

NEWS TO KNOW

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CUSTER COUNTY 4-H IS ON FACEBOOK!

<https://www.facebook.com/CusterCountyCO4H>



As most of you have Facebook, we are going to become 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 and events.

2017 JANUARY Custer County Courthouse closures:

Monday, January 2nd, 2017 for New Year's.

Monday, January 16th, for Martin Luther King Day.

4-H Enrollment – The 2016-17 Enrollment campaign has been a huge success! Our enrollment numbers have increase significantly from last year, both in membership and project numbers. If you have any project or club changes please contact Extension with those changes or update on the 4-H Online site. If you do use 4-H online, you still need to let Extension know your changes as we do not get notifications from that site when your information is updated.

4-H Project Literature has been ordered. Every 4-H family will receive a letter with their project information listed and costs associated with projects and enrollment fees. Please check your mail and respond appropriately with fees due and any changes or corrections to projects if needed.

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

CLUB NEWS: WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR CLUB?

SILVER SPURS: Regular Meetings will be the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 4:15 P.M. in the Annex Building.
Next Meeting is: January 10th.

TRIPLE C CLOVERS: First Meeting will be January 8th at 1:00 P.M. at the Bowling Alley.

Following this meeting, All Regular Meetings will be the 1st Sunday of each month at 1:00 P.M. at the Ranchers Roost Meeting Room.

TRAILBLAZERS: The Next Meeting will be January 8th at 12:30 in the courthouse basement.

Following this meeting, 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.**

CLOVERBUDS: First Meeting will be January 13th, at 11:00 in the Courthouse Basement.

NOTES TO LEADERS: Leaders, when you set your regular monthly club meeting dates, please notify the Extension Office so that we can post it to the calendar and the newsletters. Also, if you have any information that needs to be in any upcoming newsletters, you must have that information into the Extension Office no later than the 25th of the month. ~ Thank You~

Custer County Important Event Dates:

4-H PUBLIC SPEAKING PRACTICES: We will start practices at the Annex building on February 27th and will continue every Monday at 4:15 p.m. for 6 weeks except for Monday 3-20-16 which is Spring Break.

SHOOTING SPORTS SCHEDULES: FIREARMS ONLY: **Mandatory** Safety meeting for Shooting Sports Firearms will be from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. on March 10th, 2017 at the Catholic Church Parish Hall (Enter through the West Doors).

IF YOU CANNOT MAKE THIS MEETING YOU MUST LET THE EXTENSION OFFICE KNOW BY MARCH 6TH, 2017.

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 21st at 9:00 a.m. and will go until noon at the SDC Shooting Sports Range. Practices will be every Friday following first practice.

ARCHERY SHOOTING SPORTS: Meeting and practice information is TBD.

CUSTER COUNTY 4-H CAMP: The 2017 Camp will be held on Saturday April 22nd. Time and Location TBD.



4-H CARNIVAL



This Year's Carnival is set for March 14th at 4:30 p.m.
at the CCHS School MPR. Hope to see you all there!!!

ALL THINGS LIVESTOCK: BREEDING AND MARKET

Meat Quality Assurance: FEBRUARY 19TH @ 1:00 P.M. AT THE SADDLE CLUB BLDG.

MQA Will Be Required Yearly For ALL 4-H & FFA Market Livestock Members!!

MQA Training along with the New Feed Directive Training will be on February 19th @ 1:00 P.M. at the Saddle Club Building. *(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 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.

ATTENTION MARKET BEEF EXHIBITORS: If you have not selected calves for your beef projects, TIME IS RUNNING OUT!! **Your official weigh in will be Sunday January the 8th, 2016 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the fairgrounds.** Many breeders are preparing to take their fall calf crop to market (if they haven't already), be sure to contact your breeder to select your calves before it's too late!! If you would like information on upcoming club calf sales or breeders who sell to fair kids, contact the extension office. **You will be required to present your brand inspection and bill of sale on Sunday January the 8th.**

Devynne & Sheyenne are headed to National Western Stock Show!! Please wish these girls luck as they head off to their first BIG beef show. They will be attending the **Open Prospect Steer Show** with their 4-H steers on **Saturday January 21st at 9:00** in the morning. Good Luck Devynne and Sheyenne, we are so proud of you girls!!

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 and the information is below:

Cost is \$5.00 per scan.

LOCATION: Fremont County Fairgrounds

Beef – Saturday, **January 28** beginning at 10:30 a.m.

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

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

Upcoming Events and Camps:

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!! Grace will also be attending the LDC camp listed below. If you would like to join her at LDC, call the Extension Office as the deadline for enrollment is Friday January 6th, 2017!

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

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

4-H Club Officer Training – Will be held on January 21, 2017 in Pueblo. Look for more details and registration information at a later date. **Watch your email for this information!!** If you attended last year and already know what it is about but want to go again, please call the extension office so that we can put you on the list.

Leadership Development Conference (LDC):



4-H Day at the Capitol will take place on Monday, January 30, 2017.

Registration for LDC through 4HOnline. Deadline for Enrollment is Friday January 6th, 2017.

Interested Members please contact Extension for details!!

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

Youthfest: February 10-12, 2017: The Colorado State 4-H Senate Officer Team plans and conducts this camp for 4-H members ages 9-13. This event usually happens in February. 4-H members must be between 9 and 13 years of age as of December 31 of the current enrollment year. The purpose of this camp is to provide an opportunity for youth to learn teamwork, leadership, communication, and citizenship skills through a variety of workshops. Registration is through 4HOnline. Registration for this event opens up towards the end of December.

http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/youthfest/youthfest.pdf

Look at the bottom of this newsletter for the LDC & Youthfest community service project information and MORE!!

PAST CAMP RECOUNTS & EXPERIENCES: National 4-H Congress – Katlyn went to Atlanta!

Congratulations to Katlyn Freeburg for her opportunity to attend this event. She won the Grand Champion 4-H Wildlife project at the State Fair which earned her this chance. Please read Katlyn's recount on her National Congress Trip below:

Hello my name is Katlyn Freeburg, I am 19 years old and a freshman at Colorado State University Pueblo. I was a 13 year 4-H member and during those 13 years I completed 77 projects and attended countless camps. Over Thanksgiving break I attended the most memorable and helpful conference of my 4-H career, The National 4-H Congress. 15 delegates from the state of Colorado joined almost a thousand other 4-H members from 39 states and one territory, in Atlanta, Georgia.

On the 25th, the Colorado delegation headed to DIA to begin our five day adventure. Upon arrival in Atlanta, we checked into our rooms and headed to the "get acquainted dinner" where we stuck together but met a few people from other states. Kevin Wanzer, the opening assembly's speaker, showed us that there is joy in everyday activities. The day ended with games that allowed us to meet many more people.

Day two began with our morning speaker, Barbara Chamberlin, who spoke to us about how words are the most powerful thing in the world. The way we use them could be the difference in getting a job or not. The rest of the day was filled with workshops which included, speed meeting, The Power of Service Learning, Coolness of Science, and many more. That night the ballroom was transformed into a trip around the world, there were decorated serving stations representing different regions of the world including Egypt, China, and America. The evening ended with great food, entertainment from the Hawaiian and Puerto Rico delegations, and a dance to follow.

Day three, the most inspiring day, started with the presentation of the state flags. Our speaker for the morning was Dr. Eugen Schoenfeld, a survivor of the Holocaust, delivered the most important message of the congress, hope will carry you through even the toughest times. After the assembly, the states went their separate ways and enjoyed a meal outside of the hotel. The Colorado delegation walked a few blocks to Pittypat's Southern Diner, the building which the restaurant calls home is featured in the popular movie "Gone With the Wind". After some more workshops, we headed to the Atlanta History Center for an evening of culture and dinner.

In 4-H giving back to the community is a big part of the program, so on the 28th we did just that. Two groups headed outdoors to pick up trash or pull invasive plants, while the rest of the groups traveled to local elementary schools and assisted the teachers in the classroom. After a long couple of days it was time to explore the city. The delegation split and headed to the aquarium, zoo, Coca Cola factory, or the Football Hall of Fame. After an afternoon on the town, it was time to get dressed up and go to the Congress Gala. The speakers concluding the night included Miss America 2017 and Sam Pardue, who told us to follow our dreams and never give up on them even when something may stand in the way.

The following morning closed with Dan Clark speaking about how we should live every day to the fullest. With that brought the goodbye to many amazing friends I had made throughout the week. I had made some great friends from Wisconsin, Louisiana, Pennsylvania, and Colorado. 4-H allowed me to meet other people who had the same interests as I do and become friends with them. This is one of the many reasons I believe 4-H is the most powerful youth program in the nation.

The trip to Atlanta opened my eyes to all of the opportunities that 4-H has to offer and how many people love the program just as much as I do. I would encourage all of our current 4-H members to take at least one of the qualifying projects to have a chance at going on this trip. The National 4-H Congress was the perfect way to finish my 4-H career.



The Colorado delegation at the National 4-H Congress Gala

4-H NEEDS YOU!

We are looking for volunteers with all different skills. If you would like to help our youth gain the knowledge and skills to become the leaders of tomorrow, then please contact the Extension office.



January Birthdays!

*Scott Freeburg
Makymna Reiff*

*Benji Smith
Rafael Gonzalez*



Thanks for being a part of the 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.

Colorado 4-H is excited to announce our Community Service Project for LDC and Youth Fest!

We have teamed up with Funds2Orgs to not only raise a little money to support our state events, but with your donation of gently worn shoes, you will be helping to develop and sustain micro-businesses in more than 25 under-developed nations around the world.

Families in these nations that receive the shoes that you collect have little to no income or livelihood. These shoes, and their ability to be sold or repurposed, represent a micro-enterprise opportunity for individual families and their communities. It represents true sustainability.

GOAL: 300 bags of 25 pairs of shoes in each bag by mid-February 2017.

We are challenging each county to bring a minimum of 2 bags of 25 pairs of shoes to LDC and 1 bag of 25 pairs of shoes to Youth Fest. Western National Roundup is also contributing to this service project so between the three events, we should reach our goal. Shoes need to be rubber banded together and placed in clear plastic bags. PLEASE, shoes are to be new, or gently worn and clean. If you would not lend the shoes to your best friend, then they are not good enough for this donation.

You can collect shoes from your family, friends, neighbors, and anyone you know. It is estimated that around 600 million pairs of shoes go into America's landfills and a majority of these shoes can still be worn. I know I have four pair of shoes that are for sure getting donated. They can be heels, flats, tennis shoes, dress shoes, boots, work boots, any shoes. Just as long as they are clean and in good shape.

We are excited to work with you on this fun campaign. Contact or stop by your county Extension Office for their drop off location. (Custer County: 719-783-2514)

Email or call Melissa Barton at melissa@moonstoneagency.com or 970-213-0899 with any questions.

2017 TRUCK RAFFLE

We got notice this morning 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: Let's gear up for another fantastic year of selling Truck Raffle Tickets!!



YOUTHFEST-FEBRUARY 10-12, 2017

Family Consumer
Science Projects



Event

Information

[Ponderosa Camp Website](#)

[Ponderosa Recreational
Release Form](#)

[Directions: How to Get To
Ponderosa](#)

[YouthFest Flyer](#)

[YouthFest Schedule](#)

[Code of Conduct](#)

[Health Form](#)

[What to Bring/ Payment](#)

Background/Eligibility/Registration

Background: The Colorado State 4-H Senate Officer Team plans and conducts this camp for 4-H members ages 9-13. This event usually happens in February.

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The purpose of this camp is to provide an opportunity for youth to learn teamwork, leadership, communication, and citizenship skills through a variety of workshops.

Registration is through 4HOnline. Registration for this event opens up towards the end of December.

Chaperoning:

One adult/ten youth must be present from each group represented by participants to provide supervision. If both male and female campers are in attendance, a female and a male chaperon must accompany the local delegation unless special arrangements have been made in advance with another group.

Cost:

Agent/Chaperone/Volunteer-Leader (Adults): \$120

Camper (Youth): \$120

Counselor (16 and older): \$75

State Officers: No Fee

FYI - JANUARY 2017

2017 IRM REDBOOKS ARE HERE!!

Hello Ranchers, if you are looking for your new redbooks, there are a limited number of books left so if you are a regular you need to come to the Extension Office and pick yours up! Come by Monday-Friday, 8:00 to 4:00 to pick them up.

SEEDLING TREE SALES- Applications to purchase seedling trees from the Colorado State Forest Service will soon be 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 as soon as we receive this year's application.

2017 Ag Outlook and Strategy Forums for Producers

Producers know their costs of producing crops and livestock continue to be high while market prices are going down. As profits decrease or there are losses, producers may have difficulty securing operating loans or have to take money from the savings they accumulated over the past few years of good prices. What are they to do?

Colorado State University Extension will host six outlook and strategy forums throughout Colorado in January and February. Producers participating in the forums will learn about the outlook for commodity prices, production costs for each area, current Farm Service Agency programs, and various strategies for being profitable when prices are low.

Dr. Stephen Koontz, CSU agricultural marketing expert, will present current outlook information for commodities common to the areas in which the forums will be conducted. Koontz is well known throughout Colorado and the U.S. for his knowledge of the domestic and world factors that drive market prices for such things as corn, wheat, cattle, oilseeds, and hay. He is also familiar with imports and exports.

Brent Young, Jeff Tranel, and Jenny Beiermann, CSU agricultural and business management economists, will discuss the costs and returns for various commodities. They will also explore strategies, including new crop insurance products, that a producer might use to change his production and marketing to better match his individual costs with forecasted market prices. USDA Farm Service Agency personnel will talk about the FSA programs available to producers in Colorado.

The Ag outlook and strategy forums will be held in Montrose at Friendship Hall on January 11th, Sterling at the NJC campus on February 7th, Burlington at the Community Center on February 8th and Limon at the Hub City Senior Center on February 15th. All programs will be held from 11:00 am to 2:30 pm and lunch will be provided.

Registration is required and fees are \$30 online and \$35 by phone. To register online go to <https://2017agoutlook.eventbrite.com> by phone call (970) 522-7207 and ask for Rebecca.

Two additional forums will be held in Greeley at the Farm Show on January 26th and in Lamar on February 3rd as part of an all-day Ag event.

For more information about the forums, please contact Brent Young at 970-522-7207 or brent.young@colostate.edu.

Would you like to make some extra money in the New Year?

Do you make home-baked foods that you would like to sell?

The Colorado Cottage Foods Act makes it possible for you to sell your products to the consumer at craft sales, farmers markets, etc., or sell from your own kitchen.

CSU Extension Agent Laura Krause is presenting a class on January 7th to give you all the information you need to start your own home-based business.

See the flyer for complete details and register at <http://pueblo.extension.colostate.edu/cottage-foods-safety-training/>

CSU Extension– Pueblo County Presents-

Cottage Foods Safety Training

Are you interested in bringing your food product to craft sales or farmers markets?

Learn food safety considerations in setting up your home for a food business:

- New development in the Colorado Cottage Food Act
- Foods permissible for sale to the end consumer
- Ingredient labeling requirements
- Basic food safety—including proper hygiene; preventing cross contamination and cross contact of food allergens; temperature control for safe food preparation, storage, transport and sales
- Special considerations for food preparation at altitude

Date: Saturday, January 7, 2017

Time: 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Location: 701 Court Street, Suite C
Pueblo, CO 81003

Fee: \$40.00

To register, go to:

<http://pueblo.extension.colostate.edu/cottage-foods-safety-training/>

Registration deadline Jan. 5.

Space is limited to 16 participants.

For more info, call 719-583-6566.

Presented by Extension Agents,
Laura Krause and Briana Rockler

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If you have a disability for which you seek an accommodation, please notify CSU Extension at 719-583-6566 at least five (5) business days in advance of the event. Colorado State University Extension, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Colorado counties cooperating. Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.

