

December 2020

*Happy Holidays*

[www.Weld4h.org](http://www.Weld4h.org)

### Highlights in this issue:

- Mardi Gras and Window Display Results
- Enrollment
- MQA Trainings

### Congratulations Keith on Your Retirement!



My time with Weld County Extension has gone by quickly but has left me with wonderful memories of all the people I've had the opportunity to interact and work with over the past 25 years. County Commissioners who have steadfastly supported our office and the 4-H program! Sponsors and donors (including the Weld County 4-H Foundation) whose financial support has so generously been given. Dedicated volunteer leaders who have wholeheartedly given of their time and expertise! Members who over the years have amazed me with their talents, abilities, and accomplishments! And, of course, Extension staff whose skills, time, and efforts make 4-H possible in Weld County. I've been blessed to be associated with all of you in what is the best 4-H program in the State! *Thanks for the memories!*

### Interesting Fact

The 4-H Youth Development is the only youth program with direct access to technological advances which result from land-grant university research.

### Colorado 4-H Vision

A world in which youth and adults learn, grow and work together.

### Colorado 4-H Mission

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

### Keep Up With Us Online!

#### Email

We use mass email to send reminders of upcoming opportunities, workshops, deadlines and more. Many opportunities and news items that we receive from the State 4-H office and other counties miss our newsletter deadline, and those are also passed on by email. Please let us know if you change your email address.

Also, the newsletter is our primary way of getting information to you. We will send a mass email the day the newsletter goes to print to every enrolled member and leader. The email will have a link to the newsletter and instructions on how to find it on the website. If you would like to be mailed a paper copy, please call Michelle at 970-400-2076.

#### Website

Check it out to help you choose your projects for the new 4-H year. It is fun and user friendly! The website is [www.weld4h.org](http://www.weld4h.org).

### We are on Facebook!

Weld County 4-H has a Facebook page! Make sure to follow us at: <https://www.facebook.com/weldcounty4h/>. You can find project updates, upcoming events and other opportunities on this page!

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

### Project Updates

One project has new units, which is:

- Photography
- Entomology

New Project:

- Welding

The below projects have changed from 2020 and have new project manuals:

- Photography
- Entomology
- Horse Show Rule Book

### What is a Self Determined Project?

The self determined project is designed for 4-H members who have an interest in a topic that is not included in the 4-H Project List. Self determined projects include these county projects that are not offered as state projects: Crops, Pocket Pets and Restoration. If you wish to re-enroll in a self determined project, use the project name next to "self determined." For example: Self Determined/Pocket Pets. County projects are not eligible to qualify for state fair.

### Considerations in Selecting a 4-H Project

- Select a project you like
- Select a project that can be completed
- Consider the costs (check the Project Selection Guide for cost estimate)
- Consider the space and equipment that will be needed
- Consider parental support for the project
- Be aware of the opportunities for growth in the project
- Select only the number of projects that you can complete
- A 4-H project should be fun, serve a purpose and be worth the effort!

In addition to the guide, talk with other members, leaders and 4-H staff to learn more about the project.

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## Who Ya Gonna Call?!

**Members: If you are planning to transfer to another club, please do the following:**

1. Call your current Organizational Leader to let them know you will be transferring clubs.
2. Call the Extension Office at 970-400-2066.

## 4-H Membership

The 4-H year runs from October 1 to September 30. 4-H age is the age of the individual on December 31 of the current 4-H year.

- Cloverbud: 5-7 years old
- Junior member: 8-10 years old
- Intermediate member: 11-13 years old
- Senior member: 14-18 years old

## Leader Requirements

Recognized leaders may hold 4-H functions, are covered by 4-H insurance, and may serve as chaperones in the name of 4-H.

Everyone interested in becoming an Organizational Leader is required to interview with the 4-H Agent(s), even if you are already an approved project leader. If your club is dissolving or if you are considering change in leadership, call the Extension Office at 970-400-2066.

In order to be recognized as a volunteer 4-H leader in Weld County, all **NEW** leaders must complete the following requirements:

1. Complete a volunteer application through 4-H Online and receive two positive references
2. Complete a 4-H enrollment form through 4-H Online
3. Complete leader training
4. Pass a background check
5. Interview with 4-H Agent (All organizational leader applicants or as requested)

## Interested in Becoming an Organizational Leader?

Remember, Organizational Leaders must be approved, enrolled leaders AND they must have an interview with 4-H Agents before being accepted as an Organizational Leader. If your club is considering changing leadership (new leader or adding a co-leader), please contact the Extension Office at 970-400-2066 to complete all requirements.

## 4-H Leaders Re-Enroll

All Returning leaders must re-enroll. Every 4-H Leader must submit an enrollment form every year. All volunteers absent from 4-H for one year or longer will be required to re-apply and complete all new volunteer requirements.

## Clubs Needed!

Do you live in or around the Johnstown/Milliken and Windsor/Severance areas and have a desire to further your leadership within Weld County 4-H?! Due to increased involvement in those areas, we are seeking volunteer leaders to step into the role of Organization Leaders and start new clubs! With only one club in the Johnstown/Milliken and Windsor/Severance area, it has become impossible to serve all the members who want to be involved. If you are interested in stepping into this role, please contact Kim Eastwood at 970-400-2079.

## 4-H Enrollment will be Online!

4-H Online is now open for enrollment. 4-H Online has a new look and feel. Instructions on how to enroll has been emailed out and is also posted in the Newsroom and Tab Section at [www.weld4h.org](http://www.weld4h.org).

## Horse and Dog ID Forms

All Horse and Dog ID Forms must be done on an annual basis through 4-H Online by May 1st. If you identified a horse or dog last year, you must activate each animal account. For the Dog ID, you will need to update and upload new vaccine information. This section is not available at this time

## Signing up for Shooting Sports

Members interested in Shooting Sports *must* enroll in each discipline that they are planning to shoot in addition to the discipline they are wanting to do their 4-H project on. This helps with record keeping, safety tracking, and ensuring that all members are enrolled correctly for their different projects. If you have any questions, please contact Kim.

## What is the 4-H re-enrollment deadline for re-enrolling members?

The deadline for re-enrolling members and clubs is January 15, 2021. You must have your enrollment completed and fee turned in to your club leader by the club deadline so they can get them turned into the Extension Office. The 4-H enrollment deadline for new members and for all members who wish to exhibit at the 2020 Weld County Fair is March 1, 2021. There are other deadlines associated with specific projects. Check with your leader if you have questions.

## What is the enrollment fee?

The annual enrollment fee is \$35.00 when submitted by the January 15th deadline. The 4-H Cloverbud member fee is \$25.00. The fee is an additional \$10.00 for each when submitted after the January 15th deadline. Enrollment fees are to be paid to your club.

## How to enroll for Weld County CWF?

The Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is not included in the project list in 4-H online. Please follow these instructions to enroll.

For the members traveling in 2021, there will be a 2021 Revamped CWF that you will need to sign up in. For the members signing up for the 2023 trip, you will sign up under the CWF group you want to be part of. Please watch your email for the instructions on how to enroll and sign up for CWF.

Please wait until your account is active before you sign up for CWF.

## NEW THIS YEAR- Signing up for Judging Teams

Beginning in the 2020-2021 4-H year, any member who wants to be on a judging team will need to sign up through 4-H Online. There will be instructions in the document we will be emailing out when enrollment opens on how to re-enroll and sign up for judging teams.

Please wait until your account is active before you sign up for a judging team.

**The Extension Office will ONLY accept enrollment fees from 4-H club leaders.**

# Members/Leaders

## Ice Breaker

Have the members break randomly into groups of 4-6 members. The goal of the groups is to see which one can find 6 things they all have in common the fastest. Once they have 6 things, the whole group needs to sit down. Once all groups are sitting, start in the order that they got the 6 things and have the group share with the rest.

## 4-H Showcase

**January 9th, 10: 00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**  
**Exhibition Building, Island Grove Regional Park**

Who: Invite all of your friends!

What: Activities, demonstrations, exhibits and lots of fun!

Activities may include cake decorating, model rocketry, pinwheels, leathercraft, scrapbooking and much more! A special feature may be the 4-H Shooting Sports trailer which will offer hands on target practice. There will be door prizes and free hot dogs & popcorn. If you would like to lead an activity or do a demonstration, contact Kim at 970-400-2079.

## 2020 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.

## What is community service?!

Webster's Dictionary defines community service as "work that is done without pay to help people in a community." What does this mean in the 4-H world and what is classified as appropriate community service? It is any event or opportunity where the club can go out into the community to perform good deeds. This can include: working at the food bank, cleaning trash on a road or cemetery, visiting a nursing home, or putting together care packages for soldiers. It does not include: donating money to an organization, club fundraisers, Mardi Gras, volunteering for 4-H events at fair or raking leaves in your family's lawn. It is encouraged that you do community service through your clubs annual event but, if circumstances arise that keep you from doing so, make sure you coordinate with your club leader to ensure that what you are doing falls into the community service criteria and that you will still be in compliance with the club bylaws. Remember, community service is a requirement to be a member in good standing and a HUGE aspect of 4-H is serving those around you!

## Accepting Colorado Gardening Certificate Applications

Spring Training Applications are being taken now for 2021.

Our Colorado Gardening Certificate training has **unlimited space!** Details and an application can be found at [https://www.weldmastergardeners.org/apply\\_to\\_volunteer/application\\_process](https://www.weldmastergardeners.org/apply_to_volunteer/application_process) Deadline for CGC applications is December 31, 2020.

## 2020 State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship Alternate Format Results

Results are now available for the 2020 State 4-H Shooting Sports Championship Alternate Format at <http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/shooting-sports/ss-state-events/updates/>. Awards will be sent to the Extension Office and we will then distribute awards from here. Congratulations to all!

## Signing up for Shooting Sports

Members interested in Shooting Sports *must* enroll in each discipline that they are planning to shoot in addition to the discipline they are wanting to do their 4-H project on. This helps with record keeping, safety tracking, and ensuring that all members are enrolled correctly for their different projects. If you have any questions, contact Kim.

## Shooting Sports Certification Workshop - TENTATIVE

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 be close one week prior to the start of the training and **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 and add yourself as an adult.

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

There are only 5 shooting sports certification workshops in the state including:

- ◆ Morgan County (Ft. Morgan), March 5 – March 7, 2021 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and Archery
- ◆ Larimer County (Loveland), March 12 – March 14, 2021 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery
- ◆ Pueblo County (Pueblo), March 19 - March 21, 2021 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader, and Western Heritage
- ◆ Garfield County (Rifle), March 26 – March 28, 2021 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader, and Western Heritage
- ◆ TBD, April 9 – April 11, 2021 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and Archery

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



# Members/Leaders

## Leaders Council

Please join us on December 1st at 7:00 pm in the Exhibition Building for our Leaders Council Meeting and Annual Holiday Celebration. Come meet other leaders in Weld County and enjoy an evening of taco salad, a cookie exchange and a fun gift exchange. If you are interested in participating, please bring a wrapped gift with a \$10.00 value to share in the "Great Gift Steal". Rules are explained the evening of the event. For the Cookie Exchange, please bring 2 dozen cookies, the cookie recipe and your own empty container. We will go around and add 2 cookies to your own container, if you would like the cookie recipe, you can pick it up as well. We invite everyone to our next meeting. This meeting is a great one to get to know other leaders and just have a fun night. Hope to see you there.

Clare Wickman  
Leaders Council President

## Weld County 4-H Leader's Council T-Shirts for Sale

Weld County Leaders Council has several t-shirts for sale. We have 2 styles of t-shirts, "Catch The Clover". This t-shirt was designed by Ryan Hamilton. These t-shirts cost \$12.00 each for youth and adult sizes S-XL and \$15.00 for adult sizes 2XL-4XL. We also have "Weld County 4-H Est. 1917" t-shirts for sale. These t-shirts cost \$17.00 each for adults and \$12.00 each for youth sizes. If you are interested in purchasing a t-shirt, please contact Michelle at 970-400-2076. Below are picture of each of the t-shirts.



Catch the Clover  
T-Shirt to the left is the  
newest t-shirt we have.



Weld County  
4-H Est. 1917  
t-shirt to the  
right is also  
available.

## Programs for Nov-April 2020

**November: Wildfire Protection**  
Youth will learn all about the benefits and the damage from a wildfire. The animals and ecosystems that were affected and how we can help.

**December: Water and Land Forms**  
Youth will learn and engage with the many landforms that are here within Colorado and learn about all the others around the world.

**January- All about the Arctic**  
Learn about the Arctic and the different species of animals that are considered only arctic animals. Also get to experiment with the special fat that keeps polar bears so warm.

**February-Beef/Pork & their Byproducts**  
Youth will learn about the Beef and Pork industry and the by products that we use in everyday life to avoid any waste.

**March- What's on your plate**  
This activity will inspire youth to think and act with what goes on their plate. Youth will learn about the five food groups and the benefits of each.

**April- Terrarium and Plants**  
Build your own Terrarium and learn about the mini ecosystems all around you!

Contact Macy Gurule 4-H STEM AmeriCorps member at  
mgurule@weldgov.com or (970)209-6715

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# 4-H Day @ the Weld Food Bank

Sign up as a club or as an individual.

You MUST pre-register for this  
community service project  
with Teresa Johnson.

RSVP by  
12/22



Limited number of volunteer spots available

**Tuesday, December 29, 2021**

For full details

contact [tjohnson@co.weld.co.us](mailto:tjohnson@co.weld.co.us)  
970-400-2070

MEMBERS MUST BE 12 YEARS OLD,  
OR BRING AN ADULT WITH THEM TO WORK.

Come dressed to work! Closed Toed Shoes!  
Face Masks required.



# Members & Leaders



**Pre Paid Orders**  
**Short Sleeve Tees \$15.00**  
**Long Sleeve Tees \$20.00**  
**Hoodies \$30.00**  
**1/4 Zip Sweatshirt \$35.00**  
**Plus Sizes + \$5**

**YEC Fundraiser, contact**  
**Teresa Johnson 970-302-9040**  
**tjohnson@co.weld.co.us**

Please order by December 1 for Christmas delivery

**SAVE THE DATE!!**  
**FEBRUARY 6, 2021**



**CAMP CLOVERBUD**

**WILL BE HELD AT THE EXHIBITION BUILDING  
TO ACCOMODATE SOCIAL DISTANCING**

**WATCH THE NEWSLETTER  
FOR MORE INFORMATION!**  
**TJOHNSON@CO.WELD.CO.US**



## Youth Executive Council

Howdy y'all, Youth Exec. Council is just finishing up November. Over the month, the council had a retreat where we went to the UNC ropes course, Fritzler's Corn Maze, and had a scavenger hunt. We also, had the opportunity to have a great guest speaker who talked to us about communication and how we can use it to strengthen our leadership daily! At our November, meeting we had dinner and filled our new officer positions. February we will be having the YEC Officer Training meeting, which will be a great way to learn and have fun! Our next meeting will be December 1st. Happy holidays, talk to you next year!

YEC Reporters - Laura Stevens, Paige Strickland

## District II Meetings - Location To Be Determined

All District II Meetings will begin at 7:00 p.m. in the Berthoud Room at the McKee Building at The Ranch in Loveland.

- November 18, 2020

## Officer Training February 2, 2021

**4-H Building, Island Grove 6:30pm**

*The Weld County Youth Executive Council will present an officer training and team building workshop which is open to all club officers & wanting to learn more about becoming officers.*

*Members will learn about how to run 4-H meetings and other similar events, as well as team building skills.*

*The YEC will host the event on Tuesday, February 2nd at 6:30pm. Club officers should RSVP if they plan to attend, snacks will be served.*

*The workshop should be a great learning tool for club officers & we encourage everyone to come, all ages welcome.*

**Please RSVP by  
January 29**

To RSVP or for more information  
Teresa Johnson 970-400-2070  
tjohnson@co.weld.co.us





# Mardi Gras and Window Display Results

## Window Display

Congratulations to our clubs that participated in the 2020 4-H Window Display. Winners this year are 1<sup>st</sup> place: Calico 'N Jeans earning \$40 and Taittwisters in 2<sup>nd</sup> place earning \$20.00. Thanks to all our entries, we hope your club will consider doing a window display next year during National 4-H week! Thanks to the Youth Executive Council for sponsoring this award.



**Small Town Critters 4-H Club** express how to “Inspire Kids to Do” at Remax Alliance Team Goodvin in Eaton.



**Calico 'N Jeans 4-H Club** promotes how to “Inspire Kids to Do” at the Lunch Box in Johnstown.

**Westward 4-H Club** promotes how to “Inspire Kids to Do” at Weld County Assessors Office in Greeley.



## SUCCESS! Weld County 4-H Foundation Raffle

The first annual Weld County 4-H Foundation Raffle was held during this past year! The Traeger Pro 575 Free Standing Wood Pellet grill has a value of \$900 and was generously donated by BBQ Provisions by 5280 Culinary. \$12,000 worth of tickets were sold throughout the County with 1/2 of the proceeds going directly to the club or organization selling the tickets and the other half benefitting Weld 4-H through the Weld 4-H Foundation. The drawing for the Traeger Grill took place on our traditional Mardi Gras date of November 21<sup>st</sup>, at 7:00 pm with Chris DalFonso being named the winner; the club selling the ticket was the Taittwisters 4-H of Ft. Lupton and received \$100. In addition the Greeley/LaSalle CWF and the Youth Executive Council were awarded \$50 prizes for their participation.

While we were unable to have our traditional Mardi Gras Event, Weld County was able to move forward with a silent auction hosted by Rocky Mountain Estate Brokers that was a great success as well. All proceeds from the Auction go directly to the Weld County 4-H Foundation. The Club winning the most Creative Basket was the New Horizons with their entry of a “Corona Buster” basket featuring “buster” figure made of PVC holding a supply of items such as TP, paper towels, Lysol wipes and masks. In addition they included comfort items of soup, candy and games. The other two divisions; Highest Value went to Prospectors 4-H Club & Highest Profit went to Keene 4-H Boosters. The 3 clubs winning these divisions get a choice of an ice cream or pizza party as their reward.



These were great fundraisers for our clubs and groups! We hope you will participate in next year’s events—watch for the announcement of our 2021 Raffle Item. For more questions, please contact Kim Eastwood, 970-400-2079.

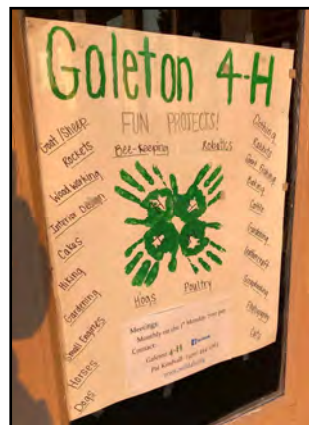
Grill Drawing Winner: Chris DalFonso  
 Club Selling Ticket: Taittwisters 4-H (\$100)  
 Additional participation awards: Greeley/LaSalle CWF (\$50) & Youth Executive Council (\$40)  
 Total Drawing Income: \$12,000



**Taittwisters 4-H Club** shows how to “Inspire Kids to Do” at the KM Cup in Fort Lupton.



**New Horizons 4-H Club** shows how to “Inspire Kids to Do” at J & T Feeds in Greeley.



**Galeton 4-H Club** promotes how to “Inspire Kids to Do” at Dillards Café in Galeton.



**Platte River Pioneers 4-H Club** express how to “Inspire Kids to Do” at Platteville Chiropractic in Platteville.

## Meats Judging Coach Needed

Weld County is looking for a new Meats Judging Coach to work with our 4-H youth. As you may know, the basic concept of the meat judging program is to train individuals to distinguish differences in relative value of various meat cuts. At this time we have some interested youth in this program and need to find an adult to further expand their interest and knowledge in meats judging. If you have an interest in helping with this program or know someone else who might, please notify Larry, 970-400-2093.

## Judging Opportunities for 4-H Members

Judging is a great opportunity for 4-H members to improve decision making, communication, problem solving, and time management skills in a fun, team-oriented setting. Members do not have to be involved in any specific project to take part in judging programs. Some potential benefits of judging include college scholarships, opportunity to travel, personal and team awards. Check out one or more of these judging opportunities!

### Horse Judging

Develop an eye for horses and understand what exactly goes on in the show ring. Workouts generally start in January or February. The State Horse Judging Contest is held in Fort Collins in conjunction with the State 4-H Conference in June. There are opportunities for members of top placing teams to travel to national level contests. For more information contact coach Dave Moore at 970-378-8835.

### Horse Bowl

By participating in Horse Bowl, you can learn about the horse in a fun setting. The team competes in knowledge bowl contests that demonstrate understanding of equine science and management. Work-outs generally start in October or November. The State Horse Bowl Contest is held in conjunction with the State 4-H Conference in June. There are opportunities for members of top placing teams to travel to national level contests. For more information contact coach Teresa Johnson at 970-302-9040.

### Horse Hippology

Very similar to Horse Bowl is the Hippology program. It's a fun and competitive setting for youth enrolled in a horse project to demonstrate the breadth of their knowledge and understanding of equine science, and in particular the practical application of this knowledge and skill. A hippology contest consists of four phases: judging, written test, stations, and team problem. Top state teams have the opportunity to travel to national level contests. Practices normally start in October or November. For more information contact coach Teresa Johnson at 970-302-9040.

### Livestock Judging

Workouts for Livestock Judging normally start in early March. Generally, the team will also compete in several county contests prior to the State contest in June, held in conjunction with the State 4-H Conference in Fort Collins. Team members will learn livestock evaluation skills for beef, sheep and swine. Top placing teams have the opportunity to participate in national level contests. For further information contact coaches Ben and Larissa Fritz at 970-396-7395 (Ben) or 970-759-6404 (Larissa).

### Dairy Judging

Dairy judging is a state-based program where members participate on an individual basis. Following the State Contest, generally held in July, the top individuals are chosen and have the opportunity to participate in national level contests. In dairy judging members will learn about the parts of a dairy cow and dairy cattle evaluation skills. Workouts normally start in June. For more information contact coach Debbie Carpio at 970-397-6718.

### Rabbit Judging

Team members learn the basics of rabbit judging – body types and how to pose them; point schedule on specific breeds and what characteristic(s) earn the most points; breed identification; and how to give reasons. Practices normally start in January. The team will participate in various contests prior to the State Contest which is held in Pueblo in conjunction with the Colorado State Fair. For more information contact Cody LeBlanc at 303-720-2350.

### Meats Judging

Members will learn how to evaluate various qualities and yield differences in beef, pork, and lamb meat products. In addition, they will be required to identify the species, location (primal) and cooking method of over 100 retail cuts derived from beef, pork, and lamb carcasses. Members will also be taught safe meat handling practices. Practices began in October. The State Contest will be in Fort Collins in April. The State winning team has the opportunity to travel and participate in a national level contest. For more information contact Larry Hooker at 970-400-2093.

## Premises ID

Premises identification will provide quick and accurate traceability of livestock and locations in the event of an animal health concern, which will help maintain the health of all Colorado livestock. For this program, a premises is defined as a location or site where livestock are born, handled, housed, managed, marketed, processed, or exhibited. Premises ID is managed by the Colorado Department of Agriculture.

For the 2020 – 2021 project year, 4-H members with livestock projects (beef, dairy, goat, horse, sheep, swine, poultry, and rabbit) are strongly encouraged to obtain a Premises ID. It is required to exhibit at the Weld County Fair and Colorado State Fair. It is also required for other livestock shows.

If you don't have a Premises ID, you can obtain one by calling the Colorado Animal ID coordinator at 303-869-9130 or go online to Colorado Location Identification (LID) Registration Form at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdeepTTKz5dl51dcJPrZEtz4OXiam0XFbcO6wJkXKUqM88jaQ/viewform>



## Weld County 4-H Horse Advisory Council

Nominations are being taken for persons interested in serving on the 4-H Horse Advisory Council. The purpose of this Council is to coordinate horse activities and educational opportunities in Weld County for 4-H members involved in the Horse project. Council members will be elected at the November meeting. Please call Kim Eastwood at 970-400-2079, if you have an interest in serving on this Council.

## 4-H Horse Project Night

A Mandatory Horse Project Night is scheduled for Monday, February 22, 2021 in the 4-H Building at Island Grove Park, Greeley, pizza at 6:30 pm and meeting at 7:00 pm. Some of the items to be covered are:

- Horse ID requirements
  - ⇒ ID packets will be available from last year to update and resubmit by the May 1st deadline.
- Advancement Levels
  - ⇒ Recognition of individuals who attained levels certifications in 2020
  - ⇒ Opportunities for levels certification in 2021
- Weld County Fair information
- Colorado State Fair information
- Horse project opportunities (Judging, Horse Bowl, etc.)

For more information on Horse Project Night contact Kim at 970-400-2079.

## Horse Project Helmet Rule

A certified equestrian helmet with safety harness fastened in place is required in over fences classes **and gymkhana events, activities and practice sessions**. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of the 4-H member to see that the headgear worn complies with such standards and is in good condition. The State 4-H office encourages the use of ASTM certified/SEI approved safety helmets in all equine events. Protective headgear may be used in all classes and shall not be discriminated against.

Gymkhana generally refers to horseback speed events (timed or un-timed) that do not use livestock. Events that usually fall in this category of events include, but are not limited to: barrel racing, pole bending, keyhole race, stake race, rescue race, pony express race, etc. Events that are not intended to be included in the new policy are events such as calf roping, team roping, goat tying and team penning that may be timed but use livestock.

For clarification, the words "events, activities and sessions" refers to anytime a 4-H member is performing at an event; or even practicing as an organized 4-H horse project or group - a helmet must be worn in all over fences and gymkhana activities.

**DVD AVAILABLE**—A video that talks about helmets and safety issues, titled "Every Time, Every Ride" is available for you to check out from the Extension Office. The video is approximately 20 minutes long and would make an excellent activity for horse project members at your next club meeting!

## Meat Quality Assurance

Weld County 4-H and FFA members enrolling in any market and/or breeding livestock or small animal projects for the first time regardless of age, must attend a Colorado Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) program. 4-H and FFA members will be required to attend a Face to Face Colorado MQA program a minimum of twice during the course of their career – once as a junior (8-13 years old, age as of December 31<sup>st</sup>) and once again within one year after becoming a senior (14-18 years old, age as of December 31<sup>st</sup>) member. The virtual MQA training last year was valid for one year only.

Weld County 4-H is providing some additional MQA Training on a Face to Face basis in 2020-2021. Due to the COVID issue, we need to change our normal procedures for presenting this program. We will offer this MQA Training on the following dates:

- Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup> from 2:00, 3:00 or 4:00 pm
- Monday, December 14<sup>th</sup> from 2:00, 3:00, 4:00, 5:00 or 6:00 pm
- Friday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 9:00, 10:00 or 11:00 am
- Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> from 9:00, 10:00, 11:00 am; 1:00, or 2:00 pm

**Only Weld County 4-H & FFA members will be allowed to attend this training, registration is REQUIRED** and will be handled by phone or email. Please contact Michelle at 970-400-2076 or [m-langston@co.weld.co.us](mailto:m-langston@co.weld.co.us) to register. Please include the member's name, 4-H age, species they are planning on showing and a contact phone number. **You must register by 5:00 pm on December 4, 2020.** There may be additional paperwork that needs to be filled out to attend the training. If so, you will receive an email on December 9<sup>th</sup> with the paperwork to fill out, print and bring with you.

We will have hourly sessions that allow 12 family units to attend each hour. Each session will be 50 minutes in length with the last 10 minutes to be used to sanitize tables, chairs, etc. for the next session. Masks will be required (bring your own or we will have some there for you). There will be 10 stations and some table-top displays that will contain the MQA information, we will also have tables and chairs spread-out to use when taking the test if needed.

Remember, only one family unit/person per table or station at any one time. You must achieve 80% on your exams before leaving. If you do not complete the exam within the 50-minute session, let us know and we will try to accommodate you. Please begin registration as soon as possible so you will get your desired date and time.

We have attached an updated MQA list with the members who were enrolled last year. This list will let you know if you need to take the MQA training. This spring there will be a virtual MQA training offered that is valid for one year. Hopefully, this spring we will be able to have another face to face MQA training.

If you have any questions, please contact Larry at 970-400-2093 or [lhooker@co.weld.co.us](mailto:lhooker@co.weld.co.us) or Michelle at 970-400-2076 or [m-langston@co.weld.co.us](mailto:m-langston@co.weld.co.us).

## 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 2021 show will take place on April 23-25. If you are interested or have questions about this committee, please contact Larry Hooker, [lhooker@co.weld.co.us](mailto:lhooker@co.weld.co.us).



## Poultry Project Information Meeting

Are you interested in poultry, but not sure what to do? Well come to the meeting on January 21, 2021. It will be in the 4-H Building at 6:30 pm. You can see what is all involved in doing poultry. If you have any questions about poultry this is the meeting for you. Hope to see you there!

## 2020 Poultry Meeting Schedule

- January 21st at 6:30 pm in the 4-H Bldg, Introduction to Poultry
- February 18th at 6:30 pm in the 4-H Bldg, TBA
- March 18th at 6:30 pm in the 4-H Bldg, Market Birds
- April 15th at 6:30 pm in the 4-H Bldg., Showmanship
- May 20th at 6:30 pm in the 4-H Bldg, Record Books
- June 17th at Pheasant Run Park in Greeley, Preparing for Fair

## 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/](http://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 will be 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 2021 Weld County Fair must fill out and turn in an Animal Care and Housing Form by 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2021 to the Weld County Extension Office to be eligible to show at the 2021 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](http://weldcountyfair.com/entries_events/fair_book_entry_forms).

## 2021 National Western Stock Show Postponed to 2022

The National Western Stock Show announced on September 14, 2020 that the 2021 National Western Stock Show is postponed to 2022. For details and information, please go to [www.nationalwestern.com](http://www.nationalwestern.com).

## National Western Stock Show Catch-A-Calf Program

As I'm sure you are well aware the 2021 National Western Stock Show has been postponed. However, we will still be accepting applications for participants for the 2021/2022 Catch-a-Calf Program. To apply for the program they will go to <https://nationalwestern.com/catch-a-calf-program/> and complete the online application. There is also a mandatory form that they will need to print off and complete. We have extended the application deadline until January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The applications will be screened and then we will randomly draw for the 40 spots, instead of the typical rodeo catches. We appreciate your help with advertising this information.

As a reminder the program is open to youth that are ages 12 to 18, as of December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2020. Youth must be an enrolled 4-H member and resident of the states of CO, WY, KS or NE.

## Market Beef Identification Day

**February 13, 2021** To be eligible for the 2020 Weld County Fair and Junior Livestock Sale, all market beef animals must be identified.

- Identifying will be done ONLY on Saturday, February 13, 2021 at the following location:

**GREELEY PRODUCERS SALE YARD, 711 "O" Street, Greeley, 8:00 am to 12:00 pm (Noon)**

- Animals will not be weighed. There is no scale available. Retinal scans will be collected on ALL market beef for the Weld County Fair and Colorado State Fair.
- A \$4.00 fee for retinal scans and ear tags will be collected at this time. Checks can be made payable to Weld County Fair.

**Calves will be brand inspected. You need to bring the following documentation with you:**

- **Valid proof of ownership**
  - ⇒ **In-state animal needs a brand certificate, including the home raised cattle**
  - ⇒ **If you do not have a brand certificate, bring your bill of sale to Market Beef ID**
  - ⇒ **If just purchased, animal needs a bill of sale**
  - ⇒ **If coming from Out-of-state, animal needs a bill of sale and health papers**
- **You are required to contact the Brand Office (970-352-8622) prior the weigh-in to get your brand certificates. Brand Certificates will not be written at weigh-in. All Brand Certificate fees will be paid by the exhibitor to the Brand Office.**

**There will be NO make-up date. All cattle need to be identified on February 13, 2021.**

## Royalty Corner

Hi there everyone it's me again Ella Niccoli one of your 2020-2021 Weld County Fair. Attendants, coming to give you an update on what we've been up to recently! On November 2nd we were crowned as the 2020-2021 Weld County Fair Royalty Court which was conducted by the Fair Board President Elijah Hatch and other members of the board, which was an amazing experience. Upcoming for December we are scheduled to appear in a few of the parade of lights in Fort Lupton, Eaton and Kersey (If they don't get canceled!). We are excited and can't wait to see what 2021 brings us!

With best regards, Weld County Fair Attendant Ella Niccoli

## Mark Your Calendar for 2021 Weld County Fair

The 2021 Weld County Fair is July 24<sup>th</sup> through August 2<sup>nd</sup>, kickoff is July 28<sup>th</sup>. The Junior Livestock Sale will be held on Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Fair Books will be available online to exhibitors around the first week of May. Fair Books will also be available in the Extension Office.

## Record Book Class

Any 4-H member who scored below 70% on your record book must attend a record book class on Thursday, December 17, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in person at the Extension Office and online via Zoom to be eligible to show at the 2020 Weld County Fair. There is a letter in your record book talking about this class if you scored below 70%. A letter will be mailed to you to remind you about this class.

## 2020 Weld County Fair Board Honored

The 2020 Weld County was recognized at the annual banquet in October. Members of the board have generously given their time and talents to support the fair. A BIG THANK YOU to our 2020 Fair Board members: President Elijah Hatch, Vice President, Mike Frink, Treasurer Christie Gabel, Secretary Isaia Aricayos, Aaron Helus, Tom Bledsoe, and Neil Temmer.

## 2021 Weld County Fair Board

In 2020 the Weld County Fair Board underwent a restructure seating a total of seven board members, along with ex-officio members from FFA and Extension who serve in an advisor capacity. This year has brought a lot of give and take dealing with COVID, and having a completely new Board. With that being said we are excited to begin planning for 2021, and look forward to what the upcoming year brings us. Our 2021 Fair Board: President Elijah Hatch, Vice President Mike Frink, Treasurer Christie Gabel, Secretary Isaia Aricayos, Aaron Helus, Tom Bledsoe, and Ken Vaughn!

## Weld County Fair Photographer

Interested in being the 2021 official Weld County Fair Photographer? Please visit [www.weldcountyfair.com](http://www.weldcountyfair.com) for more information, it's a great opportunity you do not want to miss!

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# 2020-2021 Master Calendar of Events and Deadlines

As we look towards 2021 be sure to mark down these important dates! As dates get closer, more information with times, registration, and other details will be available through the newsletter. Events, activities, meetings and workshops may change or cancelled due to COVID.

January	
1	Weld County Extension Office Closed
9	4-H Showcase
15	Last Day to Re-Enroll in 4-H

February	
2	Youth Executive Council Officer Training
6	Camp Cloverbud, Greeley
13	Market Beef ID Day
15	Weld County Extension Office Closed
22	Horse Project Night
25	4-H 101
27	Shooting Sports Safety Day, Greeley

March	
1	Last Day to Enroll in 4-H
1	Project Add/Drop Deadline
1	4-H Scholarship Applications due by 5 pm
1	Dairy Heifer Applications due
13	Horse Levels Workshop
20	Shooting Sports Safety Day, Keenesburg
27	District II Junior Jam, 8 to 13 year old
27	Speech Contest

April	
22	Weld County 4-H Foundation Annual Meeting
23-25	Weld County Goat Extravaganza

May	
1	Market Rabbit Doe ID Forms are due
1	Horse & Dog ID Forms due through 4-H Online
2	Contest Day
4	Market Goat and Sheep ID Day, Greeley
5	Market Goat and Sheep ID Day, Briggsdale
6	Market Goat and Sheep ID Day, Keenesburg
31	Weld County Extension Office Closed
	Meat Quality Assurance Class - TBD

June	
1	Weld County Extension Office Closed
5	Camp Cloverbud
13-15	Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza
21-25	State 4-H Conference, Sr. Members

July	
5	Weld County Extension Office Closed
17-18	County Shoot
21	Fashion Revue
24-31	Weld County Fair
26	Interview Judging Day at Weld County Fair

August	
1-2	Weld County Fair
3	First Day to turn in Livestock, Small Animal and Horse Record Books.
17	Project Drop Off for all State Fair Qualifiers

September	
6	Weld County Extension Office Closed
9	Pick Up Projects for all State Fair Qualifiers
10	Last Day to turn in Livestock, Small Animal and Horse Record Books. Must be received by 5:00 pm in the Extension Office.

October	
5	Recognition Night

November	
11	Weld County Extension Office Closed
	Colorado Leadership Camp, 6th-9th Graders
20	Mardi Gras
25-26	Weld County Extension Office Closed

December	
23-24	Weld County Extension Office Closed
31	Weld County Extension Office Closed

# Master Calendar

December	
1	Youth Executive Council, 7 pm
1	Leaders Council, 7 pm, EB
2	Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB
13	Meat Quality Assurance Training, 1-5 pm, EB
14	Meat Quality Assurance Training, 2-7 pm, EB
17	Record Book Class, 7 pm, Zoom and EO
18	Meat Quality Assurance Training, 9 am-12 pm, EB
19	Meat Quality Assurance Training, 9 am-12 pm, 1-3 pm, EB
24-25	Weld County Extension Office Closed
29	4-H Day at the Weld Food Bank
31	Weld County Extension Office Closed
31	Colorado Gardening Certificate Application Due

January	
1	Weld County Extension Office Closed
1	Weld County 4-H Scholarship Application available in the Tab Section on the homepage of the Weld County 4-H Website
5	Youth Executive Council, 7 pm
5	Leaders Council, 7 pm, EB
6	Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB
9	4-H Showcase, 10 am-1 pm, EB
15	Re-enrollment closes at 11 pm through 4-H Online
19	Horse Council Meeting, 7 pm, EO

**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](http://www.weld4h.org)) regularly for the most up to date & accurate information!**

February	
2	Officer Training, 6:30 pm, 4-H
2	Youth Executive Council, 7 pm
2	Leaders Council, 7 pm, EB
3	Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB
6	Camp Cloverbud, EB
13	Market Beef ID Day, Producers, Greeley
17	Weld County Extension Office Closed
22	Horse Project Night, 7 pm, 4-H

March	
1	Last day to enroll in 4-H
1	Weld County 4-H Scholarship due by 5 pm in EO
1	Dairy Heifer Replacement Application due to EO
2	Youth Executive Council, 7 pm
2	Leaders Council, 7 pm, EB
3	Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB
5-7	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Morgan County (Brush)
12-14	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Larimer County (Loveland)
16	Horse Council Meeting, 7 pm, EO
19-21	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Pueblo County (Pueblo)
26-28	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Garfield County (Rifle)

April	
2	Youth Executive Council, 7 pm
2	Leaders Council, 7 pm, EB
3	Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB
23-25	Weld County Goat Extravaganza, LB, 4-H, EB

## 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