









March 2025

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

In the News!

Congratulations *Tenleigh Lorenzini*! Tenleigh participated in the National Western Stock Show, Catch-A-Calf program. She placed 1st in Record Book, 2nd in Showmanship, and 2nd in the Beef Carcass Contest during NWSS in January.

2025 County Fair Dates

Official fair dates are **July 25 - 31, 2025**, BUT pre-fair activities will begin earlier in July including Livestock Record Books due **Wednesday, July 9th** and Interview Judging which is **Wednesday, July 23rd**.

Manuals and Record Book Update

If you have not received your manuals for projects, contact your club leader first as they received packets to distribute at the club meetings. When you receive manuals/records, don't set aside until summer. Take time to read the manual NOW and the records to see what you need to do. Most projects require activities to be completed over a period of several months. You want to do more than just the one thing for your exhibit.

If you are uncertain of the exhibit requirement, check out this link: http://co4h.colostate.edu/statefair/StateFairExhibitReq.pdf. If you still have questions call the Extension Office so one of the Extension Specialists can help you with information. In most projects, there are specific skills to learn and complete for the exhibit. If you believe you have enrolled in the wrong unit for what you wanted to learn, let us know ASAP.

4-H Project ADD/DROP Deadline

The project add/drop deadline is May 15, 2025 at 4 pm. To add or drop a project, please send an email to coopext_morgan@mail.colostate.edu or katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu.



- Let the Extension Office know if you need manuals for the added projects.
- Return any unused project manuals after dropping a project.
- <u>Livestock projects the ADD/DROP deadline is the ID or primary care date or May 15th, whichever comes first. See page 15 of this newsletter.</u>

4-H Activities and Information

GOALS in e-records

Download your General and FCS e-records now. An addition in 2024 was the GOAL page.

Project goals are important for learning! Complete yours at the beginning of the year. Record at minimum the following number of goals for your age group:

Juniors - 1, Intermediates - 2, Seniors - 3

Identifying goals and how you are going to reach those goals is important to help you become more skilled and knowledgeable about your project. Personal goals are statements that indicate what you want to achieve or improve upon. You might begin by asking yourself, "What do I want to accomplish this year by taking this project?" Answering that question will help you identify your annual personal goal(s). Once you decide on a goal, then you need to plan a "To Do" list. You might think of this "To Do" list as those things you can learn or do to help you reach that specific goal. *Remember to use complete sentences.

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!**

2025 Youth Fest

Youth Fest is a conference for members 11-13 in Pueblo, Colorado and is being held **March 28-30**, **2025**. Registration opened February 10th in 4-H Online and registration information was be sent to eliqible members and closes **March 10**, **2025**.

March Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds workshop will be Spring Themed.

March 14th from 5:00 - 6:00 pm at the Extension Office. Please register in 4-H Online by March 12th.



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 25 – July 31" and the words, "2025 Morgan County Fair" in your artwork. Place your name on the back. The deadline to submit your entry is **Wednesday, March 26, 2025 by 4:00 pm**. Contestants must be 8-18 4-H age.

4-H Activities and Information

Dog Project Practices

A copy of your dog's vaccination records must be presented to the dog leaders before your dog attends its first practice. Practice schedule is set, 6:00-7:00 pm:

April 7 – Intro to dog showing , No Dogs - Multi-Purpose Building

April 21- Multi-Purpose Building

May 5 and May 19 - Indoor Arena

June 2, June 9 and June 23 - Indoor Arena

July 7, July 14, July 21 - Indoor Arena

Show: July 24th

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.

County Council Activity Night

County Council is looking to host a county wide activity night. If you have suggestions, please tell your club County Council Representative or email Katie at katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu.



4-H Project Workshops

We are planning some project workshops for the 2024-2025 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.

Model Rocketry Workshop – We will be holding a Unit 1 Model Rocketry project workshop **March 15th, 8:00 - 9:30 am,** at the Morgan County Extension Office. 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 April Newsletter.





Cake Decorating Workshops

All units will be held mid to late **March**. Cake Decorating project members will be emailed as soon as a date is set.

Former Cake Decorating leader, Danielle Eggleston, 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 Katie.

4-H Activities and Information

From Stitches to the Spotlight Workshop

Partnering with Logan and Yuma Counties for a half day or full day of workshops. The first workshop will be held **March 14th**, **9:00 am - 3:00 pm**, at the Gary DeSoto Building, Sterling, CO. The second workshop will be held **March 17th**, **9:00 am - 3:00 pm**, at the Yuma County Fairgrounds, Yuma, CO. both days will follow the same schedule with Fashion Revue in the morning and Heritage Arts in the afternoon. Cost is \$5 for 1/2 day and \$10 for full day. Register with Katie Seelhoff by **March 7th** at katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu or see attached flyer at the end of this 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!

Artistic Clothing Workshop

The workshop will be held **March 15th, 10:00 - 11:00 am.** 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. 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!



Signing up for Shooting Sports

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

<u>All youth</u> must attend a mandatory safety training prior to their first practice. The training was held **February 13th at 5:30 p.m.** at the Fairgrounds. If you missed it, please contact Kaite to make it up, 970-542-3544.

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 12/31/24 Seniors: 14 18 years old as of 12/31/24
- 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.

4-H Shooting Sports Schedule

2025 Shooting Sports Dates

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Discipline	Contact	Additional Volunteers	Shooting Practice Times	March	April	May	<u>June</u>	July	Fair Shoots
.22 Rifle - Muir Springs 18918 CR 16, Fort Morgan	Jeremy Williams 303- 241-4885	DJ Eicher Laurie Mielke Justin Lowe Stephaine Johnson Danielle Williams Alison Gorrell	7:30 am -11:30 am Saturdays		April 5 April 19	May 3 May 17	June 7 June 21	July 5	Saturday, July 12 Check-in 7:30 am Muir Springs
.22 Pistol - Muir Springs 18918 CR 16, Fort Morgan	DJ Eicher 970- 380-1288	Danielle Williams Jeremy Williams Willie Johnson Alison Gorrell	1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Saturdays		April 5 April 19	May 3 May 17	June 7 June 21	July 5	Saturday, July 12 Check-in 2:00 pm Muir Springs
Air Rifle MC Fairgrounds 750 Ellsworth	DJ Eicher 970- 380-1288	Stephaine Johnson Janet Larrick Justin Lowe Danielle Williams Jeremy Williams Alison Gorrell	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm 1st & 3rd Thursdays	March 6 March 20	April 3 April 17	May 1 May 15	June 5 June 19	July 10*	Sunday, July 13 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds
Air Pistol MC Fairgrounds 750 Ellsworth	Jeremy Williams 303-241-4885	DJ Eicher Willie Johnson Andy Larrick Danielle Williams Alison Gorrell	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm 2nd & 4th Thursdays	March 13 March 27	April 10 April 24	May 8 May 22	June 12 June 26	July 10*	Sunday, July 13 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds
Muzzleloading - Muir Springs 18918 CR 16, Fort Morgan	DJ Eicher 970- 380-1288	Andy Larrick	12:30 am - 1:30 pm Saturdays		April 5 April 19	May 3 May 17	June 7 June 21	July 5	Friday, July 11 Check-in 5:00 pm Muir Springs
Shotgun - Trap 12710 MCR W.5 Weldona	Paul Oliveira 970-645- 2157	Dale Chacon Jay Marshall Stefani Oliveira	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Wednesdays			May 7 May 21	June 4 June 18	July 2	Sunday, June 29 Check-in 7:30 am 12710 MCR W.5 Weldona
Shotgun Games - Skeet 12710 MCR W.5, Weldona	Levi Dixon 970- 768-1931	Dale Chacon Andy Larrick Paul Oliveira	5:30 pm - 6:30 pm Wednesdays			May 7 May 21	June 4 June 18	July 2	Sunday, June 29 Immediately following Trap 12710 MCR W.5 Weldona
Archery - Weldona 12710 MCR W.5	Paul Oliveira 970-645- 2157	Levi Dixon Chad Lorenzini Katie Lorenzini Stefani Oliveira	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Tuesdays			Мау 6 Мау 20	June 3 June 17	July 1	Sunday, July 13 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds
Archery - Brush 750 Ellsworth	Dale Chacon 970- 571-3637	Justin Lowe Nicolle Lowe Stephanie Johnson Janie Whitney	4:00 pm - 6:00 pm Friday		April 11 April 25	May 2 May 16	June 6 June 20	July 11	Sunday, July 13 Check in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds

Youth MUST participate in Interview Judging on Wednesday, July 23, 2025

Shooting Sports Banquet, Tuesday, July 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm

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 2025.

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 2025 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 coopext_morgan@mail.colostate.edu. Practice date and time will be determined based off interest but will begin early in 2025. Also, looking for adult volunteer to coach.

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. Also, looking for adult volunteer to coach.

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. Also, looking for adult volunteer to coach.

Horse Judging

Learn the basics of how to evaluate a horse shown in halter and permormance 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 more information. Also, looking for adult volunteer to coach.

Scholarship Information



Colorado 4-H Foundation Scholarships

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

- Brush! Area Chamber of Commerce Agro Scholarship, is proud to support the future of agriculture by offering up to three, \$1,000 Agro Scholarships for the 2025-2026 School Year. Application Deadline: March 21, 2025.
- Fort Morgan Young Farmers Educational Foundation Scholarship, The scholarship consists of one \$2,000, 4 –year annual renewable scholarship or \$8,000 in total to be awarded to one high school senior, residing in the district of Morgan County school, interested in agricultural-related field. Pick up applications at the Extension Office. Deadline to apply is March 31, 2025.
- Rocky Mountain Farmers Union, RMFU membership is not required as the Morgan
 County Farmers Union will sponsor your membership. Five scholarships are available and two
 of the five are for Morgan County students only. Deadline to apply is April 1, 2024 at https://rmfu.org/scholarships/
- ◆ 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. This scholarship is intended to assist individuals entering a post secondary vocational or technical field, such as welding, carpentry, mechanics, etc. View application details at https://co4h.colostate.edu/ss/forms/jonathan-marr-scholarship.pdf. Due April 1, 2025
- Livestock Exchange, LLC Scholarship The Livestock Exchange LLC Scholarship is for graduating High School Seniors or Home School Seniors or a Second Chance Adult with a GED wanting to further their education in the related Ag fields. Total award of \$2,500.00 to be divided between the total number of semesters needed to complete the program. For more information and a scholarship application please go to http://www.livestockexchange.org/SCHOLARSHIP.html. Applications must be received or post marked by April 5, 2025.

Scholarship Information

◆ Ken Amen Memorial Scholarship, The Ken Amen Memorial Scholarship recognizes confident young people who excel in core leader areas of agriculture, community involvement and faithful servant leadership. The scholarship amount will be given as follows: \$1000 to current college students (increments of \$500 with a maximum of 2 recipients) and \$1500 to current high school seniors (increments of \$500 with a maximum of 3 recipients). All interested applicants should complete the online application at https://col.st/3U1fR by April 15, 2025.



- Morgan County 4-H Foundation Scholarships, The Morgan County 4-H Foundation gives scholarships to graduating high school seniors to be used the following fall in their academic pursuits. Three \$1000 scholarships and one \$500 scholarship for an archery member will be given. Acceptable evidence of their enrollment in a recognized institution of higher education will be required. Pick up applications at the Extension Office. Application deadline: April 15, 2025.
- Morgan County Cattleman's Association Scholarships, 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 \$1500 granted for tuition for up to 4 years. Pick up applications at the Extension Office. Application Deadline: April 15, 2025
- ♦ MCCA Two Vocational/Trade School Scholarships, Scholarships will be awarded to a graduating high school senior. The amount of this scholarship is \$2000. Pick up applications at the Extension Office. Application Deadline: April 15, 2025
- MCCA Mike Glenn Memorial Scholarships, 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 \$1000 granted as a successive year's scholarship, must reapply after four years. Pick up applications at the Extension Office. Application Deadline: April 15, 2025
- 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. You can find more information and the application on the CAFS website https://www.coloradofairs.org/p/news/scholarship.Application deadline is April 20, 2025.

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

4-H Leader/Volunteer Information

Leaders

As you plan for the 2024-2025 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 7-9, Morgan County (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun) Registration closed.
- ⇒ **March 14-16**, Pueblo County (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunting & Outdoor Skills, Western Heritage) Registration closed.
- ⇒ March 21-23, Weld County (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun) Registration Opened: 2/7/25 Closes: 3/7/25.
- ⇒ March 28-30, Garfield County (Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Western Heritage) Registration Opened: 2/14/25 Closes: 3/14/25.

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 2024-2025

Youth must participate in fundraisers in the 4-H year (Oct 2024-Sept 2025) to be eligible to receive funding from LAC for activities in the next 4-H year (Oct 2025-Sept 2026). This is done by selling 4 items of any fundraisers (butter braids, pastry puffins or peaches). If youth do not sell 4 items, \$25 may be contributed by December 31, 2025 to be eligible for funding.

Continuing in 2025 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.



Butter Braid/Pastry Puffins Fundraiser

Morgan County LAC is holding their annual spring fundraiser, Butter Braid Pastries and Pastry Puffins, to help fund 4-H activities and trips. They are asking for help from Morgan County 4-H'ers to sell 4 of them. The fundraiser is open **March 19th to April 2nd.** Paper order forms for both are available from your club leader or the Extension Office or you can find a copy online on the 4-H Events list. Both Butter Braids and Pastry Puffins have a second option for ordering that allows for credit card payment. If you want to do the online option you will have to contact the Extension Office to get an online account activated. **All order forms and money MUST be in the Extension Office by 4 p.m. on April 2nd.** Checks should be made out to Morgan County LAC. **Orders must be picked-up on April 15th from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at the Extension Office.**



Leaders Advisory Committee

Monday, March 17, 2025, 5:30 pm

4-H County Council

Monday, March 17, 2025, 6:45 pm

Council Corner

County Council did not meeting in February.

County Council is looking to host a county wide activity night. If you have suggestions, please tell your club County Council Representative or email Katie at katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu.

The next Morgan County 4-H Council Meeting will be held March 17th at 6:45 at the Extension Office.

If you have any questions about the Morgan County 4-H Council please contact Katie at 970-542-I



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 2024 – 2025 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.

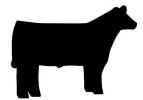
The Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) dates for Morgan County will be May 12 and 13, between 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Morgan County Fair Grounds, 4-H Building. If you are new to 4-H livestock projects, you are required to participate in the training the first year of your project. You will need to recertify when you are 14 years old as of December 31, 2024.

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.

Livestock



2025 Beef Weigh-In/Tag-In

Option A: Attend traditional beef weigh-in on Saturday, March 1st, 8:30-10:00 am at the Morgan County Fairgrounds. Bring your paperwork for the Brand Inspector at no cost. All information collected at weigh-in will complete the process.

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 3rd, by 4:00 pm.

*Anyone wanting to enter Rate-of-Gain contest must weigh in on Saturday. March 1st, 8:30-10:00 am at the Morgan County Fairgrounds.

ID Forms, DNA Envelopes and Photos Due: March 3rd, 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 1st, 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/aecBZ.

Livestock Clinics/Shows/Workshops

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



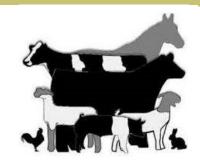
NE Colorado Stock Show Prospect and Breeding Cattle Show March 15, 2025

Logan Co. Fair Grounds, Sterling, CO For more information or questions, contact Whitney Reed 303-928-9768.

Colorado State Fair

Beef <u>nominations</u> are due to the Morgan County Extension Office by **April 1, 2025.** Members with Lambs, Goats or Pigs that want to exhibit at the Colorado State Fair must have <u>nomination</u> forms turned in to Marlin by **June 1, 2025.** The tentative 2025 livestock schedule can be accessed at their website: <u>www.coloradostatefair.com</u>. You are encouraged to visit the website for a complete listing of rules.

Morgan County Livestock Project Tip Sheets have been developed and are available on the 4-H Livestock page on our website at https://morgan.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-livestock/.



Livestock Record Book Question & Answer Sessions Tuesday, March 11th, 1:00 pm, Extension Office Meeting Room Thursday, March 13th, 1:00 pm, Extension Office Meeting Room



Horse Project

There will be a Horse Project Organizational Meeting on **Thursday, March 13, 2025 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. All tests need to be taken by **July 10th**.

2025 HORSE ID'S

Due May 1, 2025 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, 2025.

This includes leased horses.

Check with Marlin if you have questions.

Livestock

Catch-It animals distribution dates are tentative at this time. Information will be emailed out upon date confirmation. Participants, who feel they cannot fulfill their commitment, please notify Marlin immediately.

Catch-It Swine Distribution

Mid to late April.

Catch-It Lamb & Goat Distribution

Lambs and Goats will be distributed on **May 3rd**. Meetings will be held on **May 3rd**.

Catch-It Chicken Distribution

Early June.

Catch-It Rabbit Distribution

Mid June.



2025 Weld County Goat Extravaganza

No matter what breed of goats you might have, there is sure to be something for you at the 2025 Weld County Goat Extravaganza, **April 25-27, 2025**. Activities will take place in the Livestock and Exhibition Buildings at Island Grove Regional Park, Greeley. Stay tuned for details, go to our website, www.wcgoate.com or call Larry at 970-400-2093 if you have questions.

Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza

The Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza will be held **May 29 - June 1, 2025** at Island Grove Regional Park in Greeley. Event information and entry forms can be found online at www.weldextension.com, then click on Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza.

Massey Lamb and Goat Camp

Lambs-**June 16-17, 2025** and/or

Goats-June 18-19, 2025

Applications and registrations are done at: http://www.masseyshowlambcamp.com/
registration.html This "hands-on" two day event with J.B. Massey will be held at the Morgan County Fair Grounds.

This "hands-on" two day event with J.B. Massey will be held at the Morgan County Fair Grounds. We will be covering Feeding and Nutrition, Showmanship, Fitting and Clipping. Space is limited, so registration today.

2025 Livestock Information

Identification and Weigh-In Dates 2025

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 3	March 1	March 3
Horse	May 1		May 1
Dairy Cattle	May 1		May 1
Breeding Beef	May 1		May 1
Breeding Goats, Sheep, Swine	May 1		May 1
Market Goats and Sheep	May 5	May 3	May 5
Market Swine	May 5		May 5
Breeding Rabbits & Poultry	June 1		n/a
Market Rabbit - Single Fryer	June 25		June 25
Pen of Market Poultry	June 25		June 25

2025 Morgan County Fair

The 2025 Morgan County Fair is **July 25th through July 31st**. The Junior Livestock Sale will be held on Thursday, July 31st.

FAIR SCHEDULE & RULE CHANGES Swine

Weight change 220 - 300 lbs.

Horse

Saturday, July 19, 8:30 am Horse Show Sunday, July 20, 8:30 am Gymkhana Tuesday, July 22, 8:30 am Ranch Horse



Livestock Record Books

 One book per species. If you have a Catch-It and another of the same species, turn in only the Catch-It record book.

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 SHOULD be declared during Fair entry process, by **July 9th**, but can be changed within the immediate family prior to weighing the animal at the County Fair weigh-in.

2025 Livestock Information

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Species	Care/ID's Due	Vet Check in I ransit	Cueck	Check & Entry	Weignts	Show Date and Times
western and English Horse	May 1, 2025 by 4:00 pm		N/A	N/A	N/A	Saturday, July 19th, 8:30 am
	May 1, 2025 by	Sunday, July 20th,				
Gymkhana Horse	4:00 pm	7:30 am	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sunday, July 20th, 8:30 am
	May 1, 2025 by	Tuesday, July 22nd,	2		**	
Ranch Horse	4:00 pm	7:30 am	N/A	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, July 22nd, 8:30 am
	Primary Care		Friday, July 25th,			
Breeding Poultry	June 1, 2025	N/A	7:30 - 8:30 am	N/A	N/A	Friday, July 25th, 8:30 am
	June 25, 2025		Friday, July 25th,	Friday, July 25th,		
Market Poultry	by 4:00 pm	N/A	7:30 - 8:30 am	7:30 - 8:30 am	Varies on Species	Friday, July 25th, 8:30 am
	Primary Care		Friday, July 25th,			
Breeding Rabbit	June 1, 2025	N/A	7:30 - 8:30 am	N/A	N/A	Friday, July 25th, 10:00 am
Market Rabbit	June 25, 2025		Friday, July 25th,	Friday, July 25th,		
Single Fryer	by 4:00 pm	N/A	7:30 - 8:30 am	7:30 - 8:30 am	3.5 - 5.5 lbs	Friday, July 25th, 10:00 am
	May 1, 2025 by	Friday, July 25th,	Friday, July 25th,			Saturday, July 26th, Immediately
Breeding Goats	4:00 pm	5:30 - 7:00 pm	5:30 - 7:00 pm	N/A	N/A	following the Market Show
	May 6, 2025	Friday, July 25th,	Friday, July 25th,	Friday, July 25th,		Saturday, July 26th, 9:00 am with
Market Goats	by 4:00 pm	5:30 - 7:00 pm	5:30 - 7:00 pm	5:30 - 7:00 pm	60 - 120 lbs.	Showmanship, Market Show
	May 1, 2025 by	Saturday, July 26th,	Saturday, July 26th,			Sunday, July 27th, 5:00 pm, followed
Breeding Sheep	4:00 pm	5:30 - 7:00 pm	5:30 - 7:00 pm	N/A	N/A	by Showmanship
	May 6, 2025	Saturday, July 26th,	Saturday, July 26th,	Saturday, July 26th,		Sunday, July 27th, Immediately after
Market Sheep	by 4:00 pm	5:30 - 7:00 pm	5:30 - 7:00 pm	5:30 - 7:00 pm	100 - 175 lbs.	Sheep Showmanship
	May 1, 2025 by	Sunday, July 27th,	Sunday, July 27th,			Monday, July 28th, 5:00 pm, followed
Breeding Swine	4:00 pm	8:30 - 10:30 am	8:30 - 10:30 am	N/A	N/A	by Showmanship
	May 6, 2025	Sunday, July 27th,	Sunday, July 27th,	Sunday, July 27th,		Monday, July 28th, Immediately
Market Swine	by 4:00 pm	8:30 - 10:30 am	8:30 - 10:30 am	8:30 - 10:30 am	220 - 300 lbs.	following Showmanship
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Breeding Beef	4:00 pm	1:00 - 2:00 pm	1:00 - 2:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, July 29th, 10:00 am
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0	March 3, 2025	Sunday, July 27th.	Sunday, July 27th.	Monday, July 28th.		Tuesday, July 29th, Immediately after
Market Beef	by 4:00 pm	1:00 - 2:00 pm	1:00 - 2:00 pm	9:30 am	1000 - 1600 lbs.	Breeding Beef Show
	March 3, 2025	Monday, July 28th,	Monday, July 28th,	Monday, July 28th,		Tuesday, July 29th, Immediately after
Market Beef	by 4:00 pm	8:00 - 9:30 am	8:00 - 9:30 am	9:30 am	1000 - 1600 lbs.	Breeding Beef Show
	May 1, 2025 by	Sunday, July 27th,	Sunday, July 27th,			
Dairy Cattle	4:00 pm	1:00 - 2:00 pm	1:00 - 2:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Wednesday, July 30th, 10:00 am
Dairy Cattle	May 1, 2025 by 4:00 pm	Monday, July 28th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, July 28th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	N/A	N/A	Wednesday, July 30th, 10:00 am

Extension News

2025 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 5 – Brush Monday, April 14th – Brush *Class taught in Spanish ONLY* Wednesday, September 10th – Sterling Thursday, November 6th - Akron

Managers' Trainings

Thursday, April 24th – Burlington Wednesday, June 11th – Brush *English with Spanish simultaneous translation* Tuesday, October 14th – Sterling

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:

- ♦ March 5, 1:00 4:30 pm, online
- ♦ March 13, 1:00 4:30 pm, in-person Steamboat Springs
- March 14, 12:00 pm 3:30 pm, online
- March 21, 9:00 am 12:30 pm, online

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



In 2020, Colorado State University and CSU Master Gardeners started the Grow & Give project, which are modern Victory Gardens where homeowners grow their own food, and donate their excess produce to local food banks. Victory Gardens were vegetable, fruit, and herb gardens planted at private residences and public parks during World War I & II. These gardens were planted not only to supplement individuals rations but to also help boost morale. With the uncertainty surrounding COVID-19, CSU Master Gardeners felt that this was a great way to help supplement local food banks across our state. In 2020, there was around 700 gardens across 32 counties that participated and donated over 55,000 pounds of produce. For more information on how to partici-

pate in 2025 visit https://growgive.extension.colostate.edu/.

Calling All Volunteers

With 2025 Morgan County Fair just around the corner, we're always looking for volunteers. There are lots of opportunities to share your time and have a commitment to help make the fair a success. We are especially looking for additional volunteers to help with the Open Class Divisions on **July 25th - 26th**, but can also use volunteers for other times during the fair. If you, or someone you know would be interested, call the Extension Center at 542-3540.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 1 Colorado 4-H Scholarship Application Due
- 1 CSU Scholarship Application Due
- 1 Market Beef Weigh-In, MCFG, Indoor Arena
- 3 Market Beef ID's Due, 4:00 pm, Extension Office
- 4 New 4-H Family Orientation, 5:30-6:30 pm, MCFG 4-H Bldg
- 7 9 Morgan County Shooting Sports Leader Training
- TBD Cake Decorating Workshops, Ext Office
- 11 Livestock Record Book Q&A, 1:00 pm, Extension Office
- 13 Livestock Record Book Q&A, 1:00 pm, Extension Office
- 13 Annual Horse Project Organizational Meeting, 6:30 pm, EO
- 14 Stitches to the Spotlight Workshop, 9 am 3 pm, Logan County
- 14 Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 14 15 Pueblo County Shooting Sports Leader Training
- 15 Model Rocketry Workshop, 8 9:30 am, Extension Office
- 15 Artistic Clothing Workshop, 10 11 am, Extension Office
- 17 Stitches to the Spotlight Workshop, 9 am 3 pm, Yuma County
- 17 Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 17 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- 19 Butter Braid & Pastry Puffin Fundraiser Starts
- 21 23 Weld County Shooting Sports Leader Training
- 26 Fair Book Cover Entries Due, 4 pm, Ext Office
- 28 30 Youth Fest in Pueblo (11-13 year olds)
- 28 30 Garfield County Shooting Sports Leader Training

APRIL

- 1 State Fair Beef Nominations due to Marlin
- 1 Jonathan Marr Memorial 4-H Scholarship applications deadline
- 2 Butter Braid & Pastry Puffin orders due, by 4 pm, Ext Office
- 5 Livestock Exchange, LLC Scholarship application deadline
- 7 Dog Project Practices start, 6:00 7:00 pm, MCFG Multi-Purpose
- 11 Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 13 4-H Exchange Meeting, 5:30 pm, Extension Office
- 15 Morgan County 4-H Foundation Scholarship due, Ext Office
- 15 Morgan County Cattleman's Association Scholarships due, Ext Off.
- 15 Mike Glenn Scholarship due, Extension Office
- 15 Butter Braid & Pastry Puffin Pick Up, 4:30 6:00 pm, Ext. Off.
- 21 MC 4-H LAC Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 21 Dog Project Practice, 6:00 7:00 pm, MCFG Multi-Purpose Bldg
- 21 MC 4-H County Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Ext Office
- TBD State 4-H Conference registration in 4-H Online
- 25 27 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
- 3 Optional Market Goat & Sheep Weigh-in, MCFG
- 5 Market Goat, Sheep & Swine ID's Due, 4:00 pm, Ext Office
- 9 Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 12-13 MQA 4:30 6:30 pm, MCFG 4-H Building
- 15 4-H PROJECT ADD/DROP DEADLINE WITH EXT. OFFICE
- 19 Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 19 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- 26 Memorial Day Observance Extension Office Closed

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May be closed for lunch from 11:30-12:30.

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MORGAN COUNTY 4-H NEW MEMBER **ORIENTATION**





- The basics of 4-H
- Where to find help with projects
- How to be a great 4-H

Come join us for an evening for the entire family.

- Introduction to 4-H
- · Meet our staff
- Get your questions answered

Parents learn about the many skills children gain through 4-H! Volunteers can learn how to share valuable skills with young people.



MORGAN COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS 4-H BUILDING: 750 ELLSWORTH, BRUSH, CO

TUESDAY, MAR. 4 2025; 5:30-6:30 PM

PLEASE RSVP THROUGH 4-H ONLINE BY FEBRARY 28, 2025 AT 12 PM

From Stitches



To the Spotlight



WORKSHOP

Two Locations & Dates:

- March 14- Gary DeSoto Building, Sterling, CO
- · March 17- Yuma County Fairgrounds, Yuma, CO

Schedule of Events:

- 9:00 am-12:00 pm- Fashion Revue
- 12:00 pm-12:30 pm- Lunch
- 12:30 pm-3:00 pm- Heritage Arts

Open to ALL youth 8-18 4-H membership not required!

Contact your local Extension Office for more information!

Register by March 7 with Google Form or by calling your **Extension Office**



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MARCH 14 5:00 - 6:00 PM

Extension Office Meeting Room 914 E. Railroad Ave., Fort Morgan



Youth Fest

"Set sails on a New Advents

March 28-30th State Fairgrounds, Pueblo, CŎ

Registration Fee:

4-H Youth 11-13: \$115 Adult Chaperone: \$115 4-H Youth Counselors 14+: \$60





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4-H Online Registration opens February 10th

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