

FACES, PLACES, & VOICES OF



MORGAN CROUSE

Larimer County Fair & PRCA Rodeo Queen 2022

Each year your cooperative supports the Larimer County Fair and PRCA Rodeo Queen by donating to the Larimer County Queen's Scholarship Program. This year, we're pleased to introduce PVREA member and this year's royalty, Morgan Crouse of Fort Collins, Colo.

We met Morgan in Loveland where she boards her horse, Pepper – a “super fun quarter horse” that specializes in reining and cow work.

Before the summer sun turned the morning into a sweltering afternoon, Morgan talked about her life, her responsibilities, and how she's valued her time as Queen.

Morgan was 6 years old when she started 4-H as a Cloverbud, participating in horseless horse projects focused on participation, education, and teamwork in lieu of competition. At 8 she entered the 4-H program and stayed in all 11 years.

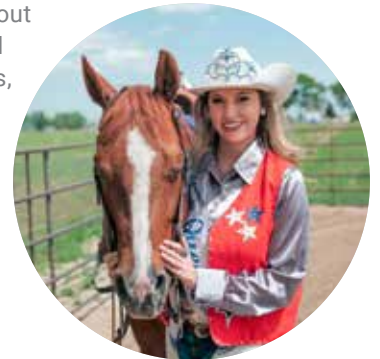
Morgan said the Desperados 4-H Club taught her pretty much everything she'd need to know to one day be Queen. They covered the basics, how to keep records, how to keep calm in stressful situations, and how to have patience.

She was successfully crowned the Desperado Club Queen 4 years ago, but even before then Morgan knew one day she wanted to become the Larimer County Fair and Rodeo Queen. Morgan recalled when the Larimer County Fair and Rodeo Queen and the Lady-in-Waiting attended her 8th birthday party, making quite the impression.

“On that day they gave me a sash, I had a crown, I sure felt like a rodeo queen. From that day I knew that I was going to be wearing this beautiful crown. And here I am.”

To achieve what she wanted Morgan had to get creative. “We grew up in a neighborhood and we didn't think it was possible,” she said. “How are we going to have livestock in a little backyard?” she asked.

Through 4-H, Morgan found out that you can lease and board your horses at other facilities, allowing her to follow her passions and eventually led her to find Pepper. “You can grow up in a neighborhood and still ride horses and own livestock. Anything is possible.”



WESTERN HERITAGE

Morgan shared what the sport of rodeo and the life it represents means to her, and how she gets to share that passion with the community who supports her.

“Knowing that this younger generation coming up isn't getting to grow up like how I grew up in learning all these life skills makes me sad,” Morgan commented after a youth event she attended. “I want to help promote that and spread the word about 4-H, FFA, and the sport of rodeo in general.”

Laughing, Morgan answered a question she says she gets all the time. “As a rodeo queen I always get asked what's my favorite rodeo event, and I'd have to say it's the saddle bronc riders.” As the first actual event of rodeo, Morgan said it reminds her of what our past Western heritage was like and how that history is still alive today.



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COMMUNITY SUPPORT

“Our community definitely keeps this program running. We appreciate the many ways they find to support me, and in turn I support them.”

She’s attended numerous events, including our Fall Fest last year and plans to visit with us at our booth at the Larimer County Fair this August. She attends BBQs, parades, rodeos, and other community events to meet with members of the community and share her passion for rodeo and our Western heritage.

“I do a lot of community service throughout my program,” she said. “It makes me feel so good knowing that there are still people in our community that want to help each other. It’s not all about social media or being on our

phones 24-7 or shopping and all that fun stuff. There are still people out here that are helping others.”

We’re proud to support Morgan by telling her story and donating to her scholarship fund. You can also help support her by attending her events and donating to the Larimer County Queen’s Scholarship Program.

EVENTS

Thursday, July 14 & 21: Roping & Coloring with the Queen – Windsor Summer Concert Series

Saturday, July 30: Kickoff for the Larimer County Fair and PRCA Rodeo Parade

Friday, August 5: Western Skies Queen’s BBQ

Friday, August 5–9: Larimer County Fair

Sunday, August 7–9: PRCA Rodeo

You can see more Faces, Places, & Voices of Poudre Valley REA on our YouTube page.

Larimer County Fair

& PRCA Rodeo Tickets



LARIMER COUNTY FAIR AND PRCA RODEO

PVREA MEMBERSHIP COUPON

PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS IN ADVANCE TO RECEIVE \$3 OFF.

Present coupon at the OCR Box Office, located inside the Budweiser Events Center.

RODEO DATES: Sunday 8/7, Monday 8/8, & Tuesday 8/9

EXPIRES: 8/4



Your Touchstone Energy® Cooperative



Volunteer **Tree Planting**

JOIN YOUR COOPERATIVE AND THE COALITION FOR THE POUDE RIVER WATERSHED (CPRW) FOR A DAY OF TREE PLANTING!

In the wake of the historic Cameron Peak Fire of 2020, which burned over 208,000 acres, PVREA & CPRW are restoring land by planting native ponderosa pine seedlings. Connect with the land, get your hands dirty, and help heal the watershed!

DATES » SEPT. 29, OCTOBER 1 AND OCTOBER 3 | TIME » 8:00AM – 4:00PM

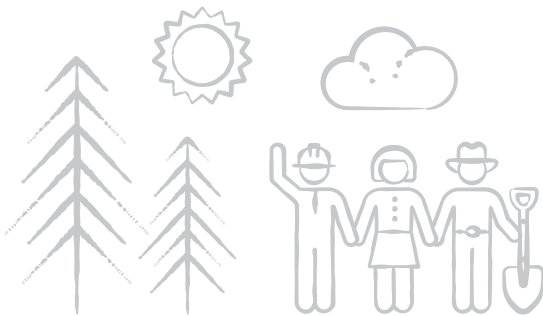
(includes drive time – aprox. 1.5 hr each way)

TRANSPORTATION - PVREA will provide transportation to the planting site. Please indicate your pick-up location preference when you register.

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING - Sunscreen, layers, hat, sturdy shoes/boots, lots of water, snacks

CPRW WILL PROVIDE - Gloves, tools, hard hats, other safety equipment, tree seedlings

PVREA WILL PROVIDE - Shuttles from PVREA headquarters and/or from Ted's Place, lunch



Family-friendly! Kids 12+ are welcome to join if accompanied by an adult.

Tree planting requires bending over, squatting, digging and other physical activity, all of which will occur outside and within a burned area. Please be prepared for this type of work.

SIGN UP HERE



COME JOIN US THIS SUMMER

Thursdays 6:30:
Windsor Summer Concert Series at Boardwalk Park

Thursday, July 14 & 21: Roping & Coloring with the Queen – Windsor Summer Concert Series

July 15:
NoCo Unify Golf

August 5–7:
Larimer County Fair

August 7–9:
PRCA Rodeo

August 8:
CASA Golf Classic

August 20:
Severance Days



Follow us on social to get details and information.

Ways to Beat the Heat and Save Off-Peak

We've already seen some hot days this year. To help you use energy wisely which can help reduce your monthly PVREA electric bill, here are some tips!

Smart thermostats — like a Nest and Ecobee thermostat — may automatically conserve energy and use it more efficiently. Through a few simple settings, you can control when your home or business is cooled. Don't waste energy cooling a home you aren't in while at work. Or automatically cool your home before everyone else, when demand for energy is low.



You can get even more benefits from your smart thermostat by signing up for our Power Peak Rewards program. When everyone cranks up their AC at the same time, demand for energy is high. To lower that demand, and costs, smart thermostats can automatically adjust your home's temperature to decrease the run-time of your AC.

We save on demand. You save on your bill. It's that easy. Details for Power Peak Rewards online at www.pvrea.coop/power-rewards.

SUMMER ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIPS

- Fans are a great way to stay cool. Be sure they turn off when you leave the room — like by using motion sensor switches.
- Clean your filters and perform other seasonal maintenance to keep your AC running in tip-top shape.
- Close the shades and curtains to keep the sun's warmth out of your home.
- Add weather stripping to your doors and windows to keep the cool in.
- Make sure your fridge or freezer is always full (even with jugs of water) so there's less air space to keep cool.
- Unplug electronics that aren't in use. Some still draw power, even when not turned on!

OUR OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED » Monday, July 4
TO CELEBRATE OUR INDEPENDENCE DAY



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ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH



When streaming content, use the smallest device that makes sense for the number of people watching.

Avoid streaming on game consoles, which use 10 times more power than a tablet or laptop.

Streaming content with Energy Star® rated electronics will use 25% to 30% less energy than standard equipment.

Source: Dept. of Energy