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Announcements at the Top of 4-H Website

We have the capability to put announcements across the top of the Weld County 4-H website. If a meeting or practice gets cancelled before 5:00 pm, Monday through Friday, we can add an announcement at the top of 4-H website to let everyone know. Right now, we do put when we are closed for a holiday, training or due to weather. This is another helpful tool in addition to emails.

Project Add/Drop Deadline

The project add/drop deadline is March 1, 2024. To add or drop a project, you will need to login to 4-H Online and add or drop a project once your account is approved. Please login to 4-H Online, click the View button next to your name, then select Projects on the left, then click edit, you can add or delete the projects you wish.

Adding CWF Group and/or a Judging Team

Once your account in 4-H Online is approved, you can add a CWF Group and/or a Judging Team through the Group Section in 4-H Online. Please login to 4-H Online, click the View button next to your name, then select Group on the left, then select 2023-2024, then add the group you are joining. **Join by April 15, 2024.**

Club Challenge

We are challenging clubs to a competition to generate new 4-H membership (does not include 2023 members that transfer to your club from another club). Cash award of \$100 will be awarded to the club with the most new members and to the club with the highest

percentage of new members. Members must be new to 4-H. To enter, send an email to Kim at keastwood@weld.gov by **March 4, 2024.**

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Seeking Applicants for 4-H Livestock Intern

Weld County Extension is looking for one summer intern to assist with 4-H Livestock opportunities. The 4-H Livestock intern will help with livestock activities leading up to the Weld County Fair shows and will work closely with Larry Hooker. For more information and full job description, please visit our [Employment Opportunity](#) page or contact Larry at lhooker@weld.gov or 970-400-2093. Applications are due online by **March 1st** and interviews will occur after that date.

Seeking Applicants for 4-H Intern

Weld County Extension is looking for one summer intern to assist with 4-H Youth Development. 4-H Youth Development intern would be working with Kim Eastwood and Teresa Johnson on Weld County 4-H events. For more information and full job description, please visit our [Employment Opportunity](#) page or contact Kim. You can email your resume and cover letter to Kim at keastwood@weld.gov by **March 6th**. Interviews will occur after that date.

Seeking Applicants for Horticulture Specialist

We are hiring a Horticulture Specialist/Master Gardener Coordinator. The position is open and posted, you can find detailed information and apply at [Colorado State University Extension](#). We will also posted the detailed job description on our [Employment Opportunity page on the Weld County Extension](#) website. Please visit our website or Colorado State University Extension if you are interested in applying or know someone who wants to apply. **Applications close February 25, 2024.**

2024 State and County Syllabus Information

The 2024 State and County Syllabus is now available. For specific project requirements, please look at the project syllabus. The syllabus can be located in the Bulletin Board in the Quick Links at www.weld4h.org or <https://www.weld4h.org/files/sharedassets/4-h/v/3/files/bulletinboard/2023-2024-state-and-county-4-h-syllabus.pdf>.

Need help?

Don't know where to start?

Have questions?



Record Book Workshops

SEWC Fairground: Keenesburg, CO
June 11, 2024, 6:00-8:00pm

4-H Building: Greeley, CO
July 11, 2024, 6:00-8:00pm
Sign up starting June 1st

Don't wait to get started on your record books, join Leaders Council to work on your Record Books.

Tips, Tricks, & Insights from Judges, Leaders and Superintendents

All Projects

All Ages

All Units

4-H General/Natural and Family Consumer Science E-Record Tips for Record Books eRecord Books—Watch for tips in every newsletter!

4-H Club Community Service Project:

4-H community service is a requirement in Weld County in order for your record book to be considered complete. Every club plans at least one community service project annually and every member is required to participate in some way in order to be a member in good standing. You must be a member in good standing in order to exhibit at the County Fair.

Community service projects should be service learning projects. This means that 4-H members participate in planning, implementing and celebrating the community service project.

The community service project needs to reach beyond family and friends. Be sure to write down what your 4-H club community service project was and what you did, in order for your record book to be considered complete.

Your club leader reports your club community service activities to the 4-H Agent and also reports members who completed.

In addition to your required club community service project, we encourage 4-H members to do a project related community service. If you do, you should include this information in your record book as well.

Demonstrations

Have you done a demonstration yet? Remember, at least one demonstration is required to complete your 4-H year and remain a *member in good standing*!

It is very important to record your demonstrations in this section of the record book. We encourage 4-H members to do a project-related demonstration and would like to have one done for every project that a 4-H member enrolls in. We understand that this may not happen. ***If you do only one demonstration, make sure that you put it down in each of your project record books!*** The *requirement* is that a 4-H member does a demonstration. You will not be counted down for only doing one demonstration, but the judges may comment that they would have liked to have seen a project related demonstration.

Demonstrations are public presentations. Members are encouraged to practice in front of family and friends but are required to do at least one public presentation. Your club may have specific requirements for the type of demonstration that you are to do. Check with your leader, they can help you prepare your demonstration. Remember to write down the title of your demonstration and who was there.

Get your e-Record books at
www.Colorado4h.org

Youth Code of Conduct

Program participants are expected to abide by the stated rules for Colorado 4-H Youth Development activities and events including, but not limited to:

1. Adhere to program rules, curfews, dress codes, policies, and rules of the facility being used.
2. Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship, and act as positive role models.
3. Abstain from illegal behaviors, use of alcohol, marijuana, illegal or illicit drugs, and tobacco during 4-H events and activities.
4. Fully participate in scheduled activities.
5. Respect others property and privacy rights.
6. Respect the rights and authority of parents, leaders and Extension Agents.
7. Abstain from abuse (physical and/or verbal) and harassment.
8. Accept personal responsibility for behavior including any financial damage.
9. Be responsible for any financial damage caused by inappropriate behavior.
10. Adhere to principles and rules of safety.

Consequences for violating any part of this code of conduct may include, but are not limited to: removal from participation in the event in which the code of conduct has been violated (at the individual's expense); sanctions on participating in future 4-H events; forfeiture of financial support for the event; removal from offices held, etc.

Behavior outside of 4-H activities can affect "member in good standing" or "volunteer in good standing" status.

It is the responsibility of all program participants to reinforce the code of conduct and intervene when necessary to enforce the rules.

4-H member in Good Standing: State Policy and County Policy

Participation in certain county, state, regional and national events is limited to those members who are in "good standing" with their local 4-H club and county. This includes:

- Abiding by the 4-H Code of Conduct
- Meeting deadlines
- Attending a MAJORITY of your 4-H club meetings
- Exhibiting at least one project taken during the club year
- Completing at least one record book
- Doing a DEMONSTRATION
- Participating in your 4-H club's community service project or activity.

You must meet all of these requirements in order to be eligible to show at the Weld County Fair and be a 4-H Member in Good Standing. You must include specific information about how you met these requirements in your record book in order for your record book to be considered complete. ***It is up to you to keep communication open with your Organizational Leader about all the requirements; if they do not know that you completed a requirement or feel you did not participate as required, then they reserve the right to mark you as Not in Good Standing.***

2023 Scholarship Recipients

If you received a scholarship greater than \$500 make sure you resubmit your proof of registration for your second semester payment. We will not automatically pay out the remainder of the scholarship without that. If you need that form, please contact Kim at 970-400-2079.

The 2024 Weld County 4-H Scholarship

Applicants must be presently enrolled & active in a Weld County 4-H Club (Exception: college students applying for the Norgren, Ben Wilson, Aurora Organic Dairy, Leaders Council or Youth Executive Council Scholarships) and must have completed at least three (3) years of project work immediately prior to current year of enrollment. All you have to do is fill out one application to be considered for most scholarships (some require additional application information). You can find the application in the Bulletin Board at www.weld4h.org. **The application is an online form only and must be submitted by 11:59 pm on March 1, 2024.**

Weld County Goat Extravaganza Scholarship

The Weld County Goat Extravaganza will be offering one \$500.00 scholarship to graduating high school seniors or undergraduates furthering their education at a college, university, or trade school in the 2023 - 2024 academic year.

These are the qualifications to be eligible to apply for a scholarship:

- Current or past member of a 4-H or FFA program.
- At some point in your 4-H or FFA career, you have show at the Weld County Goat Extravaganza.
- Have not previously received a Weld County Goat Extravaganza scholarship.

Applications are being accepted and close on March 1, 2024.

There is an online only application at Weld County Goat Extravaganza.

Colorado 4-H Scholarships

For The 2024 Colorado 4-H Scholarship application form is available at <https://co4h.colostate.edu/about-us/scholarships/>.

2024 Scholarship Application Procedure

- All application materials will be submitted using the electronic universal application form.
- No letters of reference, transcripts or signature pages are required. Students will supply the names of three people we may contact for references. Needed transcripts will be requested directly from the High Schools.
- All applications will be evaluated for the Holthaus, Murdoch's and Smith scholarships.

Helpful Hints:

- Fill out and submit only one electronic 4-H scholarship application form.
- Review the requirements for the CADA, Kimberling, Portouw and Sandstead scholarships. If you meet the requirements, highlight the boxes on the electronic application form.

Visit Colorado 4-H website for scholarship details.

All required materials are due no later than March 1, 2024.

If you have scholarship questions, please contact OEE_Giving@colostate.edu.

Greeley Stampede Scholarships

The Greeley Stampede Foundation is now accepting applications from graduating Weld County High School seniors. Online applications are due by **midnight on March 15, 2024**. Weld County High School seniors who meet general qualification and are scheduled to graduate in the spring are encouraged to apply. Scholarship recipients will be selected based on their outstanding academic results, leadership in the community, involvement with the Greeley Stampede, and plans to further their education. Recipients of the scholarship may use the scholarship at any accredited trade school, college or university. For more information and the application go to <https://www.greeleystampede.org/p/get-involved/scholarships>

Central Colorado Water Conservancy Scholarship

Central Colorado Water Conservancy District funds a \$1,000 scholarship to a deserving student who is interested in pursuing a career in natural resources, agriculture, water resources, and related areas of study. The chosen student must be a high school senior, who is currently enrolled in a high school within the District boundaries. Check-in with your school counselor for more information. Or, contact CCWCD at (970) 330-4540, by email to TRusch@ccwcd.org, or visit our website at Central Colorado Water Conservancy District Scholarship Application. **Applications are due by February 29, 2024.**

Agfinity Scholarships

Lifelong Learning is a core value of the Agfinity Cooperative, which is why the Stalwart Agfinity Scholarship program was established. This year we will be awarding \$85,000 to the Stalwart Agfinity Scholarships. *Application will be available February 15, 2024.* **Submissions are due by 11:59 pm on March 15, 2024.** For scholarship information and application visit <https://agfinityinc.com/the-why-behind-the-agfinity-scholarship-program/>.

Eligibility Guidelines:

- Applicants must be attending or plan to attend an accredited four-year college, two-year technical school, or community college.
- Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.75 on a 4.0 scale or equivalent during their previous educational year.
- Applicants must be connected to the Agfinity Cooperative or pursuing a degree connected to Agriculture.

Applicants must submit the two-part Stalwart Agfinity Scholarship application by Friday, March 15, 2024, by 11:59 PM

Members/Leaders

Northern Colorado Meat Goat Breeders Scholarship

The Northern Colorado Meat Goat Breeders Inc. (NCMGB), also formerly known as the Weld County Meat Goat Breeders, will be awarding one or more \$500 scholarships, depending on availability of funds. These scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors or undergraduates furthering their education at a college, university, or trade school in the 2024-2025 academic year. These are the qualifications to be eligible to apply:

- Current or past member of a Weld County or Larimer County 4-H or FFA program.
- At some point in your 4-H or FFA career, prior to November 14, 2021, you purchased a market or breeding goat from a NCMGB member, and received a copy of our organization's "Market Goat Application" form, bill of sale, or proof of transfer, signifying your purchase from a member of our organization. You are also eligible if you raised the animal yourselves as a NCMGB member.
- Have not previously received a scholarship from our organization.

The application postmark deadline is March 31, 2024. Please send an email to jwrboer@wigginstel.com to request an application form and further information.

Weld County Farm Bureau Scholarship

Weld County Farm Bureau is pleased to announce their scholarship program for 2024. The program was established to support the future of agriculture by recognizing and rewarding deserving high school seniors and college students who plan to continue their education in an agriculture related field of study. Scholarships of \$1000 are available..

Applicants must be Weld County residents. The applicants whose parents, grandparents, or legal guardians are current members of Weld County Farm Bureau or are members in their own right, will be given higher priority.

Applications must be postmarked by April 10, 2024. You can find the application in the Bulletin Board at www.weld4h.org.

Jonathan Marr 4-H Memorial Scholarship

One \$500.00 scholarship will be awarded annually to a 4-H Member who has been enrolled in Shooting Sports for a minimum of four years.

This scholarship is intended to assist individuals entering a postsecondary vocational or technical field, such as welding, carpentry, mechanics, etc.

Applicants will need to submit three letters of recommendation. One from their Extension 4-H Agent, one from their County 4-H Shooting Sports Coordinator or Coach and one from a non-relative adult. Each applicant will also need to provide an essay on what they have done in 4-H, why they are applying and what they plan to do in the future.

Don and Margaret Marr will select a committee to determine the recipient. Please send all required materials listed above to Margaret Marr at 7108 Highway 34, Yuma, CO, 80759.

All required materials are due no later than April 1, 2024.

West Greeley Conservation District Scholarship

West Greeley Conservation District (WGCD) would be honored to assist graduating high school students who are interested in furthering their education focused on Conservation, Agriculture, Environmental Sciences and related careers with our Scholarship.

Students who have earned a 3.0 GPA (or better), and are looking to continue their education at a Colorado college or university, may apply if their family pays the WGCD mil levy tax. To confirm eligibility - go to the Weld County Assessor's site at <https://apps.weld.gov/propertyportal/>, then enter your home address. If it lists WGCD in your Taxing Districts tab, your student may apply.

Everything can be down-loaded and submitted online at: <https://www.wgcd.org/education/scholarships/>. The deadline for all submissions and letters of recommendation must be at WGCD, electronically. Some items can be dropped-off or mailed to our office: 4302 W. 9th St. Rd., Greeley 80634 by **Monday, April 1st before 4:00 p.m.** when our doors lock. If you have questions, please contact Taylor Webb at 970-356-8097.

Livestock Exchange LLC Scholarship

The Livestock Exchange LLC Scholarship is for graduating High School Seniors or Home School Seniors or a Second Chance Adult with a GED wanting to further their education in the related Ag fields. Total award of \$2,500.00 to be divided between the total number of semesters needed to complete the program. Ag related fields may include: all areas of Livestock Animals, Agronomy, Horticulture, Nutrition of Animals, Vet/Vet Tech, Ag Mechanics, Welding, Ag Business. For more information and a scholarship application please go to <http://www.livestockexchange.org/SCHOLARSHIP.html>.

Deadline for application is **April 5, 2024.**

Colorado Association of Fairs & Shows Scholarship

The Weld County Fair is a member of Colorado Association of Fairs and Shows (CAFS). CAFS offers a scholarship every year for only high school seniors or a graduate with a minimum of a "B" average in both their Junior or Senior year. This scholarship can be used at any creditable post-secondary school. CAFS has not published the application or deadline yet, but it will be located at, <https://www.coloradofairs.org/p/convention/scholarship>

Members & Leaders

Weld County Livestock Association Scholarship

The Weld County Livestock Association will be awarding \$1,500 college scholarships and the \$1,500 Gene Inloes scholarship this year to graduating high school seniors and college freshman. Students who are Weld County residents and are from an agricultural background or pursuing an agricultural career are invited to apply. Applicants may be attending accredited college, junior college, or trade school in the fall of 2024 as a freshmen or sophomore. Applications and requirements can be found at <https://www.weldcountylivestock.com/scholarships>.

Deadline for application is **April 15, 2024**. Winners will be announced May 15, 2024.

Weld County CattleWomen Scholarship

The Weld County CattleWomen are offering a \$1,000 scholarship to be awarded to a college junior, senior or a student studying for an advanced degree in the fall of 2024. The student needs to be a Weld County, Colorado resident, or have parents/grandparents that are Weld County residents, and be attending college with a minimum GPA of 2.5. The student must be planning to attend a school full time for the 2024-2025 school year, in a bachelors or graduate level program.

To apply the applicant must submit:

1. Cover Sheet with name, address, and email. If address listed is not in Weld County describe how you qualify (parents address, etc)
2. A 1 page essay on "How I plan to positively influence the beef industry with my chosen major".
3. Resume, not more than 1 page, including the following: work history, community involvement, college activities, future goals.
4. Two letters of reference
5. Copy of college transcript.

Send completed application to Sallie Miller, 48335 CR 83, Briggsdale, CO 80611 or smiller@wigginstel.com.

Applications are due by May 1, 2024.

Weld County Bright Futures Scholarship

The Bright Futures program was designed with one objective in mind—strengthening the vitality of the Weld County community through its workforce. The program is funded by taxpayers for qualifying Weld County residents who have graduated from high school, GED recipients and honorably discharged U.S. Veterans, after 2016. Qualified and accepted recipients receive financial assistance for pursuing post-secondary education or training from a Title IV accredited higher education institution or certified training program.

There are no restrictions concerning program selection.

Whether a student wants to train to be a chef, a mechanic, an electrician or wants to pursue an Associate's or Bachelor's degree, they can utilize the Bright Futures grant program to pursue their dream. Please visit the link to www.brightfuturesco.com for more information. Application is due **May 15, 2024**.

Front Range Regional Speech Contest April 13th @ 9 am

Spur Campus, Hydro Building

4777 National Western Drive, Denver

Contests Include:

- Prepared
- Impromptu
- Demonstration
- Horse Demonstration
- Illustrated Talk
- Horse Prepared

**CLOVERBUDS ARE WELCOME
TO ENTER!!**

REGISTER FOR \$6 UNTIL MARCH 31:

[HTTPS://US.OPENFORMS.COM/FORM/16ABF608-942B-4310-9BDA-E73685CAE885](https://us.openforms.com/form/16ABF608-942B-4310-9BDA-E73685CAE885)

Questions contact: Teresa Johnson, 970-400-2070 or tjohnson@weld.gov or Kim Eastwood, 970-400-2079 or keastwood@weld.gov

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Programs for October 2023-March 2024

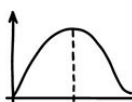


October: Lunar and Solar Eclipses

Youth will prepare for the Lunar eclipse that is coming on October 14th, 2023. They will have hands on activities that explain the phenomenon.

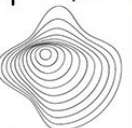
November: Cool Coding

Youth will learn how to duplicate a written code from the Inventr.io program and connect wires and LED light bulbs to create a circuit and make the bulb light up.



December: Mathematics and Making

Youth will learn about pi (3.14159265) and its special relationship between diameter and circumference found in all circles.



January: Science of Sound

Youth will learn how the science of sound works and explore various objects that make sounds including musical instruments.



February: Feed the Birds

Youth will create their own bird feeders out of pine cones, peanut butter (or sunflower butter) and bird seed. These will then be hung from trees for birds to eat.



March: Rockets and Orions Belt

Youth will be able to explore various types of rockets such as straw rockets, water rockets, and even meet up on a specific day to launch a live rocket in the air.

4-H'ers are...

4X more likely to give back to their communities

2X more likely to make healthier choices

2X more likely to participate in STEM activities

Contact Patrick Pulis 4-H youth developer at ppulis@weldgov.com or (970)400-2086

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Members & Leaders

Ice Breaker Activity

Have all the members sit in a circle & perform a game of telephone. Have the first member come up with a short saying or sentence to then pass down the line to the rest of the group. At the end of the activity, discuss the important role that communication & listening has within the club & how this will help them through their 4-H projects.

Dog ID Forms

All Dog ID Forms must be filled out by May 1st through 4-H Online this year. There are step-by-step instructions on how to fill out the Dog ID Form at www.weld4h.org/projects.

Dog Project

The Key Leader is:

- Emily Bink

The dog project will be offering practices weekly that will focus either on Obedience/Rally or Showmanship. Members need to sign up for practices at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4DABA928A5FCC07-47026961-2024#/>. The Dog Packet is also available online at www.weld4h.org.

Hunter Education Card Required

As a reminder, all members enrolled in a Shooting Sports project must hold a Hunters Education Card. Don't have yours? Don't worry, you may sign up for a class to obtain your card by contacting the Colorado Division of Wildlife at 970-472-4300 for information and hunter education class schedules.

Shooting Sports – Decorative Class

There is a new class for all Shooting Sports disciplines at fair, Decorative Class. This class is for any Stand-Alone item that is NOT useful in the actual discipline. These would include but are not limited to paintings, antlers, shotgun shell pictures, household items, etc. If you are doing a Stand-Alone project, I encourage you to do something that is useful within your project such as a quiver, stand, targets, etc. If you have any questions, please contact Kim.

Attention Shooting Sports Project Members

Shooting Sports project members should receive a packet in early March that includes practice dates and all other project information needed for the Shooting Sports project. You can also find this informational Shooting Sports Packet on our website at: www.weld4h.org/projects/4h_gnre/shooting_sports.

Mandatory Safety Day

The Weld County 4-H Shooting Sports Council is holding Mandatory Safety Days. FIRST year members and FIRST time/new discipline (example if you have shot .22 in the past but want to try archery you have to come to one of these classes) are **REQUIRED** to attend Safety Day.

- February 24th – Greeley
- March 9th – Keenesburg

To sign up visit: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0B4AA8A92FA4FE3-47051170-2024#/>. For questions or more information, please contact Kim at 970-400-2079.

Shooting Sports Certification Training

Interested in being a part of the growing Weld County Shooting Sports program? Then mark your calendars because there are only 4 Leader and Jr. Leader Shooting Sports Certification workshops in the state. You can register for this workshop through 4-H Online, registration will tentatively open in 4-H Online mid to late January and will close one week prior to the start of the training. **NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Discipline classes are capped so register early!

You must be an enrolled leader to be able to attend one of these Certification Workshops. If you are interested in becoming a certified instructor and you are not an enrolled leader, there is still time to go through the leader process.

You must be in the process of becoming a leader a minimum of 4 weeks before the training registration deadline. To start your leader application, login to your 4-H Online family account & add yourself as an adult.

Please contact the Weld County Extension office for more information or visit <http://colorado4h.org/ss/>

There are only 4 shooting sports certification workshops in the state including:

- ♦ Morgan County (Ft. Morgan), March 1 – March 3, 2024 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and Archery. Registration is Closed.
- ♦ Pueblo County (Pueblo), March 8 - March 10, 2024 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Hunting & Outdoor Skills, Muzzleloader, and Western Heritage. Registration opens January 26th and closes February 23rd.
- ♦ Weld County (Greeley), March 15 – March 17, 2024 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and Archery. Registration opens February 2nd and closes March 1st.
- ♦ Garfield County (Rifle), March 22 – March 24, 2024 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader, & Western Heritage. Registration opens February 9th and closes March 8th.

All workshops are tentative and may be cancelled or adjusted to meet current Colorado State Government, CSU and or County restrictions and requirements. Additional trainings may be added to the schedule tentatively, should circumstances allow.

Youth Fest

April 26-28, 2024

Come join us for a fun filled weekend at the Colorado State Fairgrounds in Pueblo, CO. Youth Fest is for members 11–13 years old.

Cost: \$115.00 for campers and adults

Registration is through 4-H Online beginning **March 1, 2024**. Registration is limited. If you want to attend, register early. If you have questions, please contact Kim Sterkel at ksterkel@co.weld.co.us or 970-400-2079.

Cake Decorating Workshop

There will be a cake decorating workshop on Sunday, February 25th from 1:00-3:00 pm in the 4-H Building and Sunday, April 7th from 1:00-3:00 pm in the 4-H Building, 527 N. 15th Avenue, Greeley at Island Grove Park. Come join us for this fun learning experience.

Members in Unit 1 will need to bring a baked 8", 9" or 10" round or square cake. The cake can have a crumb coat on it. You will need to bring frosting for your cake and edible items to decorate with, a cake spatula, and a tall cup for hot water. You will learn how to bake a level cake, frost and smooth the frosting on your cake, and use edible items to decorate your cake.

Members in Unit 2 will need to bring a baked 8", 9" or 10" round or square cake. Members in Unit 3 will need to bring a two layered baked 8", 9" or 10" round or square cake. Unit 4 will need to bring a character cake. Unit 5 will need to bring 4-12 cupcakes or cookies. Unit 6 will need to bring a baked cake to cut up and a knife. Units 2-10 may bring a frosted cake. You will need to bring frosting and all of your tips needed for the unit. You will learn how to use different tips specific for your unit.

Please call Michelle with questions or to RSVP by February 16th for the February 25th class at 970-400-2076. If you do not RSVP, you can still attend the workshop. We do ask that you RSVP so we can have the correct amount of handouts and the building set up properly for the workshop.

4-H Mission

4-H empowers youth to reach their full potential by working and learning in partnership with caring adults.

4-H Colors

The 4-H colors are green and white. Green is nature's most common color and represents youth, life and growth. White symbolizes purity and high ideals.

Intro to Leathercraft & Creative Stamping

March 17, 2023

4-H Building Island Grove- Greeley

10:00 AM -2:00 PM



Register through:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DABAC2EA6FDC25-47021630-intro>

Focus of Workshop

- Leather preparation, finishing and care
- Introduction to Leathercraft, tools, stamping, lacing and stitching skills used in Unit 1
- Review of Project Requirements for Unit 1 (suggested parents participating in this review)

Each member needs to bring the following tools with them.

- Mallet
- Tooling Board

Members can obtain tools anywhere leather crafting supplies are found. Tandy's Leather is the most well known supplier, however there are other suppliers such as Hobby Lobby and Amazon.

If members have any additional leathercraft tools, please have them bring them

- Stamps
 - Alphabet, Number, Decorative, Boarder, Animals, Emblems, Etc.
- Carving Tools
- Camouflage Tool, Pear Shader, Beveler, Veiner, Seeder and Backgrounder

Register for the Intro to Leathercraft & Creative Stamping Workshop at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DABAC2EA6FDC25-47021630-intro#/>.

Double Loop Stitching & Intro to Stains and Dyeing

March 17, 2023

4-H Building Island Grove- Greeley

1:30 PM -3:00 PM



Register through:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DABAC2EA6FDC25-47022909-double>

Focus of Workshop

- Double Loop Stich technique- required for Unit 2
- Introduction to Stains and Dyeing techniques- Units 3 & above
- Review of Project Requirements for Unit 2 & above (suggested parents participating in this review)

Each member needs to bring the following tools with them.

- Completed project that has a clear finish applied or item that can practiced on for double loop stitched
- Lace measuring 8-9 times the outer distance of the item that will be practiced double loop stitching on.
- Lacing needle. Perma-lok needle from Tandy Leather preferred, but not required. A flat lacing needle will work as well.
- Modeling Tool with Stylus or Point tip(s)

Please contact Shellee at jacobuccishellee@gmail.com with questions on these supply requirements

We will have stains and dyes available to use during this workshop, these do not always wash out of clothing, please make sure to keep this in mind when sending your child to this workshop.

Register for the Double Loop Stitching & Intro to Stains and Dyeing Workshop at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DABAC2EA6FDC25-47022909-double#/>.

United Power Member Choice Grant



Members Select Six Nonprofits to Receive \$12,000.

Within our service territory there are several nonprofit organizations that bring value to the community or communities they help support. Member Choice Grants allow our members to nominate a nonprofit organization within the cooperative's service territory to receive grant funds from United Power. These grants will help them continue to work toward accomplishing their mission and serve the local community. In this way, we are able to support the causes our members truly care about.

Tail Twisters is a local 4-H Club based in Fort Lupton, providing hands-on, real-world learning that takes place in the community where youth have the opportunity to develop relationships, skills, and leadership, with a focus on "learning by doing." The grant will be used to make blankets for nonprofits serving the local community.

Members/Leaders

Youth Executive Council Corner

March, the season of spring is starting and not only will flowers grow but friendships. Has YEC made some new friends this month? Let's see.

In February, we had an officer training meeting, where we talked about the importances of each office, it was a great opportunity to make new friends and possibly new members! We would love it if you'd join us for our next meeting on March 5th at 7:00pm. YEC is accepting members 11+ if you aren't sure about joining, but want to see what we do, we are always welcome to visitors!

YEC Reporter, Kara Schleiger

District II Meetings

- March 3rd at 2:30 pm – The Ranch, Loveland
- May 5th at 2:30 pm – The Ranch, Loveland

Foundation Raffle Fundraiser

The Weld County 4-H Foundation Raffle has officially kicked off this year with "The Ultimate Yeti Tailgate Bundle!" Tickets are \$5 for one or \$20 for five. This is a great club or CWF fundraiser! Half of all sales will go back to the club or to the CWF member to help cover the trip cost. Tickets can be checked out from the Extension Office. Contact Kim at 970-400-2079 or keastwood@co.weld.co.us if you have any questions!



Here's the
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We think you're
Awesome!
Join the YEC
April 2nd 6pm
at the Extension Office
for
Ice Cream
& Games!
Ages: 5-10



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Raffle
Ultimate Yeti Tailgate Bundle
for your next adventure!

Bundle includes:
Yeti Tundra Haul
Blackstone #2144 Griddle
Yeti Hopper Backpack
Yeti Daytrip Lunch Box
2 Yeti 10oz Rambler tumblers
4 piece camp chair set

Photos representative of raffle items, actual items navy/gray

1 ticket \$5.00
5 tickets \$20.00
Value: \$999

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Drawing held @ Weld 4-H Mardi Gras
Proceeds benefit Weld County 4-H Foundation
drawing held November 23, 2024 7:00pm
525 N 15th Ave, Greeley CO
Purchaser does not have to be present to win
Free Delivery within 150 miles of Greeley CO
After 11/25 find winner posted @ Weld4HFoundation.org until 12/31/2024



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*MEMBERS MUST BE ENROLLED IN THE CAKE PROJECT CLOVERBUDS ARE ALSO WELCOME TO PARTICIPATE!

When: April 6th Time: 10:00 am Ages: 5 - 18
Where: Boulder County Fairgrounds - Barn A

Leader Tip

As a leader, you can help make the 4-H Club meeting be enjoyable and educational, giving members an opportunity to make friends and share ideas. Every meeting should include a balance of business, learning and recreation.

Group Building: Take 15 to 20 minutes to help the group develop a spirit of togetherness. Members can plan and lead games, music and sometimes recreational events to help everyone feel welcome and have fun. This is essential!

Group Discussion: Take 15-20 minutes for youth to learn and practice decision-making and leadership skills. It is not a forum for adults to dominate the discussion. It should be planned ahead by the officers working with the leader.

Program or Activities: 20-30 minutes. This program is informal and could be a guest speaker, demonstrations, project activities or judging.

Project training: Some clubs have a project meeting with a leader to get help and learn about their projects. Some larger clubs hold project meetings at a different time. This is in addition to the project time members spend working on their project at home with help from parents.

Leader's Council Corner and Happy Days Café

It's never too early to start talking about the food booth! Believe it or not, Fair is only FOUR months away. If you took our survey from last year, thank you! We heard your feedback and some menu items will be making a comeback in 2024. Our kitchen manager, Jenny, will be returning! We will have a few shift improvements and are working on the overall efficiency of the kitchen. Club participation combined with Jenny's expertise made 2023 a terrific success! Speaking of club participation.. 53% of our 4-H clubs were represented last year. (AWESOME!) Let's make that closer to 60% this year! Start planning now – prizes will be given for club participation! More information will be coming – watch your newsletters!



Horse/Livestock/Small Animal E-Record Book Tips

4-H Livestock/Horse/Small Animal Record Books

In this issue, we'll review the Animal Purchase and Feed Expense pages of the Livestock/Horse record book. (Check the February newsletter for other tips on filling out your record book!) You can download your e-record book and supplemental pages at <http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/animals/>.

ANIMAL PURCHASE

In the Animal Purchase record you should enter the cost of all project animals that you purchased during the project year. Any project animals that you have on-hand at the start of the project year should be listed in your beginning inventory, not in this record. Even if you don't actually buy and pay for your animal (i.e. gift from family member, catch-it animal, etc.) you should list its value in order to have an accurate picture of what your project is costing.

See below for an example of how this record should be filled out. It is preferable that you use a name or tag number of the animal so that it can be consistently tracked through out your record book. Multiple animals purchased the same day from the same seller can be listed together on one line.

As with other parts of the book that allow for multiple project listings, allocate your total cost to the proper project column. If you have multiple projects, be consistent and keep your projects listed in the same order on all pages. Even if you only have one project, you should carry the totals over into a project column.

					Project: Mkt. Beef	Project: Dairy	Project: Mkt. Swine	Project: Horse
Date	Animal	Seller	Weight	Cost	\$	\$	\$	\$
1/2/24	Steer #101	Mr. Smith	700	\$700.00	\$700.00			
3/15/24	Pigs #3 & #4	XYZ Show Pigs	150	\$300.00			\$300	
4/25/24	Horse - Lightning	Mr. Jones	1000	\$750.00				\$750

You can make as many copies of this page as needed for your record. Be sure to total all columns prior to turning in your record book.

FEED EXPENSE RECORD

As the title implies, this page is used to record all feed related expenses. Examples of feed items include: grass hay, alfalfa hay, silage, grain, salt & mineral blocks, protein supplements, pasture rental, etc. Items should be listed in order by the date they were purchased. Use pounds when listing the amount of feed purchased (i.e. 2000 lbs instead of 1 ton; 700 lbs instead of 7 bales, etc.), and the total cost of the feed. Then, you should allocate that feed purchase, if appropriate, to your different projects using the four project columns, as shown in the example below. (Note: even if you only have one project, you should carry the totals over into a project column.)

Even if you don't actually buy and pay for your feed (maybe it's supplied by your parents or grandparents) you should list the amount of feed and its value in order to have an accurate picture of what your project is costing.

					Project: Mkt. Beef		Project: Brdg. Beef		Project: Mkt. Swine		Project	
Date	Item	Paid to:	Amt. (lbs)	\$	Amt. (lbs)	\$	Amt. (lbs)	\$	Amt. (lbs)	\$	Amt. (lbs)	\$
1/2/24	Alfalfa	Farm Store	1000	\$100.0 0	100	\$10.00	400	\$40.00				
1/15/24	Grain	XYZ Feeds	500	\$70.00	400	\$56.00	100	\$14.00				
2/1/24	Swine Ration	XYZ Feeds	500	\$75.00					500	\$75.00		

You can make as many copies of this page as needed for your record. Be sure to total all columns prior to turning in your record book.

Horse/Livestock/Small Animals

Breeding Animal ID Forms – Required This Year

We are requiring all members with breeding animals (Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and Swine) to fill out an ID Form in 4-H Online. We hope that many of you filled these forms out and submit them as we suggested last year, then this year you will just update them and re-submit the form and you are done. Regardless, this year you will need to fill out the Breeding Animal ID Forms by May 15th through 4-H Online. Please remember that you cannot nominate the same animal for market and breeding. Each breeding animal can only be nominated by only one member. There are step-by-step instructions on how to fill out the Breeding Animal ID Form on each species pages at <https://www.weld4h.org/Projects>.

Enrolling in Poultry

If you are registering for poultry you need to register for everything that you are going to show. Example: Ducks, Geese, Pigeons, Turkeys market or breeding, Market Chickens. If you are going to show all these at fair than you need to sign up for all of them. If you are going to do the egg production then you will sign up for the breeding. If you are just showing your chickens than you will sign up for show birds.

2024 Poultry Meeting Schedule

- March 21st, 6:30 pm, 4-H Building, Market Chickens and Turkeys
- **No April Meeting**
- May 16th, 6:30 pm, 4-H Building, Poultry Showmanship
- June 20th at Pheasant Run Park in Greeley, Preparing for Fair

Poultry Bands available at Extension Office

Weld County Extension Office has four (4) sizes of poultry bands available for sale. Bands cost \$0.50 each.

Identification Form for Rabbit Project Members

Rabbit project members in 4-H and FFA who plan to show meat pens at the 2024 Weld County Fair will need to identify their does that are used to kindle the litters of meat pen rabbits. This form, titled **DOE IDENTIFICATION FOR RABBIT MEAT PENS** must be completed and filed with the Extension Office by May 1, 2024.

If you are anticipating showing a meat pen of rabbits at the County Fair, please complete the [Doe Identification For Rabbit Meat Pen Form](#) by May 1, 2024.

4-H Livestock, Small Animal, Horse & Dog Manuals

Each household will receive one manual to be shared by siblings for the projects they are enrolled in. If a family wishes to purchase additional manuals they are welcome to do so at the Extension Office. The manuals are for all livestock, small animals, horse & dog projects.

Premises ID

A premises identification number (PIN) or location identifier (LID) is a unique code that is permanently assigned to a single physical location. PIN or LID registration is administered by each State and allows animal health officials to quickly and precisely identify where animals are located in the event of an animal health or food safety emergency. A PIN or LID is required to purchase official animal identification tags.

If you move, the Premises ID stays with the property you are moving from and you will need to get a new Premises ID for your new home.

You can obtain a Premises ID at <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/ourfocus/animalhealth/traceability/state-pin/>.

PID may be obtained by contacting the Colorado Department of Agriculture at 303-869-9130 or online at www.coloradodepartmentofagriculture/animals-ag.colorado.gov.

4-H Animal Care and Housing Form

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

1. **4-H online for those that have their animals at their place of residence and on our 4-H Website www.weld4h.org/projects/ for those that have their animals some place other than their residence. If your animal project is housed at your place of residence you can fill out this form while filling out your paperwork during the enrollment process online.**
2. **If your animal project is not housed at your place of residence then you will need to go to our 4-H Website, print the Animal Care and Housing form and fill out both sides of that form. This gives us additional information about your specific situation and helps with the approval process. Please give us detailed information or we will send them back for you to adjust your comments.**

Talk to your club leader or contact Larry at 970-400-2093 if you have any questions.

FFA Animal Care and Housing Form

All FFA members with animal projects are required to have a completed, signed and approved Animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado FFA Livestock Projects form on file at the Weld County Fair Office.

1. FFA Members who want to show at the 2024 Weld County Fair must fill out and turn in an Animal Care and Housing Form by 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2024 to the Weld County Extension Office to be eligible to show at the 2024 Weld County Fair. These forms will not be accepted via email. You can download the FFA Animal Care and Housing Form at http://weldcountyfair.com/entries_events/fair_book_entry_forms.

If you have any questions, please talk to your FFA Advisor or Mikayla at 970-400-2069.

Livestock Field Day

Livestock Field Day will be February 24th in the McKee Building at the Ranch in Loveland from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. This Day is filled with different Livestock opportunities across all species. Not only can you complete the Meat Quality Assurance Training, but you can choose from a series of presenters that will be talking about current events or appropriate management practices to set yourself up for a successful year. See below for a schedule of different presenters and topics. The MQA session will be self sufficient and open from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Schedule:

- 9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.: Best Practices for Poultry presenter Avian Team from CSU
- 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.: Poultry Project Orientation
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.: Predator Mediation presenter from USDA
- 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.: Basic Ruminant Nutrition presenter Ashley Schilling
- 1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.: Livestock Selection presenter Bailey Schilling

MQA Training will occur from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in the Exhibit Hall. You must arrive by 2:00 p.m. so we can be done by 3:00 p.m. If you have any questions please contact Bailey at schillbw@co.larimer.co.us or 970-498-6022.

DATES for Market Lamb, Market Goat & Market Swine ID Days

We will only have Sheep & Goat ID on 3 different days in 3 different locations.

- You will be given paperwork to fill out when you arrive at each location.
- Please fill out all paperwork before entering the barn at the Greeley Location. We will have two lines of vehicles in the livestock barn at a time at the Greeley Location.
- When you arrive at the Briggsdale location, you will receive paperwork, please filled it out before someone comes to your trailer to process.
- For Greeley & Briggsdale Locations: All animals will remain on their vehicle/trailer to be tagged and retinal scanned unless the retinal scanner asks you to unload and go to a separate pen.
- At Keenesburg, please bring your paperwork filled out when you bring your sheep and goats to the processing line.
- A scale will be available to weigh if you want to use it.
- Market Goats and Lambs showing at Southeast Weld County Fair will need to weigh-in on Thursday in Keenesburg to be considered for the rate of gain contest.

Market Lambs and Goats

- Tuesday, May 7, 4-6 p.m., Island Grove Park, Greeley
- Wednesday, May 8, 4-6 p.m. Briggsdale School FFA Shop
- Thursday, May 9, 4-6 p.m., Southeast Weld County Fairgrounds, Keenesburg

Market Swine

- All market swine exhibitors must pick up their ear tags and paperwork from the Extension Office beginning March 1st. Exhibitors will tag their own animals prior to the deadline. It is also a requirement that 3 photos be taken of each nominated pigs and attached to the nomination form. Mail in or hand deliver the nomination form and photos to the Extension Office by 5:00 pm on Thursday May 9, 2024, **there are no exceptions! Nomination forms and pictures WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED VIA EMAIL.** Detailed information is on the paperwork you pick up.

Cost is \$4/animal. Cash or check payable to Weld County Fair.

Livestock/Small Animals

Colorado State Fair Market Animal Information

Please see the important information regarding nominating market beef, goat, sheep and swine for the Colorado State Fair.

- Each animal must be ear tagged with the official recorded County ear tag. The official recorded County ear tag number must go on the Nomination Form as the permanent ear tag. **ALL GOATS AND LAMBS MUST HAVE SCRAPIES TAGS.**
- The Colorado State Fair will be using a hybrid identification procedure of retinal scans and DNA. It is the Fair's plan to eliminate retinal scans and utilize only DNA by 2025. **You can order DNA envelopes beginning March 4th through May 20th at www.coloradostatefair.com.** We do not have any DNA envelopes at the Extension Office. Market Swine will need to submit DNA. For Market Beef, Market Goat and Market Sheep, our office will be submitting retinal images.
- Each exhibitor nominating animals for the Colorado State Fair will complete one (1) form per species. Retinal scans may be attached to the beef, goat and lamb nomination forms; hog ear notches must be marked on the hog form. Weld County Extension Office will attached the retinal scans for beef, goat and lamb nominations.
- Hog exhibitors will be required to submit DNA samples for all hogs that may be entered and shown at the Colorado State Fair. Any beef, goat or lamb nominations that does not have retinal scans attached will be required to submit DNA. It is required that all market hogs shown at the 2024 Colorado State Fair, have proper ear notches, have an official recorded County / FFA ear tag and have submitted DNA within the required time limit. **You can order DNA envelopes beginning March 4th through May 20th at www.coloradostatefair.com. Exhibitors will need to mail the DNA envelopes to Colorado State Fair and they are due by June 1st.** Late DNA samples WILL NOT be accepted.
- **One market hog ear notch change will be allowed per animal. Extension agents or FFA Advisors should submit any ear notch changes in writing to the Colorado State Fair – changes to ear notches will not be accepted via email or phone directly from exhibitors or parents. Incorrect ear notches may result in disqualification from showing at the Colorado State Fair. Pictures of ear notches are not acceptable.**

At the time of nomination, all junior exhibitors may family/household nominate all animals according to the following guidelines:

- The exhibitors must all legally reside in the same household and are siblings, step-siblings, or legally adopted.
- In order to properly family nominate an animal, submit a separate nomination form for each exhibitor and list every animal in each exhibitor's name.
- All exhibitors must sign the DNA sample envelope for market swine. We will attach retinal images for market beef, market goat and market sheep.
- The animal WILL NOT be family nominated if all exhibitors have not completed a nomination form and signed the DNA envelope for each animal.

The Colorado State Fair will be held August 23 - September 2. The tentative 2024 livestock schedule can be accessed at their website: www.coloradostatefair.com. You are encouraged to visit the website for a complete listing of rules.

Livestock/Small Animals

Youth Meat Quality Assurance (YMQA) Certification

4-H & FFA members with MARKET and/or BREEDING livestock projects are required to complete Youth Meat Quality Assurance (YMQA) Certification. If you have never taken this program and did not take the program for a second time last year after you turned 14, you must attend a certification. For the purposes of YMQA, **livestock is defined as**

BREEDING AND MARKET BEEF, DAIRY, SHEEP, SWINE, GOATS, RABBITS AND POULTRY. Horse projects are excluded from YMQA requirements.

Weld County members may complete certification in any county in the state.

If attending in another county, please call their Extension Agent in advance to confirm your participation in their program and, find out specific time, location and directions to the training.

The Weld County MQA training will be held:

- March 26th from 4:00-7:00 pm in the 4-H Building, 527 N. 15th Avenue, Greeley
- March 27th from 4:00-7:00 pm in the 4-H Building, 527 N. 15th Avenue, Greeley

This training has several different stations that you will go through at your own pace. **Please be here no later than 6:00 pm to attend the training.**

If you are unable to attend the training in Weld County, it is your responsibility to attend a training in a different county. Please do not wait until the last minute to attend a training because choices become limited.

There will also be a virtual option in late spring or early summer that will only be valid for one year.

Please view the Meat Quality Assurance List in the Bulletin Board at www.weld4h.org or at www.weldcountyfair.com. The list will be updated on March 10th of who will need to take MQA.

2024 Livestock Judging Informational Meeting

2024 Livestock Judging informational meetings will be held at 6:00 p.m. at the Bunkhouse.

- February 28th is the informational meeting for new members and Junior (8-13 years old) members
- March 6th is the informational meeting for Senior 14-18 years old) members

If you have kids in both age groups, you don't have to be at both, just the Senior meeting on March 6th.

Youth MQA Certification Trainings

Date	City	County	Contact	Phone Number
March 4	Kiowa	Elbert	Kali Benson	303-621-3162
March 5	Simila	Elbert	Kali Benson	303-621-3162
March 15	Eads	Kiowa	Lacey Taylor	719-767-5716
March 17	Lamar	Prowers	Lacey Taylor	719-767-5716
March 20	Rocky Ford	Otero/Crowley	Lacey Taylor	719-767-5716
March 21	Cheyenne Wells	Cheyenne	Lacey Taylor	719-767-5716
March 22	McClave	Bent	Lacey Taylor	719-767-5716
	Springfield	Baca	Lacey Taylor	719-767-5716
March 26 & 27	Greeley	Weld	Larry Hooker	970-400-2093
March 29	Pueblo	Pueblo	Dorothy Welbourne	719-583-6566
April 2	Canon City	Fremont	Shanan Davey	719-276-7390
April 4	Westcliff	Custer	Katlyn Wommack	719-783-2514
April 5	Walsenburg	Huerfano	Marvin Reynolds	719-738-2170
April 1	Hugo	Lincoln	Christine Schinzel	719-743-2542
April 4	Sterling	Logan	JD Sexton	970-522-3200
April 7	Julesburg	Sedgwick	Josilyn Lutze	970-474-3479
April 8	Holyoke	Phillips	Jessie Stewart	970-854-3616
April 10	Burlington	Kit Carson	Scott Stinnett	719-346-5571
April 15	Akron	Washington	Jamie Axtel	970-345-2287
April 17	Wray	Yuma	Jolynn Midcap	970-332-4151
April 18	Yuma	Yuma	Jolynn Midcap	970-332-4151
April 22	Longmont	Boulder	Brenda Kwang	303-678-6238
April 29 & 30	Henderson	Adams	Adams County	303-637-8100
May 1	Golden	Jefferson	Josey Pukrop	303-271-6649
May 2	Castle Rock	Douglas	Mercedes Glynn	720-733-6942
May 13 & 14	Brush	Morgan	Marlin Eisenach	970-542-3543
May 17	Loveland	Larimer	Bailey Schilling	970-498-6022

Weld County 4-H/FFA Dairy Heifer Replacement Project (DHRP)

The purpose of the program is to provide 4-H and FFA members an opportunity to:

1. Learn how to select a dairy heifer that has the potential to be a good producing cow.
2. Learn how to raise a good quality animal, demonstrating approved management principles.
3. Offer for sale a top quality dairy replacement animal at the conclusion of the program.
4. Give non-farm members the opportunity to gain valuable experience in the dairy industry.

The Weld County 4-H Dairy Advisory Council will oversee and assist in managing this project.

Eligibility

1. Any duly enrolled Weld County 4-H or FFA member is eligible for this program.
2. The member must enroll, or be enrolled, in a 4-H or FFA dairy cattle project.
3. The member must specifically enroll their project heifer in the DHRP by **March 15th** of the project year. Forms are available online only at www.weld4h.org, then click on "projects", then click on Dairy Cattle.

Requirements

1. Members may enroll up to three (3) heifers each year. All nominated heifers may be shown, but you are limited to showing one (1) heifer in the DHRP class and to selling that same one (1) heifer. Members must designate their DHRP heifer on their Fair entry.
2. Member must be the sole owner of the animal. A copy of the brand certificate must be submitted with enrollment. Two photos of the heifer, one of each side, must be included with the enrollment.
3. The animal must be:
 - a. Born September 1 – November, 2022 (21-23 months old at Fair time).
 - b. From a registered sire (AI or natural breeding).
 - c. From a dam that is either registered or grade. Production records must accompany enrollment.
 - d. Positively identified by a 4-H Leader, FFA Advisor, Extension Agent, or member of the Council.
 - e. A minimum of 40 days pregnant as of March 1. A certificate of pregnancy from a licensed veterinarian or other qualified individual must be turned in with enrollment. Heifers MUST be due to calve no earlier than September 1st and no later than November 30th.
4. Any breed of dairy is acceptable. Heifers must be bred to a registered service sire (AI or natural).
5. Heifers must be exhibited at the Weld County Fair. All heifers enrolled in this project will show in a separate "Dairy Replacement Heifer" class.
6. Members are strongly encouraged to participate with their project heifer at the Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza, June 9-11, 2024 at Island Grove Park in Greeley.

Sale

1. Heifers will be sold at the Weld County Fair.
2. Heifers will be inspected and pregnancy checked at the Weld County Fair prior to the sale. Heifers will not be allowed to sell if:
 - a. They are not at least six (6) months pregnant,
 - b. They are not healthy or in good condition according to breed standards. Heifers are expected to meet the following height and weight measurements (measurements listed are for Holstein heifers; for other breeds contact the Weld County Extension Office):
 - i. 21 month old heifer – 1086-1372 lbs; 52-56" at withers
 - ii. 22 month old heifer – 1148-1420 lbs; 52-57" at withers
 - iii. 23 month old heifer – 1148-1420 lbs; 53-57" at withers
3. Members will receive all proceeds from the sale less a four percent (4%) commission, if they have turned in a completed record book after the Fair.
4. Members are encouraged to contact potential buyers for their animals. Buy back opportunities will be available for businesses that purchase animals.

Dairy cattle project members wanted!

Weld County Dairy Council will help with finding a place to purchase an animal and help teach about grooming, showing, nutrition, the dairy industry and more. We have a Dairy Heifer Replacement program where you purchase an older, bred heifer and sell her at Weld County Fair. If you are interested in just getting a young animal, we would be glad to help with that too. All ages are encouraged to join. For more information contact Shani McBride at suncow22@gmail.com or Larry Hooker at lhooker@co.weld.co.us.

Options for dairy cattle project

1. Purchase a heifer for the Dairy Heifer Replacement Program Options:
 - a. Purchase an 18-month-old dairy heifer before March 1 (born September or October) which will be sold in July at Weld County Fair. (See requirements for the program before purchasing an animal.)
 - b. Purchase a heifer approximately 6 months old by March 1 and make a 2-year project. (See requirements for the program before purchasing an animal.)
2. Purchase any age dairy female and use for the project. Cannot sell at Weld County Fair but can sell on your own if desired.

Dairy shows in Weld County:

1. Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza is a 3 day show in June at Island Grove.
 2. Weld County Fair in July.
- Other Shows: Colorado State Fair

What the Weld County Dairy Council can help you with:

1. Finding an animal
2. Animal nutrition
3. Guidance with training & showing
4. Education regarding dairy cattle and the dairy industry (Possible in person or online meetings and/or field trips)
5. Education regarding advertising and how to sell a dairy animal

Contact Weld County 4-H Extension Office, Larry Hooker at lhooker@co.weld.co.us or Shani McBride with Weld County Dairy Council and Weld County 4-H Dairy Cattle Leader at suncow22@gmail.com.

Horse/Livestock/ County Fair

Royalty Corner



Howdy Everyone! I am Madison Miller, your Weld County Fair Attendant. To recap the last few months, the royalty court volunteered three (3) total days at the National Western Stock Show in January. It was an amazing experience for all of us getting to meet people from all over the country along with hanging out with other royalty courts across Colorado. We also attended a breakfast hosted by Miss Rodeo Colorado, where we got to know more about her, her royalty commitments along with getting our picture taken with her. In February,

we helped with Beef ID in Greeley on the 3rd. It was a cold and snowy morning, but we had a wonderful time helping everyone get their steers checked in for fair time this coming July. It was a fun time, and we also enjoyed a delicious bowl of chili. Also, some of the court went to help at Camp Cloverbud in Keensburg while myself and fair princess, Jadalynn, attended the Miss Rodeo Colorado Next Level Clinic in Greeley. It was a fantastic opportunity to gain experience from the current Miss Colorado Rodeo along with other former Miss Rodeo America queens from past years. Also, on February 19th, the royalty court hit local towns for sponsorship opportunities.



As for March, you can catch me and my other royalty court members at the Horse Expo helping with the Saddle Up booth. Also, we will be at the Blarney on the Block Parade in Greeley for St. Patrick's Day, along with helping at the Children's Festival at Island Grove Park on the 30th.

Madison Miller, Weld County Fair Attendant

Celebrating 106 Years

The Weld County Fair will celebrate its 106th year July 20th – 28th with the Jr. Livestock Sale set for Monday, July 29th. Staff is hard at work on the preliminary schedule which includes some added elements and special events, so stay tuned...

Vendor and Food Truck Opportunities

The Weld County Fair is now taking applications to be a vendor or food truck operator at the 2024 Weld County Fair. Please visit the Weld County Fair website www.weldcountyfair.com to review the packet, opportunities and the link to our 2024 application. As always, you can call Cheryl at the Fair Office at 970-400-2085 or via email at caragon@weld.gov with any questions you might have. The deadline for applications is Friday, May 3rd!

4-H Horse Levels Workshop Saturday, March 9 10:30am-3:00pm

4-H Building, Island Grove
please RSVP by 3/1

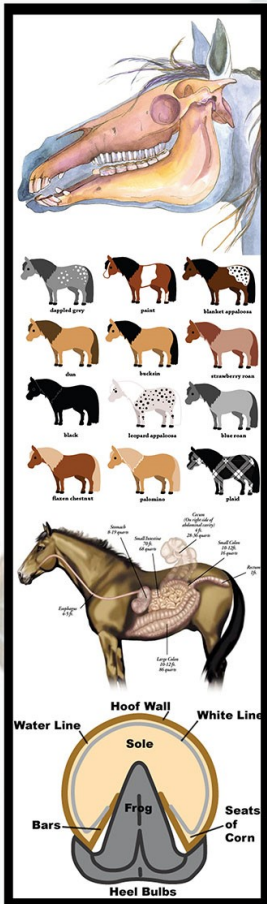
Come join us for a fun day filled with interactive stations designed to help you with studying for your next Levels Test. From Novice to Seniors, there will be something for everyone! Also a great opportunity for Horseless Horse Project members to find an idea for their next project. Go through all of the stations or just one, it is up to you!

Written tests will be offered at 11am, 12:30pm & 2:00pm. You may sign up to take a maximum of 3 tests on this date.

Be sure to get signed up so that we will have the correct number of tests and administrators available!

No Cost. Registration Required.

Register here:
<https://form.jotform.com/220534547353050>
contact Teresa Johnson
970-302-9040
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Horse ID Forms

All Horse ID Forms must be filled out by May 1st through 4-H Online. You can enter horse ID and upload the Coggins test form beginning the first part of January. There are step-by-step instructions on how to fill out the Horse ID Form at www.weld4h.org/projects.

2024 Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza

Dairy project members - don't miss the 22nd Anniversary Extravaganza, June 9-11, 2024 at Island Grove Park, Greeley. Stay tuned - more information will soon be available.

Weld County Goat Extravaganza

Nominations are being taken for persons interested in serving on the Weld County Goat Extravaganza Planning Committee. The purpose of this committee is to help plan the Weld County Goat Extravaganza that takes place in the end of April, the 2024 show will take place on April 26-28. If you are interested or have questions about this committee, please contact Larry Hooker, lhooker@co.weld.co.us.

Youth Loan Program

American AgCredit's AgYouth Program provides interest-free loan funds for qualifying beef, sheep, goat, swine, and dairy projects to 4-H and FFA members. For information, please contact MacKenzie Stoaks at American AgCredit in Greeley at 970-330-4071 or agyouth@agloan.com.

Weld County Fair Junior Livestock Sale Youth Ambassador Application

The Weld County Fair Junior Livestock Sale Committee would like to invite all 4-H and FFA members to apply to be a Youth Ambassador. The Youth Ambassador Program was founded 10 years ago to afford 4-H and FFA members the opportunities to assist and be first-hand involved with the processes and inner workings of the Weld County Fair Junior Livestock Sale. This program strives to develop our ambassadors into elite leaders that are willing to go above and beyond, "to make the best, better!"

As an ambassador, our members are required to be leaders of moral character and value and to play an active role in the production of our sale. They are provided with opportunities to grow and develop their leadership, communication and relationship building skills, all the while gaining confidence, responsibility and problem-solving skills. This leadership program is not limited to livestock exhibitors but is designed to build leadership skills for all young people.

The requirements for the Youth Ambassador program are:

1. Be a 4-H or FFA member in good standing.
2. Complete the application-located on the Weld County Fair website under the Junior Livestock Sale link; submit the ONLINE ONLY application no later than **March 31, 2024 by 11:59 pm**. The form is also located at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeulxr-jgglnpBFZ0k1bW1yEXP_YXynrZ8GkUB8OHxHbjwV7w/viewform?pli=1
3. Be available to assist in representing the Junior Livestock Sale in an informative setting.
4. Be available to assist with various aspects of the Junior Livestock Sale during fair week.
5. Attend and fulfill assigned duties on the day of the Junior Livestock Sale.
6. Attend and assist with the follow-up sale meeting, (approximately 1-2 weeks following sale day).
7. Mandatory meeting will be on July 20th at 2:00 pm at the Island Grove Regional Park.
8. Must be available to help on July 28-29, 2024
9. Have fun, learn, grow and develop into our future leaders!

If you have any questions, please email wcfyouthambassadors@gmail.com.

Camping at the Weld County Fair

Camping reservations will be live on Friday, March 15th for the 2024 Weld County Fair. It will once again be on our online Firefly system, which has been slightly tweaked to make it even easier to use for all customers. Reservations will be open from March 15th through June 17th, but remember that spaces go fast, and to get your preferred locations, making your reservations early is strongly recommended. You can reserve your camping space at <https://www.weldcountyfair.com/About/Camping-Information>.

Please contact Cheryl at the Fair Office with any questions you might have...970-400-2085 or email at caragon@weld.gov.

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Master Calendar

March	
1	Last Day to join 4-H through 4-H Online by 11:00 pm
1	4-H Project Add/Drop Deadline through 4-H Online
1	Weld County 4-H Scholarship Applications Due Online
1	Weld County Goat Extravaganza Scholarship Applications Due Online
1	4-H Livestock Intern Applications are due
1-3	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Morgan County (Fort Morgan)
3	District II Meeting, 2:30 pm, The Ranch, Loveland
4	Club Challenge due to Kim
5	Youth Executive Council, 7 pm, EO
6	4-H Intern Applications are due
6	Livestock Judging Informational Meeting, Senior members, 6 pm, BH
6	Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB
8-10	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Pueblo County (Pueblo)
9	Shooting Sports Safety Day, Keenesburg
9	Horse Levels Workshop, 10:30 am-3 pm, 4-H
15	Weld County Fair Campers Reservations open
15	Dairy Heifer Replacement Project Application Due by 11:59 pm
15-17	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Weld County (Greeley)
17	Intro to Leathercraft and Creative Stamping, 9-11:30 am, 4-H
17	Double Loop Stitching & Intro to Stains and Dyeing Leathercraft Workshop, 1:30-3 pm, 4-H
19	Horse Council Meeting 7 pm, EO
21	Poultry Project Meeting, 6:30 pm, 4-H
22-24	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Garfield County (Rifle)
26 & 27	MQA Training, 4-7 pm, 4-H
31	Weld County Fair Jr. Livestock Sale Youth Ambassador Applications Due

April	
1	Sign up for a CWF or Judging Team Deadline
2	Youth Executive Council Ice Cream Party, 6 pm, EO
2	Youth Executive Council, 7 pm, EO
2	Leaders Council, 7 pm, EB
3	Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB
6	Cake Decorating Contest, 10 am, Boulder County Fairgrounds, Longmont
7	Cake Decorating Workshop, 1-3 pm, 4-H
13	Front Range Regional Speech Contest, 9 am, SPUR, Denver
26-28	Weld County Goat Extravaganza

May	
1	Horse ID Forms are due through 4-H Online
1	Dog ID Forms are due through 4-H Online
1	Doe ID Form for Market Rabbits due
1	FFA Animal Care and Housing Form are due
1	4-H Animal Care and Housing Forms are due for animals housed at someone else's house
5	District II Meeting, 2:30 pm, The Ranch, Loveland
7	Market Goat and Market Sheep ID Day, 4-6 pm, Greeley
7	Youth Executive Council, 7 pm, EO
8	Market Goat and Market Sheep ID Day, 4-6 pm, Briggsdale
8	Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB
9	WCF & SEWCF Market Swine Nomination Forms & Pictures are due to EO by 5 pm or at Market Goat & Market Sheep ID Day in Keenesburg by 6 pm
9	Market Goat and Market Sheep ID Day, 4-6 pm, Keenesburg
15	Breeding Animal ID Forms are due through 4-H Online

Due to the many events scheduled at Island Grove and through our 4-H program, locations, dates, & times are subject to change. Please CHECK THE WEBSITE (www.weld4h.org) regularly for the most up to date & accurate information!

Guide to Location Codes

Island Grove Park is 525 N. 15th Avenue, Greeley
 EO = Extension Office, Island Grove Park
 BH = Bunkhouse, Island Grove Park

4-H = 4-H Building, Island Grove Park
 EB = Exhibition Building, Island Grove Park
 LB = Livestock Barn, Island Grove Park