



#4HSTRONG SPECIAL YEAR-END EDITION

This special 20/21 Newsletter contains:

- Words of Encouragement from Extension!
- 4-H Future Planning - IMPORTANT DATES
- Recognition of some GRITTY 4-H members
- Plus 2020-21 LEMBKE BONUS PROJECTS!
- *Closing Comments from Kali*
- *Season Greetings, from Extension!*
- Fun Activities for All

Words of Encouragement from Extension!

Grow 4-H Gritty -Message from Lore

“Together,” could be the rap song for 2020! “We are in this together”, “Better together”, “Stronger together”, “Together we continue...Songs and music videos titled “Together,” and the list seems endless.

Current circumstances of COVID19 restricts meeting in person once again, making it more challenging to be together. So, back to zoom and remote working/learning which requires independence and mastering new skills. Guess what helps develop independence and mastery? **The answer is 4-H!**

Even the theme for this year's National 4-H Week, was “Opportunity4All” encouraged inclusiveness and that we are all in this together...But, when it came time to promote Elbert County 4-H, **we went Gritty!**

The community of Elbert County 4-H has always valued coming together, especially around county fair. We are also a culture of independent country folks, who travel miles of dirt roads, regardless of the circumstances and are GRITTY enough to-get-here! I encourage you all to build strength and resilience within yourself, your friends and family—and throughout the Elbert County community. I am so very thankful for every one of you in our Elbert County 4-H family.

Now is the time to grow that independent responsibility, master new technology skills, learn new ways to learn, find ways to stay connected and support one another in your 4-H club, and lean into the 4-H community. Lean on Extension, we are here to help. Thank you all for possessing the grit to forge on, together we are making a difference!

Elbert County 4-H - Grow GRITTY with us!

- G = GRACE, be kind, helpful, generous, and understanding, both to others and yourself.
- R = RESILIENCE, be the blend of both flexibility and strength.
- I = INTEGRITY, be honest, loyal, and responsible.
- T = THANKFUL, be grateful and express appreciation.
- T = TRUE, be genuine and sincere in all your interactions.
- Y = YOU, honor the spirit and character that make you, YOU! Practice good self-care.

Words of Encouragement from Extension!

Grace and Gratitude - Message from Willie

Whether it be a boat, train, or plane the comparison that we all are in this together implies, not being alone. All the disappointments, loss, and uncertainty are being felt by everyone, across the spectrum. Yet, the experience is singular. As if we are in a theatre watching a movie and what we see, feel, and perceive is unique to each of us. However, there are common elements and emotions we will all experience.

Sticking to this G-R-I-T-T-Y theme I would like to emphasize grace and gratitude. As I am sure all of you do during the holiday season, I have watched two of my favorite holiday movies, *How the Grinch Stole Christmas* and *A Christmas Carol*. The Grinch and Scrooge are iconic, usually for their bad characteristics. The “humbug” of Scrooge and the grump of the Grinch. These two characters might best represent the whole of us during the 2020 COVID year. I know I have had to try real hard to avoid being a humbug, curmudgeon, or poopy pants.

The lost months of normalcy to self-isolation, the inability to spend time with friends, celebrate major milestones, and achievements. These things sting, but put into perspective, most of us have been lucky. We could easily become angry and resentful, as is the case of Scrooge and the Grinch. But both stories and both characters are reluctantly reminded of the spirit of the season and the importance of grace and gratitude. They come to realize the act of giving and being thankful for what they have, instead of what they don't have, allows growth and understanding. They learn that grace in spite of loss and grief has a more positive effect on those other people in the same boat, train, or plane.

I would like to thank all of you for your grace and kindness during this trying and challenging time. I want to wish you all Happy Holidays and hope that you all can stay healthy and find happiness even with all of the discomfort and uncertainty.

Hope - Message from Trena

There is no question that 2020 has created a more difficult lifestyle of an extremely long duration for each of us. I am thankful that I honestly did not know how long Covid19 would be affecting my life. On the other hand, I am so excited to welcome in 2021. I have immense hope for those involved with our 4-H programs to experience new learning and bonding opportunities. The hunt for that special animal. Then memories start all over again. The chores, the weather, the observation, and the training that comes from caring for a new animal. Learn by doing starts all over again. 2021 is not just about the livestock projects. As we have stayed at home more, the general projects also offer new opportunities for hands on learning in areas that you may not have considered in years past. Interests may go a different direction. With these new choices, your 4-H family begins to expand, and you develop closer relationships with other families and leaders. What a gift for each of us.

Remember: “You are braver than you believe, stronger than you seem, and smarter than you think.”

Christopher Robin -A.A. Milne

GRIT PLANNING FOR YOUR 4-H FUTURE:

A few dates, like 4-H online deadlines are consistent and fixed regardless of circumstances.

<https://v2.4honline.com/> **OPEN NOW! ONLINE DEADLINES – DO BEFORE THE LAST DATE!**

DECEMBER 30TH – LAST DAY to RE-ENROLL for Returning 4-H Families and pay fees to club!

(January 30 – Last Day for New Family Recruitment/NEW Enrollment)

April 1st – Last Day to Change 4-H Projects

May 1st – Last Day to Upload Animal Id's

All project information can be found on the state 4-H page at:

<http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/colorado-4-h-project-information/>

EACH FAMILY is responsible for ordering their own project literature for 2021. At the bottom of the state website project information page, you will see a publication order form. Please order your own 4-H books!

As with all event planning nowadays, we are both hopeful and flexible.

Meetings, trainings, camps, or conferences will continue virtually.

Visit the **Colorado 4-H Virtual Engagement Resources** web page found on the **State 4-H website**

<http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/colorado-4-h-online-virtual-engagement-resources/>

We are hopeful to continue our outdoor events like Horse open ride and Beef weigh-in.

Always check hours before the tentatively scheduled event. Modifications may be made in case of weather, disasters, or public health circumstances.

DECEMBER:

13th, 1-3 pm 4-H Horse open ride

30th, RE-enrollment deadline, returning families must complete all re-enrollment <https://v2.4honline.com/> BEFORE DECEMBER 30TH!

(Recruitment of new 4-H families may continue with NEW enrollments accepted until January 30th)

JANUARY:

10th, 1-3 pm 4-H Horse open ride

12th, Competitive Horse Judging Teams info meeting 6 pm

30th, 4-H Officers Training by South Central District Officer Team, Pueblo all day

Leadership Development Conference LDC – *will not be in-person at the state capitol this year, local and virtual options are in the planning stages.*

FEBRUARY:

21st, Beef weigh in 12:00 pm, blow and go show to follow

28th: Back up beef weigh in date 1:00 pm

MARCH:

8th, MQA – Meat Quality Assurance (required for all animal project members) in Kiowa

9th, MQA - Meat Quality Assurance (required for all animal project members) most likely in Kiowa?

MARCH & APRIL SHOOTING SPORTS MANDATORY ANNUAL ORIENTATION

Tentative dates:

March 2nd, March 4th, and/or March 9th and final make-up date April 6th.

2021 Elbert County Fair July 31st-August 8th

HONORING SOME OF OUR 2020 GRITTIEST:

Making the Best Better – Trea Allen, Comanche Creek

Citizen of the Year – Wyatt Walts, Kiowa Community

20-21 Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassador – Dominic Richey, Running Creek

2020 Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports National Qualifiers –

Air Rifle: 6th place **Scott McElroy** and 8th place **Megan Torrence**

Muzzle loading: 5th place **Dominic Richey** and 7th place **Titus Smith** and

9th place **Samantha Guthrie**

See the last pages for results of 2020 Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships.

2019-2020 Lembke Scholars

Junior, **Malachi Smith**, Gold Creek

Intermediate, **Ryleigh Tunink**, Rural Rustlers

Senior, **Danielle Bogner**, Elbert Creekside Boosters

2020-2021 LEMBKE BONUS POINT OPPORTUNITIES

Mr. Lembke wanted to find a way to reward those 4-H members who were broad and serious about their 4-H involvement and experience, so he established the \$1000 scholarship for each age group Jr. Int. and Sr. The Lembke Scholarship is point based and designed to encourage the well-rounded 4-H'er. To qualify a member must compete in 3 areas: an animal project, a general project, and a specialty contest. In each of these areas an applicant can list up to three classes, 3 animal classes, 3 general classes, and 3 specialty contest classes.

Additionally, BONUS POINT OPPORTUNITIES are a way to reward members for their productivity in project areas that have limited opportunity for return on investment.

BONUS BREEDING/SHOW ANIMALS

May count **ONE Class** (for 5 bonus points) from the following Breeding/Show animals:

CHOOSE ONE TO APPLY THE 5 BONUS POINTS: **Breeding Beef, Dairy, Dog, Breeding/Utility Goat, Horse, Poultry Show Birds, Breeding/Show Rabbit, Breeding Sheep, or Breeding Swine.**

BONUS GENERAL PROJECT EXHIBITS

May count up-to **THREE Classes** (5 points per project) of general projects that require investment in supplies to produce an exhibit piece other than a display board:

CHOOSE UP TO THREE PROJECTS (5 POINTS PER PROJECT): **Model Rocketry, Entomology, Ceramics, Leathercraft, Photography/Filmmaking, Scrapbooking, Woodworking, Welding, Visual Arts, Cake Decorating, Clothing Construction, Artistic Clothing, Foods and Nutrition, Specialty Foods, Food Preservation, Heritage Arts.**

JR Results of 2020 Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships**JUNIOR RESULTS top 10 Individual****.22 RIFLE****Hunt Individual**

2nd place Dayton Tervort
10th place Josiah Smith

Scope Individual

1st place Dayton Tervort
4th place Ben Stewert
6th place Silas Smith

4P Individual

1st place Dayton Tervort
8th place Allison Torrence

3P Individual

3rd place Dayton Tervort
4th place Allison Torrence

AIR RIFLE**Utility Individual**

9th place Allison Torrence

4P Team

4th place Elbert Cty

3P Individual

6th place Allison Torrence
9th place Abigale Cabrera

OOH Individual

5th place – Allison Torrence
6th place – Abigale Cabrera
9th place - Cora lave

SHOTGUN**Trap Individual**

7th place – Dayton Tervort

ARCHERY**Archery Cmp Unlim Individual**

3rd place Dayton Tervort

Archery Cmp Limited Individual

9th place Jacob Cornelius

Archery Recurve Limited Individual

2nd place Gavin Powell
6th place Blake Sandborn

JR Muzzleloader Individual

4th place Titus Cabrera
6th place Dayton Tervort
7th place Abigale Cabrera

Team**Hunt Team**

1st place Elbert Cty

Scope team

1st place Elbert Cty

4P Team

2nd place Elbert Cty

3P Team

1st place Elbert Cty

Utility Team

5th place Elbert Cty

3P Team

3rd place Elbert Cty

OOH Team

2nd place Elbert Cty

Skeet Team

7th place Elbert Cty

Trap Team

3rd place Elbert Cty

Archery Cmp Unlim Team

5th place Elbert Cty

Archery Cmp Limited Team

6th place Elbert Cty

Archery Recurve limited Team

2nd place Elbert Cty

JR Muzzleloader Team

1st place – Elbert Cty

SR Results of 2020 Colorado State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships

SENIOR RESULTS top 10 Individual

Team

.22 RIFLE

Hunt Team
9th place Elbert Cty

Scope team
8th place Elbert Cty

4P Team
4th place Elbert Cty

3P Individual
4th place Megan Torrence

3P Team
3rd place Elbert Cty

AIR RIFLE

Utility Individual
5th place Scott McElroy
10th place Skyla Harr

Utility Team
2nd place Elbert Cty

4P Individual
8th place Megan Torrence

4P Team
3rd place Elbert Cty

3P Individual
2nd place Megan Torrence
7th place Scott McElroy

3P Team
2nd place Elbert Cty

OOH Individual
1st place – Megan Torrence
6th place – Scott McElroy

OOH Team
1st place Elbert Cty

ARCHERY

Archery Cmp Limited Team
8th place Elbert Cty

Archery Recurve Limited Individual
7th place Levi Cabrera

Archery Recurve limited Team
5th place Elbert Cty

Archery Recurve Traditional Team
6th place Elbert Cty

MUZZLELOADER

SR Muzzleloader Individual
5th place Dominic Richey
7th place Titus Smith
9th place Samantha Guthrie

SR Muzzleloader Team
2nd place – Elbert Cty

- ***2020 State 4-H Shooting Sports Championships pins and award ribbons are will be mailed to County offices later.***

Final Words of Encouragement from Extension!

Overwhelming Thanks Closing comments from Kali

I'm pretty tapped out after this year. But as I go through my memories of 2020, I'm filled with overwhelming gratitude and thanks. With so much change completely out of our control, I've found that finding the good in each day even more important, and the easiest way to do that is to give thanks.

Thanks for the resilient and giving community that we are a part of. Thanks for each of you with your passions and curiosity and determination. Thanks for your choring and care for your animals. Thanks for mastering different skills of leatherwork, cake decorating, or photography. Thanks for random burritos and random flamingos that arrive in our office. Thanks to the continued dedication and excellence of the people I'm blessed to work with.

The resilience and passion in each of you inspires and motivates us. Continue to share your gifts with the world. Your dreams, your struggles, and your ability "to make the best better", are what make you true leaders in your community.

The new year may have similar struggles as well as new and exciting challenges, and we are prepared to face each of them with one another, and be better, kinder, and stronger.

Many thanks and Happy Holidays.

If the only prayer you said in your whole life was, "thank you," that would suffice. – Meister Eckhart

From all your Extension workforce we wish each of you a special holiday season!

Best wishes for a great 2021, and Thank you, Kali, Willie, Trena and Lore

Now you've read through all our words of wisdom, you might be interested in some Holiday "fizz-dom."

[4-H at Home Holiday Activity Guide Download](#)

Download this guide for **15 at-home activities** to help your kid continue doing and learning during the holiday season and get a bonus **Holiday Cooking Making cookbook** with over 20 tasty recipes from 4-H'ers across the country!

Gratitude Garland Activity:

Each family member writes something you are grateful for on a strip of paper each day from now until the first of the year. Link the strips to create a growing gratitude garland to decorate your home this holiday! On New Years Eve, the family can count down by re-reading each link!

