

Happy Holidays

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Highlights in this issue:

- College Scholarships
- Enrollment
- Volunteer Reporting Hours

4-H Enrollment

Members and Leaders need to re-enroll by January 15, 2023 through 4-H Online. No paper enrollments are allowed. If you need help re-enrolling, please look at the helpful tips on page 2 or the re-enrolling instructions in the Bulletin Board of the home page at www.weld4h.org.

4-H enrollment fees are due to your Organizational Leader by January 15, 2023 or by your club deadline.

Enrollment deadline to be eligible to exhibit at the Weld County Fair is March 1, 2023. **Project add/drop deadline is March 1, 2023.**

The Extension Office can only accept enrollment fees from 4-H Organizational Leaders.

4-H 101

New parent and volunteer welcome night.

Join us for an evening of learning, meeting new people & fun!
February 28, 2023

Complimentary dinner begins at 6:00 pm & program begins at 6:30 pm at the 4-H Building, Island Grove Park, Greeley. Prizes! Materials! Fun!

Please RSVP by February 21, 2023
Call 970-400-2076

4-H Showcase

January 7th, 10: 00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Exhibition Building, Island Grove Regional Park

Who: Invite all of your friends!

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

Activities may include cake decorating, model rocketry,

pinwheels, leathercraft, scrapbooking and much more! If you would like to lead an activity or do a demonstration, contact Kim at 970-400-2079.

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Office Will Be Closed

Our office is closed to the public December 12, 2022-January 13, 2023 (possibly longer) due to roof construction on the building. All staff will be working remote during this time. You can email and call our direct phone lines during this time. We have closure notice posted on each of our websites. Please check our websites to see if we are open before you to come in. For a list of staff contact, visit our [Contact Us](#) page.

Welcome Amy!



Starting again in 2023, we welcome Amy Lentz as the Horticulture Agent and Master Gardener Coordinator for Weld County Extension. In her new role, Amy will work with residents and partner organizations to provide educational programming relating to a wide range of yard and garden topics. Amy will also help manage the Weld County Colorado Master Gardener program, educating and helping volunteers to deliver home-based horticultural information to communities throughout the county.

Before joining Colorado State University Extension, Amy worked as a research analyst for the University of Kentucky in the areas of fruit and vegetable research, cut flower production, nursery production and seed testing. She also worked as the supervisor of horticultural farming operations at Morehead State University in Eastern Kentucky, teaching students the fundamentals of floriculture, nursery production, orchard management, fruit and vegetable production and landscape management. She holds a Bachelor of Science in Natural Resource Conservation and Management and a Master of Science in Plant and Soil Science in Horticulture & Nursery Production, both from the University of Kentucky.

Amy is looking forward to rejoining the staff and growing the horticulture program at Weld County Extension!

Clubs Needed!

Do you live in or around the Johnstown/Milliken or Eaton/Galeton area 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 Organizational Leaders and start new clubs! With only one club in the Johnstown/Milliken, and the Eaton/Galeton 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.

Club Challenge

We are challenging clubs to a competition to generate new 4-H membership (does not include 2022 members that transfer to your club from another club). Cash awards 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@co.weld.co.us by March 6, 2023.

4-H Enrollment

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.

4-H Enrollment

Online enrollment is open. Re-enrolling in 4-H as a member or a leader is easy. Each family will login using their family email address and password to enroll electronically. If you don't remember your family email to start this process, please get with your Organizational Leader to verify your family email. Members will be able to log in at any time to refresh their memory of what projects they are enrolled in!

Signatures for the forms are electronic. **AN ELECTRONIC SIGNATURE IS TYPING THE FIRST AND LAST NAME OF THE INDIVIDUAL. The only paperwork you will have to print out is the Animal Care and Housing Form if your animals are located at a different property.** Once families submit their enrollment, please pay your club the enrollment fees. The 4-H staff in our county will view and approve each enrollment. Families will continue to be able to make some changes throughout the year – such as address, email address, phone number, etc. You can add or drop a project after your initial enrollment by updating your online account prior to March 1st.

We will email everyone when enrollment is open in mid-October. After confirming your family email with your leader, 4-H members and leaders can enroll themselves online. There will be step by step instructions to help you enroll posted in the bulletin board on the Weld County 4-H website www.weld4h.org by October 7, 2022.

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.

Breeding Animal ID Forms

We are highly encouraging members with breeding animals to fill out the ID Form for each breeding animal in 4-H Online this year. In 2023-2024 4-H year, you will be required to fill it out for your breeding animals..

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, 2023. 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 Weld County Fair is March 1, 2023. 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.

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 signing up for the 2023 trip, you will sign up under the CWF group you want to be part of once your account has been approved. If you are interested in the 2026 CWF trip, please sign up in the 2026 Group of your choice.

Signing up for Judging Teams

Members who wants to be on a judging team will need to sign up through 4-H Online in the Group Section once your account has been approved.

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

The 2023 Weld County 4-H Scholarship are Open!

Did you know that the Weld County 4-H Program offers over 20 scholarships to graduating 4-H members? You could be eligible to receive one of them, or more! 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) & 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, 2023.**

Two \$1500 Paul and Jean Hoshiko Family 4-H Scholarships - Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Foundation. These scholarships will be awarded to outstanding 4-H members based on demonstrated 4-H leadership, community service and 4-H accomplishments.

\$1500 Beef Excellence Committee Scholarship – Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Foundation. Members must have completed at least four years of Market or Breeding Beef project work and exhibited a Market Beef or Breeding Beef animal at the Weld County Junior Fair or the Colorado State Fair at least one time during the last four years. Special supplemental page must be completed and submitted with scholarship application.

Five \$1000 Weld County 4-H Foundation Scholarships - Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Foundation. Member may be enrolled in any 4-H project.

\$1000 Norgren Family 4-H Scholarship for College Students - Sponsored by the Norgren family through the Weld County 4-H Foundation. Must have completed one year of college working towards a degree in agriculture. Preference will be given to upper classmen. Must have at least 4 years of project work in the Weld County 4-H program.

\$1000 Ben Wilson Memorial Scholarship for College Students - Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Foundation through a donation in the memory of Ben Wilson. Must have completed one year of college. Must have a minimum of 4 years of project work in the Weld County 4-H program. Must be enrolled in a college program leading to a degree in an agricultural discipline.

\$1000 Dorothy Martin Zabka Memorial Scholarship for High School Senior or a College Student - Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Foundation through a donation in the memory of Dorothy Martin Zabka. Eligible college students must be enrolled in a college program leading to a degree in an agricultural discipline. Must have at least 4 years of project work in the Weld County 4-H program.

\$1000 - Weld County Fair 100th Celebration Scholarship supported by the Oil & Gas Industry - Sponsored by Weld County 4-H Foundation through donations by the Oil and Gas Industry. Member may be enrolled in any 4-H project.

One \$500 - Tim Seltzer Scholarship - Sponsored by the Seltzer Family. At least one \$500 scholarship will be awarded to an acceptable applicant in a given calendar year. Applicants must meet the certain criteria.

\$500 Weld County 4-H Shooting Sports Scholarships - Sponsored by the Weld County Shooting Sports Council. Members must be enrolled in the Weld County Shooting Sports program. One additional scholarship, as funds are available, in any amount up to \$500 for qualifying graduating senior or college student who is actively participating and/or volunteering. Special supplemental page must be completed and submitted with scholarship application.

Five \$500 Aurora Organic Dairy High School & Five \$500 Aurora Organic Dairy College Scholarships - Sponsored by Aurora Organic Dairy. Member may be enrolled in any 4-H project.

\$1500 Quintus Fuller (Bud) Memorial Scholarship - Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Foundation. Member may be enrolled in any 4-H project. Open to both High School and College Students.

\$500 Mary C. Barnett Memorial Scholarship - Sponsored by Weld County 4-H Youth Development Council. Member may be enrolled in any 4-H project.

Up to Four \$500 – Weld County 4-H Horse Scholarships - Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Horse Council. Eligible applicants must have completed three years of 4-H horse project work. Applicant must be an incoming freshman or be actively enrolled in an accredited institution.

\$500 Weld County 4-H Dairy Scholarship and \$500 Alvie Rothe 4-H Dairy Scholarship - Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Dairy Advisory Council. Members must be enrolled in the Weld County 4-H Dairy project. Must have completed at least three years of dairy project work immediately prior to current year enrollment. Special supplemental page must be completed and submitted with scholarship application.

\$500 Weld County 4-H Youth Executive Council Scholarships - Sponsored by Weld County 4-H Executive Council. Members may be enrolled in any 4-H project. Demonstrated leadership in 4-H activities beyond the local club level will be a major determining factor in selecting recipients.

Two \$500 Weld County 4-H Youth Executive Council Leadership Award - For high school or college students. Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Youth Executive Council. Must have served and been active on the Weld County Youth Executive Council for three years. Special supplemental page must be completed and submitted with scholarship application.

\$500 Greeley Kennel Club 4-H Scholarship - Sponsored by the Greeley Kennel Club. The member must have completed two years of dog obedience in 4-H to be eligible. This scholarship would be renewable for the recipient's second year at college if established criteria are met. Special supplemental page must be completed and submitted with scholarship application.

\$500 Gene Inloes Memorial 4-H Livestock Judging Scholarship - Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Foundation. Members must have participated in the Weld County 4-H Livestock Judging program for three years. Special supplemental page must be completed and submitted with scholarship application.

Leaders Council Scholarships one \$500 for college and one \$500 for high school student. – Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Leaders Council. Member may be enrolled in any 4-H project. Minimum of 1 year leadership responsibility in any organization.

\$800 Helmut and Bob Brunner Memorial 4-H Scholarship - Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Foundation. This scholarship will be awarded to a member enrolled in an agricultural project and who will be attending Colorado State University.

\$250 Kenneth & Clarice Benson Memorial 4-H Scholarship - Sponsored by the Weld County 4-H Foundation. Member may be enrolled in any 4-H project.

\$100 Josh Jarman Memorial 4-H Scholarship - Sponsored by the Josh Jarman Memorial Fund in memory of Jarman, a former 4-H member. The recipient should show exemplary leadership in 4-H community service. This scholarship may be awarded to an applicant who is receiving another county 4-H scholarship. Member may be enrolled in any 4-H project.

PLEASE LET FORMER 4-H'ERS IN COLLEGE WHO MEET THE DEGREE CRITERIA KNOW ABOUT THESE

2022 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.

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 open on December 21, 2022 and close on March 1, 2023. There is an online only application at <https://www.weldgov.com/Government/Departments/CSU-Extension/Weld-County-Goat-Extravaganza/Scholarship>.

Colorado 4-H Scholarships

The 2023 Colorado 4-H Scholarship application form is available on the Colorado 4-H website: <https://co4h.colostate.edu/about-us/scholarships/>.

Applications Deadline is March 1, 2023.

2023 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, 2023.

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. **Applications are due by April 1, 2023.**

Leader's Council Corner



As we begin the new 4-H year, the Weld County Leaders Council would like to introduce ourselves to the 4-H community. The council meets 6 times a year and discusses anything from enrollment, scholarships, leader support. Each meeting we also have a club share where any club representatives can share things going on in their clubs or ask for suggestions or help with something they would like to do.

The Leader's Council has one main fundraiser every year- The Food Booth (Happy Days Café) at the Weld County Fair. The funds from the Food Booth go towards college scholarships; enrollment scholarships; help for conference registration and certification training for members/leaders; and contests awards through the year including sponsoring the Outstanding Member and Leader Awards that are awarded in October.

Over the last 10 years the Leaders Council has awarded over \$26,000 in Scholarships and funds to support leaders and members. The Leaders Council has several committees that anyone can also participate in. Committees mainly meet for 15 minutes during our meeting time and occasionally during a separate time if there is a large amount of business to discuss.

Our committees include

- Expansion & Review
- Leader's Food Booth
- Budget
- Mardi Gras
- Other Fundraisers
- Awards & Scholarships
- Organizational Lead Mentor
- Remembrance

We meet on the first Tuesday of the even months (February, April, June, August, October, December) at 7:00 pm. Our meeting locations vary, but we are usually in the Extension Office Meeting room or downstairs of the Exhibition Building by the Kitchen. Leaders Council is open to anyone in the 4-H Community that would like to attend. Keep an eye out in the Newsletter for more information about the Leaders Council.

Shellie Jacobucci
Leader's Council Vice President

Ice Breaker

Have the members partner with someone new to the club or a person they do not know very well. Give them 3-5 minutes to find out information about their partner. Examples may include: favorite color, what they did over break, 4-H projects, etc. After the time is up, have them introduce their partner to the group and share the information that they gathered.

Family History Workshop

Are you interested in your family history? Do you want to find out if you are related to a president or a celebrity? Do you want to find out where your family descends from?

Maybe you're already a Pro and you need help digging deeper. If you are interested in a new Family History project, please keep your eye on future Newsletters for more information on workshops. If you are interested now, please reach out to Michelle at Highlandclovers@gmail.com.

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.

4-H Shooting Sports

Last year 231 youth enrolled in the Shooting Sports project here in Weld County. Ask any one of those members why they love the project and you are likely to hear about how much fun they have, about the life skills they learn like discipline, concentration and confidence. It is just as likely that they will tell you about the amazing leaders who plan and organize the project and serve as instructors.

Shooting Sports takes a lot of volunteer power to make it happen! Without parent and other adult participation, this experience would not be possible for 4-H'ers.

In order to keep this project going strong in the 2022-2023 4-H year we need your help. Having a county program REQUIRES the use of trained and certified 4-H instructors. You can become certified by participating in a workshop and it requires no special skill to start beyond being an involved parent who cares about young people. There are many other ways that you can support this project as well.

The 4-H Shooting Sports Council is a group of dedicated, hard working leaders who have made it possible for your child to have this wonderful opportunity. Now we need your help.

Please plan to attend a special meeting!
Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 7-8 pm
4-H Building
527 N. 15th Avenue
Greeley, CO

Together, we can make sure the Shooting Sports project continues to change young lives in Weld County 4-H.

Do you love the Shooting Sports Project?

To become a shooting sports instructor, individuals are required to become an authorized Weld County 4-H Leader and to complete the shooting sports certification workshop (see schedule below). To find out more about this wonderful volunteer opportunity and becoming a shooting sports instructor, 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 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 4 shooting sports certification workshops in the state including:

- ◆ Morgan County (Ft. Morgan), March 3 – March 5, 2023 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and Archery
- ◆ Weld County (Greeley), March 10 – March 12, 2023 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and Archery
- ◆ Pueblo County (Pueblo), March 17 - March 19, 2023 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Hunting & Outdoor Skills, Muzzleloader, and Western Heritage
- ◆ Garfield County (Rifle), March 24 – March 26, 2023 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Hunting & Outdoor Skills, Muzzleloader, and Western Heritage

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.

Front Range 4-H Regional Creative Cooks Contest

Save the Date for the Front Range Regional 4-H Creative Cooks Contest on Saturday, February 25 at Riverdale Regional Park in Adams County! The Creative Cooks contest is an opportunity for members to showcase their creativity while learning more about meal planning, nutrition, and food safety. Registration information will be coming out soon.

If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Johnson at 970-400-2070 or tjohnson@co.weld.co.us or Kim Eastwood at 970-400-2079 or keastwood@co.weld.co.us.



Officer Training February 7, 2023

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 7th 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 31, 2023

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



Members/Leaders

Youth Executive Council

Cozy up with some cocoa and a blanket, winter is here! Our January meeting will consist of leadership development and games. We are watching carefully for a temporary meeting place, due to the Extension Office being under repairs. On January 7th is the 4-H Showcase! Come and see some fantastic projects and participate in some hands-on activities (see more details in the Newsletter).

Guess what time it is? It's time for the annual LDC trip! Register through Weld County's jot form (found on Facebook) or contact Teresa Johnson. At the February 7th meeting, we have another annual event, Officer Training! At this event, all those who currently hold an office in they're club, or are interested in becoming an officer, or just learning about what each officer is responsible for come together to learn, play games and participate in a mock meeting.

Our next meeting is January 3 at 7:00 pm downstairs in the Exhibition Building. Watch Facebook for venue updates.

Hope to see you there!

The Youth Executive Council Reporters, Isabelle Bokelman, Aubri Reynolds, Macy Schleiger, and Paige Strickland

District II Meetings

District II Meetings will rotate between counties with some meetings being virtual or at conferences.

- January – At LDC
- March 26th at 2 pm – Weld County
- April 30th at 2 pm – Larimer County

Colorado State University Conducts Background Checks on all Volunteers

Volunteers serve at the request of Colorado State University Extension. That request can be withdrawn for any reason, or no reason, at any time. Volunteers agree to abide by the 4-H Code of Conduct and to enforce the Code of Conduct with 4-H members they supervise.

Interested in being a Key Leader?

If you have an interest in sharing your time and talent to help 4-H members with a particular project please give us a call. You can help by being a resource leader, key leader, or by simply offering a single workshop.

For General and Natural Resource, Family Consumer Science and Horse projects call Kim at 970-400-2079. For Livestock projects call Larry at 970-400-2093.

Becoming a Leader

The Weld County 4-H program is a team effort. The volunteers, Extension staff, parents and members work together to plan and carry out a program for the growth and development of young people. If you or someone you know are interested in becoming a volunteer leader, here are the steps that need to be completed to become an approved leader in Weld County 4-H:

1. Fill out and submit an enrollment form, volunteer leader application and background disclosure form through 4-H Online
2. Have two positive references
3. Have a complete background check
4. Complete an online orientation training
5. Have an interview with the 4-H agents (all organizational leaders and others in some cases)

Once you are approved as a leader you will receive a letter in the mail stating you are approved as a leader. You must complete and submit an enrollment form through 4-H Online on an annual basis in order to stay active in the system.

If you do not submit enrollment annually, the system will drop you as a leader and will be required to reapply. If you are active in a specific club, the organizational leader will confirm your enrollment form along with the rest of the club. If you are a key leader, resource leader, or an activity leader, you may re-enroll through 4-H Online and the Extension Office will see your enrollment.

Volunteer Reporting Hours

New this year is an opportunity for volunteers to share how many hours you spend in your positions. Whether this is your time spent for club meetings, leading workshops, or helping at different events all can be shared! Things can be lumped together (all workshop hours, club hours, etc.) or you can put in dates for each thing, it is all up to you. You can find instructions on how to input these hours in the Bulletin Board at www.weld4h.org. Go to the Bulletin Board and click on Leader Volunteer Hours to get the instructions. These hours will need to be put in by the end of the 4-H year next August. If you would rather e-mail in your hours spent you can send them to keastwood@weldgov.com.



Working with Club Officers

The officers of the club sit at the table in the front of the community building and nervously wait for the noise to stop so they can start the meeting. Finally, the leader speaks loud enough to get everyone's attention and calls for order. The club president asks what they need to talk about first. The leader tells her and things begin. With every item of business, parents and leaders talk about the pros and cons of issues to ensure the members make the *right* decisions. The president was disorganized, there was no agenda, the group didn't focus on discussion items and there was continuous personal chat going on. Does any of this feel familiar? 4-H club meetings are great opportunities to teach life skills such as decision making, problem solving, critical thinking, leadership, contributing to the group effort and teamwork. However, it takes some intentional effort to create a climate where those life skills can best be developed. People feel frustrated, disorganized and question the use of their time at 4-H club meetings when an effort hasn't been made to create a productive experience for the meeting. The best organizational leaders that work as facilitators and advisors acknowledge five characteristics of all productive meetings.

1. **Purpose** - There is a goal or reason to meet.
 2. **Setting** - There needs to be an atmosphere that encourages participation and discourages cliques.
 3. **People** - Who needs to be at the meeting and who has the authority and responsibility to follow-up on decisions?
 4. **Agenda** - Is the plan for the group defined from beginning to end?
 5. **Follow-up** - Dividing responsibilities among members, taking notes, gathering information and doing the work. The responsibilities of the leaders and parents are to help the members achieve goals and get things done by providing influence and guidance. Leadership is **no accident**.
- **Notify** - members and parents of time, place and expectations.
 - **Organize** - resources, information and agendas with the officers ahead of time.
 - **Acknowledge** - people. Trust needs to be built by getting to know one another.
 - **Contact** - prior to meeting contact the officers to discuss business at hand.
 - **Communicate** - to avoid breakdowns and keep everyone informed.
 - **Identify skills** - so that no one's strengths are overlooked.
 - **Divide and delegate** - responsibilities among the group with committees that can support individuals.
 - **Encourage** - sparks of interest and enthusiasm. They are contagious!
 - **Notes** - are the record of what needs to be done and what is accomplished.
 - **Thank you** - are the two powerful words which help value the efforts of others.

Helping 4-H clubs and their members requires you to advise them in decision making. They learn by practicing their skills and facing challenges and failures. Jim Fey, an educational consultant said, "*The price of learning is as cheap now as it will ever be.*" Explore how you can work with youth to define problems, gather information, explore alternatives, weigh the consequences, decide on an action and evaluate the results. It's a blue light special now, while the price is right!

4-H Club Officer Information

4-H Club Officers

Congratulations! It is an honor to be selected by your fellow 4-H members to serve in the important position of a club officer. 4-H Club Officer guides are available at the Extension Office. Call to arrange to pick up a copy.

An Officer Training will be held on Tuesday, February 7, 2023 at 6:30 pm at the 4-H Building at Island Grove Park, Greeley. For more information, contact Teresa at 970-400-2070.

4-H Club Secretary

Serving as 4-H secretary is certainly an honor, but it also includes many duties and responsibilities. You should become familiar with these so you can serve your club well and keep a good record of all the club's activities through the year. You are required to keep accurate minutes of meetings and records of attendance. You also will maintain the 4-H Club Activities calendar. A complete list of your responsibilities and all of the forms that you need are included in the 4-H Secretary Book. The book is available on the web at: www.colorado4h.org or you may call and arrange to pick up a copy at the Extension Office.

Clubs are required to submit a copy of their Secretary Book to the Extension Office at the end of the 4-H year!

4-H Club Treasurer

You have a very important job! The treasurer is responsible for taking care of the club's money and bank accounts. This responsibility requires honesty, integrity, cooperation and communication with the members of your club. 4-H clubs must complete an Annual Financial Summary report and submit it to the Extension Office. This report creates an open, public record of each nonprofit group receiving public donations and it also fulfills the audit concerns of CSU and federal requirements for financial accounting by 4-H clubs. The USDA requires that 4-H clubs file financial statements and plans with the Extension Office. You should review all of your responsibilities as treasurer with your club leader. The complete 4-H Treasurer Book, which includes all of the forms that you need is available on the web at www.colorado4h.org or you may call to arrange to pick up your copy at the Extension Office.

Members/Leaders/Horse/Livestock

4-H Outreach

Every month, youth from around Weld County attend an afterschool program held at various schools and libraries. Topics range from making Wobble robots out of a CD and a motor to learning about the planet Mars by building rovers that can maneuver obstacles. Other topics included learning about oceanic robots and testing their density in a pool of water, learning about how infrared technologies work by observing various objects before an infrared camera, and many other STEM and Ag programs. Youth have engaged with hands on activities to help them solve everyday problems and explore topics in depth that they typically wouldn't learn about during school. Interest in STEM has increased the more youth are exposed to these offered programs. Nationally, 4-Hers are 4 times more likely to make contributions to their communities, 2 times more likely to be civically active, 2 times more likely to make healthier choices. The impact that these monthly outreach programs have on youth mark their lives in a positive way for years to come.

Please check out the upcoming programs in the flyer below.

Programs for January-May 2023



January: Paleontology
This program will look into fossils around the earth. Youth will make their own Dinosaur Fossils.



February: Coaster made by Fire
Youth will learn about chemistry and get to use special markers to make their designs and then get watch how fire makes cool designs on their artwork.



March: Making Lip Balm
Youth will learn about how certain oils, wax and fats have properties that make it great for lip and skin care



April: Electromagnetism
Learn how Magnetism and Electricity work to make strong magnets using simple items like batteries, wire, and a nail.



May: Rockets and Space
Youth will learn about the parts of a rocket and be able to design and build their own stomp rocket and watch them fly!

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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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.

FDA Issues Advisory Warning About Recalled Alfalfa Following Equine Deaths Linked to Feed

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) are cautioning horse owners not to feed Top of the Rockies alfalfa cubes with the date codes 111222, 111322, 111422, 111522, and 111622. Consumers who have products marked with those date codes or who are unsure of the date code should throw them away in a secure container and follow the handling and cleaning instructions below. Horse owners should immediately consult their veterinarian if horses ate the [recalled product](#) and show signs of neurologic illness, such as muscle tremors, difficulty eating or swallowing, difficulty standing, or collapse. To read the full article, visit [Colorado Department of Agriculture](#).

4-H Horse Project Night

A Mandatory Horse Project Night is scheduled for Monday, February 27, 2023 in the 4-H Building at Island Grove Park, Greeley, pizza at 6:30 pm & 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 2022
 - ⇒ Opportunities for levels certification in 2023
- 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 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.

Horse Advancement Levels for 2022

Congratulations to the following individuals for their accomplishments in achieving one or more certifications in the Colorado 4-H Horse Advancement Levels program in 2022!

Any corrections to this list should be reported to Kim Eastwood at the Extension Office, 970-400-2079.

Western Level I

Jackson Bauer
Avery Haggard
Lyla Little
Isabelle McKinney

Western Level I and II

Jadalynn Frazier
Wyatt Holladay
Audrey Koehn
Zemery Weber

Western Level II

Mason Erickson
Owen Hatch
Hayley Holladay

English Level I and II

Jadalynn Frazier

Ranch I

Lyla Little

Ranch I and II

Mason Erickson
Jadalynn Frazier
Wyatt Holladay

Ranch II

Hayley Holladay

Ranch III

Hunter Mock
Adelynn Schaffner

Horse/Livestock/Small Animals

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 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 2023 Weld County Fair must fill out and turn in an Animal Care and Housing Form by 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2023 to the Weld County Extension Office to be eligible to show at the 2023 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.

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.

Avian Flu

Avian Flu is coming back strong. There are currently 2 confirmed cases in Colorado. We encourage you to keep an eye on your flocks and practice good biosecurity. We have an Avian Flu page on the Extension website that has lots of information and contact phone numbers and links to multiple websites. We have also created an Avian Flu link on the 4-H website to the left of the Projects page.

Poultry Project Information Meeting

Are you interested in poultry, but not sure what to do? Well come to the meeting on January 12, 2023. 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!

2023 Poultry Meeting Schedule

- January 12th at 6:30 pm, 4-H Building, 527 N. 15th Avenue, Greeley, Introduction to Poultry
- February 16th at 6:30 pm, 4-H Building, Bio Security
- March 16th at 6:30 pm, 4-H Building, Market Birds
- April 20th at 6:30 pm, Bunkhouse, Record Books
- May 18th at 6:30 pm, 4-H Building, Poultry Anatomy/Showmanship
- June 15th at Pheasant Run Park in Greeley, Preparing for Fair

Market Beef Identification Day

February 4, 2023 To be eligible for the 2023 Weld County Fair and Junior Livestock Sale, all market beef animals must be identified.

- Identifying will be done ONLY on Saturday, February 4, 2023 at the following location:

GREELEY PRODUCERS SALE YARD, 711 "O" Street, Greeley, 8:00 am to 11:00 am

- We are unsure if there will be a scale available, if so, animals will be weighed. Please watch for updates next month for the possibility of a scale. 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 coming from Out-of-state, animal needs purchase invoice or brand inspection 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 4, 2023.

Breeding Animal ID Forms - New This Year

New This Year – We are encouraging all members with breeding animals (Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goats, Poultry, Rabbits, Sheep and Swine) to fill out an ID Form in 4-H Online. Once you fill it out and submit it, the following year you will just update and submit the form. We are asking you to fill out the Breeding Animal ID Forms by May 15th through 4-H Online. We will be requiring a breeding animal ID Form in the 2023-2024 4-H year. 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>.

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 2023 show will take place on April 21-23. If you are interested or have questions about this committee, please contact Larry Hooker, lhooker@co.weld.co.us.

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 31st) and once again within one year after becoming a senior (14-18 years old, age as of December 31st) member. The virtual MQA training last year was valid for one year only.

We are planning a MQA training on March 28th and March 29th from 4:00-7:00 pm in the 4-H Building, Greeley. Please check in no later than 6:00 pm for the training. Please take a look at the list that is posted in the Bulletin Board on the Weld County 4-H website to see if you need to take this class. This list was last updated on September 22nd and will be updated next on March 10th.

There will be a virtual class in late spring. The virtual class is only valid for one year.

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!

Signing up for Judging Teams

Members who want to be on a judging team will need to sign up through 4-H Online in the Group Section once your account has been approved.

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 Rachel LeClere at 720-936-648 or weldhorsejudging@gmail.com.

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 coaches Debbie Carpio at 970-397-6718 or Sarah Hirsch at 970-381-7675.

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.

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, 2021 (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) of their same breed.
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 11-13, 2023 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 five percent (5%) 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.

Royalty Corner

Hello! My name is Avery Loveland, your 2022- 2023 Weld County Fair Queen, Happy New Year!

During December of 2022, myself and the rest of the court attended several parade of lights throughout the county, including LaSalle, Ft. Lupton, Eaton, and Fredrick. Although it was cold, seeing all the beautiful lights and sharing our passion for Weld County and the Weld County Fair was an amazing way to round off the year!

To kick off the year, the Royalty Court and I can be found helping out the 4-H Showcase Jan. 7, at the National Western Stock Show Jan. 14, and as well as other events across the county and state advocating and promoting for the Weld County Fair and agricultural as a whole. We really look forward to seeing everyone at each event!

Caitie Holcomb, Laura Stevens, and I hope you all had an amazing Christmas and are looking forward to spending more time with everyone throughout 2023 as your Weld County Fair Court!

#aweldkepttradition
Your WCF Royalty Queen,
Avery Loveland

Celebrating 105 Years

Mark your calendars for the 105th celebration of the Weld County Fair! Our pre-fair will begin on July 22nd with our official fair kicking off mid-week and wrapping up with the Junior Livestock Sale on Monday, July 31st. Visit [Weld County Fair](#) for a tentative schedule!

Fair Camping Reservations

Reminder that we are NOT doing Camping reservations in January. We changed this process in 2022 to happen in March of the current Fair year and it worked out great! We will post more on the newsletter when we get closer. Reservations will open in March of 2023!

Weld County Fair Drug Testing Committee Applications

The Weld County Fair Board has opened up a new Drug Testing committee, and are in need of volunteers to be on it. It will consist of 2 members from our Livestock Animal Health Committee and the 1 member from our Jr. Livestock Sale Committee, plus 3 people who apply and are accepted through the Board. This committee's main goal is to create a procedure for Drug Testing for various Livestock Species at the Weld County Fair. Knowledge in Drug testing and Livestock is recommended. Applications will be at <https://www.weldcountyfair.com/Get-Involved/Fair-Committees>. We will accept applications until December 31st at 11:59 pm.

Family Consumer Project & General & Natural Resources Exhibitors

Each year there are changes to the requirements for these projects at County and State Fair. Changes will be in the Newsletter so be sure to read it carefully.

Livestock Exhibitors

The Fair Board makes some changes to the rules every year so be sure to read your Newsletters. Some of these changes may apply to you.

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Master Calendar

December	
12-31	Weld County Extension Office Closed due to roof construction, all staff is working remote
23 & 26	Weld County Extension Office Closed

January	
1-13	Weld County Extension Office Closed due to roof construction, all staff is working remote
2	Weld County Extension Office Closed
3	Youth Executive Council, 7 pm, EB
4	Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB
7	4-H Showcase, 10 am-1pm, EB
7-22	National Western Stock Show, Denver
12	Poultry Project Meeting, 6:30 pm, 4-H
15	Re-enrollment closes at 11 pm through 4-H Online
17	Horse Council, 7 pm, EO
24-26	Colorado Farm Show, Greeley
28-30	Leadership Development Conference, Denver
	District II Meeting at LDC, Denver

February	
1	Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB
4	Market Beef ID Day, 8-11 am, Producers Sale Yard, Greeley
7	Officer Training, 6:30 pm, 4-H
7	Leaders Council, 7 pm, EO
11	Camp Cloverbud, 9:30 am-1 pm, Keenesburg
16	Poultry Project Meeting, 6:30 pm, 4-H
20	Weld County Extension Office Closed
25	Front Range 4-H Regional Creative Cooks Contest, 9 am, Adams County Fairgrounds
27	Horse Project Night, 7 pm, 4-H
28	4-H 101, 6 pm, 4-H

March	
1	Last Day to Enroll in 4-H through 4-H Online
1	Project Add/Drop Deadline through 4-H Online
1	Weld County 4-H Scholarship due online
1	Weld County Goat Extravaganza Scholarship due online
1	Shooting Sports Parent Night, 7 pm, 4-H
3-5	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Morgan County (Fort Morgan)
6	Club Challenge due to Kim
7	Youth Executive Council, 7 pm, EO
10-12	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Weld County (Greeley)
15	4-H and FFA Dairy Heifer Replacement Application due
16	Poultry Project Meeting, 6:30 pm, 4-H
17-19	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Pueblo County (Pueblo)
21	Horse Council Meeting, 7 pm, EO
24-26	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Garfield County (Rifle)
26	District II Meeting at LDC, 2 pm, Weld County
28	MQA Training, 4-7 pm, 4-H
29	MQA Training, 4-7 pm, 4-H

April	
4	Youth Executive Council, 7 pm, EO
4	Leaders Council, 7 pm, EO
5	Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB
20	Poultry Project Meeting, 6:30 pm, 4-H
21-23	Weld County Goat Extravaganza

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