

4-H NEWSLETTER

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We want to welcome our new 4-H members and families into the program! The following are some tips to help you in your first year.

- ◆ 4-H information, events, and updates will come through the newsletter and email (listed in your 4H Online account).
 - *Please make sure that emails are not getting stuck in your “spam or junk” folders. Information goes to the “primary” email.
- ◆ Start on your projects and record books before school is out, so that you may ask questions and get help to complete your projects on time.
 - *Project information and the general project e-records are available at co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/projects/e-records-general/. *New county-adapted livestock record books will be available on our county extension website this spring- please do not use the state ones.
- ◆ 4-H Project Add/Drop deadline in 4H Online is March 1.
 - *Advise the office of any changes made to your 4H account.
- ◆ Each member must complete a demonstration, community service project, and complete and showcase at least one project each year to meet minimum county 4-H requirements.
 - *Contact your club leader for additional club requirements.
 - *Projects are usually exhibited at fair in August.
 - *Some projects have additional requirements, costs, or meetings.
- ◆ State (only) deadline May 1-Enter ID's in 4H Online for dog, horse and cat projects.

If you are unsure about deadlines or procedures, please make sure you contact your club leader or the office for clarification as soon as possible.

County Extension & 4-H Website: lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/
Facebook Page: [Lincoln County Colorado Extension](https://www.facebook.com/LincolnCountyColoradoExtension)
County Fair Webpage: lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/lincoln-county-fair/
County 4-H Policy, Guidelines & Deadlines Information: lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-policy-guidelines/



4-H PROJECT UPDATES & REMINDERS:

Livestock/Horse/Dog Record Book Change

Livestock (including breeding, poultry, and rabbit), dog, and horse projects will be using different record books than the ones on the Colorado 4-H website projects page.

-The new books will be available this spring at: lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-projects-record-books/.

-Make sure to read through the new books to find out what information will be required.

-A book must be filled out for each project species. Record books will still need to be in a separate notebook or binder cover for each species book.

-Breeding books are available as well.

-Junior for record book purposes will be 4-H age (8-13).

-Senior for record book purposes will be 4-H age (14+).

-You will also need to designate when you turn your record book in this year if you would like to have it judged or not.



General Project Updates



Beekeeping– This is a new project for the 2019-2020 4-H year. There will be options for a display board the first year and then for members to implement their own hives for on-going units. Please check for project requirements and manual information on the state website. *James Emmerling is volunteering to help members in the county who wish to take the project this year. Please contact the office for if you would like his assistance with the project.

Cake Decorating– The cake decorating manuals have been revised– which should say revised “Fall 2019”. There will be additional training videos linked to the state website.

-Unit 5 has been added to include cookies and cookie structures.

-Unit 6 has added sculpted cakes.

-Unit 11 has added krispy molds.

**A reminder to check all project and individual unit requirements to ensure that you have enrolled in the correct project and what the exact requirements are including the record book.

To learn more about all project areas and to see changes or download the general projects record books go to the Colorado State 4-H website at: co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/projects/.

COUNTY FAIRBOOK & LIVESTOCK CHANGES:

Fairbook General: There will be many changes in the fairbook this year regarding livestock projects. Please make sure to read the updated fairbook later this spring to ensure you are correctly entered and understand all of the guidelines and times for your project.

- 1) July 1- (All 4-H/FFA entries due)
- 2) August 1 (Saturday)- Horse Test will be at 8:30am.
- 3) Peat moss will be allowed in addition to shavings for bedding in the livestock pens.
- 4) A veterinarian, superintendent, and extension office must pre-approve any medication given to animals at the fair.

Breeding Goat: Meat Does will now have two classes: one for yearlings and one for aged does (2+).

Miniature Beef: Minimum weight will now be *500lbs*.

Swine: -No swine will be weighed-in this spring. All swine will be required to fill out and submit a nomination form including pictures to the office by May 4th-office deadline. All swine will be tagged at the fair. There will also *not* be a rate-of-gain class for swine as there is no beginning weigh-in.

-Pig Weight Changes: Minimum is *230lbs* & Maximum is *300lbs*. A “flex class” of 225lbs-229lbs will only be offered this upcoming year to help youth transition to the new weight requirements. *Swine in this class are not eligible for champion, however they will be allowed to market the animal in the sale.

Sheep: -Market lambs will no longer be entered as black or white face, just as “market lamb”.

-No rams over 2 yrs. old. There will be a class for ram lambs and a class for yearlings.

-Breeding ewe classes will be broken into Meat, Wool, or Hair Breed with a ewe lamb class, yearling class, and aged ewe (2+) class.

Rabbit: -Weight range total (per pen of 3) will be *9-17lbs*.

-Two entries per breed, per class, per exhibitor with a Maximum of 16 entries per exhibitor.

-The judge will select the rabbit for the Fur Class instead of a separate entry.

-Breeding rabbits will now be classified as Commercial or Fancy Breeds. There will be four sub-classes (Buck over 6mths., Buck under 6mths., Doe over 6mths, and Doe under 6mths.

Poultry: -Market pens should be the same breed of poultry and new weights are: Chicken Fryers *9-18lbs*. or Broilers *18-30lbs*. (pen of 3); Meat Turkey Tom *20-43lbs.*, Hen *13-30lbs.*; Ducks (pen of 2) *12-18lbs.*; Geese (pen of 2) *14-28lbs.*; and Game Birds (pen of 3)-no weight requirement.

-Standard Breeds will replace the A-1 Production Class.

-Geese/Ducks– Classes will be 1 drake or gander, 1 hen, or 1 pair (male & female).

MEAT QUALITY ASSURANCE COMPLETION CHANGES:

Meat Quality Assurance for 4-H/FFA members consists of walk-through learning stations and a test. The training is required for all members who take livestock projects. Members will be required to complete MQA going forward as follows:

1x—As a new member or first year taking a livestock project.

1x-When the member turns 4-H age of 10.

1x-When the member turns 4-H age of 14. *FFA members must attend as well their first livestock project year when showing in FFA.

Lincoln County MQA Date: March 31 4-7:00pm at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. **If you cannot make the county date you will need to contact the office in advance for a listing of other county trainings that you may attend to complete your requirement. The following are some nearby MQA training locations.*

2/1/2020	Arapahoe	Fairgrounds
2/29/2020	Larimer	McKee Building / The Ranch
3/5/2020	Pueblo	State Fairgrounds
3/9/2020	Elbert	Fairgrounds
3/10/2020	Elbert	Big Sandy School
3/11/2020	Cheyenne	Community Building
3/13/2020	Kiowa	Fairgrounds
3/16/2020	Baca	Minnick Building
3/17/2020	Prowers	Granada School Old
3/18/2020	Bent	McClave School

3/19/2020	Otero/Crowley	Ark Valley Fairgrounds
4/1/2020	Washington	Akron
4/13/2020	Kit Carson	Burlington
4/15/2020	Adams	Brighton
4/16/2020	Adams	Brighton
4/22/2020	Douglas	Castle Rock
4/23/2020	Douglas	Castle Rock
4/24/2020	Douglas	Castle Rock
4/28/2020	Adams	High School

CLUB ROTATION 2020

Fun Day– (April 3)

Walks Camp

Duties:

- Shop, prepare, and serve meal and drinks.
- Provide paper ware products.
- Cleanup of meal and event.

*Submit receipts for food and drinks to the Extension Office for reimbursement.

Achievement Program– (Fall)

Kountry Kids

Duties:

- Set up/tear down tables and chairs.
- Provide paper ware products and drinks.
- Provide table decorations.

Fashion Revue- (Fair Week)

Rocking

Duties:

- Set up chairs in Events Building.
- Decorate the Fashion Revue section of the building and set up the sound system and podium.
- Provide members to announce participants and read narratives.
- Cleanup of the building.

INFORMATION & EVENTS

County:

****Forms, Fees, and registrations are due to office by (day stated) or (previous Friday) if day is a weekend or holiday. County related forms and applications are available on the 4-H Forms & Applications page at lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-forms-applications/.**

- ◆ **Livestock Scholarship Donors**-The Livestock Sale Committee is requesting monetary donations to help provide 4-H/FFA youth livestock scholarships for beef, sheep, swine, and goat. To learn more about becoming a scholarship donor, please contact the office.
- ◆ **Shooting Sports Safety Meeting 2** is February 18 @ 6:30pm at the Fairgrounds. This is the second and final safety meeting. *First year shooting members need to attend both safety meetings. All members interested in taking shooting sports next year need to be sure and obtain their Hunter's Safety Card before the March 1 add/drop project deadline.
- ◆ **4-H National Beekeeping Essay** county entries are Due February 21. One entry will be selected to move onto the state competition. For a copy of the essay requirements or submission contact christine.schinzle@colostate.edu.
- ◆ **Demonstration Activity** is being conducted by Starr Borders on February 23rd at 10:00am at the Extension Office. This is to learn more about giving a demonstration. RSVP is due to the office by February 14.
- ◆ **Volunteer Information Update** will be provided for all 4-H certified Lincoln county volunteers on February 25 @ 7:00pm. Supper will be provided and an RSVP is due by February 17.
- ◆ **4-H Demonstration/Speech/Jamboree & Creative Cooks Contest Entry Forms** are due February 28 to the office. The contest is April 3 in the evening (after 4-H Fun Day) at the Genoa-Hugo school. To access the application and contest information click on "county & state" under forms and applications at: lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-forms-applications/.
- ◆ **4-H District Retreat Camp** for members 14+ is March 27-29 at Golden Bell Camp near Divide, CO. Registration is open until February 28 through 4H Online. Check back for camp costs.
- ◆ **Beef Weigh-In** is February 29 at Meier Feedlot (48750 Hwy 40/287 Limon, CO) from 8:00-10:00am. *Members interested in taking beef animals to state fair will need to RSVP to the office no later than February 13 if they will need a retinal scan taken at weigh in. The scanner will only be available with an RSVP.
- ◆ **Horse Ranch Classes**– All members interested in taking ranch classes at fair will need to pass the Level 1 and Level 2 Ranch Horse Written and Riding Tests before exhibiting in those classes. Written tests can be taken by appointment at the office anytime during the winter and spring and riding tests will be scheduled during early summer.

Other

- ◆ **National Holstein Women's Scholarship** application is due February 15 and is available at nhwsoscholarship.com/scholarship-application/.

INFORMATION & EVENTS

Other

- ◆ **Farm Credit of Southern Colorado Scholarship** application is due February 15. To learn more about the scholarship and application information go to aglending.com/scholarships/.
- ◆ **Marshall Frasier Beef Symposium** (open to all agriculture producers) is February 19 at the Lincoln County fairgrounds. Registration and information is available at coloradolivestock.org/mfbs/.
- ◆ **Dairy Calf and Heifer Association Scholarship** is due February 20. Information is at calfandheifer.org/scholarship .
- ◆ **WinField Careers in Agriculture Scholarship** is February 28. The application is available at winfieldunited.com/news-and-insights/winfield-united-careers-in-agriculture-scholarship-application.
- ◆ **National Ayrshire Youth Scholarship** is due March 1. The application is available at usayrshire.com/youth.html.
- ◆ **Feed Tomorrow Institute of Food Technologies Scholarships** is due March 2. Information and the application is available at ift.org/Community/Students/Scholarships.aspx.
- ◆ **Agriculture Future of America Scholarship** is due March 11. Application information is available at agfuture.org/scholarships.
- ◆ **Colorado Young Farmers Educational Association Academic Scholarship** is due March 15. Application information is available at cyfea.org/scholarships.html.
- ◆ **Sullivan Show Supply Scholarship** is due March 15. The application is available at sullivansupply.com/scholarships/.
- ◆ **Diane Hoppe Memorial Scholarship (Colorado Water Conservation Board)** is due March 15. Application information is available at cwc.state.co.us/about-us/Pages/DianeHoppeScholarship.aspx.
- ◆ **Civilian Marksmanship Program Scholarship** is due March 20. Information is available at thecmp.org/communications/cmp-scholarship-program/?dom=foxnews&src=syn.
- ◆ **Murray Wise Associates Agriculture Scholarship** is due March 20. Information is available at murray-wiseassociates.com/about/scholarship/.
- ◆ **American Guernsey Association Scholarships** are due starting March 31. Check out their website at usguernsey.com/agya for complete information and deadlines.
- ◆ **Johnathan Marr Memorial 4-H Scholarship** is due April 1. The scholarship is for senior shooting sports members who took the project at least four years. Contact Christine at the office for information.
- ◆ **Colorado 4-H Foundation Scholarship** application is available until April 30. Information is available at co4hfoundation.extension.colostate.edu/benefits/colorado-4-h-foundation-scholarships/.

SAFETY CORNER: DRIVE & RIDE TIPS

Whether you are the driver or the passenger, “Safety First” should always be the motto. There are many distractions or components involved every time you drive or get in a vehicle. Safety is everyone’s responsibility whether you are the driver or the passenger. Following these tips helps everyone have a safe trip.

Driver Tips:

- ◆ Become familiar with and set vehicle settings (steering wheel, radio, lights, seat, etc.) before you start.
- ◆ Avoid being tired and use of prescriptions, other drugs, and alcohol. Make sure your health is okay.
- ◆ Make sure that all passengers understand the rules of riding along; ensure everyone wears a seat belt; and make it clear that passengers who do not follow the rules will not be allowed to ride.
- ◆ Check routes and traffic ahead of time to help you be more prepared and focused.
- ◆ Avoid talking on the phone, changing settings on the radio, and texting while driving.
- ◆ Be alert at all times and drive in a defensive manner to be prepared for rapid changes or hazards.
- ◆ Know your driving and vehicle limitations. This could include: younger drivers not carrying passengers; not driving at night; or the vehicle not being able to tow a trailer properly.

Passenger Tips:

- ◆ Always wear your seatbelt.
- ◆ Make sure every person has their own seat/seatbelt and don’t ride with someone if there isn’t enough space.
- ◆ Keep all limbs inside the vehicle at all times.
- ◆ Do not agitate, make faces, or draw signs on the window to distract other drivers.
- ◆ Avoid horseplay and keep noise levels to a minimum especially in higher traffic areas.
- ◆ Help your driver by identifying blind spot vehicles or hazards in the road.
- ◆ Get out and do not ride with a driver who is impaired by prescriptions, drugs, or alcohol or if the situation seems unsafe for any reason.



Pre-Trip Reminders:

- ◆ Ensure vehicle fluids are at proper levels including windshield wiper fluid.
- ◆ Check tires, including the spare, for adequate inflation.
- ◆ Walk around and check for broken or hanging pieces on the vehicle and major cracks in the windshield.
- ◆ Check that the battery is charged and lights/ turn signals are working properly.

Resource: Gempler’s Tailgate Training Tip Sheet® – No. 99 Important Tips for Safe Transportation-
files.constantcontact.com/17358dd0101/7422595b-e4d0-4403-939c-0583c7f100ee.pdf

SHOOTING SPORTS INFORMATION & DEADLINES:

Organizational & Safety Meetings:

*Bring Firearm/Bow for inspection at one of the meetings.

**1) January 27
(Fairgrounds) @
6:30pm- *Required
organizational &
safety meeting for
all member in the
project.**

**2) February 18
(Fairgrounds) @ 6:30pm
-General safety 2
meeting.**

Deadlines:

January 30– Shooting Sports fees & forms due to extension office

March 1-

-Hunter's Safety certification completed

-Safety meeting requirements completed

-Project Add/Drop date

*Members who have not met minimum safety requirements by this date will not be able to participate in project for the year.

Shooting Sports Forms Required:

*Must be signed by both a parent/guardian and the member.

- 1) 4-H Shootings Sports Project Requirements & Signature Form
- 2) 4-H Shooting Sports Permission to Participate/Liability Release Form
- 3) 4-H Hand Gun Permission/Release Form (Required for members enrolled in Western Heritage).

Forms are available online at <http://lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/programs/4-h/shooting-sports/>.

The requirements for minimum project completion and requirements to attend the state shoot are both outlined on the "4-H Shooting Sports Project Requirements & Signature" form. *Please read carefully to ensure that you understand all requirements of the project. *Shooting disciplines offered will be subject to certified instructor availability.

Fees: \$25/per discipline enrolled in. Late Fee of \$10.00 (after January 30). Payable to the Extension Office.

-Hunter's Safety courses are offered through Colorado Parks and Wildlife at cpw.state.co.us/learn/Pages/HunterEducation.aspx.

-All participants are **required** to *provide their own ammunition/arrows and safety equipment at shoots.*

Practice Shoots- *All practice shoots will be held at the Limon gun range.

Practice 1: April 24 (Friday) @ 8:30am- all disciplines

Practice 2: May 29 (Friday) @ 8:30am- all disciplines

Scored/County Shoots- *All scored/county shoots will be held at the Limon range.

Scored Shoot 1: June 5 (Friday) @ 8:30am- all disciplines

Scored Shoot 2/County Shoot: July 10 (Friday) @ 8:30am (all disciplines)

February 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Livestock Project Scholarships Due (Sheep, Goat, & Swine)
2	3	4 Livestock Sale Comm. Mtg. 7:00pm @ Extension Office	5	6	7 Youth Fest Camp	8 -Youth Fest Camp -Karval 4-H Club Mtg.
9 -Youth Fest Camp -Heartland 4-H Mtg.	10 Kountry Kids 4-H Mtg.	11 Fairboard Mtg. 7:00pm @ Extension Office	12	13 RSVP Due if Retinal Scanner Needed for Beef State Fair Nominations	14 RSVP Due Demonstration Activity	15
16	17 -Holiday-Office Closed -RSVP Due Volunteer	18 Shoot Safety Mtg. 2 6:30pm @ Fairgrounds	19	20	21 Beekeeping County Essay Entries Due	22
23 Starr Borders Demonstration Activity 10:00am @ Extension Office	24	25 Certified 4-H Volunteer Information Update Mtg. 7:00pm @ Extension Office	26	27	28 Entry Forms Due: -County Demonstration Contest -Creative Cooks Contest -District Retreat Reg. Due	29 Beef Weigh-In 8:00-10:00am @ Meier Feedlot 48750 Hwy 40/287 Limon, CO

VOLUNTEER CORNER:

Shooting Sports Instructor Trainings Available 2020:

2020 Shooting Sports Instructor Training Dates & Disciplines Offered

March 13-15, Weld County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun & Archery)

March 20-22, Pueblo County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzle-loader, Western Heritage & Hunting/Outdoor Skills)

March 27-29, Garfield County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader, Western Heritage & Hunting/Outdoor Skills)

Shooting sports is one of many projects offered in Lincoln County. Currently we are looking for additional volunteers to get certified in all discipline areas to help with safety meetings and shoots at the range. If you would have an interest in becoming a certified shooting sports volunteer, please give us a call to learn more.

Process to Becoming a Certified Shooting Sports Volunteer:

1)Enroll as a 4-H volunteer in 4H Online (complete all background checks and volunteer training modules). *Allow at least one month to enroll as a volunteer to ensure you can attend a certification workshop.

2)Attend a three day state shooting sports certification workshop for a specific shooting discipline.

*To attain certification in Western Heritage you must first attend a training for pistol, shotgun, or rifle. After your initial certification in one of those disciplines you can attend a Western Heritage certification training.

Volunteer Information Update:

There will be an important informational meeting for all 4-H certified Lincoln County volunteers on February 25 @ 7:00pm. Supper will be provided and an RSVP is due by February 17.

COUNTY CREATIVE COOKS & DEMONSTRATION/ SPEECH/JAMBOREE CONTEST ENTRY INFORMATION:

-Contest Entry Forms are due February 28 to the office.

-The contest is April 3 at 5:30 (after 4-H Fun Day) at the Genoa-Hugo school. Arrive no later than 5:00pm.

-To access the application and contest information click on "county & state" under forms and applications at: lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-forms-applications/.

-Let the office know by March 15 if you will need to use a projector, microphone, piano, etc. and mail or email a copy of all manuscript items including: speeches, music sheets, demonstrations, etc.

-A member does **not** have to be enrolled in a food/cooking project to participate in Creative Cooks. Contestants may enter as an individual or a team of 2 (but not both).

-Members need to prepare their meal ahead of time as facilities are not available for use at the school.

ACTIVITY PAGE:

Word Search: Vehicle Related

Monthly Reader:

If I Built a Car

by Chris Van Dusen

A R J D M M X P U L S M R T L S P A V N
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| -Convertible | -Coupe |
| -Crossover | -Ferrari |
| -Ford | -Honda |
| -Hyundai | -Infiniti |
| -Jeep | -Van |
| -Kia | -Lexus |
| -Lamborghini | -Land |
| -McLaren | -Porsche |
| -Rover | -Sedan |
| -Sports | -Subaru |
| -Toyota | -SUV |
| -Truck | -Bentley |

Imagination Station: Use your imagination and the following list of items from your home to build your own homemade: (Rocket, Dollhouse, car, or airplane).

Supply List Ideas:

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| -Toilet paper or paper towel tubes | -Kleenex box |
| -Paper | -Scissors |
| -Ruler | -Crayons, markers, and/or paint |
| -Tape and/or glue | -Napkins |
| -Plastic straws | -Cotton Balls |
| -Q tips | -Rags or old socks |
| -Other items | -Empty plastic containers (i.e. tuna can, butter bowl, etc.) |

Lincoln County Extension & 4-H Website:

The Lincoln County Extension & 4-H website has many resources and provides information and forms. Take some time to go onto the website and check out all of the information available.

Using the Website: lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/

- 1) Our website and many CSU websites are using an updated web platform. You can “hover” your mouse over the main tabs to see “drop down” links/tabs. You can also click on the main tabs for information as well. On the main page there is pictures and tabs on the side. You may need to click on the picture or the text depending on how the website is set up.
- 2) On several of the pages there are “sub tabs” to click on for information. One such page is under the 4-H tab, then click on “4-H Forms & Applications”. There are several “sub tabs” labeled: Project, Fair, County & state, Awards, Foundation, and Livestock Sale. Click on each of these tabs to find necessary forms and applications.
- 3) There are also general Extension related pages and the Fair page. The “Fair” tab is an electronic copy of the fair book. Click on the main tab and then click on each link on the page to get more information.
- 4) The “News & Events” tab has several sub tabs (Calendar, Blog, Newsletters, and Facebook Feed). You can click on each of these tabs for more information. The calendar contains information for Extension, 4-H, and industry related events that may be county, state, or other. Please click on each event to learn more information.
- 5) Check out our Facebook Page “[Lincoln County Colorado Extension](#)” as well!!

LINCOLN COUNTY
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EXTENSION

Home Extension **4-H** Lincoln County Fair

4-H >>

- 4-H Newsletters
- Extension & 4-H Calendar (All Events)
- Extension & 4-H Equipment
- 4-H Forms & Applications
- 4-H Policy & Guidelines
- 4-H Projects & Record Books
- 4-H Clubs, Councils, & Teams
- 4-H Leaders
- 4-H Shooting Sports

4-H News & Updates:

- *Check out the “News & Events” page for more information.
- *The current and past “4-H News & Events” page contains information on current events, deadlines, camps, etc.
- *The Facebook page “Lincoln County Colorado Extension” provides additional learning opportunities.

4-H Forms & Applications >>

General Forms Information:

- Requests for 4-H Agent signatures or recommendation letters must be received a minimum of two weeks before the application deadline. A completed application must accompany all requests and resumes are encouraged as well.
- Late, incomplete, or illegible forms will not be accepted or considered.
- Check all forms or contact the office for deadlines.
- *Tips for Successful Completion of Forms*

General or Other Forms/Applications:

- *CO State 4-H Events & Link Page*

Project Fair County & State Awards Foundation

Livestock Sale

4-H Projects Forms/Applications:

Shooting Sports-

- *4-H Shootings Sports Project Requirements & Signature Form*
- *4-H Hand Gun Permission/Release Form *Required for members enrolled in Western Heritage or Pistol.*
- *4-H Shooting Sports Permission to Participate/Liability Release Form*
- *Youth Handgun Safety Act Notice*
- *Shooter Responsibility, Fire Line Commands, & 10 Commandments of Firearm Safety*
- *All Hunter’s Safety cards (physical copy of card) and information must be uploaded to 4HOnline each year.

DONORS & THANK YOU'S:

4-H like many organizations is non-profit and requires a great deal of fundraising/outside support to help with programming and events from individual members all the way to the national level. Support annually comes from donors who provide monetary funds, in-kind resources, and/or their time.

Why Send a Thank You:

- ◆ Express gratitude for others and their support of you and your 4-H activities. It's the right the thing to do.
- ◆ Provide an emotional boost for others by sending them mail and letting them know you appreciate them.
- ◆ Let's donors know that you noticed them and helps promote future sponsorship opportunities.

What to Include:

- ◆ If it's typed include: address for you and the recipient and be sure to sign your name at the bottom with an ink pen. You may also consider hand-writing "Thank you!" down at the bottom as well for a personal touch.
- ◆ Be sure to write out your first and last name and then sign if hand-writing the thank you.
- ◆ Make sure to put your complete mailing return address on the outside of the envelope so it can get delivered back if there is an error and to help the donor remember where you are from.
- ◆ Detailed information about how their support has benefited you (life skills learned, equipment used for, money to buy _____ and why, etc.).
- ◆ What their support directly went to (i.e. Workshop support, grand champion hog award, etc.).
- ◆ Consider including pictures (printed or drawn).

Sample Letter (hand written):

Dear Smith Construction & John Smith,

Thank you so much for donating funds to help purchase my outstanding shooter award for 4-H. I really appreciate the support of you and your business. I will use the rifle stand award I received to help clean my firearms after practice shoots.

I really enjoy the shooting sports project in 4-H. This year I was in the rifle and shotgun projects. I was able to improve my scores at the county level and really enjoyed it. This year was also my first year competing at state and I enjoyed the experience even though I didn't place. I am already looking forward to next year.

Thank you again for your support of 4-H.

Sincerely,

JoJo James

Head→ Bison Mobile App

National Bison Association (located in Colorado) has come out with a new App called *Buysome Bison*. The app is designed to help promote Bison to consumers and make the search process easier. The app is designed to help consumers locate:

- Agritourism operations with bison.
- Bison ranches.
- Retail and by-products from bison.
- Whole-sale meat options in stores and directly from the farm/ranch.

Locate the App at: bisoncentral.com/bisonfinder-app/

Hands→ Colorado ChemSweep

Colorado ChemSweep is a pesticide waste collection program not only in the state, but nationwide. The program is organized and administered by MSE Environmental. They work with the state program to come to producers or centralized locations throughout the state a couple of times a year to collect unwanted or excess agriculture chemicals. They work to help create affordable opportunities for producers to safely dispose of these chemicals following all regulations. It's a great benefit for producers and helps others understand how producers work with agencies hand-in-hand to help keep the environment cleaner. To learn more about the program contact the Ag Chem program at 888-242-4362.

Heart→ Valentines

Valentines day is a day for school kids and individuals to show others how much they care or appreciate them. It's also a great chance to send a Valentines to those who may not be able to participate or get out. Consider some of the following locations to send or drop a Valentines Note to:

- Nursing Homes
- Hospice Center's
- Pediatric or Recovery Hospital Units
- Homeless Shelters

Health→ Raw Dough

When in the kitchen cooking, it's always tempting to taste the ingredients or mixture before it's been fully cooked. It's important to note however that not taking a bite or spoonful while cooking is an easy way to help avoid becoming ill from contaminated foods. Raw dough often contains raw materials such as eggs and flour that can contain harmful bacteria.

Kitchen To Do's-Raw Dough:

- Wash your hands before and after handling raw dough.
- Wash surfaces and utensils after handling raw materials.
- Keep raw materials separate from ready-to-eat and cooked foods (ex. Unbaked dough vs. baked cookies).

To learn more or for resources go to: storyofyourdiner.org and fightback.org