.

Livestock Weigh in Schedule

Market Beef – from **2-4 p.m.**(Mandatory- March 9, May 18). Optional- June 22.

Market Sheep, Swine & Goats – from **2-4 p.m.** (All are mandatory) April 27, May 18 and June 22.

4-H Project Requirements

The Custer County Fair follows the Colorado State Fair requirements on all your indoor projects. These projects are: cake decorating, ceramics, computers, entomology, foods, model rocketry, outdoor adventures, photography, robotics, scrapbooking, shooting sports, veterinary science, visual arts, , wildlife and woodworking.

The 2014 CSF requirements are posted on the State 4-H website @ www.colorado4h.org

You can find your requirements, e-records, tip sheets, score sheets, etc. on this website.

Add/Drop Deadlines

4-H members – don't forget your project deadlines: if you want to add or drop an indoor project (those judged in the home ec building) the deadline is May 1st. Livestock and animal projects, the add/drop deadline is the first weigh in date for those animals.

Horse Certificates

Horse certificates are due to the Extension Office by May 1, 2014. This certificate must be completed for each horse that you may use for your project at the county fair. Certificates may be copied from the Horse record book or stop by the office for your copies. If leasing your horse, the lease agreement must be turned in with the horse certificate.

Dog Health Certificates

Dog certificates are due to the Extension Office by May 1, 2014. This certificate must be completed for each dog that you may use for your project at the county fair. Certificates may be copied from the Dog e-record or stop by the office for a copy.

Poster Boards Available

Look no further for the correct size of poster boards for your projects. We have a supply of them in the Extension Office. Your cost is \$2 each.

Colorado State Fair Retinal Scanning/Nomination Card Requirements

All market beef, sheep and goats that will be nominated to compete at the Colorado State Fair MUST have a retinal scan done as part of the nomination process. Market beef will be done on February 1st and Sheep and Goats will be done on May 9th. The retinal scanning process will be done in Fremont County. The cost is \$5 per animal. There WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS MADE!!! You must plan to take your animals to Fremont County on these dates.

The nomination cards for market swine will still need to have the ear notches, etc. All nomination cards (for sheep, swine and goats) must be completed and submitted to the Extension Office before the June 1st deadline. Market beef nominations are due by April 1st.

Colorado Childrens' Campaign Doll Day 2014

An opportunity has come up to help decorate cardboard cutout dolls to present to our Colorado State Senators and Representatives. This event helps to remind them that kids and their families should be a priority as they make policy decisions.

We will have 10 dolls to decorate and we are looking for 4-H members to volunteer to each decorate one of these dolls. It can be done through your clubs (CLUB LEADERS... ARE YOU INTERESTED) or on your own at home. If you are interested, please give the Extension Office a call for all the details.

The dolls will be delivered in early March so there is not a lot of time. Please give us a call!

Colorado CattleWomen Youth Beef Spokesperson Competition

Would you like to:

- Have adults listen to you for a change?
- Travel Colorado to CCW/CCA events and other local and state activities?
- Practice your speech and presentation skills in a welcoming environment?
- Have an opportunity to create your own YouTube video that shows your support for the beef industry with the possibility of earning a cash prize?
- Have an outstanding activity on your resume, college and scholarship applications?

If you answered yes to any of the above, then sign up for the Competition.

Official rules and more information are available at the Extension Office or these contacts:
Sallie Miller at smiller@wigginstel.com or 970-656-3792 or Colorado CattleWomen website:
www.ColoradoCattleWomen.com

2014 NRA YHEC & 4-H Hunting Skills Challenge

Do you enjoy hunting, shooting or just being outdoors? Would you like the opportunity to enhance your skills and learn more about hunting methods, game species, hunter ethics and safety? Then this event is for you!

The Youth Hunter Education Challenge/4-H Hunting/Outdoor Skills Challenge will be held in Flagler, CO on May 3-4 at the Flagler Lake Wildlife Area.

Youth 8-20 AND their family members are invited to attend. Shotgun and archery shooting, .22 rifle and muzzleloader shooting, orienteering and wildlife identification are just some of the challenges that are waiting for you and your family.

The cost of the event is \$45 per shooter and includes all ammunition and targets and guarantees participation in all events. Space is limited to 50 shooters per day so call to get your Shooter Information Packet today! For more information call Perry Brewer at 719-349-1358 or perry.d.brewer@gmail.com

South Central District Retreat

District Retreat will be held March 14-16th at the Silver Cliff Ranch in Nathrop, Colorado. This camp is for 4-H members ages 13 and up. Registration costs are estimated at \$125 per camper. Deadline to register is February 26th.

Night Owl

The Douglas County Extension Office is hosting a Rodeo themed Night Owl camp. This is one night only, March 21st-22nd from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m. at their fairgrounds. This overnight event is for ages 13-18, cost is \$10. AND you can bring your non 4-H friends. If you are interested, you must sign up Feb. 14th. Stop by for more information.

Upcoming camps:

State 4-H Conference – members 14 & up are eligible to attend this conference held on CSU campus in Ft. Collins, June 17-20th.

CUSTER COUNTY FAIR DATES...JULY 14 – 20TH, 2014

Please check out the Custer County CSU Extension website:
www.custercountygov.com/ext

2014 Public Speaking Contest

The Speech Contest is a very important part of the 4-H program—You do NOT have to come to practices, however it is recommended.

Remember—awards are presented to winners of the Speech Contest at Achievement Banquet in September.

PUBLIC SPEAKING PRACTICES

Mondays 4:15 p.m. Annex Building (February 24th and March 3rd will be in the Court Room).

Entry deadline for the speech contest will be February 28th. You do not have to be at the practices to enter the contest, but it will give you an advantage.

SPEECH CONTEST: March 6th

The 2014 Speech Contest will be held at the Custer County Court House on March 6th at 6pm.

DIVISIONS:

Cloverbuds 5-7 (participation ribbon only)

Junior Division — 8-10

Intermediate Division—11-13

Senior Division— 14 and over

All ages are based on 4-H age as of December 31, 2013

PREPARED SPEECH

The score card includes content, delivery and articulation, fluency, appearance, gestures, eye control, effectiveness, composition, speech structure, choice of words, materials and speech value.

INTERPRETATIVE READING

The reading should not be over 10 minutes. It can be one or several articles including poetry, humor, or anything appropriate for 4-H. The selection should be introduced and explained before it is presented.

IMPROMPTU SPEECH

The contestant will be given a topic and 10 minutes to prepare their speech. After ten minutes they will give a presentation on that topic not to exceed 5 minutes. This speech should include an introduction to gain the audience's attention, reasons and explanation of the subject and a conclusion to summarize.

PRESENTATIONS

Demonstrations or illustrated talks are a part of this category. A presentation is limited to 10 minutes in length. You will be allowed time to set up and take down your presentation. You will be expected to provide your own equipment. General equipment and supplies, such as tables, easel and chairs will be furnished upon request.

Contestants will receive 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th place ribbons. Participant ribbons will be awarded to 5th place and below. Cloverbuds will receive a participation ribbon only. A Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion will be named from an average in each age group if merited. Senior Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Prepared and Impromptu speech will be eligible for the state contest.



SPEECH CONTEST ENTRY



Name _____ Club _____

Age (12/31/13) _____ Phone: _____

Email address: _____

I will be entering the following:

_____ Junior; _____ Intermediate; _____ Senior

_____ Prepared Speech Contest - Title of Speech _____

_____ Interpretative Reading – Title of Reading _____

_____ Impromptu

_____ Presentations – Title of Presentation _____

Return this application to the Extension Office by February 28th. (You may turn it in at the next group practice)