

4-H News to Know

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Market Livestock Competitions - Grace Watkins went to Nebraska for the AK-SAR-BEN competition in September. She made the: www.championdrive.com with her 2nd place showing in her class of Market Lambs. Congratulations!

Custer County Courthouse closures thru end of 2016:

Friday, November 11th for Veterans' Day

Thursday & Friday, November 24th & 25th for Thanksgiving

Friday, December 23 & Monday, December 26th for Christmas

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 – very important!! Read all the way through!! Mark your calendar! The date has been set for Sunday, October 23rd beginning at 12:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room at school. Each family is being asked to bring a salad (pasta, macaroni, potato, fruit, etc.) or desserts. The Custer County 4-H Foundation will provide the rest.

All 4-H members must attend to claim your cash rewards and gifts. If you do NOT, your reward will be returned to the Foundation funds. For an exemption request from attending, you must call the Extension Office before Friday, October 21st, 4 p.m. or call after hours/weekend and leave a message.

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CLVERBUDS

Cloverbuds is an introduction to 4-H for ages 5-7
(as of December 31st 2016)

Club members will attend monthly activities that will teach them about the different projects available in 4-H. Some of the activities include:

- Pottery
- Photography
- Foods and Nutrition
- Archery
- Wildlife/ Fishing/ Outdoor Adventures
 - Small Animals (rabbits)
 - Large Animals (horse)

(Parents are encouraged to attend activities to facilitate family involvement)

To sign up or for more information go to the
Extension Office (2nd floor of courthouse)

<https://www.4honline.com/>

Custer County Cattlewomen Beef Loan Program – The Cattlewomen are again offering low cost loans to help any 4-H or FFA members with a beef project. The application is available at the Extension Office. The deadline to complete and return the application and any documents needed is October 14th. Stop by soon to pick up your application.

Custer County 4-H Foundation Market Livestock Micro Loan – this is available to help any **4-H/FFA** member with a market project. Funds available are \$500 for a swine, sheep or goat project. \$100 will be available for (2) meat pens of rabbits. Applications are available at the Extension Office with a deadline of March 15th.

You must be a member of the Custer County 4-H Foundation to apply, but not necessarily a 4-H member. You can be an FFA member to apply, but will need to join the 4-H Foundation (\$25/family). Feel free to call the Extension Office if you have any questions.

National 4-H Week – October 2-8, 2016

4-H Enrollment – It is almost time to start the enrollment process for the 2016-17 4-H year. Enrollment materials will soon be available and placed on the website when we get them. 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 1st. (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.

We are working on the end of the year process with the State 4-H Office now and they are telling us that you can go online to enroll beginning October 15th. If this changes, we will let you know. If you have any questions, please stop by or give us a call.

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 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.

Upcoming Events and Camps:

Colorado Leadership Conference - CLC is for 4-H youth in grades 6th through 9th with a cost of \$120 for the registration. Join your 4-H friends at the upcoming Colorado Leadership Conference (CLC) in Glenwood Springs, November 4-6, 2016 to see how high you can soar. The theme this year is "Soaring to Success". The conference will have several hands on workshops to develop your 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. For more information and to register, contact the Extension Office.

Workshops for CLC are:

Drones & Copters: Can you soar high?

Build your own plane: Keeping afloat

Rolla-Coaster: Life has its ups and downs Operation Christmas Child: Community Service

Dance: Moving & Grooving

Dare to be You Camp – will be held in Pueblo on November 18-20 at the State Fairgrounds.

Registration fee is \$45. Please come by the Extension Office for camp forms or go online to register Oct. 16-31st. We will still need forms in the office even if you register online. Give us a call for more info.

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

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.



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 begins on October 16th and ends December 1st. You don't have to know what projects you are taking, drop/add deadline is May 1st.



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 31st, 2016 and enrolled 4-H members for the 2016/2017 4-H year to participate. The deadline to submit entries is December 1st, 2016. Applications are available at the Extension Office so if interested, stop by.

The Ford Truck Raffle – was a great fundraiser. Unfortunately we did not have any winners from the raffle drawing but Custer County 4-H is still a winner!! We will get 50% of the funds for the raffle tickets sold. We will receive a check for \$1,472.50 that will be divided up to all the groups that sold the tickets!! GREAT JOB!

SAVE THE DATE!!!

**THE 4-H FOUNDATION AWARDS BANQUET WILL BE HELD ON
OCTOBER 23RD, 12:30PM AT THE SCHOOL.**

CUSTER COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION MEMBERSHIP

The Custer County 4-H Foundation has been in existence since 1965 with the same mission; to administer and make funds available in the form of scholarships for various 4-H educational purposes and activities that will best meet the needs of the interest in 4-H work. They cooperate with all individuals, groups, institutions, or organizations whose purposes are in accord with the objectives of the Colorado 4-H Foundation. They also sponsor the annual awards ceremony to honor all 4-H members, leaders, families, and volunteers who contribute to the 4-H program.

Membership is for the family members under age 18 or (19 if still enrolled in 4-H of the current year) and the parents. Membership dues are \$25.00. Membership runs from January 1 to December 31. Membership dues are due by January 31.

Scholarship policy: If you are a member of the Foundation 75% of your camp/conference cost may be covered by the Foundation. Only 25% will be covered if you are not a member. Adult fees (50% if a member) may be covered if the Extension Agent is unable to attend.

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Thank You

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.