Routt County 4-H news & updates

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Dear Routt County 4-H Families-

The end of the year is nearly upon us and as we look back on 2022, we know we had a good year, even though it saw some changes in the Extension office.

In May we welcomed our new Family and Consumer Sciences Agent Melina Bricker to the fold, and she's hit the ground running and been a fantastic addition to the office. In July, we said goodbye to our long-time administrative assistant and friend Jessica Quigley, who now just gets to enjoy 4-H as a mom. You may have noted in the last newsletter that Karen Lewer, who took Jessica's spot in the office just before Fair, has moved on from the office, too. These changes were unforeseen a year ago, but also provide an opportunity for our office.

Beginning in the next couple of weeks, Millie Delaney will move to full-time in her current role as 4-H Coordinator. Tami and Millie will work together to split the duties the Administrative Assistant had for 4-H including sponsorship tracking, awards, and accounting. I am very excited for this change and am looking forward to Millie working with us full-time.

This means we have an opening for a new position, which is being advertised as a part-time Office Technician. This person will work approximately 20 hours/week and help keep the office running, doing work in our other programming areas and taking care of our County accounting. Are you or someone you know good with people of all walks of life, enjoy helping others, and looking for work that is only half-time? If so, apply by clicking **HERE**.

I am excited for the New Year and look forward to working with all of our 4-H families in 2023. Our office wishes you the best for this holiday season!

-Todd

Upcoming Events

4-H News

Club Officers

Flat Top 4-H Club

President:
Olivia Rossi
Vice President:
Emily Rossi
Secretary:
Dash Duksa
Treasure:
Milan Anzulewicz
Reporter:
Gavin Ahlgrim
Photographer:
Allie Ahlgrim
Historian:
August Wolfson

Handy Lads and Lassies' 4-H Club

President:
Alyvia Cox
Vice President:
Trevor Hagenbuch
Secretary:
Makinly Long
Treasure:
Addison Whaley
Reporter:
Morgan Gibson
Historian:
Kashlee Whaley, Taylor Clyncke, Molly Smith, Graham Smith
Council Representatives:

Click on any date to see the Routt County 4-H Google Calendar with additional information and zoom links.

4-H Enrollment is Open! Returning members should sign up (and pay) before December 31st to avoid a $30 late fees! Here is a LINK on how to enroll, clubs, projects and much more. Call our office with any questions - we are here to help you!

- **If you are attending club meetings and other 4-H Events, you MUST be enrolled and paid!**
- New to 4-H? Mark your calendar for the **New Member Dinner,** March 8, 6pm at the Steamboat Community Center.

December 19-30 - limited staffing - call before stopping by the office.
December 23 - 8am-3pm
December 26 - closed for Christmas
December 30 - 8am-3pm
January 1 - closed for New Years

January 3, **4-H Monthly Moos Cal**l - join Tami and Millie as they discuss the topic: I enrolled, now what? (Zoom information is included in Calendar Link)

January 4, 6pm, SoRoCo High School, **County Council Meeting -** All 4-H members are encouraged to attend as the Council Officers share important information, discuss upcoming events, and more.

National Western Stock Show Tickets - Routt County 4-H has some NWSS day passes and

Handy Lads and Lassies Club members

Elk River Wranglers 4-H Club

President:
Kyle Meyring
Vice President:
Lila Boniface
Secretary:
Sammy Coleman
Treasure:
Jason Heid
Reporter:
Anna Schumacher

Fairplay 4-H Club

President:
Neve Wade
Vice President:
Landon Ripley
Secretary:
Dalya Edelstein
Treasure:
Brooke May
Historian:
Nora Garey
Council Representative:
Alivia Warren

Southside 4-H Club

President:
Levi Lowe
Vice President:
Trey Walzak
Secretary:
Mia Grigsby
Treasure:
Sam Thomas
Historian:
Charlie Wiedel
Council Representative:
Tula Bringuel

High Point 4-H Club

President:
Tim Bedell
Vice President:
Alena Rossi
Secretary:
Jessica Bedell
Treasure:
Shea Rossi
Reporter:
Cole Lujan

medallions available for members and their families. Reach out to Tami or Millie ASAP to reserve your tickets. Tickets will be available until gone!

National Western Stock Show Trip - Join us for an all expense paid trip to the NWSS January 13-14. We will be leaving from the Extension Office early Friday morning, and arriving back late Saturday night. While there, we will be attending the 4-H Day Pro Rodeo, walking the stock show grounds, as well as attending some of the livestock shows and events. As this is a fully funded trip from the Lufkin Family Endowment, we can only take a small number of kids. Sign up ASAP to reserve your spot *(Sign-ups will be available until December 16th or until filled)*.

- All meals, lodging, travel expense, and NWSS admission will be paid for
- Members are encouraged to bring their own spending money if they would like extra snacks or to purchase goods at the NWSS.
- All members must be enrolled, and PAID, for the 2022-2023 4-H Year!

January 16, **Cowboy Downhill 4-H Petting Zoo** - Bring Routt County 4-H to the base of Mount Werner for the Cowboy downhill. We are looking for members who want to provide their animal(s) and/or a roping demonstration set-up (ropes, dummy, etc) in exchange for a day pass to Mount Werner for the 2022-2023 ski season. Members must be present from 10am-12pm. RSVP to Tami by January 11!

January 18, 6pm, Trout Creek Rm - **Jr. Leader Meeting -** The 4-H Jr Leaders are a group of senior age members from across the county who meet monthly to help plan upcoming 4-H events and advance their leadership skills. Join us for our first Jr. Leader meeting of the year in the Trout Creek Room - located down the hall from the Extension Office.

Historian:
Poppy Wilcox
Gamemaster:
Alley Kvols
Council Representatives:
Tim Bedell and Cole Lujan

Goodtimes 4-H Club

President:
Kali Walton
Vice President:
Kelbee Manzanares
Secretary:
Sydney Wattles
Treasure:
Lucy Wattles
Reporter:
Joseph Elkinton
Historian:
Jr Kline
Council Representatives:
Kelbee Manzanares, Emilio Villarreal, Annabelle Mackey, Sydney Wattles, Kali Walton & Khloe Walton

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Club Reports

On Sunday, November 13, 2022, Flat Top 4-H Club held their annual pot luck and meeting at South Routt Elementary School. During the meeting we discussed club expectations and elected new club officers. Olivia Rossi was elected President, Emily Rossi was elected Vice President, Dash Duksa was elected Secretary, Milan Anzulewicz was elected Treasurer, Gavin Ahlgrim was elected Reporter, Allie Ahlgrim was elected Photographer and August Wolfson was elected Historian. We enjoyed the pot luck and look forward to the next meeting on December 11, 2022. Respectfully submitted by: Gavin Ahlgrim, Flat Top Reporter

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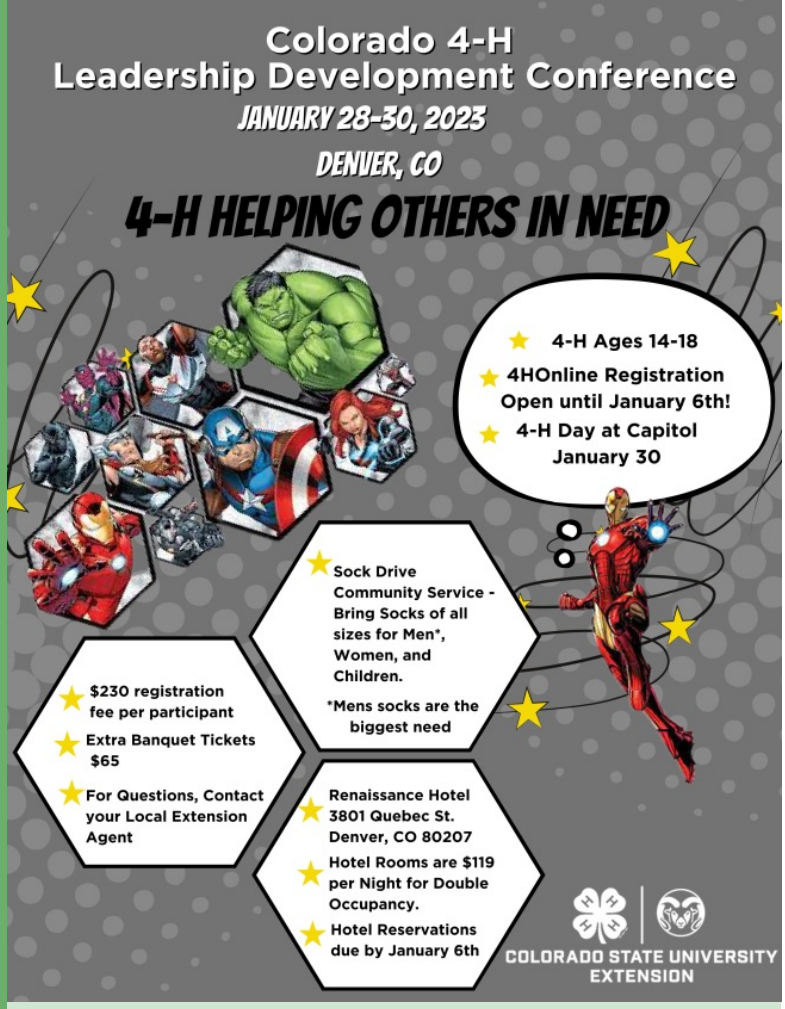
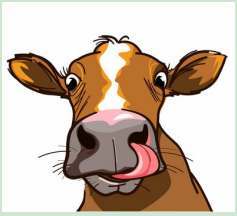
For the annual Routt County Officer retreat we made cookies at the Yeiser's house. Tami then stuck unknown cards on our backs that had certain instructions about a turkey. We then arranged ourselves in the order that a turkey should be cooked, without



All Routt County 4-H members (ages 14-18) wanting to attend Colorado 4-H Leadership Development Conference will have their registration fees paid by Routt County 4-H Leadership Funds!

Interested in attending this conference? Register by **NOON** on January 6 at **4HONLINE**. You must be enrolled in 4-H (and paid) to be able to enroll in LDC.

February 7, **4-H Monthly Moos Cal**l - join Tami and Millie as they discuss the topic: Prepping for the 4-H Year? (Zoom information is included in Calendar Link)



February 12, **Beef Weigh-In** at the Routt County Fairgrounds from 12:30-2:30pm. Cost is $5 per animal. Please have the **Weigh In Form** completed before arriving at the scale. You must be enrolled with all fees paid (including past due fees). Questions? Take a look at the **handbook** section that discusses spring weigh-ins.

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talking. For our next activity we drew pictures of Christmas songs or movies and had the person to our left or right guess the movie or song. After that we got down to business and discussed the upcoming 4-H year. We talked about financing and involving new members in leadership activities and events. We decided that officers would visit clubs in groups of 2 to do leadership workshops. Finally we had dinner and talked about some of our favorite memories from 4-H and people who had helped us and inspired us. Once again, a huge thank you to Kathy and Morgan Yeiser for hosting us and for the delicious dinner.
- Tim Bedell, 4-H Council Reporter

Courtesy Posts

Strengthening Families 10-14 Program is the number one substance abuse prevention program. It is 7 weeks long and for youth 10-14 years-old and their parents or caregivers. SFP 10-14 is FREE! DINNER AND CHILDCARE ARE PROVIDED A translator will be provided for any Spanish-speaking families. It is a proven effective, family inclusive program that promotes positive communication, family bonding, and joint problem-solving skills. Free 4 month Old Town Hot Springs membership included after attending 5 sessions. Start date January 8,2023, Sundays from 12:00-2:30 pm. Location is at the South Routt Community Center, 227 Dodge Ave, Oak Creek, CO 80467 Email or call for questions and please feel free to pass this information along. If families have obstacles that make it difficult for them to attend, please let me know so a solution can be discussed. **Register here**!

March 4, **Routt County 4-H Ski Day** - join Routt County 4-H as we hit the slopes of Mount Werner. Members must meet at the top of the Gondola for a picture at 11am! RSVP to Tami by February 27th to reserve your ticket. Members ski free, parents ski for half price!

March 7, **4-H Monthly Moos Cal**l - join Tami and Millie as they discuss the topic: Guiding myself through 4-H (Zoom information is included in Calendar Link)

March 8, **New Member Orientation Dinner** - join us as we discuss important events for the upcoming year. We will also go over the basis of Routt County 4-H and what we offer. The last 30 minutes you will have a chance to rotate and explore different projects.

- This is a MANDATORY dinner. If you cannot make it, please contact the extension office to arrange a one-on-one meeting with Tami or Millie.

Are you looking for the perfect gift for a loved one this Christmas?

Jack and Andy Brunton are looking to sell their goats and equipment. Don't hesitate, and call Jack (970-734-4266) today to get the perfect gift for under your tree!

New Member Information

4-H Enrollment is Open! Here is a LINK to how to enroll, clubs, projects and much more. Call our office with any questions - we are here to help you!

Learn more about Routt County 4-H on our WEBSITE.

- See a list of our 4-H clubs and when they meet.
- Learn about all the projects 4-H has to offer.
- The Colorado 4-H WEBSITE also offers project information and record book links. Click on the area of a project of interest (word on picture square), then click on the project you want to learn more about.

January 3th, February 7, March 7, April 4 - Monthly Moos

March 8, 6-7pm - **Mandatory New Member Dinner** at the Steamboat Community Center. Come join us as we discuss important dates, outline the importance of 4-H, and experience a fun night of interactive booths.

4-H Monthly Moos - Do you have questions about the Routt County 4-H Program? Starting in January, Tami and Millie will be holding monthly Zoom Calls to help with all things 4-H! Monthly meetings will try to have a specific topic, but all questions are welcome anytime. 4-H Monthly Moos will start

January 3th and will run on the first Tuesday of the month (besides July at 6pm through August 1st.

- January 3th - I enrolled, now what?
- February 7 - Prepping for the 4-H Year (important dates, upcoming events, time commitments)
- March 7 - How can I guide myself through my project? But wait, I want to do more! Adding/Dropping Projects
- April 4 - Animal IDs - What's needed, how do I do it, when are they due by?
- May 2 - Test our knowledge!
- June 6 - Yay! Record Books!
- July 11 - Completion Weekend and Exhibit Day
- August 1 - Fair 101

4-H Project Area Information

Shooting Sports

We are working on practice schedules and times for the 2022-2023 4-H Year. Schedules will be posted in January!

Important Shooting Sports Dates -

- May 1 - Add/Drop deadline for all projects
- July 6 - Completion Weekend Registration Due
- July 16 - Shooting Sports Completion Weekend for Air Rifle, Air Pistol & .22 Pistol
- July 22-23 - Shooting Sports Completion Weekend for .22 Rifle, Archery & Shotgun
- July 26 - Exhibit Day

Livestock, Horse, Dog Poultry, Rabbit Projects

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Livestock Notes -

- We are looking for a new livestock judge(s) for the Routt County Fair 4-H/FFA livestock shows. Please email your suggestions/recommendations and why you like them to Millie!
- **LIVESTOCK PARENTS -** We are looking for species leaders. Are you interested in holding meetings for a specific specie? Contact Millie for more info!
- **SENIOR MEMBERS** - are you interested in becoming a mentor for a younger 4-H Livestock Member? If you are interested, please fill out this form!

Livestock Dates -

- February 12 - Beef Weigh In at the Routt County Fairgrounds. Cost is $5/animal. Please have the Weigh In Form completed and your brand papers ready before arriving at the scale.
- April 26 - Meat Quality Assurance and Livestock 101. All first year seniors and first year animal members are required to

attend.

- May 1 - Animal IDs due for Dog and Horse
- May 1 - Add/Drop Date for all projects
- May 8 - **NEW DATE** Sheep and Goat Weigh In at the Routt County Fairgrounds. Cost is $5/animal. Please have all your weigh in forms completed before arriving at the scale.
- May 9 - **NEW DATE** Swine Weigh In at the Routt County Fairgrounds. Cost is $5/animal. Please have all your weigh in forms completed before arriving at the scale.
- June 1 - Animal ID deadline for market beef, swine, sheep, and goat
- June 12-13 - Northwest Colorado 4-H Expo Horse and Dog
- June 15-16 - Northwest Colorado 4-H Expo Livestock, Poultry and Rabbit
- July 1 - Animal ID deadline for ALL breeding animals
- July 11 - Registration deadline for Fair
- August 9 - Fair Clean-Up/Set-Up Day
- August 11-20 - Routt County Fair
- September 19 - Animal/Livestock Record Books Due

Family & Consumer Science Projects (non-animal projects)

We are working on scheduling project meetings for the 2022-2023 4-H Year. We hope to start having schedules posted in January 2023!

Important Dates -

- May 1 - Add/Drop Date for all projects
- July 11 - Registration deadline for Exhibit Day
- July 26 - Exhibit Day

Routt County 4-H Leadership Opportunities

Routt County 4-H Council - Did you know that you can hold 4-H officer positions at the club, county, district and state level? Our 4-H council meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month (every other month) across Routt County. At these meetings county wide information is shared including updates to the handbook, voting on the buckle/reserve champion awards, sale committee updates, upcoming events and more. All members are encouraged to attend the 4-H Council meetings and at least two representatives from each club attend each meeting.

- **January 4 - 4-H Council meeting** 6pm at Soroco High School
- **March 1 - 4-H Council meeting** 6pm at Exhibit Hall in Hayden
- **May 3 - 4-H Council meeting** 6pm at Soroco High School
- **July 5 - 4-H Council meeting** 7pm at Exhibit Hall in Hayden

Routt County Jr. Leader - Are you interested in being an ambassador of Routt County 4-H? Our Junior Leaders help put on all 4-H Events in the county, while learning new leadership skills along the way. All senior aged (14-18 year old) members are encouraged to come and learn more about the Jr. Leadership Program. The Jr. Leaders meet monthly!

- **January 18th - Jr. Leader Meeting** 6pm at the Trout Creek Room in Steamboat

Leadership Conferences - attend different conferences around the state!

- **January 28-30 - Leadership Development Conference (LDC)** in Denver for senior ages 4-H members (14-19).
  - Registration is OPEN until January 6th. Sign-up in 4HOnline.
- **March 31-April 2 - District Retreat** in Glenwood Springs for ages 10-18.

Routt County 4-H Fun Day - June 7th at the Kvol's Ranch for ages 8-13. Your Jr. Leaders have a fun packed day of STEM activities, games, crafts, dancing and great food.

Leaders

Important Updates -

- Were you not able to make it to Achievement Night? Please stop by the Extension Office to pick up a small gift!
- Please include **Tami** and **Millie** in all 4-H Club related correspondence.
- Do you have your meeting schedule for the 2022-2023 4-H Year? Please email **Routt County 4-H** to update the Extension Office on your monthly meeting plans. We will update all events in the **4-H Google Calendar**!
- Enrollment is OPEN on **4-H Online**!
    - Please Re-enroll as a 4-H Leader ASAP!
    - Encourage all returning members to re-enroll and PAY by December 31, 2022 to avoid the $30 late fee.
    - **Any members attending meetings and/or holding club officer positions must be enrolled in the current 4-H Year.**

Upcoming Dates -

Leader Trainings -