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4-H Crossroads



June 2008

DATES TO REMEMBER

Fiber Fun Day	June 4
Kids Kulinary Kamp	June 7
Cake Decorating Workshop	June 11
State 4-H Conference	June 24-27
Meat Poultry ID's DUE	June 25, 5:00 p.m.
Meat Rabbit ID's DUE	June 25, 5:00 p.m.
Talent Show	July 6, 2:00 p.m.
Cloverbud Workshop	July 10
Concession Stand Training	July 10, 7:00 p.m.
Fashion Revue Workshop	July 22, 1:30 p.m.

See inside for more details.

Fair Entries
Wednesday, July 16, 2008
5:00 p.m.

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Hours: 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Monday-Friday

Colorado State University, U.S. Department of Agriculture and Morgan County cooperating. Extension programs are available to all without discrimination.



In The News



Congratulations to Scholarship Winners ...
Rex May and Jase Powell—Morgan County Cattlemen's Association

Jamie Christensen, Beau Fuchs, Kelsey Heupel and Lana Schamberger—Morgan County 4-H Foundation

State 4-H Scholarship Winners ...
Kelsey Heupel—Colorado Agricultural Development Authority
Chris Ely—Portouw Family 4-H Scholarship
Chris Ely—Audrey Sandstead Scholarship
Beau Fuchs—Bill and Barbara Holthaus Family 4-H Scholarship

Congratulations to: **Connie Dreitz**— She was selected to chaperone the Colorado delegation to Citizenship ... Washington Focus (CWF) at the end of June.

Thanks to ...

FFA members who helped with the Youth Safety programs. You did a super job!

Ryan Probasco and Zach Lebsock for their help with the Green Acres after-school programs.

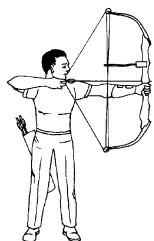
Livestock Judging

Logan County—**Shelby Teague** placed fourth overall and was 6th overall in beef. , **Emma Mortensen, Jace Mortensen, Colton Unrein, Charlee Teague, Tucker Teague, Dustin Warboys and Sheyanne Warboys** also competed.

Results from Adams and Weld County Judging Contests will be in the next newsletter.



4-H



PRACTICES IN JUNE

Air Rifle & Air Pistol—June 10 & June 24

6 – 8 p.m., Multi-Purpose Building, MC Fairgrounds

.22 and Muzzleloading—June 14 & June 28

9 a.m. – Morgan County Gun Club

Shotgun—June 11 & June 25

5 – 7 p.m. at Paul Oliveira's home, 12710 CR W.5, Weldona
Questions call (970) 645-2157

Archery—June 3 & June 17

4 to 6 p.m. at Jon Flair's house, 28294 Rd Y, Snyder

Archery— June 12 & June 26

5 to 7 p.m. at Paul Olivera's house, 12710 CR W.5, Weldona

Skeet and Five Stand Shoots— Call Al Seely

Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting

June 5, 5:30 pm, Extension Office

Shooting Sports Family Camp Out

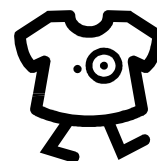
June 13, 14, 15

The 21st annual 4-H Shooting Sports Family Camp Out registration flier is available at the Extension Office or on our website: www.extension.colostate.edu/morgan

For more information, call 542-3545.

HUNTER EDUCATION CERTIFICATES

If you have a Hunter Safety Education Number, please contact the Extension Office so we can update our files. If you plan to Shoot at County/State Fair, we need your number on file. For more information, call 542-3540.



4-H SHOOTING SPORTS T-SHIRTS

Order forms are available at the Extension Office or online at <http://www.extension.colostate.edu/morgan/>. Orders are due by June 23 and may be given to Lori Gapter or taken to Bijou T Quest.

4-H LEADERS

Is a cruise in your future—It can be!!!

Western Regional 4-H Leaders forum in 2011 is planning a different format...how different? The Washington State 4-H Advisory Board has decided to host the 2011 Western Regional 4-H Forum as a cruise! Yes, it's true, we'll be 'CRUISING TO EXCELLENCE' I think they'll be leaving from Seattle, cruising to the Alaska coast and returning to Seattle. More details will be available as the adventure unfolds. Several years ago, several 4-H leaders made a two year plan and fundraised for their WRLF experience in Hawaii—this opportunity could be for you! Let me know if you are interested.

Stay Informed Weekly!!!

Our office will e-mail you each week with information about 4-H activities! Let us know your e-mail address and we can add you to the 4-H weekly update list!

Shooting Sports Events at the 2008 Morgan County Fair

.22 (All Four Divisions)	July 19	8:00 a.m.	Morgan Gun Club
Muzzleloading	July 19	8:00 a.m.	Morgan Gun Club
Shotgun Contest	July 20	8:00 a.m.	To Be Determined
Archery	July 21	8:00 a.m.	Multi-Purpose Bldg., MC Fairgrounds
Air Rifle	July 21	9:30 a.m.	Multi-Purpose Bldg., MC Fairgrounds
Air Pistol	July 21	9:30 a.m.	Multi-Purpose Bldg., MC Fairgrounds
Advanced Shotgun	TBA	TBA	Washington County Gun Club Range

ACTIVITIES

Wild West Carnival

Wednesday, August 6
8:00—9:30 pm (After Catch-It Contest)
4-H Building

At last years fair, 118 kids and their families enjoyed the Wild West Carnival. At your June meeting, ask for volunteers (at least 1 adult please) to provide “MAN-POWER” to run the many game at the carnival. If you volunteer to help with the carnival, your club will receive a cash rebate for participating.

Last year seven clubs received a cash rebate of \$13 to \$51. REMEMBER all games are provided and any 4-H member who helps with the carnival for at least ONE HOUR, can get a “1/2 Price Coupon” to attend the 4-H dance. Questions call Annette Lebsock at 867-9241.

4-H E-Records and Report Sheets
can be found on our website at
<http://www.extension.colostate.edu/morgan/>

Leaders Advisory Meeting

Monday, June 16, 5:30 p.m.
Morgan County Extension Office

4-H Council

Monday, June 16, 7 pm
Extension Office

4-H Talent Festival

Sunday, July 6, 2:00 p.m.
First Christian Church, Fort Morgan, CO

SELL RAFFLE TICKETS FOR A 2008 FORD 4x4 F150 XLT and earn money for your 4-H Club or the Morgan County 4-H Foundation

Morgan County 4-H has received 150 raffle tickets to sell for the Colorado 4-H Foundation. Tickets are \$20 with \$5 from each ticket will go back to your 4-H club if they want it or to the Morgan County 4-H Foundation. We hope that each 4-H club can sell 10 or more tickets! Contact the Extension Office if you are interested.

Fair Thank You Notes

ALL 4-H members are reminded it is important to **THANK Award Sponsors and Live-stock Buyers** who support 4-H.

Unfortunately, we have lost some sponsors because they did not receive a Thank You note so they felt their contribution was not important to the youth.

All youth receiving any award/and or selling a market animal **MUST** turn in a stamped, addressed, ready-to-mail thank you note **OR a copy of the note if it has already been mailed** before receiving premium money.

Contact information for all awards is included on a label with awards.

Premium money will be available at the Extension Office from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. beginning Tuesday, August 19 until Wednesday October 31.

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

State 4-H Conference

June 24-27, 2008

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

WHO: 4-H members 14 and over as of January 1, 2008

COST: Total cost is approximately \$240, 1/2 will be re-funded to participant from LAC after attendance.

ACTIVITIES: Workshops, speech contests, CWF orientation, judging contests, mixers and dances

New Event: LIVESTOCK BOWL

Thursday, June 26 at 8 am, during State 4-H Conference

Registration for State 4-H Conference is now open until June 9. The cost is about \$240 depending on the number of nights lodging.

It is highly recommend that youth 14 and over attend State 4-H Conference at least once during their 4-H career. 4-H members will enjoy the interaction with members from across Colorado and learn more about the 4-H program at the state level. Call Janice if you have questions at 542-3545.

PARENT AND LEADERS IMPORTANT!!!!

Pre-Fair Event Schedule

For 2008, the pre-fair schedule will be similar to last year with a few minor changes in times. **MARK** these dates on your calendar **NOW** so you'll show up on the right day!

Monday, July 28— Fashion Revue

Practice will be held at the Fashion Revue Workshop on July 22. An optional Rehearsal at 12 Noon on July 28 will be available. Participants will receive details later in June. Public Revue will be at 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 30 - Interview Judging

ALL 4-H General Projects
ALL 4-H Family and Consumer projects
Dog Obedience
ALL Catch-It-Animals except 1st Year Dairy
Club Scrapbooks, Secretary & Treasurer
Books, Community Service
Cloverbud Entries and Optional Interview

Thursday, July 31—Dog Obedience Contest

Friday, August 1

8:30 a.m. Creative Cooks Contest
1:00 p.m. Demonstration Contest
12:30 p.m. Poultry and Rabbit Judging

Creative Cooks begins at 8:30 a.m. with awards at noon. The Event Center will be open to the public at 12 noon so you will be able to sample the Creative Cooks entries before you see the award results of Interview Judging.

4-H Concession Stand Food Safety Training

Thursday, July 10

7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

4-H Building, Fairgrounds

This training is the requirement from 4-H Leaders' Advisory that any leader/parent/adult **MUST** attend a food safety training at least once before working in the 4-H Concession Stand during the fair.

Leaders' Advisory also requires that anyone who has previously attended the hands-on training **must complete an open book refresher quiz before working in the concession stand the current year.**

The open book refresher quiz will be available from the Extension Center beginning Tuesday, July 1, and is to be returned by Wednesday, July 16.

Each club should **RSVP by Wednesday, July 9** the **NAMES OF ADULTS** from your club who will be attending the July 10 training **AS WELL AS THE NAMES** of all adults who will be working in the Concession Stand. This will help us know that all adults have completed the LAC requirement.

Thanks from Leaders' Advisory Committee for making sure that 4-H serves safe food during the fair. For questions about this food safety requirement, contact Luann at 542-3544.



Family & Consumer

Fiber Fun Day

Wednesday, June 4
9 am - 4 pm, 4-H Building, Brush

Registration: \$10 for youth
\$5 for adults who are available to help

4-H members and other youth who want to have hands-on time doing their 4-H project or to learn more about fiber projects should attend. Youth will be able to improve their skills of sewing, knitting, crocheting, quilting, decorate your duds and more. This day provides a time for youth enrolled in 4-H projects to get an early start on exhibits in a fun atmosphere. Special activities and demonstrations on felting, spinning and weaving are planned.

Kids Culinary Kamp

Saturday, June 7
9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Akron Senior Center

Learn baking and food preparation skills during this day-long, hands-on program. You'll learn to make pies, pizza, cupcakes, and quick breads as well as how to garnish foods and presenting food attractively.

Each participant will complete all 5 skills and enjoy what they make for lunch as well as take home food to share with family. A \$15.00 fee includes all materials. Parents and leaders who volunteer to help will only pay \$5.00 to cover food costs for lunch. Call Luann at 542-3544 for more information.

Cake Decorating Workshop

Wednesday, June 11
9 a.m. - 12 Noon, 4-H Building, Brush

This workshop helps those enrolled in 4-H Cake Decorating learn skills for completing their project exhibit. It is open to any youth who would like to learn about cake decorating even if they are not enrolled. Registration of \$5 per person is due Monday, June 9. Questions - call Luann at 542-3544.

Yuma County Cake Show

Tuesday, June 17
Yuma Community Center - Yuma

This is another opportunity to fine tune your cake decorating skills. This event includes workshops as well as a cake show with prizes. The show provides a critique that can help as you prepare fair exhibits. For more information, contact Luann at 542-3544 or to register call Dorothy Eastin at 970-848-2602.

Cloverbud Activities

Cloverbud members have several special events available as part of the 2008 Morgan County Fair. Plan to participate and share your special talents.

A Cloverbud T-Shirt Workshop will be July 10. Youth can exhibit this shirt during the Fair in August AND will also be able to wear it at the 4-H Fashion Revue on Monday, July 28.

Cloverbuds can also make their favorite no-bake, no-cook snack at the 4-H Creative Cooks event Friday, August 1. The Cloverbud entries are always a big hit with the spectators. Start planning your snack now and enter Creative Cooks.

All Cloverbud members will receive more information about these activities later this month. Mark the calendar so you can participate.

Fashion Revue Workshop & PRACTICE

Tuesday, July 22
1:30 - 3:30 p.m.
First Christian Church, Fort Morgan

This year's workshop will be held after entries are turned in so we will do an actual practice with narratives. An optional Rehearsal will be available at noon the day of Fashion Revue. We hope this will eliminate the long Fashion Revue day for families. ALL eligible 4-Hers will receive information about the workshop and Fashion Revue entries later in June.

Livestock

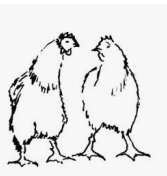
DEADLINES AND SEMINARS

MEAT RABBIT AND MEAT BIRD ID FORMS

All 4-H and FFA members who will be exhibiting meat rabbits or meat birds must submit an identification form to the Extension Office by 5:00 pm, June 25. Forms are available from the Extension Office or on the website.

CATCH-IT CHICKEN DISTRIBUTION

Catch-It Chickens are scheduled to be distributed Friday, June 13, 9:00 a.m. at the Extension Office. A meeting for the Catch-It Chicken participants will be held at the same time. Participants will be notified with further information.



LIVESTOCK RECORD BOOKS

Market livestock, breeding animals, rabbits, poultry, goats and horse record books will be completed and up to-date as of July 15 when they are turned in on Fair entry deadline—July 16. The market value of animals will be in the July Newsletter.

SHEEP AND GOAT PROJECT MEMBERS

To be eligible to show at the Morgan County Fair and Colorado State Fair all **Breeding Sheep, Breeding Goats, Market ewe lambs,** and **Market female goats** must comply with the Federal Scrapie Eradication Program. The rule states that you must have a scrapie ear tag in each animal that is issued by the USDA that corresponds back to the breeder (owner) of the animal.

For more information, contact Marlin.

COUNTY HORSE SHOW

Due to the lack of attendance at the previous horse clinic, there **will not** be a County Horse Show in June. Instead, there will be a workshop in completing Horse Levels I & II. There **MUST** be at least 10 to hold the workshop. Contact Marlin by June 9 if you would like to attend. Cost will be \$10

HORSE PROJECT MEMBERS

To participate at the Morgan County Fair, youth must have a Level I card. Those individuals that need to pass any Level of the written exams must make an appointment with Marlin three days prior to riding exam. We will use two dates for the riding exams, One in June and one in July at the indoor arena.

Date Changes for 2008 Morgan County Fair

FRIDAY, August 1:

RABBITS AND POULTRY

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| 8:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m. | Check in Poultry and Rabbits |
| 12:30 p.m. | Poultry and Rabbit Judging
<i>(Split the Show Ring)</i> |
| 6:00 p.m. | Horse Vet Check |
| 6:30 p.m. | Gymkhana Events |

SATURDAY, August 2:

BREEDING SHEEP, MARKET GOATS AND BREEDING GOATS

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| 8:00 a.m.- 10:00 a.m. | Enter Breeding Sheep, Breeding Goats, Market Goats |
| 9:30 a.m. | Weigh-in Market Goats |
| 11:00 a.m. | Breeding Sheep Judging |
| 1:00 p.m. | Goat Showmanship |
| | Market Goat Show |
| | Breeding Goat Show |
| | Release of Breeding Sheep, Breeding Goats, Non-Sale Market Goats |

SWINE EXHIBITORS:

- An exhibitor can show a maximum of 4 pigs.
- Exhibitors having 1-2 pigs will receive 1 pen; with 3-4 pigs will receive 2 pens.
- Members of a family will be required to group two hogs together.
- A 5X5 foot pen is not large enough for 3 market hogs.

GOAT EXHIBITORS:

- Fair Board will allow 25 head of market goats to sell in the Junior Livestock Sale
- To house the additional sale goats, they will be penned in the west pens of the lamb and goat barn and the west pens in the swine barn.

Livestock

Morgan County Fair 2008 (Market Animals)



Species Tagged	2008	2007	2006
Lambs	185	224	195
Participants	74	88	81
Goats	152	147	116
Participants	64	64	57
Hogs	218	221	244
Participants	95	95	99
Beef	92	104	98
Participants	57	72	69

2008 Identification and Weigh-In Dates

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

PREMISES ID:

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

COLORADO STATE FAIR: 2008 Livestock “Tentative” Schedule

NEW SCHEDULE FOR MARKET ANIMALS

See the full Livestock Schedule on the Colorado State Fair website: www.coloradostatefair.com for more details!

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 20

7:00 AM All Market animals can BEGIN ARRIVAL
9:00 PM All Market BEEF, GOATS and LAMBS
MUST BE IN PLACE

THURSDAY AUGUST 21

7:00 AM Receive remaining Market Hogs
9:00 AM Weigh-in Market Goats
10:00 AM Weigh-in Market Beef
1:00 PM Market Goat Showmanship
5:00 PM Market Lamb Showmanship
9:00 PM All Market Hogs must be IN PLACE

FRIDAY AUGUST 22

9:00 AM Market Goat show
Grand Champion Goat following show
10:00 AM Weigh-in Market Lambs
3:00 PM Market Beef Show
Market Beef Showmanship following show
6:00 PM 4-H Appreciation BBQ
8:00 PM Grand Champ Market Beef selection

SATURDAY AUGUST 23

8:00 AM Weigh-in Market Hogs
9:00 AM Market Lamb Show
5:00 PM Market Hog Showmanship
8:00 PM Market Lamb Grand Champ selection

SUNDAY AUGUST 24

9:00 AM Market Hog Show
5:00 PM Grand Champ Market Hog selection

TUESDAY AUGUST 26

4:00 PM JUNIOR MARKET LIVESTOCK SALE

NEW FOR 2008:

INCLUDED IN THE JUNIOR MARKET SALE WILL BE THE GRAND & RESERVE GRAND CHAMPION PEN OF 3 MEAT CHICKENS AND RABBITS

Extension News

What Else is Happening at the Morgan County Extension



Intergenerational Garden Project

Morgan County Extension is the recipient of a Colorado State University Diversity Initiative Grant. The grant will be used to help fund an intergenerational vegetable garden project located at the Extension Office.

4-H youth and adults of the community will share, teach, learn, encourage and build friendships through gardening. The group will work in teams to learn about gardening techniques including gardening using raised beds. They will also learn about preparing healthy meals. At harvest time, the group will plan and prepare a healthy meal including the vegetables from the garden. Participants will be encouraged to show their produce in the Open Class Garden Division of the Morgan County Fair.

If you or other adults you know like to garden but for some reason do not have the opportunity to do so at home, contact Joanne (542-3542) at the Extension Center to become a part of our gardening project.

Open Class Fair Events

Open Class Fair Events are open to ALL! That includes 4-H and other youth as well as all adults. When you get your Fair Book later in June, check the many Open Class opportunities which include Field Crops, Garden, Floriculture, Home Economics and Horse.

For youth, many of your projects fit into classes for one of the open events. The only requirement is it has to be a different exhibit than what you do for 4-H. This is the perfect place to exhibit the other items you have made during the 4-H year as well as your extra field crops or garden items.

Family Development Credential

This professional development program prepares those who work with families to learn and practice skills using strength-based support. This training began at Cornell University with participants who complete the 90 hours receiving a Family Development Credential from Cornell.

Classes will be held on two Fridays of each month from late August 2008 through early June 2009. Registration includes manuals, portfolio advising, breaks, and the credentialing exam and is due August 1. Call Luann at the Extension Center (542-3544) for details.

Preserve Food Safely

If you preserve your garden produce, REMEMBER some canned foods produce MUST be pressure processed. This includes any low-acid vegetables such as corn and green beans. Tomatoes can also be pressured processed which only takes 20 minutes rather than 90 minutes for hot water processing.

If you make your own salsa or other tomato-based recipes, the peppers or other ingredients reduce the tomato acidity level and it may not be safe. You MUST pressure process or freeze.

If you use a pressure canner, you should have the canner gauge tested every 3 to 5 years to make sure it is accurate. We have a new pressure tester so we can do tests by appointment. To test your pressure canner tested, call Luann at 542-3544 for an appointment. You will need your canner lid with pressure gauge and gasket and it will take about 5 minutes. The fee is \$5.00 per canner.

**COMING
SOON
July**

6
Talent Festival

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Cloverbud Workshop

10
Concession Stand
Training

7-11 & 14-18
State Fair Creative
Arts Entries

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Fair Entries Due
Livestock
Record Books Due

19-21
Shooting Sports
Contests

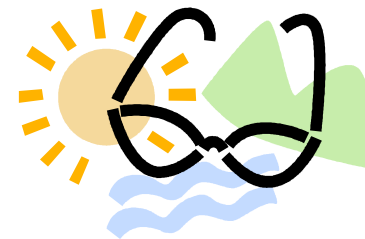
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Fashion Review

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Interview Judging

August

1-7
Morgan County Fair

June 2008



Look for details of the following events within the newsletter

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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	Dog Record Book Class	Archery—Jon's Home	Fiber Fun Day 4-H Building, Brush			Kids Kulinary Kamp Akron Senior Center
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Dog Obedience	Air Pistol & Air Rifle	Cake Decorating Workshop 4-H Building, Brush	Archery—Paul's Home		.22 & Muzzleloading
					Shooting Sports Family	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Dog Obedience LAC 4-H Council	Archery—Jon's Home				
Camp Out		Yuma County Cake Show				
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Dog Obedience	Air Pistol & Air Rifle	Shotgun	Archery—Paul's Home		.22 & Muzzleloading
		STATE 4-H CONFERENCE				
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
	Dog Obedience					
JUNIOR CAMP						