

# 4-H News to Know May 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 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](http://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 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

*There may be a few times that both Robin and Beverly are NOT able to be in the office. We will try to keep you posted with necessary office closures. Otherwise, it might be best to call ahead before you make the trip. THANKS.*

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

**Colorado State 4-H Office email blasts – There have been several emails sent out recently from the State 4-H Office. Most of these are project specific. Please make sure you look at these...don't automatically delete them.**

## **Congratulations to Custer County 4-H & FFA Graduating Seniors:**

Lane Byerly  
Kylie Ruzanski

William Brandon  
Rebecca Tillotson

Sydney Feldmann  
Henry Watson

Manny Pedigo

**Good luck in all your future endeavors!**

## 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.

## Livestock Weigh in Schedule

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

Market Sheep and Goats **ONLY** – from **2-4 p.m.** May 18 and June 22.

## 4-H Club Meeting Schedules:

**Silver Spurs** - at 4:15 p.m.: May 8 and June 12-courthouse annex.

**Trailblazers** – at 1 p.m.: May 4, and June 1-Mrs. Tillotson's classroom at school.

**Triple C Clovers** – May 2, June 6 @ 1 p.m. in the school Great Room.

## 4-H Project Requirements

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

The 2014 CSF requirements are posted on the State 4-H website @ [www.colorado4h.org](http://www.colorado4h.org)  
You can find your requirements, e-records, tip sheets, score sheets, etc. on this website.

## 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 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. Sheep and Goats will be done on May 18<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. The cost is \$5 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 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.

**State 4-H Conference** – members 14 & up are eligible to attend this conference held on the CSU campus in Ft. Collins, June 17-20<sup>th</sup>. This conference provides great training and an opportunity for 4-H members to strengthen their leadership skills. Eligible Custer County 4-H members may participate in the state contest areas of: Prepared Speech or Impromptu Speech (results from our Public Speaking Contest). Total registration costs are estimated at \$320 each plus \$25 for contest entry fees if applicable. Don't forget to apply for the Custer County 4-H Foundation scholarship!  
**Deadline to register is May 14<sup>th</sup>.** Please contact the office if you are interested in going this year!

## 4-H Truck Raffle Tickets

Colorado 4-H Foundation has once again received a Ford truck to raffle off. The 2014 Ford F150 XLT 4x4 Super Crew Cab pickup Grand Prize drawing will be held on September 27<sup>th</sup> in Montrose, Colorado. Other prizes include 2<sup>nd</sup> place - \$1,000 cash, 3<sup>rd</sup> place - \$750 cash, 4<sup>th</sup> place - \$500 cash, and 5<sup>th</sup> place - \$250 cash. Tickets cost \$5 each or 5 for

\$20. The 4-H Clubs and Custer County Foundation will be selling these tickets. 40% of the sales will be returned back to our county. Help support the Custer County 4-H program! Ticket sales will end Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>.

## 4-H Shooting Sports Raffle Tickets

Colorado's 4-H Shooting Sports program is holding its Fourth Annual statewide fundraising raffle to help local and county shooting sports clubs defray the cost of equipment, ammunition, targets, instructor training, travel and contest expenses. Tickets may be purchased from the Extension Office or any of the 4-H Shooting Sports members. Drawing will be held September 1<sup>st</sup>. Prizes include:

- ✓ CZ-Canvasback 12 ga. O/U Shotgun valued @ \$827.00
- ✓ CZ-455 American. 22 LR Bolt Action Rifle valued @ \$421.00
- ✓ Wild for Game Processing Set valued @ \$139.99
- ✓ Last Creek Crossing Sculpture valued @ \$125.00
- ✓ Four Piece White Ceramic Kitchen Knife Set w/holder valued @ \$124.99
- ✓ Federal 12 ga. Shotgun Shells 5-10 Box cases valued @ \$65/case
- ✓ Federal .22 LR Ammunition 5 – 525 Round Value Packs valued at \$40/pack

## *2014 Public Speaking Contest*

PUBLIC SPEAKING CONTEST was held April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6pm in the Custer County Court Room and was a great success. Congratulations to all of the participants. The sky was the limit for speeches this year. Ben Penkoff shared his interpretation of a Foul Shot. We heard from Joshua Phillips about the mummification process, a demonstration on a guitar and how you should care for your rabbit by Daniel Phillips. Marlana Phillips gave us a tear jerking tale of My Forever Home We also heard about how not to give a speech, by Justice Saraceno, what faithfulness means to Harry Kroeker, and the importance of honesty by George Kroeker. Madeleine Woods told us about women and Leadership, Michael Batson shared insights about global warming and Kaya Huffman shared with us about My Daddy. The evening was fun and exciting with a lot of great speakers. These youth deserve recognition for their hard work and dedication to the 4-H public Speaking Event!

The results of the 4-H Public Speaking are:

Juniors – Grand Champion is Justice Saraceno;  
Reserve is Ben Penkoff.

Intermediate – Grand Champion is Marlana Phillips;  
Reserve is Daniel Phillips

Senior – Grand Champion is Madeleine Woods;  
Reserve is Michael Batson

Congratulations to all the participants!!!



**Please check out the Custer County CSU Extension website: [www.custercountygov.com/ext](http://www.custercountygov.com/ext)**