



MESA COUNTY 4-H



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TIME TO UPLOAD YOUR MARKET SHEEP, GOATS, AND SWINE & BREEDING & SHOW POULTRY

As you begin getting your fair animals, you will need to upload them to your 4honline.com member account. Please adhere to the requirements and deadlines for uploads as stated on page 8 & 9 of the Exhibitor's Guide (available at the Extension Office) under RULE 10 & RULE 11.



**Beyond
Ready**

YouthFest
\$115 per person
Ages 11-13

2026

**A WHIRLWIND
OF
POSSIBILITIES**

Harnessing Our Potential

March 27-29, 2026

**Colorado State Fairgrounds,
Pueblo, Colorado**



**COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION**

**Register NOW on your 4honline.com
member account! (ages 11-13 only)**

Mesa County 4-H Clubs, please help out at this event! Please sign up through the SignUpGenius link below! Coop has been one of our most generous program partners for many years!

**FARM &
RANCH DAY**
2026



“Celebration of Agriculture”

We're back and it's time to get ready for the 16th Annual Coop Country/CSU Extension Farm & Ranch Day!

The event will take place at Coop Country Fruita on Saturday, March 28, 2026 from 9:00am-3:00pm

We will have the Fruita Monument FFA and the Mesa County 4-H youngsters helping out again this year with a project booth for the kids, helping with set up and tear down, and serving up the free BBQ. As always the Coop will provide a table and two chairs for your group. Those in need of pens for the animals (four legged kind of course) we can help with that as well.

Mesa County 4-H Clubs - Please sign up to help out at the 4-H booth at:

[*Click here or scan the QR code to sign up*](#)

If you want to have a 4-H booth for your club, please contact Brett Crabb at the Extension Office - 970-244-1837

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Twenty Eighth ANNUAL WESTERN SLOPE

4-H LEATHER CRAFT WORKSHOP

Three days—come for all or some —March 6, 7, & 8



The main event will be

Saturday, March 7, 2026

Workshop starts at 9. am. & goes until 3:30 to 4 p.m.

Mesa County Fairgrounds “C” Building, 2785 Hwy 50, Grand Junction, CO.

4-H Leathercraft classes for all age groups and leaders,

lunch will be provided!

There will be some leather tools and

leather supplies for sale and some for free!

ALSO: We will be putting in a big group order to have available at the workshop.

Please call Kay to let her know what supplies you want to order.

Friday, March 6, 3 p.m.– 8 p.m.

advanced leather work for youth or leaders 3-6 pm

LEADER TRAINING 6-8 p.m.

LEADERS-Please come spend the evening with us, we will learn new ways to teach leathercraft and have some new patterns and projects to share. We'll learn about the new State 4-H Web site and how to find and use the **Colorado 4-H Leathercraft project requirements.**

We'll answer questions about using the Manual, 4-H Leathercraft Videos, & Leader Guide.

Bring all your leathercraft questions!

We'll find answers!

Leather Craft Leaders, you are welcome any time between 2 and 8 p.m. Our main demonstration and training for leaders will be from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Leaders are better leaders when they feel comfortable leading a project. Come Friday and learn some leather working techniques, become familiar with the leathercraft Curriculum and experiment on some leather.

It is ok if you are just starting

or thinking about starting to be a Leather Craft Leader, or if you have been a leader for many years.

We just want to help you be the best leader you can be.

All leaders are welcome on Saturday also!

Help will be available SUNDAY, March 8th at 9 a.m.—2 p.m.

for any youth or leader who wishes to come back to continue their work!

Each participant will receive a leather project, a bag of supplies, practice leather, and awesome prizes!

The cost of the workshop is \$20 for youth age 8-18.

Cloverbuds is 1/2 day, age 5-7 will be \$10

(The Cloverbud class will run from 9 a.m. until after lunch.)

Saturday evening 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. is for Extra work time!

Please register soon so we can have enough project supplies for everyone!

Register by Wed., March 4th or at least call Kay so she knows you're coming, and you can bring registration papers with you to the workshop.

Get special prizes for registering first!



The first 28 to register will get extra special prizes
Call, text or email!

Kay Orton

Home-970-487-3279,

Text-970-216-9839 or

Email—kayorton@hotmail.com

4-H LEATHER CRAFT WORKSHOP

We have some great classes in store for you!!!

IF YOU HAVE TOOLS, BRING YOUR LEATHER TOOLS WITH YOU!!!
We want to teach you how to use the tools you have!



Along with some basic carving, stamping, and lacing this year... We will be learning more about using color, antique stain, molding leather into flowers, and edge finishing!



CLOVERBUD GROUP

You are a Cloverbud (5-7 years old) and you are curious about leathercraft. You will have fun stamping a design in leather and making something special.

BEGINNING STAMPING GROUP

This is your first experience in working with leather. Learn about leathercraft tools, leather, how to stamp a creative design in leather, how to finish the edges and put a finish on your leather.

BEGINNING CARVING GROUP

You have had some experience in stamping leather, and little or no experience in carving leather. Learn how to carve a design in leather and to use leathercraft tools to finish your design. Advance your lacing skills.

INTERMEDIATE GROUP

You have had one or two years of leathercraft carving and stamping experience. Continue expanding your experiences with several types of carving. Create a small project you'll be proud of.

**QUESTIONS?
CALL KAY ORTON**

ADVANCED GROUP

You have three or more years of experience in leathercraft. You have a good understanding of how to carve and tool leather. You are ready for a challenge.

We are so fortunate to have such a great bunch of people willing to come teach us leathercraft. Let's get a jump start on this year's project!

If you are already working on your project and need extra time & help, you are welcome to come work on your projects on Friday, Saturday evening and/or Sunday.

Bring your project and tools, we are here to help you!!!

It will be great fun to see you and work on some leather!!!! Kay



INSTRUCTOR

**DeAnna
Crabb**

**Dates: March 4th
& March 18th**

Line Dancing Class

Free Country Line Dance Class



**Mesa County Fairgrounds
Community Building
5:30pm**

**Leadership Council Meeting
Wednesday, March 11th 7pm
(6pm for the Cloverbuds)
Sheriff's Posse Building
648 25 Rd, Grand Junction**



March 4-H meetings

Come check out some new projects!!!



Mesa County 4-H
Poultry Project Meeting
Tuesday, March 3rd
at the Mesa County Fairgrounds
Community Building
6:00 pm



Please let Brooke Hahn (970-596-6587) know if you have any questions

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Mesa County 4-H
STEM Project Meeting
Wednesday, March 4th
at the Mesa County Fairgrounds
Sagebrush Room
6:00 pm

4-H Robotics, Rocketry, and Small Engine projects



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Mesa County 4-H
Sheep meeting
Wednesday, March 4th
6pm-Lower Valley Fire District
168 N Mesa St, Fruita

This is the yearly informational meeting, so bring all of your questions and get the answers that you need to make your 4-H swine year successful!

Great for first year sheep exhibitors! This meeting is NOT mandatory to attend.

Please let Joe Landini know if you have any questions!!
Landinifarms@gmail.com
970-260-4680



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Mesa County 4-H
Dog Training Meeting
Thursday, March 5th
at the Mesa County Fairgrounds
Community Bldg
6:30 pm



Please let Trisha Hansen know if you have any questions - 970-234-7327

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Mesa County 4-H
Leathercraft
Project Class
Friday-Sunday, March 6th - 8th
Mesa County Fairgrounds
Community Room
6:30 pm



Please let Kay Orton (970-487-3279) know if you have any questions

Cloverbud members may also participate in this class! They will complete a couple small projects.



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Mesa County 4-H
Beef Project Meeting
Tuesday, March 10th
at the Lower Valley Fire District
168 N Mesa St, Fruita
6:00 pm



Please let Taylor Bales (720-862-5660) know if you have any questions

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Mesa County 4-H
Cloverbuds Meeting
Wednesday, March 11th
6:00pm at the Sheriff's Posse
Building - 648 25 Rd,
Grand Junction

TONIGHT WE WILL BE HANDING OUT THE T-SHIRTS TO ALL OF THE CLOVERBUDS IN ATTENDANCE!



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Mesa County 4-H
Cake Decorating
Project Class
Monday, March 16th
Mesa County Fairgrounds
Community Bldg
6:30 pm



Please let Jill Young (970-261-2228) know if you have any questions

Cloverbud members may also participate in this class! They will decorate cupcakes



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Mesa County 4-H
Shooting Sports
Safety Meetings



- Pistol-March 18-6pm-OM Gun Club
- Archery-March 30-6pm-GJ Trap Club
- Rifle-March 31-6pm-OM Gun Club
- Muzzle-TBD
- Shotgun-April 3-6pm-GJ Trap Club

Please let Kristina Teal know if you have any questions
970-210-5351

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Mesa County 4-H
Rabbit Project Meeting
Monday, March 23rd
at the Mesa County Fairgrounds
Community Bldg
6:30 pm

Please let Amy Cyr (970-623-1840) or Ashley Guggemos (320-630-6287) know if you have any questions

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Mesa County 4-H
Photography Project Meeting
Monday, March 23rd
CMU Rodeo Team Facility
3106 C Rd, GJ
5:30 pm



Please let Sloane Milstein know if you have any questions - 203-683-7006

Parents or guardians must be in attendance for this field session.

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Mesa County 4-H
Goat Project Meeting
Wednesday, March 25th
at the Sheriffs' Posse Bldg
648 25 Rd, Grand Junction
6:30 pm

Please let Makayla Miracle (Market goat 970-462-1786) or Jill Young (Dairy; Utility goat 970-261-2228) know if you have any questions

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Mark your calendars for these upcoming events



Mesa County 4-H Goat, Llama, & Alpaca Hike Sunday, March 29th - 2pm

*Place to be determined -
we will notify you before the event*



*Please let Jill Young know
if you plan to attend!!
970-261-2228*



Mesa County 4-H Horse Levels and Competency Testing Tom Sharpe's house 1227 M 3/4 Rd, Loma, CO Sunday, May 17, 2026

*All tests will be available including jumping and
ranch horse. If needed, Tom will add a day, but
any Level 3-4 will need to be on the 17th of May*

*Please contact Tom, if you have any questions:
hooftracks@outlook.com
970-261-3528*

Tom is also available on Saturdays and
Sundays prior to the testing if youth would
like to come out and practice ride with him.





DISTRICT 10 PRESENTS

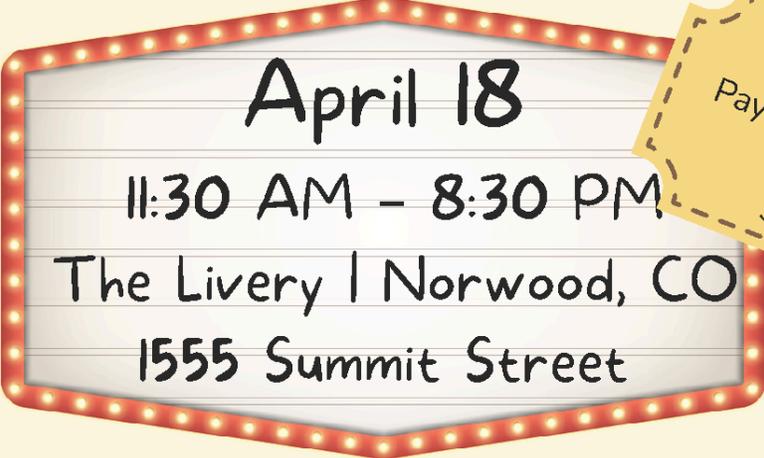
CARNIVAL

2026



4-H RETREAT

Carnival Games - Karaoke - Community Service - Dinner - Campfire - Dance



April 18
11:30 AM - 8:30 PM
The Livery | Norwood, CO
1555 Summit Street

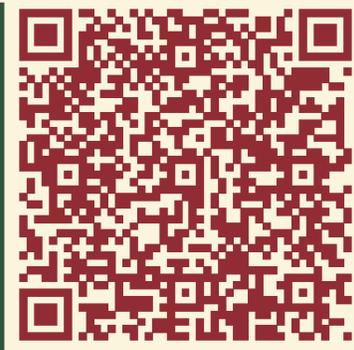


\$25
Payable at event: cash/check
made payable to:
SMB 4-H Council

Open to all enrolled District 10 4-H members, ages 8+

Please Bring:

- A sack lunch
- Canned food donation (1+ items) for our community service project



Register by
April 15 , 5PM

<https://forms.gle/KqMvDxNQZSIgtCbt7>

Places to Stay

- Back Country Inn
(970) 327-4232
- Norwood Inn
(970) 327-0307
- Hotel Norwood
(970) 327-0312
- Thunder Trails Campsites

Spring Gather

Open Ranch Horse Show & Clinic



April 25 & 26, 2026
Grand Junction, Colorado
Mesa County Fairgrounds Grandstand Arena
Sponsored by: River Riders 4-H Club

Entry Deadline: April 15, 2026
Limited to the first 40 Entries Each Day
\$25 LATE FEE FOR ENTRIES RECEIVED AFTER April 15, 2026
Office opens at 7:30 AM • Riders Meeting 8:00 AM both days
Clinic Fee \$100 per person per horse
Clinic Classes: Individual Cow Work-Ben Grogen, Herd Work-Marvin Thomas,
Roping-The Chamberlains, Trail-Courtney Roberts

Show Entry Fees (includes all 5 classes):
Open \$120, Adult \$120, 14-18 \$90, 11-13 \$90, 10 and under \$70
ALL FEES SUBJECT TO CHANGE DUE TO COST OF CATTLE

Five Classes: Ranch Cutting, Individual Cow Work, Ranch Trail, Ranch Riding, Ranch Halter



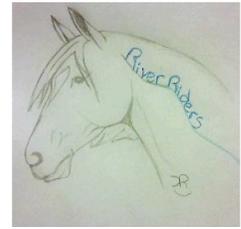
Rules and Entry Forms Will be Mailed after January 15, 2026

Contact: Tom Sharpe, Show Manager
970-261-3528
hooftracks@outlook.com

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



**2026 Spring Gather Entry Form
Open Ranch Horse Show & Clinic
Sponsored by River Riders 4-H Club**



**April 25 & 26, 2026 • Grand Junction, Colorado
Mesa County Fairgrounds Grandstand Arena
Registration deadline, April 15, 2026
Registration limited to first 40 riders each day
Clinic starts 8:00 AM
Office opens at 7:30 AM • Show starts at 8:00 AM
Show Manager: Tom Sharpe 970-261-3528**

Note: The following entry form contains the Mesa County Helmet Release, the CSU Informed Consent Form and releases and statements for Spring Gather and River Riders 4-H Club.

Exhibitor Name: _____
 Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Phone #: _____ Email _____
 Horse Name: _____ Sex: _____ Year Foaled: _____
 Owner Name: _____

Clinic Entry Fee: \$100

Show: (Circle one) Open (\$120) Adult (\$120) 14-18 (\$90) 11-13 (\$90) 10 and under (\$70)

Entry Fee Show	\$
Clinic Entry	\$
Number of Stalls: \$20/per stall/night	\$
Camping, \$27/night, (water & electricity)	\$
Late Fee \$25.00 entries received after April 15	\$
Total Amount	\$

Please make checks payable to:
River Riders 4-H Club

Mail to:
Tom Sharpe
1227 M ³/₄ Road
Loma, CO 81524

Contact Tom Sharpe for additional information and for Release Form

Spring Gather Rules 2026 Open Ranch Horse Show

4-H Ranch Horse Show Rules will apply with the following exceptions:

1. Entry
 - a. This is an all-breed open ranch horse show.
 - b. Contestant may enter the same horse in more than one division, but it has to be entered above lowest division contestant is qualified for. 14-18 riders who want to ride in two divisions, must ride in open division.
 - c. Contestants who want to ride only in a division higher than they are qualified for, must ride in the 14-18 division or open division.
 - d. Contestant may enter more than one horse in the same division.
 - e. Points go to the horse.
 - f. Must show in all five classes to place and receive awards.
 - g. If entering more than one horse in a division, **another contestant** may show the additional horse or horses in the halter class.
 - h. Entries must be in and paid by April 15, 2026. Entries not received by April 15, 2026 will be assessed a \$25 late fee.
 - i. Entries for each day will be limited to the first 40 riders in and paid. No reservations without payment.
 - j. No refunds will be given after entry deadline date, April 15, 2026.**
 - k. Refunds will only be given if there is a paid backup entry willing to participate prior to the entry deadline.
 - l. Entries may be transferred only with notification to show management prior to deadline date, and only with show management approval after deadline date.
2. Divisions: (Patterns and Levels will be from the **2024 Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book**)
 - a. Open (Level III rules and patterns) for participants who have won the adult division, professional horsemen and women, those who are actively showing in ranch horse shows, and those who have shown in the youth 14-18 division.
 - b. Adult (Level II rules and patterns) for adults who are new to showing in ranch horse shows.
 - c. 14-18 (Level III rules and patterns)
 - d. 11-13 (Level II rules and patterns)
 - e. 10 and under (Level I rules and patterns)
3. Classes
 - a. Ranch Cutting, (Exhibitor will ride slowly into the herd, cut and hold one animal out, the call off turn back riders, drive the cow between the fence and cone then around the pen and back into the pen. Exhibitor has 2 ½ minutes to complete his run.) **Second loss of cow will be a zero score and rider will be dismissed from the arena.**
 - b. Individual Cow work
 - i. Open riders and 14-18 ride as level III (Level III/IV riders will box, fence, and circle or rope. Riders are allowed 3 minutes to complete the class.)
 - ii. All others ride as level II (Level II riders will box for 50 seconds. When notified by the announcer, the rider will take the cow down one side of the arena past the halfway mark and perform a responsive square stop. Rider must not attempt to stop or turn cow once it has gone down the fence. Riders are allowed a minute and a half to complete the class/run.)
 - c. Ranch Trail
 - i. See division patterns
 - d. Ranch Riding
 - i. See division patterns
 - e. Ranch Halter
4. Additional Rules:
 - a. Division high point will be calculated from placings in each class.
 - b. Youth (18 and under), must wear helmet or have a signed Mesa County Helmet Waiver.
 - c. Youth in the 10 and under division shall be allowed to ride curb bits with two hands.
 - d. Numbers must either be on horse or rider while horse is in arena.
 - e. All entry fees, less expenses, will go to River Riders 4-H Club.
 - f. No dogs will be allowed on premises.
 - g. 4-H Score sheets will be used and posted as soon as possible after classes.
 - h. Running a cow into the fence will be considered abuse of cow with a zero score and dismissal from arena.

Sign up NOW for the fair Bucket Calf Show!

2026 MESA COUNTY FAIR BUCKET CALF ENROLLMENT FORM

Last Name		First Name	Age(as of July 1, 2026)
Mailing Address		City & Zip Code	Phone
Do you already have your calf? Yes No		If no, will you need help finding one? Yes No	
Breed/ Description of Animal		Date Animal Born	Sex of Animal
Parent(s) Last Name		Parent(s) First Name	

NOTE: The Bucket Calf Show is an OPEN SHOW. It is supported by Mesa County 4-H however Colorado State University 4-H liability insurance does NOT apply to this event. By signing below, I hereby release CSU and Mesa County 4-H from any and all liability for this project. I also certify that I have received a copy and have read all rules that apply to this project and attest that the exhibitor named above is the primary caretaker of this animal.

Exhibitor Signature	Parent Signature	Date
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BUCKET CALF SHOW RULES

SPECIAL RULES:

The Bucket Calf Program will be an OPEN SHOW. The animals will arrive Friday morning prior to the start of the beef show. This class will show between the breeding and market shows and must check out after the show.

RULE 1: Any youth 4-7 years old (7 years old by July 1 of the current 4H year).
show is eligible to enter.

RULE 2: Exhibitors must sign up by March 31st, all applications must be sent to Mcbucketcalf@gmail.com

RULE 3: The Animal must be in possession of the exhibitors by April 1st. The animal will be tagged with an official Bucket Calf ear tag.

RULE 4: The animal must be born after January 1st and before March 31st of the Current Year.

RULE 5: Any breed of cattle as well as either sex is eligible for show. There will be no bull calves allowed, we will have a castration meeting.

RULE 6: Only one animal may be shown per bucket calf exhibitor.

RULE 7: The calf must be started on becoming halter broke.

RULE 8: The Bucket Calf Class will be judged on showmanship only.

RULE 9: All dress code rules listed in the General Rule section of the 4H rules will apply.

The Judge will consider:

- A. Appearance of Animal... .. 20%
- B. Showing of Animal... .. 30%
- C. Courtesy and Appearance of Exhibitor... .. 10%
- D. Knowledge... .. 40%

RULE 10: Exhibitors will be required to attend all bucket calf meetings to be eligible show at fair. Exceptions will be made directly with the bucket calf superintendents.

RULE 11: All calves will be checked in at 8:00 a.m. on the day of the beef show and must be inspected by the designated veterinarian prior to unloading from trailer.

If you have questions, please call Monika - 970-712-3698 or Allie/Dewey Johnston 970-210-2850

For PV Monika -970-712-3698

***There will be a \$25.00 Entry fee per Exhibitor collected at the first Bucket Calf Meeting.**

Funds will help go towards Prizes and Thank You's!

Please email enrollment back to Mcbucketcalf@gmail.com



Shooting Sports Leaders' Training and Certification Classes

Register on your 4Honline account
one month prior to the training.
Training fill up, so don't wait!

Reminder: All volunteers must be enrolled and approved before they can register for the training.

Shooting Sports leaders must be certified to run a line at any 4-H practice. Leaders MUST recertify every 7 years, and maintain active involvement in the discipline certified.

Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Trainings:

March 13-15, 2026: Weld County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, and Orion) *Orion training - Please watch for information in the coming months.

March 20-22, 2026: Pueblo County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage, Hunting and Outdoor Skills)

March 27-29, 2026: Garfield County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage)



Colorado 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Recertification Training:

April 25, 2026: Morgan County (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloading, Western Heritage, Hunting and Outdoor Skills)

Volunteers who are in need of recertifying to keep their certificate up to date will be eligible to attend the recertification training in Morgan County on April 25, 2026. This will be a modified version of the training and will be a combination of online modules and an in-person class. More information will be available soon.

*Volunteers needing to recertify who chose to go to any of the other three trainings will be required to attend all 15 hours of the training

4-H LEATHER CRAFT WORKSHOP

Registration / Health / Code of Conduct Form

Name of Event: Western Slope 4-H Leathercraft Workshop

Participants Name _____ Date of Event: _____ to _____

Home address _____ Phone: (____) _____ Age _____
Street or Box

_____ Birth date: _____
City State Zip

Name of 4-H Club _____ Years of leathercraft experience _____

Family Email _____ Name of Leader _____

LEADERS AND CHAPERONES ARE ENCOURAGED TO STAY AND TAKE PART IN THE WORKSHOP OR JUST WATCH. THEY DO NOT NEED TO PAY THE FEE, THEY CAN BRING A DESSERT TO SHARE FOR LUNCH IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO HELP.

Leather supplies, prizes, a project & lunch included in the cost:

\$20 for youth age 8-18 _____

\$10 for Cloverbuds age 5-7 _____

- I am a Cloverbud. (age 5-7) *You are investigating leathercraft.*
- I am a Beginner in leather stamping *This is your first experience in working with leather.*
- I am a Beginner in leather carving *You have had little or no experience in carving leather.*
- I am an intermediate Leather crafter *1 to 3 years of leather craft experience. You can carve leather.*
- I am an advanced Leather crafter *3 or more years of leather craft experience.*
Must know how to carve and tool leather

_____ *I am a beginning leather craft leader (or a parent who will need to be their*

Please send registrations before March 4th, or as soon as possible.

Make checks payable to Kay Orton, 17865 64 3/10 Rd., Collbran, Co. 81624
Phone (970)487-3279 cell phone-(970)216-9839 E-mail—kayorton@hotmail.com

DON'T FORGET! A required Parent or Guardian signature, youth signature, code of conduct, and health information are on back of this form or separate page! Just remember to complete & sign.

4-H LEATHER CRAFT WORKSHOP

HEALTH FORM & EMERGENCY CONTACTS

Parent or Guardian name _____ Home Phone:(____)_____

Place of employment: _____ Work Phone:(____)_____

If neither parent or guardian can be located, in case of emergency call:

Doctor: _____ Preferred Hospital _____
Name Phone

Health History

List health conditions that chaperones should be aware of _____

Code of Conduct For Participation in Colorado 4-H Events

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

- ◆ Conduct themselves in a courteous, respectful manner, use appropriate language, exhibit good sportsmanship and act as a positive role model;
- ◆ Adhere to program rules, curfews, dress codes, policies and guidelines;
- ◆ Abstain from illegal and immoral behaviors;
- ◆ Fully participate in scheduled activities;
- ◆ Respect other's property and privacy rights;
- ◆ Refrain from youth, physical or verbal abuse;
- ◆ Apply rules of safety to individuals, groups and property; and
- ◆ Accept personal responsibility for behavior.

Conduct not in keeping with high 4-H standards will not be tolerated. Violation of items listed above will result in consequences to the participant. Consequences may include removal, at the individuals' expense and without refund, from participation in this event; restitution or repayment of damages; sanctions on participation in future 4-H events; forfeiture of financial support for this event; removal from offices held; etc.

Age, office held in the 4-H organization, presence of an adult or other perceived status is not grounds for behavior outside of established guidelines.

We understand the reason for this agreement is to ensure the safety of the 4-H delegate and to ensure conduct and behavior that will result in each participant receiving the full benefit of enjoyment and educational experience from this event. It is not intended to place undue restrictions upon participants.

Authorization for medical care: I hereby give my permission to event officials to call a doctor or emergency medical service and for the doctor, hospital or medical service to provide emergency medical or surgical care for my child (named above as the participant), should an emergency arise. It is understood that event officials will make a conscientious effort to locate the emergency contacts listed, I/we will accept the expense of emergency medical or surgical treatment.

Authorization for travel to and from event and to participate in event activities:

I give permission for my child to participate in all event activities with the following exceptions:

I give permission for my child to ride to and from the event with those persons authorized to drive to and from this event.

Parent's or Guardian's signature _____ Date: _____

Youth signature _____ Date: _____



Applications are due by March 6th
Interviews will be on March 28th
Denim and Diamonds Banquet will be on
April 4th at 6pm



FROM LAVENDER TO LIVESTOCK



AG AWARENESS WEEK



March 14th–24th

Ag Awareness Week is a community-wide awareness initiative focused on the importance of agriculture in Mesa County. From specialty crops to livestock, agriculture plays a vital role in our local economy, environment, and quality of life. This week is designed to bring the community together to learn, connect, and better understand how agriculture shapes our region.

Ag Aware Week is coordinated by AgriWest, with events and activities hosted by agricultural and community organizations across the county.



Who Should Participate?

- Producers, including ranchers, farmers, and growers
 - Community members who want to better understand local agriculture
 - Businesses, students, and educators
 - Policymakers, nonprofits, and service organizations
- If you live, work, or eat in Mesa County, agriculture impacts



How Ag Aware Week Works

Ag Aware Week is a collaborative effort. Community partners including agricultural organizations, nonprofits, agencies, and educational institutions are invited to host events or programs under the Ag Aware Week banner.

AgriWest will coordinate scheduling and promotion, creating a unified week of agriculture-focused awareness. The full schedule will be published as partners register their programs.



Get Involved

There are several ways to participate:

- Community Partners: Register your event or program to be included in the official schedule
- Community Members & Producers: Attend events throughout the week
- Sponsors: Support Ag Aware Week through sponsorship opportunities

A WORLD WITHOUT COWS - Movie Screening

March 24th, 6:30 PM | Doors Open/Reception 5:30 PM
CMU Asteria Theatre | 864 Bunting Ave, Grand Junction, CO 81501

World Without Cows is a documentary by journalists Michelle Michael and Brandon Whitworth that examines the global role of cattle exploring their impacts on food security, soil health, culture, and localeconomies.

Ticket required. Register Here:



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Save the Date

4-H Day at CSU

Join us for the 2026 4-H Day at CSU experience! This special event brings together 4-H youth from across the state for a fun and welcoming campus visit.

Visit includes 2 nights in Fort Collins along with programming and meals. Open to 4-H members currently in grades 10-12. All youth must have an adult chaperone.

Registration opens on 4honline Monday, March 2 .

April 9-11



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
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SAVE THE DATE: UPCOMING OPPORTUNITY

4-H Day at CSU | April 9-11, 2026 | Fort Collins, Colorado

Hosted by Colorado State University Office of Engagement and Extension & CSU Collegiate 4-H

What is college *really* like? Not the brochure version. Not just the campus photos.

The real experience, the classrooms, the conversations, the independence, and the feeling of walking across campus imagining your future there.

April 9-11, 2026, Colorado 4-H members in grades 10-12 are invited to experience college life firsthand at Colorado State University.

This isn't just a tour. It's a full weekend immersion designed to help students picture themselves as college students, and ask the questions that matter most.

What students will experience:

- Walking campus with current CSU students
- Eating in the dining halls
- Connecting with faculty and learning about academic programs
- Honest conversations with current college students
- Time with CSU Collegiate 4-H members who were recently in their shoes

Everything is covered - there is no cost to attend.

- ✓ Two nights of hotel lodging in Fort Collins
- ✓ All meals from Friday evening through Sunday morning
- ✓ All programming and activities

Youth must attend with a parent or adult chaperone – this is required for registration so please plan ahead!

Space is limited.

Registration opens Monday, March 2 in 4HOnline.

We encourage families to register as soon as it opens — spots will fill quickly.

Questions?

Barbie Garnett – barbie.garnett@colostate.edu

Emily Moore – Emily.moore@colostate.edu

Wild About AI

A Zoo Camp Adventure using Technology

- **Day 1 - CSU SPUR - Denver Campus**
Overnight at Denver Museum of Nature and Science
- **Day 2 - Denver Zoo**



COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

APRIL 29-30, 2026

4-H Zoo Camp: Where Animals & AI Come to Life!

Are you ready for an unforgettable, overnight adventure centered around AI and zoo animals? Join us for a two-day, overnight 4-H Zoo Camp designed just for youth ages 11-13 who love animals, technology, and hands-on fun!

Dive into the World of Zoo Animals

Get up close Zoo animals as you explore:

- Animal habitats, Zoo nutrition and feeding plans
- Animal tracks and behavior
- Health care and enrichment activities

Discover what it really takes to care for amazing zoo animals each and every day!



Explore Animals + AI

Did you know animals and artificial intelligence learn in similar ways? You'll use interactive AI tools and Google resources to:

- Learn how animals recognize patterns and respond to their environment
- See how AI systems "learn" in similar ways
- Create your own marketing marquee featuring an animal you research

Design, create, and showcase your animal project at the zoo!

At the Zoo

On Day Two, campers will present their projects while comparing their creative habitat ideas to real zoo exhibits. See how your ideas match up with the real thing! While at the zoo, discover exciting career paths like:

Zookeeper ~ Veterinarian ~ Graphic designer ~ Animal Nutritionist ~ Educator

Starts at 8:30 am on April 29, 2026 ~ concludes at 5:00 pm on April 30, 2026

Make new friends. Stay overnight. Learn cool tech. Meet amazing animals.

Spots are limited—sign up today and let your wild side explore!

Register in 4-H Online

Space limited to 20
Intermediate 4-H youth

Registration fee:
\$25.00

Fee includes :

- Meals
- Museum Sleepover
- Zoo entrance
- Workshop supplies

~ Questions ~

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COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY
EXTENSION

4-H Animal Science 101: Selection Series

Ready to select your next 4-H livestock project?
Come learn from these industry leaders.
Workshops delivered via zoom.

MARKET SWINE SELECTION

Thursday, March 5, 2026 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Jessy Barger

Jessy Barger is a Montana native and currently serves as the Head Livestock Judging Coach and Agriculture Instructor at Northeastern Junior College in Sterling, Colorado. She earned her degree in Agricultural Business from the University of Wyoming in Fall 2025.



Logan Despain

MARKET SHEEP SELECTION

Friday, March 6, 2026 ~ 6:30 p.m.



Logan was born and raised in Wyoming, where he and his family raised and exhibited livestock at the county, state, and national levels. He showed both sheep and hogs, finding success in each species. Logan went on to compete in collegiate livestock judging at Casper College and the University of Wyoming. Following his competitive career, he has spent the past five years coaching collegiate judging teams. He currently serves as the Livestock Judging Coach at Casper College.

MARKET GOAT SELECTION

Sunday, March 8, 2026 ~ 6:30 p.m.

Simon Raff

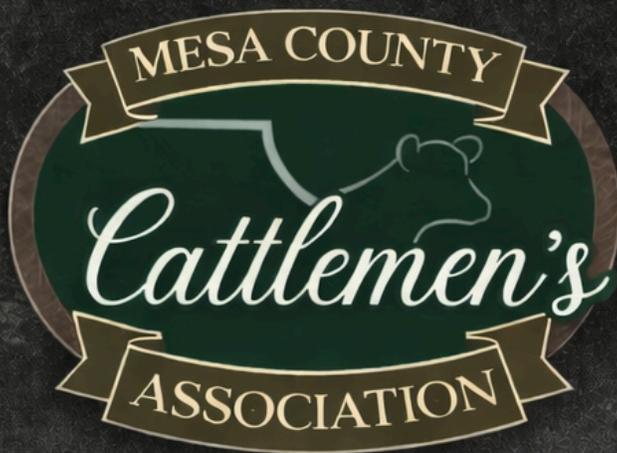
Simon Raff of Nunn, Colorado, exhibited goats for over 12 years, consistently placing in the top five in market class and top ten in showmanship at every state and national competition he showed in. After high school, he attended Eastern Wyoming College, competing on both the show and livestock judging teams. Simon now attends the University of Wyoming, where he is pursuing a degree in animal science with a concentration in meat animal industries while competing on the university's livestock judging team.



For questions: Dawn Sanchez (970) 491-0255
dawn.sanchez@colostate.edu

Please register to obtain zoom
Use the QR code or link: <https://bit.ly/4-HLivestockSelection>





Meat In Mesa County

Free burger BBQ

Food trucks - BBQ samples

Clark and CO's Distillery

JR's Carriage Service

Shopping and Kids Activities

Rick Mancuso and the Fyve Star Band

MARCH 14 11-3 PM

Mesa County Fairgrounds

Free admission and open to the public!



THE MERRY MIXERS 4-H CLUB PRESENTS

The 28th Annual Cowboy Poetry

Saturday March 28th 2026

Doors open at 5:00pm, performers start at 6:00pm

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Happy

Birthday

to all of the March birthdays!

If you see any of them this month - shout out a Happy B-Day!

Harper Jansen	CloverBud	Palisade 4-H Club
Hazley Brackett	Club Member	Colorado West 4-H
JW Burgett	Club Member	Palisade 4-H Club
Arabella Burton	Club Member	Merry Mixers
Teagan Carpenter	Club Member	Loma Country 4-H Club
Delanie Casto	Club Member	Merry Mixers
Elizabeth Cyr	Club Member	Loma Stars
Ella Dale	Club Member	Ribbon Wranglers
Taegan DeSpain Grow	Club Member	Palisade 4-H Club
Blake Hawkins	Club Member	Appleton
Teagan Jansen	Club Member	Palisade 4-H Club
Bristol Katzenberger	Club Member	Monument Livestock
Brady Kopp	Club Member	Palisade 4-H Club
Tyse Leggitt	Club Member	Orchard Mesa Clovers
Logan Lewis	Club Member	Palisade 4-H Club
Kyler Meier	Club Member	Loma Outlaws
Isabella Meyer	Club Member	Loma Stars
Ashlin Ridings	Club Member	Monument Livestock
Kayla Shepardson	Club Member	Plateau Valley Extreme 4-H
Noah Spahr	Club Member	Monument Eagles 4-H Club
Kyndal Suskey	Club Member	Regulators
Trevon Young	Club Member	Loma Stars
Esey Erickson	Volunteer	Orchard Mesa Clovers
Jessica Howard	Volunteer	Merry Mixers
Jessica Hysell	Volunteer	Ribbon Wranglers
Christopher Kopp	Volunteer	Palisade 4-H Club
Dean Martinez	Volunteer	Regulators
Melissa McConnell	Volunteer	Appleton
Kaylee McIntosh	Volunteer	Loma Outlaws
TeriDawn Novinskie	Volunteer	Loma Country 4-H Club
Doug Teal	Volunteer	Regulators





Important Dates-All dates subject to change if deemed necessary

March

- 3 - Poultry project meeting - 6pm - "C" building at fairgrounds
- 4 - STEM project meeting - 6pm - Sagebrush room at the fairgrounds
- 4 - Sheep project meeting - 6pm - Lower Valley Fire District, Fruita
- 4 - Line Dancing Class - 5:30pm - "C" building at fairgrounds
- 5 - Dog training class - 6:30pm - "C" building at fairgrounds
- 6-8 - Leathercraft Workshop - "C" building at fairgrounds
- 10 - Beef project meeting - 6pm - Lower Valley Fire District, Fruita
- 11 - Cloverbuds' meeting - 6pm - Sheriff's Posse Bldg
- 11 - Leadership Council meeting - 7pm - Sheriff's Posse Bldg
- 13-15 - Shooting Sports Leaders' training - Weld County
- 16 - Cake Decorating Class - 6:30pm - "C" building at fairgrounds
- 18 - Pistol project safety meeting - 5:30pm - Orchard Mesa Gun Club
- 18 - Line Dancing Class - 6pm - "C" building at fairgrounds
- 19 - Fair Board meeting - 6pm - Sagebrush Room at fairgrounds
- 20-22 - Shooting Sports Leaders' training - Pueblo County
- 23 - Photography project meeting - 5:30pm - CMU Rodeo Team Facility
- 23 - Rabbit project meeting - 6:30pm - "C" building at fairgrounds
- 25 - Goat project meeting - 6:30pm - Sheriff's Posse Bldg
- 27-28 - Youthfest - CO State Fairgrounds - Pueblo
- 27-29 - Shooting Sports Leaders' training - Garfield County
- 30 - Archery project safety meeting - 6pm - GJ Trap Club
- 31 - Rifle project safety meeting - 6pm - Orchard Mesa Gun Club

April

- 1 - STEM project meeting - 6pm - Sagebrush room at the fairgrounds
- 1 - State Beef nomination forms due to the Extension Office
- 1 - Line Dancing Class - 5:30pm - "C" building at fairgrounds
- 2 - Muzzleloader project safety meeting - 5:30pm - Orchard Mesa Gun Club
- 2 - Dog training class - 6:30pm - "C" building at fairgrounds
- 3 - Shotgun project safety meeting - 5:30pm - GJ Trap Club
- 6 - Cake Decorating Class - 6:30pm - "C" building at fairgrounds
- 7 - Poultry project meeting - 6pm - "C" building at fairgrounds