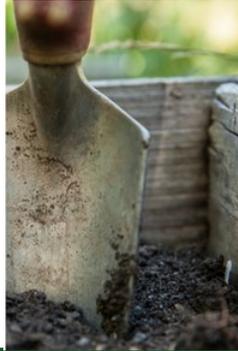




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To Make the Best Better

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

2022-2023 4-H Enrollment Enrollment Deadline to participate in the 2023 Morgan County Fair is February 1, 2023 by 4:00 pm.

Enrollment cost will be **\$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. Encourage a friend to join. Go to: <https://v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in>.



Congratulations!

Sateen Keller was selected to attend National 4-H Congress, in Atlanta, GA at the end of November.

The National Western Stock Show Y.E.S. (Youth Equestrian Showcase) has been created to recognize and support our local equestrian youth and involve them in the educational opportunities of the NWSS.

Congratulations to Sateen Keller for receiving Grand Champion in the Y.E.S. - Youth Equestrian Showcase Scholarship. **Sateen** will receive a \$2,000 scholarship.

To be eligible youth must be a resident of either Colorado or Wyoming, be between the ages of 14-21 as of September 30, 2022, and be involved in the equine industry. Finalists created a video detailing their SMART goal, interviewed with the selection committee during NWSS, executed their plan for an educational visual display during NWSS and interacted with the public in an educational setting during NWSS. The Y.E.S. finalists were recognized during the NWSS Horse Show.

Leadership Development Conference

Youth attending the LDC were **Clayton Barch, Raelynn Carlock, Ceri Dixon, Alyssa Eskew, Katelynn Johnson, Sateen Keller, Soul Keller, Danielle Moon, Addyson Schwindt, Grace Wagner, and Elizabeth Whitney. Annishia Eskew** accompanied the delegation.

Colorado State University Extension 4-H programs are available to all

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”. If you have already picked up your manuals for the year, please stop by the office to pick up labels for your manuals that include our Non-discrimination statements.

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 to be eligible for the Rate-of-Gain contest. Market swine must be tagged by 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 www.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 2023?

The new State 4-H Project requirements is available and is 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 Activities and Information

2023 State Syllabus Information

The 2023 State Syllabus is available. For specific project requirements, please look at the project syllabus <https://col.st/E0bqq> 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/>.

2023 County Fair Dates

Official fair dates are **July 28 - August 3, 2023**, BUT pre-fair activities will begin earlier in July including Interview Judging which is Wednesday, July 26th.

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!

February Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds workshop will be Valentines Themed.

February 10 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm at the Extension Office. Please register in 4-H Online by **February 8th**.



Join District 1 4-H for a fun and educational day that is focused on helping prepare youth for their futures!



Monday, February 20, 2023

Hays Student Center, NJC

Cost: \$35 per person, includes lunch and a t-shirt

Register by February 3, at <https://col.st/2lhnX>

Chaperones will be needed for this conference.

New Family Orientation Night

Plan to attend **Tuesday, February 28th 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 24th at 12 noon**.

2023 Youth Fest

YouthFest is a conference for members 11-13 in Pueblo, Colorado and is being held **March 24-26**. Registration opens in early February and registration information will be sent to eligible members.

Horse and Dog ID Forms

All Horse and Dog ID Forms must be done on an annual basis through 4-H Online by 4:00pm, May 1st. 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 Activities and Information

4-H Project Workshops

We are planning some project workshops for the 2022-2023 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.

Photography Project Workshop

Thursday, March 9, 2023

4:30 - 5:30 pm

Riverside Park Nature Trails

Please Register in 4-H Online by Tuesday, March 7th at 12 noon.



Artistic Clothing Workshops --

The first workshop will be held **the week of March 13th** 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 in April at the Morgan County Extension Office. More information to come in the March Newsletter.

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!



Model Rocketry Workshops –

We will be holding a model rocketry project workshop at the Morgan County Extension Office **the week of March 13th**. 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 in April at the Morgan County Extension Office. More information to come in the March Newsletter.

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 sent to members enrolled in Cake Decorating by March 1.

4-H Activities and Information

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 16th 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 12/31/22 Seniors: 14 - 18 years old as of 12/31/22
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.

2023 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 -12:30 pm			April 8 April 22	May 6 May 20	June 3 June 17	July 8	Saturday, July 15 Check-in 7:30 am Muir Springs
.22 Pistol - Muir Springs 18918 CR 16, Fort Morgan	DJ Eicher 380-1288	Danielle Eggleston Alison Gorrell	12:30 pm - 2:00 pm			April 8 April 22	May 6 May 20	June 3 June 17	July 8	Saturday, July 15 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 16	March 2 March 16	April 6 April 20	May 4 May 18	June 1 June 15 June 29	July 6 July 13*	Sunday, July 16 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds
Air Pistol MC Fairgrounds 750 Ellsworth	Owen Eggleston 370- 1669	Danielle Eggleston Alison Gorrell	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm 1st & 3rd Thursdays	February 16	March 2 March 16	April 6 April 20	May 4 May 18	June 1 June 15 June 29	July 6 July 13*	Sunday, July 16 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds
Muzzleloading - Muir Springs 18918 CR 16, Fort Morgan	DJ Eicher 380-1288	Andy Larrick	7:00 am - 8:30 am			April 8 April 22	May 6 May 20	June 3 June 17	July 8	Friday, July 14 Check- in 5:00 pm Muir Springs
Shotgun - Trap 12710 MCR W.5 Weldona	Paul Oliveira 645-2157	Jay Marshall Stefani Oliveira	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays				May 3 May 17 May 31	June 7 June 21	July 5	Sunday, July 9 Check- in 7:30 am High Plains Trap Club
Shotgun Games - Skeet 12710 MCR W.5, Weldona	Levi Dixon 768-1931	Andy Larrick Paul Oliveira	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm 1st & 3rd Wednesdays				May 3 May 17 May 31	June 7 June 21	July 5	Saturday, July 8 Check-in 8:00 am Washington County Gun Club
Archery - Weldona 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 2 May 16 May 30	June 6 June 20	July 11 July 12	Sunday, July 16 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds
Archery - Brush 750 Ellsworth	Justin Lowe 719-469-4722 Dale Chacon 970-571-3637	Jesse Koch	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Friday			April 28	May 5 May 19	June 2 June 9 June 23	July 7 July 14	Sunday, July 16 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds

Youth **MUST** participate in Interview Judging on Wednesday, July 26, 2023

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 Katie at katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu. Interest will determine meeting dates and times; however, we'd like to start in early in 2023.

- **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 2023 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 2023.

- **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 Robin Halley at 970-542-3545.

- **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 Robin Halley at 970-542-3545.

- **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

Colorado 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Colorado 4-H Foundation will be offering scholarships for 2023. Applications need to be completed by **March 1, 2023**. 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 October 1, 2022. 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.

CSU Scholarships

To apply for most of the scholarships offered through Colorado State University for the 2023-2024 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, 2023**.

[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, 2023**. You can find more information and the application on the CAFS website <https://www.coloradofairs.org/p/news/scholarship>.

[Consumers United Association](#) is a membership group for Credit Unions. The nice thing about this scholarship – not many apply, and there is no age requirements so returning students/adults can apply. Also, you don't need to be getting a degree from a 4yr – it can be community college, certification program, trade school – any type of higher education beyond high school. CSU Extension created an online learning module for understanding finances & paying for college. Applicants will need to take this free course "Feeling the Heat of College Expenses" answer some questions & apply. **Deadline March 31, 2023**. See the website for more details: <https://cuamember.org/page/scholarship-program>

Additional Scholarship information available at: <https://col.st/3U1fR>

[Jonathan Marr 4-H Memorial Scholarship](#) - Applications Due **April 1, 2023**

[Livestock Exchange, LLC Scholarship](#) - Applications Deadline: **April 5, 2023**.

Morgan County 4-H Foundation Scholarship, coming soon

Morgan County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship - Application Deadline: **April 17, 2023**.

MCCA Two Vocational/Trade School Scholarships - Application Deadline: **April 17, 2023**.

MCCA Mike Glenn Memorial Scholarship - Application Deadline: **April 17, 2023**.

4-H Leader/Volunteer Information

Leaders

As you plan for the 2022-2023 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 leader 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.



4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training Dates and Locations:

- ⇒ **March 3-5, Morgan County** - (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun) **Registration closes 2/17/23**
- ⇒ **March 10-12, Weld County** – (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun) **Registration closes 2/24/23**
- ⇒ **March 17-19, Pueblo County** – (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunting & Outdoor Skills, Western Heritage) **Registration closes 3/3/23**
- ⇒ **March 24-26, Garfield County** - (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Western Heritage)

All workshops are tentative and may be cancelled or adjusted for reason including but not limited to low registration numbers, inclement weather, state health department restrictions, etc.

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.

4-H Volunteers/County Council/Opportunity

Are you looking for a way to get involved and give back to the 4-H program of Morgan County? Offer a helping hand to Morgan County 4-H! Morgan County 4-H Funding Committee is looking for volunteers who care about 4-H and know the impact that it can have on developing youth in the way of camps, conferences, contests, trips, and workshops. LAC appropriates funds for 4-H youth and 4-H volunteers to participate in a variety of activities which are local, county, state and national. If you want to help the 4-H youth of Morgan County call Katie at 970-542-3544. **Everybody can be great! Because anybody can serve!**



Morgan County 4-H Funding Committee DBA LAC 2022-2023

Youth must participate in fundraisers in the 4-H year (Oct 2022-Sept 2023) to be eligible to receive funding from LAC for activities in the next 4-H year (Oct 2023-Sept 2024). This is done by selling 4 items of any fundraisers (butter braids, pastry puffs or peaches). If youth do not sell 4 items, **\$25 may be contributed by December 31, 2023** to be eligible for funding.

Starting in January 2023 all LAC reimbursements will be left in club cubbies at the Extension Office and club leaders will be responsible for getting them to their members.

Leaders Advisory Committee

Monday, February 20, 2023, 5:30 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!

In place of a February Meeting all members are encouraged to attend the District One "Become the Leader You Wish to Be" conference at NJC on February 20, more information can be found on page 4.

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

Citizenship Washington Focus - Tentatively June 24 to June 30, 2023



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 on-site 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.

Livestock

CONGRATULATIONS... 2023 National Western Stock Show Participants

MARKET GOATS

Caiden Healey Mitchell	6th, 7th, 11th place
Gillian Steffen	9th place
Owen Steffen	9th place
Braden Weibert	10th, 12th place
Joslyn Haubert	10th place
Kenadee Kohler	11th, 13th place

MARKET LAMBS

Ryder Halley	Participant
Caiden Healey Mitchell	Participant
Mikaela Thiel	Participant

MARKET SWINE

Ryder Halley	Participant
Savannah Loose	Participant
Kennedi Quint	Participant

PROSPECT MARKET HEIFERS

Tyson Fox	4th place and 4th overall
Americo Lorenzini	11th place

PROSPECT BREEDING HEIFERS

Hannah Fox	1st place and Champion Heifer
Reilly Clapper	10th place
Dani Moon	14th place

PROSPECT MARKET STEERS

Delaney Draegert	7th, 10th place
Ty Sneddon	9th, 10th place
Harley Holdren	9th place
Eli Kline	10th place
Dani Moon	11th place
Darylea Dory	12th place
Jasmine Brindisi	12th, 13th place
Axel Lorenzini	15th, 16th place
Tenleigh Lorenzini	15th place
Reilly Clapper	15th place

BREEDING CATTLE

Hannah Fox
Maine Anjou Division – 1st place Summer Yearling Heifer and Champion Heifer Junior and Open Class

Tyson Fox
Maine Angus Division – 1st place Junior Heifer Calf and Reserve Champion Heifer Junior and Open Class

BREEDING SHEEP

Caiden Healey-Mitchell
Ewe Lambs – 1st, 5th Supreme Meat Breed Champion Ewe Junior and Open Class

2023 HORSE ID'S

Due May 1, 2023 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, 2023.

This includes leased horses.
Check with Marlin if you have questions.



Livestock



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 2022 – 2023 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>.

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 and turned back in to the Extension Office yearly by the Primary Care date. 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.

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 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, 2022.

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

If you haven't met this requirement, 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. Please contact Marlin with any questions, 970-542-3543.

2023 Beef Weigh-In/Tag-In

Option A: Attend traditional beef weigh-in on **Saturday, March 4th, 8:30-10:00 am** at the Morgan County Fairgrounds. ID forms, tags and DNA hair sample envelopes are available. Also, bring your paperwork for the Brand Inspector at no cost. ID forms, DNA envelopes and Photos are the responsibility of the beef exhibitor's family. All information can be turned in at weigh-in or due to the Morgan County Extension Office no later than **Monday, March 6th at 4:00 pm**.

Option B: Exhibitors can pick up ID forms, tags and DNA hair sample envelopes at the Morgan County Extension Office. Tag applicators are available to borrow, but must be returned asap. You must arrange a brand inspection with the Brand Inspector at your own expense or can bring cattle to the weigh-in for brand inspection at no cost. Turn in ID forms, DNA envelopes and Photos to the Morgan Extension Office no later than **Monday, March 6th at 4:00 pm**.

***Anyone wanting to enter Rate-of-Gain contest must weigh in on Saturday, March 4th, 8:30-10:00 am at the Morgan County Fairgrounds.**

ID Forms, DNA Envelopes and Photos Due: March 6th by 4:00 pm at the Morgan Extension Office.

- Exhibitors can pick up ID forms, tags and DNA hair sample envelopes at the Extension office. Tag applicators are available to borrow.
- A quality readable picture of the Morgan County tag in the animal's ear must be included with ID form.
- You must arrange a brand inspection with the Brand Inspector at your own expense or brand inspection at no cost can be obtained at the non-mandatory weigh in for Rate-of-Gain contest on **Saturday, March 4th, 8:30-10:00 am** at the Morgan County Fairgrounds.

Livestock Sale Information

The information is available in our weekly 4-H Updates and at: <https://col.st/Yp0bf>.

Livestock Clinics/Shows/Workshops

The information is available in our weekly 4-H Updates and at: <https://col.st/wFbto>.

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.

Colorado State Fair

Beef nominations are due to the Morgan County Extension Office by **April 3, 2023**. Members with Lambs, Goats or Pigs that want to exhibit at the Colorado State Fair must have nomination forms turned in to Marlin by **June 1, 2023**. The tentative 2023 livestock schedule can be accessed at their website: www.coloradostatefair.com. You are encouraged to visit the website for a complete listing of rules.

2023 Livestock Information

Identification and Weigh-In Dates 2023

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

Species	Primary Care Begins	Optional Weigh-In	I.D.'s by 4:00 pm
Market Beef	March 4	March 4	March 6
Horse	May 1		May 1
Dairy Cattle	May 1		May 1
Breeding Beef	May 1		May 1
Breeding Goats and Sheep	May 1		May 1
Breeding Swine	May 1		May 1
Market Goats and Sheep	May 6	May 6	May 8
Market Swine - *Tag-In Only*	May 6		May 8
Breeding Rabbits & Poultry	June 1		n/a
Meat Rabbit - Single Fryer	June 26		June 26
Pen of Meat Poultry	June 26		June 26

2023 Morgan County Fair

The 2023 Morgan County Fair is July 28th through August 3rd. The Junior Livestock Sale will be held on Thursday, August 3rd.

FAIR SCHEDULE & RULE CHANGES

Beef

- Bottle Calf, Goat, Lamb Show at 3:00 pm or 30 minutes after the conclusion of the Beef Show, whichever is later.

Goat & Sheep - Breeding and Market

- All breeding and market goats and sheep must have scrapie tag in their ear when checked at the Morgan County Fair.
- Clear adhesive glue will be allowed on legs only.

Poultry

- Pen of 3 Market Chickens - fryers 9 lbs. to less than 18 lbs. and broilers 18 lbs. to 30 lbs.

Livestock Record Books

- Every youth in animal projects must fill out one record book. If they have multiple animal projects, they can choose which one record book they want to complete. The rest of the animal projects must complete the question/story page and insert them in the one completed record book and turn in.
- Youth in Catch-It animal projects must complete and turn in that book. If you have a Catch-It Dairy heifer along with another Catch-It animal youth must turn in both books.



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<u>Species</u>	<u>Beginning Primary Care/ID's Due</u>	<u>Vet Check in Transit</u>	<u>Enter in Barn after Vet Check</u>	<u>Weigh-ins after Vet Check & Entry</u>	<u>Weights</u>	<u>Show Date and Times</u>
Western and English Horse	May 1, 2023 by 4:00 pm	Saturday, July 22nd, 7:00 am	N/A	N/A	N/A	Saturday, July 22nd, 8:30 am
Gymkhana Horse	May 1, 2023 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 23rd, 7:30 am	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sunday, July 23rd, 8:30 am
Ranch Horse	May 1, 2023 by 4:00 pm	Tuesday, July 25th, 7:30 am	N/A	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, July 25th, 8:30 am
Breeding Poultry	Primary Care June 1, 2023	N/A	Friday, July 28th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	N/A	N/A	Friday, July 28th, 8:30 am
Market Poultry	June 26, 2023 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Friday, July 28th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	Friday, July 28th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	Varies on Species	Friday, July 28th, 8:30 am
Breeding Rabbit	Primary Care June 1, 2023	N/A	Friday, July 28th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	N/A	N/A	Friday, July 28th, 10:00 am
Market Rabbit	June 26, 2023 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Friday, July 28th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	Friday, July 28th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	3.5 - 5.5 lbs	Friday, July 28th, 10:00 am
Single Fryer	May 1, 2023 by 4:00 pm	Friday, July 28th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Friday, July 28th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Saturday, July 29th, Immediately following the Market Show
Breeding Goats	May 8, 2023 by 4:00 pm	Friday, July 28th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Friday, July 28th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Friday, July 28th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	N/A	Saturday, July 29th, 9:00 am with Showmanship, Market Show
Market Goats	May 1, 2023 by 4:00 pm	Saturday, July 29th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Saturday, July 29th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	N/A	60 - 120 lbs.	Sunday, July 30th, 3:00 pm, followed by Showmanship
Breeding Sheep	May 8, 2023 by 4:00 pm	Saturday, July 29th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Saturday, July 29th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Saturday, July 29th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	N/A	Sunday, July 30th, Immediately after Sheep Showmanship
Market Sheep	May 1, 2023 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 30th, 8:30 - 10:30 am	Sunday, July 30th, 8:30 - 10:30 am	N/A	100 - 175 lbs.	Monday, July 31st, 3:00 pm, followed by Showmanship
Breeding Swine	May 8, 2023 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 30th, 8:30 - 10:30 am	Sunday, July 30th, 8:30 - 10:30 am	N/A	N/A	Monday, July 31st, Immediately following Showmanship
Market Swine	May 1, 2023 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 30th, 8:30 - 10:30 am	Sunday, July 30th, 8:30 - 10:30 am	Sunday, July 30th, 8:30 - 10:30 am	230 - 300 lbs.	Tuesday, August 1st, 10:00 am
Breeding Beef	May 1, 2023 by 4:00 pm	Monday, July 31st, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, July 31st, 8:00 - 9:30 am	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, August 1st, 10:00 am
Breeding Beef	March 6, 2023 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 30th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Sunday, July 30th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Monday, July 31st, 9:30 am	1000 - 1550 lbs.	Tuesday, August 1st, Immediately after Breeding Beef Show
Market Beef	March 6, 2023 by 4:00 pm	Monday, July 31st, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, July 31st, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, July 31st, 9:30 am	1000 - 1550 lbs.	Tuesday, August 1st, Immediately after Breeding Beef Show
Dairy Cattle	May 1, 2023 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 30th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Sunday, July 30th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Wednesday, August 2nd, 9:00 am
Dairy Cattle	May 1, 2023 by 4:00 pm	Monday, July 31st, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, July 31st, 8:00 - 9:30 am	N/A	N/A	Wednesday, August 2nd, 9:00 am

2023 ServSafe Trainings



The ServSafe program blends the latest FDA Food Code, food safety research and years of food sanitation training experience. Handlers learn to implement essential food safety practices and create a culture of food safety. Trainings are being offered through the year. Pre-registration is required by contacting the Yuma County Extension Office at (970) 332-4151.

Handlers' Trainings:

Tuesday, March 21 – Yuma

Managers' Trainings

Thursday, February 16th – Burlington

AgrAbility

The Colorado AgrAbility Project (CAP) is a partnership between Colorado State University Extension and Goodwill Industries of Colorado. The program is funded in part by a grant from the U.S Department of Agriculture's (USDA) National Institute of Food and Agriculture (NIFA) to provide information, education, and services to farmers, ranchers, agricultural workers and their families with disabilities, illnesses, or conditions. To register visit: https://colostate.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_25hu17k6ra49ZnU

Meal Planning with Confidence

Join us for Meal Planning with Confidence on **Saturday, February 25th from 10:00-11:00 am** to learn the benefits of meal planning, the steps for organizing a meal plan, and feel confident in created a meal plan for a week of meals. Please RSVP to Katie by **Friday, February 17th** to katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu or (970) 542-3544.

Cottage Food Safety Training - This training covers specifics of the Colorado Cottage Food Act and how to safely operate a food business from a home kitchen. Participants learn food safety guidelines and the specifics for operating a home based cottage food business from a home kitchen. Participants also learn about the most current Colorado Cottage Food Act guidelines and best practices. Cost: \$40 and the next Online class available:

Courses will be offered online on the following dates. Click each date below to register and learn more about the program.

CSU Extension Cottage Food Safety Training Online:

February 22, 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm

March 10, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

April 21, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

Smoothie Workshop

Morgan County Extension will be holding a Smoothie Workshop on **Saturday, March 18th from 10:00-11:00 am**. In this workshop, participants will important building blocks of a healthy smoothie, get several smoothie recipes, and get to taste test three different smoothie recipes! Please RSVP to Katie by **Friday, March 10th** to katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu or (970) 542-3544.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 1 - Last Day to Enroll in 4-H in order to participate in the 2023 MCF**
TBD - Citizenship Washington Focus applications due
- 16 - Shooting Sports Orientation and Safety Training, 5:30, MCFG
- 20 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed**
- 20 - Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 20 - Leadership Conference, NJC
- 28 - 4-H New Family Orientation, 5:30 - 6:30 pm, MCFG 4-H Bldg

MARCH

- 3 - 5 Morgan County Shooting Sports Leader Training
- 4 - Market Beef Weigh-In, MCFG, Indoor Arena**
- 6 - Market Beef ID's Due, 4:00 pm, Extension Office**
- 19 - 4-H Exchange Meeting, 5:00 pm, Extension Office
- 20 - Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 20 - 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- 24-26 - Youth Fest in Pueblo (11-13 year olds)

APRIL

- 1 - State 4-H Scholarship applications due online
- 3 - State Fair Beef Nominations due
- 16 - 4-H Exchange Meeting, 5:00 pm, Extension Office
- 17 - Morgan County 4-H Foundation Scholarship due, Ext Office
- 17 - Morgan County Cattleman's Association Scholarship due
- 17 - MC 4-H LAC Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 17 - MC 4-H County Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Ext Office
- TBD - State 4-H Conference registration in 4-H Online
- 21 - 23 - Weld County Goat Extravaganza

MAY

- 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**
- 6 - Market Goat & Sheep Weigh-in, MCFG**
- 8 - Market Goat, Sheep & Swine ID's Due, 4:00 pm, Ext Office**
- 15 - 4-H PROJECT ADD/DROP DEADLINE IN 4-H ONLINE**
- 15 - Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 15 - 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- 15-16 - MQA 4-6:30 pm, MCFG 4-H Building
- 29 - Memorial Day Observance – Extension Office Closed**

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