



Extension

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We will continue to publish all newsletters electronically. Please make sure we have your current email address so we can keep you in the loop. If you don't have internet, we can print a newsletter for you. Stop by the office.

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 Custer County 4-H Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/CusterCountyCO4H



Less than two weeks left to apply!

The deadline to apply for the Daniels Scholarship Program is only two weeks away! The application will close on November 13, 2015 at 4:00 p.m. MST.

The scholarship application can be accessed through our website at <u>DanielsFund.org</u> along with additional information about eligibility requirements, selection criteria, application process, and selection timeline. Please encourage students to complete and submit their applications as soon as possible and not to wait until the last minute — our staff and system get very busy as we get closer to the deadline!

#### Important reminders:

All three of the following components must be *submitted* for an application to be complete:

- 1. Eligibility Questionnaire
- 2. Application including uploaded documents
- 3. Recommendation

ACT/SAT scores must be entered in the application and official proof of scores must be uploaded to the Required Documents section of the application before the deadline. All test scores must come from a single test — superscoring is not allowed.

### Important message for Recommenders:

Applicants and Recommenders can check the status of their application and/or recommendation by logging in to the application website using their username and password. To view the status, applicants can click on the "Status" menu and Recommenders can click on the "Recommendation Status" menu at the top of the page. *About the Daniels Fund* 

The Daniels Fund, established by cable television pioneer Bill Daniels, is a private charitable foundation dedicated to making life better for the people of Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming through its grants program, scholarship program, and ethics initiative. As of June 2015, the Daniels Scholarship Program has provided nearly \$130 million in undergraduate scholarships to more than 3,250 students. For more information, visit <u>DanielsFund.org</u>.

## 4-H Achievement Awards Program

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. It was a great year - wonderful food was enjoyed by all and the 4-H members, parents and leaders were recognized for their achievements.

### 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 all members - returning and brand new - is December 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any friends or family members that are interested in joining, please have them come by the office or give us a call.

The State 4-H Office is requiring all members to enroll themselves on line through colorado4honline.com - if you do not have internet or speeds not adequate, we can help with the enrollment process in the office. Just give us a call or stop by.

## Working Ranch Horse

Lisa Behrman is working toward becoming a new horse leader and is interested in starting a Working Ranch Horse project. If you are interested or would like to get more information, please contact the Extension Office. A tentative first meeting date is scheduled for Jan. 9, 2016, noon at the Saddle Club Building. Below is general information from Lisa.



The 4-H Working Ranch Horse Program is an exciting addition to the 4-H Horse Program. It provides an opportunity for youth to be involved in western horsemanship activities beyond the traditional show ring. Kids learn the age-old techniques of handling livestock while on horse back, as well as the leadership and responsibility that comes with being engaged in 4-H.

In this program you will learn safe and effective use of western horses for the purpose of handling, sorting, and moving cattle. It also addresses the techniques and skills of safe, humane, useful roping of livestock while mounted on the western horse.

There are levels of completion which are based on how fast you learn and complete each level. You do not need to have a horse; this can be learned with or without a horse.

If this sounds like something you may be interested in, please come by the 4-H Office at the courthouse and let Robin or Beverly know so you can sign up. Let's make this a fun year in 4-H in 4-H Working Ranch Horse.

## Ak-Sar-Ben Results

Congratulations to both Lindsey Gillmore and Grace Watkins for their outstanding results at this Omaha, Nebraska Livestock Show.

Lindsey placed Grand Champion with her Market Barrow with an overall Reserve Champion status from all the market pigs entered in the show (599 pigs in all). They sell only 7 animals from each species so it was great that Lindsey was able to make the sale. "Nud" her GC pig almost wasn't. It was going to be a feeder pig, but Lindsey was quite adamant about taking him to Nebraska. Great Job!

Grace receive a 6<sup>th</sup> place on Lamb Showmanship, 9th Lt. Weight Market Lamb, 7th Heavy Weight Market Lamb and Supreme on Herdsmanship. Congratulations!

# 4-H Truck Raffle Sales Ended!

This year, the Silver Spurs 4-H Club and the Custer County 4-H Foundation sold tickets for Custer County. The grand total earned between the two groups was a whopping \$2,120.00. Even though Custer County didn't win the truck, at least the winning ticket was sold here. The winner lives in Canon City. So it was really close this year!! Maybe next year we can have a winner here! Thanks to all that sold the truck raffle tickets! **Beef Weigh in** - The first official weigh and tag day for beef will be scheduled for Sunday, January 10, 2016 from 2-4 p.m. at the fairgrounds. Please remember to bring your bill of sale or brand inspection papers with you.

**Custer County Cattlewomen Micro Beef Loan** - Congratulations to Ed, Billy, and Anastasia Berry for being the recipients for the Custer County Cattlewomen Micro Beef Loan. We look forward to seeing you work on your projects this year!



**Custer County 4-H Camp** - The **Custer County 4-H Camp** will be held on **FEBRUARY 13, 2016**. The location will be determined at a later date. This will be an opportunity for ALL Custer County 4-Her's to have a great time together and build our comradery as a 4-H Family! The camp is free and there will be food, games, prizes, t-shirts, and more. If you have never been to a 4-H camp, then this is the one to try! It will be held from 1pm to 6pm with a pizza party to follow! Look in the January newsletter for more information and **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** You won't want to miss this!!

Holiday Greetings

We do want to extend "Happy Holidays" greetings to all of you from the Extension Office. Thanks for all your support in 2015. We are certainly looking forward to 2016 for an even better year!

Custer County Courthouse will be closed:

Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup> for Veterans' Day

Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27 for Thanksgiving

Thursday & Friday, December 24 & 25 for Christmas

Thursday, December 31 and Friday, January 1 for New Years

Colorado State University, U. S. Department of Agriculture and Colorado counties cooperating. Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.

Individuals requiring special accommodations to participate in any activity, program or service should notify the program coordinator at least 5 business days prior to the scheduled event.