



4-H FAMILY NEWS

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November - December 2011

Welcome!!

Welcome to our 4-H Family!! We hope that this will be a memorable and rewarding experience for you and your 4-H member. 4-H is over 100 years old and the program continues to grow with the changing times. We have Awesome leaders in our county, who are always willing to help out. Just remember that we do not know you have a question unless YOU ask – so always know, there is no dumb question. Please feel free to call Cheryl, Tom or myself anytime that you may have a question or concern. Just remember that we have all been first year members and we all survived – you will too!!

Our 4-H members are Awesome as well and your child may know some already. If not, no problem, they are always willing to reach out and help the first year members.

For your benefit, we will be having a 4-H 101 (orientation) Thursday, January 19, 2012 at 6:00, at the County Annex Building. We will go over what is expected in 4-H and how to handle 4-H. We are providing the chili if you could provide the appetite. We will serve dessert, coffee and lemonade. I hope that you will put this date on your calendar. I believe it will benefit you and make your first year a lot easier. Hope to see you there.

Your first year will be a busy one, club and project meetings, community service projects, not to mention the unmentionables. Please do not feel overwhelmed – you'll be ok and like the rest of us – you'll survive to carry on the Clover!!

Welcome Back!!

Thank you so much for re-enrolling in 4-H, you kids are great and we appreciate what you bring to the 4-H Program. Another year is about to begin, so if you know what your projects are, please let your project leader know. **As you know, woodworking and rocketry will begin the first week of November.**

I would truly appreciate you reaching out to our young, new members. We all remember how intimidating it is our first year – you including them makes them feel a little better.

To all members and parents:

Accountability is a very important issue to me. 4-H is a huge commitment so completing your project is very important. We all have responsibilities with work, kids, meals, homework, etc., please keep focused on the completion and not the quit. You will feel better about yourself and have one life skill accomplished!! Finish!

Also, all returning members may not need a project manual if you continue with the same project as last year. All new members, you will need a manual to help you learn all about your project. The manuals will be shipped to your Club leader and distributed by January! Remember to contact your project leader to let them know you will be attending.

Outstanding! Congratulations to all members, leaders and program supporters recognized at the annual Achievement Program. Outstanding Junior Members are Dylan Long & Nathaniel Baker. Emily Graf & Cheyenne Mortensen were recognized as Outstanding Senior Members. Outstanding Leader recognition went to Kelly Comisky & Sissy Dennison. Our 2011 Friends of 4-H are, Scott

Conklin, Tanner Young, Tara Graf & Val Christensen, IFA.

Enrollment Forms & Fees:

Just a reminder, enrollment fees are \$20 for the first project and \$10 for every project after that. The horse project requires additional fees of \$40 for riding card and use of MCFG.

Dates to Remember:

October 24-TBA – MCFG Main Barn will be CLOSED!! Will let you know ASAP when they will open! Outdoor arena will remain open.

November

- 14 Sale Committee, 6:00 pm, Annex
- 14 Stakeholders, 6:30 pm, Annex
- 14 County Council, 7 pm, Annex
- 11 Extension Office closed
- 11 Veterans Day Parade
- 21 Fair Board, 7 pm, room 302 courthouse
- 24-25 Extension Office closed

December

- 1 **Last day for 4-H project enrollment**
- 12 County Council 7 pm, Annex
- 19 Fair Board, 7 pm, room 302 courthouse
- 23-26 Extension Office closed
- 30-2 Extension Office closed

January 2012

- 2 Extension Office Closed
- 9 Stakeholders, 6:30 pm, Annex
- 9 County Council, 7:00 pm, Annex
- 16 Fair Board, 7:00 pm room 302
- 19 4-H 101, Chili Supper & Orientation
- 28 Club Officer Training, 10:00 am, Annex

Stakeholders and County

Council will meet Monday, November 14 at the Annex. As livestock members, 6% is taken out of your sale check, that's a big chunk of change!! Wouldn't you like to know where that 6% goes and why?? We encourage you to come to the Stakeholders meeting and find out where you hard earned money goes. County Council will follow at 7:00 p.m. If you were voted to be your Club rep to County Council, please be accountable and honor your word in being at this monthly meeting. Thank you!!

2011-2012 Alternate Senator

Election: Any member 14 years of age as of January 1, 2012 is eligible to run for alternate Senator. What do alternate Senators do? First of all it is a two-year commitment. They attend County Council meetings and serve as our County's voice at district and state meetings. The second year they move in to the Senate position to become our county's voting delegates. Elections will take place at the November 14th County Council meeting, 7:00 p.m. in the Annex. Nominees should be prepared to tell about their participation in 4-H and why they would like to represent the county's interests.



Shooting Sports: Local state trained volunteers are willing to work with members 8 years of age as of January 1, 2012 in these shooting sports disciplines: air pistol/rifle, 22rifle, and shotgun. State trained archery leaders determined that 10 years old as of January 1, 2012 is required for this discipline.

Each shooting sports member is REQUIRED to have a hunter safety card to practice and to participate in the county fair shoot. The required age is 10; however, 8 & 9 year olds will be examined by the leaders for competence.

Hunter Safety Classes are:
8:00a - 5:00p, Saturday & Sunday

January 28 & 29
February 11 & 12
March 3 & 4
Montezuma County Fairgrounds
(subject to change)

Shooting Sports Leader: If you are interested in becoming a leader, please call Tom or Tonya at 565-3123 for more information.

February 1st Ownership:
Weigh/Tag in date: Sunday, February 5, 2012, 1:00-3:00p, MCFG
Members interested in the market beef project should mark their calendars.
NOTE: By Colorado brand law, members need to have brand inspections done *before* the animal is transported off of the property. You should NOT be waiting until February 1 to get your animal's brand inspected. Remember, to keep the pink copy and bring the blue copy to tag/weigh-in.

Beef Ready to Lead: Members in the market beef program are *required* to lead their animal(s) a specified distance to the scale at the official tag and weigh day. If a member is unable to lead the animal, the steer will be sent home without being tagged or weighed. This rule was established in 2004 due to the inherent risk involved in the market beef project and 2003 legal precedence.

FYI!!

Rodney Hager will start the woodworking and rocket projects the week of November 1st. All youth must be enrolled already in 4-H in order to start participating. Please call Rodney to let him know if you will be participating in either of these two projects #749 5639.

Montezuma County Fairgrounds main barn will be CLOSED from October 24, through ???. The barn will be receiving a new roof.

If you have any old 4-H project paraphernalia you want to get rid of, for example, blocking shoot, ceramic tools,

leather craft tools, cake decorating pans etc, please contact the office. Sometimes getting started in a new project can be cost prohibitive for families.

2012 Montezuma County Fair Theme:

"Barn in the USA"!!

Fair dates are, as advertised, August 1-4, 2012

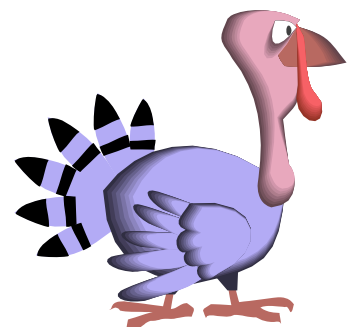
The State Ford F-150 raffle is complete and Montezuma County received \$80 for their part in the raffle.

Your Announcements: If you have an announcement that you would like in the "Family News" or "Leader Notes" newsletters, they must be to the Extension Office by the 20th of each month. Just as a reminder, "Family News" comes out in the odd numbered months and "Leader Notes" in the even numbered month.

Sincerely,

Tonya Yates
County 4-H Program Coordinator

Tom Hooten
Interim County Extension Director



Eat Beef, Eat Pork...just don't eat
me!!