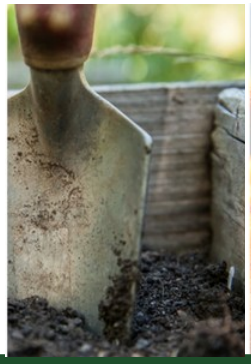
MORGAN COUNTY
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION



November 2026

Morgan County Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar Now for the 2027 Morgan County Fair

The 2027 Morgan County Fair is **July 23rd through July 29th**. Interview Judging is scheduled for **Wednesday, July 21st** and the Junior Livestock Sale will be held on **Thursday, July 29th**.

2028 dates have been set, July 21st - July 27th.

2026-2027 4-H Enrollment

- 4-H Online enrollment is open at https://v2.4honline.com/. (Make sure you are using this website, otherwise you will get an error.)
- Youth and adults must enroll each year they want to participate.
- **Enrollment Cost for 2026–2027:** $20 per youth, including Cloverbuds (ages 5–7). Payment may be made by cash or check payable to the Morgan County Extension Fund. Credit card and e-check payments are accepted **in person or by phone at 970-542-3540**. Online payments are not available.
- **Shooting Sports Fee:** An additional $10 per youth is required for Shooting Sports members. Payment must be made by **cash or check only,** payable to Morgan County Shooting Sports; credit card and e-check payments are not accepted.
- **Enrollment closes February 1, 2027 to be eligible to participate in the 2027 Morgan County Fair.**
- More enrollment information can be found on page 5 of this newsletter.

Thank You to those that helped with **Investigate 4-H Night** and welcomed new families! The youth that shared their projects and experiences are: **Vivienne Carlson, Thomas Cooper, Abby Edson, Riley Edson, Kimber Heid, Katelynn Johnson, Wyatt Johnson, Saxson Keller, Luke Makings, Todd Makings, Amelia Meusborn, Olivia Meusborn, PJ Springer, Zoie Parker, and Eli Thiel.** Adults that helped are: **Meghan Cooper, Levi Dixon, Peggy Edson, Donny Edson, Melissa Edson, Stephaine Johnson, Andy Larrick, Janet Larrick, Christine Sears, ShiAnn Snyder, Amanda Springer, and Bridget Thiel.**

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 keep in touch with your club leader and remain active in club meetings this fall and winter.

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Colorado State University Extension 4 H programs are available to all without discrimination.

2026 4-H Achievement Celebration

Congratulations to all the 4-H members and leaders recognized for their hard work during 2026. We are always excited to see the leadership growth made by our 4-H members. We want to thank all of the youth and adults who helped or participated in this year's Morgan County 4-H Achievement Celebration.

4-H Horse Levels



Level I
Western
Porter Halde
Tobyn King

Level II
Western & English
Lexxi Meyer

Level III Ranch Horse
Ty Sneddon

Consumer Choices



Kimber Heid
Zoie Parker
Addyson Schwindt
Elizabeth Whitney

4-H Club Pacesetters



Braelie Massey - *Bijou Go-Getters*
Arath Carrazco - *Bijou Go-Getters*
McKinzie Carbajal - *Cowpokes 'n' Cactus*
Payson Poland – *Cowpokes 'n' Cactus*
Raylan Neal – *Explorers*
Piper Neal – *Explorers*
Gilbert Nadon - *Golden Clover*
Kaylie Powell - *Golden Clover*
Thomas Cooper - *Lads 'n' Lassies*
Zoie Parker - *Lads 'n' Lassies*
Delaney Kraft - *Morgan Sandburs*
Soul Keller - *Morgan Sandburs*
William Schiel - *Open Range*
Olivia Strand – *Open Range*
Wyatt R. Johnson – *Snyder Pioneers*
Katelynn Johnson - *Snyder Pioneers*
Taya Flock - *Sunshine*
Braden Weibert – *Sunshine*
Savannah Malone - *Trailblazers*
Morgan O'Patik - *Trailblazers*
Ashlynn Kunde - *United*
Ariana Yoder - *United*
Rebecca Hess - *Valley View Ag*
Ty Sneddon - *Valley View Ag*
Tobyn King - *Weldon Valley*
Kimber Heid - *Weldon Valley*
Amelia Meusborn - *Wiggins Cornerstone*
Clayton Barch - *Wiggins Cornerstone*
Brylee Brannon - *Wildcat*
Elizabeth Whitney - *Wildcat*
Gabriel Higgins – *Winning Edge*
Liam Higgins – *Winning Edge*
Gretchen Vermillion – *Winning Edge*

2026 4-H Achievement Celebration

Junior Record Book Winners, sponsored by the **Morgan Farm Bureau.**



Ike Anderson
Benjamin Eiring
Josie Ginther
Lainey Jones
Tobyn King
Hadley Martens
Garrison Middlemist
Jaxson Stevens
Addy Stringham
Journee Vondy

Senior Record Book Winners, sponsored by the **Fort Morgan Rotary Club.**



Jayden Chapin
August Filter
Fallyn Gregersen
Maycie Jones
Henry Langford
Isabelle Meusborn
Lexxi Meyer
Sidney Miller
Payson Poland
Ariana Yoder

Junior Leadership Project



Natalie Higgins
Kaitlyn Kral
Addyson Schwindt

State Fair Grand Champions



Kaitlyn Kral
Todd Makings
Makena Walter

LAC Top Sellers for Fundraisers



Butter Braids
The Karl Kembel Family, 1st place
Luke Norton, 2nd place
The Marty Neal Family, 3rd place
Peaches
The Thiel Family, 1st
The Lorenzini Family, 2nd
The Malone-Rivera Family, 3rd

Mary Seely Memorial Awards



Volunteer - **Levi Dixon**
Youth - **Rylan Schreiner**

New 4-H Council Officers

New 4-H Council Officers for 2027: President – **Katelynn Johnson**; Vice-President - **Lorin Koch**; Secretary –**Kimber Heid**; Treasurer– **Wyatt Johnson**; Reporter - **Saxson Keller**. Senators are **Lorin Koch, Zoie Parker** and **Zylana Vlieger.** Installation of officers was held at Achievement Night October 25, 2026.

2026 4-H Achievement Celebration





Interview Judging Best Records

Edward Arndt
Jett Boppre
Ruby Bostron
Brody Bristol
Vivienne Carlson
Jacob Clark
Thea Covelli-Carter
Rhett Curry
Jocelyn Drew
Ellie Elliott
Owen Engle
Fowler Farnam
Kimber Heid X 2
Ava Hochanadel
Gabriel Higgins X 3
Liam Higgins
Natalie Higgins X 4
Katelynn Johnson
Wyatt R. Johnson
Saxson Keller
Kinley Kembel X 4
Piper Kembel X 2
Zoey Kembel X 3
Kaitlyn Kral
Brayden Larson
Bentley Larrick
Lillyn Larrick
Evy Lozier
Todd Makings
Gilbert Nadon
Zoie Parker
Addyson Schwindt X 4
Brayton Tormohlen
Anna Werner
Elizabeth Whitney
Seth Whitney

Best Club Records Award

Open Range 4-H Club

"I DARE YOU!" AWARDS

Soul Keller

Lorin Koch

Payson Poland

Elizabeth Whitney

Considered to be one of the most important self-help books ever written, "I Dare You!" was first published in 1931 by William Danforth, the founder of the Ralston-Purina pet food company and the American Youth Foundation. Danforth was a successful entrepreneur who spent much of his life helping and counseling young people and founded a youth camp in Michigan dedicated to mentoring youth. In this influential work, he expounded on his belief that a healthy and productive life depended on keeping four important elements in balance. These elements were physical, mental, social, and religious. A person must develop each element individually, but must not focus on one element to the detriment of the others.

Danforth also believed in the importance of dedicating one's attention and efforts to the task at hand and treating each job and day as the most important one ever.

Danforth never approached any challenge with less than complete attention and he inspired countless young people with his unwavering enthusiasm and determination. "I Dare You!" is a timeless classic that will encourage everyone to face life's challenges with a determined spirit.

2026-2027 4-H Youth and Adult Enrollment

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- **Enrollment will open October 1, 2026 and closes February 1, 2027, to be eligible to participate in the 2027 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, 2027**.
- **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 members and volunteers are covered by CSU insurance.

Council Corner—

The Morgan County 4-H Council would like to thank everyone who joined us for the Annual Achievement Program!

The November meeting will consist of making the float decorations, and will be held at the Extension Office on November 23rd, at 6:00 pm. Members are encouraged to wear clothes they are able to paint and decorate in.

The Council wants to invite all members from Morgan County 4-H to participate in the November meeting to help create decorations as well as to join them during the parade in the beginning of December. More specific information about the Christmas Parade will be in upcoming Friday Updates.

County Council will also be participating in the Vision of Trees, and is collecting first-aid kits. If you are interested in donating, we will collect donations at the Extension Office until noon on Friday, November 20th.

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

4-H Information

Keep Up With Us! Email

We use mass email to send reminders of upcoming opportunities, workshops, deadlines and more. Many opportunities and news items that we receive from the State 4-H office and other counties miss our newsletter deadline, and those are also passed on by email. Please let us know if you change your email address. Also, the newsletter is our primary way of getting information to you. We will send a mass email the day the newsletter goes to print to every enrolled member and volunteer. The email will have the newsletter attached and instructions on how to find it on the website. If you would like to be mailed a paper copy, please call Jamie at 970-542-3540 or email coopext_morgan@mail.colostate.edu.

Fair Board Vacancy

There are three potential vacancies open; each would serve a three year term (ending 12/31/2028) on the Morgan County Fair Board. Address letters of interest to Board of County Commissioners, c/o Jamie Dixon, PO BOX 517, Fort Morgan, CO 80701 or email mcfariboard@co.morgan.co.us, stating your qualifications and why you wish to serve. **Deadline is December 15.**

Considering New Projects for 2027?

4-H members are encouraged to branch out and try different projects. Remember, 4-H has a lot more to offer than just livestock projects! Please take the time to review the new state 4-H project list. If you have questions about any of the projects, please call your 4-H Agent to get the project requirements. For new members who are selecting projects, please ask questions about the project! Sometimes a project that sounds simple enough may have very involved project guidelines. Many of the projects require more time than just the week before fair! Again, everyone is invited to contact the local Extension Office for more details about any new project being considered. That simple step will help reduce any "pre-fair stress!" For the most current list of state 4-H projects please either contact your Extension office, or visit the state 4-H website at https://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/colorado-4-h-project-information/.

4-H Project Workshops

We are planning some project workshops for the 2026-2027 4- H year. These could include Leather Craft, Scrapbooking, Cake Decorating, Clothing, Foods & Nutrition, Sport Fishing, Outdoor Adventures, Photography, Display Board creation 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 a 4-H project please let us know.

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 will be announced soon. You must be in the process of becoming a leader a minimum of 3 weeks before the deadline for registration for the trainings. Cost of the training will also be announced soon, and partial reimbursement from LAC is available.

For those of you who are already certified, and needing to recertify this year, they are going to continue offer condensed recertification trainings. We will share this information with you when recertification training dates and cost has been released.

November Cloverbuds Workshop

November 20, 2026, 5:00-6:00 pm, Extension Office
Must RSVP by November 18th by email eric.lovell@colostate.edu.
Thanksgiving Themed STEM activities, food and crafts.

Vision of Trees

Please join Morgan County 4-H Council in collecting first-aid kits to be donated to Rising Up and others in need by donating to our "4-H Caring for our Community" tree! We will be taking donations of first-aid kits until noon on **Friday, November 20th**. We are also looking for volunteers to help decorate the tree at **4 p.m. on November 20th**, contact Katie if you want to help.

Christmas Parade

Fort Morgan's Annual Christmas Parade will be held **December 3, 2026!** The Morgan County 4-H Council will have a float to promote 4-H! Float Decorating will take place on **November 23rd** at the Morgan County Extension Office. Watch for more information by email from Katie in the coming weeks!

4-H After Dark

Lock-In Event for Fun, Friends, & Learning
Saturday, November 28th from 6:00 pm to Sunday, November 29th at 9:00 am
Early pick up at 10:15 pm Saturday, November 28th
Morgan County Fairgrounds, Mark Arndt Event Center
Early Bird Registration thru November 2nd, $15 per youth with max of $25 for more than 1 youth per family.
Standard Registration Nov. 2nd - Nov. 20th, $20 per youth with a $30 cap for more than 1 youth per family.

MC 4-H LAC	Monday, November 23, 2026, 5:30 pm, Ext. Office
4-H County Council	Monday, November 23, 2026, 6:00 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 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 2026-2027

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 or peaches). Youth who did not sell 4 items may contribute $25 for the 4-H year (Oct 2025-Sept 2026). If youth did not sell 4 items or contribute $25, will receive a letter in the mail as a reminder they will not receive funding for activities in the next 4-H year (Oct 2026-Sept 2027).
If youth would like to be eligible for funding, $25 may be contributed by December 31, 2026.

4-H 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 Decision Making (Judging), FCS Bowl, and FCS Skill-A-Thon**

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, and more, and then practice making comparisons. There are opportunities for Senior members of top placing teams to travel to national level contests. Consumer Choices is open to all senior 4-H members and in any project. For more information contact Katie at katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu. Interest will determine meeting dates and times; however, we'd like to start in early in 2027. We are looking for one more senior to fill the team!

- **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 2027 where they will conduct a mock meeting and demonstrate their knowledge of correct Parliamentary Procedure. For more information or if you are interested contact Katie at katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu. Practice date and time will be determined based off interest but will begin early in 2027.

- **Meats Judging**

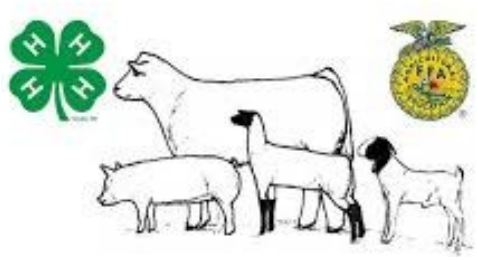
The Morgan County 4-H Meat Judging Team will begin practices soon. 4-H meat judging includes retail cut identification, judging classes of cuts and carcasses, and giving reasons. You don't have to be enrolled in a livestock project or know anything about meat or meat judging, you just need to be willing to learn. Practices will be held in preparation for the state contest held in late April/early May. If you are interested contact Marlin Eisenach at 970-542-3545 or marlin.eisenach@colostate.edu.

- **Livestock Judging**

Workouts for Livestock Judging normally start in early March. Generally, the team will also compete in several county contests prior to the State contest in June, held in conjunction with the State 4-H Conference in Fort Collins. Team members will learn livestock evaluation skills for beef, goats, sheep and swine. Top placing teams have the opportunity to participate in national level contests. For further information contact Marlin at 970-542-3545 or marlin.eisenach@colostate.edu.

- **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 Marlin at marlin.eisenach@colostate.edu more information.



2026 HERDSMAN AWARD WINNERS

Beef	Clayton Barch
Dairy	Ariana Yoder
Goats	Ella Farnik
Horse	Benjamin Eiring
Lambs	Josie Hunt
Poultry	Addyson Schwindt
Rabbits	Savannah Malone
Swine	Tate Oliver

Outstanding Club Snyder Pioneers 4-H Club

2026 BEEF CARCASS WINNERS

Champion Beef	Delaney Piper
Reserve Champion Beef	Ariana Yoder
3rd Place	Colter Kroskob
4th Place	Gretchen Vermillion
5th Place	Aysli Kembel

Catch-It animals will only be distributed to those members that are enrolled and paid.

Catch-It Calf Distribution

Calves will be distributed **tentatively late November**. Participants will receive an email with details.

Participants, who feel they cannot fulfill their commitment, please notify Marlin immediately.

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 2026 – 2027 project year, 4-H members with livestock projects (beef, dairy, goat, horse, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbit) are strongly encouraged to obtain a Premises ID. It is required to exhibit at the Morgan County Fair and Colorado State Fair. It is also required for other livestock shows.

If you don't already have a Premises ID, you can obtain one by calling Marlin 542-3543 or go online to Colorado Location Identification (LID) Registration Form at http://col.st/tzSZP.

Animal Care and Housing Form

All 4-H members with animal projects will be required to have a completed, signed and approved animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado 4-H Livestock Projects form on file at the Extension Office. This form will be provided in two ways:

1. 4-H online for those that have their animals at their place of residence and
2. on our 4-H Website http://morgan.extension.colostate.edu for those that have their animals some place other than their residence.

If your animal project is housed at your place of residence you filled out this form while filling out your paperwork during the enrollment process online.

If your animal project is not housed at your place of residence then you will need to go to our 4-H Website, print the Animal Care and Housing form and fill out both sides of that form. 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.

Livestock Information

BREEDING HEIFERS TO BE AWARDED TO QUALIFIED YOUTH

Deadline: December 1, 2026



The Morgan County Cattlemen's Association will donate up to two breeding heifers to two Morgan County 4-H/FFA youth, that have not been prior recipients, that will be selected by the MCCA Board of Directors. Interested youth must submit a letter stating why they should be considered, to the Extension Office (ATTN: Marlin Eisenach) no later than December 1, 2026, by 4:00 p.m. The heifers will be distributed early this winter.

Requirements for being awarded this heifer are:

- Must be a Morgan County 4-H or FFA member in good standing.
- Have adequate facilities, source of feed and experience breeding beef.
- Work with the Association to breed the heifer.
- Monthly correspondence with the Association about the progress of the heifer until she calves.
- Provide 3 references.
- Include in your letter:
  - Calculate cost of feed from January 1, 2027, until the heifer calves.
  - How will you acquire these resources?
  - How will it be financed?
  - Plans for future growth.
  - Include a parent/guardian signature.

The heifer will become the sole property of the recipient after the heifer calves or unless there are extenuating circumstances.

MCCA has the right to reject any or all applications.

NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW
January 9-24, 2027

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 2027 Junior Livestock Shows.

Anyone interested in showing at the National Western Stock Show, please contact Marlin. Junior Market DNA orders **opened September 1 and closed October 1**. Entries & DNA are due in the NWSS offices by **November 1, 2026**. Swine – Nominations Closed. Contact Marlin 970-542-3543 for any questions or go to https://nationalwestern.com/livestock-shows/junior-market-shows/

2027 NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW Catch-a-Calf Program

NWSS will be awarding 40 steers to participants. Youth must be 12 years old by December 31, 2026 and enrolled 4-H members for the 2026/2027 4-H year to participate. The deadline to submit entries is December 15, 2026. The applications to participate in this year's Catch-a-Calf program at the NWSS are now available online at https://nationalwestern.com/catch-a-calf-program/.

2027 HORSE ID'S

Due **April 30, 2027 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 **April 30, 2027**. This includes leased horses.
Check with Marlin if you have questions.

Identification and Weigh-In Dates 2027

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

Species	Primary Care Begins	Tag-In	I.D.'s
Market Beef	March 8	March 6	March 8
Horses	April 30		April 30
Market Goats & Sheep	May 3	May 1	May 3
Market Swine	May 3		May 3
Breeding Beef & Dairy Cattle	May 3		May 3
Breeding Goats, Sheep & Swine	May 3		May 3
Breeding Poultry & Rabbits	June 1		
Market Poultry	June 25		June 25
Market Rabbits	June 25		June 25

2027 Morgan County Fair
The 2027 Morgan County Fair is **July 23rd through July 29th**. The Junior Livestock Sale will be held on **Thursday, July 29th.**

FAIR SCHEDULE & RULE CHANGES

Beef
- Weight change for market beef 1050 lbs. minimum & no maximum.

Sheep
- Market lambs body wool must be sheared to 1/4 inch or less, except belly and legs before weighing in at Fair.

Goats
- Market goats body wool must be shaved to 3/4 inch or less, except belly and legs before weighing in at Fair.

FAIR SCHEDULE & RULE CHANGES

Market Livestock
- Re-weigh all underweight and overweight animals. The animal must be backed off the scale, the scale rebalanced, and the animal weighed again. Animals may not leave the weigh-in area until the re-weighing process is complete.
- All Catch-It animals must be exhibited in their class and be within the minimum and maximum weight of that species to be considered Champion Catch-It participant.
- Fair Sale Meeting 9:00 a.m., Thursday, July 29th.

Horse
- Intro Ranch Horse-no cattle work, all ages. (Was Level I Ranch Horse)
- Limited Ranch Horse-with cattle work, all ages. (Was Level II Ranch Horse)
- Advanced Ranch Horse-with cattle work, all ages. (Was Level III & IV Ranch Horse)

2027 Livestock Information

Species	Beginning Primary Care/ID's Due	Vet Check in Transit	Enter in Barn after Vet Check	Weigh-Ins after Vet Check & Entry	Weights	Show Date and Times
Western and English Horse	April 30, 2027 by 4:00 pm	Saturday, July 17th, 7:00 am	N/A	N/A	N/A	Saturday, July 17th, 8:30 am
Gymkhana Horse	April 30, 2027 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 18th, 7:30 am	N/A	N/A	N/A	Sunday, July 18th, 8:30 am
Ranch Horse	April 30, 2027 by 4:00 pm	Tuesday, July 20th, 7:30 am	N/A	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, July 20th, 8:30 am
Breeding Poultry	Primary Care June 1, 2027	N/A	Friday, July 23rd, 7:30 - 8:00 am	N/A	N/A	Friday, July 23rd, 8:30 am
Market Poultry	June 25, 2027 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Friday, July 23rd, 7:30 - 8:00 am	Friday, July 23rd, 7:30 - 8:00 am	Varies on Species	Friday, July 23rd, 8:30 am
Breeding Rabbit	Primary Care June 1, 2027	N/A	Friday, July 23rd, 7:30 - 9:00 am	N/A	N/A	Friday, July 23rd, 10:00 am
Market Rabbit Single Fryer	June 25, 2027 by 4:00 pm	N/A	Friday, July 23rd, 7:30 - 9:00 am	Friday, July 23rd, 7:30 - 9:00 am	3.5 - 5.5 lbs	Friday, July 23rd, 10:00 am
Breeding Goats	May 3, 2027 by 4:00 pm	Friday, July 23rd, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Friday, July 23rd, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Saturday, July 24th, 9:00 am, followed by Showmanship
Market Goats	May 3, 2027 by 4:00 pm	Friday, July 23rd, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Friday, July 23rd, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Friday, July 23rd, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	50 - 120 lbs.	Saturday, July 24th, Immediately following Goat Showmanship
Breeding Sheep	May 3, 2027 by 4:00 pm	Saturday, July 24th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Saturday, July 24th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Sunday, July 25th, 5:00 pm, followed by Showmanship
Market Sheep	May 3, 2027 by 4:00 pm	Saturday, July 24th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Saturday, July 24th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	Saturday, July 24th, 5:30 - 7:00 pm	100 - 175 lbs.	Sunday, July 25th, Immediately after Sheep Showmanship
Breeding Swine	May 3, 2027 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 25th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Sunday, July 25th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	N/A	N/A	Monday, July 26th, 5:00 pm, followed by Showmanship
Market Swine	May 3, 2027 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 25th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Sunday, July 25th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Sunday, July 25th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	220 - 300 lbs.	Monday, July 26th, Immediately following Swine Showmanship
Breeding Beef	May 3, 2027 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 25th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Sunday, July 25th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, July 27th, 10:00 am, followed by Market Beef
Breeding Beef	May 3, 2027 by 4:00 pm	Monday, July 26th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, July 26th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	N/A	N/A	Tuesday, July 27th, 10:00 am, followed by Market Beef
Market Beef	March 8, 2027 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 25th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Sunday, July 25th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Monday, July 26th, 9:30 am	**1050 lbs. - No Maximum**	Tuesday, July 27th, followed by Beef Showmanship
Market Beef	March 8, 2027 by 4:00 pm	Monday, July 26th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, July 26th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, July 26th, 9:30 am	**1050 lbs. - No Maximum**	Tuesday, July 27th, followed by Beef Showmanship
Dairy Cattle	May 3, 2027 by 4:00 pm	Sunday, July 25th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	Sunday, July 25th, 1:00 - 2:00 pm	N/A	N/A	Wednesday, July 28th, 10:00 am
Dairy Cattle	May 3, 2027 by 4:00 pm	Monday, July 26th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	Monday, July 26th, 8:00 - 9:30 am	N/A	N/A	Wednesday, July 28th, 10:00 am

Livestock Sale Meeting, Thursday, July 29, 2026 at 9:00 p.m.

Get Ready for Scholarship Season!

Scholarship season can feel overwhelming, but a little preparation now can make the application process much easier! Start by creating a list of scholarships you may be eligible for, including 4-H scholarships, local community scholarships, and those offered by colleges or organizations related to your future career. Keep track of application deadlines and eligibility requirements in a calendar or spreadsheet so you don't miss an opportunity. You can also begin gathering commonly requested materials, such as your transcript, resume, list of extracurricular activities, volunteer experiences, and awards.
Another great way to prepare is to start thinking about your 4-H story! Reflect on the projects you've completed, leadership roles you've held, community service you've participated in, and challenges you've overcome. These experiences can provide excellent examples for scholarship essays and interviews. Consider asking a teacher, club leader, or mentor if they would be willing to write a letter of recommendation, giving them plenty of time to prepare. **Your action step this month: Create a scholarship folder—digital or paper—and start collecting the information you'll need before applications open.** A little preparation now can save time and stress later!

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 from Colorado State 4-H at: https://col.st/g1mqv.

Colorado 4-H Scholarships



Colorado 4-H and the Colorado 4-H Foundation offer several scholarship opportunities for current and former Colorado 4-H members pursuing higher education, including college, university, community college, and trade school programs. Scholarship amounts and eligibility requirements vary by scholarship, with some opportunities specifically available to graduating high school seniors. The online application opens each winter and includes a General Application that matches students with scholarships for which they may be eligible. Applicants are required to provide two letters of reference. For more information and to access the application, visit the Colorado 4-H Scholarships webpage at https://co4h.colostate.edu/scholarships/.

Other Scholarships coming soon:

- Jonathan Marr 4-H Memorial Scholarship - Due April 1, 2027
- Livestock Exchange LLC Scholarship - Due April 5, 2027
- Morgan County 4-H Foundation Scholarships - Due April 15, 2027
- Morgan County Cattleman's Association Scholarships - Due April 15, 2027
- MCCA Mike Glenn Memorial Scholarships - Due April 15, 2027
- Colorado Association of Fairs and Shows Scholarship - Due April 20, 2027

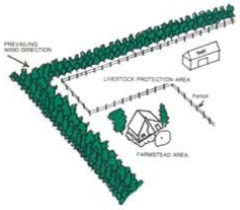
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Cottage Food Safety Training -

Colorado's new Tamale Act (HB 26-1033) expands the Cottage Foods Act to allow the sale of certain refrigerated foods, including tamales, burritos, and tortas, from home kitchens when food-safety requirements are met. Beginning January 1, 2027, producers must also register with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. CSU Extension's Cottage Food Safety Training covers food safety, current regulations, and best practices for operating a home-based food business. Learn more about the law at the Colorado General Assembly at: https://leg.colorado.gov/bills/hb26-1033. Find upcoming training dates and locations on the CSU Extension website at: https://col.st/wjna4.

A ServSafe Food Handlers Training is being offered **November 10th** at the Morgan County Fairgrounds in Brush. The training is from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Pre-registration is required by contacting the Yuma County Ex tension Office at 970-332-4151.

Seedling Tree Sales



The annual sale of seedling trees has begun, and many trees sell out fast. If you would like to receive an order form please contact Eric at eric.lovell@colostate.edu.

4-H After Dark

Saturday, November 28—Sunday, November 29, 2026
Lock-In Event for Fun, Friends, & Learning
Saturday, November 28th from 6:00 pm to Sunday, November 29th at 9:00 am
Early pick up at 10:15 pm Saturday, November 28th
Morgan County Fairgrounds, Mark Arndt Event Center
Early Bird Registration thru November 2nd, $15/youth with max of $25 for more than 1 youth/family.
Standard Registration Nov. 2nd - Nov. 20th, $20/youth with a $30 cap for more than 1 youth/family.
RSVP at: https://col.st/o0fgn.
And bring a friend to introduce To 4-H!



Break the Boredom Event

Wednesday, December 30, 2026
Morgan County Fair Grounds, Mark Arndt Event Center
Join the Morgan County Extension Office for a day of 4-H activities to "Break the Boredom" of winter break. Event registration will be available soon. Registration is open to anyone 8 - 13 years old. Bring a friend to introduce to 4-H!

Jelly and Artesian Bread Making Class

Looking for delicious additions to your holiday gatherings or homemade gifts for friends and family? Join us for a **Jelly and Artisan Bread Making Class!** Learn how to safely prepare jelly and artisan bread that you can share with others or enjoy at home. Questions about the class or registration? Contact Katie Seelhoff at Katie.seelhoff@colostate.edu. **RSVP here to reserve your spot!**
Date: December 5
Time: 8:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.
Registration Fee: $25 per person
Location: Morgan County Extension Office, 914 E. Railroad Ave., Fort Morgan, CO

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

NOVEMBER

7 - 4-H County Council Officer Retreat, , Extension Office
11 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed
13 - 15 - Colorado Leadership Camp, Glenwood Springs
16 - 4-H Exchange Meeting, 6:30 p.m. Extension Office
20 - 4-H Council Vision of Trees Set-up, 4:00 pm,
20 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
21 - 4-H Council Vision of Trees Tear-down, 3:00 pm,
23 - MC 4-H LAC meeting, 5:30 pm, Extension Office
23 - MC 4-H County Council Meeting, 6:45 pm, Extension Office
26-27 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed
28-29 - 4-H After Dark, 6:00 pm, MCFG, M. Arndt Event Center

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

1 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed
8 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
12 - 14 - NWSS 3rd Grade Field Trips with Extension Staff
18 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed
19 - 21 - NWSS 3rd Grade Field Trips with Extension Staff
23 - 25 - Leadership Development Conference (14-18 year olds)

FEBRUARY

1 - Last Day to Enroll in 4-H in order to participate in the 2027 Morgan County Fair
11 - Shooting Sports Orientation and Safety Training, 5:30, MCFG
12 - Cloverbuds Workshop, 5:00 - 6:00 pm, Extension Office
15 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed

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