

April

Extension Newsletter

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Follow and like us on Facebook to make sure you see all upcoming events and updates!

Read the whole thing!
There's something for everyone!



Upcoming Dates

April

- 1 CSF Nomination Cards can be picked up in Extension Office.
- 1 Recommended date to own swine, sheep and goats
- 1 4-H Council, 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 2 MQA Class-Your family will receive an email if you have anyone who needs to take the MQA as a Jr. or Sr.
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- 20 **LAST DAY** to own and have in your possession-All Breeding Rabbits, including Doe(s) that you must breed to kindle a litter for Market Rabbit pen for County Fair.
- 27 CSU Extension Advisory Committee, 6:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 27 Fremont County 4-H Cornerstone, 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building
- 30 **PROJECT ADD DEADLINE.** Last day to add a project.
- 30 **LAST DAY** to own and have in your possession-Cat, Dog and Horse.
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May

- 4 Market Tests Study Guides Available
- 6 4-H Council, 7:00 p.m., 4-H Building
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- 7 **LAST DAY** TO TURN IN CSF Nomination Cards to the Extension Office before 5:00 p.m.
- 7 4-H Contest Night! (Demonstrations & Public Speaking) 5pm
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- 15 Parli Pro Contest following Creative Cooks @ 4-H Building
- 21 Market Rabbits **MUST** be born to Does you own on/or after April 19th in order to meet the "less than 70-day age limit"
- 22 Mini Gardening Camp – 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. 4-H Building in Canon City
- 25 **Holiday (Memorial Day Observed) Extension Office Closed**



**Thank
♥ you**

**We cannot thank everyone
enough for the support and
volunteer efforts shown during
the 24 Fire!**

**Our community truly came
together in an incredible way,
and we are so grateful for each
and every person who stepped
up to help.**

**We are proud to be part of
such a strong, caring
community!**

CLUB NEWS!



Beaver Park Ag donated this amazing gift basket to Canon City Park and Rec for their Easter Egg Hunt!



Wetmore Wizards worked two different days to help stuff Easter Eggs with the Veteran's to get ready for their annual hunt. Close to 4000 Eggs were filled with Candy!



EGG HUNT



Project Meetings




Leather Craft

1st and 3rd Wednesdays 6:00-7:00 @ the 4-H Building starting the 21st of January. If you are new to leathercraft, and haven't purchased a Tandy's kit from the Extension office (\$50) you can do so. They are much cheaper through us.

Foods


Fridays starting in January 9am-11am @ the 4-H Building

- 3/13- All Units
- 3/20- Unit 101 Only
- 4/3- All Units
- 4/17 Unit 301 Only
- 5/1- All Units
- 5/15- All Units
- 5/29- Unit 201 Only
- 6/12- Unit 101 Only
- 6/26- All Units



Cake Decorating

1st and 3rd Monday starting in March. 5pm- 8pm at the 4-H Building
Contact Val at berrydvakc@aol.com



Horse

6pm Pathfinder Park
4/6, 4/20, 5/4, 5/11, 6/1, 6/22,
7/6, 7/13, 7/20



Photography

June 12th 10am-3pm
13th 10am-12pm



Horseless Horse


4/30, 5/28, 6/25
Classroom at Pathfinder Park at 6pm

Utility Goat & Dairy Goat

4/10, and 4/24
5pm @ the 4-H Building in Canon City

Small Animals

2nd Monday of each month
6-8pm beginning in January
@ the 4-H Building



Dog

Practices will be every Wednesday 6:30 pm-8pm starting in January at Pathfinder Park Auditorium-Practice location may be different some days. That information will be communicated by the Dog Project Leaders.



Meeting Dates TBD- based on enrollment & will begin in the spring...

- Discovering 4-H
- Public Speaking
- Entomology
- Gardening

Livestock Updates

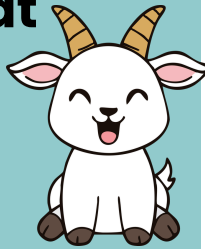
Weigh ins are NOT optional!!

**Weigh-In & Tag In
May 9th**

Market Swine

Tag-in 8:00 a.m.

**Market Sheep and Goat
weigh-in
9:00 a.m.**



April 2 MQA Class

5:30-7:30 @ Pathfinder Park your family received an email if you need to take MQA class! If you have questions, please call Kelsey at the Extension Office.

CSF Nomination Deadlines

March 2nd, 2026 – DNA Packets available

April 6th, 2026 – Beef DNA postmarked and sent to CSF

June 8th, 2026 – Goat, Lamb, and Hog DNA postmarked and sent to CSF

July 27th, 2026 – Entry Forms Due Online for CSF. Mailed entries are not accepted. These must be completed online.

Colorado State Fair Website

<https://coloradostatefair.com/livestock/>
(Don't wait to order! Make sure you give yourself enough time to receive the DNA packet and mail it back to CSF in time for the deadline)

Upcoming Animal Dates

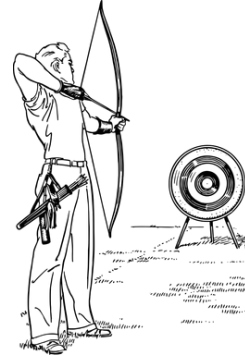
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SHOOTING SPORTS UPDATES



1ST YEAR SHOOTERS!

Archery- 4/7/26 & 4/14/26, 7:00 PM @ 4-H Building.

ALL 1st year shooters must attend one class

Muzzleloading- Monday 4/7/26 6:30 PM @ 4-H Building.

ALL 1st year shooters must attend one!

If you missed your safety meeting, please reach out to us at the office so we can communicate with coaches to get a make-up time scheduled!

PRACTICES

Practices will begin soon, be on the lookout for emails from coaches for updates!

Air Rifle- Mondays Beginning 4/6/26 6 PM @ 4-H Building

Archery- Tuesdays beginning 4/21/26 5:30 PM @ Florence PD Range

Muzzleloading- Tuesdays beginning 4/14/26 @ 5:30 pm Florence PD Range

.22 Rifle- Tuesdays beginning 4/7/26 5:30- 6:45 PM and 6:45- 8:00 PM @
Florence PD Range

Shotgun- Thursdays beginning 3/26/26 Trap & Skeet 6:00 PM @
Cactus Flats

FLORENCE PD RANGE WAIVERS!

Parents must complete a waiver for themselves, their child, and any additional children prior to entering the range. Coaches must also complete these forms. Extension Office Staff will be present with the waivers at the first few practices to ensure that we have them on file. You are not allowed to enter the range without completing the waiver first. If another responsible adult brings your child to practice, please contact the office to fill out a waiver prior to practice.

These Forms are available at the office and have been emailed out.

Extension Staff will be at the first few practices to get waivers signed if you still need to complete yours!

WELCOME!

We are very excited to announce that we have new Shooting Sports Coaches this year!

Trevor Reese-Archery
Kacy McCormack-Archery
David Freeland-Archery
Johnny Yslas-Shotgun
Jacob Yslas-Shotgun

We also have two 4-H'ers who attended Shooting Sports Coach Training and certified as Jr. Coaches!

Evelyn Freeland-Archery
Charlie Stewart-Archery



**HANDS IN THE
DIRT,
ROOTS IN THE
GROUND**

2026

**State
Conference
June 16th -19th
Ages 14-18
Registration Due by
5:00 p.m. Wednesday
May 14th**

Scholarships for camps are available! Applicant must attend a 4-H Council meeting and write a thank you card to Cornerstone and 4-H Council to receive the scholarship! If you are interested or have more questions, please contact the office!

4-H Council meets the first Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at the 4-H Building in Canon City

\$20
per mini
camp

4-H MINI CAMPS

Discover Gardening: May 22nd 9am-Noon Ages 8+
Registration Deadline May 14th

Discover Entomology: June 22nd 8am-Noon Ages 8+
Registration Deadline June 15th

4-H SUMMER DAY CAMP

**Registration
Deadline
May 26th**

Ages 8-11
9am-11:30 am
June 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
July 7th, 14th

\$55

CLOVERBUD SUMMER DAY CAMP

\$25

Ages 5-7
10am-11:30 am
June 18th & 25th
July 2nd, 9th, & 16th

**Registration
Deadline
June 11th**

**To register for camps please visit us at
Fremont County Extension Office
6655 State Hwy 115
Florence, CO 81226
719-276-7390**

Space is limited per camp. Reservations are on a first-come, first-served basis. All sign up fees MUST BE PAID at time of paper enrollment to reserve a space. Place make payment payable to CSU Fremont Extension.



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Teamwork

Dancing

POWER-UP RETREAT

**AGES
10-15**

JUNE 23-24TH

FUN



@ PATHFINDER PARK EVENT CENTER

SIGN UP BY JUNE 1ST

**Bring a snack
to share**

**CHECK-IN AT 5:30PM
CHECK-OUT AT NOON**

\$25 WITH SCHOLARSHIP

\$40 WITHOUT

**SPONSORED BY FREMONT
COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL**

**CONTACT THE EXTENTION OFFICE
TO SIGN UP @ 719-276-7390**

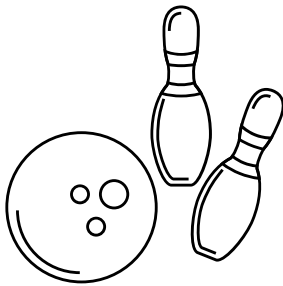


**Humane
Society
Donations
Requested!**

4-H Council is donating items to the Humane Society as a community service and would appreciate it if each family could bring an item!

Item Examples:
Pet Food, Pet Toys, Leashes, treats, etc.

4-H BOWLING NIGHT



***FREE** Fremont County 4-H Bowling Night! Sponsored by 4-H Council.*



FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH



Canon City Lanes

Please **RSVP by April 22nd** with:

Name

of people in your group

Bowl Time of 3:30pm, 5:15pm or 7pm

bowl times are 1.5 hours

RSVP to 719-276-7390 or julianne.dinkel@colostate.edu



SAVE THE DATE!

Fremont County 4-H Contests!



Take your 4-H Experience to the next level!
Practice Public Speaking
Show Off What You've Learned in Your Project
Build Your Confidence
Sign Up with a Friend
Make it to State!



Registration Forms will be emailed out & available at the Extension Office!

Thursday, May 7th @ 5:00pm

Public Speaking & Demonstrations

Friday, May 15th Creative Cooks Time- 9:00am - Noon

Parli Pro to follow Creative Cooks May 15th

Monday, June 1st @ 6:00 Cake Decorating

Cake Decorating- Must be enrolled in the project
Public Speaking, Demonstrations, Parliamentary Procedure & Creative
Cooks- OPEN to all 4-H Members



Save the Date

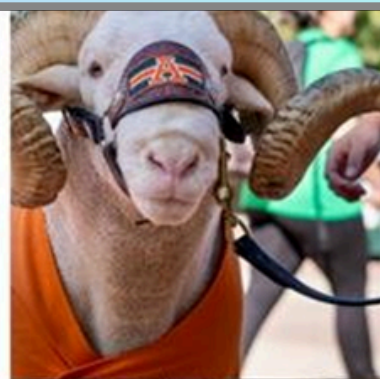
4-H Day at CSU

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



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Hop on over for our

EASTER Egg hunt.



April 4th at the Penrose Park

**BREAKFAST STARTS AT 8:30 A.M. SERVED BY
GO FOR BROKE 4-H CLUB.**

The Easter Bunny and his friend will be
there from 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Sponsored by Beaver Park Ag. 4-H Club

Easter Egg Hunts Begin at 10:00 a.m.

and will run Consecutively 0-3 years

old, 4-6 years old, 7-9 years old,

10-12 years old



401 Park Place Penrose, CO 81240



Statewide 4-H Horse Project Clinic

Hosted by Pueblo County 4-H Horse Council

April 17th – April 19th

Colorado State Fairgrounds, Pueblo, CO

Friday – April 17th

Miniature Horse Clinic in the afternoon

Evening classroom session with various topics and lessons

Dinner available for purchase

Saturday – April 18th

Clinic sessions throughout the day including English, Western, Ranch, Cattle & Gymkhana

Evening classroom session with various topics and lessons

Dinner available for purchase

Sunday April 19th

Clinic sessions throughout the day including English, Western, Ranch, Cattle & Gymkhana



Clinic Details

This clinic is open to any enrolled horse project member in the Colorado 4-H Program

Levels testing will be available

Camper/LQ hookups will be available, as well as the dorms for overnight stays

Tack Sale on Saturday and Sunday

Registration through 4-H Online – Opening late March/early April

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ARAPAHOE COUNTY



4-H DOG FUN MATCH

JOIN US FOR AN OLYMPIC-THEMED 4-H DOG FUN MATCH AND COMPETE FOR GOLD, SILVER, OR BRONZE MEDALS!

**09
MAY**

REGISTRATION
FROM 8:30 AM
TO 9:30 AM

JUDGING BEGINS
AT 9:30 AM

FEES ARE DUE
DAY OF SHOW BY
CASH OR CHECK.



**ENTRY
FEES**

\$20

PER EXHIBITOR IF
PREREGISTERED BY
MAY 3RD

PER EXHIBITOR IF
ENTERED DAY OF
SHOW

\$25

PIZZA WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

SIGN UP HERE



LOCATION

ARAPAHOE COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS
25690 E QUINCY AVE, AURORA, CO 80016

AWARDS

- 1ST THROUGH 6TH PLACE RIBBONS
- GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPION RIBBONS
- OVERALL GRAND AND RESERVE CHAMPION MEDALS

Questions? Contact us at cuvelierabriana@gmail.com or call (719) 491-4933.



2026 FREMONT COUNTY FAIR 4-H/FFA SHOW SCHEDULE



Friday, July 24

9:00 a.m. Dog Show

5:45 p.m. Ribbon cutting ceremony
and presentation of family of the
year before the Jr Rodeo

6:00 p.m. Jr Rodeo



Sunday, July 26

9:00 a.m. 4-H English Showmanship will
begin at the Pathfinder Park Event Center
Arena. The 4-H English Performance Class
will follow Showmanship. 4-H Western
Showmanship followed by 4-H Western
Performance Class, Showmanship, then
Speed Events.

Monday, July 27

7:00-8:30 General Project Check in

8:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Small Animal Check in

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Livestock Check In

9:30 a.m. Exhibitor Meeting with Ultrasounds
to follow

10:00 a.m. General project interviews

10:00 a.m. Cat Show -In Classroom

Tuesday, July 28

8:30 a.m. Rabbit Show

1:00 p.m. Dairy Show

6:00 p.m. Breeding Goat Show

Followed by Market Goat Show

followed by Showmanship



Wednesday, July 29

9:00 a.m. Poultry Show

1:00 p.m. Market Sheep Show
followed by Showmanship

6:00 p.m. Market Swine Show
followed by Showmanship



Thursday, July 30

8:30 a.m. Utility Goat Show

9:30 a.m. Small Animal Master

Showmanship Meeting Followed by
Small Animal Master Showmanship

5:00 p.m. Breeding Beef followed by
Market Steer Show followed
showmanship

Friday, July 31

Family Day

9:30 a.m. Pee-Wee Utility Goat Show

10:00 a.m. Pee-Wee Rabbit/Poultry Show

11:00 a.m. Pee-Wee Livestock Show

6:00 p.m. Old Timer Showmanship



Saturday, August 1

8:00 a.m. Master Showmanship

2:00 p.m. Buyers BBQ

3:30 p.m. Awards

4:00 p.m. 4-H/FFA Market
Livestock Sale

CPRA Rodeo to follow



PATHFINDER EVENT CENTER 6655 ST HWY 115 FLORENCE, CO

FAMILY DAY

FRIDAY, JULY 31ST

FAIR BOARD IS LOOKING FOR CLUBS TO COME UP WITH AND HOST ACTIVITIES FOR FAMILY DAY

THEY ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR SUGGESTIONS FOR FUN ACTIVITIES THAT COULD BE ADDED TO FAMILY DAY

WE WILL HAVE THE PEE-WEE SHOW, WATERMELON EATING CONTEST, COTTON CANDY, BUBBLES, OLD TIMER SHOW IN THE EVENING

PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE IF YOUR CLUB WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER OR IF YOU HAVE A SUGGESTION FOR AN ACTIVITY

Soils and Composting Workshop



Led by Derek Lowstuter – Ag and Food Systems
Specialist for CSU Mountain Region

Learn how you can improve the health and productivity of your soil. Soil health is important for ornamental plantings and food gardens.

Class will cover:

- Composting basics
- Soil characteristics
- Low-cost management techniques

Thursday

January 9th at 5:30pm

1595 S. 9th St Canon City, CO

To register, call 719-276-7390 or use this link
<https://forms.gle/7EjvjbXGeeDPwGQW9>

Email fremontcmg@gmail.com for additional help or information

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*Design Series:
Lavender Love*

*Lavender Love - April 16th
1595 S 9th St Canon City CO*

CALL 719-276-7390
TO REGISTER!

Cost is \$20 which includes all supplies for fun ways to use flowers. Classes will occur on the above date at 1595 S. 9th St. in Canon City. Pre-registration & pre-payment is REQUIRED. Class time is approximately 1.5 hours

DINNER & VEGGIE: POTATOE

Join us for dinner and a chance to learn all about growing potatoes! You'll even get to take home all the supplies needed to add potatoes into your garden

Cost: \$25

Date: April 10th at 6pm

Location: 1595 S 9th St.

Canon City

Call 719-276-7390 to register!



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