

4-H News to Know September/October 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 Custer County 4-H Facebook page:

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

68th Annual Custer County Fair

Congratulations to all 4-H, FFA and Open Division contestants and winners at the County Fair! Hope everyone had a great time and you are all eager for the next year! The results are posted at the end of this newsletter. Again, Congratulations!

County Fair Premiums

All 4-H and FFA members with non-saleable projects are entitled to fair premiums from the Custer County Fair Board. If you earned a Blue or 1st place ribbon – that is worth \$8. A Red or 2nd place ribbon is worth \$4, a White or 3rd place is \$3 and a 4th place ribbon will earn \$2. These apply to all the indoor projects, dog, horse and breeding & dairy projects. The premiums have been calculated and are available at the Extension Office to pick up.

4-H Projects head to Colorado State Fair

Congratulations to all the County Fair exhibitors with their projects that qualified to go to the Colorado State Fair. Exhibits were taken down on Wednesday, August 19th. Following is a list of those projects and exhibitors and their awards:

Kyleigh Martin – Vet Science - Qualifier

Justice Saraceno – Entomology -2nd Reserve Champion

Dalton Wommack – Shooting Sports-archery – 2nd Reserve Champion; Shooting Sports-.22 – Qualifier; Archery Competition-Qualifier; Shotgun Competition

Katlyn Freeburg – Shooting Sports-archery – 7th; Shooting Sports-.22 – 3rd; Shooting Sports-shotgun – Qualifier; Wildlife – 2nd Reserve Champion; Scrapbooking – 9th; Photography – 1st Champion; Best Photo Contest - Qualifier; Archery Competition-10th; Shotgun Competition

Kylie Carter – Shooting Sports-archery - Qualifier; Visual Arts – 4th

Andrew Flynn – Archery Competition – Qualifier

Dillon Wommack – Archery Competition-Qualifier; Shotgun Competition

Scott Freeburg – Shooting Sports-shotgun – Qualifier; Archery Competition-Qualifier; Shotgun Competition

Cameron Penkoff – Outdoor Adventures – 3rd

Hannah Kennedy – Visual Arts - Qualifier; Foods – 6th; Heritage Arts - Qualifier

Sheyenne Shy – Scrapbooking – 5th

Brooke Flynn – Photography – 7th

Kyle Rose – Market Sheep – Sr. Showmanship – 4th, Market Class – 10th

Morgan Foster – Market Swine Showmanship 7th, Market Class – 3rd & Market Sheep Showmanship – Grand Champion, Market Class – 7th

Lindsey Gillmore – Market Swine- 1st, 3rd & 4th places; showmanship – 3rd, Made the Sale & Market Sheep – 10th place

Grace Watkins – Market Sheep-3rd place and Made the Sale

HailleyAnn Widger – Market Swine- Exhibitor

Katelyn Roberson – Breeding Rabbits – total of 6 1st places, 4 Reserve Champion, 1 Champion; Hopping Rabbit Contest – new record for 6 second run-Champion

Congratulations to Grace Watkins who won the Market Lamb Ultrasound Contest at the State Fair. She even beat out the Grand Champion Market Lamb! It just goes to show that you can't judge a book by its cover or in this case, a lamb by its wool!

Agapema homogena (Saturniidae)



Our resident entomologist, Justice Saraceno, has made an “exceedingly rare” find of an *Agapema homogena* (Saturniidae) moth. This moth hasn't been found in Colorado for 20 years! Justice found the moth outside his house. He didn't know exactly what kind of moth it was so he called our other resident entomologist, Matt Camper (ok, now he lives in Ft. Collins, but Matt is a Custerite). Matt explained to Justice that when he received the photos, he sent them on to Dr. Boris Kondratieff at CSU, the lead taxonomist and the head curator of the C.P. Gillette Museum of Arthropod Biodiversity. Dr. Kondratieff identified the *Agapema homogena* and commented that it was a sweet catch! Now they want to display the specimen in the museum and put Justice's name on it for credit!

Justice also received Reserve Grand Champion at the State Fair this year with his wonderful displays. AND... Justice was the number one individual for truck raffle ticket sales IN THE STATE! **Way to go, Justice!**

4-H Achievement Awards Program

Miss something in September? **The 4-H Foundations Awards Ceremony!** But don't worry, the awards ceremony will take place on **October 11th in the multi-purpose room at 1:00pm**. This year you can sign up to be a member of the Custer County 4-H Foundation for just \$20. Bring your checkbooks to get this deal the day of the banquet! Memberships are otherwise only \$25 per family. Membership provides benefits such as 75% paid fees to attend camps, sponsorship of the awards ceremony, providing other opportunities for all 4-Her's. There will be a drawing for two free memberships too. Bring your checkbook to support the organization that supports you. There will also be a silent auction this year so bring your checkbook to support the organization that supports you.

Reminder for Clubs: Silver Spurs are to bring Salads; Triple C's are to bring Sides; and Trail Blazers are to bring Desserts. THANK YOU!!!!

The Custer County Cattlewomen Beef Loan is back! This is the best deal going if you are interested in doing a beef project and can't afford the up front costs! Applications are due on October 15th. You will be notified by October 20th. The Cattlewomen support this project through donations and shares. They want to see our youth succeed in a project that is near and dear to their hearts. The loan is paid back at a 1% interest fee. Yes, that's 1% interest! And you get a great reward at the 4-H Foundation Awards Ceremony! Come pick an application today. You could be the next Grand Champion Market Beef winner!

Enrollment is open on October 16! Are you a new member or a returning member to 4-H? Want to try a new project? 4-H has so much to offer, you may find your new passion for something completely different! Try photography, ceramics, leathercraft, or cake decorating. Maybe you are more into model rockets or robotics, or even small engines. There are so many projects to choose from, why not try something new? Enrollment is now done online. You can enroll online starting October 16th at <https://co.4honline.com/Login.aspx?403D4041306268495252646F2B413D>.

Custer County 4-H enrollment has a new deadline for enrollment – December 1st for new and renewing members.

EARLY ENROLLMENT INCENTIVE – For those of you who enroll by **November 2nd** Beverly is offering a drawing for an MP3 player. She will do the drawing on November 3rd and make the announcement by e-mail.

A **BIG** thank you to the Custer County Cattlewomen who support 4-H with the proceeds from the July 26th Cutting Dinner at A Painted View Ranch. These proceeds go toward Custer County 4-H members to further their goals in 4-H and their future. Thanks again Cattlewomen!!

Scholarships are available for 4-H enrollment and to help fund certain projects. Come talk to Robin or Beverly about how to apply. Scholarships are available to all without discrimination.

Upcoming 4-H camps

Colorado Leadership Camp. This is a great camp for 6th -9th graders. http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/clc/flyer.pdf

Dare to be you. This camp is our district camp and is SOOOO much fun! Just ask Lindsey Gillmore and Hannah Kennedy! We went last year and had a BLAST! Just click on the link:



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Registration is open until the 29th, so if you are considering, please sign up now!

Tractor Supply Company is Proud to Support 4-H – Donate \$1 at checkout to purchase a 4-H Clover. For a limited time only – (October 7 – October 18) If clubs or 4-H groups are interested in this fundraiser, we will need to set up an account with Tractor Supply and select a location. So time is of the utmost importance!

Don't forget to friend us on Facebook! Post your pictures and tell us about your 4-H experience!

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

4-H Truck Raffle!

This year, the clubs and groups selling tickets will receive 50% back from the ticket sales!! Ticket sales ended September 11, 2015. The drawing will be held Saturday, Sept. 26th. 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.

Custer County is in the "Top Ten" with the amount of tickets sold here. Sometimes, we are even in 3rd place! Many thanks to Justice Saraceno and family for selling the bulk of these tickets!!

VOLUNTEER TODAY. INSPIRE FOR A LIFETIME.



Today, 4-H'ers are stepping up to make positive changes in our communities, across the country, and all over the world. But behind every success story, there is a mentor—someone just like you. As a 4-H volunteer, you can share your skills and experience to help transform a new generation of confident young leaders. This is *your* chance to make a change, to be the spark that inspires a revolution. A revolution of responsibility.

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