



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

IN THE NEWS!

County Fair - Top County Shooting Sports Participants

Overall Marksmen were announced at the 4-H Shooting Sports Awards Program. Recipients were **Saxson Keller**; Senior Grand Champion and **Katelynn Johnson**; Senior Reserve Grand Champion. Junior winners were **Wyatt Johnson**; Junior Grand Champion and **Raylan Neal**; Junior Reserve Grand Champion. **Outstanding Youth Participants**; .22 Pistol - **Piper Neal**, .22 Rifle - **Katelynn Johnson**, Air Pistol - Rylan Schreiner, Air Rifle - **Wyatt Johnson**, Archery - **Cole Koch**, Muzzleloading - **Ben Werner**, and Shotgun- **Layne Steinman**.



The Extension Office staff wants to thank the Fair Board members, superintendents, 4-H club and project leaders, Morgan County Commissioners and many others who helped make the 2026 Morgan County Fair a fun and successful event.

State Fair Exhibitors

We want to congratulate all the members on their hard work and dedication. While this year's exhibits faced tough competition and challenges, many still demonstrated creativity and commitment. The list of awards our youth received at the Colorado State Fair—found on the next page—highlights several notable accomplishments and moments of pride for Morgan County.

To view the full State results for the 4-H projects you can visit [Colorado 4-H Page](https://col.st/gkomp): <https://col.st/gkomp>

State Fair Project Judging Results

JUNIOR GRAND CHAMPION, LEADERSHIP - Kaitlyn Kral

SENIOR GC, ROBOTICS & ENGINEERING - Todd Makings

SENIOR GC, BEEKEEPING - Makena Walter

INTERMEDIATE RGC, LEADERSHIP - Natalie Higgins

INTERMEDIATE RGC, HOME DESIGN & DÉCOR - Natalie Higgins

INTERMEDIATE RGC, HERITAGE ARTS (Quilting) - Zoey Kembel

SENIOR RGC, HERITAGE ARTS (Quilting) - Kinley Kembel

SENIOR RGC, OUTDOOR ADVENTURE - Landon Crispin



C=Champion; RC=Reserve Champion; Q=Qualifier

Cats	Carlson, Vivienne	3	Artistic Clothing	Kembel, Zoey	4	Model Rocketry	Arndt, Tate	Q
Horseless Horse	Carlson, Vivienne	5		Heid, Kimber	6		Lambert, Jace	Q
	Schwindt, Addyson	3		Kembel, Kinley	7	Robotics & Engineering	Miles, Alivia	RC
Veterinary Science	Covelli-Carter, Thea	C		Kembel, Piper	8		Keehner, Hiromasa	7
	Carlson, Vivienne	6		Lozier, Evy	10	Small Engines	Curry, Rhett	C
Ceramics	Kembel, Piper	C	Cake Decorating	Hess, Rebecca	8	Woodworking	Kembel, Zoey	9
	Kembel, Zoey	C		Bristol, Brody	9		Engle, Owen	Q
	Kembel, Kinley	3	Clothing Construction	Lozier, Evy	C	Gardening	Kembel, Zoey	3
Global Citizenship	Kral, Jacob	3		Kral, Kaitlyn	Q		Heid, Kimber	Q
Leathercraft	Whitney, Seth	4	Food Preservation	Heid, Kimber	RC	Outdoor Adventures	Higgins, Liam	6
	Keller, Saxson	Q	Foods and Nutrition	Higgins, Natalie	C		Bristol, Brody	9
	Larson, Brayden	Q		Larrick, Lillyn	Q	Shooting Sports	Larrick, Bentley	C
Photography	Crispin, Landon	3	Heritage Arts Quilting	Higgins, Natalie	C		Paris, Cora	3
	Heid, Kimber	3	Fiber Arts	Kembel, Zoey	3		Schreiner, Rylan	3
	Koch, Lorin	4	Crochet	Kembel, Kinley	5		Grayson, Thomas	3
	Powell, Kaylie	4	Fiber Arts	Whitney, Elizabeth	5		Farnam, Fowler	4
	Higgins, Gabriel	5	Crochet	Schwindt, Addyson	7		Neal, Raylan	4
	Gahagen, Faith	Q	Quilting	Kembel, Piper	Q		Johnson, Katelynn	7
Scrapbooking	Elliott, Ellie	3	Home Design & Décor	Schwindt, Addyson	C		Piper, Delaynie	7
	Kembel, Zoey	3		Ferguson, Evan	4		Walker, Cooper	7
	Lambert, Rhylee	5	Computer Science	Higgins, Gabriel	C		Whitney, Seth	7
	Higgins, Natalie	6		Higgins, Liam	4		Larrick, Gavyn	10
	Schwindt, Addyson	Q	Electricity	Nadon, Gilbert	C		Farnam, Frank	Q
Visual Arts	Lambert, Rhylee	Q		Higgins, Gabriel	RC		Farnik, Ella	Q
			Metalworking	Parker, Zoie	C		Keller, Soul	Q
				Farnik, Ella	4	Sportfishing	Bristol, Brody	Q
				Keller, Soul	Q	Wildlife	Makings, Luke	RC

State Fair 4-H Contest Results



Digital Photography

4-H in Action - Elizabeth Whitney, Qualifier
Landscape - Elizabeth Whitney, Qualifier
Pant Life - Jacob Whitney, Qualifier
Plant Life - Elizabeth Whitney, Qualifier
People - Elizabeth Whitney, Qualifier
Architecture - Jacob Whitney, Qualifier
Architecture– Elizabeth Whitney, Qualifier
Animals/Insects - Elizabeth Whitney, Qualifier

Rocket Fly Day has been moved to September 20 due to Fire Bans in Pueblo County

Fashion Revue

Elizabeth Whitney - Special Award "Farm to Fashion"

DID YOU KNOW?



The 4-H Pledge and Motto were approved by Congressional Act in 1922.



The 4-H clover is pictured in a stained glass window in the National Cathedral in Washington, DC.



4-H offers more educational leadership and citizenship activities and programs than any other extracurricular youth program in the country.



Everyone benefits from 4-H experiences; youth, families, volunteers and the community.



There are over 42 4-H projects available in Morgan County.

Shooting Sports Championship Results

Air Rifle – Junior

4-P Sporter: Participants included Wyatt R. Johnson (10th), Fowler Farnam, Bentley Larrick, Gavyn Larrick, and Frank Farnam.

Olympic Off-Hand: **Team award 3rd**. Participants Included Fowler Farnam, Wyatt R. Johnson, Bentley Larrick, and Gavyn Larrick.

Precision 3-P: **Team award 3rd**. Participants included Wyatt R. Johnson, Fowler Farnam, Bentley Larrick, Gavyn Larrick, and Frank Farnam.

Utility: Participants included Wyatt R. Johnson, Fowler Farnam, Gavyn Larrick, Bentley Larrick, Cooper Walker, and Brody Bristol.



Air Rifle – Senior

4-P Sporter: Participants included Saxson Keller, Katelynn Johnson, Soul Keller, Erica Hess, Shylynn Larrick, and Kaine Eicher.

Olympic Off-Hand: **Team award 3rd**. Participants included Katelynn Johnson, Kaine Eicher, Saxson Keller, Erica Hess, Soul Keller, and Arisa Eicher.

Precision 3-P: Participants included Katelynn Johnson, Saxson Keller, Erica Hess, Kaine Eicher, and Arisa Eicher.

Utility: **Team award Reserve Champion**. Participants included Soul Keller, Shylynn Larrick, Saxson Keller, Katelynn Johnson, Arisa Eicher, and Erica Hess.

Air Pistol – Junior

Participants included Wyatt R. Johnson, Fowler Farnam, Bentley Larrick, Raylan Neal, Gavyn Larrick, and Cora Paris.

Air Pistol – Senior

Air Pistol: Participants included Katelynn Johnson, Arisa Eicher, Shylynn Larrick, Kaine Eicher, Rylan Schreiner, and Piper Neal.

Air Pistol Silhouettes: Participants included Katelynn Johnson, Kaine Eicher, Rylan Schreiner, Piper Neal, Shylynn Larrick, and Arisa Eicher.



Archery – Junior

Compound Bow Limited: Participants included Jaden Baker, Cora Paris, Raylan Neal, and Daxton Baker.

Compound Bow Traditional: **Team Award Champion**. Participants included Wyatt R. Johnson (Champion), Wesson Farnik (5th), Fowler Farnam, Maura Walter, Ella Farnik, and Grayson Thomas.

Archery – Senior

Compound Bow Limited: Participants included Seth Whitney and KyLee Waller.

Compound Bow Traditional: **Team Award Champion**. Participants included Katelynn Johnson (Champion), Erica Hess (5th), Cole Koch (7th), Faith Dalrymple, and Piper Neal.

Recurve Bow Traditional: Participants included Jacob Whitney and Elizabeth Whitney.



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Shooting Sports Championship Results

.22 Rifle – Junior

4-P Sporter: Participants included Fowler Farnam, Wyatt R. Johnson, Bentley Larrick, and Gavyn Larrick.

International 3-P: **Team award 3rd.** Participants included Fowler Farnam (8th), Wyatt R. Johnson, Gavyn Larrick, and Bentley Larrick.

Hunt: Participants included Wyatt R. Johnson, Brayton Tormohlen, Bentley Larrick, Wesson Farnik, and Eli Theil.

Hunt Scope: Participants included Wyatt R. Johnson, Ella Farnik, Olivia Meusborn, Burklee Steinman, Gavyn Larrick, and Raylan Neal.



.22 Rifle – Senior

4-P Sporter: **Team award Reserve Champion.** Participants included Ben Werner, Kaine Eicher, Katelynn Johnson, Saxson Keller, Soul Keller, and Erica Hess.

International 3-P: **Team award 3rd.** Participants included Ben Werner, Saxson Keller, Katelynn Johnson, Soul Keller, Kaine Eicher, and Erica Hess.

Hunt: Participants included Katelynn Johnson (9th), Saxson Keller, Ben Werner, Soul Keller, Erica Hess and Arisa Eicher.

Hunt Scope: Participants included Ben Werner, Arisa Eicher, Katelynn Johnson, Erica Hess, Saxson Keller, and Soul Keller.

Muzzleloader – Junior

Participants included Wyatt R. Johnson and Bentley Larrick.



Muzzleloader – Senior

Participants included Ben Werner, Arisa Eicher, Saxson Keller, Shylynn Larrick, Erica Hess, and Kaine Eicher.

Shooting Sports Opportunity



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.

Applications are anticipated to open September 11th. If you are interested in applying, reach out to Katie at Katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu. **The application is lengthy, so reach out to Katie ASAP.**

Fair Wrap-Up Information

Pick Up State Fair Exhibits

Exhibits which were taken to State Fair will be ready for pick up on **Wednesday, September 9 and Thursday, September 10, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.** The meeting room is booked so we are not able to store projects.

Record Book Contest

The record book contest will continue with only livestock record books being judged. Juniors by the Morgan County Farm Bureau and seniors by the Fort Morgan Rotary. Winners will be recognized **October 25, 2026** at Achievement Program.

General and FCS record books have already been judged at Interview Judging and those Champions again at State Fair. Record Books that received Best Record Awards during interview judging will be recognized during Achievement Program in October.



2026 Fair is not over yet!

Fair Ribbon Premiums are available through **Wednesday, September 30th**. If you won an award or sold an animal, remember to bring your thank you note (or a copy of it) to the Extension Office when you pick up your ribbon premium. All 4-H members that participated in Interview Judging and exhibited at the Fair have a premium at the Extension Office.

Fair Thank You Notes

ALL 4-H members are reminded that it is important to send a THANK YOU to Award Sponsors and Livestock Buyers who support 4-H. All youth receiving any award and/or selling a market animal **MUST** present a stamped, addressed, ready-to-mail thank you note OR a copy of the note (if it has already been mailed) before receiving ribbon premium money. Contact information for all awards is included on a label with the award. Premium money will be available at the Extension Office from **8 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning Tuesday, August 11 until Wednesday, September 30**.

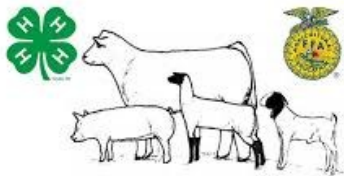
Thank you notes to sponsors and buyers are important, as we would not be able to have such a successful fair without their support!



Fair Photographs

Fair photographs including sale photographs are available through [Dustin Price Photography](https://col.st/cwm0e) at <https://col.st/cwm0e>.

Contact Dustin to purchase pictures at dustinpricephotography@gmail.com. All pictures from events, shows, and sale are free for download. **All Livestock Sale Buyers have received a picture from the Sale Committee of the animal they purchased.**



Beef Carcass & All Species Herdsman Awards

2026 Carcass and Herdsman Awards will be announced at the awards program on **Sunday, October 4, 2026 at 2 pm**, at the Morgan County Fairgrounds, Multi-Purpose Building.

4-H Activities & Enrollment

4-H Club Leader Mandatory Meeting

We will be holding a mandatory 4-H Club Leader Meeting on **September 15 at 6:00 p.m.** at the Extension Office. There have been some important changes to the State 4-H financial policies that we need to review together, so all club leaders are expected to attend.

Dinner will be provided! I also want to make this meeting as useful and beneficial for you as possible, so I'd love to hear from you about other topics you'd like to discuss or short trainings that would help you feel more confident and prepared in your role as a 4-H leader.

4-H Club End-of-Year County paperwork is due by **Friday, September 18, 2026**.

2026 National 4-H Week - October 4 – 10 “Beyond Ready”

Write articles about your 4-H experiences. Articles are needed by **September 7, 2026**, emailed to katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu. We are hoping to use your stories to promote Morgan County 4-H during National 4-H Week! Tell us about your success, favorite parts of 4-H or anything else you would like to promote!

Get Involved: County/State 4-H Leadership ... A 4-H Senator serves two years, attends 4-H Council meetings and represents Morgan County at State 4-H meetings such as Leadership Development Conference (January) and State 4-H Conference (June). Elections will be held during the September County Council meeting.



4-H County Council Officer Elections

If you'd like to serve as an officer with Morgan County 4-H Council, please complete an application form and plan to attend the meeting on **Monday, September 21, 2026**. See application on website.

2026-2027 ENROLLMENT

It's time to think about 2026-2027 enrollment. We have been receiving calls from prospective 4-H member's families asking for referrals to clubs. **Enrollment cost for 2026-2027 will be \$20 per youth, including Cloverbuds (5-7 year olds).** Enrollment opens **October 1, 2026** and closes **February 1, 2027**.

4-H Leaders Re-Enroll

4-H Leaders must complete an enrollment form every year. Background checks are completed for new leaders and can periodically and randomly be conducted on any leader. When a 4-H leader signs an enrollment form, they agree to abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct. Only authorized, enrolled leaders may act as leaders and only authorized, enrolled leaders are covered by CSU insurance.

Investigate 4-H Night

Investigate 4-H Night has been scheduled for **October 13, 2026** at the Morgan County Fairgrounds. Don't miss the opportunity to promote 4-H and the fun you've been having with your friends. Bring your completed projects to show youth and adults. Call Katie by **October 9th**, if you can help.

4-H County Achievement Program

The date and place for the County Achievement Program has been set. It will be **October 25, 2026**. Please put this on your calendar. Watch updates for more information.

National 4-H Week Display Challenge!



National 4-H Week is coming up, and we're challenging Morgan County 4-H clubs to show our community what 4-H is all about!



Each club is invited to create a **creative, eye-catching display** promoting Morgan County 4-H and encouraging community members to get involved. This is your chance to showcase your club, get creative, and highlight the many opportunities available through 4-H!

• THE CHALLENGE

Create and display a National 4-H Week display in a **visible community location**. Secret judges will visit displays throughout the week and select **one winning club**.

• THE PRIZE: AN ICE CREAM PARTY!

• DISPLAY GUIDELINES

Your display should:

- Promote **Morgan County 4-H** and encourage others to join.
- Showcase the **variety of 4-H opportunities**—think beyond the projects your club currently participates in! Consider livestock, shooting sports, cooking, sewing, STEM, photography, gardening, leadership, public speaking, citizenship, community service, and more.
- Include information about **how to join Morgan County 4-H** and who to contact for more information.
- Prominently feature the **4-H name and/or logo**.
- Be **creative, eye-catching, and easy to understand from a distance**.
- Be appropriate for a public/community setting.
- Be **created and displayed by your club**—we want to see the creativity and ideas of our 4-H members!
- **You don't have to spend a lot of money to create a great display!** Use posters, photos, 4-H projects, props, decorations, member artwork, and other materials you already have.

• JUDGING

Secret judges will evaluate displays on:

- Creativity & originality
- Eye-catching appearance
- How well the display promotes 4-H
- Variety of 4-H opportunities showcased
- Ability to encourage someone new to get involved
- Overall presentation

• IMPORTANT DATES

October 4, 2026 — Display deadline

Display location and a **photo of the completed display must be sent to Katie by the end of the day.**

National 4-H Week — Secret judging takes place

Saturday, October 10, 2026 — **Winner announced!**

• CLUB RESPONSIBILITIES

Clubs are responsible for:

- Arranging permission with the business or organization where the display will be located.
- Setting up the display.
- Removing the display after National 4-H Week.

SHOW OUR COMMUNITY WHAT 4-H CAN BE!

There is a place for **everyone** in 4-H, with countless ways to **learn, lead, serve, and have fun!** We can't wait to see what our Morgan County 4-H clubs create!

4-H Activities and Information

Congratulations to Project Winners

Morgan County 4-Hers came home from State Fair with several Grand Champions as well as Reserves and lots and lots of Unit Champions and Reserves. Start planning for the 2027 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 2027 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.

Make It Yourself with Wool

The 2026 Make It Yourself with Wool contest for Colorado will be Saturday, **October 24, 2026** at Waterstone Church Community Room in Littleton.

Entry deadline is **September 15, 2026**. Winners will be able to participate in the National Competition, **January 14-16, 2027** in Charleston, SC.

All entry information is listed online at [Colorado Make it with Wool: https://col.st/ltt0d](https://col.st/ltt0d). Katie at the Extension Office can help if you have questions.

This is a chance for you to show off your creativity of making (sewing, knitting, crocheting, etc.) a garment with minimum of 60% wool fabric or fiber. This does not have to be a project you did this year in 4-H.

There are categories for all ages, even adults. AND, all contestants get nice gifts and prizes with top awards being a sewing machine and trip to national contest.



Leaders Advisory Committee Meeting

Monday, September 21, 2026, 5:30 pm, Ext Office

4-H County Council Meeting/Officer Election

Monday, September 21, 2026, 6:45 pm, Ext Office



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 Leaders Advisory 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. L.A.C. 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!**

Successful Catch-it Participants for 2027

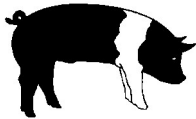


Rabbits:

Annabelle Ely, Gracie Kembel, Joe Lookingbill, Lincoln Lozier, Whit Magnuson, Emery Neb, Kelsey Sandberg and Anna Marie Walter.

Chickens:

Leo Arndt, Piper Kembel, Lukas Kubic and Anthony Lookingbill.

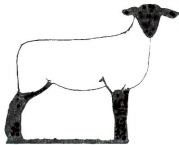
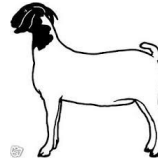


Pigs:

Open until September 30, 2026.

Goats:

Zoey Kembel, Brayden Neal and Delaynie Piper.

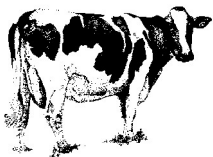
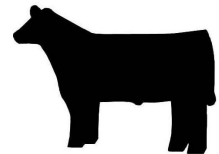


Lambs:

Lainey Jones, Evy Lozier, Kash Meyer, Tyson Neal, Ilithyia Packer and Brayton Tormohlen.

Beef:

Ryder Halley, Garrison Middlemist, Piper Neal, Raylan Neal and Ariana Yoder.



Dairy:

Arath Carrazco, Dillon Curtis, Joslyn Haubert, Josie Hunt, Tenleigh Lorenzini, Addyson Neal, Brynn Neal, Max Sepulveda, Caydee Waller and Kimber Waller.

CATCH-IT GOAT and CATCH-IT PIG PROGRAMS

Since the Catch-It Goat and Pig programs did not meet the minimum of 4 participants, the committees have chose to open it up for additional applicants. This will not be a guarantee that it will be done in the future. The applications are available at the Extension office and must be completed and returned to the Extension Office by **September 30, 2026 at 4:00 pm**. The Committees can make the final decision on applications. The participants that caught animals at the Fair contest are automatically in the program. If you have any questions, please call Marlin, 542-3543.



Join Us!
**Investigate
4-H Night**

Open House



Tuesday, October 13, 2026
5:30 – 7:00 p.m.



Morgan County Fairgrounds
Mark Arndt Event Center
750 Ellsworth St., Brush, CO



- Visit with 4-H Members
- View Projects
- Talk with Leaders
- See 4-H in Action
- Several hands on activities!

Bring the Whole Family!

- ? Do you want to know what 4-H has to offer you and your family?
- ? Are you thinking about joining 4-H?
- ? Do you want to find out more about the 4-H program in Morgan County?
- ? Do you have questions about projects?
- ? Do you want to find out about the different 4-H clubs in Morgan County?

4-H
grows here!

**LEARN
LEAD
SERVE
THROUGH 4-H!**



¡Únete a nosotros!
**Investigue
de 4-H**

Open House



Martes, 13 de octubre de 2026
5:30 – 7:00 de la tarde.



**El Condado de Morgan el
Motivo Justo**
Centro de eventos Mark Arndt
750 Ellsworth St., Brush, CO



- Viste con Miembros de 4-H
- La vista Proyecta
- Hable con Lideres
- Vea de 4-H en la Acción
- ¡Varias actividades prácticas!

¡Traiga la Familia Entera!

- ? ¿Quiere usted saber que qué de 4-H lo tiene que ofrecer y su familia?
- ? ¿Piensa usted acerca de la unión de 4-H?
- ? ¿Quiere usted averiguar más acerca del programa de 4-H en el Condado de Morgan?
- ? ¿Tiene usted las Preguntas acerca de proyectos?
- ? ¿Quiere usted enterarse de los clubes de 4-H diferentes en el Condado de Morgan?



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Women's Health Summit - The Women's Health Summit is returning for a third year with a brand new slate of speakers and topics relating to women's health. This year's event will be held at the Phillips County Event Center. A couple highlights of the speaker list are Dr. Henry Thompson, PhD., Director of the CSU Cancer Prevention Laboratory and Dr. Noy Phimphasone-Brady, PhD at CU Anschutz from the Colorado Center Women's Behavioral Health and Wellness program. More speakers will be announced in the coming weeks, so visit our website for those updates and registration information when it becomes available.



2026 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 September 21st or 22nd and end with weigh outs November 2nd or 3rd. 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 -

Colorado's new "Tamale Act" (HB 26-1033) expands the Colorado Cottage Foods Act to allow people to prepare and sell certain refrigerated foods—including tamales, burritos and tortas—from their home kitchens. For residents of Morgan County, this creates a new opportunity for local entrepreneurs, farmers-market vendors and community members to sell homemade tamales and other qualifying foods without operating a traditional commercial kitchen, as long as they meet the new food-safety, temperature-control, packaging and training requirements. Beginning January 1, 2027, cottage food producers will also be required to register with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and receive a registration number. For more information, visit the [Colorado general Assembly](https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb26-1033) at: <https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb26-1033>.

CSU Extension's Cottage Food Safety Trainings cover 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. Find more information about the training including upcoming dates and locations at [CSU Extension's](https://col.st/wjna4) website: <https://col.st/wjna4>

Seedling Tree Sales

The annual sale of seedling tree sales will begin in November, 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 Lovell at eric.lovell@colostate.edu.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 7 - HOLIDAY, EXTENSION OFFICE CLOSED**
- 9-10 - Pick up Exhibits returned from State Fair
- 15 - Make it Yourself with Wool entry deadline
- 15 - MC 4-H Club Leader Mandatory Meeting, 6:00 pm, Ext Off
- 18 - 4-H Club Leader End-of-Year Paperwork Due, 4:00 pm, EO
- 21 - MC 4-H LAC Meeting, 5:30 pm, Ext Office
- 21 - 4-H County Council Meeting/Officer Elections, 6:45 pm, EO
- 30 - Catch-It Goat & Catch-It Pig Applications due, 4:00 pm, EO
- 30 - Last day to pick up Fair Ribbon Premium Money, EO**

OCTOBER

- 1 - 4-H Online Enrollment Opens**
- 4 - Sale Beef Carcass & Herdsman Awards, 2:00 pm, MCFG Multi- Purpose Bldg
- 4 - National 4-H Week Challenge entry deadline
- 4-10 - National 4-H Week, "Beyond Ready"
- 9 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 12 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed**
- 13 - Investigate 4-H Night, 5:30-7:00 pm, MCFG Event Center
- 25 - Morgan County 4-H Achievement Program, 2:00 pm, MCFG, Mark Arndt Event Center**

NOVEMBER

- 11 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed**
- 13 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 26-27 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed**

DECEMBER

- 11 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
- 25 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed**
- 30 - Break the Boredom Event, Mark Arndt Event Center



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