

## Highlights in this issue:

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- Shooting Sports Certification Trainings
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## To Make the Best Better

All 4-H families have a responsibility to read the 4-H newsletter and to understand the information and deadlines that apply to them. Need help? Please check with your club leader or contact 4-H Agents at the Extension Office.

### 4-H 101

#### New parent and volunteer welcome night.

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

February 27, 2024

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

Please RSVP by February 20, 2024

Call 970-400-2076 or email [mlangston@weld.gov](mailto:mlangston@weld.gov)

## Communication

We like being able to keep you informed of events and activities. The only way for us to communicate information to you is if we have your correct contact information. So, if you get a new email address or mailing address, please update the information through 4-H online. To update your mailing address or email, login to 4-H Online, click on Family, then click the edit button for family or address. Enter the updated information and save.

## R.S.V.P.

We are planning lots of great workshops and meetings for leaders and members this 4-H year. These events are organized and led by 4-H leaders, staff or guests. We ask that you call or email to let us know that you will be attending. Some events are cancelled because so few people have responded or because of unforeseen circumstances. Of course if you have not responded we have no way to let you know that the event has been cancelled! For 4-H purposes, unless we specifically ask you to let us know whether or not you are planning to attend, RSVP means respond only if you are coming. It means that we need a definite head count and we need it by the specified date. Please RSVP!

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## We are on Facebook!

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

## Help Wanted!

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

## Horticulture Specialist

We will be hiring a Horticulture Specialist/Master Gardener Coordinator soon. Information will be coming soon on how to apply. Please watch the newsletter or visit the [Extension website](http://www.weldextension.com).

## Extension Elevated

The CSU Weld County Extension Office is excited to share with you a new publication that features a few of our elevated moments throughout the year here in Weld County. Check out [Extension Elevated](http://www.weldextension.com).

## Project Add/Drop Deadline

The project add/drop deadline is March 1, 2024. To add or drop a project, you will need to login to 4-H Online and add or drop a project once your account is approved.

## Adding CWF Group and/or a Judging Team

Once your account in 4-H Online is approved, you can add a CWF Group and/or a Judging Team through the Group Section in 4-H Online.

## Clubs Needed!

Do you live in or around the 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 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 2023 members that transfer to your club from another club). Cash award of \$100 will be awarded to the club with the most new members and to the club with the highest percentage of new members. Members must be new to 4-H. To enter, send an email to Kim at [keastwood@weld.gov](mailto:keastwood@weld.gov) by March 4, 2024.

## The 2024 Weld County 4-H Scholarship Packet is Available!

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](http://www.weld4h.org). **The application is an online form only and must be submitted by 11:59 pm on March 1, 2024.**

**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.

**\$1300 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.

**\$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.

**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.

**Leaders Council Scholarships one \$525 for college and one \$525 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.

**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.

**\$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 SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES!**

## 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 shown at the Weld County Goat Extravaganza.
- Have not previously received a Weld County Goat Extravaganza scholarship.

**Applications are being accepted and close on March 1, 2024.** There is an online only application at <https://www.weldgov.com/Government/Departments/CSU-Extension/Weld-County-Goat-Extravaganza/Scholarship>.

## Colorado 4-H Scholarships

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

### 2024 Scholarship Application Procedure

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

### Helpful Hints:

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

**Visit Colorado 4-H website for scholarship details.**

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

If you have scholarship questions, please contact [OEE\\_Giving@colostate.edu](mailto:OEE_Giving@colostate.edu).

## Central Colorado Water Conservancy Scholarship

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

## 2023 Scholarship Recipients

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

## Greeley Independence Stampede Scholarships

The Greeley Stampede Foundation is now accepting applications from graduating Weld County High School seniors. Online applications are due by **midnight on February 28, 2024**. Weld County High School seniors who meet general qualification and are scheduled to graduate in the spring are encouraged to apply. Scholarship recipients will be selected based on their outstanding academic results, leadership in the community, involvement with the Greeley Stampede, and plans to further their education. Recipients of the scholarship may use the scholarship at any accredited trade school, college or university. For more information and the application go to <https://www.greeleystampede.org/p/get-involved/scholarships>

## Northern Colorado Meat Goat Breeders Scholarship

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

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

**The application postmark deadline is March 31, 2024.** Please send an email to [jwrboer@wigginstel.com](mailto:jwrboer@wigginstel.com) to request an application form and further information.

## 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.



# Members/Leaders

## Agfinity Scholarships

Lifelong Learning is a core value of the Agfinity Cooperative, which is why the Stalwart Agfinity Scholarship program was established. This year we will be awarding \$85,000 to the Stalwart Agfinity Scholarships.

*Application will be available February 15, 2024.*

**Submissions are due by 11:59 pm on March 15, 2024.**

For scholarship information and application visit <https://agfinityinc.com/the-why-behind-the-agfinity-scholarship-program/>.

### Eligibility Guidelines:

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

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

## West Greeley Conservation District Scholarship

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

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

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

## Livestock Exchange LLC Scholarship

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

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

## Ice Breaker Activity

**Prep:** Write questions on a beach ball that members are to answer.

Example questions could be:

- What is your favorite color?
- What is your favorite project in 4-H?
- What projects are you taking this year?
- What do you hope to gain through 4-H?

**Activity:** Have the group stand in circle and toss the ball around. The members are to answer the question that is closest to their right thumb.

## 4-H General/natural & Family Consumer Science E-Record Tips for Record Books

### Watch for tips in every newsletter!

The **NEW** e-records are available to you in two ways: online, or on paper. Updated e-record books are available at the State 4-H website: <http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/projects/e-records-general/>. Supplements are within the project e-record for those that require supplements. You may elect to receive all records for your projects from the Extension office or via your club leader at the appropriate costs. You will need to fill out an e-record for each project.

## Getting Started

### Start Now

Your record book is just that, a record of this year's work with a particular project. Fill out as much of the record as you can, as soon as you can. **DO NOT WAIT TO DO YOUR RECORD BOOK AT THE LAST MINUTE.**

### COVER (page 1)

This is the easiest page in the record book! There is no reason why this page should not be completed when you receive or download your record.

- Fill in what project you are taking, unit number or title and how many years you have taken the project including the current year.
- Check your age group. Remember that your age is as of December 31, 2023.
  - Juniors 8-10
  - Intermediates 11-13
  - Seniors 14-18
- Fill in your name, 4-H club, county, birthdate and age as of December 31, 2023.
- Make sure you get all signatures required (Member, Leader, Parent/Guardian and the date) at the completion of your project.

Make sure you get all signatures required at the completion of your project, prior to the fair. An approved, enrolled Weld County 4-H leader who is aware of your work on the project and in your club may sign your record book. Typically that is your club leader but he/she may designate a project leader to sign books.

## HOW I PARTICIPATE IN 4-H (page 2)

Look at the "[Categories of Participation](#)" and fill in the "[Total this Year](#)" and the "[Description](#)" of your activities.

In the first section, write down the 4-H Projects that you completed, 4-H Workshops/Skill Activities/Contests in this project, Leadership Development in this project, Junior or Teen Leader.

In the next section, write down your Citizenship/Community Service & your Demonstrations/Presentations/Speeches that you participated in. Each one of those require a date, hours, activity & location.

# Members & Leaders

## Front Range 4-H Regional Creative Cooks Contest

Creative Cooks Contest is being held as a region this year and will be February 25<sup>th</sup> at Adams County. To sign up visit: <https://forms.gle/P1g7RLB3iwwJW7tr6>. The entry deadline for the contest is Friday, February 10. There is a \$6 fee per person that can be paid at <https://checkout.square.site/buy/FPWNJHZEPR4Q6QL2Z7NQZBXL>. For rules and additional contest information visit: <http://adams4h.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/2024-Creative-Cooks-Rules.pdf>.

If you have any questions, please contact Teresa Johnson at 970-400-2070 or [tjohnson@weld.gov](mailto:tjohnson@weld.gov) or Kim Eastwood at 970-400-2079 or [keastwood@weld.gov](mailto:keastwood@weld.gov).

## 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](http://www.weld4h.org/projects).

## Cake Decorating Workshop

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


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

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

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

### Leather Carving Skills Workshop

February 17, 2024  
4-H Building Island Grove- Greeley  
9:00 AM -1:00 PM



Register through:  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DABAC2EA6FDC25-47018869-leather>

**Focus of Workshop**

- Carving Skills used in Units 2 & 3
- Review of leather preparation, finishing and care
- Review of Project Requirements for Unit 2 & 3 (suggested parents participating in this review)

**Each member needs to bring the following tools with them.**

- Mallet
- Tooling Board
- Modeling Tools
  - Stylus/ Point & Spoon Tools
  - Swivel Knife
  - Camouflage Tool
  - Pear Shader
  - Beveler
  - Veiner
  - Seeder
  - Backgrounder


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

**Leather, Patterns and Tracing Materials will be provided**

Register for the Leather Carving Skills Workshop at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4DABAC2EA6FDC25-47018869-leather>.

### Intro to Leathercraft & Creative Stamping

March 17, 2023  
4-H Building Island Grove- Greeley  
10:00 AM -2:00 PM



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

**Focus of Workshop**

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

**Each member needs to bring the following tools with them.**

- Mallet
- Tooling Board

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

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

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

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

### Double Loop Stitching & Intro to Stains and Dyeing

March 17, 2023  
4-H Building Island Grove- Greeley  
1:30 PM -3:00 PM



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

**Focus of Workshop**

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

**Each member needs to bring the following tools with them.**

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

Please contact: Shelle at [jacobcushell@gmail.com](mailto:jacobcushell@gmail.com) with questions on these supply requirements

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

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



# Members & Leaders

## Family History Workshop

Our first workshop will be February 3rd, at 10 am at the new LINC Library in Greeley, in the Genealogy section. We'll go thru what's expected for the project and work thru a few pages of the manual. If you have not enrolled in the project yet, but want to learn more, join us! Questions? Email Michelle at [highlandclovers@gmail.com](mailto:highlandclovers@gmail.com)

## Visual Arts Workshop

Come join us for not one, but two workshops on February 17, 2024 in the small room at the 4-H building. Our first workshop will be painting at 10:00 am, and our second workshop will be drawing at 1:00 pm. We have a special guest teaching our workshops: Matthew from the UNC Art department. Please sign up using the signup genius below or by emailing Michelle at [highlandclovers@gmail.com](mailto:highlandclovers@gmail.com), so we know how many to plan for. Bring a pencil, sketchbook, and your creativity!

Register at: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080949ACAB2DAA8-4hvisual>.

## Hunter Education Card Required

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

## 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 2023-2024 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 7, 2024, 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.

## Mandatory Safety Day

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

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

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

## 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 tentatively open in 4-H Online mid to late January and will close one week prior to the start of the training. **NO LATE REGISTRATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.** Discipline classes are capped so register early!

You must be an enrolled leader to be able to attend one of these Certification Workshops. If you are interested in becoming a certified instructor and you are not an enrolled leader, there is still time to go through the leader process. **You must be in the process of becoming a leader a minimum of 4 weeks before the training registration deadline.** To start your leader application, login to your 4-H Online family account & add yourself as an adult.

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

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

- ♦ Morgan County (Ft. Morgan), March 1 – March 3, 2024 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and Archery. Registration opens January 19th and closes February 16th.
- ♦ Pueblo County (Pueblo), March 8 - March 10, 2024 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Hunting & Outdoor Skills, Muzzleloader, and Western Heritage. Registration opens January 26th and closes February 23rd.
- ♦ Weld County (Greeley), March 15 – March 17, 2024 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and Archery. Registration opens February 2nd and closes March 1st.
- ♦ Garfield County (Rifle), March 22 – March 24, 2024 for Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader, & Western Heritage. Registration opens February 9th and closes March 8th.

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

## Members/Leaders

### Front Range Regional Speech Contest April 13th @ 9 am

**Spur Campus, Hydro Building**

4777 National Western Drive, Denver

#### Contests Include:

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

REGISTER FOR \$6 UNTIL MARCH 31:

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

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

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Cloverbuds are welcome  
to enter!!



### Officer Training February 6, 2024 6:30pm, 4-H Building

*The Weld County Youth Executive Council will present an officer training and team building workshop which is open to all club officers & members wanting to learn more about 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 6th at 6:30pm. Members & 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  
February 1, 2024**

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



### Youth Executive Council Corner

Valentines... the season of love. Not just romance, but friendships. Is YEC starting this season off with some new friendships? Let's see.

In January, we sold raffle tickets at the Colorado Farm Show, which was a success! Then, our 14+ year old members attended the Leadership Development Conference in Denver. Later this month, we will be hosting the Officer Training on February 6th, this is a great opportunity for members of all ages to learn how to hold and the importance of each office. We will also be hosting the Vet Science Camp Cloverbud on February 10th, don't forget the RSVP by February 1st!

Our next meeting will be February 6th during the officer training. Again, this is a great opportunity for members to learn the importance of the offices! YEC is accepting members 11+ if you aren't sure about joining, but want to see what we do, we are always welcome to visitors!

The YEC Reporters,  
Isabelle Bokelman and Kara Schleiger

### District II Meetings

- January – At LDC
- March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:30 pm – The Ranch, Loveland
- May 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 pm – The Ranch, Loveland



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





## Programs for October 2023-March 2024

### October: Lunar and Solar Eclipses

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

### November: Cool Coding

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

### December: Mathematics and Making

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

### January: Science of Sound

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

### February: Feed the Birds

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

### March: Rockets and Orions Belt

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

4-H'ers are...



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

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**Saturday February 10, 2024**  
**9:30-1:30**

Open to kids 5-8

drop-off day camp, lunch served

Cloverbud Members-No Charge! Non 4-H Members-\$20

at: **Southwest Weld County Fairgrounds**  
**Keenesburg, CO**

**Register by 2/1/24**

Operation Vet  
Anatomy

Feeds & Feeding  
Parasites

Parts of an Egg  
ABC's of Ag

Thanks to Aims Community College Ag Club &  
Agricultural Sciences and Technology Department



Contact:  
Teresa Johnson 970-400-2070  
tjohnson@co.weld.co.us  
<https://form.jotform.com/83384595812164>



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Drawing held @ Weld 4-H Mardi Gras  
Proceeds benefit Weld County 4-H Foundation

drawing held November 23, 2024 7:00pm

525 N 15th Ave, Greeley CO

Purchaser does not have to be present to win

Free Delivery within 150 miles of Greeley CO

After 11/25 find winner posted @ Weld4HFoundation.org until 12/31/2024



## Get Ready! for a DINO-Myte Night



**@ 2024 Mardi Gras 11/23**  
Watch for more information to come!



# Horse/Livestock/Small Animal E-Record Book Tips

## 4-H Livestock/Horse/Small Animal Record Books

All livestock and horse record books have changed this year! **Do not** use last year's format or you will lose many points or be disqualified when your record book is judged.

Doing record books is probably not on most members top ten list of "things I like most about 4-H". However, record keeping is an integral part of the educational phases of 4-H and an important life skill that will benefit members in many ways during their lifetime. Among other things, good record keeping skills will help 4-Hers learn how to:

- Set goals
- Collect and organize information
- Accept and complete responsibility and
- Make decisions

In this and future issues of the *Weld County 4-H Newsletter*, tips for completing the 4-H Livestock & Horse record book will be presented that will hopefully increase understanding of the record book and make it easier for members to fill out.

In this issue, you'll learn about where to get your record book and an important resource, the *Colorado Record Users Guide for Livestock/Horse e-Record*. Pages of the record book that should be completed at the start of your project year (*right now!*) will also be addressed. In this issue, we'll review the Feed Expense and Non-Feed Expense pages of the Livestock/Horse record book.

### Getting started: where to get your record book

The e-record is available to you in three ways: online or on paper. Whatever method you use to obtain your record book, it is acceptable to do them by hand (write) or on your computer (type).

Updated 3-record books are available to be downloaded from the State 4-H website at [www.colorado4h.org](http://www.colorado4h.org). Click on the "Access the 4-H Members Area", then click on "Project & Record Books" and then on "Livestock 4-H Project" links to get to the site where you can download:

- The appropriate record book for Junior (ages 8-10), Intermediate (11-13), and Senior (14 years and older) members
- The Livestock and Horse E-Record User's Guide (Soon to be available)
- Individual record book pages, if needed and
- Breeding supplements (for those with breeding projects)

Keep multiple livestock projects in one record book! Several sections in the record book have columns for separate projects. This is intended to distinguish species (i.e. market swine, breeding beef, etc.) and should not be used for individual animals of the same species.

Since we have a separate horse record book it cannot be used with other livestock, so a separate livestock record book will need to be completed.

### Parts of the record book you can do now!

Start now! Several parts of the record book can be done even if you do not have your project animal! Be sure to read the headings of each record book sections, they will help you complete the record book. Remember, these are new record books this year and some sections have changed.

#### COVER

This is the easiest page in the record book! Check the box next to the project(s) you are taking (what species and if it is a market or breeding project) and indicate how many years you have taken that project, including the current year. Fill in your name, 4-H club, county, birth date and age as of December 31, 2023.

The **Project Agreement** should be completed and signed at the start of the project year. It is stating that you are agreeing to be responsible for the management of your animal and for keeping good records. Your parents signature indicates that they are willing to help give guidance and instruction when needed. Make certain you sign the Project Agreement now before you begin your project.

#### GOALS

Your goals should be "life skill" oriented. In other words, what skills do you feel are important that can be learned or improved on from taking this project this year? This could include things like decision making, record keeping, how to use a computer, money management and many others. Do not write one or two words, use a complete sentence. Record book talks about smart goals, refer to the Record Book guide for assistance if needed.

Junior members need to just answer the questions; Intermediate members need one goal; and Senior members need two goals.

# Horse/Livestock/Small Animals

## 4-H Livestock/Horse/Small Animal Record Books Continued

### INVENTORY

The inventory section has been divided into two sections; Animal Inventory and Equipment Inventory

### ANIMAL INVENTORY

As your project begins, record the animals that you have at the START of your project. Be certain to write the animal value down in the second column and again in the project column that you entered. Then you need to record the animals that you have at the END of your project. Junior record book does not have the project columns.

Remember, for first year members, the project START is the first day you enroll in 4-H. For returning members, the project START is the first day of the 4-H year, October 1. The END is September 30.

### EQUIPMENT INVENTORY

For Intermediates and Seniors there are two parts to your inventory; Beginning and Ending. For Juniors there is only an inventory of items they have acquired during the project. This section is for items such as equipment, tools, trailers, and facilities used for your project. The Beginning Inventory should be completed at the start of the project year. For members re-enrolling in 4-H, your project year started on October 1, 2023. For new members, your project year starts the day you enroll in 4-H. The beginning inventory is a record of any items (related to your project) or animals that you have on hand the first day of your project year and their value. (Other items or animals that you purchase during the project year will be listed on your expense pages.) For example, if you already have one brush, two halters, and one feed pan at the start of the year, you could list those items as follows:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Value</u>
Brush	1	\$ 8.00
Halters	2	\$25.00
Feed Pan	1	\$10.00

Be sure to list the date your project year started. Also, make sure you total the value of your Beginning Inventory. In the above example, the total value would be \$43.00. You only need one inventory page, even if you have multiple projects; it is not project specific.

**Special note for catch-it contest participants:** be sure to list records for your catch-it project in their own separate column, even if you have other animals in that project. So, for example, if you have a catch-it pig and additional pigs for the market swine project, label one column "catch-it pig" and another column "market swine" and keep records separately.

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

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

### Premises ID

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

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

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

PID may be obtained by contacting the Colorado Department of Agriculture at 303-869-9130 or online at [www.coloradodepartmentofagriculture/animals-ag.colorado.gov](http://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/](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 are required to have a completed, signed and approved Animal Care and Housing Form for Colorado FFA Livestock Projects form on file at the Weld County Fair Office.

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

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



# Horse/Livestock/Small Animals

## Market Beef Identification Day

**February 3, 2024** To be eligible for the 2024 Weld County Fair and Junior Livestock Sale; and Southeast Weld County Fair (if eligible) all market beef animals must be identified.

- Identifying will be done **ONLY** on Saturday, February 3, 2024 at the following location:

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

- A scale will be available at Market Beef ID Day.
- Retinal scans will be collected on **ALL** market beef for the Weld County Fair, Southeast Weld County Fair and Colorado State Fair. Retinal image scans will be attached to the Colorado State Fair Nomination Forms before they are submitted to 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.
- For Colorado State Fair you can family nominate. In order to family nominate, you must fill out the nomination form for each exhibitor and include all animals on each nomination form.

**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 ID Day to get your brand certificates. Brand Certificates will not be written at ID Day. 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 3, 2024.**

## 2024 Livestock Judging Informational Meeting

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

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

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

## 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 720-936-6408 or [weldhorsejudging@gmail.com](mailto: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 Callender at 970-381-7675.

## Youth Meat Quality Assurance (YMQA) Certification

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

Weld County members may complete certification in any county in the state. **If attending in another county, please call their Extension Agent in advance to confirm your participation in their program and, find out specific time, location and directions to the training.**

**The Weld County MQA training will be held:**

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

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

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

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

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

## Youth MQA Certification Trainings

Date	City	County	Contact	Phone Number
February 3	Aurora	Arapahoe	Hannah Henderson	303-730-1920
March 4	Kiowa	Elbert	Kali Benson	303-621-3162
March 5	Simila	Elbert	Kali Benson	303-621-3162
March 15	Eads	Kiowa	Lacey Taylor	719-767-5716
March 17	Lamar	Prowers	Lacey Taylor	719-767-5716
March 21	Cheyenne Wells	Cheyenne	Lacey Taylor	719-767-5716
March 22	McClave	Bent	Lacey Taylor	719-767-5716
	Springfield	Baca	Lacey Taylor	719-767-5716
March 20	Rocky Ford	Otero/Crowley	Lacey Taylor	719-767-5716
March 26 & 27	Greeley	Weld	Larry Hooker	970-400-2093
March 29	Pueblo	Pueblo	Dorothy Welbourne	719-583-6566
April 9	Westcliff	Custer	Katlyn Wommack	719-783-2514
April 1	Hugo	Lincoln	Christine Schinzel	719-743-2542
April 4	Sterling	Logan	JD Sexton	970-522-3200
April 7	Julesburg	Sedgwick	Josilyn Lutze	970-474-3479
April 8	Holyoke	Phillips	Jessie Stewart	970-854-3616
April 10	Burlington	Kit Carson	Scott Stinnett	719-346-5571
April 15	Akron	Washington	Jamie Axtel	970-345-2287
April 17	Wray	Yuma	Jolynn Midcap	970-332-4151
April 18	Yuma	Yuma	Jolynn Midcap	970-332-4151
April 29 & 30	Henderson	Adams	Adams County	303-637-8100
May 2	Castle Rock	Douglas	Mercedes Glynn	720-733-6942
April 22	Longmont	Boulder	Brenda Kwang	303-678-6238
May 1	Golden	Jefferson	Josey Pukrop	303-271-6649
May 13 & 14	Brush	Morgan	Marlin Eisenach	970-542-3543
May 19	Loveland	Larimer	Bailey Schilling	970-498-6000



## 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](http://www.weld4h.org), then click on "projects", then click on Dairy Cattle.

### Requirements

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

### Sale

1. Heifers will be sold at the Weld County Fair.
2. Heifers will be inspected and pregnancy checked at the Weld County Fair prior to the sale. Heifers will not be allowed to sell if:
  - a. They are not at least six (6) months pregnant,
  - b. They are not healthy or in good condition according to breed standards. Heifers are expected to meet the following height and weight measurements (measurements listed are for Holstein heifers; for other breeds contact the Weld County Extension Office):
    - i. 21 month old heifer – 1086-1372 lbs; 52-56" at withers
    - ii. 22 month old heifer – 1148-1420 lbs; 52-57" at withers
    - iii. 23 month old heifer – 1148-1420 lbs; 53-57" at withers
3. Members will receive all proceeds from the sale less a 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](mailto:suncow22@gmail.com) or Larry Hooker at [lhooker@co.weld.co.us](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:suncow22@gmail.com).

## 2024 Colorado Dairy Youth Extravaganza

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

## Weld County Goat Extravaganza

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

## Youth Loan Program

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

## 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](http://www.weld4h.org/projects).

## 4-H Horse Project Night

A Mandatory Horse Project Night is scheduled for Monday, February 26, 2024 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 2023
  - ⇒ Opportunities for levels certification in 2024
- 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 Advancement Levels for 2023

Congratulations to the following individuals for their accomplishments in achieving one or more certifications in the Colorado 4-H Horse Advancement Levels program in 2023!

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

## Western Level I

Laramie Ferguseon  
Faith Johnson  
Ryan Loya  
Natalie Prater  
Kizzy Reinick  
Elsa Schaffner

## Western Level II

Riley Mahon  
Tymber Mahon  
Savannah Schorre

### Western Level I and II

Jenna Webb  
Kendall Webb

## English Level I

Elsa Schaffner

## English Level II

English 101  
Savannah Schorre

## Ranch I

Beau Gardner  
Katy Gardner  
Ryan Loya  
Tymer Mahon  
Paisley Martinez  
Elsa Schaffner

## Ranch I and II

Lana Johnson  
Audrey Koehn  
Bonnie Koehn  
Riley Mahon  
Jenna Webb  
Kendall Webb

## 4-H Horse Levels Workshop

**Saturday, March 9**  
**10:30am-3:00pm**

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

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

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

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

**No Cost. Registration Required.**

Register here:  
<https://form.jotform.com/220534547353050>  
 contact Teresa Johnson  
 970-302-9040  
 tjohnson@co.weld.co.us





# Livestock/Small Animals/ County Fair

## Breeding Animal ID Forms – Required This Year

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

## 2024 Poultry Meeting Schedule

- February 15th, 6:30 pm, 4-H Building, Poultry Antimony
- March 21st, 6:30 pm, 4-H Building, Market Chickens and Turkeys
- April 18th, 6:30 pm, 4-H Building, Record Books
- May 16th, 6:30 pm, 4-H Building, Poultry Showmanship
- June 20th at Pheasant Run Park in Greeley, Preparing for Fair

## Poultry Bands available at Extension Office

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

## Identification Form for Rabbit Project Members

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

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

## Royalty Corner

Hello everyone! You might recognize my name, Caitie Holcomb, as the Weld County Fair Queen! I'm going to give you a little update on what we've been up to the past month!

In January we got the chance to go to the National Western Stock Show on the 13th! It was an amazing experience that we won't ever forget, as we got to help out with events and meet new people and other rodeo/fair queens! Thank you to everyone who made that event possible for the four of us! We also got the opportunity to help run the Weld County Fair and Extension booth at the Farm Show on Wednesday the 24th! It was amazing to see all sorts of opportunities people are exposed to at the Colorado Farm Show, and to be a part of that! Maddy, Jaydalynn, and myself were all able to attend!

In the month of February, it'll be pretty slow going for us, as we only have the Beef ID on the 3rd and *possibly* the Camp Cloverbud in Keenesburg on the 10th. At the Beef ID, we'll be there until it ends (from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.) helping hand out papers to make it a little easier for everyone down the line! We are still on the fence about Camp Cloverbud, as we don't know if they will need our help just yet. We would absolutely love to help out and see the kiddos though!

Thank you so much for keeping up at the Royalty Corner and you'll be keeping up with one of the other court members next month!

## Celebrating 106 Years

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

## Fair Award Sponsors/Donors

The Weld County Fair is seeking Fair Award Sponsors and Donors for this year's awards. What a great way to support Weld County Youth Exhibitors. Simply contact Cheryl Aragon at [caragon@weld.gov](mailto:caragon@weld.gov) or call her at 970-400-2085 to get on the list and to make your contribution. If you sponsored last year, please be watching for some outreach about your continued support. Thank you!

## Vendor and Food Truck Opportunities

As with every Fair, Vendors play a key role in the success of our event bringing fun and unique food and shopping opportunities to our Fair families and Fair goers. New this year will be the recruitment of Food Trucks for some of our special events that are being added. The final touches are being put on the Vendor Application and Packet with plans to go live on February 9th. Watch the Fair website, [www.weldcountyfair.com](http://www.weldcountyfair.com) for all vendor & food truck updates!

## Weld County Fair Committees

Do you have an idea on how to complement and get involved in the 106<sup>th</sup> Weld County Fair? The Weld County Fair Board invites applications to its' Fair Committees for 2024 Fair planning at any time up until the Fair.

- All Around Showmanship Committee
- Carcass Contest Committee
- Drug Testing Committee
- Jr. Livestock, Animal Health Committee
- Jr. Livestock, Sale Committee
- Premier Exhibitor Committee
- Royalty Committee
- Security, Parking and Risk Management Committee

If you are interested in serving, the Board looks forward to your application which can be found at [Fair Committees Weld County Fair](#).

## Weld County Fair Junior Livestock Sale Youth Ambassador Application

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

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

The requirements for the Youth Ambassador program are:

1. Be a 4-H or FFA member in good standing.
2. Complete the application-located on the Weld County Fair website under the Junior Livestock Sale link; submit the ONLINE ONLY application no later than **March 31, 2024 by 11:59 pm**. The form is also located at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAAlpQLSeulxr-jgglnpBFZ0k1bW1yEXP\\_YXynrZ8GkUB8OHxHbjwV7w/viewform?pli=1](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAAlpQLSeulxr-jgglnpBFZ0k1bW1yEXP_YXynrZ8GkUB8OHxHbjwV7w/viewform?pli=1)
3. Be available to assist in representing the Junior Livestock Sale in an informative setting.
4. Be available to assist with various aspects of the Junior Livestock Sale during fair week.
5. Attend and fulfill assigned duties on the day of the Junior Livestock Sale.
6. Attend and assist with the follow-up sale meeting, (approximately 1-2 weeks following sale day).
7. Mandatory meeting will be on July 20th at 2:00 pm at the Island Grove Regional Park.
8. Must be available to help on July 28-29, 2024
9. Have fun, learn, grow and develop into our future leaders!

If you have any questions, please email [wcfyouthambassadors@gmail.com](mailto:wcfyouthambassadors@gmail.com).

## Camping at the Weld County Fair

Staff is gearing up to open camping reservations for the 2024 Fair. It will once again be an online reservation process. Rest assured that we listened for any glitches you experienced last year with our new Firefly system and are making tweaks to avoid that this year. We're always working with an eye toward simplification and streamlining the process for all users. **We anticipate opening camping reservations on Friday, March 15th.** Please watch this newsletter and [www.weldcountyfair.com](http://www.weldcountyfair.com) for updates and details as we get closer to that date. You can always call Cheryl at the Fair Office at 970-400-2085 with questions.

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**February 2024**

**Please feel free to contact the editors at any time at (970) 400-2066. We are here for you and welcome your comments and suggestions.**

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# Master Calendar

February	
3	Market Beef ID Day, Producers Sale Barn, Greeley
3	Family History Workshop, 10 am, LINC Library, Greeley
6	Officer Training, 6:30 pm, 4-H
6	Leaders Council, 7 pm, EB
7	Shooting Sports Parents Night, 7 pm, 4-H
10	Camp Cloverbud, Keenesburg
15	Poultry Project Meeting, 6:30 pm, 4-H
17	Leather Carving Skills Workshop, 9 am-1 pm, 4-H
17	Visual Arts Workshop, Painting, 10 am, 4-H, small room downstairs
17	Visual Arts Workshop, Drawing, 1 pm, 4-H, small room downstairs
19	Weld County Extension Office Closed
24	Shooting Sports Safety Day, Greeley
25	Front Range Regional 4-H Creative Cooks Contest, Adams
25	Cake Decorating Workshop, 1-3 pm, 4-H
26	Horse Project Night, 6:30 pm, EB
27	4-H 101, 6 pm, EB
28	Livestock Judging Informational Meeting, new and Junior members, 6 pm, BH

March	
1	Last Day to join 4-H through 4-H Online by 11:00 pm
1	4-H Project Add/Drop Deadline through 4-H Online
1	Weld County 4-H Scholarship Applications Due Online
1	Weld County Goat Extravaganza Scholarship Applications Due Online
1-3	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Morgan County (Fort Morgan)
3	District II Meeting, 2:30 pm, The Ranch, Loveland

March Continued	
4	Club Challenge due to Kim
5	Youth Executive Council, 7 pm, EO
6	Livestock Judging Informational Meeting, Senior members, 6 pm, BH
6	Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB
8-10	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Pueblo County (Pueblo)
9	Shooting Sports Safety Day, Keenesburg
9	Horse Levels Workshop, 10:30 am-3 pm, 4-H
15	Dairy Heifer Replacement Project Application Due by 11:59 pm
15-17	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Weld County (Greeley)
17	Intro to Leathercraft and Creative Stamping, 9-11:30 am, 4-H
17	Double Loop Stitching & Intro to Stains and Dyeing Leathercraft Workshop, 1:30-3 pm, 4-H
19	Horse Council Meeting 7 pm, EO
21	Poultry Project Meeting, 6:30 pm, 4-H
22-24	Shooting Sports Certification Training, Garfield County (Rifle)
26 & 27	MQA Training, 4-7 pm, 4-H
31	Weld County Fair Jr. Livestock Sale Youth Ambassador Applications Due

April	
2	Youth Executive Council, 7 pm, EO
2	Leaders Council, 7 pm, EB
3	Shooting Sports Council, 7 pm, EB
7	Cake Decorating Workshop, 1-3 pm, 4-H
13	Front Range Regional Speech Contest, 9 am, SPUR, Denver
18	Poultry Meeting, 6:30, 4-H

**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!**

## 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