

4-H News to Know February 2016

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We will continue to publish all newsletters electronically. Please make sure we have your current email address so we can keep you in the loop. If you don't have internet, we can print a newsletter for you. Stop by the office.

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>

Custer County 4-H Camp – We have 49 youth coming to our camp! That's only 14 shy of the whole enrollment, way to go! We are going to have so much fun and I'm looking forward to spending the whole afternoon with all of you! See you on the 13th!



Congratulations to our new Club Officers!



Triple C's: Lindsey Gilmore, President; Kaya Huffman, Vice President; Kyleigh Martin, Treasurer; Anna Berry, Secretary; Shelby Murphy, Jesse Smith and Paige Lorenzen are the new Historians/Reporters.

Silver Spurs: Katlyn Freeburg, President; Dalton Wommack, Vice President; Hannah Kennedy, Secretary; and Justice Saraceno, Treasurer.

Trailblazer's: Ryan Young, President; Ben Penkoff, Vice President; Morgan Foster, Secretary; Brooke Flynn, Treasurer; and Grace Moos, Historian/reporter.

You all have taken on an important leadership role within your club and you can be proud of yourselves for stepping up! For those of you who missed the officer training, please stop by the Extension office for an officer packet.

Welcome the 2016 officers of the Custer County Fair Board!

Your Fair board President is Alisha Shy, Vice President is Lynetta Gillmore, Secretary is Marliisa Gonzalez, and Treasurer is Donna Hood. Members at large include Sue Roberson, Duane Foster, Diane Rose, and Audrey Gluschke. Lia Coleman, FFA Advisor and Robin Young, 4-H Agent are ex-officio to the board.

Keli Smith is our new 4-H Fair Board Representative. Keli's responsibility will be to listen and learn how the fair board conducts business and give ideas to the fair board from the 4-H perspective and contribute to putting on the Custer County Fair.

The meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 at the Annex. Meetings are open to everyone. There are currently two vacancies on the board, so if you have an interest on serving, please contact the Extension office. Thanks to all of you who work hard to putting on the Custer County Fair!

Club Meetings Scheduled - Below you will find a list of the club meetings and times thru April. More will be added later:

Triple C Clovers - Feb. 7, March 6, April 3 @ 1 p.m. at Ranchers Roost

Trailblazers - Feb. 7, March 6, April 3 @ 1 p.m. at school.

Silver Spurs - Feb. 11, March 10, April 14 @ 4:15 p.m. at Annex Bldg.

District Retreat – 2016 South Central District Retreat will be held at the Silver Cliff Ranch near Nathrop on March 18-20. The cost of the retreat is \$125 and covers two nights lodging, two breakfasts, one lunch, one dinner, one dance and workshops. Registration will be done in 4HOnline. If you need help with this process, please let us know and we can walk you through it. The Extension Office will need additional forms and fees submitted by March 1, 2016. Don't forget about Custer County 4-H Foundation scholarships for some of the camp fees costs. For more info, give us a call.

Archery News - We have a new leader! Although Greg Watkins is not new to 4-H, he has stepped up to be our new Archery Leader after Shannon Byerly served as the archery leader for 6 years. We want to thank Shannon for his leadership and we thank Greg for becoming our new leader. We know our youth will benefit under Greg's leadership. Be looking for Archery practices to start sometime in May at the Cowboy Church.



Hunter Safety Course offered locally on March 12 - 13. It will go from 8-5 on Saturday and 8-3 on Sunday at the Wet Mountain Valley Fire Station. Just show up and have your \$10 to pay. You will need your hunter safety card if you are doing any shooting sports. This is a great opportunity for you to get your hunter safety card locally. Please see the attached flyer for information.

HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS WESTCLIFFE, CO

Saturday, March 12th 8am- 5pm

AND

Sunday, March 13th 8am-3pm

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

Wet Mountain Fire Protection District Firehouse

215 North 4th Street

Westcliffe, CO

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.

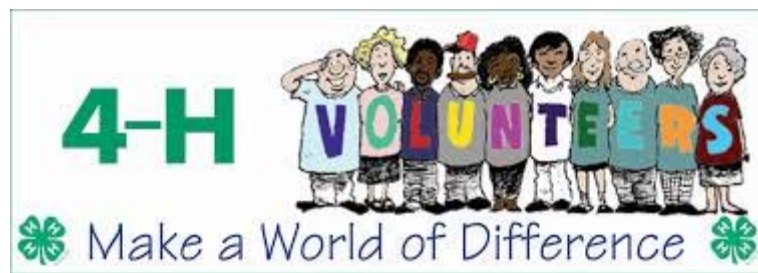
**Please call and pre-register with Justin Krall, Custer
County Wildlife Officer, (719) 371-2240**

Market Sheep, Goat & Swine Weigh Day - scheduled for April 24, 2016 from 2-4 p.m. THIS INCLUDES SWINE AGAIN!!!!

The Fair Board will be requiring a COOL Form for each market livestock animal. Please download this form from the county website: www.custercountygov.com/ext under the 4-H tab. This form must be completed by your breeder/seller of each of your animals. You must turn in the form at the first weigh in. (MARKET BEEF EXHIBITORS, TOO!) Please send to your breeders/sellers for their information even though we have a bill of sale or brand inspection paper on your steers.

The weight requirement for market swine will be 220 lbs. minimum to 290 lbs. maximum in order to sell.

Please call if you have any questions.



List of Leaders - below is a list of current club and project leaders:

Janet Freeburg - Silver Spurs Club Co-Leader
Marcy Wommack - Silver Spurs Club Co-Leader and Horse Leader
Alisha Shy - Trailblazers Club Leader
McKenzie Huffman - Triple C Club Leader
Bill Baker - Shooting Sports - .22 Rifle and Shotgun Leader
Greg Watkins - Shooting Sports - Archery Leader
Audrey Gluschke - Resource Leader
Ashton Hutton - Horse Leader
Lisa Behrman - Horse Leader
Katie Smith - Resource Leader

4-H Public Speaking Event - Practices continue at 4 p.m. at the Annex Building. The four categories are: Prepared, Demonstration, Interpretative, and Impromptu. Practices are not mandatory, but they are HIGHLY recommended. This year, we are offering an open category to the general public ages 8-18 or grades 3-12 so let your non 4-H friends know and encourage them to join! Speaking Contest will be held on March 7th, location and time to be determined at a later date. Deadline to sign up is March 2nd.



4-H Calendar



MQA - March 5th 10:00am in the court house basement.



March 7th, 5pm at the School Multi-Purpose room. Deadline to register is February 29th.



March 12th - 4-H Foundation Camp at a Painted View



MARCH 18TH TO 20TH - DISTRICT RETREAT IN NATHROP

CARNIVAL

March 30th from 4:30 to 6:30 at the school multi-purpose room! Please send the Extension office your clubs carnival booth information so we can get organized.

Custer County Courthouse will be closed:
Monday, February 15th for Presidents' Day

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.

Native Plant Masters Course offered

Do you know which picture is of a non-native plant?

Need a clue? It is an escaped ornamental that can be aggressive in moist areas.

The answer is the pink flowered plant, Perennial sweet pea.

You can learn how to identify native and non-native plants by taking a Native Plant Master class this summer.



A course consists of three Saturdays, 9 a.m.—12 p.m. We are offering Course 1: May 14, 21, and 27th (or 6/4) meeting at the Court House Parking Lot and travelling to Lake DeWeese.

Cost is \$90 per course or at a reduced price of \$60 for those who report public contacts. Applications can be picked up at the CSU Extension Office located at the Custer County Court House office or online at www.custercountygov.com/ or contact our office at 719-783-2514. or e-mail at robin.young@colostate.edu

Applications are due March 18th!



Plant names, from the top: *Pseudotsuga menziesii* (Douglas fir), *Lathyrus latifolius* (Perennial sweet pea) *Calochortus gunnisonii* (Mariposa lily), *Erysimum capitatum* (Western wallflower), *Echinocereus triglochidiatus* (Red claret cup cactus), *Solidago speciosa* (Showy goldenrod). Photos by L. McMulkin

If you need any special accommodation(s) to participate in this event, please contact Colorado State University Extension at 719-783-2514. Your request must be submitted at least five (5) business days in advance of the event. Colorado State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Custer County cooperating. Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.



FYI

February 2016

THE HEALTH AND BEAUTY OF OUR LANDSCAPES DEFINES OUR LIFESTYLES AS COLORADANS.



Colorado for Healthy Landscapes ...

Please donate on your State Income Tax Return!

The Colorado for Healthy Landscapes Fund (line item 60) will be used in a state wide initiative for ecological awareness, preservation, and restoration efforts.

By 2018, the Colorado for Healthy Landscapes Fund must receive \$75,000 in tax donations to stay in the check-off program.

Please help spread the word about this grass-roots initiative. Your support has a lasting impact on the health of our landscapes. Donations are the seeds for sustainability!



February 18th at the Second Street Café A Forest Health Workshop will be hosted by the San Isabel Land Protection Trust. The purpose of this workshop is to educate the community within the Wet Mountain Valley about forest health. Workshop presenters include the Colorado State Forest Service, NRCS, CSU Extension, and local landowners. Admission is free. Lunch is provided and will be served at 12:30pm. Presentations will be from 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. Space is limited to 40 attendees. RSVP's are required by Friday, February 12. For more info or to attend, please contact San Isabel Land Protection Trust at 719 783 3018 or email martin@sanisabel.org.

APPLY NOW



Sign up for Native Plant Master's Course. The application can be downloaded at

<http://custercountygov.com/ext/pdf/NativePlantMasterApplication.pdf>.

There is also a youth application for those 16 and 17 years of age. That application can be downloaded at

<http://custercountygov.com/ext/pdf/YouthNativePlantMasterApplication.pdf>.

See the flyer for more information or come in and talk to Robin or Beverly about the program.

Deadline to apply is March 18th.



WESTCLIFFE ANNUAL SEED SWAP AND SEED LIBRARY USE

March 8th from 5pm – 8pm at the Library Community Room

Bring your seed to share and get some seed back!

Our very own Penn Parmenter will be on hand with her locally homegrown seed for sale. Information on the Westcliffe Seed Library will be discussed. Everyone is welcome to use the seed library, just remember this is a lending program. What you grow, you give some of the seeds back for the next person to use. This helps get our seed localized and adapted to our environments.

We hope you will participate in this great event and get growing!



A wildfire workshop will be held on April 7th at the Wet Mountain Valley Fire Department from 6-7:30. Please contact the Extension office for further information.



A to Z of Bees



DATE: Wednesdays, February 17 & 24

TIME: 6-9 p.m.

PLACE: El Pueblo History Museum
301 N Union Avenue, Pueblo

COST: \$20/person, \$30/Couple

Registration deadline: February 12, 2016

New this year - Pay with credit or debit card through Eventbrite link only
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-to-z-of-bees-tickets-21278386226>.

We still accept cash or checks (payable to Extension Program Fund) through our office at 701 Court Street, Suite C., Pueblo, CO 81003

Topics covered:

- Housing and equipment, safety gear
- Management and care of bees
- Food sources



Brought to you by the Agriculture program of CSU Extension/Pueblo County coordinating with Rebecca Sunderlin, Pikes Peak Bee Association. Call 719-583-6566 for more information.



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