



Morgan County



4-H Crossroads

OCTOBER 2009

IN THE NEWS!

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

October 4-10, 2009

“CELEBRATE 4-H” The fundamental 4-H ideal of practical, “learn by doing” experiences encourage youth to experiment, innovate and think independently. 4-H programs are offered through school-based, after-school and camp settings and within community clubs. Share your 4-H Story with a friend!

MEET THE FUTURE is this year’s theme. Many youth across the nation will be participating in the National Science Experiment on October 7, “BioFuel Blast”. 4-H Council members tried it out in September.

Leaders' Advisory Funding 2010-2011

A new fundraising opportunity will be starting this month with *Calendar Sales*. This fundraiser will be the beginning of the new funding year (October 2009 to September 2010) for Leaders' Advisory.

Club Leaders will have sales forms for their October meetings and they are DUE TO THE EXTENSION OFFICE by NOVEMBER 16. Calendars will be delivered in time for Christmas.

Youth must participate in fundraisers to be eligible to receive funding from LAC. This is done by selling 4 items of any fundraisers (calendars, coffee, fudge or peaches). If youth do not sell 4 items, \$25 may be contributed to be eligible for funding.

Youth who did not sell 4 items or contribute \$25 for this 4-H year (October 2008-September 2009) will be receiving a letter in the mail as a reminder they will not receive funding.

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THANK YOU

Thank you to Kelsey Hergenreter, Wade Hofmeister, Hayley McMinn, Megan McMinn and Rachel Sauer for writing articles for the newspaper tabloid dedicated to National 4-H Week. 4-H pictures were used from a few of the record books for inclusion in the tabloid. Check it out, you may be there!

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4-H Information

2009-2010 ENROLLMENT

NEW THIS YEAR!!!! EARLY ENROLLMENT DEADLINE HAS BEEN MOVED TO JANUARY 8, 2010

It's time to think about 2009-2010 enrollment. We have been receiving calls from prospective 4-H members families asking for referrals to clubs. **Organizational Leaders**—if you feel like your club is at maximum capacity, please let us know so we can refer them to other clubs.

Enrollment cost will be at **\$17 per youth. After January 8, 2010, the cost will be \$22 per youth.**

LEADERS

As you plan for the 2009-2010 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 yellow application.

A primary emphasis this year will be to get new volunteers involved in helping 4-H members with projects and activities within 4-H clubs. This is an excellent way to “grow” the 4-H program.

COLORADO LEADERSHIP CAMP

Camp is for 7th, 8th and 9th grade youth. The Colorado Leadership Camp will be held November 20-22, 2009 at Glenwood Springs, Co at the Ramada Inn. The registration cost is \$110, which includes lodging for two nights, breakfast each morning, dinner on Friday night and lunch on Saturday. **Deadline to Register is November 6!**

MORGAN COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL MEETING
Election of officers will be held at the next meeting. Meet new friends and try new activities in 2010, run for a 4-H Council Office. **Next meeting is October 19 at 7 p.m. at the Morgan County Extension Office.**

NEW 4-H EXCHANGE BEGINS

October 19, 2009

Immediately following 4-H Council (probably 7:30-7:45 pm)

Morgan County Extension Office

Want to learn planning skills, leadership, practice citizenship, make decisions, become more self-reliant and learn about yourself-- participate in the 4-H exchange. A new program begins! I want to spend a little time setting goals and narrowing possible counties to exchange with to the top 2-3 counties and states. You need to be 13 prior to Jan 1, 2010. Pick up your packet today. Don't miss this opportunity.

2009 FAIR IS NOT OVER YET!

FAIR PREMIUMS



Fair Premiums are available through October 30. 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 premium.

FAIR PHOTOGRAPHS

Fair sale photographs are available at Lasting Images in Brush. All photos must be paid for when they are picked up.

Try New Projects in 2010

Robotics

Programming concepts are introduced using the RoboLab language. Youth learn what a robot is, how to build one and how to program the robot to use sensors to interact with its environment. Working collaboratively as members of a team, they make decisions and organize information to complete the 14 activities.

Geospatial

Exploring Spaces, Going Places explores the world of geospatial science and goes where no 4-H project has ever gone before! Accessed entirely on one CD, the three youth levels and helper's guide are valuable resources to anyone interested in geospatial technology, geographic education, Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Global Positioning Systems (GPS). Activities correlate with National Education Standards.

Wind

The activities in The Power of the Wind involve young people in the engineering design process as they learn about the wind and its uses. Youth work with members of a team to design, create, build, and test a wind powered device. The device must solve a problem and requires the designers to balance options and constraints. Participants are guided to make adjustments and retest until the vehicle or machine solves the original problem. They learn about transfer of energy and using machines to make work easier. They explore properties of electromagnetism while using wind power. Some activities ask youth to use their research and analytical skills to examine national, state and local issues surrounding wind power. Skills such as teamwork, learning from others, planning, organizing and following through on a project are developed and utilized throughout.

As youth construct wind powered devices, they:

- learn about the wind and how its energy is used to do work and produce electricity.
- become aware that all energy comes originally from the sun and that it can be transformed in many ways.
- learn how geography affects available wind power capacity.
- explore wind power projects in various parts of the United States.
- consider the factors necessary for a successful wind power project.
- share what they have learned with leaders in their communities.

LEADERS

ENROLLMENT

Make sure you enroll as a leader for your club. There are many opportunities for your help to be acknowledged. If you have never signed up as a leader before, make sure you fill out the additional Leader Application along with your enrollment form.

A GREAT WEBSITE FOR 4-H LEADERS . . .

<http://4-h.org/getinvolved/volunteerresources.html> I think you'll find the resources page really helpful.

Things to check out include: Cloverbud resources, Organizational basics, club officer training and installation ceremonies, fundraising, ways to serve your community and much more.

WESTERN REGIONAL LEADERS FORUM (WRLF)

WRLF will be held in Albuquerque, NM in 2010. These are great training opportunities for 4-H leaders. If you are interested, please let me know. The dates are March 10-14. Register by December 15. Their website is: <http://aces.nmsu.edu/4h/wrlf2010/>.

In 2011, Western Regional Leaders Forum will be in Seattle (May) and will a cruise to Alaska. Plan to attend now and we will start fundraising for any 4-H leader who wants to attend. *Goal would be to raise at least \$1,000/leader. Let me know if you are interested, to attend "Cruising to 4-H Excellence".

What's Happening this Fall!!

Investigate 4-H Night

Investigate 4-H Night was **October 1** at the Morgan County Fairgrounds. Encourage a friend to join 4-H.

Shooting Sports – AIR RIFLE PRACTICE

Air Rifle practice will be held every Thursday in October and November up until Thanksgiving. First practice is October 1 at the Morgan County Fairgrounds 6-8:30 pm.

Call Steve Kehm at 542-9291 or George Trujillo at 542-9134 if interested.

OCTOBER HUNTER EDUCATION CLASS IN MORGAN COUNTY

A hunter education home study class based on an interactive internet disc will begin on **October 13 in Fort Morgan** or **October 14 in Wiggins**. The combined class meets again on Saturday October 31 from 8am to 4:30pm for a field day and final exam. The cost is \$10 class size is limited and reservations are required.

Call

Rod Washburn 867-6550

Rick Sandquist 645-2471

Stephen Smith 483-7426

4-H County Achievement Night

The date and place for the County Achievement Program has been set. It will be **November 22** at



Lights On Afterschool 2009

On Thursday, Oct. 22, at thousands of events around the country, Americans will rally for the afterschool programs that keep kids safe, inspire them to learn and help working families.

To register your local event or to get tips on how to plan it, engage sponsors, interest lawmakers and the media - and much more.

Wanted: Freshmen 4-H'ers Attending CSU!

4-H'ers who are attending CSU as freshmen can apply to be a 4-H Scholar. The 4-H Scholars promote the positive experiences they had in 4-H and spend up to 20 hours a month representing 4-H at key activities, speaking at public events, and meeting with stakeholders and donors. For their efforts, each Scholar receives training, public relations support materials, reimbursement for expenses, and a \$1,500 annual stipend toward college expenses. Call Janice if interested. Apps are due by October 15.

MEET THE FUTURE

National 4-H Week October 4-10, 2009

Ever wonder what the future will look like? Just take a look at your local 4-H today. It's where young people explore, learn and discover in a safe environment. In 4-H, kids find their true passions, gain confidence and give back to the community.

Celebrate 4-H's efforts in helping today's kids become tomorrow's leaders.

www.4-H.org

Return by October 20

**Morgan County 4-H Council
Officer Application Form**

Office (s) Seeking _____

Offices Available: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Reporter, Senator (2)

Name _____ Club _____

Phone _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

Years of 4-H Work Completed, Including Present Year _____

Why do you want to run for a Morgan County 4-H Council Office?

4-H Projects and Activities completed, 4-H Offices held:

Livestock

LIVESTOCK COUNCIL MEETING

October 15th
6:30 p.m.
Extension Office
Discussion will be held on any 4-H livestock concerns, county fair record books, quality assurance programs. Leaders, parents and 4-H members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

HORSE COUNCIL MEETINGS

October 13 (Post Fair Meeting)
6:30 pm
Short meeting to go over any changes or concerns regarding the Morgan County Fair Horse Show.

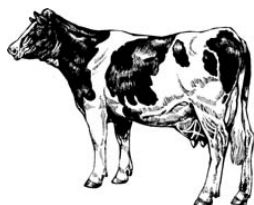
October 26 & November 30 (Regular Meetings)
7:00 pm
Extension Office
Leaders, parents and 4-H members are encouraged to attend this meeting.

NATIONAL WESTERN STOCK SHOW ENTRIES

Entries for market swine, lambs and goats are due November 1, 2009 to National Western Stock Show. Junior breeding beef are due November 20, 2009. Junior breeding sheep are due December 1, 2009. For more information and ownership dates, contact Marlin at the Extension Office.

2009 COLORADO DAIRY YOUTH FOUNDATION AWARDS

Champion Shan Sherwood
Reserve Champion Jessica Veeman



NWSS CATCH-A-CALF

A copy of the 2010 National Western Stock Show Catch-A-Calf application and program rules and regulations is now available. Applicants must be between the ages of 12 and 18 as of Dec. 31, 2009 to apply, and also enrolled in 4-H at time of application. Successful catchers must have adequate facilities available to house their steer as they are responsible for the care, feeding and handling of their animal. **NEW THIS YEAR!! Two Catch it Animals will be eligible to sell** Contact Marlin at 542-3543 for more information.

2009 HERDSMAN AWARD WINNERS

Rabbits	Bailey Baltazar
Poultry	Wyat VonFeldt
Goats	Chelsea Linton
Swine	Sean McFarland
Lambs	Maggie Christensen
Beef	Tucker Teague
Dairy	Kelly Griffith
Horse	Katie Weisbart

Outstanding Club Valley View Ag 4-H

2009 CARCASS WINNERS

Champion Beef	Cody Parker
Reserve Champion Beef	Maverick Seewald
Champion Lamb	Trever Carritt
Reserve Champion Lamb	Courtney Bass
Champion Swine	Charlee Teague
Reserve Champion Swine	Kelsi Blake
Champion Goat	Madison Linton
Reserve Champion Goat	Derek Walker

2009 COLORADO PORK PRODUCERS COUNCIL LIVE PLACING AWARDS

Champion	Skyler Seewald
Reserve Champion	Amanda Sears

STATE FAIR LIVESTOCK RESULTS

RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION, MARKET GOAT – CHARLEE TEAGUE

CHAMPION JR GOAT SHOWMANSHIP – CHARLEE TEAGUE

CHAMPION HAMPSHIRE HOG – ALEK MUHR

CHAMPION JR SWINE SHOWMANSHIP – TUCKER TEAGUE

CHAMPION SHORTHORN HEIFER – TUCKER TEAGUE

ALL STATE 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING MEMBERS – SHELBY TEAGUE – 3RD PLACE HIGH INDIVIDUAL OVERALL

Breeding Beef	Tucker Teague	1 st & 2 nd Place Jr Heifer Calf, 1 st & 2 nd Place Jr Yearling Heifer
	Shelby Teague	Res Champion Shorthorn Heifer, 1 st & 3 rd Place Sr Heifer Calf, 1 st Place Spring Yearling Heifer, 1 st Place Sr Yearling Heifer, 2 nd Place Jr Heifer Calf, 2 nd Place Jr Yearling Heifer
	Charlee Teague	1 st & 3 rd Place Jr Heifer Calf, 4 th Place Sr Heifer Calf, 4 th Place Jr Yearling Heifer
Market Beef	Skyler Seewald	1 st Place Market Steer
Market Goat	Charlee Teague	Champion Medium Wt Market Goat**Sale Animal
	Shelby Teague	5 th Place Market Goat 9 th Place Market Goat 3 rd Place Market Goat 3 rd Place Market Goat 4 th Place Market Goat 6 th Place Int Goat Showmanship
	Madison Linton	4 th Place Market Goat**Sale Animal 6 th Place Market Goat 10 th Place Market Goat
	Maddie Brashears	5 th Place Market Goat**Sale Animal 6 th Place Market Goat 10 th Place Market Goat
	Emma Mortensen	5 th Place Jr Goat Showmanship
	Kinsey Brashears	6 th Place Jr Goat Showmanship
	Jace Mortensen	7 th Place Market Goat
	Chelsea Linton	8 th Place Market Goat
	Jordan Kendrick	8 th Place Market Goat
Market Lamb	Shelby Teague	8 th Place Int Goat Showmanship Participant Res Champ Med Wt Lamb**Sale Animal
	Ryan Dreitz	2 nd Place Market Lamb 4 th Place Market Lamb
	Charlee Teague	2 nd Place Market Lamb**Sale Animal
	Christine Dreitz	3 rd Place Market Lamb
	Jordan Kendrick	3 rd Place Market Lamb**Sale Animal
	Kevin Bass	9 th Place Market Lamb
	Elizabeth Dill	Participant
	Lindsey Endsley	Participant
Market Swine	Alek Muhr	Participant Champ Hampshire Hog**Sale Animal
	Tucker Teague	2 nd Place Market Hog 4 th Place Market Hog Res Champion Yorkshire Hog**Sale Animal
	Charlee Teague	3 rd Place Market Hog
	Alex Martinez-Vickers	1 st Place Market Hog
Horse Show	Maddie Brashears	10 th Place Market Hog 4 th Place Jr Pole Bending 8 th Place Jr Flags
Rabbits	Timothy Brasby	Best of Variety Sr Buck 1 st , 2 nd , 5 th Sr Buck 1 st , 3 rd , 4 th , Jr Buck 6 th Sr Doe

Family and Consumer News

Start on your records NOW!!!

SURPRISE!!!! - Did you know you do NOT have to wait for your project manuals and record sheets to start keeping track of your project activities? If you get in the routine and start now—it will be a breeze when you finish the books next summer in preparation for fair.

The first step is setting your goals and these will vary depending on your age (Junior, Intermediate, or Senior 4-H level) and also the number of years you have been in a project. Junior members in a project for the first year will usually set 1 goal. If you are an Intermediate or Senior member who has taken a project area for several years is expected to set more extensive goals that will provide a challenge.

As far as recordkeeping, there are several ways you can do this to keep on top of your project:

- ▶ On the computer, set up a file—ideally one for each project you are in. Each time you do an activity, attend a meeting, purchase an item, etc., record it in the file. When it's time to finish records next summer, you can probably do a lot of cut and paste into the record form. Then all you have to do is write a summary of your project year and WOW—the record book is done!!!
- ▶ Non-Computer options: There are several ways you can do this if you don't have access to a computer.
 1. Use an extra calendar (those ones with big blocks of space for each day) and write down what, when, where, cost of project materials, etc. on the calendar.
 2. Get a spiral notebook and divide into sections for each project. Record information for each project in the section such as meeting dates, activities completed, community service, demonstrations, cost for supplies, etc.

Here are examples of what you need to keep track of for Family and Consumer projects.

- Foods—record all foods of any kind that you prepare
- Clothing—record any sewing or decorating you do; also any care of clothing you do such as mending
- Heritage Arts—record any type of heritage arts you do, even if it is not the unit in which you are enrolled
- Home Environment—record any items you make or decorate for your home, or other housing related activities such as repairs, painting, etc.
- Cake Decorating—record any cake decorating regardless of method, but remember you'll also need pictures of 4 cakes decorated with specific skills for the unit enrolled
- Child Development—keep track of any work or activities you do with young children

2010 Regional 4-H Project Fair

Tentative Date - February 20 or February 27

This event will be a new concept in Northeast Colorado to introduce 4-H members to various 4-H projects. Youth will have a chance to try out various project skills as well as learn about contest events such as Creative Cooks and Demonstrations.

This event will be for both members and leaders. As plans get completed and the date confirmed we'll have more information in future newsletters, BUT, put these dates on your calendar now and plan to attend.

Extension News

A Matter of Balance Workshops



A Matter of Balance is an 8 session program for older adults to learn positive methods to reduce falls so they can remain active and independent. CSU Extension in Morgan County has trained volunteers to present programs in the community. If you know of family or others who could benefit from attending a class on preventing falls, let us know. This program is being offered in partnership with Area Agency on Aging in Northeast Colorado. For more information, contact Luann at 542-3544.

Growing and Using Herbs



Learn about growing and using herbs on November 4, 2009 at 5:30 p.m. at the Extension office meeting room. Joanne Jones and Luann Boyer are partnering to present a fun class including hands-on activities. Joanne will discuss growing herbs as ornamentals in the flower garden, in the garden to use fresh and to preserve, and growing in pots on the patio or in the kitchen. Luann will show how to use the herbs in cooking and you'll get to sample some tasty treats. For more information or to register for the class, contact the Extension office at 542-3540.

2010 Master Gardener Training

On October 5, 2009 the Extension office will begin taking applications for the **Master Gardener training** program for the 2010 year. Applications are online at www.ext.colostate.edu/morgan or may be picked up at the office. Completed applications are due to the Extension office by 5 p.m. November 2, 2009. Training will be at the Extension office meeting room on Monday and Wednesday evenings from 6 to 9 p.m. beginning January 20, 2010. Topics include lawn care, tree care, herbaceous plants, insects and diseases of woody plants, vegetables, and water wise landscape design. For information contact the Extension office at 542-3540.

Northeast Colorado Diabetes Health Fair

Saturday, October 24

8 a.m. - 12 Noon

Yuma Community Center, Yuma

Featured presentations:

"Taking Control" discussing developing a diabetes management program

"Telling My Story" which is for youth with diabetes and their parents.

Additional events:

Diabetes Screenings

Meal Planning Demonstrations with Samples

Vendors, Agencies & Organizations with Products and Resources



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER

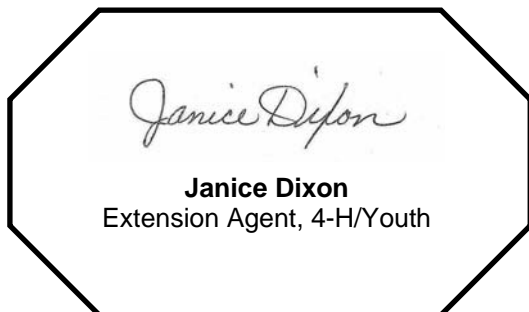
- 1 - Investigate 4-H Night, MC Fairgrounds
- 1 - Outstanding Leader Nomination Letters DUE
- 4-10 - National 4-H Week "CELEBRATE 4-H"
- 12 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed
- 13 - Post Fair Horse Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Extension Office
- 13 - Hunter Education Class, Fort Morgan
- 14 - Hunter Education Class, Wiggins
- 15 - Livestock Council Meeting, 6:30pm, Extension Office
- 19 - County Council Meeting, 7pm, Extension Office
- 19 - Exchange 2010 Meeting, 7:30pm, Extension Office
- 22 - Lights on Afterschool 2009
- 24 - Northeast Colorado Diabetes Health Fair, Yuma
- 26 - Horse Council Meeting, 7pm, Extension Office

NOVEMBER

- 2 - Colorado Master Gardener Course Application Deadline
- 4 - Growing & Using Herbs Class, 5:30 pm Extension Office
- 6 - Deadline for Colorado Leadership Camp, Extension Office
- 16 - Deadline for Calendar Sales, Extension Office
- 22 - 4-H Achievement Night, MC Fairgrounds
- 26-27 - HOLIDAY, Extension Office Closed
- 30 - Horse Council Meeting, 7pm, Extension Office

LOST and FOUND

We have some items that were found at the Fair. So if you are missing any items, come by and see if it is here. (4-H Duffle Bag, Curling Iron etc)



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