

Fremont County 4-H&FFA Fair Special Edition Newsletter & September Updates



Farewell to Becky Chace

For the last 25 years Becky Chace has been the face of the Fremont County Extension Office. She has dedicated countless hours both in the office, and out of the office, to support the youth, leaders, and families of the Fremont County 4-H Program and Extension office. Over her tenure, Becky has volunteered many hours to help with various aspects of the program, most notably- the horse shows which she has announced for years.

Becky won't only be missed and remembered for all she's done, but also for all that she is! A warm smile, lot's of laughs and lots of passion for the youth of Fremont County. She has been invaluable and will be so dearly missed by all!

If you missed it- we had Becky's retirement party on Thursday Sept. 14th to honor all of her hard work and commitment to the program. Between 4-H families past and present, volunteers and colleagues, Becky had over 70 people come wish her all the best in her new endeavors of retirement!! If you wanted to bring her a card, but couldn't make her party, you may bring them to the Extension Office through the end of September and we will make sure they get to her!

Thank you Becky, for all you have done over the years! Best wishes!





Welcome to Fremont County New Ag Agent & Office Manager

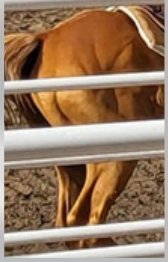
Hello! My name is Shanan Davey and I am your new Ag/Natural Resources & 4-H Extension Agent here in Fremont County! I am very excited to be here, and I look forward to working with each of you. I now live in Penrose, but I grew up on the Western Slope in Olathe, CO on a small farm raising commercial goats. I was heavily involved in 4-H showing pigs, sheep, and goats and livestock judging was my passion growing up. After high school, I attended Casper College in Casper, WY for my Associates Degree. I then transferred to the University of Wyoming in Laramie, WY for my

Bachelors Degree. I then received my Masters Degree in Animal Genetics from the University of Wyoming in May of 2022. I participated in Livestock Judging at both schools in Casper and Laramie, and during my Masters program, I was the Assistant Livestock Judging Coach for the University and the volunteer coach for the local 4-H and FFA teams. I most recently worked for NAFDMA International Agritourism Association as the Membership and Events Manager. I helped facilitate events and conferences for over 1500+ members throughout the year. My time there allowed me to work with small acreage producers on maximizing profit and sustainability for their individual operations in the states, Canada, the U.K and Australia. I am looking forward to bringing the knowledge I gained from that position to share with Fremont County. -- Agriculture is my passion, and I am excited I get to be involved with it daily here. I look forward to meeting you all in the coming months!



Shanan Davey & Alli Spinuzzi

Hello! My name is Alli Spinuzzi and I am the new Extension office manager! I live in Pueblo West with my husband of 8 years and our two daughters. In the past, I have worked as a manager at Boot Barn and most recently a manager for Big R. I grew up in Brush, CO where agriculture is the heart of the community. Although I didn't personally grow up on a farm or ranch, FFA and 4-H were always valued organizations in my small town and helped me develop my appreciation and interest in the industry and lifestyle. I now have a little homestead consisting of chickens, dairy goats, pigs, and horses. I also enjoy gardening and canning. I am very excited to meet you all and be a part of the Fremont County 4-H family.



Thank you

To all of the Fair Board Members, Club Leaders, Project Leaders, Superintendents, Parents, siblings, and all other volunteers

for all you did, and do for these kids to have a successful Fair! This year was definitely a lot of work, but well worth it! Everyone worked hard, had fun, and really pulled through to make it a memorable year! We are so fortunate to have such great volunteers eager to give the kids the best possible experience! Thank you for all you do, it does not go un-noticed!

Our kids are AMAZING! They worked hard to get to County Fair, and they worked even harder at the fair. We had competitors helping each other cut their matts during set up, helping each other in the show ring when needed and much more! When a task needed completed, the kids jumped in to make sure the load was light for each other. From the PeeWees to the Seniors, we were impressed!

This newsletter is dedicated to celebrating the experiences and the memories made. Congratulations to all who participated and all who worked hard to make this year successful!



2023 Fair Kickoff

The Fremont County Fair kicked off with two new exciting changes! The ribbon cutting and family of the year announcements were done before the start of the Junior rodeo!

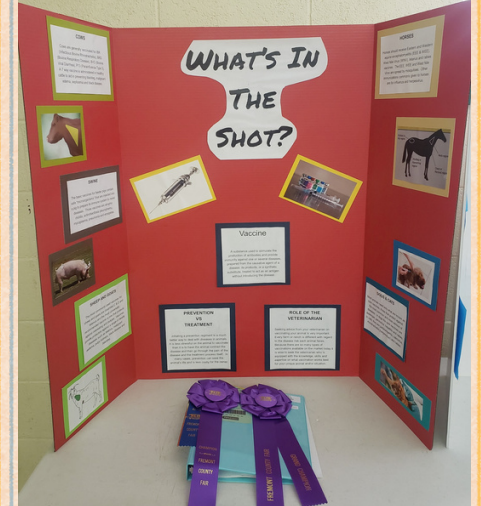
Fremont County Commissioners joined with 4-H/FFA Members, Fair Board members, Royalty and more to cut the ribbon!

The 2022-2023 Family of the year was the Randy Comstock family! Another generation of dedicated 4-H'ers!



2023 4-H projects:

Over 150 animals were exhibited at the Fair this year!



Grand & Reserve Champions

Maddie Adamic - Beef - Abigail Lawson



Caitlyn West - Goat - Maddie Adamic



Kameron Atwood - Sheep - Kameron Atwood



Brake Larsen

- Swine -

Jacob Brooks



Alafair Sheridan

- Poultry -

Alafair Sheridan



Emmalee Smith

- Rabbit -

Emmalee Smith



Shooting Sports

Shooting sports 4-H'ers kicked off the county fair while competing over the two weekends prior too!



Thank you 4-H Council for Family Night!!!!



Summer 2023

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Michael Martin Murphey & Rodeos





I pledge..

My **head** to clearer thinking,

My **heart** to greater loyalty,

My **hands** to larger service, and My **health**
to better living, for my club, my community, my
country and my world.



To practice brotherhood,
Honor agricultural opportunities
and responsibilities, and develop
those qualities of leadership which an
**FFA member should
possess!!**

The End of an Era: Champs or Bust

A letter from the leaders, Martin and MaryEllen:

Champs or Bust 4-H Club has just completed its 71st year of continuous operations led by Martin's grandparents, his parents Paul and Lois Telck and now Martin and MaryEllen Telck. The club has been a staple in the Fremont County program and has guided an unknown number of 4-H members through the program. The club has had a wonderful 2022-2023 year, and we are proud of all club members. Memories were made, and fun was had.

After almost 20 years of being part of this wonderful program as parents, club leaders and Shooting Sport coaches, and after substantial discussion and consideration, we have decided to close the Champs or Bust 4-H Club effective the end of the 2023 4-H year. We will genuinely miss mentoring and coaching members through their 4-H careers in a club environment, but we are not going to just completely walk away. We will both continue to coach in the Shooting Sports program. In addition, Martin will take on the responsibility of superintendent for the Fremont County archery program until a viable candidate can be identified, as the current superintendent is stepping down as program leader after more than 20 years to focus exclusively on coaching.

We apologize for any inconvenience this decision will cause within the program and especially to our current club members. Realize once a Champs or Bust member, always a Champs or Bust member, meaning that we will always be here to help and support all of you in 4-H or otherwise as you all will always be part of our 4-H family. We only hope that we have helped you see that this program is a wonderful opportunity for all of you and that you continue to develop and grow within the program. Realize we are here to help you transition through the process of changing clubs for the upcoming 4-H year.

Again, we are so proud of all of you and feel so fortunate that we've had the opportunity to be your club leaders. We feel blessed to have had so many wonderful people, club members and parents alike, in our lives. This decision was not easy, and it weighs heavy on our hearts, but the time has come for us to transition into our future.

Please do not hesitate to give us a call if you wish to discuss this further or have any questions.

Thank you for your understanding.
Martin and MaryEllen Telck

The 2023-2024 4-H Year is just around the corner!

**Re-Enrollment
opens October 1st!**

Quick things to note below!

**4-H Open House
and Discovery Day!
October 21st**

10 a.m. - 2 p.m. (drop-in any time; Lunch also provided)

@ Pathfinder Park

Event Center
6655 State Hwy 115
Florence, CO 81226



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Congratulations!

You're Invited!

Save the Date for the Achievement Program!

Thursday, Nov. 2nd at 5:30pm
Pathfinder Park Event Center
Potluck Dinner, please bring a
dish to share!

Hope to see you there!



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Fremont County 4-H Council

Call for 4-H Council Officers!

4-H Council Officer Elections

Wednesday,
Nov. 1st, 2023
7:00pm @ 4-H
Building

Come prepared to
give a speech about
yourself and why you
want to run



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Ready to run for an officer
position?

Fill out the 4-H Council Officer
Application Form & e-mail to
julianne.dinkel@colostate.edu,
text a picture of it to 618-203-
3374 or drop it off at the
Extension Office.

Contact us at
719-276-7390
with any questions

Why 4-H Council?

Officer Positions

President
Vice President
Secretary
Treasurer
Reporter
Historian
Senator
Alternate Senator
Parliamentarian
Recreation Leader

To run for an office, you must have completed at least 1 year in 4-H and be mature enough to serve as an officer.

President, Vice-President, Senators, Alternate Senators, and Parliamentarian must also be 14 years of age.

- Take your 4-H experience to another level!
- Build LEADERSHIP skills
- Make FRIENDS and be part of a countywide team
- Build your RESUME
- Earn positive references from the Extension Office & Advisors when you do a good job
- Attend Regional/State Camps and meet 4-H'ers across the state
- Represent Fremont County at the State Level
- Make an IMPACT on 4-H in Fremont County by helping with local county events, fundraisers, and camps

2023 Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Program Extension Staff Training Tentative

Agenda

Understanding your role in administering your County 4-H Shooting Sports Program

October 20, 2023, Pueblo, Colorado

9:00 AM – Welcome & Introductions

- “Why are we here?”
- What is your role as the 4-H Professional in your County 4-H Shooting Sports Program?

9:45 AM – Trent Hollister (Interim State 4-H Program Director)

- County Program Structure – Utilizing County Volunteers

~ 10:30 AM – Break

10:45 AM – Risk Management - Plans / Event Plans / Volunteers

- Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Policies/ Minimum Standards
- Safety Training Presentation
- Communication
- Equipment
- County Events & Activities
- Range Requirements/Property

11:15 AM – Media & More

11:45 AM – State 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee

12:00 PM – Working Lunch / Small Group Discussion

- Assessment of Current County Structure
- Strategic Planning of County 4-H Shooting Sports Volunteer Structure
- Shared reflection of County 4-H Shooting Sports Program Improvement Goals

1:00 PM – First Shot Fundamentals ~ groups of 4-6

3:00 PM – Wrap Up / Calendar of Events/ Evaluation

4:00 PM – Have a Safe Trip Home



Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador Program

Application Packet

All Packets must be received no later than - October 15, 2023

Complete and submit packet to Aimee Kanode, Interim Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Specialist. Incomplete packets will not be considered. A completed packet includes the following:

1. Application Form
2. Resume
3. Essay
4. Certification Form
5. High School Transcript
6. (4X6) Glossy Color Photograph & Digital Copy (jpg)
7. Two (2) Letters of Reference:
 - a) Extension 4-H agent (required)
 - b) 4-H shooting coach or instructor
 - c) School representative - principal, guidance counselor, or teacher
 - d) Person outside your family who knows you well

Mail Completed Application Packet To:

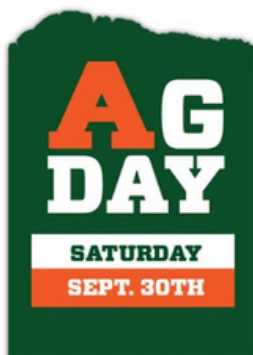
Aimee Kanode
Interim Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Specialist
4040 Campus delivery
Fort Collins, Colorado 80523-4040

OR

Email completed packets in pdf file format to Aimee Kanode at aimee.kanode@colostate.edu



4-H AND FFA
\$15
per person
*add parking \$10
**YOUTH & FAMILY
PACKAGE**



PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Nutrien Ag Day BBQ
- Youth Activity Zone
- Football Game Ticket
- Game Day Experience

csurams.com/promocode ➔ Promo Code: YouthInAg

AG DAY Details:

Date: Saturday, September 30th

Schedule: 1-4 pm Nutrien BBQ and Youth Activity Zone | 5 pm football game kickoff CSU vs. Utah Tech

Cost: Only \$15 per person for any 4-H or FFA youth, family member, or supporter

5 Reasons You Can't Miss Ag Day!

1. You ❤️ agriculture. Ag Day is THE day to come to campus and celebrate the importance and impact of agriculture across our state!
2. You ❤️ delicious food. Your ticket includes access to this premier outdoor BBQ featuring quality Colorado food products from our state's growers and producers.
3. You ❤️ 4-H. New this year – the Youth Activity Zone! A space for you to celebrate 4-H, play games, have fun, and explore a variety of activities offered by 4-H groups and CSU departments such as Biology, Vet Sciences, Mechanical Engineering, and more!
4. You ❤️ athletics and cool experiences. Enter the football stadium via Ram Walk, get photos on the field with CAM the ram, check out 4-H special recognition on the big screen during the game. Enjoy this awesome experience and the football game against Utah Tech!
5. You ❤️ a great deal! For only \$15 per person - 4-H or FFA member, family member, or supporter – your ticket gives you admission to all the above and the chance to celebrate youth and agriculture!

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