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To Make the Best Better

All 4-H families have a responsibility to read the 4-H newsletter and to understand the information and deadlines that apply to them.

Need help? Please check with your club leader or contact 4-H Agents at the Extension Office.

Be sure to stay in touch with your club leader and remain active in club meetings.

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Morgan County 4-H Newsletter

2021-2022 4-H Enrollment

Enrollment Deadline, February 1, 2022 BY 4:00 PM, to participate in the 2022 Morgan County Fair.

You may still enroll in 4-H after the deadline and participate in all 4-H club activities. However you may not compete in the 2022 Morgan County Fair.

Enrollment cost is **\$20 per youth**, (5-18 year olds)

payable by cash or check to the Morgan County

Extension Office. Shooting Sports members will pay an additional \$10 yearly fee. Go to: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>.



Leadership Development Conference

Youth attending the LDC were **Clayton Barch, Raelynn Carlock, Ceri Dixon, Wiley Eicher, Alyssa Eskew, Sateen Keller, Soul Keller, Ryan Strauch, Grace Wagner, and Elizabeth Whitney**. DJ Eicher accompanied the delegation.

2022 State Syllabus Information

The 2022 State Syllabus will be available soon. For specific project requirements, please look at the project syllabus <https://col.st/ZQmTJ>.

The syllabus can be located at: or you can find it in the Quick Links on the 4-H Record Book page of the Morgan County website at <https://morgan.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/records/>. For project descriptions go to: <http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/colorado-4-h-project-information/>.

2022 County Fair Dates

Official fair dates are July 29 - August 4, 2022, BUT pre-fair activities will begin earlier in July including Interview Judging which is Wednesday, July 28th.



February Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds workshop will be Valentines Themed.

February 5 from 9:00 am—10:30 am at the Extension Office. Please RSVP by February 3rd.

New to 4-H and not sure what to expect?

Newsletter: Your enrollment in 4-H automatically subscribes you to this newsletter that focuses on Morgan County 4-H. Watch the front of the newsletter for information and events that may be pertinent to you. Flip to your section for specific news, events, deadlines and rules. Current and past editions are available on the Morgan County website at <http://morgan.extension.colostate.edu/4-h/newsletters/>

Email: We use mass email to send reminders of upcoming opportunities, workshops, deadlines and more. Many opportunities and news items that we receive from the State 4-H office and other counties may miss our newsletter deadline, and those are also passed on by email. Please let us know if you change your email address. Also, the newsletter is our primary way of getting information to you. We will send a mass email the day the newsletter goes to print to every enrolled member and leader. The email will have a link to the newsletter and instructions on how to find it on the website. If you would like to be mailed a paper copy, please call Jamie at 970-542-3540.



Club Meetings: Are you in touch with your club leader to find out when your club meetings are? Try to attend as many meetings as you can so that you can get involved, make friends, and learn more about your projects. Many clubs have requirements as to how many meetings you need to attend, so make sure you are aware of that number.

Manuals: Be sure to ask your club leader or the Extension office if you need a project manual. These manuals were designed to help you learn more about your specific project. TIP: For additional help, try to find out if your club has any project leaders that can help you. Colorado4h.org also has tip sheets for most projects. Click “Projects and Record books”. Scroll to the middle of the page and click “Tip Sheets”.

Livestock Weigh In: Are you taking a livestock project? If you plan to show a market animal (one that will be fed out, shown and possibly sold) you’ll need to be sure to check the newsletter for information about livestock weigh-in or nomination. All market beef, market goats, and market lambs must be weighed in on the specific date listed. Market swine must be tagged in on the specific date listed. Market rabbits and poultry require a paper ID’s turned in by the specific date.

Website: Check out our local Morgan County website at <http://morgan.colostate.edu/> or the state 4-H website at <https://co4h.colostate.edu/> We also have a 4-H Facebook page, just search for Morgan County Extension, on facebook.com and then “Like” to follow our updates.

COUNTY ‘Member in Good Standing’ POLICY

Just a reminder that Morgan County and Colorado 4-H have a “Member in Good Standing” policy. As written in the state policy manual, a member in good standing; abides by the 4-H Code of Conduct, meets deadlines, attends a majority of club and project meetings, and completes at least one project. To complete a project, members are required to:

1. Participate in a 4-H related (subject matter or audience) demonstration or other speech-arts presentation.
2. Participate in a 4-H sponsored community service activity, and
3. Complete any county level requirements such as a record book, exhibit, etc.

While this state policy has always been in effect, the county has really had no way to determine a member’s level of participation. Effective October 1, 2015, all club leaders are required to sign off on every member’s participation before county fair and at the end of the 4-H year. All members must meet county/state policy as well as club policy (if applicable). Members not in good standing may not be able to participate in certain county, state or national events.

What is community service?!

Webster's Dictionary defines community service as "work that is done without pay to help people in a community." What does this mean in the 4-H world and what is classified as appropriate community service? It is any event or opportunity where the club can go out into the community to perform good deeds. This can include: working at the food bank, cleaning trash in a cemetery, visiting a nursing home, or putting together care packages for soldiers. It does not include: donating money to an organization, club fundraisers, volunteering for 4-H events at fair or raking leaves in your family's lawn. It is encouraged that you do community service through your club's annual events but, if circumstances arise that keep you from doing so, make sure you coordinate with your club leader to ensure that what you are doing falls into the community service criteria and that you will still be in compliance with the club bylaws. Remember, community service is a requirement to be a member in good standing and a HUGE aspect of 4-H is serving those around you!

How do I choose my projects?

There are lots of resources to help you choose your projects. You can ask 4-H leaders for help. You can come to project workshops scheduled throughout the year. You can call the 4-H Agents and you can talk to other 4-H members about their projects.

Considerations in Selecting a 4-H Project

- ◆ Select a project you like
- ◆ Select a project that can be completed
- ◆ Consider the costs (check the State Fair Exhibit Requirements to estimate cost)
- ◆ Consider the space and equipment that will be needed
- ◆ Consider parental support for the project
- ◆ Be aware of the opportunities for growth in the project
- ◆ Select only the number of projects that you can complete
- ◆ A 4-H project should be fun, serve a purpose and be worth the effort!



In addition to the guide, talk with other members, leaders and 4-H staff to learn more about the project.

Considering New Projects for 2022?

The new State 4-H Project requirements will be available soon. It will be posted at the following website: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/state-fair-information/>.

All the requirements to complete FCS and general 4-H projects will be listed in this online booklet. The Morgan County Fair Book will follow those guidelines.

What is a Self-Determined Project?

The self-determined project is designed for 4-H members who have an interest in a topic that is not included in the 4-H Project List. Self-determined projects include these county projects that are not offered as state projects: Child Development, Crops, Model Horse, Pocket Pets, Weeds, and Welding.

If you wish to re-enroll in a self-determined project, use the project name next to "self-determined." For example: Self Determined/Pocket Pets.

County projects are not eligible to qualify for state fair.

4-H Information & Activities

New Family Orientation Night

Plan to attend Tuesday, March 1st at 5:30 pm, an introduction and need to know information, night at the Morgan County Fair Grounds, 4-H Building. Light supper will be provided. Please register in 4-H Online (Events) by Friday, February 25th at 12 noon.



2021-2022 4-H State Community Service

This year's state officer team decided to do a year-round community service this year! We are asking you to collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald house located in Colorado Springs from now until State Conference in June!

R.S.V.P.

We are planning lots of great workshops and meeting for leaders and members this 4-H year. These events are organized and led by 4-H leaders, staff or guests. We ask that you RSVP by registering in 4-H Online under Events that you will be attending. Some events are cancelled because so few people have responded or because of unforeseen circumstances. Of course if you have not responded we have no way to let you know that the event has been cancelled! For 4-H purposes, unless we specifically ask you to let us know whether or not you are planning to attend, RSVP means respond only if you are coming. It means that we need a definite head count and we need it by the specified date. Please RSVP!

2022 Youth Fest—TBD

Youth Fest is a leadership camp for 4-H members 9-13 years old. Aimee will email information when it becomes available.

Citizenship Washington Focus - Tentatively June 26 to July 2, 2022



What does it mean to be a good citizen? Are you being a strong civic leader for your community, country and world?

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a week-long 4-H citizenship program for youth ages 16-19 that takes place in the Washington, DC area. Participants are immersed in the culture and history of Washington through onsite workshops at its most spectacular sights.

Members wishing to attend CWF must be ages 16-19 years of age by December 31. The application process for CWF will be completed through 4-H Online. Aimee will be in contact with eligible youth when more information including application deadlines are available.

Horse and Dog ID Forms

All Horse and Dog ID Forms must be done on an annual basis through 4-H Online. If you identified a horse or dog last year, you must activate each animal account. For the Dog ID, you will need to update and upload new vaccine information.

4-H Project Workshops

We are planning some project workshops for the 2021-2022 4-H year. These will include Leather Craft, Scrapbooking, Cake Decorating, Clothing, Foods & Nutrition, Quilting, Sport Fishing, Outdoor Adventures, Photography, and so many more. We are always looking for instructors willing to help out as well. If you know of someone that has a skill set related to any 4-H project please let us know.

4-H Workshop Opportunities

Photography Project Workshop

Thursday, March 10, 2022

4:30 - 5:30 pm

Riverside Park Nature Trails

Please Register in 4-H Online by Tuesday, March 8th at 12 noon.



Artistic Clothing Workshops --

The first workshop will be held on Tuesday March 16th, 2022 from 1:00-3:00p.m. at the Morgan County Extension Office. We will be Tie-Dying t-shirts and looking through the project manual and record book. Please bring a plain white t-shirt to use! Be sure to bring any questions you have about the project. Please RSVP by March 9th if you plan to attend.

The second workshop is going to be held on April 9th, 2022 from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Morgan County Extension Office. During this workshop, we will learn about iron-on designs. Be sure to bring a t-shirt with you to decorate. You can bring your tie-dyed shirt from the previous workshop if you would like! You can bring an iron on design that you already have, or use the circuit die cut machine to create your own iron-on vinyl design! Please RSVP by April 4th if you plan to attend.

If you are not enrolled in the project but are thinking about trying it feel free to come check these workshops out to help you decide!

Home Design and Decor Workshops –

These workshops will be held at the Morgan County Extension office on March 17th from 1:00-3:00 p.m. and April 16th from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Bring any item that you are planning to recycle or reuse to create your new item and any materials that you may need to do so. Please RSVP by March 9th if you plan to attend the March workshop, and by April 11th if you plan to attend the April Workshop. If you are not signed up for Home Design and Décor, but are interested, come to the workshop and learn about the project! Be sure to bring an item that you can recycle into something new for your home.

Model Rocketry Workshops –



We will be holding a model rocketry project workshop at the Morgan County Extension Office on March 18th from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. If you are in need of a skill level 1 rocket to use, you can purchase one of two options at the extension office for \$10.00. Otherwise, be sure to bring your rocket, record book, and any questions that you have about building or launching your rocket. We will walk through the entire building process and go through some parts of the manual during this workshop. Please RSVP by March 9th if you plan to attend.

There will be another model rocketry workshop on April 23rd from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Morgan County Extension Office. Again, please be sure to bring your rocket(s), manual, and record book if you have questions on any of them.

Cake Decorating Lessons

With the help of Cake Decorating leader, Danielle Eggleston, the Extension Office has put together videos teaching the skills needed to succeed in the Cake Decorating Project. Info on how to access these videos will be send to members enrolled in Cake Decorating by March 1.

4-H County Council Activities

Signing up for Shooting Sports

There is a \$10 fee for every youth enrolled in shooting sports.

All youth must attend a **mandatory safety training** prior to their first practice. The training will be held **February 17th at 5:30 p.m.** at the Fairgrounds. If you have any questions, please contact Aimee, 970-542-3542.

MORGAN COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS COUNTY FAIR ELIGIBILITY

1. All participants must be 4-H members currently enrolled in the 4-H Shooting Sports Project.
2. Juniors: 8 - 13 years old as of 12/31/21 Seniors: 14 - 18 years old as of 12/31/21
3. All participants must attend a mandatory safety training prior to their first practice.
4. Appropriate safety equipment is the shooter's responsibility.
5. All youth **MUST** complete record books and participate in interview judging and must receive at least a Red Ribbon on their interview project for scores to count for participation at Colorado State Fair.

6. All youth must have a Hunter's Safety Card to shoot at the County Fair Shoot.

You must have participated in at least three (3) County *Certified shoots in each of the divisions entered to compete at the County Fair. For safety reasons, a shotgun shooter must shoot at least three (3) practices in each class they want to compete in. *Certified shoots are shoots shot in front of the contest superintendent or assistant superintendent of the discipline.

*For emergency situations, the superintendent and shooting sports committee will take it under consideration for county only results. Youth not participating in county shoots will not be eligible for State Fair Shoot.

*Guidelines for Classes and equipment will be same as the current rulebook. You may view the Colorado Shooting Sports Rule Book at: <http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/shooting-sports/>. Click on rulebook, forms, and notices.

2022 Shooting Sports Dates

Discipline	Contact	Additional Volunteers	Shooting Practice Times	February	March	April	May	June	July	Fair Shoots
.22 Rifle - Muir Springs 18918 CR 16, Fort Morgan	David Bohl 370-3151	DJ Eicher Kortney Venzke	8:30 am -11:30 am			April 9 April 23	May TBD May 21	June 4 June 18	July 2	Saturday, July 16 Check-in 7:30 am Muir Springs
.22 Pistol - Muir Springs 18918 CR 16, Fort Morgan	DJ Eicher 380-1288	Danielle Eggleston	7:30 am - 8:30 am			April 9 April 23	May TBD May 21	June 4 June 18	July 2	Saturday, July 16 Check-in 2:00 pm Muir Springs
Air Rifle MC Fairgrounds 750 Ellsworth	DJ Eicher 380-1288	Ryan Eggleston Kortney Venzke	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm 1st & 3rd Thursdays	February 17	March 3 March 17	April 7 April 21	May 5 May 19	June 2 June 16	July 7 July 14*	Sunday, July 17 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds
Air Pistol MC Fairgrounds 750 Ellsworth	Owen Eggleston 370-1669	Danielle Eggleston	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm 1st & 3rd Thursdays	February 17	March 3 March 17	April 7 April 21	May 5 May 19	June 2 June 16	July 7 July 14*	Sunday, July 17 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds
Muzzleloading - Muir Springs 18918 CR 16, Fort Morgan	DJ Eicher 380-1288		11:30 am - 1:00 pm			April 9 April 23	May TBD May 21	June 4 June 18	July 2	Friday, July 15 Check in 5:00 pm Muir Springs
Shotgun - Trap Weldon 12710 MCR W.5	Paul Oliveira 645-2157	Jay Marshall Stefani Oliveira	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays				May 4 May 18	June 1 June 15 June 29	July 6	Sunday, July 10 Check-in 7:30 am High Plains Trap Club
Shotgun Games - Skeet 12710 MCR W.5, Weldon	Levi Dixon 768-1931	Paul Oliveira Andy Larrick	5:30 pm - 7:00 pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays				May 4 May 18	June 1 June 15 June 29	July 6	Saturday, July 9 Check-in 8:30 am Washington County Gun Club
Shotgun -Trap 16923 Co Rd W	Dave Martin	Paul Oliveira	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm 2nd & 4th Wednesday				TBD	TBD	TBD	Sunday, July 10 Check-in 7:30 am High Plains Trap Club
Shotgun Games 5-Stand/Sporting Clays & Skeet -- Washington County Gun Club 39529 Co Rd BB, Akron	Levi Dixon 768-1931	Andy Larrick	TBD							Saturday, July 9 Check-in 8:30 am Washington County Gun Club
Archery - Weldon 12710 MCR W.5	Paul Oliveira 645-2157	Levi Dixon Chad Lorenzini Katie Lorenzini Stefani Oliveira	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm 1st & 3rd Tuesdays				May 3 May 17 May 31	June 7 June 21	July 5 July 12	Sunday, July 17 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds
Archery - Brush 750 Ellsworth	Jesse Koch 380-9747	Jon Flair	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm			TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	Sunday, July 17 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds

Youth **MUST** participate in Interview Judging on Wednesday, July 27, 2022

Judging Opportunities

Judging Opportunities for 4-H Members

Judging is a great opportunity for 4-H members to improve decision making, communication, problem solving and time management skills in a fun, team-oriented setting. Members do not have to be involved in any specific project to take part in judging programs. Some potential benefits of judging include college scholarships, opportunity to travel, personal and team awards. Check out one or more of these judging opportunities!



- **Consumer Choices Judging & Consumer Bowl**

Did you know that you are a consumer judge every time you buy something? Come join us and learn fun ways to become the smart and savvy shopper you know you are! In Consumer Choices Judging you will learn standards of quality for goods such as backpacks, toys, clothing, food, and much more, and then practice making comparisons. There are opportunities for Senior members of top placing teams to travel to national level contests. Consumer Choices is open to all senior 4-H members and in any project. For more information contact Aimee at katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu. Interest will determine meeting dates and times; however, we'd like to start in early in 2022.

- **Parli Pro**

Parliamentary procedure provides a framework that encourages all members to have an equal voice in their club. The 4-H club model provides an excellent forum for youths to experience, practice, and effectively use life skills that will allow them to be successful in living productive and satisfying lives. Leading or participating in a club business meeting gives members an opportunity to plan, evaluate, discuss ideas, and set goals—all important life skills. The members of the Morgan County Parliamentary Procedure team will compete at the State Conference in June 2022 where they will conduct a mock meeting and demonstrate their knowledge of correct Parliamentary Procedure. For more information or if you are interested contact Aimee at aimee.kanode@colostate.edu. Practice date and time will be determined based off interest but will begin early in 2022.

- **Meats Judging**

The Morgan County 4-H Meat Judging Team will begin practices soon. 4-H meat judging includes retail cut identification, judging classes of cuts and carcasses, and giving reasons. You don't have to be enrolled in a livestock project or know anything about meat or meat judging, you just need to be willing to learn. Practices will be held in preparation for the state contest held in late April/early May. If you are interested in participating please contact Marlin Eisenach at 970-542-3543.

- **Livestock Judging**

Workouts for Livestock Judging normally start in early March. Generally, the team will also compete in several county contests prior to the State contest in June, held in conjunction with the State 4-H Conference in Fort Collins. Team members will learn livestock evaluation skills for beef, goats, sheep and swine. Top placing teams have the opportunity to participate in national level contests. For further information contact Marlin Eisenach at 970-542-3543.

- **Horse Judging**

Learn the basics of how to evaluate a horse shown in halter and performance as well as give oral reasons to an official judge justifying how you placed a specific class of horses. If you demonstrate a passion for horses and an eagerness to learn, this is for you. There are 4 competitions in the state to participate in. Contact Marlin Eisenach at 970-542-3543 for more information.

Scholarship Information



CSU Scholarships

To apply for most of the scholarships offered through Colorado State University for the 2022-2023 academic year, applicants should complete the CSU Scholarship Application available online at: <https://financialaid.colostate.edu/csu-scholarship-application-csusa/>. By submitting this one application form, students will be considered for all appropriate scholarships at the University level. Due Date: March 1, 2022.

Colorado 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Colorado 4-H Foundation will be offering scholarships for 2022. Applications need to be completed by March 1, 2022. Each applicant must have two references (other than your Extension Agent) and a recent/current photograph. The photograph will be used for media purposes. Go to: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/about-us/scholarships/> for more information.

By submitting this one application form, students will be considered for all appropriate scholarships at the University level. The online application process began on November 1, 2021. You do not have to attend CSU to be eligible for scholarships. Take time during your vacation days to see what scholarships that you may be eligible for.

The Stalwart Agfinity Scholarship Program

25,000 Scholarship Funds Available

Lifelong Learning is a core value at Agfinity, which is why we will be offering \$25,000 in scholarship funds to hardworking students in 2022. In total, we will be awarding up to three \$5,000 and ten \$1,000 scholarships to students pursuing higher education. Submissions are **due on March 14, 2022** at <https://agfinityinc.com/about-us/community-support/sponsorship-application/>

Colorado Association of Fairs and Shows Scholarship

The Morgan County Fair is a member of the Colorado Association of Fairs and Shows (CAFS). CAFS is offering a scholarship to any active 4-H or FFA member who has participated in the Morgan County Fair. 4-H or FFA members who are eligible to apply for this scholarship must be high school seniors or a graduate with a minimum of a "B" average in both their junior or senior year. This scholarship can be used at any creditable post-secondary school. The application deadline is March 20, 2022. You can find more information and the application on the CAFS website <https://www.coloradofairs.org/p/news/scholarship>.

Morgan County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship

Two scholarships will be awarded by the Morgan County Cattlemen's Association. The requirements are that you must be a graduating high school senior and expected to enroll in an agricultural degree program at any accredited college or university. The amount of this scholarship is \$500 granted for tuition for up to 4 years. **Application Deadline: April 15, 2021**

Two Vocational/Trade School Scholarships will be awarded to a graduating high school senior. The amount of this scholarship is \$500. Pick up applications at the Extension Office. **Application Deadline: April 15, 2021**

Mike Glenn Memorial Scholarship

Scholarships will be awarded by the Morgan County Cattlemen's Association. The requirements are that you must hold a high school diploma or equivalent, be accepted and enrolled in any accredited college or university. The amount of this scholarship is \$250 granted as a successive year's scholarship, must reapply after four years.

Pick up applications at the Extension Office. **Application Deadline: June 1, 2021**

Look for more information for the following scholarships in February and March:

- ◆ **Morgan County 4-H Foundation Scholarship**
- ◆ **Livestock Exchange LLC Scholarship** <http://www.livestockexchange.org/SCHOLARSHIP.html>

4-H Leader/Volunteer Information

Leaders

As you plan for the 2021-2022 4-H year, please keep us up-to-date on potential changes in club status and leadership. As you sign up new 4-H leaders, they will need to complete the enrollment form and application. 4-H Online Enrollment is open.

4-H Volunteers Re-Enroll

4-H Volunteers must complete an enrollment form every year. Background checks are completed for new volunteers and can periodically and randomly be conducted on any leader. When a 4-H volunteer signs an enrollment form, they agree to abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct. Only authorized, enrolled volunteers should act as leaders and only authorized, enrolled volunteers are covered by CSU insurance.

Volunteer Requirements

Recognized volunteers may hold 4-H functions, are covered by 4-H insurance, and may serve as chaperones in the name of 4-H.

Everyone interested in becoming an Organizational Leader is required to visit with the 4-H Agent, even if you are already an approved project volunteer. If your club is dissolving or if you are considering changes in leadership, call the Extension Office at 970-542-3540.

In order to be recognized as a volunteer 4-H leader in Morgan County, all NEW leaders must complete the following requirements:

1. Complete a volunteer application through 4-H Online and receive two positive references.
2. Complete a 4-H enrollment form through 4-H Online
3. Complete leader training
4. Pass a background check
5. Interview with 4-H Agent (All organizational leader applicants or as requested).

Colorado State University Conducts Background Checks on all Volunteers

Volunteers serve at the request of Colorado State University Extension. That request can be withdrawn for any reason, or no reason, at any time. Volunteers agree to abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct and to enforce the Code of Conduct with 4-H members they supervise.

Shooting Sports Leader Training

If you are interested in becoming a Certified Shooting Sports Leader, in any discipline, trainings will be offered across the state this Spring. To attend the training, you must be an enrolled, approved volunteer for Morgan County 4-H. This requires online training videos, background check, and reference check. Dates for the coming trainings are listed below. You must be in the process of becoming a leader a minimum of 3 weeks before the deadline for registration for the trainings. Trainings cost \$135, and partial reimbursement from LAC is available.



Tentative 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training Dates and Locations:

March 4-6, Morgan County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun & Archery) **Registration is open until February 18**

March 11-13, Weld County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun & Archery) Registration is open until February 25

March 18-20, Pueblo County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader, Western Heritage & Hunting/Outdoor Skills)

March 25-27, Garfield County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader, Western Heritage & Hunting/Outdoor Skills)

Trainings begin on Friday evening, continue all day Saturday and conclude mid-day Sunday. Attendance for the entire weekend is required to receive a certificate.

Morgan County 4-H LAC

Make A Difference in Morgan County 4-H

Join Morgan County 4-H Leaders' Advisory Committee

Morgan County 4-H Leaders' Advisory Committee is looking for six new members for 2022. Terms are three years. LAC members help at the Fair Concession Stand and spearhead other county fundraisers. They appropriate funds for 4-H youth and 4-H volunteers to participate in a variety of activities which are local, county, state and national. Contact Katie Seelhoff if you would like to serve on the board.



Leaders' Advisory Funding 2021-2022

Youth must participate in fundraisers in the 4-H year (Oct 2021-Sept 2022) to be eligible to receive funding from LAC for activities in the next 4-H year (Oct 2022-Sept 2023). This is done by selling 4 items of any fundraisers (butter braids or peaches). If youth do not sell 4 items, \$25 may be contributed by December 31, 2022 to be eligible for funding.

Youth who did not sell 4 items or contribute \$25 for the 4-H year (Oct 2020-Sept 2021) received a letter in the mail as a reminder they will not receive funding for activities in the next 4-H year (Oct 2021-Sept 2022).

Leaders Advisory Committee

Monday, February 21, 2022, 5:30 pm

4-H County Council

Monday, February 21, 2022, 6:45 pm

Council Corner-

During the January meeting, the County Council discussed an activity night to be held in March that will include a dance, games, and evening of fun! Be on the lookout for ways to get involved with Morgan County 4-H Council in the coming months!

Our next meeting will be February 21st at 6:45, at the Morgan County Extension Office.

If you have any questions about the Morgan County 4-H Council please contact Aimee at 970-542-3542.

CONGRATULATIONS...

2022 National Western Stock Show Participants

MARKET GOAT

Gillian Steffen	8 th place and 9 th place Showmanship
Owen Steffen	11 th place
Kenadee Kohler	15 th place

BREEDING DOES

Gretchen Vermillion	6 th and 7 th place
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MARKET LAMBS

Caiden Healey-Mitchell	2 nd , 8 th and 11 th place
Bryce Kendrick	5 th , 5 th place
Kealy Langford	6 th place

MARKET HOGS

Ryder Halley	7 th and 9 th place
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BREEDING HEIFERS

Hanna Fox	1 st , 1 st , 2 nd , Place, Champion Heifer Calf and Grand Champion Heifer
Tyson Fox	1 st , 1 st , Reserve Grand Champion Heifer and Champion Sr. Heifer Calf

PROSPECT STEERS and HEIFERS

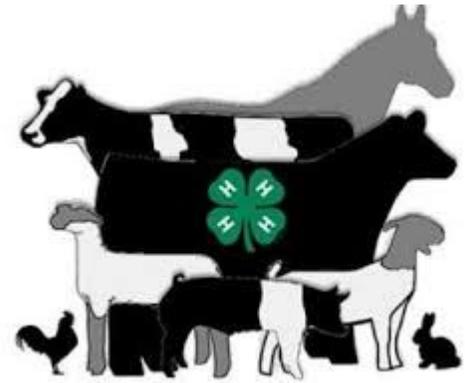
Ty Sneddon	4 th place
Makenna Sneddon	8 th place
Delaney Draegert	10 th and 11 th place

2022 CATCH-A- CALF CONTEST

Ashlynn Thompson	Participant
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JUNIOR MARKET LIVESTOCK SALE

Caiden Healey-Mitchell	Market Lamb
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Livestock Sale Information ... You may be receiving livestock sale(s) information in the mail or email and wonder how you've gotten on this mailing list. We needed to let you know that the 4-H list is a protected list and we DO NOT give it to producers. However, if producers bring their sale information to the office, stamped and ready to mail, we will put your mailing label on the information to be sent. If you don't want to receive this, please let us know. The information is also available in our weekly 4-H Updates.

Livestock

Animal Care and Housing Form

All 4-H members with animal projects will be required to have a completed, signed and approved animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado 4-H Livestock Projects form on file at the Extension Office. This form will be provided in two ways:

1. 4-H online for those that have their animals at their place of residence and
2. on our 4-H Website <http://morgan.extension.colostate.edu> for those that have their animals some place other than their residence.

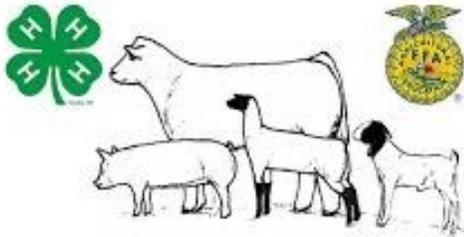
If your animal project is housed at your place of residence you filled out this form while filling out your paperwork during the enrollment process online.

If your animal project is not housed at your place of residence then you will need to go to our 4-H Website, print the Animal Care and Housing form and fill out both sides of that form. This gives us additional information about your specific situation and helps with the approval process. Please give us detailed information or we will send them back for you to adjust your comments.

Talk to your club leader, or contact Marlin at 542-3543 if you have any questions.

Premises ID

Premises identification will provide quick and accurate traceability of livestock and locations in the event of an animal health concern, which will help maintain the health of all Colorado livestock. For this program, a premises is defined as a location or site where livestock are born, handled, housed, managed, marketed, processed, or exhibited. Premises ID is managed by the Colorado Department of Agriculture.



For the 2021 – 2022 project year, 4-H members with livestock projects (beef, dairy, goat, horse, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbit) are strongly encouraged to obtain a Premises ID. It is required to exhibit at the Morgan County Fair and Colorado State Fair. It is also required for other livestock shows.

If you don't already have a Premises ID, you can obtain one by calling Marlin 542-3543 or go online to Colorado Location Identification (LID) Registration Form at <http://col.st/tzSZP>.

MQA Certification/Recertification Program

Public confidence in our meat products is extremely important to the success of the livestock industry. Youth livestock projects play an important role in building or losing the trust of our consumers. It is important that youth livestock exhibitors exceed the standard in producing quality, defect-free livestock for our consumers. The self guided workshops allow for hands on learning and experience. There will be different stations pertaining to the 10 Good Production practices set up at each location and you will have the chance to observe and learn with real supplies and equipment. Allow yourself one hour. Parents please attend with your youth under 14 years old.

The Tentative Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) dates for Morgan County will be May 16 and 17, between 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Morgan County Fair Grounds, 4-H Building. If you are new to 4-H livestock projects, you are required to participate in the training the first year of your project. You will need to recertify when you are 14 years old as of December 31, 2021.

Livestock projects that require MQA training include: beef, dairy cattle, goats, poultry, rabbits, sheep, and swine.

If you haven't met this requirement by June 10, 2022, you will not be eligible to show at fair.

For anyone interested in showing at national shows or out-of-state shows, double check the show's Meat Quality requirements. There are some shows that are now requiring Youth for the Quality Care of Animals (YQCA). At this point, the Colorado State Fair is still accepting our current MQA program to meet their requirements.

2022 Beef Weigh-In/Tag-In

March 5, 2022

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Location – Morgan County Fair Grounds, Indoor Arena

All market steers and heifers must be processed to compete at the Morgan County Fair. The Colorado Brand Inspectors require that all market beef animals be inspected at the tag day. On that day, all participants must bring their Brand Papers, Bill of Sale or purchase invoice to be properly inspected. Breeding beef are not to be tagged.

Catch it Dairy Distribution

1st year dairy heifers will be distributed in March. Participants will receive an email when date is confirmed. Participants, who feel they cannot fulfill their commitment, please notify Marlin immediately.

NE Colorado Stock Show Prospect and Breeding Cattle Show

March 12, 2022

Logan Co. Fair Grounds, Sterling, CO

For more information or questions, contact

Whitney Reed 303-928-9768.

12th Annual Green & Gold Showdown Cattle Show

March 18-20, 2022

The Ranch, Loveland

Held with Blackout Jackpot 8

For more information, contact

Kyndal Reitenstein (970) 324-3553

Colorado State Fair

Beef nominations are due to Marlin by March 25. Members with Lambs, Goats or Pigs that want to exhibit at the Colorado State Fair must have nomination forms turned in to Marlin by MAY 25. The tentative 2022 livestock schedule can be accessed at their website:

www.coloradostatefair.com. You are encouraged to visit the website for a complete listing of rules.

2022 HORSE ID'S

Due May 1, 2022 by 4:00 pm.

All Members with Horses are required to fill out ID's in 4-H Online, yearly. Three views of Horse are required.

If you identified a horse last year, you must activate each animal account.

Primary Care of Horses begins

May 1, 2022.

This includes leased horses.

Check with Marlin if you have questions.



2022 Livestock Information

Identification and Weigh-In Dates 2022

All ID's must be turned into the Extension Office by 4:00 pm on the due date. ID forms can always be turned in early.

Species	Primary Care Begins	Weigh-In	I.D.'s by 4:00 pm
Market Beef	March 5	March 5	
Horse	May 1		May 1
Dairy Cattle	May 2		May 2
Breeding Beef	May 2		May 2
Breeding Goats and Sheep	May 2		May 2
Breeding Swine	May 2		May 2
Market Goats and Sheep	May 7	May 7	
Market Swine - *Tag-In Only*	May 7	*May 7*	
Breeding Rabbits & Poultry	June 1		
Meat Rabbit - Single Fryer	June 27		June 27
Pen of Meat Poultry	June 27		June 27

Mark Your Calendar Now for the 2022 Morgan County Fair

The 2022 Morgan County Fair is July 29th through August 4th. The Junior Livestock Sale will be held on Thursday, August 4th.

FAIR SCHEDULE & RULE CHANGES

Beef

- Metal "Big Jim" breaking halters will not be allowed. Cable halters will be allowed.

Swine - Breeding and Market

- Market Swine Tag-In Day, May 7, 2022, 8 am - 3 pm.
- Only battery powered clippers can be used. No corded clippers.
- No snares will be allowed.

Goat - Breeding and Market

- All Breeding and Market Goats must have Scrapie Tags in their ears by May 7, 2022. Exhibitors must work with their Breeders to make sure they have the correct tag.

Sheep - Breeding and Market

- All Breeding and Market Sheep must have Scrapie Tags in their ears by May 7, 2022. Exhibitors must work with their Breeders to make sure they have the correct tag.
- Halters may be used in the show ring.

Rabbit

- No longer have a Meat Pen of 3 class, only a Single Fryer, weighing 3.5 - 5.5 lbs.
- Exhibitors can enter and weigh only one individual Market Rabbit.
- Champion Catch-It Rabbit will make the Jr. Livestock Sale.

If a market animal is treated prior to Fair and the residue withdrawal period exceeds the day of the Jr. Livestock Sale, that animal cannot be exhibited at the Morgan County Fair.



2022 Livestock Information

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Species	Beginning Weigh-In/ID's Due	Vet Check in Transit	Enter in Barn after Vet Check	Weigh-Ins after Vet Check & Entry	Weights	Show Date and Times
Western and English Horse	May 1, 2022 by 4:00 pm	Saturday, July 23rd, 7:30 am	Saturday, July 23rd, 7:30 am	N/A	N/A	Saturday, July 23rd, 9:00 am
Gymkhana Horse	May 1, 2022 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 24th, 8:00 am	Sunday, July 24th, 8:00 am	N/A	N/A	Sunday, July 24th, 9:00 am
Ranch Horse	May 1, 2022 by 4:00 pm	Tuesday, July 26th, 8:00 am	Tuesday, July 26th, 8:00 am	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, July 26th, 9:00 am
Breeding Poultry	Primary Care June 1, 2022	N/A	Friday, July 29th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	N/A	N/A	Friday, July 29th, 8:30 am
Market Poultry	June 27, 2022 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Friday, July 29th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	Friday, July 29th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	Varies on Species	Friday, July 29th, 8:30 am
Breeding Rabbit	Primary Care June 1, 2022	N/A	Friday, July 29th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	N/A	N/A	Friday, July 29th, 10:00 am
Market Rabbit Single Fryer	June 27, 2022 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Friday, July 29th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	Friday, July 29th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	3.5 - 5.5 lbs	Friday, July 29th, 10:00 am
Breeding Goats	May 2, 2022 by 4:00 pm	Friday, July 29th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Friday, July 29th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Saturday, July 30th, Immediately following the Market Show
Market Goats	May 7, 2022 8 am - 3 pm	Friday, July 29th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Friday, July 29th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Friday, July 29th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	60 - 120 lbs.	Saturday, July 30th, 9:00 am with Showmanship, Market Show
Breeding Sheep	May 2, 2022 by 4:00 pm	Saturday, July 30th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Saturday, July 30th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Sunday, July 31st, 3:00 pm, followed by Showmanship
Market Sheep	May 7, 2022 8 am - 3 pm	Saturday, July 30th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Saturday, July 30th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Saturday, July 30th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	100 - 175 lbs.	Sunday, July 31st, Immediately after Sheep Showmanship
Breeding Swine	May 2, 2022 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 31st, 8:30 - 10:30 am	Sunday, July 31st, 8:30 - 10:30 am	N/A	N/A	Monday, August 1st, 3:00 pm, followed by Showmanship
Market Swine *Tag-in Only	*May 7, 2022 8 am - 3 pm	Sunday, July 31st, 8:30 - 10:30 am	Sunday, July 31st, 8:30 - 10:30 am	Sunday, July 31st, 8:30 - 10:30 am	230 - 300 lbs.	Monday, August 1st, Immediately following Showmanship
Breeding Beef	May 2, 2022 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 31st, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Sunday, July 31st, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, August 2nd, 10:00 am
Breeding Beef	May 2, 2022 by 4:00 pm	Monday, August 1st, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, August 1st, 8:00 - 9:30 am	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, August 2nd, 10:00 am
Market Beef	March 5, 2022 8:30 - 10 am	Sunday, July 31st, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Sunday, July 31st, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Monday, August 1st, 9:30 am	1000 - 1550 lbs.	Tuesday, August 2nd, Immediately after Breeding Beef Show
Market Beef	March 5, 2022 8:30 - 10 am	Monday, August 1st, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, August 1st, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, August 1st, 9:30 am	1000 - 1550 lbs.	Tuesday, August 2nd, Immediately after Breeding Beef Show
Dairy Cattle	May 2, 2022 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 31st, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Sunday, July 31st, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Wednesday, August 3rd, 9:00 am
Dairy Cattle	May 2, 2022 by 4:00 pm	Monday, August 1st, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, August 1st, 8:00 - 9:30 am	N/A	N/A	Wednesday, August 3rd, 9:00 am



Keeping Your Livestock Healthy

Animal Health Biosecurity Plans and Best Management Practices for you Farm. This is a joint project between CSU, UC Davis and Washington State funded by the 2020 Farm Bill on disease prevention and biosecurity for our farmers and ranchers. This informational opportunity will be held via 8 - 30 min evening webinars, January 4 - March 1. Please email Ragan Adams ragan.adams@colostate.edu with any questions you may have.

National Western Stock Show

Morgan County Cattlemen, Fort Morgan Young Farmers Education Foundation and the Morgan County Extension staff took Morgan County third graders on four days of field trips to National Western Stock Show. This followed an agriculture lesson in the classroom with the students. In addition to the new CSU SPUR Campus, Vida building, students visited the Petting Zoo, Hall of Education with many Colorado agriculture exhibits, Pony Trails and the National Western nursery.

AmeriCorps Members Needed



We are looking for one AmeriCorps member to serve in Morgan County from late April—July 2022. AmeriCorps members serve youth ages 8-18 by providing them STEM programming. Members receive a biweekly living allowance stipend, and an education award upon successful completion of the program. Please contact Aimee Kanode at aimee.kanode@colostate.edu or at (970) 542-3542 for more information regarding the AmeriCorps program.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

1 - Last Day to Enroll in 4-H in order to participate in the 2022 MCF

- TBD - Citizenship Washington Focus applications due
- 17 - Shooting Sports Orientation and Safety Training, 5:30, MCFG
- 21 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed**
- 21 - Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 21 - 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- 27 - 4-H Exchange Meeting, 4:00 pm, Extension Office

MARCH

- 4-6 - Shooting Sports Leader Training, MCFG
- 5 - Market Beef Weigh-In, MCFG, Indoor Arena**
- 21 - Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 21 - 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- TBD - Youth Fest in Larkspur (9-13 year olds)

APRIL

- 1 - State Fair Beef Nominations due
- 1 - State 4-H Scholarship applications due online
- 15 - Morgan County 4-H Foundation Scholarship due, Ext Office
- 15 - Morgan County Cattleman's Association Scholarship due
- 18 - MC 4-H LAC Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 18 - MC 4-H County Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Ext Office
- TBD - State 4-H Conference registration in 4-H Online
- 22 - 24 - Weld County Goat Extravaganza

MAY

- 1 - Fair Youth Superintendent applications due
- 1 - Horse & Dog ID's due, in 4-H Online by 4 pm**
- 2 - Breeding Beef, Goat, Sheep, Swine and Dairy Cattle ID's due to Ext. Office by 4 pm**
- 7 - Market Sheep & Goat Weigh-in, MCFG**
- 7 - Market Swine Tag-In, MCFG**
- 16 - 4-H PROJECT ADD/DROP DEADLINE IN 4-H ONLINE**
- 16 - Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 16 - 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- 16-17 - MQA 4-6:30 pm, MCFG 4-H Building
- 25 - State Fair Nominations Goat, Sheep, & Swine due, Ext. Office
- 30 - Memorial Day Observance – Extension Office Closed**

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**Enrollment Deadline
is February 1, 2022
to participate in the
2022 Morgan County Fair.**