

4-H NEWSLETTER

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Welcome our New Director- Wayne Miller!



I am truly excited to join the Lincoln County Extension team, as your new Extension Director. 4-H has been a big part of my life and professional career. I look forward to meeting new and old acquaintances again. I also look forward to meeting the people of Lincoln County and representing CSU Extension in the county. Outside of work, I enjoy doing anything with horses including showing, training and ranching.

I have spent most of my professional career in Higher Education and I look forward to continuing that through CSU Extension.

I graduated from CSU with a Bachelor of Science in Equine Science and Agriculture Business in 1999.

Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Wayne A. Miller



The Extension Office/4-H are on Facebook @

[Lincoln County Colorado Extension](https://www.facebook.com/LincolnCountyColoradoExtension)

*Visit the page for additional events and resources for all.



Lincoln County Extension/4-H Website

@

lincoln.extension.colostate.edu

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS & GENERAL REMINDERS

We want to welcome our new and returning 4-H members and families! The following are some tips and reminders for the 4-H year.

- ◆ Each member must complete a demonstration, community service project, and complete at least one 4-H project each year to meet minimum county 4-H requirements. Projects (general and livestock) may be publicly exhibited at the county fair; but this is not required for project completion. Some projects have additional requirements, costs, and/or meetings. Contact your club leader for additional individual club requirements as well.
- ◆ 4-H information, events, and updates will come out through the newsletter and email (information goes to the primary email listed in 4H Online). *Please make sure that emails are not getting stuck in your “spam or junk” folders. Additional information will be posted about other events as well on the [Lincoln County Colorado Extension](#) Facebook page. Plan accordingly so that important deadlines or requirements at the club and county level are not missed.
- ◆ All events subject to change or cancellation due to public health concerns, weather, cost, lack of attendance or closure due to maximum attendance, lack of volunteers, etc.. 4H Online is coordinated through the state and thus many additional events will show up in the registration section in 4H Online than may be applicable to our county members.
- ◆ Start on your projects and record books before school is out, so that you may ask questions and get help to complete your projects on time. Check out the Colorado 4-H website to learn more about the projects offered, what they entail, where to order manuals from and the general project record books at: co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/colorado-4-h-project-information/. General project score sheets can be found for review at: co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/state-fair-information/score-sheets/. *Livestock record books utilize a county book (not the state livestock record books) that can be found at: lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-projects-record-books/.*
- ◆ All deadlines and forms are due on the day stated or previous Friday if date is a holiday or weekend by 4:00pm (close of business). Items emailed, mailed, or dropped in the backdoor after that date/time are considered late. When there is an error in the day of the week and date please reach out for clarification in advance and use the earlier date as the deadline if unsure.
- ◆ State deadline is May 1 to enter ID's in 4H Online for dog and horse projects.
- ◆ Check the newsletter and fair website for fair related entry due dates and information.

County Extension/4-H & Lincoln County Fair Website: lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/

Facebook Page: [Lincoln County Colorado Extension](#)

Colorado 4-H Website: co4h.colostate.edu/

County 4-H “Forms/Applications” Link: lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-forms-applications/

County 4-H Policy, Guidelines & Deadlines Information: lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-policy-guidelines/

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS & GENERAL REMINDERS

Upcoming Deadlines:

****March 1 (Date Change)-**

Project add/drop

March 1-Hunter's safety must be completed for all members enrolled in shooting sports.

March 1-Market Beef Tagging (Mandatory) & Weigh-In

March 31-Meat Quality Assurance Training (MQA)

Training Requirements- 1x- As a new member or first year taking a livestock project.

1x-When the member turns 4-H age of 10.

1x-When the member turns 4-H age of 14. *FFA members must attend their first livestock project year when showing in FFA.

****May (TBD)-** Market Sheep/Goat/Swine) Tagging & Weigh-In

July 1- Market Poultry must have leg bands attached and a nomination form submitted (bands available at the office). **Market Rabbits** must be tattooed and a nomination form submitted.

Other Fair Related-Check the new fairbook in late spring for information, entry and deadline requirements.

Project Books/Manuals & Updated Information: Families will need to order project books/manuals directly from the supplier. Go to Colorado 4-H @ co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/colorado-4-h-project-information/ and then click on "publication order form" to see where to download or order.

*Check for updated publications including for your project. Not all projects require a manual.

Utilize the general project score sheets @ co4h.colostate.edu/state-fair-information/score-sheets/ to determine if a manual is required for the project. Examples of manuals are available for browsing at the office.

Other Deadlines/ Project Requirements:

*Refer to the fair book for project requirements to show at the county fair. Download a record book and score sheet for completion requirements as well.

*Watch for information in the newsletter, Facebook page, or web calendar for additional dates and information as the year progresses.

Forms & Applications are available on the extension website.

*****Make sure to download all forms (regardless of type) and save to your computer or device before you begin entering information; otherwise the information may be lost.**

The screenshot shows the website header with the Lincoln County logo and navigation tabs: Home, Extension, 4-H (selected), and Lincoln County. A dropdown menu for 4-H is open, listing various resources: 4-H Newsletters, Extension & 4-H Calendar (All Events), Extension & 4-H Equipment, 4-H Forms & Applications, 4-H Policy & Guidelines, 4-H Projects & Record Books, 4-H Clubs, Councils, & Teams, and 4-H Leaders. Below the menu, there is a section for 4-H News & Updates with several bullet points providing information about news events, current and past news events, and a Facebook page link.

The screenshot shows the "4-H Forms & Applications" page. It includes a "General Forms Information" section with bullet points about signature requirements, form quality, and deadlines. Below that is a "General or Other Forms/Applications" section with a link to "CO State 4-H Events & Link Page". There are tabs for "Project", "Fair", "County & State", "Awards", and "Foundation". Under the "Project" tab, "Livestock Sale" is selected, leading to a "4-H Projects Forms/Applications" section. This section lists forms for "Shooting Sports" such as "4-H Shootings Sports Project Requirements & Signature Form", "4-H Hand Gun Permission/Release Form", "4-H Shooting Sports Permission to Participate/Liability Release Form", "Youth Handgun Safety Act Notice", "Shooter Responsibility, Fire Line Commands, & 10 Commandments of Firearm Safety", and "All Hunter's Safety cards".

FAIR RELATED: BEEF EXHIBITORS-

***Beef Weigh-In March 1 (8:00-10:00am) @ Meier Feedlot** (48750 Hwy 40/287 Limon, CO)-located part-way between Limon and Hugo across the railroad tracks on the west side of the highway.

*Exhibitors must declare at Weigh-In if they are exhibiting a mini-beef, otherwise the animal will be placed in the general market beef class at fair; no exceptions. You must designate which animal belongs to which kid including family ones at weigh-in. Please be prepared to identify each animal.

*Market animals must be castrated and de-horned or have blunt, flat ends.

*Exhibitors must read through and comply with requirements for participation at weigh-in, fair, and general ownership regarding brand inspections on beef cattle. This is not optional for paperwork to be done at a later date. Please schedule time well in advance of beef weigh-in to ensure you have proper ownership papers on your beef animals (*including home-raised*) and can bring them to weigh-in. Contact the brand inspector for more information.



ATTENTION ALL LINCOLN COUNTY LIVESTOCK EXHIBITORS

As of 2024, all beef that will be in the market show and sold at the Lincoln County Fair will be required to have a brand inspection (which is a legal bill of sale) in the exhibitor's name. There will be no more "home raised" animals cleared unless the exhibitor is the legal owner of the brand that the animal is wearing. If the animal does not have a brand it must still have a brand inspection in the exhibitors name. As I love to see local ranch raised calves in the show that are wearing a family brand, we must do a change of ownership (brand inspection) from the person selling (gifting) the animal to the exhibitor. Reference Colorado State Statute C.R.S. 35-53-105 (1)-(3) - Failure to Obtain Brand Inspection Prior to Shipment. Please bring your brand inspection with you to weigh in each year. I will mark a new tag number on your certificate. Each August at the fair when you consign your animal to sell, I will need to collect your certificate so please also bring your brand inspection paperwork. If you do not have a brand inspection done by the time the livestock sale starts the money will be held until you get the brand inspection done. Reference Colorado State Statute C.R.S. 35-54-105 (1) - Sale of Livestock Without a Bill of Sale.









If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 719-924-3548 or 719-440-1387. Again this will be a requirement starting in the year 2024.

Thank you and I wish you the best of luck with your animals!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Marc Hollenbaugh'.

Marc Hollenbaugh, Brand Inspector - Limon District

MARKET LIVESTOCK REFERENCE CHART

<u>Species</u>	<u>Ideal Birth Date</u>	<u>When to Acquire</u>	<u>Suggest beginning weight/age</u>	<u>Minimum Weight at Fair</u>	<u>Maximum Weight at Fair</u>
Beef 	Winter/ Spring of previous year	Fall to January	650-850 lbs. Miniatures 300- 400 lbs.	1000 lbs. Miniatures 500 lbs.	1550 lbs. Miniatures 999 lbs.
Swine 	After January 1 st of current year	March to April	70-100 lbs.	230 lbs.	300 lbs.
Lamb 	After January 1 st of current year	March to April	50-90 lbs. Miniatures 30-50 lbs.	100 lbs. Miniatures 60 lbs.	175 lbs. Miniatures 99 lbs.
Goat 	After December 1 st of previous year	March to April	30-65 lbs.	50 lbs.	125 lbs.
Turkey 	Hatched March 15 th -May 15 th	March 15 th to May 15 th	3 days old	Hens 13 lbs. Toms 20 lbs.	Hens 30 lbs. Toms 43 lbs.
Geese 	Hatched March 15 th -May 15 th	March 15 th to May 15 th	3 days old	Pen of two 14 lbs.	Pen of two 28 lbs.
Duck 	Hatched April 15 th -May 15 th	April 15 th -May 15 th	3 days old	Pen of two 12 lbs.	Pen of two 18 lbs.
Chicken	Hatched May 15 th - June 20 th	May 15 th -June 20 th	3 days old	Pen of three Fryer 9 lbs. Boilers 18 lbs.	Pen of three Fryer 18 lbs. Boilers 30 lbs.
Rabbit 	April 22 nd - May 1 st	May 22 nd - June 5 th	30 days old	Pen of three Fryer 9 lbs.	Pen of three Fryer 17 lbs.

LINCOLN COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

The Lincoln County 4-H Foundation offers scholarship opportunities as follows to 4-H members:

- Reimbursement Scholarship (funds for attending a 4-H event/camp)
- Project Scholarship (funds to help offset general 4-H project expenses)
- Senior Scholarship (scholarship application for a graduating/senior member)- Due April 1

Learn more and download the applications by going to the Lincoln County Extension website @ lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-forms-applications/ under the tab "4-H Foundation app".

STATE FAIR: GENERAL INFORMATION & SHOWING

The Colorado State Fair is August 21– September 1 in Pueblo, Colorado. The state fair provides a number of opportunities for 4-H and FFA members as well as the general public. Opportunities and general events include, but are not limited to: Horse, Livestock, & Small Animal Shows; Concerts & Other Specialty Events; Various Contests; Rodeos; Home & Garden Show; and Vendors.

**If you plan on exhibiting 4-H/FFA animals at the state fair, be sure to read through their site regarding nominations, DNA requirements, and entries information. Plan well in advance to receive and send DNA kits and obtain form signatures. This also includes securing a Colorado Premise ID Number as well.*

-Beef Nomination Forms are due to the office for signature no later than April 1.

-Sheep, Goat, & Swine Nomination Forms are due to the office for signature no later than June 1.

**Plan accordingly to receive forms on the correct paper.*

**4-H members may have the opportunity to exhibit indoor general projects at the state fair by qualifying at the local county fair. Contact the office for more information.*

Learn more & find resources and deadline information @ coloradostatefair.com/.

MEAT QUALITY ASSURANCE (MQA)

Meat Quality Assurance Training for 4-H/FFA members consists of walk-through learning stations and a test. The training is required for all members who are enrolled in livestock projects.

Lincoln County 4-H & FFA Members will be required to complete MQA as follows:

1x-First year taking a livestock project

1x-When the member turns 4-H age of 10

1x-When the member turns 4-H age of 14. *FFA members must attend as well their first livestock project year when showing in FFA.

Lincoln County MQA Date: March 31-> 4:00-6:30pm @ Lincoln County Fairgrounds

**If you cannot make the county date you will need to contact the office in advance for a listing of other county trainings that you may attend to complete your requirement. We need to notify other counties before you show up at their MQA training. Dates for other MQA trainings start as early as March in our part of the state.*

***Senior age members-If you would have an interest in helping with the MQA event and tear-down to earn community service, please contact christine.schinzel@colstate.edu.**

4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING MEET & GREET

Date: February 6 @ 6:30pm

Location: Lincoln County Extension Office

*This will be an opportunity for members to meet the livestock Judging coach-Ronny Pope. Members will be able to learn more about livestock judging in general, go over contest opportunities, costs, participation requirements, and ask questions.

4-H DOG PROJECT MEET & GREET

Date: February 19@ 5:00pm

RSVP by February 14 to Raejean @ 970-946-4130 for more specific information.

*This will be an opportunity for members to come meet the leader and learn more about the dog project even if you have not signed up for the project yet. ****Do Not bring your dog to the first meeting****
Bring to the Meeting: Dog leash, last year's record book (if you have them), dog's shot records, and a 2025 record book. You can download the county-specific record book from our county extension page.

DISTRICT & STATE OFFICER OPPORTUNITIES:

District or State Officer Interest- Senior (Driving-Age) Members who may be interested in running for a District or State Office need to contact christine.schinzel@colostate.edu by the end of February to get more information and complete the application process. *All offices require extensive travel and time commitment as well as event travel and registration expenses.

STATE CONFERENCE CONTESTS AVAILABLE:

The State 4-H Conference will be June 17-19 in Fort Collins at CSU campus. There are many workshops and contests available to senior age members. Contact christine.schinzel@colostate.edu or to learn more about contest requirements and participation. *There is a cost to enter contests as well as general registration and travel costs. *Some contests require team members for competition. Volunteers are also needed to coach contestants in contests.

- Family & Consumer Science (Quiz Bowl & Skill-a-thon)
- Livestock (Quiz Bowl & Judging)
- Speaking Contests (Prepared & Impromptu)
- Parliamentary Procedure
- Horse (Demonstration, Quiz Bowl, Judging, & Hippology)

JUST TO GET YOU THINKIN...

"The best way to predict the future is to create it."

- Abraham Lincoln

Q *"What did one watermelon say to the other on Valentine's Day?"*

A *"You're one in a melon."*

INFORMATION & EVENTS

County: *Reminder to check your email and monitor our Facebook page for updates on 4-H activities and events. **Forms, fees, and registrations are due to the office by (day stated) or (previous Friday) if the day is a weekend or holiday. County related forms and applications are available on the 4-H Forms & Applications page at lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-forms-applications/. A reminder that forms can be mailed, emailed, or dropped through the back door slot. The extension office cannot take credit cards for payment purposes.*

-Lincoln County Extension/4-H Website @ lincoln.extension@colostate.edu

-Facebook @ [Lincoln County Colorado Extension](#)

-Colorado 4-H Website @ co4h.colostate.edu & 4H Online @ v2.4honline.com/#/user/sign-in

- ◆ **4-H/FFA Livestock Scholarship Donor Opportunity**– Contact the Livestock Sale Committee if you or a business are interested in providing monetary sponsorship for livestock scholarships.
- ◆ **4-H Livestock Judging Meet/Greet** is February 6 at 6:30pm at the extension office to learn more about livestock judging and go over events and information for the year.
- ◆ **Shooting Sports- Safety Meeting 2** is February 10 @ 6:30pm @ the fairgrounds. First year members must attend both safety meetings. **Shooting Sports Forms and Fees** (\$35/ discipline) are due by January 31 to the office (add late fee of \$10 after due date). Forms are available @ lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/programs/4-h/shooting-sports/. **Hunter's Safety (Shooting Sports)**- All members interested in taking shooting sports need to obtain their Hunter's Safety Card before the March 1 add/drop project deadline.
- ◆ **4-H Dog Project Meet/Greet** is February 19 @ 5:00pm. RSVP by February 14 to Raejean @ 970-946-4130 for specific meeting information and location.
- ◆ **South Central District Retreat Camp** for 4-H age members (14+) is March 21-22 in Kiowa, CO. Registration will be open in 4H Online until February 20. Cost will be \$125. Please contact christine.schinzel@colostate.edu for more information.
- ◆ **District or State Officer Interest**- Senior (Driving-Age) Members who may be interested in running for a District or State Office need to contact christine.schinzel@colostate.edu by the end of February to get more information and complete the application process. All offices require extensive travel and time commitments as well as travel and registration expenses.
- ◆ **State 4-H Conference** will be June 17-19 in Fort Collins at CSU campus. Workshops and contests are available to senior age members. Senior contact christine.schinzel@colostate.edu to learn more about contest requirements and participation by the end of February. *There is a cost to enter contests as well as general registration and travel costs.
- ◆ **Lincoln County 4-H Foundation Project, Reimbursement, and Senior Scholarship** forms are available to 4-H members for some reimbursement or support of 4-H camps, workshops, and general project supplies. The Senior member scholarship is due April 1. Go to the Lincoln County 4-H/Extension website and click under "Foundation" to download the forms and requirements at lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/4-h-forms-applications/.

INFORMATION & EVENTS (CONT.)

- ♦ **Beef Weigh-In** is March 1 @ Meier Feedlot (48750 Hwy 40/287 Limon, CO) from 8:00-10:00am. The feedlot is partway between Hugo and Limon; across the railroad tracks to the west. Members are required to bring brand/ownership papers and be able to identify which animal belongs to which member (or if a family animal) at weigh-in. Ownership must be transferred before weigh-in. No EXCEPTIONS. Contact your local brand inspector for any questions regarding transfers including within your family (i.e. home-raised). Members interested in taking beef animals to state fair will need to notify the office to receive a **State Fair Nomination Form** and return it for signature no later than April 1. Additional information including DNA packets and entry information is available @ coloradostatefair.com/competitions/livestock/.
- ♦ **Meat Quality Assurance Training (MQA)** for 4-H/FFA members for Lincoln County is March 31 from 4:00-6:30pm at the fairgrounds. Contact the office for a listing of other county available locations if you cannot make this date. **Livestock Members are required to take MQA their first livestock project year, at 4-H age 10, and at 4-H age 14. FFA members must take MQA the first year they are enrolled in FFA with a livestock project.*

**Senior Age members-> If you would have an interest in helping with the MQA event and teardown to earn community service, please contact christine.schinzl@colostate.edu.*

- ♦ **4-H Project List & Manual Ordering Information** is available @ co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/colorado-4-h-project-information/.

Other: *** *Verify with listed contacts pertaining to their individual event to find out specific information and guidelines, event cancellation procedures, registration requirements, etc.*

- ♦ **Additional Events-Facebook**- Many events/notices/resources in and out of 4-H are also posted on the [Lincoln County Colorado Extension](#) Facebook page as they become available. Be sure to check the page for additional opportunities and information for both youth and adults.
- ♦ **CSU Extension Live Smart Blog** (Family & Consumer) @ livesmartcolorado.colostate.edu/.
- ♦ **CSU Extension Horticulture Blog** @ cshort.blogspot.com/.
- ♦ **Lincoln County-Noxious Weed Management Pocket Guide** is available @ lincoln.extension.colostate.edu/programs/agriculture-natural-resources/.
- ♦ **CSU Extension Cottage Foods Safety Trainings** are held throughout the year. Learn more and register for a training @ foodsmartcolorado.colostate.edu/food-safety/cottage-retail-foods/.
- ♦ **Various Livestock Shows** national listing of flyers available @ showman.app/shows#/.
- ♦ **JOANN Fabric stores** are providing resources and tools for 4-H members including some discounts. Learn more @ joann.com/4-h/.
- ♦ **Listing of Livestock Shows-General** @ drive.google.com/drive/folders/131-cPnFYKu8RiG9siMHZsIYZX3ahkxua
- ♦ **Denver Foundation Grants and Scholarship** opportunities available @ denverfoundation.org/scholarships/scholarship-opportunities/.
- ♦ **Various Livestock Shows** national listing flyers available @ showman.app/shows#/.
- ♦ **Agrability Workshops** for Agricultural families and providers will be offered in late fall and early winter at multiple locations. Learn more and register @ agrability.colostate.edu/.

INFORMATION & EVENTS (CONT.)

- ♦ **Advancing Aging Webinar Series** runs through May. Register for any or all sessions @ col.st/VcI2W.
- ♦ **Farm Credit of Southern Colorado Scholarships** application is due early February. Learn more @ aglending.com/scholarships/. **Internships** are also available.
- ♦ **Northwest & Rocky Mountain Regional Food Business Center** has grants for grain and pulse; meat and livestock; and value-added food businesses open this spring. Learn more @ nwrockymountainregionalfoodbusiness.com/.
- ♦ **Ag Day Essay** contest entries are due February 7. Learn more @ agday.org/essay-contest.
- ♦ **El Pomar Internship** application is due February 7. Learn more @ elpomar.org/programs/internship/.
- ♦ **Colorado Livestock Association-Marshall Frasier Beef Symposium** will be held February 11 at the Lincoln County Fairgrounds. Learn more @ coloradolivestock.org/.
- ♦ **Dairy Calf and Heifer Association Scholarship** is due February 15. Information available @ calfandheifer.org/scholarship/.
- ♦ **National Holstein Women's Scholarship** application is due February 19 and is available @ nhwsoscholarship.com/scholarship-application/.
- ♦ **Colorado Ag Forum** is February 20. Learn more @ coloradoagforum.com/.
- ♦ **Black & Gold Showdown Goodland FFA Cattle Show** is February 22 in Goodland, KS. Contact Kaelyn Schilling 785-821-0608 for more information.
- ♦ **High Plains Ag Expo (21st Century)** is February 26-27 in Greeley, CO. Learn more @ 21stcenturyequipment.com/blog/expo.
- ♦ **Feed Tomorrow Institute of Food Technologies Scholarships** close February 28. Information is available @ ift.org/Community/Students/Scholarships.aspx.
- ♦ **American Agri-Women Daughters of American Agriculture Scholarships** are due March 1. Learn more @ americanagriwomen.org/scholarships/.
- ♦ **National Ayrshire Youth Scholarship** and junior leader items are available @ usayrshire.com/youth.html.
- ♦ **American Agri-Women Daughters of American Agriculture Scholarship** is due March 1. Learn more @ americanagriwomen.org/scholarships.
- ♦ **Colorado 4-H Scholarships** application is open till March 1. Learn more @ co4h.colostate.edu/about-us/scholarships/.

INFORMATION & EVENTS (CONT.)

- ◆ **Purina Giving Greatness Scholarship** application opens in March. Learn more @ scholarsapply.org/purina/.
- ◆ **Suffolk Sheep Association Ewe Grant** application is open till March 1. Learn more @ suffolks.org/youth.php.
- ◆ **Targhee Sheep Association-Starter Flock Program** application is open until March 1. Learn more @ targheesheepus.com/.
- ◆ **Agriculture Future of America Scholarship** is due March 6. Learn more @ agfuture.org/scholarships.
- ◆ **Stalwart Agfinity Scholarship** is due March 10. Learn more @ agfinityinc.com/about-us/community-support/.
- ◆ **Bare Root Trees** are available to order from the Extension Office until March 14.
- ◆ **Sullivan Show Supply Scholarship** is due March 15. Learn more @ sullivansupply.com/.
- ◆ **Trans Ova Genetics Scholarships** are due March 15. Learn more @ transova.com/youth#scholarships.
- ◆ **Turf and Ornamental Communications Association Scholarship** is due March 15. Information and application is available at toca.org/toca-scholarship-2/.
- ◆ **Jonathan Marr 4-H Memorial Scholarship** is due April 1. Learn more @ co4h.colostate.edu/program-areas/shooting-sports/.
- ◆ **National Farmers Union Foundation Scholarships** are due April 1. Learn more @ nfu.org/scholarships.
- ◆ **WinField United Careers in Agriculture Scholarship** is due in April. Application information available through a general search @ learnmore.scholarsapply.org/winfield/.
- ◆ **Beef Blow N Go Show** is in Calhan on April 6. Learn more @ eventbrite.com/e/2025-el-paso-county-beef-blow-n-go-show-tickets-1114095101439.
- ◆ **American Herford Association Spring Scholarships** are due April 15. Information and application @ Hereford.org/youth/scholarship-opportunities.
- ◆ **Heather Hays Stinnett Memorial Scholarship** application is open till April 15. Learn more @ coloradocattlewomen.org/colorado-cattlewomen-legacy-scholarships/.
- ◆ **National Junior Swine Association Scholarships** applications are due May 1. Information is available @ nationalswine.com/njsa/njsa-scholarships.php.

ACTIVITY PAGE:

Monthly Reader

“The New Big Book of
U.S. Presidents 2020
Edition”

By Running Press

Seed Start Tubes- <https://www.mudandbloom.com/blog/toilet-roll-seed-starter-pots>

Starting seeds in the late winter and early spring can be a fun activity for youth to get involved with and help you start growing plants to be transferred once the weather warms up. They can also be used year round for growing herbs as well. Cardboard is also well suited to be utilized because it will deteriorate in the soil and thus is recyclable.

Supplies:

- Toilet paper or paper towel empty tubes
- Scissors
- Ruler
- Markers or colors
- Plastic tray (with couple inches of height to keep water in)
- *Soil and seeds as you begin to grow items

Steps:

- Cut Tubes into half or quarters depending on seed type and root growth needed.
- Press the tube flat to create creases on two sides. Pop the tube back open to make creases on the opposite sides of the tubes (so as to create “4 sides”).
- Cut a slit on all 4 creases on one end (around 1/4- 1/2” deep). This makes four flaps. Tuck the flaps together as you would to fold a box shut.
- You can decorate your different boxes and then decide what seeds to plant. The boxes can also be used for other craft projects.



February 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 Enrollment Closes -Livestock Sale Committee Small Animal Scholarships Due
2	3	4	5 Livestock Sale Committee Mtg. 6:30 @ Extension Office	6 Livestock Judging Meet/Greet 6:30pm @ Extension Office	7	8
9	10 Shooting Sports Safety Mtg. 2- 6:30pm @ Fairgrounds	11	12	13	14	15
16	17 Holiday- Office Closed	18	19 Dog Project Meet/Greet 5:00pm - RSVP for Location	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	March 1 -Beef Weigh In 8:00am Meier Feedlot 48750 Hwy 40/287 Limon -Hunter's Safety Certifications Due -4-H Project Add/Drop Deadline

HEAD-> CSU Annual Land Rental & Custom Rates Survey

CSU annually surveys agricultural producers, landowners, consultants, machine operators, and others to learn about what rates are being charged for custom work for various crop and livestock agreements in Colorado. Individual owners, managers, lenders, appraisers, and others utilize the survey results to help their businesses and constituents. It provides information to USDA and legislators to help with producer programs as well and in determining land values and property taxes. Participate in the current year survey @ colostate.az1.qualtrics.com/.../SV_cUS2Lvn5948uMJ0. Previous survey results are posted on the CSU Extension Agriculture & Business Management site @ abm.extension.colostate.edu/.

HANDS-> High Plains Ag Expo

21st Century (John Deere) is hosting the High Plains Expo on February 26-27 in Greeley, CO. This is a great chance for livestock and crop producers of all skill levels and ages to learn more about equipment technology advancements and hone in on technology products available from different vendors.

Learn more @ 21stcenturyequipment.com/blog/expo.

HEART-> Random Acts of Kindness Day!

Celebrate *Random Acts of Kindness Day* on February 17 or another day this month. This day promotes one to spread kindness through small acts. It's a great reminder that all can be kind and help others and it doesn't have to be something elaborate or expensive. Something as simple as sending a *thank you* or *thinking of you* note or leaving an extra tip at the coffee shop or restaurant can be great ideas. You might also consider helping a family member do one of their chores or tell a stranger "hello".



HEALTH-> American Heart Month

February is American Heart Month to promote awareness about heart disease and stroke. Unfortunately they are still the leading causes of death in the U.S. This is a great time to support research and education for the American Heart Association Jump Rope for Heart with your local schools. You can also help promote awareness by wearing red. As a family you can become educated about heart disease and talk with family to see if there is a history of heart disease. Visit with your local physician and get an annual physical for youth and adults to help you stay healthy and ahead of the curve.

Learn more about heart health and research efforts for heart-related diseases @ heart.org/.

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