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New 4-H Livestock/Horse/Shooting Sports Agent

Bailey Schilling, a Colorado native, grew up in Larimer County where he was an eleven year 4-H member. Bailey showed goats, lambs, cattle, and participated in archery during his eleven years. He was also a member of the Livestock Judging Team from 2012-2014, and represented Colorado at the National Contest in Louisville, Kentucky in 2013. Along with operating Schilling Boer Goats, Bailey credits the 4-H judging program for setting the foundation of his success. It taught him valuable evaluation techniques, quick decision-making skills, and the experience in public speaking that enabled his success in numerous opportunities he encountered.



Following judging in 4-H he received scholarships to begin his collegiate judging career at the junior college level where he accepted an offer from Illinois Central College. After two years of being in the mid-west he returned home to judge for the Rams. Bailey graduated CSU with a B.S. in Animal Sciences in 2018, and then a M.S. in Animal Sciences in 2019. Before deciding to start a career in extension Bailey coached the Livestock Judging Team at CSU for 2 seasons. He is excited to help progress various programs by adding additional educational opportunities to allow for better understanding amongst members in their respective projects.

Larimer County CSU Extension 2020 Showcase

Each year, Larimer County CSU Extension highlights a few program contributions to Larimer County. We do not mention everything...a year's work takes a long time to talk about. This year, we created an 8-minute video to highlight some 2020 activities.

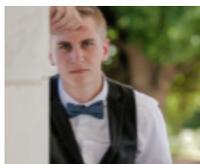
When the pandemic first began, a year ago, we wondered how we could continue to support Larimer County. We had no idea what the year was going to bring, and how we could support our community. Goodness, there were so many ways to contribute. Probably one of our busiest years ever.

We invite you to watch this 8-minute video. And please share it with colleagues, family, friends... Extension is here to support everyone with research-based information from CSU. We want more of our community to take advantage of these wonderful resources.

www.LarimerExtension.org

Direct video link: [Showcase Video](#)

We Congratulate Gabe Dupon!



Will you be renewing your driver's license soon? Take a close look at the image on the back side. Colorado held a contest to redesign the license. After more than 400 entries, the winners were selected. The entry by Gabe Dupon, a long time member of Larimer County 4-H, including the 4-H Junior Leadership Club, was selected for the backside. The photograph of Sprague Lake, always in our wallets, will bring a smile to our faces for years. A great example of how 4-H supports the development of skills, leadership and dedication to your passions.

We also want to thank Gabe for all of the time he gave to the 4-H program while recording and editing the videos for the Livestock Field Day presentations. His skill and effort produced valuable videos for 4-H Livestock members to learn from and enjoy this year and beyond.

Calendar Information

The 2021 Master Calendar is currently being updated based on location changes for April events due to our not having access to the McKee building yet. An updated version will be emailed out at as soon as it is up-to-date.

For individual project and club meetings calendars, go to the website and click on Google Calendars at the bottom of the 4-H Home Page. Individual calendars are: Club Meetings, Overall 4-H, General Projects, Livestock, Shooting Sports and Family Consumer Science. Here is the direct link: [Larimer County Google Calendars](#)

To add a calendar to your own Google calendar click on the + sign on the bottom right side of the calendar.

Attention Volunteers: Join us April 12th to "Train the Agents"

Now that your Larimer County 4-H Extension team is fully staffed, we invite you to "Train the Agents."

April 12th 6:00-8:00 pm at The Ranch

During this event, you will have the chance to share your valuable feedback on our county's 4-H program and help to guide the future of our program. We will provide an opportunity to provide feedback virtually for those who are unable to attend.

Please [register here by April 10th in order to attend](#). We will send out some information to prepare for the meeting to all who register by this date.

Leading to Make the Best Better: Front Range 4-H Leader Training Series

NEXT SESSION: March, Mental Health & Youth Resiliency. Hosted by Douglas County. March 25th, 6:00 p.m.

Join Douglas County 4-H, Jerry Van Leuven, President of The Aspen Effect, and Julie Fisher, MA, LPC, CFI for an open discussion on how to best help youth connect, heal, and thrive.

[Register here in advance](#)

April: Diversity, Equite and Inclusion

You've heard the terms diversity, equity, and inclusion, but what do they really mean? And why are they important to you and your role in 4-H?

Join us for one, two, or all three of these online workshops to learn more. They will be led by Parker McMullen Bushman, Extension Director in Larimer County, DEI trainer, and an Environmental Educator with over 20 years of experience.

- Part 1: Why Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion are Vital to 4-H's Organizational Goals - April 27, 6-7:30pm
- Part 2: Examining Unconscious Bias - May 25, 6-7:30pm
- Part 3: The Impact of Microaggressions - June 22, 6-7:30pm

4-H swag will be given away to attendees, and leaders who attend all three will receive a certificate of completion and be eligible for prizes for their entire club!

[Register here in advance for all three.](#) These sessions will NOT be recorded due to the workshop style and content.



Carnival Drawing Winners

The winning tickets were drawn by Lexi Grundy – 4-H member and the high seller and Liam Babcock – 4-H member and 2nd high seller

\$100 winners – Pam & Stan Heeney
Joy Grundy
Bob Ahern

\$150 winners – Deb Cumpsten
Cheryl Spence

\$200 winner – Laura DeGroat

The carnival drawing was considered a great success! It just proves how resilient 4-H members can be and the power of social media when asking others to support a worthy cause. The foundation should have final numbers and the winning sellers shortly.



Presentation Contest Day

We are planning to hold Presentation Contest Day on May 1st! It will be in person if possible, otherwise it will be virtual. This is a great opportunity to share what you have learned and gain experience in public speaking.

Categories are as follows: Demonstration or Illustrated Talk, Team Demonstration, Prepared and Impromptu Speech, Interpretive Reading, Horse Demonstration, Horse Team Demonstration, Horse Prepared Speech, and Horse Impromptu Speech Contests. You may enter as an individual or a team, and as many as you would like! All categories

are open to everyone, including Cloverbuds.

Registration is required. Please sign up for the categories you would like to participate in here: [REGISTER](#)

Performing Arts Contest

Unfortunately, the Performing Arts Contest will not be held 2021 due to limitations on how youth could prepare for and participate in the competition at this time.

Volunteers Needed

We have multiple volunteer opportunities currently open for this year and one for next year. Reach out to Katie Daywalker (KDaywalker@larimer.org) to learn more if any of these great opportunities spark your interest!

- **Dog project Volunteers:** We are seeking volunteers to support and serve as instructors in our Dog project program. If you have experience training or showing dogs and are interested in teaching & supporting youth, please contact us. [Learn more](#)
- **Home Design & Decor Key Leader:** In this project, members learn to embrace home arts, home furnishings, and refinishing furniture. Members may also learn how to best incorporate color, light, design, space, and texture in a living space to optimize comfort and appearance. You can find more information about the project here. [Learn more](#)
- **Visual Arts Key Leader:** In this project, members learn how to utilize different elements of design, textures, mediums, techniques, etc. to create a unique artwork. You can find more information about the project here. [Learn more](#)
- **Cat Project Volunteers:** We are also seeking volunteers interested in supporting the Cat project as Assistant Key Leader, Resource Leader, or to support on a short term basis for special events. [Learn more](#)

For the 2021/2022 year we are looking for leaders interested in helping us bring these projects to Larimer County:

- **Beekeeping Key Leader:** The 4-H Beekeeping Project helps youth learn about bees and how to be a beekeeper. Beekeeping offers many hands-on educational experiences, from learning about bees and nectar to learning to raise bees and produce honey. Level 1 covers "Understanding the Honeybee" and learning basic facts about beekeeping. Level 2 covers "Working with Honeybees" and walks youth through setting up their first hive and caring for it through the first year. Level 3 covers "Advanced Beekeeping Methods." Youth do not need bees or access to hives to participate in Level 1, but do in Levels 2 and 3.

Junior Leadership Club

Are you looking to grow as a leader in 4-H? The Larimer County Junior Leadership Club (JLC) is here to help you grow and achieve your goals! We are a secondary club that meets every fourth Monday of the month to help you grow in various life skills, such as teamwork and organization. We also host various community service events throughout the year. So, what are you waiting for? Sign up today at [juniorleadership.club](#) or contact president Amelia Macy at amelia.r.macy@gmail.com for more information.

Opportunity for Senior 4-H Members

This year, the Junior Leadership Club (JLC) is working to begin a resource program to lessen the steep learning curve for new 4-H members by gathering a team of experienced senior members who would be free to help newer members with their projects. Many of you have diverse experience in many 4-H projects or specialized knowledge of just a few projects and all of this knowledge would be invaluable to members who are just getting started!

If you would be interested in mentoring younger members in projects that you have experience with, please fill out [this short Google Form](#). If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to reach out to Amelia Macy, president of JLC, at amelia.r.macy@gmail.com.

Colorado State 4-H Foundation Scholarships

Seniors in High School - Colorado State 4-H Foundation Scholarships are currently open for the 2021-2022 Academic year!

The Colorado 4-H Foundation awards scholarships annually to outstanding youth who have actively engaged in Colorado 4-H clubs for at least 3 years. Applications are accepted from January 11, 2021 through April 30, 2021. Scholarship recipients will be announced in June 2021.

Find instructions and a link to the application on our website [HERE](#).

Junior Jam

Junior Jam is a one-day leadership experience for Colorado State 4-Hers between the ages of 8-13, hosted by District 2, that is typically held in March. It has been postponed with the hope that it can be held in-person this summer. Please watch for more information to come.

Citizenship Washington Focus

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is a weeklong 4-H citizenship program for youth ages 14 - 19 that typically takes place at the National 4-H Youth Conference Center in Washington, D.C. border. Every summer, thousands of young people participate in the program, which provides opportunities for them to develop their leadership skills, learn about civic engagement, get a behind the scenes look at our nation's capital, hear from engaging speakers and do hands-on work like drafting a legislative bill. More information to come!

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What can Cloverbuds do?

Cloverbuds get the opportunity to explore what 4-H has to offer in a non-competitive age appropriate environment. Be sure to attend your regular club meetings and watch for coming dates for the following events!

- Fashion Revue (Pre-Fair in July)
- Demonstration/ Speech with club or participate at county contest
- Cake Decorating– contact Stephanie at cowboyalltheway@icloud.com
- Cloverbud Kits
- Cloverbud Camp (usually in September)
- Fair Entry (August)
- Participation with your club
- Attend County Cloverbud workshops (see below!)

Find more information about Cloverbuds on our website: [HERE](#)

2021 Larimer County Cloverbuds Workshop Series

[View the series flyer here](#)

March 25th 5:30 pm - STEM with Toby Swaford, 4-H STEM Extension Agent (IN-PERSON, please note in the comments when you register if you would like to participate virtually)
We still have spots open for this workshop, [register today!](#)

APRIL Workshop has changed: **April 21st 5:30 pm - Scrapbooking with Amber Hersh**, 4-H Leader (VIRTUAL)

May 19th - Gardening with Alison O'Connor, Horticulture Extension Agent

June 9th - STEM with Toby Swaford, 4-H STEM Extension Agent

July 15th - Natural Resources with Karen Crumbaker, Agriculture & Natural Resources Extension Agent

Contact Katie Daywalker with questions at kdaywalker@larimer.org

Family Consumer Science

Cooking Camp

The Cooking Camp date has been moved to Saturday, May 29th. This event will be in-person if possible, otherwise it will be virtual. Youth are not required to be enrolled in Food & Nutrition projects to participate.

We are seeking two Senior 4-H members to help with the camp as Camp Counselors. Please contact Katie at kdaywalker@co.larimer.us if you are interested!

Please watch for more details to come!

Cake Decorating Workshops

- **Unit 1 Cake Decorating**
 - Monday, April 5th 6:30-8:00 p.m. (Cloverbuds welcome)
 - **Pre-registration is required**, [click here](#).
 - Class description & supply list will be sent in advance.
 - After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.
- **Unit 2 Cake Decorating**
 - Monday, April 12 6:30-8:00 p.m.
 - **Pre-registration is required**, [click here](#).
 - Class description & supply list will be sent in advance.
 - After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

If you are interested in attending cake decorating workshops for **Units 4-11**, please contact Christine Barrett at christieginger@msn.com

Cloverbuds interested in participating in Cake Decorating activities should contact Stephanie Morrison at cowboyalltheway@icloud.com or 970-443-9891.

Cake Decorating Contest & Creative Cooks Contest

The Cake Decorating & Creative Cooks Contest Day has been moved to June 5. Registration deadline will be May 21. Watch for registration to open.

We will be holding a Creative Cooks orientation virtually on April 28, 6:00-7:00 pm. [Register here to join us!](#) After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

This orientation will be recorded for those who cannot attend at that time.

Scrapbooking

Upcoming **virtual** workshops:

April 10th 10:00-11:00 am - Scrapbooking Orientation

We will go over the scrapbooking project, requirements, resources and answer questions anyone has.

[Register here](#)

April 17th 1:00-2:00 p.m. - Workshop

We will focus on a few different techniques, check-in on projects and answer questions anyone has.

[Register here](#)

May 15th 1:00-2:00 p.m. - Details to Come

[Register here](#)

We are also finalizing some recorded virtual resources for those in the Scrapbooking project. We will email and post them on the website as well once they are ready.

Please feel free to contact our Scrapbooking Key Leader, Amber Hersh, with questions at amberhersh77@yahoo.com.

Clothing Construction

There will be an in-person workshop coming up in April on making a pillowcase for those enrolled in this project. Please watch your email for details.

In the meantime, if you have questions or are interested in additional workshops, please contact Jo Ann Belk at csuramfans@msn.com.

Family & Consumer Science Team

The Larimer County Family & Consumer Science team will begin meeting virtually in 2021 until it is safe to resume meeting in person. This team is coached by Kara Rudnick. Meeting days and times will be set based on team members' availability. On this team, you will learn about a wide variety of topics related to Family & Consumer Sciences in a fun and collaborative environment. It is open to all ages. If you are interested or want more information, contact Katie Daywalker at kdaywalker@larimer.org

This team competes in one or more of the following events at the state level depending on level of interest:

- Consumer Choices
- Family and Consumer Science Bowl
- Family and Consumer Sciences Skill-a-thon

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Small Engines & Electric

Unfortunately, county-wide workshops for Small Engines & Electric will not be able to be held this year. If you are enrolled in these projects, our Key Leaders for them are happy to answer your questions and support you as much as they can. You can reach Tracey and Wayne Ellis at 970-686-6155 or tellis@scoopautoevents.com. We plan to resume in-person workshops in 2022.

Leathercraft

Leathercraft workshops will begin next week starting next Thursday March 25th and continue to be held weekly on Thursdays.

Location: Extension Office: 1525 Blue Spruce Drive, Fort Collins, CO 80524

Time: 3:45-5:00 p.m.

Register: The first 15 kids to RSVP will get to attend each workshop date. Attendees must RSVP by email to: millerbeef@gmail.com.

Bryant and Patty will respond letting the attendee know what number they are. Parents will not be able to be in the room if we are at the limit of 15 children. They should plan to remain in their car during the workshop.

All attendees must wear masks for the duration of the workshop, maintain 6 foot distancing, and wash their hands or use hand sanitizer upon arrival & departure.

Photography

We are happy to announce we have a new photography Key Leader: Jenelle Kemper! Jenelle is an experienced photographer whose work you may have seen if you are involved in [Shooting Sports](#). This is Jenelle's second year with us in Larimer County, and she previously volunteered with Plumas County, California 4-H for four years.

We are working on setting up some workshops. In the meantime, if you are enrolled in the Photography project, please feel free to reach out to Jenelle with questions at jen2481@gmail.com.

Model Rocketry

If you are enrolled in this project, watch for an email about an upcoming introductory workshop in April. We will hold another workshop in May and a practice fly-day in early July.

If you have any questions in the meantime, please contact our Model Rocketry Key Leader Ryan Gebhardt by email at ryan.gebhardt@gmail.com

Cat

There will not be a Cat Show at the County Fair this year. The Cloverbuds stuffed cat show will still take place.

We will be in contact with members enrolled in this project regarding educational opportunities this year.

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Small Animal Project Workshops

Key Leaders are developing virtual resources to help kids get started in learning about their projects before we can start meeting in person. Watch for details as they are available.

Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Confirmed in Colorado

The Colorado Department of Agriculture (CDA) in conjunction with Colorado Parks and Wildlife (CPW) has confirmed a case of Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease Virus Serotype 2 (RHDV2) in wild cottontail rabbits in Costilla County. This is the first confirmed case of RHDV2 in Colorado.

Please be aware that the virus causing rabbit hemorrhagic disease (a calicivirus) is NOT in any way related to the circulating novel coronavirus that primarily affects people.

For additional information on RHDV2, please visit the [CDA Rabbit Hemorrhagic Disease webpage](#)

Poultry Project Information

Greetings Larimer County 4-H Poultry Members! We are looking forward to a good year for our Poultry Members!

Now is the time to be getting your birds for your project especially if you plan to show at the Larimer County Fair. Breeding birds, laying hens, ducks, geese and turkeys can be ordered or purchased at this time birds must be owned by a 4-H member by May 31st with the exception of Market chicken. Market ducks, geese and turkeys need to be ordered or purchased NOW! When pre-ordering market chickens ask how quickly the birds will be ready for market as in how many weeks will they reach 2 1/5 – 6 lbs. Pre-order your birds to arrive at the appropriate time so they are ready to be shown in the Market class at the fair.

Although we hope to have a more typical year and Fair, plan to purchase the number of birds your family can use for eggs, fun or meat. Make sure to have an outlet for any additional birds you may not want to keep over the winter. At fair, there is an opportunity for you to sell the birds you have shown at the fair or you can donate birds to the Poultry Scholarship Silent Auction.

Please consider raising additional pullets, female ducks, or pairs of ducks for the Silent Auction. Due to the fact that we were unable to have the Silent Auction last year, we do need to raise a record amount -for the Poultry Scholarship if we can!

1. Decide on what your birds are for: fun, eggs, breeding, meat, or show?
2. Research breeds and look into availability – local feed stores, hatcheries, breeders, 4-H families.
3. Set-up brooder, gather/purchase needed supplies for your new babies: brooder can be a anything large enough for number of birds you plan to raise – box, plastic tub, stock tank or old bath tub; heat lamp (securely attached); additional heat lamp bulbs; feeders and waterer; pine shavings; wire cover for brooder, if needed; appropriate

- starter feed for species; thermometer; paper towels; and a safe pen for birds once they are completely feathered out.
4. Once brooder is set-up, turn on heat source to bring heat in one end of your brooder to 95- 98 degrees F (make sure there is enough space for young birds to move away from the heat and enough space for all birds to get under/near the heat source).
 5. Begin Record book!! Fill out front page, goals, and beginning pages, and keep a record of items/birds purchased! A notebook with a pocket works best or an envelope in a notebook.
 6. Purchase your bird/s and do your best to care for them – cleaning often, providing a warm, safe environment, as well as food and clean water. Spend time with your birds so they are tame and accustomed to your interaction with them.
 7. Research diseases and other health issues, find a vet who can take care of your birds if needed, have a few items on hand for caring for birds – electrolytes, paper towels, blood stop (styptic powder), paper towels or old towels, smaller place with heat source to keep injured or weak birds in, eye dropper or small syringe without needle, etc.
 8. Attend workshops, research bird care, learn more about your breed/s, study nomenclature (parts of the bird's anatomy showmanship, talk with other 4-H members or leaders, and ask QUESTIONS!!

If you have questions, please one of the Key Poultry Key Leaders: Marilyn Lasich 970-391-4946 or lasichm4h@gmail.com or Russ Spence 970-493-2384

Dog Leasing Policy

Members wishing to lease a dog for their Dog Project must submit an application. Lease applications are located on the website under Companion Animals. If you wish to lease a dog for the project year, please fill out an application and send it to the Extension Office. Larimer County allows 4-H Dog members to use a leased dog to participate in the County 4-H program and the Larimer County Fair. This program is designed to offer the opportunity of the dog project to members who are unable to own a dog. Members who own a dog, or a family dog, must have permission from the Extension Office to also lease a dog for their project.

The Larimer County 4-H Dog Leasing Policy and Application are located on the website under the Dog Project; [click here](#)

Please remember: Leased dogs are not allowed to participate in the Colorado State Fair 4-H Dog Show. If you have questions, please contact Diane Kern at dkern@larimer.org

Required Vaccinations for Dogs

Proof of Rabies vaccination is required for all dogs participating in any of the County 4-H Dog Workshops and the Larimer County Fair. Dogs will not be allowed to participate in County 4-H Dog Workshops, the Larimer County Fair, or the Colorado State Fair without proof of current Rabies vaccination. No exceptions. Proof of Parvovirus vaccine is also required for the Larimer County Fair and Colorado State Fair, so please plan ahead.

Please send your proof of Rabies vaccination as an email attachment, to Diane Kern at: dkern@larimer.org You can also include proof of Parvovirus at this time.

In Person County Dog Workshops

The County is offering Dog Obedience workshops on Monday evenings at The Ranch. These classes are free and open to all Larimer County 4-H Dog Members.

- 6:00 - 7:00 p.m., First Year Members and Dogs
- 7:00 - 8:00 p.m., Second Year and above Members and Dogs

Check the calendar or registration link for dates.

Registration is required. If you register and then have a change of plans and can't make it, please cancel your registration to allow another member to attend the class.

Click here to register: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0c4aacad29a4fc1-4hdog2>

Online Education

The County has posted some educational 4-H Dog Training videos to help you practice your skills with your dog during this pause in the face-to-face 4-H activities. The videos cover Showmanship, Obedience and Grooming. You can find these resources on the 4-H Online Learning Opportunities page; [here](#).

These educational videos are also posted on the 4-H Dog Project page.

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Horse Leaders Meeting

There will be a zoom meeting for all horse leaders on Monday, April 8, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. [Register on Zoom](#). This is another opportunity for leaders to share ideas and to give input about the program. We will also share opportunities for members and leaders to volunteer to help with the horse educational activities. All horse or organizational leaders are invited to attend. One youth member per club should attend, as well.

2021 Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book

The 2021 Colorado 4-H Horse Show Rule Book is now available on the CSU website: <http://co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/horse-resources/horse-show-resources/>

County Rides at the Fairgrounds

The April rides at the Fairgrounds will be held each Wednesday evening from 6-8 p.m.

Preregistration is required through the sign up genius link below.
[Register here.](#)

Sign up for these great learning opportunities at The Ranch.

April 7 – Mac Equipment Indoor Arena - Clinic for W/T, Level 1 and Level 2 riders or those wishing to test to those levels - Practice your skills with certified raters to help you prepare for a future test or perfect your current skill level

April 14 – Mac Equipment Indoor Arena - Clinic for level 3 and 4 riders or those who want to test to level 3 or 4. This is a great opportunity to get assistance from a certified level 3 / 4 rater to help you prepare for your tests and to perfect those upper level skills

April 21 – Longhorn Outdoor Arena – Clinic for English Equitation and Western Horsemanship – Practice Equitation and Horsemanship skills and patterns. Open to all levels

April 28 - Mac Equipment Indoor Arena - Clinic for English Equitation and Western Horsemanship continued

Horse Judging

Horse Judging practices are set to begin on Thursday evenings at the Extension Office in Fort Collins. If you are interested in joining the horse judging teams contact Debbie Dehn at rwdehn@aol.com

Club Rides at The Ranch

Clubs can request ride nights at the Larimer County Fairgrounds for lessons, clinics or fun rides to be held this spring and summer. Ride nights are limited to current 4-H Horse members and will be scheduled in an outdoor arena. Contact Diane Kern at dkern@larimer.org to schedule your ride nights for 2021.

Horse Safety 101

"4-H Horse Safety 101" is a presentation developed by agents of the Colorado 4-H Horse Work Team. This presentation is designed as a resource for any 4-H Leader (regardless of equine knowledge) to educate 4-H families on the basic safety principals of owning and riding a horse. The presentation includes interactive review slides, speaker notes as well as supplemental hands- on activities. Presentation time ~ 1.5 hrs. This program is designed for new horse project members or owners and/or Horseless Horse project members.

Please contact Diane at dkern@larimer.org with questions and to use the program in your club.

Instructions for Horse Levels Testing during COVID-19

As we make adjustments to the 4-H Program during this difficult time, we will be offering online written tests and video riding testing for the Horse Levels Advancement Program.

Written Tests will be offered through Qualtrics.

Please study before requesting a written test. The study guides posted online will help you prepare for the test. [Click here](#).

To request a written test, please contact Diane at dkern@larimer.org Specify which written level you would like to test.

You will see your 4-H Horse level test results upon completion. You may take the test multiple times to achieve a score of 80% or higher. Please plan to complete your written test within a few days.

Riding Tests will be done by recorded video.

Riding test requirements are listed on the website under Horse Levels Testing. [Click here](#). You should practice the maneuvers required on the test before requesting a Rater.

For the questions on Levels III and IV, please record the question and then your answer to each of the questions.

After you have practiced and then recorded all of the questions & answers, and all of the maneuvers on the riding test, please upload your test as an **Unlisted video to YouTube**.

For instructions on how to upload your test as an Unlisted video to YouTube, please visit this informational page: [Click here](#).

After uploading your video, copy the URL and send it in an email to Diane at dkern@larimer.org Please include your name and level you are testing.

Remember, a score of 80% is needed to pass, which means you must receive an 8 or above on each maneuver on the test. You will be contacted with your results.

Horse Project Dates

April 24, 2021 – Tentative Horse Bowl Contest
May 1, 20201 - Public Speaking Contest
June 19, 2021–Horse Levels Test Day
August 1-4, 2021 - Larimer County Fair Horse Show

Additional Horse Project Opportunities

Check the end of the newsletter for additional opportunities for Horse Project members.

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Purchasing Market Animals for your 4-H Projects

It's time to think about purchasing your next market animal! When it comes to purchasing animals for a 4-H project, as always, purchasing any animal is up to the family's discretion. Things you may want to consider include: personal finances, current market prices, feed prices, and costs for overall care. As we approach the new 4-H year, make sure that you discuss as a family what animal and how many animals you would like to purchase! We recommend consulting the Market Animal Budget Planner on your project animal page on the Larimer County 4-H Website to help guide your discussions.

Meat Quality Assurance

Colorado 4-H MQA Requirements

4-H members enrolling in any market and/or breeding livestock projects for the first time regardless of age, must attend a Colorado 4-H Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) program. This will be offered virtually this year, so please watch for more information on how to complete. 4-H members will be required to attend a Colorado 4-H MQA program a minimum of twice during the course of their 4-H career – once as a junior and once again within one year after becoming a senior 4-H member. Members are encouraged to review the information and best practices found in the Colorado 4-H Meat Quality Assurance program annually. More information on MQA and the Animal Care and Housing Form will be sent out to those enrolled in livestock projects at a later date.

Livestock Field Day & MQA

The 2021 Livestock Field Day will be facilitated virtually this year, along with a virtual Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) opportunity.

Both of these programs are a great opportunity for all 4-H livestock members looking to advance their knowledge of best practices when raising livestock. The 2021 Livestock Field Day will be a collaboration between Larimer County 4-H, faculty from the Department of Animal Sciences at CSU, and faculty from the CSU Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Some of the topics that will be presented on include; animal handling and welfare, nutrition, quality assurance, meat science, and animal health.

If you have any questions regarding this opportunity please contact Ashley Schilling (schillas@co.larimer.co.us).

4-H Online 2.0 Animal Identification Beef Projects (Breeding, Market and Dairy Cow)

All Market & Breeding Beef and Dairy Cattle are required to have an Animal ID filled out on 4-H Online 2.0 **by May 31**. Please remember to upload the Bill of Sale, Brand Papers, and 4 pictures; Front View, Right Side, Left Side and Rear View.

Instructions are posted on the Beef and Dairy Cattle pages on our website. [Click here to view](#)

Dairy Cattle Project

Virtual zoom meetings for the dairy cattle project will be the last Friday of the month, January through April. Check for updates in an upcoming email and on the Dairy Project website: www.larimerdairyproject.com

Livestock Judging

Interested in being on the Larimer County Livestock Judging team contact Mike Schwab at 970-225-9296 or mike@prohoam.com

Livestock Quiz Bowl

The Larimer County Livestock Quiz Bowl team will begin meeting virtually in 2021 until it is safe to resume meeting in person. Meeting days and times will be set based on team members' availability. It is a low stress, fun way to become part of a team and get to know other Larimer County 4-H members. It will help with showmanship and learning basic information about livestock. It is open to all ages. If you are interested or want more information, contact Jo Ann Belk at csuramfans@msn.com or 970-231-3654.

Livestock Weigh Day

Attention All Market Sheep, and Goat Exhibitors: All those choosing to exhibit their market

animals at the 2021 Larimer County Fair are required to weigh in and tag all market animals on the specified 2021 weigh day. If the exhibitor is unable to attend, they must arrange for someone to bring their market animals to weigh day. If a market animal is not present at the specified 2021 weigh day, they will be unable to show at the 2021 Larimer County Fair.

- **Sheep/Goat Weigh Day**
Monday, April 26
Time: 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.
MAC Equipment Indoor Arena, The Ranch
- **Market Swine will NOT have a Weigh Day**
Watch for more information about tagging.

Watch for project letters to be sent out at a later date.

Livestock Project Workshops

The Livestock Key Leaders are developing virtual resources & in-person workshops for the year. See below for an example from our Dairy Goat Key Leader, Aspen Knackstedt.

Check for upcoming events in the Master Calendar and watch for details in the newsletters, emails and on the website.

Dairy Goat Project

Interested in or already enrolled in the Dairy Goat project? Learn more about the project & upcoming workshops this year in this [4-H Dairy Goats 101 video](#).

Northern Colorado Meat Goat Breeders Scholarship

The Northern Colorado Meat Goat Breeders Inc. (NCMGB), 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 2021-2022 academic year. These are the qualifications to be eligible to apply:

- Current or past member of a Larimer County or Weld County 4-H or FFA program.
- At some point in your 4-H or FFA career, prior to January 1, 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 30, 2021. Please send an email to jwrboer@wigginstel.com to request an application form and further information.

Additional Livestock Project Opportunities

Check the end of the newsletter for additional opportunities for Livestock Project members.

Shooting Sports

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Practice schedules for 2021 are on the Larimer County Shooting Sports website (lc4hss.org). Practices are tentative and may be canceled or rescheduled based on state and county health guidelines at the time and pending approval to hold in-person programming.

Any 4-H youth signed up for the shooting sports project is expected to read, adhere to, and comply with the Larimer County 4-H Shooting Sports Handbook, which is available at lc4hss.org. Please read these policies for information on eligibility requirements for project completion, state competition, and Larimer County Fair.

2021 Shooting Sports Orientation

All participants must attend scheduled orientations before they are eligible to take part in practices. The final opportunity to complete orientation this year will be a virtual orientation on April 1 followed by in-person orientation on April 3.

Virtual Orientation

Thursday, April 1, 2021

- For all members who have not yet attended the virtual orientation.
- Virtual orientation is a REQUIRED component this year.
- The final opportunity to complete orientation for 2021.

In-Person Orientation

Saturday, April 3, 2021

- For members new to Shooting Sports, any previous members who did not participate in practices in 2020, and any returning member adding a discipline.
- Virtual orientation is REQUIRED to be eligible to attend.

Registration is required. Visit lc4hss.org to find the registration form and more details.

Shooting Sports Practices Procedure

We have the approval to host in-person events at The Ranch and other locations, and we have started Shooting Sports practices and meetings. As of now we must follow attendance guidelines and protocols from the Larimer County Health Department and CSU Extension. We will revise procedures as regulations change and do our best to alert families about what to expect.

Members must complete ALL of these steps to be eligible for practices:

- Be enrolled in Shooting Sports in each discipline on 4HOnline,
- Paid enrollment fee either by check or PayPal, and
- Completed the required orientation for each discipline.

Signing up for practices:

- Eligible members will receive an invitation email with the SignUpGenius directly from Larimer County Shooting Sports SignUpGenius account (signup@lc4hss.org).
- Registration is required for each practice date.
- Each discipline sets the deadline for closing its SignUpGenius before practice.
- Adults must include complete contact information in the SignUpGenius.
- Each family is allowed one parent/guardian to attend practices. (Attendance limits are meant to keep the Shooting Sports program within guidelines and allow as many members as possible to participate.)

Siblings and other family members are not allowed at indoor practices.

Siblings and other family members who need to attend outdoor practices must stay in the vehicle.

Ammunition Shortage

Ammunition is a challenge right now! Shooting Sports members in .22 Rifle, .22 Pistol, and Shotgun may have some trouble finding .22 rounds and shotgun shells at a reasonable price. The Shooting Sports program may have some available for members to use, but not enough for all members to use for the entire season. Please be on the lookout to buy supplies for your family. You can set notifications on some websites to alert you when it's in stock, and please check stores for stock regularly.

National 4-H Shooting Sports Championships

The 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships are tentatively scheduled for June 20–25, 2021 in Grand Island, Nebraska. The National 4-H Shooting Sports Committee will be monitoring the COVID situation and make a final decision regarding the status of the National Championships by April 1. Team members and coaches will be contacted by the state office with updates.

Larimer County is proud to have 7 members who qualified as team members or alternates for the Nationals across 5 disciplines.

2021 State 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training

Shooting Sports needs certified leaders! Registration is now closed for the trainings this year.

Anyone who is interested in attending Shooting Sports leader training next year should consider becoming a leader in Larimer County now. The process includes a background check and references, and it's best to have it done so you'll be ready next year. Contact the Extension Office get started.

- Larimer County: Postponed to April 10–11 (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun and Archery)
 - Registration Closed.
- TBD: April 10 (Tentatively to conduct an online refresher for volunteers in need of re-certification training to maintain their 4-H Shooting Sports leaders certifications. This refresher will not certify 4-H volunteers who have NOT completed an in-person training to run a live firing line. More information will be shared soon.)

Follow Larimer County 4-H Shooting Sports

The lc4hss.org website is your source for information about 4-H Shooting Sports in Larimer County. You can also like us on Facebook at facebook.com/lc4hss or follow us on Instagram instagram.com/lc4hss.

All disciplines use Remind for time-sensitive announcements like practice cancellations. Sign up for each of your disciplines to stay informed. Instructions can be found on the website here under Remind Alerts [Follow here](#).

Hunter Education

NOTICE:

CPW Director Prenzlou grants a temporary exemption to allow hunter education to be delivered online until May 15, 2021. CPW has determined this exemption is necessary due to public health directives and protection of public health, safety and welfare. This exemption may be extended, subject to review prior to the expiration date listed. Any student who is at least 11 years old, and finishes this 100% online course (Hunter-Ed.com/Colorado) by May 15 will be fully Hunter Ed certified for life, and no in person class will be required. Official Colorado Hunter Education cards will be mailed to graduates automatically after course completion.

For those under the age of 11 we will be offering a conclusion course on April 17 at the Ranch in the First National Bank of Omaha Building (FNBO) North Hall starting at 9:00 a.m. Pre-registration is required through the Colorado Parks & Wildlife. April 18 will be the live fire in the morning at Front Range Gun Club in Loveland starting at 8:00 a.m. Our conclusion class is now posted on the Colorado Parks and Wildlife website so be sure and get registered seating is limited.

Internet Courses Require an In-Person Conclusion Class

A portion of the course is completed online at your convenience, followed by a conclusion class that covers skills and activities done in person. Conclusion classes may not be available in all parts of Colorado, so be sure to pre-register for a conclusion class before beginning the online self-study portion of the course.

Conclusion Class Details

Note: Online course certificate of completion required to participate.

In-classroom conclusion class sessions will include:

- 4-6 hours of class time (may be split into 2 days)
- hands-on exercises
- Colorado laws and regulations
- written test
- live fire exercise
- cost up to \$10

Colorado Approved Online Course

- Hunter-ed.com (\$24.50)

General Information

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Updates from the Larimer County 4-H Foundation

King Soopers Card

Supporting the Larimer County 4-H Foundation is simple and easy. Simply go to this website and enroll: www.krogercommunityrewards.com

Larimer County 4-H Youth Foundation (HN240) October – This last quarter of 2020 we only had 26 households enrolled and earned \$346.31. Can you imagine if we had 100 families enrolled what our income could possibly be?

Please support the foundation in this painless manner. It costs nothing.

AmazonSmile Program

The Larimer County 4-H Foundation is a participant in the AmazonSmile program – what a way to help the Larimer County 4-H program without spending any money. Who doesn't order from Amazon? Rather than order from Amazon go to AmazonSmile – it is the same pricing but a donation is made to a non-profit of your choice. Just select Larimer County 4-H Foundation once and it will always be there for us to receive a donation from your purchase(s).

AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.

4th Quarter 2020 the foundation received \$61.71 and year to date, the foundation has received \$472.10 which means every little purchase counts!!

Join the Larimer County 4-H Foundation Board

The Foundation is considering adding 1-2 more trustees to the board. Please email larimercounty4hfoundation@gmail.com to request an application.

Memorial for John Worthington

The Foundation has received word that John Worthington, a long time Larimer County 4-H supporter, passed away on Monday, March 15. John's wife, Jackie Worthington, started the John Worthington Memorial Scholarship after John's passing. This scholarship opportunity will be available in 2022. John and Jackie were featured in the American Cowboy Magazine January-February 1999 issue. John's family began farming south of Fort Collins in 1896. John grew up on the ranch and graduated from Colorado A & M now known as CSU with a degree in Animal Husbandry. It was there that he met Jackie and they married and settled on the family ranch until Fort Collins began encroaching on the ranch. They sold the ranch in 1971 and moved to Maybell, Colorado on the western slope and resided there for 20 years. They returned to Larimer County and owned a large ranch near Carr where Jackie resided until 2020. During their lifetime they were very involved in 4-H.

The family has asked for memorial contributions be made to Larimer County 4-H Foundation – PO Box 270371, Fort Collins 80527. Arrangements are being handled by Allnutt Funeral Service

Larimer County Fair

Mark your calendars for the 2021 Larimer County Fair at The Ranch in Loveland. August 6 - 10

2021 CSU Larimer County Extension Native Plant Master Program

Are you interested in learning more about the native plants found in Larimer County? NPM courses focus on identification, ecological relationships, and human use of plants,

emphasizing sustainable landscapes and invasive weeds. Participants will learn to use a botanical key, including learning scientific names and plant families.

All courses and special classes will be limited to 8 participants and will fill on a first-come, first-serve basis. **Application deadline is April 2, 2021.**

For more information about the Native Plant Master Program, please contact Karen Crumbaker, Colorado State University Larimer County Extension at kcrumbaker@larimer.org or (970) 498-6003.

Arapahoe County 4-H Baker's Nights

Cookie Decorating Demonstration – Friday, April 9 at 5:00 PM
Free event! For youth ages 8 and up.

No Bake Cookies – Friday, May 28 at 5:00 PM
Free Event! For youth ages 8 and up.

Everyone is welcome! You can find links to event registrations here - [REGISTER](#)

ST[EMpower] Gadgets and Gizmos!

[Check out these fun DIY STEM activities from the Tri River Area for all ages, including Cloverbuds.](#)

2021 Spring Gather Open Ranch Horse Show & Clinic

Sponsored by River Riders 4-H Club
April 24 & 25, 2021
Mesa County Fairgrounds Grandstand Arena, Grand Junction, Colorado
Registration deadline, April 24, 2021

See flyer in the Ads section

Virtual Career Night -- Hosted by Wyoming 4-H

Have you ever thought about designing a ride at Disney Land? Becoming a Pilot, Artificially Inseminating Deer, being a Dive Boat Captain, or a photographer? Come join us to explore a variety of career options. What degree do you need? Should you do an internship? No matter if you are in 8th grade or a senior this will be a fun event that will help you think about what careers might interest you. We even have amazing door prizes to give away.

For more information and to register for this free event go to: [LEARN MORE](#)

El Paso County 4-H Blow-N-Go Cattle Show

April 3, 2021
Pre-Registration Required: [HERE](#)
Deadline March 31

See flyer in the Ads section

Larimer County Stock Growers Association Scholarship Information

High School Scholarship Applicants must be a graduate of a Larimer County, Colorado High School. Applicants must show community participation and involvement in agriculture within Larimer County, Colorado. Applicants must pursue agriculture related studies. Studies may be pursued at Trade Schools, Junior Colleges, Community Colleges and Universities.

Available January 1, 2021
Awarded Fall 2021 Semester

Contact Dave McGraw for more information at Lcsg.4u@gmail.com

Join the Invisalign® ChangeMakers!

Are you making a positive impact in your community? Then you're an Invisalign ChangeMaker. And we'd love to help boost your efforts! That's why, in partnership with National 4-H Council, we're giving \$5,000 to 100 teens (ages 13-19) who we think are

changing the world for the better. Share your story! We're accepting applications through March 31, 2021. To apply, [click here](#).

Master Calendar

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Important Note: All events are subject to cancellation or rescheduling based on Colorado State and Larimer County health guidelines, space availability, and pending ongoing approval to hold in-person programming from CSU and Larimer County.

The **2021 Master Calendar** is currently being updated based on location changes for April events due to our not having access to the McKee building yet. More events maybe added or changed. An updated version will be emailed out at as soon as it is up-to-date.

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