



Morgan County



# 4-H Crossroads

FEBRUARY 2009

## NEWS!

Sheryl Weibert and Mike Staley were recognized by Colorado Farm Bureau as Outstanding Leaders in Colorado at the Colorado Leadership Development Conference in Denver.

Ryan Dreitz was one of two Colorado 4-H members recognized as an Outstanding 4-H Junior Leader by the Colorado Farm Bureau at the LDC.

Youth attending the LDC were Jenna Buckley, Ryan Dreitz, Conner Gerken, Kelsey Hergenreter, Zach Lebsock, Sara Lockhart, Hayley McMinn, District I President; Wade Schamberger, Kathleen Heupel, Morgan Ritchey and Kayla Tormohlen.



## CONGRATULATIONS...

*National Western Stock Show*

*Charlee Teague –*

Reserve Champion Jr Sheep Showman

Reserve Champion Shorthorn Heifer

For more results, go to page 7

## ENROLLMENT DEADLINE!

March 2 will be the last day to enroll in 4-H in order to exhibit at the 2009 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 \$22. For youth enrolling in 4-H for the first time, the cost is \$17. **PLEASE TURN IN COMPLETED FORMS (INCLUDING LEADERS SIGNATURE!!!) ADD/DROP DEADLINE! May 15**



## Fairbook Cover Contest

The Morgan County Fair Board will be giving the youth who draws the best illustration for the Fairbook Cover a \$100 savings bond. Entries need to be handdrawn in dark pencil or ink on a white 8 1/2 X 11 inch piece of paper. Place your name on the back. The deadline to submit your entry is February 26, 2009. Practice and submit your entry(s) soon!

## Fair Youth Superintendents

We need the help of 4-H youth who would like to help with the 2009 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**

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# 4-H Activities

## 2009 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 14-21 in Washington DC. Two expense paid trips are available. Deadline is February 17.

## 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.

## State 4-H Conference

June 22-26, 2009  
Colorado State University  
Fort Collins, CO



## SHOOTING SPORTS

### COUNTY FAIR ELIGIBILITY

1. All participants must be 4-H members currently enrolled in the 4-H Shooting Sports Project.
2. Juniors: 8—13 years old as of 1/1/09 Seniors: 14—18 years old as of 1/1/09
3. Appropriate safety equipment is the shooter's responsibility.
4. All youth MUST complete record books and participate in interview judging for scores to count.

You must have participated in at least three(3) County \*Certified shoots in each of the divisions entered to compete at the County Fair. For safety reasons, a shotgun shooter must shoot at least three (3) practices in each class they want to compete in. \*Certified shoots are shoots shot in front of the contest superintendent or assistant superintendent of the discipline.

\*For emergency situations, the superintendent and shooting sports committee will take it under consideration for county only results. Youth not participating in county shoots will not be eligible for State Fair Shoot.

\*Guidelines for Classes and equipment will be same as the current rulebook. You may view the Colorado Shooting Sports Rule Book at: [http://www.4h.colostate.edu/ss/ss\\_contest/index.html](http://www.4h.colostate.edu/ss/ss_contest/index.html) Click on rule book

### AIR RIFLE SHOOTING

Start shooting early in 2009! 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 or George Trujillo 542-9134. Practice Dates: FEBRUARY 5 & 26 MARCH 5 & 26 APRIL 9 & 23

## DOG OBEDIENCE

Orientation—First Year Enrollment Only  
(NO DOGS) February 23 6:30 p.m.  
Multipurpose Building, MC Fairgrounds

Dog Obedience Practices  
6:30 p.m.—1st year or new dog  
7:30 p.m.—2nd year same dog  
Multipurpose Building/Indoor Arena, Fairgrounds  
March 2, 9, 16, 30—No Class March 23  
April 6, 13, 20, 27  
May 4, 11, 18 – No Class May 25



Showmanship classes will  
be held at DuWest  
Kennels in Ft Morgan at 7:00 pm

June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 July 20  
No Class July 6  
Record Book Class—July 13 at 7:00 p.m.  
Interview Judging – July 29  
County Fair Dog Show—July 30 8:00 a.m.

## 4-H Meetings

<b>Leaders Advisory Committee</b> – Monday, February 16, 2009	5:30 p.m.
<b>4-H Council</b> – Monday, February 16, 2009	7:00 p.m.
<b>4-H Exchange</b> – Monday, February 16, 2009	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.colorado4h.org/events\\_opportunities/scholarships/index.shtml](http://www.colorado4h.org/events_opportunities/scholarships/index.shtml)

To apply for most of the scholarships offered through Colorado State University for the 2009-2010 academic year, applicants should complete the CSU Scholarship Application available online. By submitting this one application form, students will be considered for all appropriate scholarships at the University level. You can complete online beginning January 1. **The deadline for completing is March 1, 2009**

**Applications for these scholarships are available on the internet or you can stop by the Extension Office and pick one up!**

### Due in March

Johnson & Wales - Due March 1, 2009

### Due in April

Colorado Agricultural Development Authority -  
Due April 1, 2009

CSU Collegiate 4-H Scholar – Due April 1, 2009

Smith Scholarship - Due April 1, 2009

Holthaus Scholarship - Due April 1, 2009

Portouw Family 4-H Photography - Due April 1,  
2009

Kimberling Scholarship - Due April 1, 2009

Sanstead Scholarship - Due April 1, 2009

Morgan County Cattlemen's Association  
Scholarship – April 17, 2009

### Due in May

Guide Dog Raising/Training - Due May 15, 2009

# Family & Consumer

## Project Trainings

### **Cake Decorating Workshops - March 23 - 26; 1-3 p.m.**

#### **Extension Office Meeting Room**

We are going to try a different format for the Cake Decorating this year. We will provide a series of workshops Monday through Thursday of spring break with different skill levels covered each day. Tentative schedule will be Unit 1 basics on Monday; Unit 1 icing and decorating on Tuesday; Unit 2 and 4 on Wednesday; Unit 3, 5 and Up on Thursday. All members enrolled in cake decorating by the March 2 deadline will get information.

### **Fiber Fun Day - Wednesday, June 10**

#### **4-H Building, Morgan County Fairgrounds, Brush**

This day-long event will let 4-H members spend intensive time on any project that involves fiber and/or fabric. Watch for details on special fiber activities that will be available.

### **Kid's Culinary Kamp - Friday, June 19**

#### **Location TBA**

Another day-long event that provides lots of hands-on skills for youth to learn actual food preparation techniques. Registration will be limited based on facility and this activity is for 4-Hers 8 years and older. More details in the March newsletter.

## Consumer Choices

### **Activities Begin Wednesday, February 25**

#### **4:00 - 5:30 p.m., Extension Meeting Room**

Consumer Choices will be held on most Wednesday afternoons from February 25 through April 15. Participants will be able to attend events in Arapahoe and Adams County as well as the Northeast Invitational in Brush on April 18. Consumer Choices uses skills of decision-making in a fun activity. You will learn this skill to use in making wise choices. There are also a consumer bowl and consumer challenge activities similar to what many of you participated in the day of interview judging last summer. This activity is open to all 4-H members regardless of all projects. There is no cost and we will have lots of fun!!! Contact Luann at 542-3544 for more information.

## NE Colorado Consumer Choices Invitational

### **Saturday, April 18**

#### **Morgan County Fairgrounds, Brush**

This event will include Consumer Choices as well as Consumer Bowl and Consumer Skillathon. This invitational will include 4-Hers from other counties in NE Colorado so not only will you learn a lot, you'll meet new friends.

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# Livestock

**NEW!** (COOL)

## Country of Origin Label

Mandatory Country of Origin Labeling (COOL) was implemented starting on September 30, 2008 by the USDA. As a result, all beef, pork, 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.



### 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 17, 2009**

**Please contact Marlin with questions or visit our website to print the form.**

## 2009 Beef Weigh In

March 7, 2009

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Pinneo Feedlots (2 miles east of Brush on Hwy 34)

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, purchase invoice) to be properly inspected. Breeding beef are not to be tagged.

## Horse Council Meeting

February 17th 7:00 p.m.  
Extension Office  
Contact Marlin at (970) 542-3543

## Pair of Breeding Rabbits to be

## Donated to Qualified Youth

Animals will be distributed in the Spring.  
Contact the Extension Office for an application  
Applications are DUE to the Extension office on March 31

### **HORSE ID FORMS**

#### **DUE MARCH 2, 2009**

Only NEW horses or NEW members with horses are required to turn in a horse ID.

ID's turned in for 2008 are valid for 2009. Check with Marlin if you have questions.

**LIVESTOCK JUDGING  
ORIENTATION ...  
FEBRUARY 15, 2009**

Call Marlin at 542-3543 if you are interested in participating.

## Jr Swine Field Day

March 14, 2009 - Morgan County Fairgrounds

## Jr Sheep & Goat Field Day

March 21, 2009 - Adams County Fairgrounds

## Jr Beef Field Day

March 28, 2009 - Morgan County Fairgrounds

# 2009 Fair Schedule Changes

## RABBITS AND POULTRY

### FRIDAY:

8:00 a.m.– 9:00 a.m.	Check in Rabbits (Rabbit Barn)
8:00 a.m.– 9:00 a.m.	Check in Poultry (MP Building)
9:00 a.m.	Poultry Judging
11:00 a.m.	Rabbit Judging

## New Fair Board Livestock Rules for 2009 Morgan County Fair

### DAIRY

NO STRAW ALLOWED. Only wood shavings and they will be provided.

### GOATS

Breeding Goat show; Junior Kid—Born after Jan 1  
Senior Kid—Born before Jan 1  
Less than one year of age and kids teeth must be intact

### HORSE

The County Fair 4-H Horse Show will remain on Sunday

### POULTRY

Selling two pens of market poultry.  
If the Champion poultry pen is also the champion Catch-It Chicken, the Reserve Champion pen of market poultry will sell.

### SWINE

Market Swine must be at the fairgrounds by 6:00 pm  
Sunday  
Pens will have two 2" X 10" boards bolted on the top of pens for tack

### MARKET BEEF, GOAT, SHEEP, SWINE

Classes will be broken down with approximately the same number of animals in each class. Classes may be broken with same weight animals in two different classes. This will be more equitable for determining sale eligibility.

Contact Marlin if you have any questions - 542-3543

## Meat Quality Assurance Programs

April 21, 2009

May 12, 2009

There will be two programs offered in 2009. 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, 2009 or born in 1994) 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.

### **PREMISES ID:**

The Fair Board voted to continue the rule: ***ALL LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS (including horses, rabbits and poultry) MUST HAVE A PREMISES ID TO EXHIBIT AT THE MORGAN COUNTY FAIR.***

Contact Marlin if you need a PREMISES ID Number

**County Fair Dates July 31 - August 6, 2009**

**Identification and Weigh-In Dates (2009)**

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

<b>Species</b>	<b>Primary Care Begins</b>	<b>Weigh-In</b>	<b>I.D's</b>
Horse	March 2		March 2
Beef (Market)	March 7	March 7	
Breeding Beef	May 1		May 1
Dairy (Cattle)	May 1		May 1
Breeding Animals (Sheep/Goats)	May 1		
Sheep/Goats (Market)	May 2	May 2	
Swine (Market)	May 4		May 4
Rabbits & Poultry (Breeding)	June 1		
Pen of Meat Poultry	June 25		June 25
Pen of Meat Rabbit	June 25		June 25

**CONGRATULATIONS...**

*2009 National Western Stock Show Participants*

**MARKET GOATS**

Chelsea Linton            2<sup>nd</sup> Place; 10<sup>th</sup> Place  
 Madison Linton        3<sup>rd</sup> Place; 8<sup>th</sup> Place  
 Kinsey Brashears      8<sup>th</sup> Place  
 Hanna Hergenreter    8<sup>th</sup> Place  
 Maddie Brashears     9<sup>th</sup> Place  
 Merritt Singley        9<sup>th</sup> Place  
 Ryan Hergenreter      11<sup>th</sup> Place; 12<sup>th</sup> Place

**BREEDING GOATS**

Wade Hofmeister        1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place Doe Kids

**MARKET LAMB**

Ryan Dreitz              1<sup>st</sup> Place  
 Charlee Teague        Res Champ Jr Showman  
                                   7<sup>th</sup> place

*Participants:* Shelby Teague

**MARKET BEEF**

Corey Ritchey            6<sup>th</sup> Place

**MARKET SWINE**

Maverick Seewald      10<sup>th</sup> Place  
 Alek Muhr                11<sup>th</sup> Place

*Participants:* Jade Crandall, Clayton Dutton, Kristy Linbom, Brittany Robinson, Chance Robinson, Cody Robinson, Trey Robinson, , Gerrod Schulte

**BREEDING BEEF**

*Charlee Teague*        Res Champ Shorthorn Heifer  
 1<sup>st</sup> place junior heifer, 1<sup>st</sup> place int. heifer, 1<sup>st</sup> place  
 spring yrlg. heifer, 4<sup>th</sup> place winter heifer class and  
 5<sup>th</sup> place heifer calf

*Shelby Teague*        1<sup>st</sup> place winter heifer calf,  
 3<sup>rd</sup> place senior heifer calf and 4<sup>th</sup> junior heifer calf

*Tucker Teague*        7<sup>th</sup> junior heifer calf

**PROSPECT STEERS**

Maverick Seewald      3<sup>rd</sup> Place; 5<sup>th</sup> Place  
 Skyler Seewald        5<sup>th</sup> Place

# Extension News

## *Working Effectively with Children and Families*

First Saturday of the Month - February through June

9 a.m. - 12 Noon, Extension Center Meeting Room

\$10 Per Program - Discount Registration for Multiple Programs

3 hours credit for child care licensure renewal

Program Topics: February 7, Developmental Perspectives for Children and Youth

March 7, Positive Discipline

April 4, How to be BrainWise

May 2, Handling Challenging Behaviors

June 6, Family Involvement and Partnership.

Presented by Christine Cerbana, CSU Extension Parent Education Coordinator

Registration Due Thursday prior to each program; call 542-3540

## *Radon Program February 21*

40% of homes in Northeast Colorado which were tested for radon in 2008 had levels higher than recommended. Exposure to radon is the second leading cause of lung cancer in the United States. Because you can't see it, you don't know if your home has radon without testing. Attend "Radon in the Home" Saturday, February 21, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. at the Extension Center Meeting Room and receive a free radon tester. No charge, but program is limited to 40 persons. Call Morgan County Extension at 970-542-3540 by Wednesday, February 18.

## *Order Seeding Trees*



As a cooperator with the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS), Morgan County Extension is taking orders for seedling trees. The seedling tree program enables farmers, ranchers, and rural landowners who own at least two acres of land to obtain trees at a nominal fee. The program encourages landowners to establish effective windbreaks; to reduce erosion; to protect homes, cropland, livestock, and highways; and to enhance wildlife habitat. CSFS Nursery trees and shrubs are grown for their conservation benefits only. Trees may not be resold as living plants. Trees and shrubs will arrive early April 2009. Contact Joanne Jones at 542-3542 for more information or to pickup a planning booklet or order form.

## *Native Plant Master™*

Have you always wanted to learn more about the beautiful plants that grow in nature? Would you like to learn how to use them in your landscape? Would you like to learn how to distinguish natives from noxious weeds? Become a Native Plant Master! A session of Native Plant Master will be taught in May 2009. The session includes Saturdays, May 9, 16 and 23. For more information contact Joanne at the Extension office, 542-3542.

# CALENDAR OF EVENTS

## February

- 5 - Air Rifle Practice, MultiPurpose Bldg Fairgrounds
- 13-15 - YouthFest, Ponderosa Camp
- 17 - Horse Council Meeting, Extension Office
- 17 - CWF Application Deadline
- 23 - LAC, 4-H Council, Exchange Meeting, Extension Office
- 25-28 - Western Regional Leaders Forum, Denver
- 26 - Air Rifle Practice, MultiPurpose Bldg Fairgrounds
- 26 - Entry Deadline for Fairbook Cover Contest

## March

- 2 - 4-H ENROLLMENT DEADLINE (for fair participation)**
- 2 - Horse ID's DUE
- 5 - Air Rifle Practice, MultiPurpose Bldg Fairgrounds
- 7 - Market Beef Weigh in, Pinneo Feedlot
- 14 - Jr Swine Field Day, Morgan County Fairgrounds
- 21 - Jr Sheep & Goat Field Day, Adams County Fairgrounds
- 23 - 26 - Cake Decorating Workshops, 1-3 p.m., Extension Center
- 26 - Air Rifle Practice, MultiPurpose Bldg Fairgrounds
- 28 - Jr Beef Field Day, Morgan County Fairgrounds

## April

- 9 - Air Rifle Practice, MultiPurpose Bldg Fairgrounds
- 18 - NE Invitational Consumer Choices, Fairgrounds
- 23 - Air Rifle Practice, MultiPurpose Bldg Fairgrounds

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**Hours:** Monday thru Friday

8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



**Janice Dixon**  
Extension Agent, 4-H/Youth

# 4-H Volunteer Positions

## 2009 Morgan County Fair

### Volunteer Positions Available

Superintendent – Interview Judging and/or other 4-H Fair Activities

Displaying Exhibits in Event Center

Assistance in Fair Office – Data entry  
Proofreading  
Posters

Marketing - Radio Presentations  
Writing Press Releases for Fair Supplement  
Distribution of Fair Promotion Materials – flyers, table tents, etc.  
4-H Promotion Booth

### Applications should have the following qualifications:

- Have at least 2 years of experience as a regular 4-H member
- Be able to listen and follow directions with a minimum amount of supervision
- Be able to complete a task as assigned
- Be respectful of others
- Have good attendance
- Be dependable
- Be willing to be trained to perform tasks

Applicants will be contacted for interviews to determine volunteer assignment.

See Other Side for Volunteer Application.

# Morgan County Fair Youth Volunteer

To serve as a Youth Volunteer for the 2009 Morgan County Fair, complete this application form.  
**Applications are due March 31, 2009 to Morgan County Extension.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Position Applying For: \_\_\_\_\_

Names and Phone Numbers of Two Non-Family References

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

Give three reasons why you would like this job:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

List any work or job experiences you have \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

What skills do you have that prepare you for this position? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**See Other Side for Volunteer Qualifications**

**4 project opportunities at the same time !!!**

- **Record Book**
- **Obedience**
- **Rally**
- **Showmanship**

Do you own a dog?

Or does your dog own you?

You can teach an old dog new tricks!

Come learn how to make your dog a better family companion and friend that you will be proud to show off!

Come and join the Morgan County

4-H Dog project and

Make your dog your best friend!

**Dog Project Information Night Feb 23, 2009**

**Time: 7:00 PM at the Morgan Co Fairgrounds**

# **Morgan County 4-H Dog Project**

Record Book instruction to be held on

Monday July 13th, 2009

Obedience classes to start on

Monday, March 2, 2009

Showmanship classes to start on

Monday June 1st, 2009

4-H Dog Show to be held on July 30th, 2009

Contact Lori Pruett at 970-867-6185

for any questions about the project

