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Find us on Facebook

As most of you have Facebook, we are becoming more interactive on our local Facebook page. Like this page and share it with other Custer County 4-H members and watch it for important updates, events and reminders.



****WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR NEWS ABOUT THE NEW 4-H GROWS CAMPAIGN****



2017 Custer County Courthouse closures:

The 4-H Office will be closed the first week of April (3rd – 7th) for Staff Training.

The Courthouse will be closed on May 29th for Memorial Day.

The Courthouse will be closed on Tuesday July 4th for Independence Day.

4-H Project Manuals & Record Books – ALL LITERATURE IS IN! If you have not yet picked up your project record books please come to the 4-H (Extension) Office and do so. Also, if you have not paid your 4-H dues and/or literature fees yet be prepared to do so when you pick up your record books.

If you have any record book or literature questions, please stop by the Extension Office or give us a call.

CALLING ALL DOG SHOWMEN: *Look for upcoming DOG SHOWS at the end of this newsletter*****

The Fremont County Dog Leader has graciously invited our dog project members to join her classes on Wednesday evenings. The Leader is Margie McNew and her phone number is 719-429-5573 or you can email her at mmmcnew64@gmail.com. Margie's classes are EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT. Beginner dogs or kids class starts at 6:30 P.M. and the Advanced class meets at 7:30 P.M. Classes are held at the Fremont County Fairgrounds. If you choose to join one of Margie's classes, please remember that we are invited guests to her classes. You need to be on-time and prepared. You will need to have a Show Lead, Training Treats and any other necessary supplies or equipment when you arrive. We recommend that you contact Margie if you have any questions about the proper equipment or supplies needed before your first class.

Local Resource Leader Katlyn Freeburg has also offered to help dog project kids as well. If you would like contact information for Katlyn, Please call extension. **Katlyn's set dog practice schedule is 1:00-3:00 p.m. at the Saddle Club Building on the following dates: March 12th & 26th, April 9th & 23rd, May 14th & 28th, June 11th, July 2nd & 9th.**

CLUB NEWS: WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR CLUB?

TRIPLE C CLOVERS

LEADER: Sara Shields

TELEPHONE: 719-783-9798

MEETING TIME & PLACE: All Regular Meetings will be the 1st Sunday of each month at 1:00 P.M. at the Ranchers Roost Meeting Room.

- ◆ **OFFICERS:**
- ◆ **President-** Lindsey Gillmore
- ◆ **Vice President-** Kaya Huffman
- ◆ **Secretary-** Makynna Reiff
- ◆ **Treasurer-** Keli Smith
- ◆ **Historians-** Shelby Murphey, Kyleigh Martin, Ronja Sutinen

SILVER SPURS

LEADER: Janet Freeburg **CO-LEADER:** Marci Wommack **CO-LEADER:** Erin Saraceno

TELEPHONE: Janet: 719-783-2136 Marci: 719-371-1508 Erin: 719-783-0966

MEETING TIME & PLACE: Regular Meetings will be the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4:15 P.M. in the Annex Building
There will be NO February Meeting. The March Meeting date will also change. The new date is TBD.

- ◆ **OFFICERS:**
- ◆ **President-** Grace Watkins
- ◆ **Secretary-** Scott Freeburg
- ◆ **Treasurer-** Justice Saraceno
- ◆ **Vice President Candidates-** Hannah Kennedy and Dalton Wommack

TRAILBLAZERS

LEADER: Alisha Shy

TELEPHONE: 719-783-2399

MEETING TIME & PLACE: All Regular Meetings will be the 1st Sunday of each Month at 1:00 p.m. at the Courthouse.
MEET AT THE BACK DOOR. Please be on time, doors will lock at 1:10 p.m.

- ◆ **OFFICERS:**
- ◆ **President-** Cameron Penkoff
- ◆ **Vice President-** Ben Penkoff
- ◆ **Secretary-** Emma Rusk
- ◆ **Treasurer-** Brylee Shy

CLOVERBUDS:

Leader: Brianna Evert 719-371-4839

NOTES TO LEADERS: Please have your designated club officers contact the Extension Office with any club information that needs to be in the upcoming newsletters. Please have that information into the Extension Office no later than the 25th of the month.

Custer County Important Event Dates:

MANDATORY SMALL ANIMAL LIVESTOCK WEIGH IN: APRIL 30TH: DETAILS ARE LISTED IN THE LIVESTOCK SECTION OF THIS NEWSLETTER!!

SHOOTING SPORTS FIREARMS MEETING REQUIREMENTS: You will be required to attend 10 of your 15 scheduled practices in order to qualify to compete at the County or State Shoot. Practices will be held at the SDC Shooting Sports Range.

.22 RIFLE SHOOTING SPORTS PRACTICE: Practices start on March 31st at 9:00 a.m. and will go until noon at the SDC Shooting Sports Range. Practices will be every Friday following first practice.

HUNTER'S EDUCATION CLASS: A youth class was tentatively scheduled for the first weekend of April for those of you who are between the ages of 8-12 and still need your card. However, there have been some scheduling conflicts with that date and we will be re-scheduling. I will let you know a new date as soon as possible. We will make sure that you get a class option in plenty of time for the county competition shoot.

****HUNTER'S EDUCATION IS MANDATORY FOR ALL 4-H ARCHERY AND FIREARMS PARTICIPANTS****

ARCHERY SHOOTING SPORTS: MESSAGE FROM LEADER GREG WATKINS: Practices are every Saturday. The practices in April and May will be optional because of what we endured last year with wind and snow and school. After that I will kick it up a notch and have practices twice a week every Wednesday at 5:00 PM and ending at 6:00 PM and every Saturday beginning at 8:00 AM and ending at 9:00 AM. Thanks for the inspiration.

CUSTER COUNTY 4-H CAMP: Unfortunately this year we will have to cancel the county 4-H camp that was tentatively planned. It is my hope that we will be able to re-organize and have this camp in 2018. I know, it's a bummer but that will give us time to plan an awesome camp for all of you!!



4-H CARNIVAL

This Year's Carnival was March 14th and we had an awesome turnout!!! **THANK YOU** to all of the hard working club members and leaders for hosting a successful carnival this year!



ALL THINGS LIVESTOCK: BREEDING AND MARKET

Look for information on livestock camps and clinics in the Upcoming Events & Camps section of this newsletter.

Are you interested in a 4-H market livestock project, but need some financial assistance? At this time, the only Micro-Loan available is for Market Beef. Once mandatory state changes have been made the small animal micro-loans will be available once again (2018). Beef are funded under the Custer County Cattlewomen Micro-Loan and any 4-H or FFA Member can apply for the beef micro-loan. Please ask the Extension Office for more information or fill out an application today! Applications for the Small Animal Livestock Foundation micro-loan are due March 15th.

Meat Quality Assurance: The local MQA was on FEBRUARY 19TH @ 1:00 P.M. AT THE SADDLE CLUB BLDG. If you did not attend this meeting you need to enroll and attend a class in another county to be able to show and sell at the 2017 Custer County Fair. If you need MQA class information for other counties, call the 4-H office!!

Yearly MQA is MANDATORY For ALL 4-H & FFA Market Livestock Members!!

(The previous rule was that first-year members attend the class and they were to attend again when they turned 14). Please note that **ALL 4-H & FFA Market Livestock participants will be required to attend a MQA CLASS EVERY YEAR that they are enrolled in a market livestock project from 2017 forward!**

BREEDING BEEF: Would you be interested in a Breeding Prospect Heifer class at our County Fair? If so, contact us at the Extension Office and let us know that you are interested. Remember, the deadline to Add this project is May 1st, 2017, However, you will want your heifer before this date.

MARKET BEEF EXHIBITORS: There will be an OPTIONAL weigh-in for you on April 30st from 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. (before the small animal weigh-in). This is a good opportunity to get a marker weight on your steers and to expose them to the fairgrounds before you have to bring them to county fair.

MARKET & BREEDING SMALL LIVESTOCK (LAMB, SWINE, GOATS): **HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR ANIMALS FOR COUNTY AND STATE FAIR YET?** If not your time is running out!!! Are you new to livestock showing? Have you contacted a breeder to purchase your Lambs, Pigs or Goats? Many breeders for these species have a waiting list and it's first come first serve. If you have not contacted a breeder yet, you need to. If you NEED names and contact information for breeder's you can call us at the 4-H Office for a list of breeders for your species. **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE OR YOU WILL MISS OUT!** These species SELL OUT FAST at reputable breeding farms.

SMALL ANIMAL MARKET LIVESTOCK WEIGH-IN : **MANDATORY FOR ALL SMALL ANIMAL MARKET PROJECTS.** Weigh Date is set for April 30th from 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. PIGS DO NOT WEIGHT BUT YOU STILL NEED TO BE THERE WITH YOUR REQUIRED PAPERWORK. All other animals need to weigh and you will need to have your required paperwork as well. **MANDATORY PAPERWORK HAS BEEN SENT OUT IN AN EMAIL AND IT WAS PROVIDED AT THE MQA CLASS AS WELL.** If you somehow missed getting this you need to contact the 4-H office or come in so that I can get it to you.

*****IMPORTANT***** IF YOU HAVE AN UNAVOIDABLE CONFLICT WITH THIS WEIGH DATE YOU NEED TO CONTACT DIANE ROSE ON THE FAIR BOARD (OR ANOTHER FAIR BOARD MEMBER) TO ASK FOR AN EXCEPTION & AN ALTERNATE DATE TO WEIGH-IN. DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO DO THIS!!! YOU NEED TO GIVE PRIOR NOTICE OF CONFLICT AND ASK FOR AN ALTERNATE DATE BEFORE APRIL 31ST. IF YOU DON'T AND YOU DO NOT SHOW UP TO THE WEIGH-IN, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO SHOW.

STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS: RETINAL SCANS

If you have animals that will require retinal scans you will need to take them to **Fremont County** this year.

RETINAL SCAN INFORMATION:

Cost is \$5.00 per scan.

LOCATION: Fremont County Fairgrounds

Sheep – Saturday, May 13 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

Goats – Saturday, May 13 beginning at 9:30 a.m.

STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS: GENERAL ENTRY & LIVESTOCK NOMINATIONS

The screenshot shows the Colorado State Fair website. The header includes the logo, navigation links (ABOUT THE FAIR, EVENTS, NEWS, GET INVOLVED, EXHIBITORS), and a search bar. The main banner features the text "156 days UNTIL THE FAIR Aug 25 - Sep 4, 2017 Fair 65". Below the banner, there is a section for "Center Ring Circus" with a "BUY NOW" button. On the right side, there is a text box with instructions for exhibitors.

Colorado's State Fair
in Pueblo

156 days UNTIL THE FAIR
Aug 25 - Sep 4, 2017
Fair 65th

Center Ring Circus
Get ready for family friendly fun under the big top!
MORE >
BUY NOW >

ABOUT THE FAIR **EVENTS** **NEWS** **GET INVOLVED** **EXHIBITORS**

Search Website Enter email to join

If you are planning to enter the Colorado State Fair you need to be checking the Exhibitor Requirements for the 2017 Deadlines!

Go to <http://www.coloradostatefair.com/> and click the **Exhibitors** tab on the far right side of the screen and follow the directions for your project from there. It is YOUR responsibility as an exhibitor to make sure you have met all paperwork and deadline requirements for entering the State Fair.

HORSE MEETINGS:

Remaining Practices will be Outdoor practices and will start at 10:00 a.m.: Location COWBOY CHURCH

Saturday April 22nd

Saturday May 6th

Saturday May 20th

Saturday June 3rd

Saturday June 17th

Saturday July 1st

Your leaders this year are Casey McNew Lead, Margie McNew Co-Lead, Marci Wommack Co-Lead and Lisa Behrman Co-Lead. If you have any conflicts with these dates contact Casey McNew as he is the one who sets the schedule. Casey's phone is 719-429-2953 and his email is k-ccattleco@live.com.

2017 TRUCK RAFFLE

We have received notice that the Rocky Mountain Local Ford Stores are donating a 2017 Ford F-150 truck to the 4-H Foundation for our annual raffle. This is the 10th truck they have provided. The 2016 raffle grossed \$155,000. Let's set a goal of raising \$200,000 in 2017.

Custer County Leaders, Parents and 4-H Members: RAFFLE TICKETS ARE FINALLY AVAILABLE AND HAVE BEEN ORDERED. I'LL LET YOUR LEADERS KNOW WHEN THEY WILL BE IN AND READY FOR PICK-UP!!

4-H & FFA MEMBERS
IN THE SPOTLIGHT!

Congratulations to Grace Watkins on being selected through an interview process to be one of the seven **Colorado State Delegates** who will attend the **National 4-H Conference in March 2017**. This is a HUGE accomplishment for Grace and for Custer County. We are excited that Grace will be representing us and the State of Colorado at the National Level!!

SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT RETREAT

Custer County had four members attend SCDR this year. Grace Watkins, Keli Smith, Jessie Smith and Ashley Gillum represented our County with Ashely and Keli being our county delegates who were allowed to vote on the 2017-2018 District 13 Officers. Grace Watkins ran for District 13 President and she WON!! Congratulations Grace, you worked hard on your campaign board and gave a wonderful campaign speech that was delivered from the heart and it paid off!! We are looking forward to the leadership that you provide to District 13 throughout the next 4-H Year!!

Congratulations to the CCHS Choir for scoring the HIGHEST marks possible across the board at their recent CHSAA Competition in Pueblo West!! Good Job Guys!!

DO YOU HAVE SOME SPOTLIGHT NEWS TO SHARE? LET US KNOW SO WE CAN INCLUDE YOU IN THE NEXT SPOTLIGHT!!

Upcoming Events and Camps:

For a list of **ALL** upcoming Colorado 4-H Events go to the link below:

http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/index.php

CHECK THE END OF THIS SECTION FOR DOG SHOW FLYERS AND ENTRY FORMS..A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO EXPOSE YOUR DOGS AND GET PRACTICE!!

THERE IS A MULTI-SPECIES LIVESTOCK SHOW COMING UP JUST DOWN THE ROAD FROM US IN TRINIDAD, HOSTED BY THE BRANSON FFA CHAPTER. THIS WOULD BE A GOOD ONE TO HIT FOR YOU LIVESTOCK KIDS WANTING SOME PRACTICE AND EXPERIENCE!! FLYER AND ENTRY FORM BELOW.



4-H GROWS HERE

2017 COLORADO 4-H DOG SHOWS

DATE	COUNTY	PLACE	CONTACT	E-MAIL	PHONE
4/29/2017	Arapahoe	Arapahoe County Fairgrounds	Katy Vincent	katydidkly@hotmail.com	303-913-7314
5/13/2017	Pueblo	Colorado State Fairgrounds - Ag Palace	Carol Kuhns	kuhns@co.pueblo.co.us	719-583-6576
5/13/2017	Douglas	Douglas County Fairgrounds - Multipurpose Barn - Castle Rock	Mary Parenti	excalibur981@msn.com	303-681-3152
5/13/2017	Weld	Island Grove Park-Weld County Extension	Kim Sterkel	ksterkel@co.weld.co.us	970-304-6535
6/10/2017	Fremont	Rudd Park--Canon City	Gina Shumate	ginalshumate@gmail.com	719-784-1380
6/17/2017	Pueblo	Craver Middle School - Colorado City	Carol Kuhns	kuhns@co.pueblo.co.us	719-583-6576
6/17/2017	Douglas	Douglas County Fairgrounds - Multipurpose Barn - Castle Rock	Mary Parenti	excalibur981@msn.com	303-681-3152
7/1/2017	Fremont	Rudd Park--Canon City	Gina Shumate	ginalshumate@gmail.com	719-784-1380
6/4/2016	El Paso	Back to back shows - must pre register	Shannon Chase	epc4hdog@gmail.com	no phone
6/5/2014	El Paso	Back to back shows - must pre register	Yvette Thompson	yvettethompsoncvt@gmail.com	719-573-2743
	Routt	No open dog shows			

2017 ELBERT COUNTY DOG FUN MATCH

**ALL COUNTIES WELCOME - CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE
LIMITED SPACE – PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED!**



*Elbert County Fairgrounds – Agriculture Building
95 Ute Avenue, Kiowa
Kiowa Bennett Road*

Please bring current vaccine records.

***April 22, 2017
Limited Space***

***Check In 8-9 a.m.
Show to start no later 10:00 a.m.***

ALL SHOWMANSHIP, OBEDIENCE AND RALLY WILL BE OFFERED.

Dogs in heat may not be shown. Current shot records required.

Entry fee (\$6; \$1 for rally and additional dogs)

Pre-registration is REQUIRED prior to April 19th)

As there is limited space – ONLY TAKING PRE-REGISTRATIONS

Make checks payable to: Elbert County Extension Fund.

Elbert County Extension Contact Information:

Mailing: PO Box 189

Kiowa, CO 80117

Phone: 303-621-3162

Fax: 303-621-3161

E-mail: Lore.denson@colostate.edu

Show Superintendent: Tess Allen, cell: 303-594-7280, e-mail: tessallen6@hotmail.com

April 22, 2017 ELBERT COUNTY 4-H DOG SHOW ENTRY FORM

You may use different dogs for obedience, rally and showmanship as long as you have separate records for all dogs.

ENTRY FEE - \$6 per dog; \$1 additional dog; \$1 rally

Armband # _____ TOTAL PAID _____ CHECK# _____ CASH _____

Name: _____ Club or County: _____

4-H Age as of 12/31/16: _____ Years in 4-H Dog: _____ Jr. _____ Int. _____ Sr. _____

Safety statement – dogs considered unmanageable or with health problems may be excused based on superintendents' or judge's discretion.

DOGS ARE REQUIRED TO BE CURRENT ON ALL SHOTS (OUT-OF-COUNTY MEMBERS PLEASE BRING SHOT RECORDS)

CHECK	SHOWMANSHIP	BREED	DOG'S NAME
	500 – JUNIOR NOVICE		
	501 – JUNIOR OPEN		
	502 – INTERMEDIATE NOVICE		
	503 – INTERMEDIATE OPEN		
	504 – INTERMEDIATE ADVANCED		
	505 – SENIOR NOVICE		
	506 – SENIOR OPEN		
	507 – SENIOR ADVANCED		
	508 – BEST OF SHOW		
	OBEDIENCE	BREED	DOG'S NAME
	509 – PUPPY CLASS		
	510 – BEGINNER NOVICE A		
	511 – BEGINNER NOVICE B		
	512 – BEGINNER NOVICE C-1 st YR		
	513 – BEGINNER NOVICE C-2 nd YR		
	514 – NOVICE A		
	515 – NOVICE B		
	516 – VETERAN'S CLASS (divided upon entry)		
	517 – PRE GRAD NOVICE A		
	518 – PRE GRAD NOVICE B		
	519 – PRE GRAD NOVICE VETERANS		
	520 – GRAD NOVICE A		
	521 – GRAD NOVICE B		
	522 – GRADUATE NOVICE VETERANS		
	523 – OPEN A		
	524 – OPEN B		
	525 – OPEN VETERANS		
Circle class Numbers	526/529 – GRAD OPEN A OR UTILITY A		
	527/530 – GRAD OPEN B OR UTILITY B		
	528 – GRADUATE OPEN VETERANS		
	531 – UTILITY VETERANS		
	RALLY	BREED	DOG'S NAME
	531 – RALLY NOVICE A		
	532 – RALLY NOVICE B		
	533 – RALLY ADVANCED A		
	534 – RALLY ADVANCED B		
	535 – RALLY EXCELLENT A		
	536 – RALLY EXCELLENT B		
	537 – RALLY ADV. EXCELLENT A		
	538 – RALLY ADV. EXCELLENT B		

Signed _____ Date _____



Arapahoe County 4-H Spring Dog Fun Match



Saturday April 29, 2017 - Arapahoe County Fairgrounds

Check in 8:30am

Judging Begins at 9:00am



Sponsored by the Arapahoe County 4H
Companion Animal Committee

***Showmanship, Obedience, Rally
Costume Class, Adult Showmanship and
“Best Trick” fun classes too!***

Showmanship, Rally, Obed. Flat Fee: \$10, additional dog \$2
Fun Classes \$1 each

Pre-registerants by April 16 receive a gift at the show!

Day of show entries accepted.

All dogs must be current on shots
Bring proof of rabies immunization
Bitches in heat may not be shown

1-6th Place Ribbons
Aggressive dogs may be asked to leave

***There will be a silent auction too!!!
We are looking for donation items so please let
us know if you have something to bring!***

Please mail entries, payment and 4H Dog ID forms to:
Arapahoe County 4H CAC
c/o Katy Vincent
55928 East County Rd 46
Strasburg, CO 80136

Questions?
katydidklv@hotmail.com or 303-913-7314

Arapahoe County 4H Spring Dog Fun Match - April 29, 2017
Registration

Name _____ County _____

4H Age(As of Dec 31, 2016) _____ Jr _____ Int _____ Sr _____

Phone _____ Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Email _____

#Years in Dog Project _____

Dog(s) Names _____ Age _____

Breed(s) _____ Height _____

Rabies# _____ Date _____

Showmanship, Obedience and Rally Flat Fee \$10
\$2 each Additional Dog, Fun Classes \$1 each

Showmanship Class:

Jr Novice _____
Int Novice _____
Sr Novice _____
Jr Open _____
Int Open _____
Sr Open _____
Int Advanced _____
Sr Advanced _____
Puppy Class _____
Adult _____

Obedience Class:

Beg Novice A _____
Beg Nov B _____
Beg Novice C-1 _____
Beg Novice C-2 _____
Novice A _____
Novice B _____
Pre Grad Nov A _____
Pre Grad Nov B _____
Grad Nov A or B _____
Open A or B _____
Utility _____

Rally:

Novice A _____
Novice B _____
Advanced A _____
Advanced B _____
Excellent A _____
Excellent B _____
Adv/Exc A _____
Adv/Exc B _____

Total Due \$ _____

Fun Classes:

Costume _____
Best Trick _____

Mail completed form, payment and
copy of Dog ID Form to:
Arapahoe County 4H CAC
c/o Katy Vincent
55928 East County Rd 46
Strasburg, CO 80136

OFFICE USE ONLY:

Check# _____ Total Pd _____

Arm Band # _____

The Branson FFA is proudly hosting...

HEATING UP THE PLAINS LIVESTOCK JACKPOT SHOW

**CASH AND BELT BUCKLES
FOR PRIZES!!!!**

**Market Beef
Market Swine
Market Sheep
Market Goat
Showmanship**

**ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO
DIRECTLY BACK TO BRANSON FFA**

Where: Trinidad, Colorado Indoor Arena

When: June 24th 2017 (start time 9:00 am.)

Who: ANY FFA or 4-H member

Price: \$10 per animal

\$10 showmanship entry

**EARLY ENTRIES POSTMARKED BY JUNE 1st WILL BE
\$2 OFF EACH ANIMAL!**

**FOR AN ENTRY FORM PRIOR TO THE SHOW AND FOR ANY
FURTHER QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL:**

**Mrs. Howell (719) 680- 7059 or check out our
FACEBOOK PAGE - Heating Up the Plains Livestock
Jackpot Show**

We will accept cash, check or PayPal for entries

Heating Up the Plains Livestock Jackpot Show

June 24th 2017 at the Trinidad, CO Fairgrounds

Weigh in starts at 9:00 a.m. Show will follow once weights are posted.

Name of Exhibitor _____
 Parent or Guardian's Name _____
 Street Address _____
 City _____ Zip _____
 Phone _____ Email _____
 Participant's Birth Date _____ Age as of January 1, 2017 _____

Office Use Only

- ☐ Paid
☐ Showmanship
☐ Signatures
☐ Early Entry

Class Ex: Beef	Weight Ex: 1000 lbs	Animal ID# (county then number) Ex: Las Animas County 48	Fee \$10 per animal	Total Amount

Goats must have a scrapie's tag. All other animals must have a form of identification.

Circle the SPECIES
and AGE division

Beef	Sheep	Goat	Swine	Fee \$10 per entry
Junior 8-11	Junior 8-11	Junior 8-11	Junior 8-11	
Intermediate 11-13	Intermediate 11-13	Intermediate 11-13	Intermediate 11-13	
Senior 14-18	Senior 14-18	Senior 14-18	Senior 14-18	

If you have read the rules and regulations please check the box below.

- ☐ I have read the rules and regulations and agree to them for the 2017 Heating Up the Plains Livestock Jackpot Show.

Participant Signature _____

Parent Signature _____

Payment Options: Check, Cash or PayPal

- Please make all checks to Branson FFA.
- **PayPal account name:** Branson School District. *There is a 3% charge fee when using PayPal.*
- \$2.00 Discount on each animal for all entries post marked by June 1st
- Mail all entry forms to: **Heating Up the Plains Jackpot Show**
16450 County Road 75 Trinidad, CO

A concession stand will be open during the show and all profits will go to Branson FFA

Any questions call 719-680-7059

PAST CAMP RECOUNTS & EXPERIENCES:

2017 SOUTH CENTRAL DISTRICT RETREAT (SCDR):

The theme this year was "Color Your Story"! We had some great workshop sessions with Public Speaking experts who not only told stories of personal achievement but they taught our members some exceptional skills on public speaking and how to improve their own delivery method and engage the audience in which they are speaking to. As always the camp dance was a hit and this year we tie-dyed our camp t-shirts. Other workshops and activities included a photo scavenger hunt, a personality trait class, mini golf and a rock climbing wall. This year SCDR was held at the Golden Bell Camp and Conference Center in Divide Colorado.

APRIL Birthdays!

**Kyleigh Martin
Benjamin Stafford
Lily Bomgardner
Katie Wilkinson**

**Cameron Penkoff
Sheyenne Shy
Kenna Ingram**



Thank You All for being a part of our Custer County 4-H family!!!

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.

FYI.....

Information about upcoming workshops, news releases and "Good to Know" information that we receive in the Extension Office that may interest residents of our beautiful valley. Check here for the most current information we have on upcoming events.

Grasshoppers!

Past problems with grasshoppers?



Join us as we discuss:

- Grasshopper Identification
Learn about the most damaging grasshopper to crops and gardens
- Grasshopper Life Cycle
Identify changes in grasshopper growth in order to maximize the effect of control measures
- Grasshopper Control
Products and strategies in controlling grasshopper infestations



**Call 583-6566 to register
for this FREE class.**

Please register by April 24th

DATE: Tuesday, April 25, 2017

TIME: 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

PLACE: CSU Extension/Pueblo County
701 Court Street, Suite C
Pueblo, CO 81003



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Home Animals Brands Conservation Inspection/Consumer Svcs Markets
Plants State Fair

4/11/2017 Buyer Beware: Watch Out for Free Tree and Landscaping Deals

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

April 11, 2017

Contact: Christi Lightcap, (303) 869-9005, Christi.Lightcap@state.co.us

Buyer Beware: Watch Out for Free Tree and Landscaping Deals

BROOMFIELD, Colo. -The Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA), Colorado Nursery and Greenhouse Association (CNGA) and the Associated Landscape Contractors of Colorado (ALCC) are warning consumers to be wary of trees, shrubs, perennial plants and turf grass sod that is included for “free” with the cost of exorbitant planting and landscaping costs. CNGA, ALCC and CDA all work together to protect consumers.

“There is a consumer protection concern when plants are offered for ‘free’ with the purchase of the landscaping installation. More often than not, the quality of the plants included with these too-good-to-be-true landscaping offers is very poor and does not meet minimum industry or mandated standards in the Colorado Nursery Act,” said CDA’s Program Manager for the Nursery, Phytosanitary, Plant-Pest Quarantine,

and Seed programs, Laura Pottorff. “Trees and other landscape plants are a significant investment made to add value to our property. Be wise and informed.”

While the Department of Agriculture cannot regulate how the plant is planted, it can regulate quality of woody plant material, turfgrass sod, and perennials at the time of sale. CDA helps protect the consumer by ensuring that the product they see at the retail nursery or receive from the landscape contractor meets minimum standard for plant health and quality.

The Colorado Nursery Act requires that all people who sell nursery stock (trees, shrubs, turfgrass sod and other perennial plants) be registered to do so. If this plant material is offered for sale, it must meet strict standards for plant health and pest freedom that gives trees and other plants a “leg up” and increases likelihood of survival.

Consumers are encouraged to ask the nursery or landscape contractor if they are a member of their local industry association, such as CNGA or ALCC. Member companies often go above and beyond to make sure they meet industry best practices. Industry best practices make sure that trees have adequate root systems to survive and adjust to transplanting in Colorado’s challenging landscapes, adding long term value to a landscape.

Member companies follow best management practices that include endorsement of certain tree trunk diameter to root diameter ratios. For example, the best management practice for root balls is that for every caliper inch of trunk width measured at 6” above soil line for a deciduous tree (trees that lose leaves each autumn) there should be at least 10 inches of root ball to match. Similar standards exist for coniferous trees. CNGA and ALCC member companies will also strive to meet industry best planting standards as well. Best planting standards are researched by universities and other scientists in Colorado to ensure best success of trees and shrubs planted in our area.

By law:

- Woody plants and perennials cannot be sold with insect or disease infestations.
- Woody plants and perennials cannot be sold with roots that are girdling,

indicating that the tree or shrub has been in the container too long or in the balled and burlapped state too long.

- Turfgrass sod cannot be sold if it contains more than 3 weeds in a 6 x 6 foot (or 36 square foot) area.
- Check with the CDA to make sure that the company or person you are purchasing your woody plants, turfgrass sod and perennials from is registered to sell nursery stock. By state law they have to be registered to sell nursery stock. The Nursery Act is a consumer protection law and all woody plants, sod and perennials sold within the state of Colorado and the people who sell them fall under the jurisdiction of this law and the Colorado Department of Agriculture.

“If nursery stock is offered for ‘free,’ it may not meet state or industry minimum standards; consumers run the risk of paying for installation services and winding up with poor quality or soon to be dead trees and shrubs,” continued Pottorff. “If possible, go to the nursery and pick out the tree or plants you want. When those plants are delivered to you and planted in your landscape watch them closely for the first few weeks and months to make sure they appear to be growing normally.”

The CDA routinely inspects plants at most of the nurseries in our state. The results of these inspections and any conditions under advisory or Stop Sale that were found during an inspection are available to the public. Contact us at 303-869-9070 or visit www.colorado.gov/nursery.

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