

# 4-H News to Know

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### January Birthday's!

Kay Laila

Corbyn Martin

Blitz Coleman

Jack Doughty

Scott Freeburg

Benji Smith

Gracie Johnson

Rafael Gonzalez

**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.

[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.

## Club News: What's Happening In Your Club

**Trailblazers:** The first meeting will be January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1:00 pm in the Annex building.

**Triple C Clovers:** Triple C Clovers meeting this Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 1:15 p.m. Rancher's Roost meeting room.

**Silver Spurs:** Meetings TBD

**Cloverbuds:** Meetings TBD

**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 or activities you would like to have in the upcoming newsletters, we need to have that information into the Extension Office no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month.

**CARNIVAL:** Would you like to have a carnival this year?? We need a chair person to organize this year's carnival. If anyone would like to be the chair person for this year's carnival, please contact us.

## CUSTER COUNTY IMPORTANT EVENT DATES:

**Firearms Shooting Sports Schedule: Mandatory:** This is a USC Mandatory Annual Requirement.... NO Safety Meeting... Means No Firearms Shooting!!!

The Safety Meeting will be At the Catholic Church Hall ,Behind the Church itself...From 1pm to 3pm possibly 4pm depending on how many Youth we have.....Same place & time as last Year...

Bring your Shotgun OR Rifle to the Mandatory Meeting for inspection...NO Ammo is allowed

Safety meeting for Shooting Sports Firearms will be on February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018.

**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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018, and will be held every Friday at 9:00am at the SDC shooting sports range.

**Archery Shooting Sports:** Meetings and practice information is TBD

**Horse Safety Meeting: Required** safety meeting January 26<sup>th</sup> 6:00 pm at the Custer County Annex

**MQA:** Will be held on March 28<sup>th</sup> in Fremont County. We will coordinate to ride together.

## Meat Quality Assurance

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

**Please note CSU requires that ALL 4-H Market Livestock participants attend a MQA EVERY YEAR that they are enrolled in market livestock projects.**

**Livestock Weigh In** –Market Steer Weigh In will be held on February 11, 2018 from 1:00pm -3:00pm.

**Colorado State Fair Nominations:** Market Beef April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018 Market Lamb June 1, 2018 Market Hog June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 Market Goat June 1<sup>st</sup>, 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.

## 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 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 you're Club Leader or the 4H Office know. There are funds available to help defray your registration expenses. Pre-registration by January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018



**JANUARY 6-21, 2018 • DENVER**

National Western Stock Show

## **Best of Luck to Custer County 4-Hers, Lindsey Gillmore and Ben Stafford!!!**

Lindsey will be showing Market Hogs Tuesday January 16, 2018 at 4:00pm for Showmanship and Jr. Market Swine Show begins on Wednesday at 9:00am on January 17<sup>th</sup> 2018.

Ben will be showing Jr. Market Steer Showmanship on Wednesday at 3:00pm January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2018 and Jr Market Steer show will be Thursday at 9:00am January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2018. He will also be exhibiting two Prospect Steers, Saturday January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 9:00am.

# *Youth Fest 2018!*

## ***“Thinking Outside YOUR Clover”***

**Come join us for a weekend filled with collaboration and community service! This conference will have interactive workshops, a guest speaker, outdoor activities, and a DANCE!**

**When: February 9-11, 2018**

**Where: Ponderosa Retreat Center Larkepur, Colorado**

**Who: 4-Her's ages 9 – 13**

**Cost: \$130**



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, January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 for Martin Luther King 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.