

HUERFANO COUNTY 4-H NEWS

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4-H CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 1 New Year's Day Holiday-Office Closed
- 4-7 National Western Roundup-Denver
- 5-6 International Livestock Forum-Ft. Collins
- 6-21 National Western Stock Show-Denver
- 9 Pre-registration for Leadership Development Conference due
- 12 4-H Day at National Western Stock Show
- 14 4-H Council Meeting-La Veta
- 15 Martin Luther King Day-Office Closed
- 23-25 Colorado Farm Show-Greeley
- 26 State 4-H Deadline for Youthfest
- 27-29 Leadership Development Conference-Denver
- 29 4-H Day
- 30 Fair Board Meeting-La Veta

FEBRUARY

- 5-9 Western 4-H Institute-Fort Collins
- 9-11 4-H Youthfest-Larkspur, CO
- 11 4-H Council Meeting-La Veta
- 19 Presidents' Day-Office Closed
- 20 Marshall Frasier Beef Symposium-Hugo
- 27 Fair Board Meeting-La Veta

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Greetings and Happy New Year! There are several things going on to start the new year. Hope everyone is ready for a new and exciting 4-H year.

First and foremost – My position as Huerfano County Extension Director and Agent is expanding from a half-time job to a $\frac{3}{4}$ time job. Therefore, I should now have more time to develop new programs and activities not only in the Huerfano County 4-H program but also in other organizations in the county, such as the Stockmen's Association, Master Gardeners, the school districts, etc. If you have any requests or ideas for programming please feel free to contact me to discuss your ideas.

Also, there are several youth leadership development opportunities available at this time, but time is running out. Also, before you can register for any activities in 4-HOnline you must be enrolled in 4-H for the new year and activated by me. I can only activate your membership after you enroll in 4-HOnline and bring in your enrollment fees to the office. As of now Huerfano County only has 27

enrolled, paid and activated members. Registrations for Colorado 4-H's LDC (Leadership Development Conference) which is held at the capitol in Denver January 27 – 29, are currently being accepted in 4-HOnline. This is a great leadership training opportunity and a great way to meet new people and get involved in 4-H on a higher level. More information is included below. If you are interested but still need additional information, please call me or Sherry at the office.

Registrations for Youthfest, which is a 4-H camp for members ages 9 -13 that will be held in Larkspur February 9 – 11, are currently being accepted in 4-HOnline. This is lots of fun and a chance to participate in some outdoor winter activities (if it ever snows.) Again, additional information is included below. Same deal,if you need more info call us at the office.

There is also a fun, one day club officer training workshop held at the fairgrounds in Pueblo on January 20th. For a very small fee you get a morning of training about how to fulfill your club officer duties, free lunch and either bowling or swimming in the afternoon. I would really like to see a lot of our club officers participate in this training.

It has been suggested that the office be open on Fridays when it would be more convenient for 4-H youth to access. So,on a trial basis through February, the office will be open on Fridays. If this does not prove to be advantageous, we will return to being closed on Fridays.

ATTENTION all 4-H Club Officers:

- Would you like to learn how to be more effective at your officer position?
- Would you like to meet 4-H members from neighboring counties who hold the same office as you do?
- Would you like to spend a fun day at the State Fairgrounds in Pueblo with 4-H members from other counties learning about being an officer, eating pizza, and swimming?

If you answered “yes” to any of these questions, you need to register in “4honline” as soon as possible for the South Central 4-H Officer Training to be held on January 20th at 10:00 a.m. at the fairgrounds in Pueblo. More details will be coming soon.

Finally, Huerfano County is losing a strong 4-H family and I would like to wish them good luck in the future. The Mitchell family (Rebecca, Ryan, Kenneth and Kaitlynn) are moving to Texas. We will miss Rebecca's leadership of the Columbine 4-H Club and her leadership of the small animal projects. We are currently working on finding a replacement for her as leader of the club. We are pretty sure that we have a replacement but we can't make any real announcement until a few things are finalized. Best wishes to the Mitchell family, you will all be missed!

Carl E. Beeman, CSU Extension, Huerfano County

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE

LDC is a leadership conference for members who are 14 to 18 years old as of 12/31/17. It will be held January 27-29, 2018 , at the Denver Renaissance Hotel. The cost will be \$160 per person for registration plus \$109 per night for lodging. Registration opened December 5th and will continue through January 5th, 2018. Late registration is January 6th-10th but there will be a \$50 late fee. Monies will not be refunded for changes after the January 10th deadline.

Participants will have an opportunity to tour Colorado's Capitol and meet with State Representatives on Monday, January 29th.

Conference payments are due to the State 4-H office by 1/26/18 so we will need your payments by 1/22/18.

Hotel reservations must be made on or before January 10th. The hotel reservation form is available online at www.4honline.com.

2017-2018 4-H ENROLLMENT

Quite a few people have enrolled in 4-H for the coming year who have not paid their fees. You will not be approved for membership until the fees are paid. Fees are \$21 per member paid to the Extension Office and \$1 paid to your club's leader for insurance (\$2 if you are enrolled in a horse project).

4-H COUNCIL

The next council meeting will be held on January 14, 2018, at the La Veta Fairgrounds at 1:00 p.m.

NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW

The Stock Show will be held January 6-21 in Denver. 4-H Day at the Stock Show will be the 12th. For a schedule of events, go to <http://www.nationalwestern.com/schedule/>.

2018 YOUTHFEST

The 2018 Youthfest will be held in Larkspur on February 9-11. The State deadline for registration is January 26 and registration is through 4honline. 4-H members between 9 and 13 years old as of December 31, 2017 are eligible and the cost is \$130 per camper. Chaperones will pay \$130 each and Counselors 16 and older pay \$80.

Please let us know if you need more information. Have a great new year!



