

Morgan County

February 2012 Newsletter

NEWS!

Agriculture Programs in the Schools

We want to express our thanks to the the Morgan County Cattlemen, Fort Morgan Young Farmers Foundation, third grade teachers, parents of third grade youth, bus drivers and schools for helping us make this a great opportunity for youth to learn about agriculture.

Leadership Development Conference

Youth attending the LDC were Conner Gerken, Kathleen Heupel, Keleigh Hoffman, Eddie McMinn, District President Megan McMinn, and Mallory Shaver. Deanna Christensen and Leslie Shaver accompanied the delegation. Deanna Christensen received Colorado Outstanding Leader Awards from the Colorado Farm Bureau. Wow!

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2012 Youth Fest

Youth Fest is a leadership camp for 4-H members ages 9-13. It is scheduled for Feb. 10-12, 2012. The camp is organized by the State 4-H Senate and will be held at Ponderosa Retreat and Conference Center near Monument. This camp will be limited to the first 195 paying campers. Registration Deadline is **February 6, 2012**. Contact the Extension Office for Registration Information.

Citizenship...Washington Focus

Apply now for CWF – pick up an application at the Extension Office. It is one of the best 4-H trips you will ever experience. Colorado youth will spend June 23-June 30 in Washington DC. Two expense paid trips are available. Deadline is **February 10**.

ENROLLMENT DEADLINE!

March 1 will be the last day to enroll in 4-H in order to exhibit at the 2012 Morgan County Fair. You can enroll after that date, but will NOT be able to participate at the fair. All re-enrollment fees are now \$27. For youth enrolling in 4-H for the first time, the cost is \$22.

PLEASE TURN IN COMPLETED FORMS (INCLUDING LEADERS SIGNATURE!!!) ADD/DROP DEADLINE! May 15

Extension Office Hours!
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Please call to schedule an appointment after hours!

4-H Activities

Fair Youth Superintendents

We need the help of 4-H youth who would like to help with the 2012 Morgan County Fair events. This is a wonderful way to share your leadership and be part of the excitement of fair. Enclosed with this newsletter is a Volunteer Application form. We need help with interview judging, exhibit display, office assistance, marketing, and much, much more! Please fill out the application and return to the Extension Office by March 31, 2012.

Fair Book Cover Contest

The Morgan County Fair Board will give the youth who draws the best illustration for the Fair Book Cover a \$100 savings bond. **Entries must be hand drawn in dark pencil or ink on a white 8-1/2 X 11 inch piece of paper. You must include the date of the fair, "August 3 - August 9" and the words, "2012 Morgan County Fair" in your artwork.** Place your name on the back. The deadline to submit your entry is Tuesday, March 20, 2012.

Cowboy Ethics

Ten Principles to Live By
by James P Owen

1. Live Each Day with Courage
2. Take Pride in Your Work
3. Always Finish What You Start
4. Do What Has to Be Done
5. Be Tough, But Fair
6. When You Make a Promise, Keep It
7. Ride for the Brand
8. Talk Less and Say More
9. Remember That Some Things Aren't For Sale
10. Know Where to Draw the Line

We are hoping to use these principles as an outline for 4-H Camp this summer.
Look for more information in future newsletters.

State 4-H Conference

June 19-22, 2012
Colorado State University
Fort Collins, CO

E-mail: The Power of Communication

As we move into the new 4-H year, we are excited about all of the great opportunities available to 4-H youth and leaders. We will continue to utilize the *4-H Crossroads* as our main source of communication between the Extension Office and 4-H families and leaders. However, we are looking forward to using mass e-mail more and more to send reminders of upcoming opportunities, workshops and deadlines. If you don't already have an e-mail address that can be used for your family, we highly encourage you to set one up. While it is certainly not a requirement, it will help you to stay "in the know" and will be a source of "friendly reminders"! Once you establish an e-mail address, please provide it to the Extension Office. Remember, if your e-mail address changes throughout the year, please update it with our office. Please let us know if we can send your newsletter via e-mail.



NEW 4-H VOLUNTEERS ... Must complete a 4-H Volunteer Application, 4-H Volunteer Enrollment Form and have a background check. Colorado State University implemented a background checking policy. This policy includes volunteers (4-H) working on behalf of the University. I will get the new volunteer's legal name and e-mail address and submit it to CSU. The rest of the information for the background check is submitted directly by the volunteer. If the volunteer does not have an e-mail address, there is a paper form that can be accessed for the volunteer to submit.

After I submit the potential volunteer's name and e-mail address, the potential volunteer will receive an e-mail from the screening company, HireRight. The email from HireRight provides a hotlink where the volunteer logs in to a secure site, enters their social security number, answers some questions about where they've lived, etc. and logs off. The CSU IT people have confidence in the security and confidentiality of the HireRight system.

HireRight then conducts a national criminal history and driving record background check. They share results with CSU Human Resources and the county receives an email from Human Resources approving, denying or having a qualification for the individual as a volunteer.

This issue was discussed at the last Morgan County Leaders Advisory Committee and we will also require that all 4-H chaperones attending events must be registered as a 4-H Volunteer and have completed the background check. If you have questions about this, please let me know.

AIR RIFLE SHOOTING

Start shooting early in 2012! Practices will be held from 6 - 8:30 pm. at the Multi-Purpose Building at the Morgan County Fairgrounds. If you have questions, please call Steve Kehm 542-9291.

Practice Dates: FEBRUARY 2 & 16

Colorado 4-H LEADER SHOOTING SPORTS WORKSHOPS Scheduled

February 17-19 Morgan

March 2-4 Douglas

March 9-11 Fremont

March 16-18 Otero & Delta

March 23-25 Weld

March 30-April 1 LaPlata

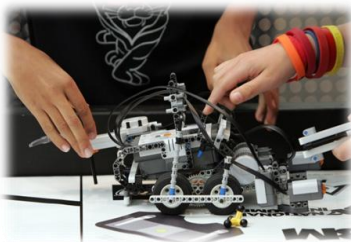
April 13-15 Eagle

May 11-13 Lincoln & Garfield

Workshop registration numbers must reach a minimum of 25 participants and each discipline must have enough participants to make its' instruction cost effective.

Workshop Fees = \$85.00/per person – 4-H leader (teen leader) \$110.00/per person - all others adults
\$100.00/Shotgun Games (bring your own ammo (flat of shells) \$75 a flat of 250 shells if we provide them.
\$10.00/per person late registration fee (after deadline)

Workshop fees include a county fee, instructor expenses, expendable supplies, curriculum, breaks and two meals on Saturday.



ROBOTICS TEAM IS HARD AT WORK

4-H members are working every Tuesday to prepare for the competition in March. If you'd like to be involved or want to see what they are doing, by between 10 am and 3 pm on Saturday. It's an exciting adventure!

4-H Meetings

Leaders Advisory Committee	Monday, February 20, 2012	5:30 p.m.
4-H Council	Monday, February 20, 2012	7:00 p.m.
4-H Exchange	Monday, February 20, 2012	7:30 p.m.

4-H Scholarships

***Please note:** Except for scholarships distributed directly by Morgan County 4-H, all information and forms can be found on the state website at - <http://www.co4hfoundation.colostate.edu/scholarships.shtml>

All application materials are submitted on-line, by completing the form on the website. If you have questions, please call Jamie or Janice. At the bottom of the page is an explanation about all the scholarships and which additional scholarships you may be eligible to apply for.

Deadline for the scholarships is April 1, 2012.

By completing the on-line form, you are automatically considered for Holthaus, Murdochs and Smith Scholarships. You may designate other scholarships that you qualify for.

Colorado Agricultural Development Authority - Due April 1

Portouw Photography - Due April 1

Howard E and Marjory M Smith Scholarship - Due April 1

Bill and Barbara Holthaus 4-H Scholarship - Due April 1

Kimberling Family 4-H Scholarship - Due April 1

Audrey Sandstead Scholarship - Due April 1

Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply Scholarship

Morgan County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship – April 16

A local application is needed for this scholarship.



Family & Consumer

Consumer Choices/Consumer Bowl

Starts Friday, March 2 - 4:30 - 6:00 pm, Extension Meeting Room

Make plans now to be part of Consumer Choices and Consumer Bowl in 2012. This activity is open to all 4-Hers of any age and enrolled in any project area. Youth 14 and older as of January 1, 2012 will have the opportunity to participate in State 4-H Conference June 19-22. We will begin practice sessions on Friday, March 2 at the Extension Meeting Room from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Practices will be held on the 1st and 3rd Fridays through May with additional times scheduled as it gets closer to 4-H Conference. There are several opportunities to attend Consumer Choices events in other counties in April and May. Call Luann at 542-3544 to learn more about participating in Consumer Choices.

Family and Consumer Project Workshops

Cake Decorating Workshop:

March 27 & 28: 1-4 p.m.

Extension Office Meeting Room

NOTE: For 2011-2012, the requirements for Units 2, 3, & 4 have changed. For 2012, there are NO units which make Character Cakes (formerly Unit 2) or Cut-Up Cakes (formerly Unit 4). This workshop will update you on changes and get you started on the 2012 Fair Exhibit.

We will have different skill levels covered on each day. This is open to anyone - even if not enrolled in cake decorating. Tentative schedule:

Tuesday, March 27 - All Units - Covering Cake Board

Crumb Coating

Project Requirements & Record Books

This day is for Units 1, 2 & 3 and will prepare the cake for Wednesday's decorating.

Wednesday, March 28 - All Units - preparing icing, mixing colors, icing cakes, decorating, specific decorating requirements for Unit.

All members enrolled in cake decorating by the March 1 deadline will get additional information, but put the dates on your calendar NOW!!

Clothing Construction Workshop:

"So You Want To Sew - Here Is What You Need to Know"

March 29: 1 to 4 p.m.

Location - TBA

This workshop will feature a series of stations where youth will do hands-on techniques to learn specific skills such as zippers, hook & eyes, hems, seam finishes, applying interfacing, sewing darts, etc. All youth enrolled in Clothing Construction by March 1 will receive information - but this is open to anyone, not just those in this project. We also plan to do a similar workshop in early June in other Northeast counties.

Artistic Clothing Workshop:

Tuesday, June 5

4-H Building, Brush

Time - TBA

This workshop will give youth in Artistic Clothing projects (Decorate Your Duds, etc) a chance to try a variety of techniques to embellish outfits. Mark the date NOW!!! Details later.

Livestock

Country of Origin Label (COOL)

Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) was implemented starting on September 30, 2008 by the USDA. As a result, all market beef, swine, lamb, and goat must have documentation as to the origin of the animals to be marketed in the U.S. and international meat industry. This act will require effective documentation of 4-H or FFA market animal projects that will be sold for meat purposes. ***The COOL form will again be required for 2012!***

2012 Beef Weigh In



March 3, 2012

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Location –Feldpausch Holsteins LLC (3.3 miles North on CR 24 from intersection of HWY 34 and CR 24 (same location as last year))

All market steers and heifers must be processed to compete at the Morgan County Fair. The Colorado Brand Inspectors require that all market beef animals be inspected at the tag day. On that day, all participants must bring their, Brand Papers, Bill of Sale or purchase invoice AND COOL FORM to be properly inspected. Breeding beef are not to be tagged.

PREMISES ID:

ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS (including horses, rabbits and poultry) MUST HAVE A PREMISES ID TO EXHIBIT AT THE MORGAN COUNTY FAIR.

Contact Marlin if you are new to livestock or have moved and need a PREMISES ID Number!

LIVESTOCK JR FIELD DAYS

Flyers are available on our website and at the Extension Office.

Jr Swine Field Day

March 10, 2012

Morgan County Fairgrounds

Jr Sheep & Goat Field Day

March 17, 2012

Adams County Fairgrounds

Jr Beef Field Day

March 24, 2012

Morgan County Fairgrounds

Morgan County Cattlemen's Association Scholarship

Two scholarships will again be awarded by the Morgan County Cattlemen's Association. The requirements are that you must be a graduating high school senior and expected to enroll in an agricultural degree program at any accredited college or university. The amount of this scholarship is \$500 granted for tuition for up to 4 years. Pick up applications at the Extension Office.

Application Deadline:

April 16, 2012

Anyone interested in Livestock Judging...call Gary Teague 867-3344 or Marlin!



Rabbit 101 – February 4, 2012

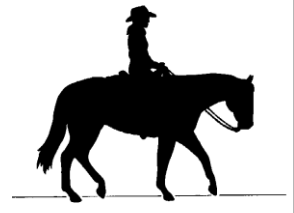
This class is targeting the beginning rabbit project member, but all members are welcome. Topics include:

- Choosing a breed for your project. A number of local prominent breeders will be on hand with some of their animals.
- Selecting animal(s) - Learn how to check for basic disqualifications.
- General care and feeding of your project animals. Learn what and how much to feed and what kind of housing is necessary.

Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions about the rabbit project. The class will held in the 4-H building at Island Grove Park in Greeley from 10:00-12:00 a.m. For more information please contact Kate Pagliotti, 970-352-6020 or Teri Peterson, 970-785-6062.

HORSE PROJECT MEETINGS

To all who have a 4-H horse project, this is for you. Meetings are once a month. Discussions include; upcoming horse events, Morgan County Fair, 4-H manual, and what to study for in the riding level testing. Other discussions; riding for 4-H members with horse projects and their families in the Brush Arena during the spring and summer. Mark it on your calendar and join in. Next meeting is Thursday, February 16th at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office Meeting Room.



Contact Marlin at (970) 542-3543 with any questions.

2012 HORSE ID'S

Due MARCH 1, 2012

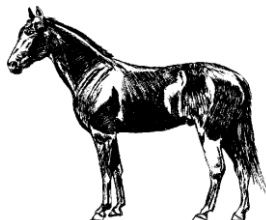
Only New Horses or New Members with Horses are required to turn in an ID form.

ID' s turned in for 2010/2011
are valid for 2012.

Primary Care of Horses begins
March 1, 2012.

This includes leased horses.

Horse Judging



Are you interested in Horse Judging? You do not have to be enrolled in the Horse project to participate in Horse Judging. You must be 8-18 years old, as of January 1, 2012 and enrolled in 4-H, to participate. This is a great way to learn more about horses and the judging process. Practices start Tuesday, February 7, 2012 at 7 pm at the Extension Office. Please contact Jeff or Helen Norris at 645-9854 or Marlin at 542-3543, if you would like to join.

Meat Quality Assurance Programs

April 17, 2012

May 15, 2012

There will be two programs offered in 2012.

Guidelines according to the State 4-H Office; anyone with a market livestock or breeding project who has not attended a training must do so, including poultry, rabbits and goats; anyone who was a junior last year and moving to senior (14 years old before January 1, 2012 or born in 1997) must also attend a training.

Those individuals in the **Market Swine** project have different guidelines that are set by the National Pork Producers Council. *Everyone enrolled in a market livestock or breeding project must sign a quality assurance statement on a yearly basis.* This includes all new 4-H members with livestock projects. Members that don't meet these requirements cannot participate at the county fair, State Fair, National Western, or any other major show.

NO EXCEPTIONS

Fair Board is requiring that all 4-H/FFA Members meet this requirement in order to show at the Morgan County Fair.

CONGRATULATIONS...

2012 National Western Stock Show Participants

MARKET GOATS

Jordan Kendrick 3rd place Jr. Showmanship 4th,
6th, 7th place
Braden Mortensen 6th place Jr. Showmanship
7th place
Jace Mortensen 6th place
Jamie Kosman 8th, 10th place
Austin Kosman 8th, 10th place
Madison Linton 9th, 10th place
Chelsea Linton 11th, 11th place
Wyatt Halley Participant

MARKET LAMBS

Madysen Griffith 6th, 12th place
Shelby Teague 7th place

MARKET HOGS

Alek Muhr 4th, 9th place
Tucker Teague 7th, 10th place
Charlee Jo Teague 9th place
Amanda Sears Participant
Shelby Teague Participant

MARKET BEEF

Megan Griffith 7th place, 11th place
Int. Showmanship

SHORTHORN HEIFERS

Madison Sneddon 6th place Junior Heifer

PROSPECT STEERS

Amanda Sears 4th place
Shelby Teague 4th place
Luke Seewald 5th place
Courtney Bass 6th place
Charlee Jo Teague 7th place
Justin Bass 9th place
Maverick Seewald 10th place



New Fair Board Livestock Rules

2012 Morgan County Fair

RABBITS

- Exhibitors may enter and weigh only one market pen of market rabbits.

POULTRY

- Exhibitors may enter and weigh only one market pen per division and cannot show in more than two divisions.

JUNIOR MARKET LIVESTOCK SALE

- For the 2012 Junior Market Sale, the number of animals in each species will sell:
- *Beef – 45 Swine – 45 Lambs – 45 Goats – 45 Poultry – 2 pens Rabbits – 1 pen*
There will be 5 more goats sold at the 2012 Fair Sale for a total of 45.

DRESS CODE

- All livestock exhibitors are required to wear appropriate show attire when competing. Shorts, tank tops, low cut shirts, shear blouses, flip flops, t-shirts, shirts with inappropriate messages and/or logos, ball caps, hats, or bare midriffs are not acceptable show attire and therefore may not be worn during a show event. Recommended dress is as follows: long or short sleeved button shirt or blouse, clean jeans or slacks with belt. Hard soled closed toed shoes or boots for safety. **Rabbit and Chickens:** jeans or slacks and long sleeved shirts are preferred for safety. **Dairy Cattle and Dairy Goats:** white shirts and pants are recommended. **Horse:** dress code is found in the Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book.

PET POLICY

- With the exception of Service Dogs and Dog Show, no pets are allowed on the fair grounds.

Contact Marlin if you have any questions - 542-3543

Identification and Weigh-In Dates (2012)

Forms available on our website and may be turned in earlier than due date

Species	Primary Care Begins	Weigh-In	~Animal I.D.'s
Horse	March 1		March 1
Beef (Market)	March 3	March 3	
Breeding Animals (Sheep, Goats)	May 1		
Breeding Beef	May 1		May 1
Dairy (Cattle)	May 1		May 1
Sheep/Goats (Market)	May 5	May 5	
Swine (Market)	May 7		May 7
Rabbits & Poultry (Breeding)	June 1		
Pen of Meat Rabbits	June 25		June 25
Pen of Meat Poultry	June 25		June 25

~These are not premises ID deadlines.

Livestock County Fair Dates: August 3 - August 9, 2012

Extension News

A Matter of Balance -Fall Prevention

A Matter of Balance begins Thursday, February 2 at Fort Morgan Senior Center. This 16-session program meets Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 to 11 a.m. through March 29. Falling is NOT a normal part of aging, yet older adults often limit activities because they fear falling and the consequences which might limit independence. A Matter of Balance sessions discuss falling from both the physical and mental aspect. Participants complete assessments to help them develop a personal plan for fall prevention, and learn simple exercises that improve strength, balance and range of motion. If you have a friend or family member who could benefit from this program, contact the Extension Center, 542-3544. We will be doing additional classes in Morgan County throughout 2012.

Parenting Workshop Begins February 8

A 6-week series on Parenting begins at Sherman School in Fort Morgan on Wednesday, February 8 and will be held each Wednesday through March 14 from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Child care is provided for children ages 2 to 12 and a light supper is served each evening. Participants learn about child development, positive discipline, family communication, setting limits and consequences, teaching children decision-making skills and much more. Registration is \$25 per person or \$40 per couple for all 6 weeks and includes supper and child care. Call 542-3540 by Monday, February 6. Registration limited to 25.

Eating and Living Well With Diabetes

This 4-session workshop helps those with diabetes and their families learn to select and prepare a variety of foods which taste good and meet diabetes guidelines. Participants learn to modify their favorite recipes and how to include more fiber, whole grains, fruits & vegetables, and calcium into daily meals and snacks. Participants have a choice of a morning workshop from 10 am to 1 pm. which includes lunch at 12 noon; or a workshop from 5:30 to 8:30 pm which includes dinner at 6:30 pm. The workshops will be held February 27 and March 5, 12 & 19. A small registration fee of \$40 per person or \$60 per couple covers food supplies for all 4 sessions. Call 542-3540 to register or for more information.

2012 Seedling Trees



Morgan County Extension is taking orders for seedling trees and shrubs. The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) seedling program is available to rural landowners who own at least two acres. The program encourages planting of trees and shrubs for windbreaks, to reduce erosion, and enhance wildlife habitat. Trees may not be resold as a living plant. Contact Marlin at 542-3543 or Jamie at 542-3540 for information or an order form. Order forms are also on the Morgan County Extension website; www.extension.colostate.edu/morgan. Orders will be taken until early March but popular species sell out early so don't delay. Trees and shrubs will arrive Thursday, March 29, 2012.

2012 A Healthier Weigh Challenge

The 2012 challenge began with 29 teams completing the team weigh-in Wednesday, January 11. Teams will compete for CASH PRIZES for miles of physical activity, percentage of beginning team weight lost, and percentage lost of beginning inches in waist circumference. Optional hands-on workshops on nutrition and health will be held at 5-weeks and 9-weeks into the challenge. Watch for updates on how many miles around North America the teams walk during the 12-week challenge.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



February

- 2 - Air Rifle Practice, Multi-Purpose Bldg Fairgrounds
- 7 - Horse Judging Practice, Extension Office, 7 PM
- 10 - CWF Application Deadline
- 10-12 - Youth Fest, Ponderosa Camp
- 16 - Horse Project Meeting, Extension Office, 7 PM
- 16 - Air Rifle Practice, Multi-Purpose Bldg Fairgrounds
- 20 - Holiday, Extension Office Closed**
- 20 - LAC, 4-H Council, Exchange Meeting, EO
- 21 - Horse Judging Practice, Extension Office, 7 PM

March



- 1 - **4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE (for fair participation)**
- 1 - **Horse ID's/Lease Forms DUE**
- 2 - Consumer Choices, 4:30 to 6 p.m., Extension Office
- 3 - Market Beef Weigh in, Location-Feldpausch Holsteins, LLC
- 6 - Horse Judging Practice, Extension Office, 7 PM
- 10 - Jr Swine Field Day, Morgan County Fairgrounds
- 15 - Horse Project Meeting, Extension Office, 7 PM
- 16 - Consumer Choices, 4:30 to 6 p.m., Extension Office
- 17 - Jr Sheep & Goat Field Day, Adams County Fairgrounds
- 20 - Horse Judging Practice, Extension Office, 7 PM
- 20 - Entry Deadline for Fair Book Cover Contest
- 24 - Jr Beef Field Day, Morgan County Fairgrounds
- 27 - 28 - Cake Decorating Workshops, 1-4 p.m., Extension Office
- 29 - Clothing Construction Workshop, 1-4 p.m., Location TBA

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