

# 4-H News to Know

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

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

**Market Livestock Competitions** – Lindsey Gillmore brought home a Grand Champion win from the Kansas City American Royal with her Poland China Market Hog. Congratulations Lindsey!! *(If you are an exhibitor competing in jackpot shows or other shows pertaining to your project be sure to let us know your placings and also send a photo if you have one so that we can add your achievements to our newsletter!)*

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### *Custer County Courthouse closures thru end of 2016:*

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

*Thursday & Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving*

*Friday, December 23 & Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup> for Christmas*

*Monday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017 for New Year's.*

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**National 4-H Congress – Katlyn's going to Atlanta!** Congratulations to Katlyn Freeburg for her opportunity to attend this event. She won the Grand Champion 4-H Wildlife project at the State Fair which earned her this chance. She will be going to Atlanta, Georgia in November. Congrats!!

**4-H Achievement Awards Program** – This year's Awards Program was a success! Thank you to all who came and participated, we had a full house and it was great to see all of the kids participating in their Achievement Awards Program. Also, a HUGE thank you goes out to the Foundation for all of their hard work and contributions that went into making another year of awards possible. Last but not least, thank you to all of the volunteers, leaders and award sponsors for your hard work and financial donations that went into the 2016 4-H year.

**4-H Enrollment** – It is time to start the enrollment process for the 2016-17 4-H year. Enrollment forms are available and placed on the website as well as the 4honline link. Families are highly encouraged to complete enrollments through 4HOnline. All 4-H members must complete the 4-H enrollment form by the deadline of December 1<sup>st</sup>. (This is for re-enrollment of previous members and any new members to join up)

The county enrollment fee is \$25 per member. This fee needs to be paid by the deadline as well unless you have talked to the Extension Office for an extension or to apply for a scholarship. The literature fees will be based on your actual manuals, record books, etc. that are ordered for any of the projects.

If you have any questions, please stop by or give us a call.

**4-H Club Meetings:** Leaders, when you set your regular monthly club meeting dates, please notify the Extension Office so that we can post it to the calendar and the newsletters. Also, if you have any information that needs to be in any upcoming newsletters, you must have that information into the Extension Office no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

## **Meat Quality Assurance:**

### **MQA Will Be Required Yearly For ALL 4-H Market Livestock Members!!**

The MQA trailer will be coming in March. We will keep you posted with the actual dates. The previous rule was that first year members attend the class and they were to attend again when they turned 14. Please note that ALL 4-H Market Livestock participants will be required to attend a MQA EVERY YEAR that they are enrolled in a market livestock project from here on out.

**ATTENTION MARKET BEEF EXHIBITORS:** Now is the time to start shopping for your beef projects. Your official weigh in will be in January (Date and Time TBD). Many breeders are preparing to take their fall calf crop to market, be sure to contact your breeder to select your calves before it's too late!! If you would like information on upcoming club calf sales or breeders who sell to fair kids, contact the extension office.

## **Upcoming Events and Camps:**

**4-H Club Officer Training** – Will be held on January 21, 2017 in Pueblo. Look for more details and registration information at a later date. **Watch your email for this information!!** If you attended last year and already know what it is about but want to go again, please call the extension office so that we can put you on the list.

**Colorado Leadership Conference** – Grace Watkins will be attending this year's CLC in Glenwood Springs, November 4-6, 2016 to see how high she can soar. The theme this year is "Soaring to Success". The conference will have several hands on workshops to develop skills in communication, teamwork, critical thinking and social skills. Delegates will enjoy building planes and flying them. Delegates will design a miniature roller-coaster to meet criteria. Teamwork is always a part of every workshop as you work with new friends and old. As a part of the conference we will build Christmas Shoe Boxes for less fortunate children around the world. These boxes will include pencils, paper, markers, small toys, etc. Look for Grace's accounting on her trip to CLC in the December Newsletter.

**Dare to be You Camp** – will be held in Pueblo on November 18-20 at the State Fairgrounds. We have 3 youth attending this year so look for a great story about their experience in the next newsletter!

## Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book Cover Art Contest

Below is information submitted by the State 4-H Horse Committee. They are wanting to update the front of the 4-H Horse Rule Book and are having a contest to select the front cover. If interested...check it out!

- Please submit your 4-H Horse related drawings or sketches via email no later than January 1, 2017. Make sure that your image can be printed in black and white should it be selected as the winner. The winning artwork will be placed on the cover of the updated edition of the Colorado State 4-H Horse Show Rule Book. The winner will also receive a \$150.00 Scholarship to be used towards registration fees for one of the following: State 4-H Horse Show, State 4-H Conference, 4-H Leadership Development Conference, Colorado 4-H Leadership Camp or 4-H Youth Fest. The \$150.00 prize must be used by the winner within 12 months of notification and will be paid directly to any of the above listed events. The \$150.00 Scholarship prize is non-transferable. No money will be issued to the contest winner directly. Please make sure that entries are 4-H appropriate.

### Entry Requirements:

- High resolution gif or jpg digital files of pencil or black ink drawing / sketch.
- Entries should be no larger than 8.5" x 11" when printed.
- 4-H appropriate horse related images only.

Please email entries and questions to Sam Lowry at [sam.lowry@colostate.edu](mailto:sam.lowry@colostate.edu)

## 4-H NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for volunteers with all different skills. If you would like to help our youth gain the knowledge and skills to become the leaders of tomorrow, then please contact the Extension office.



The Extension Office is looking for BOARD VOLUNTEERS...If you would like to serve a term on one of our boards please come by the extension office for more information.

**Project nights are coming.** Are you interested in other 4-H projects? Then be on the lookout for Project nights! You will discover all about what projects 4-H has to offer! Remember, 4-H enrollment began on October 16<sup>th</sup> and ends December 1<sup>st</sup>. Most projects can be added or dropped until the May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline.



# The Purpose of 4-H Projects

"Create a *blue ribbon child*  
not a blue ribbon project."

## Life Skills Development

- Decision Making
- Goal Setting
- Planning, Implementing and Evaluating
- Accepting Responsibility
- Communicating
- Teamwork and Cooperation
- Record Keeping

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**Thanks for being a part of the Custer County 4-H family!!!**

**Catch-A-Calf Program-** The Catch-A-Calf Program will be awarding 40 steers to participants who successfully catch calves at the 2017 rodeo performances at the Western Stock Show. Youth must be 12 years old by December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016 and enrolled 4-H members for the 2016/2017 4-H year to participate. The deadline to submit entries is December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. Applications are available at the Extension Office so if interested, stop by.

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!**

We are wishing all of our 4-H and FFA Families a Happy Thanksgiving. May your tables and homes be bountiful with many Blessings!!



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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.