

4-H News to Know

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February Birthday's!

Gabe Micciulla

Lauren Flynn

Emma Rusk

Ty Bomgardner

Bailey Sluder

Grant Rusk

Hunter Williams

Brooke Bomgardner

Creed Ingram

4-H Enrollment – The 2017-18 Enrollment has been a huge success! If you have any projects or club changes please contact the Extension Office with those changes or update on the 4-H Online site. If you do use 4-H online, you still need to let the Extension know your changes as we do not get notifications from that site when your information is updated.

More than you can imagine!

Colorado 4-H program has a variety of projects to offer youth, ages 5-19. In fact, you are only limited by your imagination.

4-H projects are designed to develop the following life skills:

- Positive Self-Concept
- Making Contributions - Being Successful
- Confidence
- Competent
- Connectedness
- Caring and Compassionate

By becoming involved in a 4-H project, you will not only learn practical skills in each project, but you will develop life skills that will equip you with the skills you need to succeed throughout your life.

New member enrollment deadline is March 1, 2018

4-H Project Literature will be ordered soon. Every 4-H family will receive a letter with their project information listed and costs associated with projects and enrollment fees. We still have outstanding balances from a few of our 4-H families from last year that need to be paid. Please check your mail and respond appropriately with fees due and any changes or corrections to projects needed. If you have any questions, please stop by or give us a call.

Overview of Changes in Projects for 2017-2018 4-H Year

New Project Manuals for 2017-2018

Horseless Horse —All four units —revised and updated

Upcycle Your Style —revised manual from Decorate Your Duds manual—will be available online only

Gardening Project —revised manuals for this year

The ones you are to use have look like this.



Leadership — new manuals---available at URC —first of November.

Leadership Skills —You Never Outgrow 1 —Jrs. Only

Leadership Road Trip —Int./Sr.

Club Leadership 1 –Int./Sr.

Club Leadership 2 –Sr. Only

My Hands to Larger Service –Sr. Only

Horse Rule Book ---new this year –please recycle your old rule books

Global Citizenship ---updated manual

Projects removed from the State 4-H Project List

Bicycle –low enrollment for over 5 years –under 50 youth from across the state

GPS & Mapping ---curriculum no longer available –also low enrollment for over 5 years –under 50 youth from across the state

Child Development –low enrollment for over 5 years –under 50 youth from across the state

Name changes to Projects

Decorate Your Duds –is now **Upcycle Your Style**

Home Environment ---is now **Home Design & Décor** –new manuals will available next year. We will be using the old manuals for this year.

Club News: What's Happening In Your Club

Trailblazers: Meetings will be held on the first Sunday of the month, 1:00p.m. in the Annex building.

Triple C Clovers: Triple C's will continue to meet the first Sunday of the month, 1:15 p.m. at The Bowling Center Conference Room. GREAT BIG "WAY TO GO" to Club President Lindsey Gillmore, Ben & Sam Stafford for representing Triple C's as exceptional exhibitors at the NWSS!! Thank you to Kaya, Kyleigh, Emma, Grant, Kenna, Creed, & Hunter along with parents, grandparents, and friends who made it possible to support one another and take in all that's the National Western!! Custer County was well represented!!

Silver Spurs: Silver Spurs next meeting will be on Feb 11 at 1:00pm at the courthouse annex

Cloverbuds: Meetings will be held on the 2nd Friday of each month at 11:00am in the courthouse basement.



CUSTER COUNTY IMPORTANT DATES and DETAILS:

Firearms Shooting Sports Schedule: Mandatory Safety meeting for Shooting Sports Firearms will be on February 2nd, 2018, from 1-3pm at the Catholic Church Hall.

Firearms Shooting Sports Meeting Requirements: You will be required to attend 10 of your 17 scheduled practices in order to qualify to compete at the County or State Shoot. Practices will start on Sunday April 8th, 2018 and will be held every Sunday at 3:00 pm at Cactus Flats shooting range.

.22 Rifle Shooting Sports Practice: Practices start on Friday March 30th, 2018, and will be held every Friday at 9:00am at the SDC shooting sports range.

Western Heritage: To enroll in Western Heritage you must have completed 2 out of 3 projects (Rifle, Pistol or Shotgun)

Archery Shooting Sports: Meetings and practice information is TBD

Hunter Education Classes: March 3-4, 2018 – all 4-Hers archery and rifle must have a current hunter safety card. This is your opportunity to obtain it.

Public Speaking: Public Speaking's first meeting will be held on February 19th, 2018 at 4:00pm at Tony's Pizza. If you plan on participating you must attend this meeting.

CARNIVAL: Members from the Trailblazers and Triple C's have volunteered to coordinate this year's carnival. Many hands make light work. If you'd like to be involved in helping organize this year's Spring 4-H Carnival, please let Trailblazer Club Leader, Alisha Shy, or Triple C's President Lindsey Gillmore know as soon as possible. Date to be determined.

NRA Raffle Tickets: Custer County friends of the NRA raffle tickets are available in the extension office again this year. \$20 each or 6/\$100. Drawing will be held on June 30, 2018 @ 8:00 p.m.

Hunter Education Class: Hunter Education classes will be held again this year. They will be held on March 3rd and March 4th. More information below.

4-H Club Meetings and activities- Leaders, please let us know of any changes to your regular monthly club meeting dates/times and club activities. Notify the Extension Office no later than the 25th of the month so that we can post it in the newsletter.

Horse and Dog Certificates: Horse and dog exhibitors must have a current certificate of ownership or lease in the office no later than May 1, 2018. You can complete these on line, or they are available from your Club leader, or the Extension office. Please complete these as soon as you can.

4-H Project Fair: We will be hosting a 4-H project Fair on February 27th, 2018 from 4-6pm in the Multi-Purpose Room at the school.

MQA: Will be held on March 28th in Fremont County. The office is checking with Fremont County as to the times they will have the trailer open. We will coordinate to ride together.

Meat Quality Assurance

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

Please note, on the request of CSU State 4-H, 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.

Livestock Weigh In –Market Steer Weigh In will be held on February 11, 2018 from 1:00pm -3:00pm. We will have a grooming demonstration at this weigh in.

Colorado State Fair Nominations: Market Beef April 2nd, 2018 Market Lamb June 1, 2018 Market Hog June 1st, 2018 Market Goat June 1st, 2018. MQA Forms will be required at the time of processing.

Retinal Scans: The Colorado State Fair accepts Retinal scans **ONLY** for Beef, Goats and Lambs.

Hogs: Hogs must have ear notches drawn with the identifying ear notch number.

Animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado 4-H Livestock Projects: This document is required by all 4-H animal project participants each 4-H year. You can pick up your forms from the office or your club leader.

Display Boards: Don't wait until the last minute to begin creating your display board. Display Boards are available in the Office for \$3.50 for those who is interested in getting started now.

Market Animal Feed Directive Information applies to Market Hog exhibitors: Take a moment to review “A Champion’s Guide to Youth Swine Exhibition: Biosecurity and Your Pig Project” This offers detailed guidance for your swine project. It’s available at pork.org/youth-andeducation/fact-sheets/.



STOCK SHOW U/WW Feed Steer Aid Clinic – Saturday, June 2, 2018, LaJunta Colorado!!
This is a wonderful opportunity to get hands on training in fitting, clipping, and getting fully ready for our July Fair!! More Details to Come!

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.

Congratulations to Ben, Sam, and Lindsey!!!

Ben competed in The National Western Stock Show. He entered two prospect steers and took 3rd and 9th place in each of his classes.

Sam took 2nd place during the annual Miniature Hereford World Show.

Lindsey competed in the National Western and received 7th place in the Junior Market swine.



HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS

WESTCLIFFE, CO

Saturday, March 3rd 8am- 5pm

AND

Sunday, March 4th 8am-3pm

*****Attendance on BOTH days is required*****

Wet Mountain Fire Protection District Firehouse
215 North 4th Street

Cost: \$10

Colorado law requires that anyone born on or after January 1, 1949, complete an approved hunter education course before applying for or buying a Colorado hunting license. Recommended minimum age is 10 years old.

To register please visit:

**<http://cpw.state.co.us/> > Learn > Hunter Education
Classes-Traditional** then put in zip code 81252

OR DIRECT AT:

<https://register-ed.com/events/view/96816>

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8 WINNERS

Series



Henry



Compact 9mm



S. Benelli Nova 12ga



6. Remington 783 30-06



7. Weatherby Vanguard Select 243win



8. Krieger 9028 Hunter 6.5 Creedmoor



\$20 EACH OR 6/\$100 ONLY 500 TICKETS!

Tickets drawn on June 30, 2018 @ 8:00pm

At the Custer County Friends of NRA Banquet

A Painted View Ranch

3115 County Road 160

Westcliffe, CO 812 2



To purchase raffle tickets ca
Dwayne Robey 303-877-858

4-H Project Fair

Tuesday, February 27th

4pm-6pm

**Custer County School
Multi-Purpose Room**

Everyone is invited!

Kids, Parents & Community!

Current 4-H'ers will be there to show you some of the many projects youth can take. You can sign up for 4-H while you are there!

Meet the leaders and get answers to your questions!

Adults that are interested in becoming volunteers- there will be information for you too!

Refreshments will be provided!
See you there!

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!

2018 Custer County Courthouse Closure:

Monday, February 19th, 2018 for Presidents Day.

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.

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.