





**APRIL 2023** 

# The Ranch's Impact on the Larimer County Community – Interview

The Ranch Events Complex prides itself on being a place that all Larimer County residents can enjoy. From hosting equine activities to concerts to hockey games, there seems to be a little something for everyone. During the first two phases of the Master Plan, three of the projects have focused on the expansion and improvement of youth and livestock activities. These include the building of the new 4-H, Youth, and Community Livestock Arena, improvements to the MAC Equipment, Inc. Indoor Arena and an additional outdoor riding arena.

To Madison and Morgan Brittan, two high school sisters involved in Larimer County's 4-H

program, The Ranch Events Complex has been a place to connect with their community and share their love and knowledge of agriculture. They shared their thoughts on the construction projects, programs they are involved in and the impact of The Ranch Events Complex, below.

- 1. What programs, that are held at The Ranch, are you currently involved in?
  - "We show cattle and lambs through 4-H, and I (Madison) compete in photography as well. We have both attended the Steirwalt Beef Camps as well as several showmanship clinics throughout the years. We have had the opportunity to be a part of the meat quality assurance programs, too."
- 2. How has The Ranch Events Complex helped you connect with your community?

  "During the Larimer County Fair, while exhibiting our cattle and lambs, we have had the opportunity to connect with the community and share our knowledge about the importance of agriculture and why it's such a big part of our lives."
- 3. How will the new livestock arena help foster the future of livestock activities and agriculture at The Ranch and in Larimer County?

"As the facility grows, so will the opportunities and involvement for 4-H and livestock exhibitors. We believe the public interest will grow and it will allow us to further showcase the projects we work so hard on all year. With a more updated facility, the community will be able to come in and further understand the processes and importance of the livestock industry. We hope this will help grow the future of agriculture and continue the traditions of livestock exhibitors."

#### 4. What is your favorite memory at The Ranch?

"Because we have been showing with each other for many years, the fair is like a big reunion and celebration of our hard work. After the beef show, exhibitors had to breakdown their calves (wash the glue and paint out). As we did this, a big water fight broke out and kept us entertained for quite some time. Buckets were filled and dumped on each other while some were using their calves as a shield. The situation really brought us together and closed out an amazing fair week. Not only did it allow for fun between friends, but we met lots of new exhibitors that we now call friends as well. The Ranch has fostered many new friendships for us that will last a lifetime."



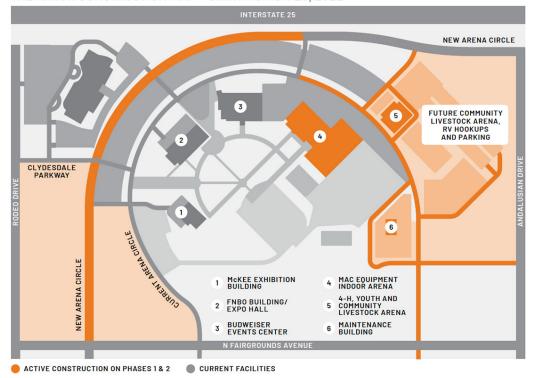
Madison and Morgan Brittan pictured with their beef steers.

## **Construction Updates and Zones**

Construction continues on the 4-H, Youth, and Community Livestock Arena located northwest of the MAC Equipment, Inc. Indoor Arena. The construction crews are working on finishing the steel framing of the new building. Work is also ongoing to expand the nearby Maintenance and Department of Natural Resource Building on the north end of the complex. Crews are close to finishing the exterior structure and have started work on the interior of the building.

A new traffic configuration will be in place starting May 23. Crews are working to add a new traffic light at the intersecting of Fairgrounds Avenue and the relocated Arena Circle. The intersection light will begin flashing on May 16, and visitors will be able to use the new south entrance starting May 23. Once the new entrance is open, the current Arena Circle and main entrance will be closed to through traffic and the current Arena Circle will become a service road. Visitors will be able to enter and exit the complex through the new entrances off the new Arena Circle and Andalusian Drive.

#### THE RANCH CONSTRUCTION MAP - STARTING NOV. 28, 2022



## **Current Construction Photos**









Aerial and ground-level footage of The Ranch taken in April shows the construction progress on the 4-H, Youth, and Community Livestock Arena interior and exterior structure. Improvements are also underway

## **Upcoming Events at The Ranch**

Rocky Mountain RepRap Festival | April 22 & 23

Colorado Eagles Playoffs – Round 1 Game C | April 22

Colorado Jr. Rodeo | April 22 & 23

The Kid LAROI Bleed For You Tour | April 28

Sparta Combat League - AVM 14 | April 29

High Plains Honor Flight Send-Off | April 30

Bits 'N Pieces Dog Workshop | May 3

Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Class | May 4

Foothills Taste of Loveland | May 4

4-H Horse Bowl Contest | May 6

Bits 'N Pieces Dog Workshop | May 10

Red Cross First Aid/CPR/AED Class | May 11

NoCo HBA Home and Remodeling Show | May 12-14

Billy Currington | May 13

Bits 'N Pieces Dog Workshop | May 17

Colorado Tattoo Convention | May 19-21

Find a complete list of upcoming events on <u>The Ranch Events Complex</u> and the <u>Budweiser Events Center</u> calendars.

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#### **The Ranch Events Complex**

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