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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

## 2023-2024 4-H Enrollment Enrollment Deadline to participate in the 2024 Morgan County Fair is February 1, 2024 by 4:00 pm.

Enrollment cost will be **\$20 per youth**, (5-18 year olds) payable by cash, check or card (no online payment) 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!

**Ashlynn Thompson and Addyson Schwindt** were selected to attend National 4-H Conference, in Washington D.C., April 19-24, 2024.

## Leadership Development Conference

Youth attending the LDC were **Clayton Barch, Dillon Curtis, Ceri Dixon, Arisa Eicher, Katelynn Johnson, Sateen Keller, Soul Keller, Shylynn Larrick, Cade Ramirez, Addyson Schwindt, Ashlynn Thompson, and Elizabeth Whitney**. **Kelly Seelhoff** accompanied the delegation.

## ATTENTION!

Due to the low level of participation on the Morgan County Leaders Advisory Committee (LAC), they have decided **not** to offer concessions at the 2024 Morgan County Fair. LAC has asked that we let you know as soon as possible so that families relying on the concessions stands during Fair have time to make other plans and so that clubs are aware that this will not be an opportunity for funding this year.

## 2024 State Syllabus Information

The 2024 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/>.

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. All 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](http://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 the number of club meetings set by each club, 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,
3. Participate in 4-H General and Family Consumer Science project interview, and
4. Complete any county level requirements

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!

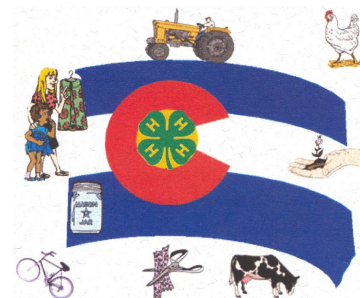
## How do I choose my projects?

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 2024?

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

## Fair Book Cover Contest

The Morgan County Fair Board will give the youth who draws the best illustration for the Fair Book Cover \$50 cash. Entries must be hand drawn in dark pencil or ink, no color, on a white 8-1/2 X 11 inch piece of paper with a 1/2 inch border. You must include the date of the fair, "July 26 – August 1" and the words, "2024 Morgan County Fair" in your artwork. Place your name on the back. The deadline to submit your entry is **Wednesday, March 20, 2024 by 4:00 pm**. Contestants must be 8-18 4-H age.

## 2024 County Fair Dates

Official fair dates are **July 26 - August 1, 2024**, BUT pre-fair activities will begin earlier in July including Interview Judging which is Wednesday, July 24th.

## R.S.V.P.

We are planning lots of great workshops and meetings 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 9 from 5:00 - 6:00 pm** at the Extension Office. Please register in 4-H Online by **February 7th**.



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



**Monday, February 19, 2024**

Hays Student Center, NJC

Cost: \$40 per person, includes lunch and a t-shirt

**Register by February 3**, at [bit.ly/becometheleader2024](https://bit.ly/becometheleader2024)

**Chaperones will be needed for this conference.**

## New Family Orientation Night

Plan to attend **Wednesday, February 28th, 6:00 - 7:00 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 23rd at 12 noon**.

## 2024 Youth Fest

YouthFest is a conference for members 11-13 in Pueblo, Colorado and is being held **March 29-31**. 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 2023-2024 4-H year. These may 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, April 4, 2024

4:30 - 5:30 pm

Riverside Park Nature Trails

Please Register in 4-H Online by Monday, April 1 at 12 noon.



## Artistic Clothing Workshop --

The first workshop will be held in March 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.

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 Workshop –

We will be holding a unit 1, model rocketry project workshop at the Morgan County Extension Office **in March**. Be sure to bring your rocket, record book, and any questions that you have about building or launching your rocket. We will walk through building tips and go through some parts of the manual during this workshop. 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 15th 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 12/31/23 Seniors: 14 - 18 years old as of 12/31/23
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 scheduled 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.

2024 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	Alison Gorrell 370-3944 Jeremy Williams 303-241-4885	DJ Eicher Laurie Mielke Justin Lowe Alison Gorrell	7:30 am - 11:30 pm			April 6 April 20	May 11 May 18	June 8 June 22	July 6	Saturday, July 13 Check-in 7:30 am Muir Springs
.22 Pistol - Muir Springs 18918 CR 16, Fort Morgan	DJ Eicher 380-1288	Danielle Williams Jeremy Williams Alison Gorrell	12:30 pm - 2:00 pm			April 6 April 20	May 11 May 18	June 8 June 22	July 6	Saturday, July 13 Check-in 2:00 pm Muir Springs
Air Rifle MC Fairgrounds 750 Ellsworth	DJ Eicher 380-1288	Justin Lowe Alison Gorrell	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm 1st & 3rd Thursdays	February 15	March 7 March 21	April 4 April 18	May 2 May 16	June 6 June 20	July 11*	Sunday, July 14 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds
Air Pistol MC Fairgrounds 750 Ellsworth	Alison Gorrell 970-370-3944	DJ Eicher	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm 2nd & 4th Thursdays	February 22	March 14 March 28	April 11 April 25	May 9 May 23	June 13 June 27	July 11*	Sunday, July 14 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds
Muzzleloading - Muir Springs 18918 CR 16, Fort Morgan	DJ Eicher 380-1288	Andy Larrick	11:30 am - 12:30 am			April 6 April 20	May 11 May 18	June 8 June 22	July 6	Friday, July 12 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 Wednesdays				May 8 May 22	June 5 June 19	July 3	Sunday, July 7 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 Wednesdays				May 8 May 22	June 5 June 19	July 3	Saturday, July 6 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 Tuesdays				May 7 May 21	June 4 June 18	July 9	Sunday, July 14 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds
Archery - Brush 750 Ellsworth	Justin Lowe 719-469-4722 Dale Chacon 970-571-3637	Jesse Koch Nicolle Lowe Stephanie Johnson Janie Whitney	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Friday			April 26	May 3 May 17	June 7 June 21	July 12	Sunday, July 14 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds

Youth **MUST** participate in Interview Judging on Wednesday, July 24, 2024

# 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](mailto:katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu). Interest will determine meeting dates and times; however, we'd like to start in early in 2024.

## 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 2024 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](mailto:aimee.kanode@colostate.edu). Practice date and time will be determined based off interest but will begin early in 2024.

## 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 970-542-3545 or [marlin.eisenach@colostate.edu](mailto:marlin.eisenach@colostate.edu).

## 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 at 970-542-3545 or [marlin.eisenach@colostate.edu](mailto:marlin.eisenach@colostate.edu).

## 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 the Marlin at [marlin.eisenach@colostate.edu](mailto:marlin.eisenach@colostate.edu) more information.

# Scholarship Information

## Colorado 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Colorado 4-H Foundation will be offering scholarships for 2024. Applications need to be completed by **March 1, 2024**. 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, 2023. 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 2024-2025 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, 2024**.

## Morgan County Cattleman's Association Scholarship

Two scholarships will be awarded by the Morgan County Cattleman'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 \$1000 granted for tuition for up to 4 years. **Application Deadline: April 15, 2024**

**MCCA Two Vocational/Trade School Scholarships** will be awarded to a graduating high school senior. The amount of this scholarship is \$1000. Pick up applications at the Extension Office. **Application Deadline: April 15, 2024**

## MCCA Mike Glenn Memorial Scholarship

Scholarships will be awarded by the Morgan County Cattleman'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 \$300 granted as a successive year's scholarship, must reapply after four years.

Pick up applications at the Extension Office. **Application Deadline: April 15, 2024**

Look for more information for the following scholarships in the Extension Google Drive in all weekly 4-H Updates:

- ◆ [Jonathan Marr 4-H Memorial Scholarship](#), One \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded annually to a 4-H Member who has been enrolled in Shooting Sports for a minimum of four years. Due **April 1, 2024**
- ◆ [Livestock Exchange, LLC Scholarship](#) - Applications must be received or post marked by **April 5, 2024**.
- ◆ **Morgan County 4-H Foundation Scholarship**, coming soon, **Application Deadline: April 15, 2024**
- ◆ [Colorado Association of Fairs and Shows Scholarship](#), **Application deadline: April 20, 2024**



# 4-H Leader/Volunteer Information

## Leaders

As you plan for the 2023-2024 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 1-3, Morgan County - (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun)** Registration closes **2/16/24**.
- ⇒ **March 8-10, Pueblo County - (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunting & Outdoor Skills, Western Heritage)** Registration closes **2/23/24**.
- ⇒ **March 15-17, Weld County - (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun)** **Registration Opens: 2/2/24 Closes: 3/1/24**.
- ⇒ **March 22-24, Garfield County - (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Western Heritage)** **Registration Opens: 2/9/24 Closes: 3/8/24**.

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 2023-2024**

Youth must participate in fundraisers in the 4-H year (Oct 2023-Sept 2024) to be eligible to receive funding from LAC for activities in the next 4-H year (Oct 2024-Sept 2025). 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, 2024** to be eligible for funding.

**Starting in January 2024 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 26, 2024, 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 19, 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 20 to June 27, 2024**



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 15-19 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 15-19 years of age by December 31. The application process for CWF will be completed through 4-H online. Aimee sent eligible youth registration information. The registration deadline is March 1, 2024.

## CONGRATULATIONS... 2024 National Western Stock Show Participants

### MARKET GOATS

Josie Hunt	5th place
Henry Langford	5th & 8th place
Caiden Healey Mitchell	7th place
Ashlynn Thompson	7th, 7th & 10th place
Payten Thompson	8th & 9th place
Owen Steffen	Participant

### MARKET LAMBS

Caiden Healey Mitchell	8th Showman ship
Josie Hunt	10th place

### MARKET SWINE

Remington Butler	Participant
Ryder Butler	Participant

### BREEDING SHEEP

Caiden Healey Mitchell	9 & 10 place
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### MARKET BEEF

Darylea Dory	9th place
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### PROSPECT BREEDING HEIFERS

Hannah Fox	3rd place & 3rd overall
Danielle Moon	5th place

### PROSPECT MARKET STEERS

Danielle Moon	5th place
Clayton Barch	7th place
Kenadee Kohler	8th place
Darylea Dory	9th place
Eli Kline	10th place

### Horse Project

There will be a Horse Project Organizational Meeting on **Thursday, March 21, 2024 at 6:30 pm** at the Extension Office. All horse project members and parents are encouraged to attend.



### Horse Levels Testing

Horse Members that need to take written level tests must contact **Marlin 542-3543** to schedule an appointment. Members must pass written test before taking

the riding test.

## 2024 HORSE ID'S

Due May 1, 2024 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, 2024.

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 2023 – 2024 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 13 and 14, 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, 2023.**

**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.

## 2024 Beef Weigh-In/Tag-In

**Option A:** Attend traditional beef weigh-in on **Saturday, March 2nd, 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 4<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 pm**.

**\*Anyone wanting to enter Rate-of-Gain contest must weigh in on Saturday, March 2nd, 8:30-10:00 am at the Morgan County Fairgrounds.**

**ID Forms, DNA Envelopes and Photos Due: March 4<sup>th</sup> 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 2nd, 8:30-10:00 am** at the Morgan County Fairgrounds.

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## 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 9, 2024**

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 1, 2024**. 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, 2024**. The tentative 2024 livestock schedule can be accessed at their website: [www.coloradostatefair.com](http://www.coloradostatefair.com). You are encouraged to visit the website for a complete listing of rules.

# 2024 Livestock Information

## Identification and Weigh-In Dates 2024

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

Species	Primary Care Begins	Optional Weigh-In	I.D.'s by 4:00 pm
Market Beef	March 4	March 2	March 4
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 4	May 6
Market Swine	May 6		May 6
Breeding Rabbits & Poultry	June 1		n/a
Meat Rabbit - Single Fryer	June 25		June 25
Pen of Meat Poultry	June 25		June 25

### 2024 Morgan County Fair

The 2024 Morgan County Fair is **July 26th through August 1st**. The Junior Livestock Sale will be held on Thursday, August 1st.



### FAIR SCHEDULE & RULE CHANGES

#### Beef

- Weight change 1000 - **1600 lbs.**

#### Swine

- Adhesive glue may be used on legs only for Show only, not Sale.
- Swine Show, Monday at **5:00 pm**.

#### Sheep

- Sheep Show, Sunday at **5:00 pm**.

#### Dairy

- Dairy Show, Wednesday at **10:00 am**.

#### Poultry

- Allow 4 market entries per exhibitor.

#### Rabbit

- Allow 4 market entries per exhibitor.

### Livestock Record Books

- Books have been updated.

### Family ID Rule

- Family nominations for market animals will be accepted. To be eligible for family nominations, the nominated livestock must:
  - 1.) Be owned by exhibitors of the same immediate family and residing in the same household.
  - 2.) Be nominated by the ID deadline set by the Morgan County Fair Board.
  - 3.) Be in continuous care of the exhibitors residing in the same household.
  - 4.) Individual ownership of the family nominated animal **MUST** be declared prior to weighing the animal at the County Fair weigh-in.

### Horse

- Added Class: Western Pleasure
- Split Ranch Horse into two age divisions for participants: Juniors 8-13 year olds & Senior 14-18 year olds

# 2024 Livestock Information

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Species	Beginning Primary Care/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, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Saturday, July 20th, 7:00 am	N/A	N/A	N/A	Saturday, July 20th, 8:30 am
Gymkhana Horse	May 1, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 21st, 7:30 am	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sunday, July 21st, 8:30 am
Ranch Horse	May 1, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Tuesday, July 23rd, 7:30 am	N/A	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, July 23rd, 8:30 am
Breeding Poultry	Primary Care June 1, 2024	N/A	Friday, July 26th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	N/A	N/A	Friday, July 26th, 8:30 am
Market Poultry	June 25, 2024 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Friday, July 26th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	Friday, July 26th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	Varies on Species	Friday, July 26th, 8:30 am
Breeding Rabbit	Primary Care June 1, 2024	N/A	Friday, July 26th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	N/A	N/A	Friday, July 26th, 10:00 am
Market Rabbit Single Fryer	June 25, 2024 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Friday, July 26th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	Friday, July 26th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	3.5 - 5.5 lbs	Friday, July 26th, 10:00 am
Breeding Goats	May 1, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Friday, July 26th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Friday, July 26th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Saturday, July 27th, Immediately following the Market Show
Market Goats	May 6, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Friday, July 26th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Friday, July 26th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Friday, July 26th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	60 - 120 lbs.	Saturday, July 27th, 9:00 am with Showmanship, Market Show
Breeding Sheep	May 1, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Saturday, July 27th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Saturday, July 27th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Sunday, July 28th, 5:00 pm, followed by Showmanship
Market Sheep	May 6, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Saturday, July 27th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Saturday, July 27th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Saturday, July 27th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	100 - 175 lbs.	Sunday, July 28th, Immediately after Sheep Showmanship
Breeding Swine	May 1, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 28th, 8:30 - 10:30 am	Sunday, July 28th, 8:30 - 10:30 am	N/A	N/A	Monday, July 29th, 5:00 pm, followed by Showmanship
Market Swine	May 6, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 28th, 8:30 - 10:30 am	Sunday, July 28th, 8:30 - 10:30 am	Sunday, July 28th, 8:30 - 10:30 am	230 - 300 lbs.	Monday, July 29th, Immediately following Showmanship
Breeding Beef	May 1, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 28th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Sunday, July 28th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, July 30th, 10:00 am
Breeding Beef	May 1, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Monday, July 29th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, July 29th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, July 30th, 10:00 am
Market Beef	March 4, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 28th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Sunday, July 28th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Monday, July 29th, 9:30 am	1000 - 1600 lbs.	Tuesday, July 30th, Immediately after Breeding Beef Show
Market Beef	March 4, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Monday, July 29th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, July 29th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, July 29th, 9:30 am	1000 - 1600 lbs.	Tuesday, July 30th, Immediately after Breeding Beef Show
Dairy Cattle	May 1, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 28th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Sunday, July 28th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Wednesday, July 31st, 10:00 am
Dairy Cattle	May 1, 2024 by 4:00 pm	Monday, July 29th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, July 29th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	N/A	N/A	Wednesday, July 31st, 10:00 am

# Extension News

**Fresh Conversations** – Fresh Conversations provides a new, or fresh, newsletter each month. Each issue focuses on a current health topic and offers practical tips and sensible solutions to everyday problems that get in the way of doing what most people want to do: eat well and live well. During each series, we will review the newsletter, discuss a certain topic, for example April's was eggs, and sample a new food!

Upcoming classes: **February 14th, 11:00 am**, Gene Doty Senior Center

**March 13th, 11:00 am**, Gene Doty Senior Center

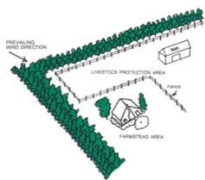
**April 10th, 11:00 am**, Gene Doty Senior Center

**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:

♦ **February 23**, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, online

♦ **March 12**, 5:00 pm - 8:30 pm, online

Registration link for all classes: <http://cottage-food-safety.eventbrite.com/>



## Seedling Tree Sales

The annual sale of seedling trees has begun, and many trees sell out fast. If you would like to receive an order form please contact Aimee at [aimee.kanode@colostate.edu](mailto:aimee.kanode@colostate.edu).

**2024 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:

**Wednesday, March 6** – Sterling

**Tuesday, April 9th** – Brush \*Class taught in Spanish ONLY\*

### Managers' Trainings

**Wednesday, April 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](https://colostate.az1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_25hu17k6ra49ZnU)



# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## FEBRUARY

**1 - Last Day to Enroll in 4-H in order to participate in the 2024 MCF**

- 9 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 11 - 4-H Exchange Meeting, 5:00 pm, Extension Office
- 15 - Shooting Sports Orientation and Safety Training, 5:30, MCFG
- 19 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed**
- 26 - Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 28 - 4-H New Family Orientation, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, MCFG 4-H Bldg

## MARCH

- 1 - Citizenship Washington Focus applications due
- 1 - Colorado 4-H Foundation Scholarship application deadline
- 1 - CSU Scholarship application deadline
- 1 - 3 Morgan County Shooting Sports Leader Training
- 2 - Market Beef Weigh-In, 8:30 - 10:00 am, MCFG Indoor Arena
- 4 - Market Beef ID's due, 4:00 pm, Extension Office**
- 8 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 18 - Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 18 - 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- 21 - Annual Horse Project Organizational Meeting, 6:30 pm, EO
- 29-31 - Youth Fest in Pueblo (11-13 year olds)

## APRIL

- 1 - State Fair Beef Nominations due to Marlin
- 1 - Jonathan Marr Memorial 4-H Scholarship applications deadline
- 5 - Livestock Exchange, LLC Scholarship application deadline
- 12 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 14 - 4-H Exchange Meeting, 5:00 pm, Extension Office
- 15 - Morgan County 4-H Foundation Scholarship due, Ext Office
- 15 - Morgan County Cattleman's Association Scholarship due, Ext Off.
- 15 - Mike Glenn Scholarship due, Extension Office
- 15 - MC 4-H LAC Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 15 - MC 4-H County Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Ext Office
- TBD - State 4-H Conference registration in 4-H Online
- 26 - 28 - Weld County Goat Extravaganza

## MAY

- 1 - Horse & Dog ID's due, in 4-H Online by 4 pm**
- 1 - Breeding Beef, Goat, Sheep, Swine and Dairy Cattle ID's due to Ext. Office by 4 pm**
- 4 - Optional Market Goat & Sheep Weigh-in, MCFG**
- 6 - Market Goat, Sheep & Swine ID's Due, 4:00 pm, Ext Office**
- 10 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 13-14 - MQA 4:30 - 6:30 pm, MCFG 4-H Building
- 15 - 4-H PROJECT ADD/DROP DEADLINE IN 4-H ONLINE**
- 20 - Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 20 - 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- 27 - Memorial Day Observance – Extension Office Closed**

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