

# 4-H News to Know Nov.-Dec. 2014

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*There may be 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.*

**4-H Achievement Awards** - The 4-H Foundation Awards Program was a great success! Thanks to everyone who brought food to share, helped with set up and clean up, and your active participation by attending the program. 4-H members, parents and leaders were recognized for their achievements this year. It was a great year!!

**State Fair Livestock Results** - Congratulations!! Several 4-H members took livestock projects to the Colorado State Fair with fantastic results:

Morgan Foster-market swine 1<sup>st</sup> & 1<sup>st</sup> place.

Lindsey Gillmore-market sheep 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> place; sheep showmanship 4<sup>th</sup> place; market swine 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 9<sup>th</sup> place; swine showmanship 4<sup>th</sup> place.

Elly Gluschke-Western Horse 2<sup>nd</sup> place; English Horse 2<sup>nd</sup> place; Reserve Grand Champion Level II Horse.

Katelyn Roberson-rabbits Reserve Champion.

Kyle Rose-market swine 5<sup>th</sup> place.

Grace Watkins-market sheep 2<sup>nd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> place; market goat 7<sup>th</sup> place.

**AK-SAR-BEN Competition Results** - Grace Watkins went to the AK-SAR-BEN competition in Omaha, Nebraska and returned with multiple awards. She received 5 ribbons total for her goat projects: 1 purple, 2 blues and 2 reds. Great job, Grace!!

**Colorado 4-H Foundation Raffles** - Tickets were sold for the Shooting Sports raffle and the Ford truck raffle again this year. Unfortunately, Custer County did not have any winners for either of the raffle prizes. BUT they are still winners because they earned a percentage of the ticket sales. The shooting sports raffle proceeds amounted to \$255.00. The Ford Truck raffle brought in \$1,410.00. Great job to all members, parents, leaders, etc. that sold tickets!!

**4-H Enrollment** - Now that the enrollment process has begun, we need to start looking forward to the new 4-H year. The deadline for returning 4-H members was November 3<sup>rd</sup>. New to 4-H youth interested in joining 4-H will have an extended deadline of January 5<sup>th</sup> to sign up. If you have any family members, friends, school pals, etc. that are interested in joining 4-H, PLEASE HAVE THEM CALL US OR STOP BY THE EXTENSION OFFICE!

**Beef Weigh in** - The first weigh/tag day has been scheduled for Sunday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. The time will be emailed to everyone when it is set. Please have your beef projects halter broke for this first weigh in. Also, please bring your inspection papers/bill of sale records. Copies will be made during the next week and we will return a copy to all exhibitors.

**Archery Equipment Needed** - If you have any archery equipment that you would like to donate to the program, we will gladly accept it for the use of any of the 4-H members that may need it. Our archery member numbers continue to grow! YAY!!! Please give us a call.

**Trailblazers 4-H Club Meeting** - The first meeting of the Trailblazers Club will be held on Sunday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, 1 p.m. at the home of Alisha Shy (110 County Road 340, Silver Cliff - Valley Feeds). Alisha will be the new club leader this year. She will be checking with all the members to set up a schedule for the rest of the meetings. Please plan to attend and participate!

**Silver Spurs 4-H Club Meetings** - The Silver Spurs Club meetings will be held on the second Thursday each month beginning November 13<sup>th</sup>. The meetings will start at 4:15 p.m. and be held at the Courthouse Annex Building again. The rest of the schedule is: Dec. 11, Jan. 8, Feb. 12, March 12, April 9, May 7 and June 11.

**National Western Stock Show** — NWSS will begin January 10 and run through January 25, 2015. They are offering discount packages to 4-H families. If interested call the Extension Office for more information.

## Holiday Greetings

We do want to extend a "Happy Holidays" greetings to all from the Extension Office. Thanks for all your support in 2014! We are certainly looking forward to 2015 for an even better year!!!

**Custer County Courthouse will be closed for the following holidays:**

Wednesday, November 26<sup>th</sup> – ½ day, Thursday & Friday, November 27 & 28 for Thanksgiving

Wednesday, December 24- ½ day, Thursday & Friday, December 25 & 26 for Christmas

Wednesday, December 31- ½ day, Thursday & Friday, January 1 & 2, 2015 for New Years

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