

# 4-H News to Know

## November/December

### 2017

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#### HAPPY NOVEMBER & DECEMBER BIRTHDAY'S!!

Easton Reiff

Cassidy Maloney

Eryn Lemoine

Jolene Mullett

Hannah Kennedy

Abigail Murphey

Aubryne Cozzetto

Katelyn Roberson

Bubba Behrman

Katie Smith

Keller Johnson

Shelby Murphey

Jalane Gonzalez

HailleyAnn Behrman

Katlyn Freeburg

Michael Flynn

**4-H Enrollment** –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 1<sup>st</sup>. (This is for re-enrollment of previous members)

New member enrollment deadline is March 1, 2018

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 in 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.

**Shooting Sports Schedule**- Safety Class (required) Feb 2, 2018, Makeup class (if needed) March 23, 2018, 1<sup>st</sup> .22 practice Friday March 30, 2018, 1<sup>st</sup> Trap practice Sunday April 8, 2018. County Shoot July 6, 2018. (These dates are subject to change)

**Volunteer Coaches and Leaders** – if you have an interest to serve the 4H program as a volunteer leader or coach please let the office know. There are over 52 projects offered to the youth of Custer County in 4H. There are many areas where your expertise and help would be so appreciated.

**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 calves to market, be sure to contact your breeder to select your calves before it's too late!!

### **Meat Quality Assurance**

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

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. We will keep you posted with the actual dates that the MQA trailer will be coming.

### **Market Animal Feed Directive Information**

- **Please read the information about the upcoming rule changes regarding the use of antibiotics in market animals as provided by your Colorado 4-H Livestock Task Force. This information pertains to all market animals. Additionally, this informative handout contains information that you can share as well. For more details go to [www.pork.org/antibiotics](http://www.pork.org/antibiotics) or talk with your veterinarian.**

## Youth Loans

The Farm Service Agency makes loans to youth to establish and operate agricultural income-producing projects in connection with 4-H clubs, FFA and other agricultural groups. Projects must be planned and operated with the help of the organization advisor, produce sufficient income to repay the loan and provide the youth with practical business and educational experience. The maximum loan amount is \$5000.

### Youth Loan Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a citizen of the United States (which includes Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands) or a legal resident alien
- Be 10 years to 20 years of age
- Comply with FSA's general eligibility requirements
- Be unable to get a loan from other sources
- Conduct a modest income-producing project in a supervised program of work as outlined above
- Demonstrate capability of planning, managing and operating the project under guidance and assistance from a project advisor. The project supervisor must recommend the youth loan applicant, along with providing adequate supervision.

### Upcoming Events and Camps:



### January 26-29, 2017 – Leadership Development Camp



**LDC is a leadership development conference for 4-H members' ages 14 to 19 years old to provide educational and challenging experiences that will enable young people to become knowledgeable and skilled in their selected areas. The event is held in Denver at the Renaissance Hotel, 3801 Quebec St, Denver.**

**Online Registration for LDC will be offered through [4HOnline](#) beginning December 4<sup>th</sup>, 2017. If you are interested, please let your Club Leader or the 4H Office know. There are funds available to help defray your registration expenses.**

**National Western Stock Show, Denver CO** – For those making plans to journey up to Denver for the NWSS a few dates to remember: The show runs January 6-21, 2018. A complete schedule can be found at [www/nationalwestern.com](http://www.nationalwestern.com).

### Catch-A- Calf-

The program is open to 4-H members 12 and older (as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017). Applications and more information can be found online at <http://www.nationalwestern.com/livestock-shows/catch-a-calf-contest/>. The deadline to apply is Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>.



# NATIONAL WESTERN Stock Show

JANUARY 6-21, 2018

AN 80 YEAR TRADITION

## All about Catch-A-Calf

The NWSS Catch-A-Calf program is a scholarship and educational opportunity for 4-H members 12-18 years old in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska & Wyoming who want to gain experience in the beef cattle industry. Over an 8 month process, participants develop sponsor relations, keep intricate record books & break, feed and raise a calf provided through the NWSS. The following January, they sell their calves & receive the proceeds in hopes to continue with more projects within the beef cattle industry.

Mid-January



**CATCH**

1st Week of May



**PICK-UP**

May-January



**RAISE**

Next January



**SHOW**

**Questions? 303.299.5559 • [nationalwestern.com](http://nationalwestern.com)**

**Any 4-H exhibitor that signs up for a camp or workshop and does not attend WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY 100% of the camp/workshop fees. There are scholarships available to help defray the cost of camp attendance. Just ask us!**

**Custer County Courthouse closures thru end of 2017:**

**Monday & Tuesday December 25<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> for Christmas**

**Monday January 1<sup>st</sup> for New Years**

**2018 IRM REDBOOKS ARE HERE!!** Hello Ranchers, if you are looking for your new Redbooks, there are a limited number of books left so if you are a regular you need to come to the Extension Office and pick yours up! Come by Monday-Friday, 8:00 to 5:00 to pick them up.

**SEEDLING TREE SALES—** Applications to purchase seedling trees from the Colorado State Forest Service are available. For best selection, the earlier you place your order the better chance you will have to get the trees that you want. Give us a call or email us to request an application and we will get one out to you.



Happy  
Holidays!

*And a Very Merry Christmas!!*

*From all of us at the Extension Office*

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.