



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

Be sure to keep in touch with your club leader and remain active in club meetings this fall.

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Morgan County Newsletter

National 4-H Week October 5 - 11, 2025

National 4-H Week Social Media Challenge

We are hosting a Social Media Challenge during National 4-H Week. Each day will have a different theme. We ask you to post a picture on your social media (or have your parents post for you on their social media) using the hashtags #Morgan4H and #4HOpportunity4All. By posting and using those hashtags you give us permission to share your post on our social media. The themes are:

- ♦ **Selfie Sunday** – share a selfie of you in your 4-H shirt
- ♦ **Role Model Monday** – share a picture of your 4-H role model
- ♦ **Transformation Tuesday** – share a picture of you as a young 4-H'er
- ♦ **What's Your Project Wednesday** – share a picture of one of your 4-H projects
- ♦ **Throwback Thursday** – share a picture of a favorite 4-H memory
- ♦ **Fair Friday** – share a picture from fair
- ♦ **Service Saturday** – share a picture from a community service activity

Morgan County 4-H Achievement Celebration

The date and place for the County Achievement Celebration has been set. It will be **October 5, 2025**, at the Morgan County Fairgrounds, Mark Arndt Event Center. 4-H Council Officers meet at 1:00 pm, with the program to begin at 3:30 pm. Refreshments will be provided. The first 25 Families will receive 4-H swag.

Investigate 4-H

Investigate 4-H is **October 14, 2025, 5:30– 7:00 pm**, at the Morgan County Fairgrounds. Encourage a friend to join 4-H. If you are interested in bringing your project to visit with prospective 4-H members and their families; please call Katie ASAP. Council Officers be there by 4:15 pm for Set up.

State Fair & State Shooting Sports Championship

Dog Contest

Rally Novice A, Natalie Higgins, Qualifier
Jr. Novice Showmanship, Natalie Higgins, 8th
Obedience Pre Graduate Novice A, Rebekah Thiel, Overall Grand Champion
Rally Advanced A, Rebekah Thiel, Class Champion
Senior Open Showmanship, Rebekah Thiel, 7th
Rally Novice A, Caydee Waller, Qualifier
Intermediae Novice Showmanship, Caydee Waller, Qualifier



.22 Pistol - Junior

Members on the Junior .22 Pistol team were Kaine Eicher, Wyatt Johnson, Bentley Larrick, Gavyn Larrick, and Raylan Neal.

.22 Pistol - Senior

The Senior .22 Pistol team was made up of Arisa Eicher, Katelynn Johnson, Shylynn Larrick, Chad Schilling, Rylan Schreiner, and Ben Werner.

Shotgun Skeet– Junior

Members on the Junior Skeet team were Gunnar Yocam (4th), Axel Lorenzini, Bentley Larrick, and Raylan Neal.

Shotgun Skeet – Senior

Senior participants in Skeet were Odin Nilsen (2nd), Soul Keller, Wyatt Chacon, Layne Steinman, and Rylan Schreiner.



Shotgun Sporting Clays– Junior

Members on the Junior Sporting Clays team were Gunnar Yocam (2nd) and Axel Lorenzini.

Shotgun Sporting Clays – Senior

Senior participants in Sporting Clays were Soul Keller (5th), Odin Nilsen (5th), Wyatt Chacon, Layne Steinman, and Rylan Schreiner.

Shotgun Trap – Junior

Members on the Junior Trap team were Gunnar Yocam, Tucker Martens, Axel Lorenzini, Wyatt Johnson, and Kaine Eicher.

Shotgun Trap – Senior

Senior Participants in Trap were Layne Steinman, Odin Nilsen, Saxson Keller, Wyatt Chacon, and Damon Lucero.

State Fair Livestock & Horse Results

MARKET GOATS

Henry Langford 1st, 9th, Reserve Champion Medium Weight, 5th in Sr. Showmanship
Alan Carrazco 6th, 8th, 9th
Gretchen Vermillion 7th, 8th in Int. Showmanship
Braden Weibert 8th
Ryder Butler 10th
Remington Butler Participant

MARKET LAMBS

Jocelyn Drew 1st
Ryder Halley 4th
Henry Langford 7th, 9th
Joslyn Haubert 8th
Aiden Miller 8th
Conor Miller Participant
Sidney Miller Participant



MARKET SWINE

Aiden Miller 3rd
Conor Miller 4th in Jr. Showmanship
Gus Vickers 6th, 7th
Sidney Miller 8th
Ella Farnik Participant
Ryder Halley Participant

MARKET BEEF

Clayton Barch 5th

Adysen Spelts NWSS Catch-A-Calf, Participant

MARKET TURKEY

Ryder Halley 7th, 8th, 9th

EXHIBITORS SELLING IN THE JUNIOR MARKET LIVESTOCK SALE

Market Goat – Henry Langford
Market Lamb – Jocelyn Drew

4-H HORSE SHOW

Rebecca Boone - Western 3rd, 5th, 8th, 8th; Ranch Horse 3rd, 5th, 7th, 7th
Ty Sneddon - Ranch Horse 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th
Ariana Yoder - English 7th, 7th, 10th, 10th, 10th; Western 3rd, 8th; Ranch Horse Participant
Brody Yoder - Western 4th, 9th

4-H Volunteers

THANK YOU

for all your help and support of the Morgan
County 4-H Program.

(Listed below is their Names and their Years they have volunteered.)

(* Indicates Certificate recognition at Achievement Program)



Peggy Roark	47	*Jay Marshall	10	*Paige Finegan	5
*Peggy Edson	40	*Renee Osier	10	*Kristin Weibert	5
Jon Flair	39	Colton Baltazar	9	Jon Cook	4
*Dana Hanson	35	Danielle Crispin	9	Jessica Ginther Ramirez	4
Cheryl Flair	33	Cara Heid	9	Alison Gorrell	4
Mary Endsley	32	Chad Lorenzini	9	Tammy Yoder	4
Val Loose	32	Justin Lowe	9	Doug Clapper	3
*Kathy Westhoff	25	Randall Rumsey	9	Denise Eicher	3
Andrew Larrick	24	Christine Sears	9	Stephaine Johnson	3
Janet Larrick	24	Emily Curtis	8	Willie Johnson	3
Paul Oliveira	23	Tonya Dory	8	Nicolle Lowe	3
*Annette Lebsock	20	DJ Eicher	8	Janie Whitney	3
Kathy Wood	18	Stefani Oliveira	8	Danielle Williams	3
Elise Gerken	17	Jimmy Ramirez	8	Jeremy Williams	3
Thomas Roark	17	Brendee Whitney	8	Amanda Drew	1
*Levi Dixon	15	Jesse Koch	7	*Levi Drew	1
*Jodie Schoemaker	15	Pam Koch	7	*Spencer Farnik	1
Heather Kalous	13	Jennifer Haubert	6	*Sarah Peggram	1
Monica Sheppard	13	Jennifer Schwindt	6	*Stacey Poland	1
Lisa Finegan	12	Kevin Strauch	6	*Danielle Rumsey	1
Sarah Goodman	11	Kirsten Wood	6	*Ronda Schreiner	1
*Rachel Gabel	10	*Molly Arndt	5	*Matthew Steinman	1
*Brenda Gregersen	10	*Dale Chacon	5	*Bridget Thiel	1
*Katie Lorenzini	10				



2025-2026 4-H Youth and Adult Enrollment

- 4-H Online enrollment will be open starting **October 1, 2025** at <https://v2.4honline.com/>.
- Youth and adults must enroll each year they want to participate.
- **Enrollment cost for 2025-2026, will be at \$20 per youth, including cloverbuds (5-7 year olds), payable by cash, check or plastic, to the Morgan County Extension Fund (NO online payment available.)** Shooting Sports members will have an additional \$10 per youth fee.
- **Enrollment will open October 1, 2025 and closes February 2, 2026, to be eligible to participate in the 2026 Morgan County Fair.**
- *Encourage a friend to join.*
- Step-by-step instructions to help you enroll are posted on the Morgan County 4-H website under 4-H Enrollment.
- Each family will log in using their family email address and password to enroll electronically. **If you don't remember your family email to start this process, please email coopext_morgan@mail.colostate.edu. (Please do not create a duplicate account.)**
- Signatures for the forms are electronic. AN ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE IS TYPING THE FIRST AND LAST NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL.
- Once families submit their enrollment, Organizational (Club) Leaders will be notified and will approve the enrollment. The staff in our county will view and approve each enrollment, once payment is received and approval from the Organizational Leader is granted.
- Families will continue to be able to make some changes throughout the year – such as mailing address, email address, phone number, etc. You can add or drop a project after your initial enrollment by emailing coopext_morgan@mail.colostate.edu prior to **May 15, 2026**.
- **4-H volunteers must enroll in 4-H Online every year.**
- Background checks are completed for new volunteers and can periodically and randomly be conducted on any volunteer.
- When a 4-H volunteer signs an enrollment form, they agree to abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct.
- Only authorized, enrolled volunteers may act as leaders and only authorized, enrolled volunteers are covered by CSU insurance.

Colorado Leadership Camp - CLC is for youth ages 11-13. CLC will be held in Glenwood Springs on November 7-9. Registration information was sent to all eligible participants on Wednesday, September 24, 2025.

October Cloverbuds Workshop

October 10, 2025, 5:00-6:00 pm, Extension Office
Must RSVP by October 9th by email eric.lovell@colostate.edu
Activities Include: Halloween Themed activities.



4-H Activities and Information



Project Planning for 2026

Start planning for the 2026 4-H year by selecting projects in which you can learn new skills and/or show off your special talents.

Many youth participated in Project Workshops during the past year where they learned about the exhibit requirements as well as skills necessary to complete their project. We will continue to offer workshops in 2026 and will announce dates as soon as we have them scheduled.

Also, let us know what project training you would like to help learn new skills. Call with your suggestions, and as always, we love to have parents and/or others volunteers assist in presenting workshops.

DID YOU KNOW?



4-H is more than cooking and cows. Projects are available in cake decorating, home design & décor, model rocketry, photography, shooting sports education and safety, and veterinary science, to name a few.



4-H teaches public speaking and independent decision making skills.



Each year there are a variety of leadership conferences and camps 4-H members can attend.



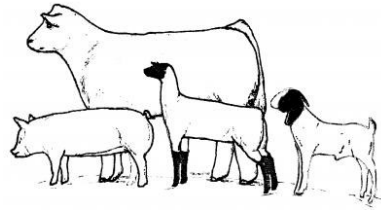
4-H has an exchange program through which participants can travel across the country to meet other 4-H youth.



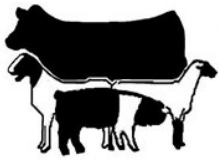
4-H is available to everyone who is interested. You can participate as a 4-H member or as a volunteer.

Livestock Record Book Contests

Record Books are being judged now. The Farm Bureau is judging the juniors and the winners will be recognized at the Achievement Celebration on Sunday, **October 5, 2025**. The Fort Morgan Rotary has judged the seniors, winners were notified and will be recognized during the Rotaries monthly meeting.



LIVESTOCK COUNCIL MEETING



October 9th (Post Fair Meeting)

6:00 p.m., Extension Office

Discussion will be held on any 4-H livestock concerns, county fair record books, and quality assurance programs. **4-H mem-**

bers are highly encouraged to attend this meeting along with parents and leaders.

HORSE COUNCIL MEETING



October 16th (Post Fair Meeting)

6:00 p.m., Extension Office

Topics will include; Horse Levels, Record Books and Open Riding.

4-H members are highly en-

couraged to attend this meeting along with parents and leaders.



Premier Farm Credit is again offering their GRO Program for 4-H and FFA youth to help with financial needs for the upcoming year. Applications are due by **October 31, 2025** to Premier Farm Credit.

If you have questions, please contact Premier Farm Credit, 970-867-4966.

NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW January 10-25, 2026

Premium books are available on-line. Visit the National Western Stock Show webpage at www.nationalwestern.com and be sure to check the changes they are making for the 2026 Junior Livestock Shows.

Anyone interested in showing at the National Western Stock Show, please contact Marlin. Junior Market DNA orders will **opened September 1 and closed October 1**. Entries & DNA are due in the NWSS offices by **November 1, 2025**. Swine – Nominations Closed. Contact Marlin 542-3543 for any questions or go to <https://nationalwestern.com/livestock-shows/junior-market-shows/>

2026/2027 National Western Stock Show Catch-a-Calf Program

NWSS will be awarding 40 steers to participants who successfully catch calves at the 2026 rodeo performances. Participants must be currently enrolled in 4-H or FFA and must be a resident in Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, or Wyoming. Participants must have adequate facilities to raise and handle a market steer. County Extension agents and/or FFA Advisors must certify that these standards are met. Contestants must be fourteen (14) years but must be under nineteen (19) years of age as of January 1, 2026. It is strongly recommended that a member not enter this contest if they plan to be away from home during the time of raising the calf. Online applications and mandatory forms must be submitted by **November 1, 2025**. Forms must be emailed to Michele Erickson at nwsscac@gmail.com. Qualified participants will then be assigned an in-rodeo performance time they must participate in.

Morgan County 4-H Funding

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 or peaches). If youth did not sell 4 items, \$25 may be contributed by December 31, 2025 to be eligible for funding.

Youth who did not sell 4 items or contribute \$25 for the 4-H year (Oct 2024-Sept 2025) will receive a letter in the mail as a reminder they will not receive funding for activities in the next 4-H year (Oct 2025-Sept 2026).

Activities and Trips Funded by Morgan County 4-H LAC in 2025

Activity	Adults	Youth	Total Amount of Support
Cloverbuds Programs		2 Club	\$100.00
Club Scrapbook Awards		7 Clubs	\$150.00
Colorado Leadership Camp	1	4	\$580.00
Fundraising Club Profit Sharing		15 Clubs	\$1,032.60
Fundraising Top Sellers		7	\$110.00
Junior Day Camp		2	\$10.00
Leadership Development Conference	1	8	\$1,784.00
Livestock Camps		12	\$1,705.00
Mary Seely Memorial Placque Engraving	1	1	\$8.30
National 4-H Conference		1	\$650.00
National 4-H Shooting Sports		1	\$500.00
Shooting Sports-Leader Training	4	3	\$750.00
State 4-H Conference		4	\$300.00
State Fair Contest/Livestock Participants		64	\$3,200.00
Youth Fest	1	4	\$402.50
		Total	\$11,282.40

4-H Council Officers

Sunday, October 5, 2025, 1:00 pm, MCFG Event Center

Leaders Advisory Committee

Monday, October 20, 2025, 5:30 pm, Ext Office

Scholarships & Shooting Sports Ambassadors

Putting 4-H Experience on Your Resume

Projects and programs in 4-H teach young people life skills. **Communication, citizenship, decision-making, leadership, interpersonal relations, and community/global awareness** are central to 4-H participation. These skills help prepare young people for their next steps, whether in school or in the workplace. Sometimes translating the experiences in 4-H to an employment, award, or school application can seem difficult. Unpaid experiences at any level can count toward your next goal. Here are answers to common questions about how to transfer 4-H skills, knowledge and insight to the workplace <http://extension.colostate.edu/docs/pubs/consumer/09150.pdf>.

Daniels Fund Scholarship

The Daniels Scholarship Program offers a four-year college scholarship to any nonprofit accredited college or university in the United States to high school seniors from Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming who demonstrate exceptional character, leadership, and a commitment to serving their communities.

The online application will be opened September 15th, with a deadline of **October 17th**. Students do not have to be nominated to apply, however they are required to obtain a recommendation from an individual at their high school. For more information, visit www.danielsfund.org.

Colorado Farm Show Scholarship

The Colorado Farm Show is offering over \$29,000 in scholarships to Colorado High School Seniors graduating in the winter of 2024 or the spring of 2025. Applicants must be pursuing a degree in an Agricultural field of study at the college or university of their choice. To date, the Farm Show has awarded a total of \$370,000 in scholarships! Scholarship applications and guidelines can be found at www.coloradofarmshow.com. Applications must be postmarked no later than **November 1, 2025**. Applications that are incomplete or late will not be considered.



Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors

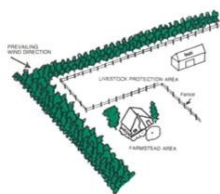
"The Colorado 4-H Ambassador Program is an excellent opportunity for veteran 4-H Shooting Sports members to further develop their leadership and citizenship skills while helping promote the 4-H Shooting Sports Program state wide."

The Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Ambassadors represent 4-H and specifically 4-H Shooting Sports for public relations purposes at special events such as donor/supporter functions and with the general public, peer groups, 4-H groups, community service groups, schools and media contacts.

Ambassadors serve as spokespersons for the 4-H Shooting Sports program, helping to make 4-H and the 4-H Shooting Sports programs more visible. The ambassador's also use the experiences they gain to further develop their skills in leadership, public presentation, citizenship, community service, public relations and team building.

Members must be 15-18 years old as of December 31st.

To see all of the requirements and to apply, please visit <https://co4h.colostate.edu/ss/forms/ss-ambassador-expectations.pdf>. The application is lengthy, so start today. Applications are due by **October 15, 2025**.



Seedling Tree Sales

The annual sale of seedling tree sales will begin in October, and many trees sell out fast. If you would like to be put on the mailing list to receive an order form when sales begin please contact Eric at eric.lovell@colostate.edu.

2025 Healthy Habits Before the Holidays - Health & Fitness Challenge -

The six-week condensed version of the *A Healthier Weigh* challenge is set to begin with weigh-ins on October 2nd or 3rd and end with weigh outs November 17th and 18th. This program will encourage increasing activity, making wise food choices, and living a healthier lifestyle, just like the annual 12-week program. Participants can enter in a team of 4, team of 2, or as an individual. If you are interested in making yourself a priority before the holiday season, contact Katie today!



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

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

CSU Extension Cottage Food Safety Training Online: <https://engagement.source.colostate.edu/2023-cottage-food-safety-trainings-for-selling-homemade-homecooked-food/>

October 3rd, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, online

October 15th, 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm, online

November 7th, 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, online

November 13th, 12:00 pm – 3:30 pm, online

November 19th, 1:00 pm – 4:30 pm, online

Women's Health Summit

Are you typically the last one in the family to get the care you need? Not sure what resources are available in our rural setting? Then this event was made for you! Join us as we learn, grow, and share the importance of prioritizing your health from local and state leaders that will cover topics such as:

Mind, Body, Connection

Skin Cancer Awareness

Gut Health

Life Style Medicine

The Women's Health Summit will take place on **Saturday, October 11th** from **11:30-4:00 p.m.** at the Washington County Event Center in Akron, Colorado. If you are interested in learning more or want to register, please visit <https://col.st/dCtGM> or scan the QR code!



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

1 - 4-H Online Enrollment Open for 2024-2025 Enrollment

5 - 4-H Council Officer Meeting, 1:00 pm, MCFG Mark Arndt Event Center

5 - Sale Beef Carcass & Herdsman Awards, 2 pm, MCFG Multi-Purpose Bldg

5 - Morgan County 4-H Achievement Awards, 3:30 pm, MCFG Mark Arndt Event Center

5-11 - National 4-H Week

9 - Livestock Council Meeting, 6:00 pm, Extension Office

10 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office

10 - County Council Officer Retreat. 6:30 - 8:00 pm, Ext Office

13 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed

14 - 4-H Council Officer, Set-Up for Investigate 4-H Night, 4:00 pm, MCFG Mark Arndt Event Center

14 - Investigate 4-H Night, 5:30-7:00 pm, MCFG Event Center

16 - Horse Council Meeting, 6:00 pm, Extension Office

20 - MC 4-H LAC meeting, 5:30 pm, Extension Office

NOVEMBER

2 - 4-H Exchange Meeting, 5:00 pm, Extension Office

7 - 9 - Colorado Leadership Camp, Glenwood Springs

11 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed

14 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office

17 - MC 4-H LAC meeting, 5:30 pm, Extension Office

17 - MC 4-H County Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office

21 - 4-H Council Vision of Trees Set-up

27-28 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed

DECEMBER

12 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office

25 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed

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