

4-H News to Know May 2015



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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 these necessary office closures. Call before you make the trip. THANKS!

Check out the new Custer County 4-H Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/CusterCountyCO4H>

4-H Online updated – For those 4-H members that want to check their online enrollment, etc. the new url is: **co.4honline.com**. If you bookmarked the other one, make sure to delete it. And if you do go in and make any changes – **REMEMBER, YOU MUST NOTIFY THIS OFFICE WITH THOSE CHANGES!!!!!!**

Congratulations to Graduating Seniors!

Kyle Rose, Conner Rowley, Dillon Wommack and Madeleine Woods – Good luck in all your future endeavors!

County Fair Info – all 4-H and FFA exhibitors will be receiving a mailed packet from the Extension Office. This packet will include your fair entry forms as well as other forms that will need to be completed and returned by the deadline. We will have these packets out to everyone in early to mid May with a deadline of JUNE 1st for them to be returned. Failure to complete and return these forms will result in NON-PARTICIPATION AT THE COUNTY FAIR!! So please watch your mail and return asap.

Tools Lost – we are looking for a ratchet and socket that were used at the fairgrounds last year. We have not been able to find them yet. Please look in any of your tool boxes/bags to see if they were picked up by mistake. Or picked up to return and then just forgot to bring to the office.

Trailblazers 4-H Club Meeting - The schedule for the meetings: **May 10** and June 7th. Meetings start at 1 p.m. and are held at the Shy's residence.

Silver Spurs 4-H Club Meetings - The meetings will start at 4:15 p.m. and be held at the Courthouse Annex Building. The schedule is: May 13 and June 11.

Triple C Clovers 4-H Club Meeting – Schedule of meetings: May 24 and June 14th. All meetings will begin at 12:30 p.m. in the great room at school.

Market Livestock Weigh in Schedule

Market Beef – Jan. 11 (done), March 15(done), May 31 and June 28 (this one is optional) (2-4 p.m.)

Market Sheep and Goats – April 26(done), May 31 and June 28 (2-4 p.m.)

Rabbits – June 22 @ 9 a.m. All market rabbits eligible for the market sale must identified and weighed.

Practice schedules –

Archery - (May 8th, 5:30pm at the Search and Rescue building May 16th, 8:30am at the Cowboy Church)

Horse – with Marci – 4-H horse – Fridays @ 9 a.m.: May 29, June 5, 12, 19 and 26, July 3 and 10.

4-H Horse Gymkhana – Mondays @ 6 p.m. – June 1, 15 and 29.

Saddle Club members Gymkhana – Mondays @ 6 p.m. – June 8, 22 and July 6 (time to be determined).

Rabbit Cages Project – we are looking for 2” tall by 4” diameter (12-13 oz.) tuna or chicken, etc. cans to be used in the rabbit cages. These cans will be wired to the cages for food and water – **No More Overturned Messes!** You may bring them to the Extension Office.

4-H Project Requirements – The Custer County Fair follows the Colorado State Fair requirements on all your indoor projects. These projects are: cake decorating, clothing construction, entomology, foods, heritage arts, leathercraft, model rocketry, outdoor adventures, photography, robotics, scrapbooking, shooting sports, vet science, visual arts and woodworking. The 2015 requirements, e-records, tip sheets, score sheets, etc. are all posted on the State 4-H website @ www.colorado4h.org

AK-SAR-BEN competition – for those 4-H members that are interested in participating at the competition in Nebraska with their sheep, swine or goats, I have received the DNA kits. Please stop by to pick them up.

Retinal Scans for Colorado State Fair Animals - Please mark your calendars if you are planning to exhibit livestock at the State Fair. All livestock going to State Fair need to be brought to the Fairgrounds from 1-2 p.m. on May 17th. Each exhibitor will be responsible for the cost of \$5 per animal for the retinal scan. They will also pay for the mileage reimbursement for Mr. Covington’s travel to Westcliffe to perform the scans. Contact the Extension Office to let us know if you are attending. **If we don’t hear from you by May 11th, we will cancel Tommy’s visit.**

Robotics is back! Any youth wishing to participate in the 2015 Robotics team, please contact the office. The Robotics team will learn how to build and program robots, then compete with other teams from across the state. There will also be a robotics camp offered July 6-10. A leader for the elementary group is needed, no experience necessary. For more information, please contact the Extension office.

4-H State Conference

The 2015 Colorado State 4-H Conference will be held June 22-26, 2015 (age 14 and up). State 4-H Conference provides great training and an opportunity for 4-H members, leaders, and Extension agents to strengthen their leadership skills. It also hosts the following state contests: Livestock Bowl, Livestock Judging, Consumer Choices, Consumer Bowl, Horse Bowl, Horse Judging, Hippology, Horse Demonstration and Public Speaking, Prepared Speech, Impromptu Speech, and Parliamentary Procedure. We look forward to your participation!

The cost for conference is about \$325.00 and the **deadline to register is May 18th**. **Please let us know asap if you are interested in attending so we can get the registration packet to you!** Don't forget – scholarships are available to help with the costs.

4-H Truck Raffle Sales have begun!

Tickets have arrived! Club leaders that are interested in selling the truck raffle tickets for a club fundraiser need to come into the Extension Office. This year, the clubs will receive 50% back from the ticket sales!! Ticket sales will end September 11, 2015.

More prizes have been added:

Grand prize - 2015 Ford Super Crew pick up

2nd prize - \$1450 cash

3rd prize - \$1200 cash

4th prize - \$1000 cash

5th prize - \$750 cash

6th prize - \$500 cash

7th prize - \$250 cash

8th prize - \$100 cash (5 prizes to be given)

This is twice as much as previously offered!!

Cost is \$5 each per ticket or \$20 for 5

tickets. Let's get busy selling these tickets.

We will have either the truck that will be raffled off or one just like it on certain dates here in Custer County. Plan to come take a look and buy some raffle tickets!

June 20 for Ride the Rockies event

July 4-5 for Independence Day celebrations

July 17, 18 & 19 for County Fair and Stampede Rodeo

2015 Custer County Fair

July 13-19, 2015

4-H Shotgun and .22 Competitions will be held Friday, July 10th beginning at 9 a.m.