December 2021 | Extension Newsletter

FREMONT COUNTY
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

"Kindness is like snow. It beautifies everything it covers." –Kahlil Gibran

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4-H Scholarships Open

The scholarship process is open November 1 through March 1, 2022

Colorado 4-H awards scholarships annually to outstanding youth who have actively engaged in Colorado 4-H clubs for at least 3 years. The scholarship process is competitive and open from November 1, 2021 through March 1, 2022. Scholarship recipients will be announced in May 2022. There are opportunities available for all kinds of students, including for those attending trade schools or junior colleges, transfer students, and continuing students.

For more information on the scholarship process and scholarships available, visit https://co4h.colostate.edu/about-us/scholarships.

Moving Date

The Extension Office will be moving to the Pathfinder Park Event Center after the first of the year.

The Colorado State University Office of Engagement & Extension held its Annual Fall Forum at the CSU Campus November 8-10. The forum included sessions ranging from 4-H to health to sustainability and conservation of natural resources.

Jeramy McNeely, Julianne Dinkel, and Krystina Del Duca attended from the Fremont County Office, as well as Blake Osborne and Kara Harders who are regional specialists.

Extension Staff from across the state and from campus joined in this opportunity to deepen connections with partners from across the state, facilitate collaboration, and join conversations on engagement and engaged scholarship.

The number of programs and resources that Extension has available is beyond imagine. If you have a question or see a community need, please contact us to see what we can offer.

4-H & Extension Updates

Master Gardeners

The Master Gardeners ended their successful season with dinner at DiRito's. The group has many things planned for the upcoming year including collaborating with 4-H to offer a mini camp on gardening (see page 6 for ways to sign up) and assisting the Cloverbuds with their March meeting.
If you have questions about plants, soil, bugs, etc., the Master Gardeners are willing share their knowledge. Contact the office for more information.

Leader Appreciation Dinner and 2022 Kick Off

On September 30th, we held a Leader Appreciation Dinner and 2022 Kick Off for all of our 4-H Leaders. We may not always say it, but we are so thankful for our volunteers. Without them, we would not have the program we do! Make sure you tell your leaders when they are doing a good job!

Congratulations National Qualifiers!

Fremont County had four 2022 National 4-H Shooting Sports Colorado State Qualifiers. Congratulations to Daesha Mills, Kaylene Ontiveros, Dylan Owens, and Matthew Owens. The competition will be June 26-July 1, 2022, in Grand Island, Nebraska.

December 15th

LAST DAY TO ENROLL IN 4-H TO BE ENTERED INTO THE DRAWING FOR THE $50 GIFT CARD

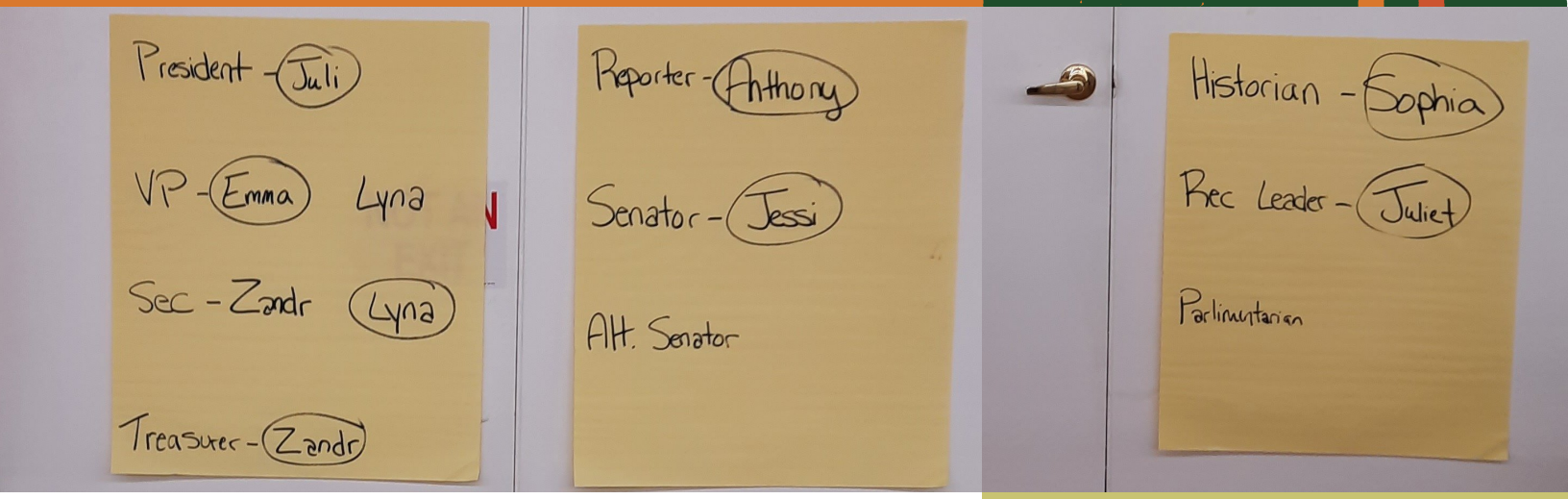
4-H Club News

Clubs - You have been challenged!

Tally Ho has issued a challenge to all clubs to fill the Warming Tree in the atrium of the County Administration Building. They have set up a Christmas tree with the purpose of collecting hats, gloves, scarves, socks, blankets, etc., for Loaves and Fishes. All clubs have been challenged to put items on the warming tree or in the box next to it by December 20th. Thank you for your help!

Officer Information

Reporters and Club Leaders - once you know who your 2022 officer team will be, let the Extension Office know



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Boots-N-Spurs

For their December meeting, Boots-N-Spurs members will be making Christmas Cards to deliver to the Veterans Home in Florence. They would also like to wish all 4-H'ers a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Champs or Bust

Champs or Bust will be having their new member orientation meeting on Friday, January 7th at 7:00 pm at the 4-H Building. If you are a new member of their club, make sure you attend this meeting. The regular club meeting will be held Friday, January 14th at 7:00 pm at the 4-H Building, as well.

CONGRATULATION!

Congratulations Rocky Mountain 4-H Club

Rocky Mountain 4-H Club won Outstanding Club Award for 2021. The award is based on a point system. If you are curious how many points your club earned, please contact the Extension Office. Also, watch for the revised 2022 club award criteria that will be released soon.

Club Leaders make sure you are checking your club box regularly. If you are unable to make it, please send someone.

4-H Council News

Meet your newly elected officer team for 4-H Council:

President - Juliana Magallanes
Vice President - Emma Ankney
Secretary - Lyna Darcy
Treasurer - Zandr Darcy
Reporter - Anthony Hall
Senator - Jessi Darcy
Historian - Sophia Pearsall
Recreation Leader - Juliet Pearsall

Congratulations to those who ran and were elected! Council still has open positions that need to be filled. If you are interested, please contact Julianne.

Council also has two open Advisor positions. These positions are for adult volunteers who are willing to assist the Council Officers in their endeavors. If you are interested, please contact Julianne.

4-H Project News

Discover 4-H/Welcome to 4-H

December 1st and 15th and January 5th and 19th
4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building

This project is for any member who wants to brush up on their 4-H knowledge, make new friends, and have a fair-ready display completed by the end of January. We will be discussing how 4-H works, trying out some of the projects that 4-H has to offer, and figuring out the roles that each of us plays in 4-H... while having fun! We learned about Health and Nutrition and baked English muffin pizzas at our last meeting.

Scrapbooking

One-on-one lessons are available with Rhonda Batson. Call her at 719-429-2793 or email her at rhondagis@gmail.com to set up a time.

Dog Project Training

January 5 at 6:30 PM will be the information meeting for the Dog Project. You do not have to be enrolled in dogs to attend the informational meeting-anyone is welcome! No dogs at the meeting please! Practices will start January 12, 2022 at the 4-H Building and be every Wednesday from January through May. Depending on enrollment, 4-H'ers may be split into small groups with varying practice times. For more information please contact Margie McNew at 458-5762.

Photography

Friday, December 10th
1:00-3:00 p.m.
4-H Building
Contact Diana Phillips with questions at 719-289-8072 or dphillipsphotos@yahoo.com

Leathercraft Meetings

2nd and 4th Wednesdays beginning in February
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building
Beginners will need to purchase a kit from the office ($50) and pick up extra practice leather prior to the first class. Practice leather is available for pick up for all levels at the Extension Office. Contact Butch at 719-371-0320 for more information.

Poultry Meetings & Project Information

1st Tuesday of every month
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
4-H Building
If you are interested in the poultry project, there is a Facebook group to join where reminders and info are posted! Catalogs are out from hatcheries so now is a good time to preorder!

SHOOTING SPORTS

Every 4-H Shooting Sports member must possess a valid Colorado Hunters' Safety Card. Classes are offered through 4-H and through the Colorado Division of Wildlife.

The 4-H class will be held:

- **February 18 - 5 pm -9 pm**
- **February 19 - 8 am - 12 pm**
- **February 26 - 8 am - done**

MUST ATTEND ALL THREE SESSIONS and pass the test to earn your card.

Sign up for the 4-H class through the Extension Office.

Foods & Nutrition

2nd Thursday of the month
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.
For more information contact Bill or Kristy at billd.andoverks@gmail.com

Cake Decorating will start in March. Watch for details.

4-H Livestock Updates

COLORADO STATE FAIR MARKET BEEF

All Market Beef animals must be identified in the program by the junior exhibitor only. It is MANDATORY for each Market Beef to carry a county tag to be eligible for entry at the Colorado State Fair. The ONLY way to get a county tag is to bring the animal to the Fremont County Market Beef Weigh Day. At this time, they will be tagged, weighed and retinal scanned.

Office fee - There will be a processing fee of $5.00 per animal nominated for the Colorado State Fair. Payment will be required at time of weigh-in. Checks are to be made out to Fremont County Extension Fund. This is a Fremont County office fee and is not a charge by the Colorado State Fair.

Show eligibility for the Colorado State Fair requires an official brand inspection issued in the sole name of the Colorado 4-H or FFA exhibitor. No family names will be accepted. Make sure the individual name is the same on the weigh-in lists, nomination card and brand inspection. The Colorado State Fair will continue to require either a Premise ID or Location # and this number MUST be on the nomination card.

All Market Beef nominated for the CSF are required to be retinal scanned. All nomination cards MUST be signed by the 4-H agent if the project is through 4-H. All nomination cards must be sent in by the agent. No nomination will be accepted if mailed in by the exhibitor. If the 4-H member wants retinal scans for the Colorado State Fair - they MUST be present to sign the nomination card(s). If you have questions contact Jeramy.

4-H MARKET BEEF WEIGH-IN SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, 2022

ALL MARKET BEEF MUST BE WEIGHED AND TAGGED FOR THE 2022 FREMONT COUNTY FAIR

Wednesday, January 19
Must be enrolled in, own and have in your possession – Market Beef. Anyone interested in taking Market Beef to the Colorado State Fair MUST have a nomination card filled out on this day. The 4-H member MUST be present to sign the nomination card.

Saturday, January 22, 9:00-11:00
Weigh and tag all Market Beef.
Retinal scans will be available for $5.00 per head for those nominating for the Colorado State Fair.
Place: Livestock Barn - Royal Gorge Rodeo Grounds

Other Important Dates

Market Swine ID Forms Due May 11th
Enroll in project by May 1st
Market Sheep & Goat Weigh-In May 14th
Enroll in project by May 1st
**Must be in possession of member by Wednesday before weigh day or ID forms due.

Additional Requirements (ALL Animal Projects)

Premise ID and Animal Care & Housing Forms must be completed and turned into the Extension Office.

Gymkhana Date Changes

1st Show June 4th
2nd Show June 18th
3rd Show June 25th
Rain Date June 26

Dare To Be You campers were taught how to two-step, swing dance, and do the Church Clap during the dance workshop on the opening night before the dance.

Discovery Mini Camps

NEW THIS YEAR!!

Half-day camps where you can try out a project. Non-members are welcome, too! Bring your friends. All materials included in the $5 fee. Call the office to reserve a spot.

December 10-Discover Cooking
January 14-Discover Sewing
January 17-Discover Cake Decorating
February 5-Discover Shooting Sports
February 12-Discover Quilting (sponsored by a local quilting group)
April 2-Discover Outdoor Adventures
April 8-Discover Gardening (sponsored by our Master Gardeners)
July 8-Discover Entomology

Save the date

District Retreat at Camp Golden Bell will be March 18th-20th (for members 14-18 years old)

4-H Camps

Leadership Development Conference (LDC)

January 28-31st at the Renaissance in Denver

This event is for 4-H members 14-18 years old.
Registrants will engage in leadership activities, attend presentations, and much more!

Mark your calendars--registration details coming soon!

WHAT?!

Our very own Commissioner Kevin Grantham (former Colorado State Senate President) will be presenting on leadership and legislation!

Coding Camp

Mondays & Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m.
16 sessions starting January 17th
8 spots available

What: Youth will be provided with a Coding kit that will have an Arduino circuit board, bread board, wires and other electronic pieces. (Kits can be sent to your county office and distributed accordingly or to the youth directly). Kits will need to be returned after the program ends. Youth will need a working computer that has access to the internet and will need to download a coding program.

Theme: The theme of the Camp is 30 days lost in space and youth need to code programs that will solve a variety of issues on their spaceship. We bought kits from a company called Inventr.io. The tutorial videos are on their website.

Deadline: I need to know by December 13th for those who are interested and the number of youth interested. This is to ensure kits are sent to the correct counties and/or families. (there will be a small charge for shipping) Program begins January 17th.

Cost: Free (other than shipping cost) as long as kits are returned

Contact the office to sign up for camp 719-276-7390.

Spring Break Camp

March 14-16, 8-noon

Only $25
Price includes all materials for the camp and a snack for three days of fun!

Summer Camp

June 6-9

Only $40
Price includes materials for the camp and a snack for four days of fun and exploration!

Cloverbuds

November Meeting

The Cloverbuds had their first meeting on Saturday, November 13th. The turnout was incredible! The young Cloverbuds and their families were welcomed with crafts, tee-shirts and snacks. They went over expectations, this year's vision and of course the 4-H pledge. Many of the young children brought their siblings with them to join in all the fun. The Cloverbuds talked about the importance of being observant in nature while decorating fall leaves. They met one another over snacks and drinks. They colored 4-H pledge magnets for the fridge, crafted Cloverbud necklaces, key chains and did some scratch art bookmarks. The Cloverbuds, siblings, parents and leaders were covered in fabric spray paint after they decorated their Cloverbud tee-shirt. They are looking forward to a full year of discovery, crafts, snacks, other clubs and, most of all, new-found friendships.

December Meeting

Our Cloverbud Day Camp is just around the corner on Saturday, December 11th from 12 pm to 3 pm. Clover Rovers 4-H Club will be sponsoring this camp and need to know how many will be attending for supplies and snacks.

Each Cloverbud will be creating a 2022 calendar. Siblings can help the Cloverbud with their calendar at no charge or you can purchase additional calendars at $10 each. If you would like to purchase an additional calendar, please bring cash or check. Exact change is helpful.

Please RSVP by this Friday, December 3rd and let us know if your Cloverbud will be attending and if you want to purchase any additional calendars.

We look forward to another fun-filled day for crafts, snacks and making new friends.

December 11th
CAMP 12-3PM

January 15th
1-3PM

December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Discover 4-H Project Meeting 4:00pm - 5:30pm 4-H Council Meeting 6:00pm - 8:00pm	2 Christmas Craft Fair Set Up Beaver Park Ag Club Meeting 6:30pm - 7:30pm	3 **Craft Fair** By Chance Club Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm	4
5	6 New Family Orientation 6PM 6:00am - 7:30am @ 4-H Building	7 Dining with Diabetes: In Person Class 11:00am - 1:00pm Dining with Diabetes: In Person Class 5:30pm - 7:30pm Poultry Meetings - Front Preferred, back ok 6:00pm - 8:00pm	8	9 Creative Kids Club Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm Foods Project Meetings 6:30pm - 8:30pm	10 Discover 4-H Cooking Mini Camp 8:00am - 12:00pm Photography Meeting 1:00pm - 3:00pm @ 4-H Building	11 Cloverbud Day Camp 12:00pm - 3:00pm
12 Boots-N-Spurs Club Meeting 1:00pm - 2:00pm Clover Rovers Club Meeting 3:00pm - 4:00pm	13 ServSafe Manager Certification Class 8:00am - 7:00pm	14 Tally Ho Club Meeting 6:30pm - 7:30pm Fair Board Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ 4-H Building	15 Early Enrollment Contest Deadline Discover 4-H Project Meetings 4:00pm - 5:30pm	16 Los Caballeros Club Meeting 7:00pm - 9:00pm	17	18
19 Rocky Mountain Club Meeting 3:30pm - 4:30pm	20 Anita - Monthly Cleaning Building 12:00pm - 2:00pm	21	22	23 Christmas Holiday (Office Closed)	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas Day
26	27	28	29	30 **Creative Kids Lock In** @ 4-H Building New Years Holiday (Office Closed)	31 New Year's Eve	

January 2022

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23	24 CSU Advisory Meeting 6:00pm - 7:00pm @ 4-H Building Fremont County 4-H Cornerstone Meeting 7:00pm - 8:00pm @ 4-H Building	25	26 Dog Meetings - TENT 6:00pm - 8:00pm	27 Four Mile Club Meeting 6:30pm - 7:30pm	28	29
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