

4-H News to Know

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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>

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 - March 6, April 3 @ 1 p.m. at Ranchers Roost

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

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

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.

Horse Meetings Scheduled - If you are interested in attending Marci Wommack's horse meetings, mark these dates on your calendars: Every Wednesday, beginning June 1st at 4 p.m. and will continue thru July 6th. Gymkhana practices will be held at 6 p.m. these same days. If there is bad weather, the practice will be held the next day.

Add/Drop Deadlines - 4-H members - don't forget your project deadlines: If you want to add or drop an indoor project (those judged in the home ec building) the deadline is May 1st. For livestock and animal projects, the deadline is the first weigh in for those animals. Horse and Dog projects, the deadline is also May 1st.

Horse Certificates - are due to the Extension Office by May 1st. This certificate must be completed for each horse that you may use for your project at the county fair. Certificates may be copied from the Horse Record Book or stop by the office for blank copies. If leasing your horse, we will also need a copy of the lease agreement with the Horse Certificate.

Dog Health Certificates - are due to the Extension Office by May 1st. This certificate must be completed for each dog that you may use for your project at the county fair. Certificates may be copied from the Dog Record Book or stop by the office for a blank copy.



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 FAIR
JULY 8TH - 17TH 2016

Your Fair board

President - Alisha Shy

Vice President - Lynetta Gillmore

Secretary - Marliisa Gonzalez

Treasurer- Donna Hood.

4-H Youth Representative - Keli Smith

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.

The meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 5:30 at the Annex. Meetings are open to everyone. Thanks to all of you who work hard to putting on the Custer County Fair!



The 4-H Foundation Camp/Open House will be on March 12 at A Painted View Ranch from 10am to 4pm. There will be games, prizes, project demonstrations, and livestock for sale! Come join the fun!



March 7th, 5pm at the School Multi-Purpose room.

What's Your 4-H?



Custer County 4-H Camp



The Custer County 4-H Camp was *Awesome*!! There were approximately 50 4-H members in attendance. We all had so much fun! Please look on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CusterCountyCO4H/> to see more photo's



The Ford Truck Raffle is back again. Any Club can sell tickets to raise money for their club. You will need to come to the Extension office to get tickets and each stub needs to be accounted for.

***You should sell raffle tickets because:**

It is a great fundraiser: Club will receive 50% back (plus bonuses!!) of proceeds raised, there is nothing to order and/or deliver, all expenses are paid by the Foundation, and prizes are taken care of by the Foundation.

It is a great awareness campaign: What is 4-H? Why support 4-H? What is the money used for? Become a member and join 4-H! Tell people what 4-H is all about...As you sell them a raffle ticket!!

It makes giving to 4-H fun! People believe in 4-H but don't always know how to give. Buying raffle tickets supports youth on the county level and State level.

ENTER TO WIN THE 2016



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4-H Foundation

RAFFLE

TICKETS \$5 EACH OR 5 FOR \$20

GRAND PRIZE:

NEW 2015 FORD F-150 SUPER CREW TRUCK

PLUS:

11 CASH PRIZES
FROM \$100-\$1,450

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POWER
12,200 LBS**

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YOUR LOCAL FORD STORES

926-XFQ
COLORADO

Drawing will be held
September 17, 2016

CSU vs. UNC Football game half-time
Hughes Stadium, Fort Collins

Proceeds benefit

the Colorado 4-H program.

Winner need not be present to win.

The Custer County 4-H Foundation would like to introduce the Market Livestock Micro-Loan for sheep/goat/swine/rabbit! If you ever wanted to raise an animal but didn't have the financial resource, now is your chance. Please come to the Extension office to get an application. We are excited to offer this to the youth who now have the opportunity to raise a market livestock project!

The State Fair Animal Retinal Scan is set for May 22nd at 2pm at the Fair Grounds. If you are planning on showing a Beef/Sheep/Goat project, you will need to bring this animal for a retinal scan. Please contact the Extension office for more info.

The Custer County Cattlewomen are looking for a few youth to help with the 9 News Health Fair on April 2nd. They are passing out samples of beef and need your assistance. Please call the Extension office if you would like to help out!



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.

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.

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**

FYI March 2016



Colorado for Healthy Landscapes ...

Please donate on your State Income Tax Return!

The Colorado for Healthy Landscapes Initiative supports non-partisan projects and approaches to improve landscape health and adaptability.

Donating to Colorado for Healthy Landscapes (line item 60 on your state income tax form) supports locally-driven stewardship programs and education efforts. These programs promote effective land-management solutions that fit Colorado's diverse landscapes and lifestyles.

Please think about Colorado's landscapes this tax season. Your donation has a lasting impact.



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 15th 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.

Forest Service Seedling Tree Sale ends soon!

Order before April 13, 2016!!

Stop by for an order form.

Wildland Fire Workshop

**FIRE SEASON
IS HERE!**



BE PREPARED!

April 7th from 6:00pm to 7:30pm

Wet Mountain Fire Department

Wildland Fire affects us all. Whether you live in the forest or not, the impacts of fire are devastating on the community. Come and learn about how to reduce your risk, what to do in the event of a fire, chainsaw safety, and programs that can help you and your neighbors.

For further information, please contact the CSU Extension office 783-2514



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