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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

In the News!

Congratulations *Eli Kline and Adysen Spelts!* Eli and Adysen proudly participated in the National Western Stock Show Catch-A-Calf Program. Eli earned an impressive 4th place in Showmanship at NWSS this January.

Also competing at NWSS in the Market Lamb Division were **Ryder Halley**, who earned a 10th place, along with **Chase Hunt** and **Josie Hunt**, who also represented their program well.

2026 County Fair Dates

Official fair dates are **July 24 - 30, 2026**, BUT pre-fair activities will begin earlier in July including Livestock entries and Record Books due **Wednesday, July 8th** and Interview Judging which is **Wednesday, July 22nd**.



4-H Project ADD/DROP Deadline

The project add/drop deadline is **May 15, 2026 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.
- **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.**

Manuals and Record Book Update

If you have not received your project manuals, contact your club leader first — they were given packets to distribute at meetings.

When you receive your manuals and record books, don't set them aside until summer. Review them now so you understand the requirements. Most projects involve activities completed over several months and require more than just one item for your exhibit.

If you're unsure about exhibit requirements, visit: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/4h-resource/4-h-state-fair-exhibit-requirements/>. If you still have questions, contact the Extension Office for assistance.

If you think you enrolled in the wrong unit, please let us know as soon as possible.

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 some 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!**

4-H Project Display Board & Scrapbook Workshops

March 9th and/or March 20th, 9 am - 12 pm

Extension Office

Youth are invited to attend a hands-on workshop focused on creating 4-H project display boards and scrapbook pages. During this time, participants will design their display boards and have access to multiple Cricut machines, crafting materials, and other tools to help bring their projects to life. Youth may also work on individual scrapbook pages or contribute to their club's scrapbook.

A Google Form will be sent out soon to gather information on needed supplies, including preferred colors and themes. There is no cost to attend this workshop.

March Cloverbuds

Cloverbuds workshop will be Spring Themed.

March 13th from 5:00 - 6:00 pm at the Extension Office. Please register in 4-H Online by **March 11th**.



2026 Youth Fest

Youth Fest is a conference for members 11-13 in Pueblo, Colorado and is being held **March 27-29, 2026**. Registration opened February 16th in 4-H Online and registration information was be sent to eligible members and closes **March 15, 2026**.

Fair Book Cover Contest

The Morgan County Fair Board will give the 4-H or FFA 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 24 – July 30" and the words, "2026 Morgan County Fair" in your artwork. Place your name on the back. The deadline to submit your entry is **Wednesday, March 25, 2026 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:



March 2 - Intro to dog showing , No Dogs - Extension Office, Meeting Room

March 16 and March 30 - Indoor Arena

April 13 and April 27 - Indoor Arena

May 4 and May 11 - Indoor Arena

June 1, June 8, June 22 and June 29 - Indoor Arena

July 6, July 13, July 20 - Indoor Arena

July 22 - Interview Judging

July 24 - Dog Obedience Show **Agility Show is Pending**

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

Mark your calendars! County Council is excited to host a Field Day County Activity on May 9. This will be a great opportunity for 4-H members to connect, learn, and have fun together. Watch for the flyer with full event details coming soon!



4-H Project Workshops

We are planning some project workshops for the 2025-2026 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 **April 4th, 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 May at the Morgan County Extension Office. More information to come in the April Newsletter.



Cake Decorating Workshops

A workshop for units 1-3 will be held at the Extension Office on March 19. Be sure to bring a frozen and leveled cake, frosting (use the provided recipe), and edible materials for decorating such as candy or cookies.

If you are unable to attend the workshop, reach out to Katie. She can send you information on how to access videos created by former Cake Decorating leader, Danielle Eggleston.

4-H Activities and Information

Artistic Clothing Workshop

The workshop will be held **April 4th, 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.

All youth must attend a **mandatory safety training** prior to their first practice. The training was held **February 19h at 5:30 p.m.** at the Fairgrounds. If you missed it, please contact Katie to make it up, 970-542-3544.

Hunter's Safety Courses

Wiggins is a conclusion course only, meaning that you would need to complete the main portion of the class online, and then finish the training in person on **March 7th**. You would need to register for the [Online class](#) and the [Conclusion Course](#) both.

[Yuma](#) **March 14th and 15th** In person, two day course.

[Brush](#) **March 27th and 28th** In person, two day course.

[Woodlin School](#) **March 29th and 30th** In person, two day course.

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 12/31/25 Seniors: 14 - 18 years old as of 12/31/25
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 Contest.

You must have participated in at least three (3) County *Certified practices in each of the divisions entered to compete at the County Fair. For safety reasons, a shotgun participants must shoot at least three (3) practices in each class they want to compete in. *Certified practices are scheduled practices shot in front of the contest superintendent or assistant superintendent(s) 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 contests will not be eligible for State Fair Shooting Sports Championships.

*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

2026 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	DJ Eicher 970-380-1288	DJ Eicher Laurie Mielke Justin Lowe Stephaine Johnson	7:30 am - 11:30 am Saturdays		April 4 April 18	April 4 April 18	May 16	June 6 June 20		Saturday, July 11 Check-in 7:30 am Muir Springs
.22 Pistol - Muir Springs 18918 CR 16, Fort Morgan	DJ Eicher 970-380-1288	Willie Johnson	1:30 pm - 3:00 pm Saturdays			April 4 April 18	16-May	June 6 June 20		Saturday, July 11 Check-in 2:00 pm Muir Springs
Air Rifle MC Fairgrounds 750 Ellsworth	DJ Eicher 970-380-1288	Stephaine Johnson Janet Larrick Justin Lowe	6:00 pm - 8:30 pm 1st & 3rd Thursdays	February 19	March 5 March 19	April 2 April 16	May 7 May 21	June 4 June 18	July 9*	Sunday, July 12 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds
Air Pistol MC Fairgrounds 750 Ellsworth	DJ Eicher 970-380-1288	DJ Eicher Willie Johnson Andy Larrick	6:00 pm - 7:30 pm 2nd & 4th Thursdays	February 19	March 12	April 9 April 23	May 14 May 28	June 11 June 25	July 9*	Sunday, July 12 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 4 April 18	16-May	June 6 June 20		Friday, July 10 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 6 May 20	June 3 June 10 June 24		Sunday, June 28 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 6 May 20	June 3 June 10 June 24		Sunday, June 28 Immediately following Trap 12710 MCR W.5 Weldona
Shotgun Games - 5 Stand/Sporting Clays TBD	Levi Dixon 970-768-1931	Dale Chacon Andy Larrick Paul Oliveira								Saturday, June 27 Check-in 7:30 am Long Meadow Game Resort, Wiggins
Archery - MC Fairgrounds- Mitchell Property 750 Ellsworth	Stephaine Johnson 970-571-3637	Levi Dixon Spencer Farnik Stephaine Johnson Justin Lowe Nicolle Lowe Paul Oliveira Stefani Oliveira Janie Whitney	4:30 pm - 6:30 pm Tuesdays				May 5 May 12 May 26	June 9 June 23	July 7	Sunday, July 12 Check-in 7:30 am MC Fairgrounds

Youth MUST complete contest entry forms by Wednesday, June 24th, 2026
 Youth MUST participate in Interview Judging on Wednesday, July 22, 2026
 Shooting Sports Banquet, Tuesday, July 14, 2026 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. We are still looking for one more senior member to complete our team! Practices will begin the end of March.

- **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 2026. 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 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 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 2026. Applications need to be completed by **March 1, 2026**. 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 2025-2026 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, 2026**.

- ◆ **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 2026-2027 School Year. Application Deadline: **March 21, 2026**.
- ◆ **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, 2026**.
- ◆ **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, 2026** 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, 2026**
- ◆ **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 3, 2026**.

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, 2026**.
- ◆ **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. Two \$1,000 scholarships, one \$2,000 renewable 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, 2026**.
- ◆ **Morgan County Cattleman's Association Scholarships**, In the past, two scholarships have been awarded by the Morgan County Cattleman's Association. The committee is in the process of reviewing the requirements and more information will be available by March 16. **Application Deadline: April 15, 2026**
- ◆ **MCCA Two Vocational/Trade School Scholarships**, In the past, scholarships have been awarded to a graduating high school senior. The committee is in the process of reviewing the requirements and more information will be available by March 16. **Application Deadline: April 15, 2026**
- ◆ **MCCA Mike Glenn Memorial Scholarships**, Scholarships will be awarded by the Morgan County Cattleman's Association. The committee is in the process of reviewing the requirements and more information will be available by March 16. **Application Deadline: April 15, 2026**
- ◆ **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, 2026**.

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 13-15, 2026: Weld County** (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, and Orion) *Orion training - **Registration is Closed.**
- ⇒ **March 20-22, 2026: Pueblo County** (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage, Hunting and Outdoor Skills) Registration closes **March 6, 2026.**
- ⇒ **March 27-29, 2026: Garfield County** (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage) Registration closes **March 13, 2026.**

NEW Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Recertification Training:

- ⇒ **April 25, 2026: Morgan County** (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage, Hunting and Outdoor Skills) Registration closes **April 10, 2026.**

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 2025-2026

Youth must participate in fundraisers in the 4-H year (Oct 2025-Sept 2026) to be eligible to receive funding from LAC for activities in the next 4-H year (Oct 2026-Sept 2027). 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 2026 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 3rd to March 23rd**. 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. Butter Braids 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 March 23rd**. Checks should be made out to Morgan County LAC. **Orders must be picked-up on April 1st from 4:00 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 continued discussion on the county wide activity event which will take place on May 9th. A flyer and more information will be coming out soon!

The next Morgan County 4-H Council Meeting will be held March 23rd at 6:45 at the Extension Office.

If you have any questions about the Morgan County 4-H Council please contact Katie at 970-542-3544.



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 2025 – 2026 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 going 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.

These 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.

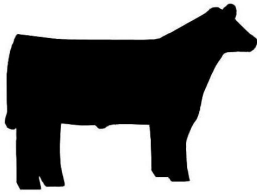
The Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) dates for Morgan County will be **May 11 and 12**, between **4:30-6:30 p.m.** at the Morgan County Fair Grounds, 4-H Building. **If you are new to 4-H livestock projects, you are required to participate in the training the first year of your project. You will need to recertify when you are 14 years old as of December 31, 2025.**

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 the Morgan County 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) or Beef Quality Assurance (BQA.) Please contact Marlin with any questions, 970-542-3543.

Livestock



2026 Beef Weigh-In/Tag-In

Option A: Attend traditional beef weigh-in on **Saturday, March 7th, 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 tag prior to brand inspection. 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 9th, by 4:00 pm**.

***Anyone wanting to enter Rate-of-Gain contest must weigh in on Saturday, March 7th, 8:30-10:00 am at the Morgan County Fairgrounds.**

ID Forms, DNA Envelopes and Photos Due: **March 9th, 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 7th, 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/n6aty>

Livestock Clinics/Shows/Workshops

The information is available in our weekly 4-H Updates and at: <https://col.st/juyr3>



NE Colorado Stock Show Prospect and Breeding Cattle Show

March 7, 2026

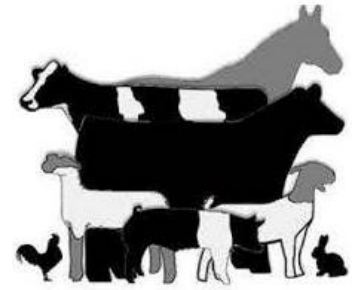
Logan Co. Fair Grounds, Sterling, CO

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, 2026**. 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, 2025**. The tentative 2025 livestock schedule can be accessed at their website: www.coloradostatefair.com. 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 10th, 1:00 pm, Extension Office Meeting Room
Thursday, March 12th, 1:00 pm, Extension Office Meeting Room

4-H Horses



Horse Project

There will be a Horse Project Organizational Meeting on **Thursday, March 19, 2026 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**.

2026 HORSE ID'S

Due May 1, 2026 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, 2026.

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 2nd**. Meetings will be held on **May 2nd**.

Catch-It Chicken Distribution

Early June.

Catch-It Rabbit Distribution

Mid June.



2026 Weld County Goat Extravaganza

No matter what breed of goats you might have, there is sure to be something for you at the 2026 Weld County Goat Extravaganza, **April 24-26, 2026**. 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 **June 12 - June 14, 2026** 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 15-16, 2026** and/or

Goats-**June 17-18, 2026**

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.

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2026 Livestock Information

Identification and Weigh-In Dates 2026

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 9	March 7	March 9
Horse	May 1		May 1
Dairy Cattle	May 1		May 1
Breeding Beef, Goats, Sheep and Swine	May 1		May 1
Market Swine	May 4		May 4
Market Goats and Sheep	May 4	May 2	May 4
Breeding Rabbits & Poultry	June 1		n/a
Market Rabbit-Single Fryer	June 25		June 25
Pen of Meat Poultry	June 25		June 25

2026 Morgan County Fair

The 2026 Morgan County Fair is **July 24th through July 30th**. The Junior Livestock Sale will be held on **Thursday, July 30th**.

FAIR SCHEDULE & RULE CHANGES

Beef

- Show to start at 9:00 am.
- Neck ties required.

Swine

- Weigh-in 8:00 - 9:30 am
- Can be shown with powdering, painting and coloring agents.

Livestock Sale to include

- Grand Champion and Reserve Grand Champion Market Chickens, Market Rabbits and Market Poultry (Turkey's & water fowl)

Horse

- Ranch Horse Level 2 Contest with cow work will show as one age group.
- Ranch Horse Level 1 Contest without cow work will show as one age group.

FAIR SCHEDULE & RULE CHANGES

Goat

- Show weights 50-120 lbs..



2026 Livestock Information

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Species	Beginning Primary Care/ID's Due	Vet Check in Transit	Enter in Barn	Weigh-Ins after Vet Check & Entry	Weights	Show Date and Times
Western and English Horse	May 1, 2026 by 4:00 pm	Saturday, July 18th, 7:00 am	N/A	N/A	N/A	Saturday, July 18th, 8:30 am
Gymkhana Horse	May 1, 2026 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 19th, 7:30 am	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sunday, July 19th, 8:30 am
Ranch Horse	May 1, 2026 by 4:00 pm	Tuesday, July 21st, 7:30 am	N/A	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, July 21st, 8:30 am
Breeding Poultry	Primary Care June 1, 2026	N/A	Friday, July 24th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	N/A	N/A	Friday, July 24th, 8:30 am
Market Poultry	June 25, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Friday, July 24th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	Friday, July 24th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	Varies on Species	Friday, July 24th, 8:30 am
Breeding Rabbit	Primary Care June 1, 2026	N/A	Friday, July 24th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	N/A	N/A	Friday, July 24th, 10:00 am
Market Rabbit Single Fryer	June 25, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Friday, July 24th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	Friday, July 24th, 7:30 - 8:30 am	3.5 - 5.5 lbs	Friday, July 24th, 10:00 am
Breeding Goats	May 1, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Friday, July 24th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Saturday, July 25th, Immediately following the Market Show
Market Goats	May 4, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Friday, July 24th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Friday, July 24th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	50 - 120 lbs.	Saturday, July 25th, 9:00 am with Showmanship, Market Show
Breeding Sheep	May 1, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Saturday, July 25th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Sunday, July 26th, 5:00 pm, followed by Showmanship
Market Sheep	May 4, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Saturday, July 25th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Saturday, July 25th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	100 - 175 lbs.	Sunday, July 26th, Immediately following Sheep Showmanship
Breeding Swine	May 1, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Sunday, July 26th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	N/A	N/A	Monday, July 27th, 5:00 pm, followed by Showmanship
Market Swine	May 4, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Sunday, July 26th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Sunday, July 26th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	220 - 300 lbs.	Monday, July 27th, Immediately following Showmanship
Breeding Beef	May 1, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Sunday, July 26th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, July 28th, 9:00 am
Breeding Beef	May 1, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Monday, July 27th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, July 28th, 9:00 am
Market Beef	March 9, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Sunday, July 26th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Monday, July 27th, 9:30 am	1000 - 1600 lbs.	Tuesday, July 28th, Immediately following Breeding Beef Show
Market Beef	March 9, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Monday, July 27th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, July 27th, 9:30 am	1000 - 1600 lbs.	Tuesday, July 28th, Immediately following Breeding Beef Show
Dairy Cattle	May 1, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Sunday, July 26th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Wednesday, July 29th, 10:00 am
Dairy Cattle	May 1, 2026 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Monday, July 27th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	N/A	N/A	Wednesday, July 29th, 10:00 am

2026 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:

Monday, April 13th – Brush *Class taught in Spanish ONLY*

Monday, September 14th – Yuma

Tuesday, November 10th - Brush

Managers' Trainings

Tuesday, April 21st – Sterling *English with Spanish simultaneous translation*

Tuesday, June 23rd – Burlington

Wednesday, October 21st – Akron

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: \$50 and the next Online class available:

- ♦ **March 9**, 8:30 am - 12:00 pm, online
- ♦ **March 20**, 9:00am - 12:30 pm, online
- ♦ **March 25**, 1:00 pm - 4:30 pm, online
- ♦ **April 10**, 9:00 am - 12:30 pm, online

Registration link for all classes: <https://extension.colostate.edu/offering/cottage-food-safety-training/>



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 participate in 2025 visit <https://growgive.extension.colostate.edu/>.

Calling All Volunteers

With 2026 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 24th - 25th**, 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
- 2 - Dog Project Practices start, 6:00 - 7:00 pm, Extension Office
- 3 - Butter Braid & Pastry Puffin Fundraiser Starts
- 7 - Market Beef Weigh-In, MCFG, Indoor Arena**
- 9 - Market Beef ID's Due, 4:00 pm, Extension Office**
- 10 - Livestock Record Book Q&A, 1:00 pm, Extension Office
- 12 - Livestock Record Book Q&A, 1:00 pm, Extension Office
- 13 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 13 - 15 - Weld County Shooting Sports Leader Training
- 16 - Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 16 - 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- 19 - Cake Decorating Workshops, 2:30-4:00 pm, Ext Office
- 19 - Annual Horse Project Organizational Meeting, 6:30 pm, EO
- 20 - 22 - Pueblo County Shooting Sports Leader Training
- 23 - Butter Braid & Pastry Puffin orders due, by 4 pm, Ext Office
- 25 - Fair Book Cover Entries Due, 4 pm, Ext Office
- 27 - 29 - Youth Fest in Pueblo (11-13 year olds)
- 27 - 29 - Garfield County Shooting Sports Leader Training

APRIL

- 1 - State Fair Beef Nominations due to Marlin
- 1 - Butter Braid & Pastry Puffin Pick Up, 4:30 - 6:00 pm, Ext. Off.
- 1 - Jonathan Marr Memorial 4-H Scholarship applications deadline
- 3 - Livestock Exchange, LLC Scholarship application deadline
- 4 - Model Rocketry Workshop, 8 - 9:30 am, Extension Office
- 4 - Artistic Clothing Workshop, 10 - 11 am, Extension Office
- 10 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 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
- 20 - MC 4-H LAC Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 20 - MC 4-H County Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Ext Office
- 24 - 26 - Weld County Goat Extravaganza
- 25 - Morgan County Shooting Sports Leader Recertification Training
- TBD - State 4-H Conference registration in 4-H Online

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**
- 2 - Optional Market Goat & Sheep Weigh-in, MCFG**
- 4 - Market Goat, Sheep & Swine ID's Due, 4:00 pm, Ext Office**
- 8 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 11-12 - MQA 4:30 - 6:30 pm, MCFG 4-H Building
- 15 - 4-H PROJECT ADD/DROP DEADLINE WITH EXT. OFFICE**
- 18 - Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 18 - 4-H Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
- 25 - Memorial Day Observance – Extension Office Closed**

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Morgan County Fair Grounds (MCFG)

750 Ellsworth

Brush, CO 80723

Call 970-542-3500 ext. 1410

to make reservations



UNITS 1-3 CAKE DECORATING WORKSHOP



WHERE: Morgan County Extension Office
WHEN: March 19TH, 2:30 - 4:00 P.m.
RSVP THROUGH 4-H ONLINE BY March 13

WHAT WILL YOU NEED?

- A SINGLE LAYER CAKE (FROZEN AND LEVELED)
- 4- 6 CUPS FROSTING (USE ATTACHED RECIPE)
- CAKE BOARD (2-4 INCHES BIGGER THAN CAKE)
- EDIBLE DECORATIONS FOR CAKE (CANDY, SUGAR SHEETS, COOKIES, ETC.)
- DECORATING TOOLS (SPATULAS, SCRAPERS, COLOR)



IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL OR EMAIL KATIE SEELHOFF (970) 542-3544 KATIE.SEELHOFF@COLOSTATE.EDU



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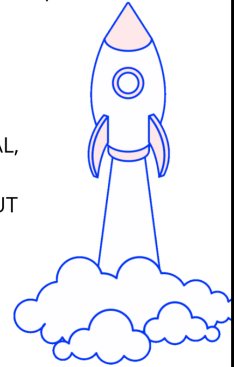
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4-H MODEL ROCKETRY WORKSHOP

AT THE MORGAN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
April 4 8:00-9:30 A.M.
RSVP IN 4-H ONLINE BY April 1



WE WILL WORK THROUGH THE ACTIVITIES IN THE UNIT 1 MANUAL, GO OVER RECORD BOOK REQUIREMENTS, AND TALK ABOUT BUILDING SUPPLIES.



BRING YOUR RECORD BOOK AND MANUAL WITH YOU.



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ARTISTIC CLOTHING WORKSHOP

AT THE MORGAN COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE
APRIL 4TH
10:00 A.M. TO 11:00 A.M.
RSVP THROUGH 4HONLINE BY APRIL 1

WHAT WILL WE DO?

- TIE-DYE A T-SHIRT
- LOOK THROUGH THE PROJECT MANUAL
- LOOK THROUGH THE RECORD BOOK



WHAT DO YOU NEED TO BRING?

- PLAIN WHITE T-SHIRT
- PROJECT MANUAL
- RECORD BOOK
- ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE ABOUT THE PROJECT

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4-H GROWS HERE



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