

4-H News to Know March 2014



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Communication – As we continue with the 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 read 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. **There will be a marketing class in conjunction with the MQA. The class is open to any market livestock project members.** 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.

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.

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.: Mar. 13, April 10, May 8 and June 12-courthouse annex.

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

Triple C Clovers – 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.** 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. Another option would be the Fremont County Director, Tommy Covington, coming to Westcliffe to do the retinal scanning. He would charge a fee, probably travel costs plus the \$5 fee per animal.

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 Cattle Women 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

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.

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

2014 Public Speaking Contest

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST DATE CHANGE!

Due to unforeseen circumstances, I have had to change the date of the contest. The new date is April 7th (Monday) at 6pm. This means we have made room for 4 more practices!!! I know how excited you all are about this! Ok, what does this really mean for you? Remember that the practices are not mandatory, but you do get a lot out of them. The feedback that you get from the coaches and your peers just helps you to be a better, well prepared speaker. This also means that for those of you who haven't come to the practices who would like the opportunity to get feedback, now is your chance. Public speaking is an important skill to develop. And it's a fun way to get to know your fellow 4-Her's.

Here is the schedule for practices:

March 3rd – Annex/ general practice

March 10th – Annex/ impromptu

March 17th Annex/how to work with distractions. You will learn/practice how to stay focused when there are distractions in the room.

March 24th – Annex/ Impromptu and general.

March 31st – Court Room/ General Practice

April 7th – CONTEST IN THE COURT ROOM

The new deadline for registration will be March 21st. Please make sure you hand in your registration to the office. I appreciate your willingness to participate in our fabulous contest! You make it happen, thank you!

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 (March 31st will be in the Court Room).

Entry deadline for the speech contest will be March 21st). You do not have to be at the practices to enter the contest, but it will give you an advantage.

SPEECH CONTEST: April 7th

The 2014 Speech Contest will be held at the Custer County Court House on April 7th 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 March 21st. (You may turn it in at the next group practice)

FAIR SCHEDULE

Monday, July 14, 2014

- 7:00 am 4-H and Open Division exhibits check in
- 8:00 am 4-H and Open Division exhibits in place
- 9:00 am 4-H and Open Division exhibits judging

Tuesday, July 15, 2014

- 9:00 am 4-H Horse Shows & Gymkhana Exhibit Building opens
- 6:00 pm Exhibit Building closes

Wednesday, July 16, 2014

- 9:00 am Exhibit building opens
- 2:00 pm 4-H and FFA livestock exhibitors check in
- 5:00 pm 4-H and FFA livestock weigh in
- 6:00 pm 4-H and FFA livestock in place Exhibit building closes

Thursday, July 17, 2014

- 8:30 am Dog Show-Saddle Club Building
- 9:00 am Exhibit building opens
- 10:30 am 4-H, FFA and Open Rabbit Classes
4-H, FFA and Open Poultry Classes
Small animal Master Showmanship Contest would be held immediately after the rabbit and poultry classes.
- 5:00 pm 4-H, FFA Swine Classes
Exhibit building closes

Friday, July 18, 2014

- 9:00 am 4-H and FFA Sheep Classes
- 10:30 am 4-H and FFA Goat Classes
- 1:00 pm 4-H and FFA Beef Classes**
- 2:30 pm Master Showmanship (immediately after completion of beef classes)**
- 6:00 pm Exhibit building closes
Ranch Rodeo (Saddle Club)
Free Dance after Rodeo

Saturday, July 19, 2014

- 7:00 am Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast-School
- 8:00 am Rodeo Slack
- 9:00 am Exhibit building opens
- 10:00 am Parade - Main Street
- 1:00 pm Stampede Rodeo
- 6:00 pm Stampede Rodeo
Exhibit building closes
- 9:00 pm Stampede Dance-Saddle Club Building

Sunday, July 20, 2014

- 9:00 am Cowboy Church
Exhibit building opens
- 11:00 am Steak Fry
- 12:00 pm 4-H & FFA Livestock Sale
Exhibit building closes
- 3:00 pm Stampede Rodeo

Monday, July 21, 2014

- 7:00 am Check out for livestock and exhibit building until 9:00 a.m. Buildings closed.

(THIS IS A TENTATIVE SCHEDULE)