



FOOTN TES

SELF DETERMINED FORMS DUE



A self determined project is one you design yourself. This project allows you to pursue subjects not offered in traditional 4-H projects. Members have exhibited a variety of projects such as solar system, the Great Depression, chaine-maille jewelry, etc. There are endless opportunities for you to show your skills and explore your interest with a self determined project. Before you begin a project, you must complete the required paperwork and turn it in to the Extension Office for approval by 5pm May 1, 2021.

Forms are available at the Extension Office or online at:

http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/projects/_manuals/self-determined-manual.pdf



DOG ID'S DUE



All members planning to show a dog at county fair must complete an ID form and turn in current vaccination records. Forms may be picked up at the Extension Office or online at:

http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/projects/_files/dogs/dogid.pdf

All forms are due on May 1, 2021 by 5pm at the Extension Office. Late forms will not be accepted.

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WEIGHING AND TAGGING



Market Swine, Sheep and Goat

Early Weigh in: May 26, 4-7pm Weigh in: May 29, 8-12pm

Albany County Fairgrounds Swine Barn-Please use North fairgrounds gate.

Poultry Weigh in: May 29, 1-3pm



4-H Council Meeting Minutes March 2, 2021

Call to order: 6:32 pm

Pledges: American pledge was led by: Kymber; 4-H pledge led by Caden

Roll Call: Total in attendance via zoom or in person: 26; clubs represented 11/17 Bunkhouse Bunch (2); Corduroy Queens and Kings (3); Critter Creek (1); Harmony Hustlers (5); High Plains (3); Little Horse Power (2); Mavericks (1) Rock Creek Valley (1); Stompin' Steamboats (1); Wild Brumbies (4); Yellow Jackets (1); Ext agent (1)

Reading/Approval of Minutes: Moved to approve: Dave ; 2nd: Ruth; Motion passed

Treasurer's Report: account balances read by Jennifer

American National Bank account is \$4887.14

Income: Dog – \$370; Expenses – Livestock judging \$495.56

First Interstate Bank account is \$5979.28; income: Wild Brumbies – \$2075; Albany County - \$2582.64; Leathercraft - \$460

Expenses – Wild Brumbies - \$2075

Endowment is \$20,000.00;

Wy State Foundation is \$9371.16

Will be submitted to audit

Correspondence/Youth: None

Program:

- ZSuites – Mary Louise presented
 - Demonstrated how club leaders can use ZSuites to monitor club members activities etc.
 - Useful tool; go in and check it out.
 - Good way to get members using ZSuites more regularly – post announcements etc.

Committee Reports:

- Executive Committee – no meeting; no report
- Awards Committee – planning meeting possibly next Mon 6:30 – to discuss post cards to send to donors and award ideas for fair and achievement night
- Carnival Committee – Discussion has occurred – theme being worked on; June 5th suggested as date to ensure better weather and end of school/summer kick off for the year since May 22 could still have poor weather
 - Club leaders survey members to see who would be available to take part – those unavailable find other ways to participate – food/cake/sell tickets etc.
 - Possibly relax mandatory attendance this year due to timing
 - Still require selling of tickets/providing cakes/prizes etc as well as combining smaller clubs together
 - Look into food truck as concession option w/giving back portion of proceeds
- Community Service Committee – Kellan reported:
 - March event: LAWS coin collection – bring to clubs; prize to club for most money gathered = name a cat and spend time with it. Deadline for collecting March 31st
 - April Event: Easter Egg hunt – need volunteers to stuff eggs; hide them around fairgrounds; open to community; need volunteers for day of to 'run' event; watch daily dose for further info Tentatively April 3; age range: up to age 8 to allow 4H members to volunteer and 'give back' 2- 4; 5-8 – Committee to further plan: proposed to offer special needs portion etc.
 - Kellen recognizing a 4H member who does a lot of community services: March member Cheyne Webb – does a lot with LAWS; fosters animals – will be in April Footnotes; submit nominations to Kellen at 4H office
- Fundraising – Mary Louise gave update on commissioners tag – link for auction - in daily dose. Donated by Ralph Brokaw. The proceeds will go to support Albany County Shooting Sports and related areas per requested by donor. Min bid \$18,000
 - Jenna Strain suggested doing a 'thank you' for his donation – plaque; notice in paper etc... something in addition to a written thank you.
- Member Activity Committee – no meeting; no report
- Public Relations/Historian Committee – Jenna reported:
 - working on flyers for various committees. Please give her dates of meetings etc to be added to flyers and to go on FB
- Record Book Committee – Meaghan reported:
 - nothing right now. Next week visiting 2 clubs to give presentation; Zoom presentation on March 15 from state with good basic info
- Recruiting Committee – No report

Other Reports:

- 4-H Foundation – Janet reported:
 - No Meeting in March. Should be meeting next Tue;
 - Promoting beef March 20 – Have pot roast dinner – Charge \$10 would result in profit Split profits w/council and foundation, more info will be forthcoming

- Jr Leaders – Mary Louise reported:
 - Met last Monday; March 29th meeting will be held early 5:30; following meeting at 6:30 swing club is coming to teach swing line and line dance lessons followed by a dance at fairgrounds – 6:30-8:30 – open to all 4H families/members;
 - Additional dances planned for April and May as well
- Fair Board – Meeting next Mon 6:30 dining room; fair theme will be discussed; FFA to choose

Old Business:

- Development Committee Meetings:
 - Two already taken place. Come if you have ideas to share. Send email to ML
 - Feb 17 (FSC (home-ec) - 6pm and small animal- 6:45)
 - Feb 24 (Shooting 6pm and Livestock – 6:45)
 - March 3 (General (everything else) – 6pm and Horse – 6:45)
 - Will be posted on council Facebook page
- Virtual Leader Training: Just had one Sun on zoom/virtual meetings – posted on WY state 4H
- SE area Leaders' Training – April 17 – 9-3; 3 tracks: middle school/ high school/ adult; 4-5 workshops that will rotate – everyone does everything. Lunch provided. Anyone living in SE area of Wyoming can participate. Albany county is hosting. Possibly a swing dance workshop and also a DANCE after; Registration forthcoming – \$5 registration for 'food' for lunch
- Other?

New Business:

- Swing Club
 - covered in Jr. Leader
- Suggested when join council meeting via zoom, list name, club, and number of people joining in chat – will make taking minutes easier and attendance records more accurate.

Announcements:

- Next meeting Tue April 6, 2021 6:30 PM
- Thank you to all participating and volunteering

Meeting Adjourned: 7:50pm

4-H Foundation Meeting Minutes March 9, 2021

Meeting called to order at 6:05 pm.

Members present: Janet Renneisen, Tammy Heggie, Mary Louise Wood, Deanie Spath, Michele Turner, Chrystal Marlow, Jessica Kern, and Caroline Durand.

New Business –

1. Discussion regarding upcoming fundraising opportunities
 - a. Beef Fundraiser, March 20th
 - i. Foundation will be participating in this fundraiser
 - ii. Need to go boxes – Deanie thinks she can get them for us
 - iii. It will be an early dinner starting at 4:30pm
 - iv. Expecting around 100 people. Will be cooking in the Extension Room. Mary Louise can cook the roasts on Friday and then we can cook the potatoes/carrots/etc. on Saturday
 - v. Janet will send out a Sign-Up Genius for helping out that day
 - b. It's Me or the Dog Show, May 15th
 - i. The group agreed this would be a good fundraiser for the Foundation while also helping out attendees at the event
 - c. 4-H Carnival, tentatively set for May 22nd (backup dates June 5th or Fall 2021). T
 - i. The group discussed providing concessions are 4-H Carnival
 - ii. 4-H Carnival will be outside this year so concessions would look different
 - iii. The group decided to allow this opportunity to go to another group/club and revisit if needed
 - d. County Shoot, June 11-12/Pancake Breakfast, June 12th
 - i. The group agreed this would be a good fundraiser for the Foundation
 - ii. It will take place the morning of June 12th
 - iii. Will provide pancakes and ham along with juice and possibly coffee
 - e. Gem City Jackpot, June 25-27 Concessions
 - i. The group decided not to do concessions at the Gem City Jackpot

f. Family Night at Count Fair, 1st week in August

- i. The group discussed what this could look like in terms of a fundraiser, as many of the foundation volunteers are quite busy during this time
- ii. The group decided it was a good idea to have an information table at Family Night and provide suckers with stickers that have QR codes that could direct them to more information about Albany County 4-H Foundation

2. Foundation Scholarships

- a. Scholarships are due March 22nd. Foundation typically commits \$500-\$1000 to fund 1-2 students.
- b. Deanie moved to contribute \$1000 for the 2021 4-H Foundation Scholarships. Motion was seconded by Michele Turner and approved unanimously.
- c. Volunteers for Interview Committee
 - i. Chrystal Marlow
 - ii. Deanie
 - iii. Michele Turner (as a backup)

Next meeting is schedule for April 13, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Michele Turner

Fair Board Corner

- April meeting will be April 12th, 6:30pm in the Activity Building Dining Room
- 2021 County Fair Schedule on the Albany County Fair website:
<https://www.albanycountyfair.org/435/Albany-County-Fair>

Project News

Archery

All members April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
Lincoln Community Center (209 S. Cedar)
Three shooting times: 6-7, 7-8, 8-9

Sign Up Genius:

www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4aa8af2eaaff2-archery

Archery Key Leader:

Shawn Hayes 760-7741

Cake Decorating

April 6th and 20th, 6:30pm
West half of Fairgrounds Activity Building

Sign up Genius link:

www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4AA8AF2EAAFF2-march

Cake Key Leaders:

Christiana 314-5988 & Cecilia 399-7254

Cat

April 10th, 2pm

Extension Meeting Room

Please bring cat, harness, carpet square, carrier. We will be practicing showing, and I will also be talking about Parasites and viruses.

I will set up a Zoom meeting for 4:30pm on April 10th if you feel better doing it over video. Please call with questions.

*Please let me know if you are coming by 3 pm on April 9th.

Cat Key Leader:

Connie Bierman 399-8092



April 15, 5:45pm

Extension Meeting Room
(youth 5-8yrs old)

Questions, please call

Mary Louise 307-630-1705

Project News

Dog

April 7, 14, 21, 28 6-7pm
Fairgrounds activity building

Meet with Vicky at the May 5th class to join agility which will start June 2nd!

Watch for more info on the May Dog Show!

Please remember the following:

- bring all dog equipment (leash, choke collar, vinegar water, plastic bag, paper towels, treats) to every class!
- to work dogs at home between classes
- **an adult must be present in the building or parking lot during dog class (NO exceptions!).**
- **All dogs over 1yr old must show with a choke chain for show AND practice for Obedience**
- Practice is fun but remember it is work time for the dogs and 4-Hers.
- If anyone is willing to help sew dog leads please contact Vicky!

Dog Key Leader:
Vicky 760-4932

Horse

Please remember, you must have a Horse ID/Safety Certification form on file at the Extension Office for each horse you are planning to use in 4-H this year and you must be currently enrolled in 4-H.

*If you have questions or would like to check and see which horse(s) you have on file, please call the extension office at 721-2571.

HORSE is Tuesdays, 6pm at the Hansen Arena

**Please remember masks and social distancing in required at this UW Facility!

Check Albany County Horse on Facebook and Daily Dose for updates!

For Questions, please call
Janette Parker 760-8589

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HORSEMANSHIP is Fridays at the Range Arena at 6pm

For Questions, please call
Joe Wolf 399-7399

Fabric & Fashion

If you are interested in learning how to sew, the next sewing class will be April 24th in the Extension Meeting Room.

Beginners: 9-11am, Int/Adv:1-4pm

Beginners will be making a string backpack.

You will need:

- 1/2 yard of fabric (either 42-45 or 60 inches wide)
- 4 yards of cording
- matching thread
- **You may want to pick a heavier fabric for this project!**
- Also bring your sewing basket with pins, scissors and a seam ripper.
- **Please prewash and iron your fabric before you come to sewing!
- **Remember to practice sewing a seam and threading your machine before you come to the class if you have a sewing machine at home.

Intermediate and advanced sewers will work on projects they have selected.

- If you want help selecting a project, you may contact Freda (742-0506) or Mary Louise (721-2571).

We will meet once a month until fair. Parents are always welcome to attend!

Future Sewing Days

May 8 June 5 July 24

Please RSVP by: April 22nd to 721-2571 or mwood8@uwyo.edu and also let us know if you need a sewing machine!

If you have any questions, please call
Freda Dixon @ 742-0506

SALE

The Laramie chapter of the American Sewing Guild will also have their biannual fabric sale at the Fairgrounds on April 24th. They will have lots of fabric, patterns, notions, yarn, and sewing machines. This is an opportunity to purchase supplies for future projects.



Muzzle Loading

Start up will be April 20th, 6pm at the Rifle Range on North 9th St.

Please Sign up so we know how many to expect:
www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4AA8AF2EAAFF2-muzzleloading

Questions, please contact:
Shawn Hayes 760-7741

Project News



Leathercraft

Leatherwork II (advanced) April 7 & 21 at 3:30
Extension Meeting Room

Leatherwork I (beginner) April 14 & 28 at 3:30
Extension Meeting Room

Wednesday classes are closed to new members for this year. Youth can still enroll and take the project

Leathercraft Key Leader:

Dan Lehman 761-1045

Photography

April 8th, 6:30

Ludwig Studio, 224 E. Iverson Ave
Please bring a camera!

Questions, please contact:

Leslie Lund 399-6898 w yogirl.leslie@gmail.com

Poultry

April 3rd: showmanship practice for kids going to the Keensburg Show. 9:30am Only one bird per kid, no chicks and must be healthy and free of parasites. UW Extension meeting room. Must RSVP to attend.

Sign up genius link is:

www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4AA8AF2EAAFF2-poultry

April 6th: East side of activity building for inexperienced poultry members at 6:00 pm. It will be Intro to Shows and Showing; Intro to Showmanship. No birds and tailored to first time showers.

April 16th: UW Extension Meeting Room for Experienced/Veteran poultry youth at 6pm. It will be Shows & Showing plus Showmanship .

Questions, please call:

Ellie Riske 343-0053

Rabbit Hopping & Agility

Rabbit Hopping and Agility are not meeting at this time.

If you have questions please contact

Freda Dixon 742-0506 or fdixon@bresnan.net.

Rabbit

The next rabbit project meeting for this year will be held **Monday, April 26th**. We will have two classes, one for beginners and one for the advanced rabbit project members.

Beginners will begin at 6:30p.m. in the Extension Meeting Room. We will be talking about the parts of a rabbit and grooming a rabbit.

Advanced class (those who have taken the rabbit project before and feel they have basic showmanship skills) will meet from **7:30p.m to 8:30p.m in the Extension Meeting Room.**

We will have both meetings virtually also via Zoom for those who don't want to attend in person. Masks will be required. Please do not bring your rabbits to class because of RHDV2 quarantine.

Future Rabbit Meeting Dates

May 24th June 28th July 12th July 26th

If you have any questions, please call

Freda Dixon @ 742-0506

Rabbit Zoom Link:

<https://uwyo.zoom.us/j/91534422827>

Rifle & Pistol

New shooters (1st year in project) – Tuesdays

April 6, 13, 20, 27

Previous shooters – Thursdays

April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Three practice times available: 4-5, 5-6 or 6-7 pm
Practices will be held at the shooting range at the Fairgrounds (west end of Beef Barn)

First year shooters Sign up genius:

www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4aa8af2eaaff2-first3

Previous Shooters Sign up genius:

www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4aa8af2eaaff2-previous3

Please only sign up for ONE TIME SLOT PER WEEK, we want everyone to have a chance to shoot.

Rifle & Pistol Key Leader:

Roy Kern 760-1892

Project News

Sheep & Goat

April 22nd, 5:30pm
Fairgrounds Dining Room

We will go over the supplies and equipment needed

Questions, please contact:
Meaghan Stinson 760-8245

Shotgun

Start up will be April 21st, 5:30pm
Laramie Trap Club

Questions, please contact:
Roy Kern 760-1892

Small Engine

Fridays, 5pm
Range Arena

This project will be geared to both beginners and up with curriculum to be determined based on interest and will be a great way to learn how engines work and how to maintain them. Whether you want to start a job mowing lawns, have a motorcycle, or are just interested in how things work, come and join us!

Masks are not required but are encouraged and social distancing will be maintained as much as possible.

Please sign up so we know how many to expect:
www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0A4AA8AF2EAAFF2-small

Questions please contact:
Dave 399-3365

Sport Fishing

April 22nd, 6-7 AND 7-8 (2 sessions).
Extension Meeting Room

Please sign up for a time slot before the meeting:
www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4aa8af2eaaff2-march1

Questions please contact:
Jeff 760-2404

Survival Class

April 18th, 4-6 pm
Extension Meeting Room

Bring what you have for survival bags and bring something to drink!

Questions please contact:
Diane 760-9996
Tage 760-9481

Swine

Miria will be having more project meetings, watch Daily Dose for current times/dates! please call her with questions: 503-956-3420

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Also feel free to call Jessica if you have questions or need help with anything!
Jessica Parker 399-8202

Visual Arts

April 6, 4:30-5:30pm
Extension Meeting Room

This month we will be making 'Hot Glue Gun Art w/Water Color Paint and Salt Resist'.

The members will make a design or picture with hot glue, then use water colors to 'paint' their artwork.

We will also play with salt as a 'resist' to learn about the cool effects that can add.

Cost is \$5 to cover materials and supplies - hot glue sticks; paint; substrate (canvas or heavy art paper); salt; stencils; etc.

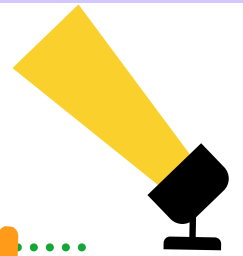
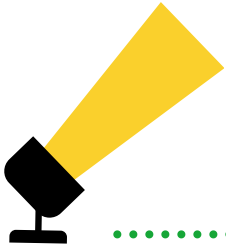
If you have a hot glue gun that you'd like to bring, feel free to do so. I have access to at least 9 glue guns and members can take turns with them, but more will make for quicker progress on the project. Both large and small hot glue sticks will be provided.

**The visual arts project meeting do not 'build' upon one another so anyone is welcome at any time. No previous experience required!

RSVP required to be sure we have enough supplies!

Questions please contact
Liz Williams 513-378-9189 lizwillij@gmail.com
(text or call - please leave a name as I may not recognize numbers) email is preferred as it's easier for me to keep track.

Community Service Spotlight



Albany County 4-H Community Service Committee

is excited to recognize 4-H members who are doing community services and volunteering in Albany County! This month we are featuring...

Chayne Webb

Hi! My name is Chayne Webb. I am in the Yellow Jackets club and I show dogs, pigs and I do photography. I chose to volunteer at the LAWS place. We first fostered 3 kittens. One of the kittens had a cloudy eye, so we doctored it and put medicine in it. Morty was the first to go and then Olive and then finally Charly. After they were gone we decided to foster 2 more cats. They sadly had a sickness and had to go back to the LAWS facility. After that we got two little puppies; Delilah and Sampson. They both got sick and had to be doctored too. They have almost gotten all they way better. We also have decided to foster another cat; Tripp. I had gotten into fostering animals to have more community service and I love to be able to spend time with animals. Overall being able to foster animals has been a blast!



If you would like to nominate someone who is doing a fantastic job please contact Kellen at 307-314-5502 or fill out this Googleform: docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe2ejtS265yN6UOmJ4FxOHT-58gd0TMJ_WjVoz57Ni79iGO/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0

Upcoming events



2021 Virtual Volunteer Leader Training Series

All trainings will be done via Zoom, and online learning classroom and run from 6:30–7:30 pm.

Pick and choose which trainings interest you!



Topics & Dates:

- Communication Best Practices --April 26, 2021

A link to participate in the meetings above will be sent to your 4-H enrollment e-mail account one week prior to the meeting.

*If you are unable to access the link, need a computer or want more info please contact Mary Louise 721-2571 or mwood8@uwyo.edu to talk about other options. Hope to see you there!

Livestock Quality Assurance

All 4-H members who plan on selling any market animal at the 4-H Livestock Sale during fair are required to take Quality Assurance classes. Class topics cover areas of appropriate care and handling of animals and how this impacts product quality. This year we are offering an online option through the University of Nebraska as well as two face-to-face classes in Laramie. **All training must be completed by the fair entry deadline of July 9th.**

A youth must take it once in each 4-H age group they are registered in (once as a Junior 8-10, once as an Intermediate 11-13, once as a Senior 14-18). Ages are based on the youth's 4-H age (age as of January 1st of the 4-H year: The age the youth was on January 1, 2021).

Information on the class options are below. If you have a question about what classes you have completed, what option would be best for you, or what your 4-H age is please email or call the extension office.

Online Option:

<https://extension.unl.edu/statewide/washington/livestock-quality-assurance-lqa-certification-transition-plan/>

- There is a \$12 fee per youth per class to use this option. You must pay this fee to register for the class. You can use a credit or debit card or there is an option to pay by check. There are no refunds for youth who complete classes in the wrong age group.
- Each youth will need to complete the class individually, completing as a group is not an option because the program tracks each youth individually. Youth will be directed to complete at least three modules for the class to be considered complete.
- Each youth will need their own email address.
- Print off your completion certificates and keep them for your records. The Albany County Extension Office will get a record of all classes completed but it's always good to have your certificates.
- If you have trouble registering or with the course you will need to contact UNL directly (1-855-308-8037) or help@yqca.org; M-F, 8 am-4:30 pm CST).

Face to Face Classes: for Juniors will be April 27th or May 20th at 6pm in the Extension Meeting Room. Please RSVP by NOON the day before at 721-2571 or mwood8@uwyo.edu

Scholarship Deadlines coming up!

- Wyoming Association of Fairs May 1
<http://www.wyomingfairs.org/waf-scholarship-application.html>
- WW Dalles Memorial July 1
 For enrolling juniors & seniors in college
 For scholarship applications, please contact the Extension Office

Livestock Scale Available for Checkout

A club may check the extension scale out overnight for \$10 per use. The scale will be checked for operability when it is brought back to the office. It is expected the scale will be transported to one location and all the club members will bring their animals to that location.

If this does not work for individuals, arrangements can be made to bring your animal to the fairgrounds.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
INFORMATIONAL MEETINGS FOR:
SUPREME EWE - 4:30PM
SUPREME HEIFER - 5:30PM
APRIL 5TH AT THE FAIRGROUNDS



2021 NILE Merit Heifer Application Available

The opportunity for kids started in the cattle industry is knocking, and loudly. Applications for the NILE Merit Heifer program are now available for the 2021-2022 year.

The NILE Merit Heifer program is a live animal scholarship, meaning the recipients are given a young, live, heifer calf. The objective is to help youth get a start in the beef cattle business and gain knowledge about the beef industry.

Program participants are chosen based on merit, future goals, and ability to care for the animal. 4-H or FFA members who are 12-16 years old **AS OF JUNE 30** may apply. Applicants are **NOT** limited to Montana residents.

During the program duration, participants are responsible for care-taking, record keeping, breeding, and bringing the heifer back one year later to the NILE Stock Show & Rodeo. The class of merit heifer recipients competes for best phenotype, top showman honors, best record book, best interview and overall top herdsman.

Applications and a link to the YouTube video must be received no later than June 30, 2021 at 4 p.m. The 2022 recipients will be announced in late August 2021. Applications available online at:

<https://www.thenile.org/p/events/livestock/meritheifer>

For more information regarding the NILE Merit Heifer Program, please email Shelby Shaw- meritheifer@thenile.org or call the NILE Office: (406) 256-2495

Happy Birthday!



Heather Alexander

- Beau Barlow
- Diana Barlow
- Susanna Barlow
- Shade Brokaw
- Jacob Brown
- Shania Brown
- Gabriel Chione
- Amber Daugherty
- Phillip Daugherty
- Corbin Donner
- Gary Hall
- Layne Harper
- Stacey Harvey
- Ali Hayes
- Kristin Jeffs
- Sandra Jeffs
- Brayden Isaacs
- Ruth Lake
- Leo Lambrecht
- Zoey Madsen
- Cooper Marlatt
- Emerald Niswender

- Ellie Oakey
- Luke Ogden
- Jentry Sims
- Hannah Riggle
- Sarah Riggle
- Wade Roberts
- Mason Sanders
- Paisley Smith
- Rachel Taro
- Madison Toews
- Porter Trabing
- Leonardo Uribe-Baldivia Jr.
- Rowan Urschel
- Kellen Yohland
- Hunter Winters
- Jayden Zhu



Project Assistance Available

4-H Council has funds available to help members with their 4-H projects. A limit of \$100 can be awarded per member. This money cannot be used for the purchase of market animals. For an application, please contact the extension office.

The Fair Board has loan funds set up to assist 4-H and FFA members in the financing of their livestock projects. This money is only a loan, and must be paid back, with interest, upon sale of your animal. Applicants must make applications to the fund by October 15th for beef projects and by May 1st for lamb, goats and swine projects. For more info, contact the Fair Office at 742-3224.

CLASSIFIED INFORMATION

- Ads may be modified by Extension Staff to fit in the ad space available
- All ads must be submitted to the Extension Office no later than the 3rd Friday of every month.
- Classified ads must apply to 4-H projects or to 4-H members or leaders.
- Ads will remain posted for two months or until the office is notified that the product is no longer available.

Are you still looking For Quality Show Pigs at a reasonable price?? call Sarah at 307-761-9476!

MARKET GOAT SELECTION



The selection of a goat for a project is one of the most important decisions made by a feeder. The type of goat you select at the beginning of the project will have a major influence on the results at the end of the project. However, one must remember that a winning goat is a combination of good selection, good nutritional management, proper grooming, and outstanding showmanship.

People differ in their ability to select prospective animals. Some have a natural eye for selecting young animals, while others never develop this ability. Do not hesitate to take advantage of a person with these skills. It may be your county agent, FFA instructor, parents, or another leader in the county. Also, many breeders are willing to assist you in your selection program.

When selecting young goats one must be conscious of age and fat thickness. Young goats that are bloomy and fat always look good, while young goats that are thin do not look as good. Learn to look past fat and recognize muscle so that you can pick those goats that are genetically superior.

Anytime you purchase goats, it is important to know a little about the producer you are buying from. Do not hesitate to ask questions about their goat's bloodlines and the age of the goats in question.

When selecting goats there are five major areas of emphasis that need to be considered. They are structural correctness, muscle, volume and capacity, style and balance, and growth potential.

Structural Correctness

Structural correctness refers to the skeletal system or bone structure of an animal. Goats should be up-headed, with the neck extending out of the top of the shoulders. Goats should travel and stand wide and straight on both their front and rear legs, and their legs should be placed squarely under the body. They should have a strong level top, and a long rump with a slight slope from their hooks to their pins. Goats should be heavy boned and be strong on their pasterns. Open shouldered, weak pasterned, steep rumped goats should be avoided.

Muscle

Generally, goats that walk and stand wide are going to be heavier muscled. Goats should have a deep, heavily muscled leg and rump, with the widest part of the leg being the stifle area, when viewed from behind. They should have a broad, thick back and loin that is naturally firm and hard handling. Goats should be wide through their chest floor, with bold shoulders and a prominent forearm muscle. The chest and forearm of a goat are the best indicators of muscling in thin goats.

Volume and Capacity

Volume and capacity refers to the relationship of length of body with depth of body and width of body. Goats should be long bodied, with adequate depth and spring of rib. Try to avoid selecting goats that are short bodied, narrow based, and flat ribbed.

Style and Balance

Style and balance refers to the way all body parts blend together, how the shoulder blends into the rib cage, the rib cage to the loin, the loin to the rump, and how eye-appealing a goat is. When viewed from the side, a goat should be smooth shouldered, level topped, trim middled, and straight legged. A goat that is balanced, pretty, and holds his head up, is the first one you notice when you walk in the pen.

Growth Potential

The ability of an animal to grow rapidly is very important. Generally, the larger framed goats, as indicated by a long head, neck, cannon-bone, and body, will grow faster, be larger, and more competitive in the show ring.

Goat Selection video by ShowRite:

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SHOW LAMB SELECTION



Muscle

Select show lambs with good expression of muscle. Pick a lamb that has firm, hard muscle tone in the legs, loin, and rump, where the higher priced cuts are located. Look for muscle from different views and areas.

From the Rear

Leg -The widest portion should be through the center of the leg or stifle area. A larger outside muscle right above the stifle joint is very desirable. A muscular lamb will stand and walk wide. This requires good development of inside leg muscle. A lamb can stand wide and not have a lot of inside muscle. They may just be structurally wide. Be sure to check for inside muscle.

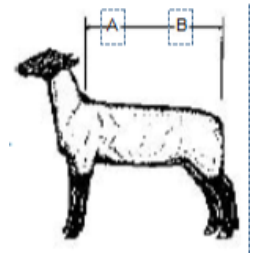
Top -A lamb needs to be wide across the top. The loin needs to be large and muscular. Look for a large rib cage which indicates a lot of capacity. Width is an indicator of muscle. However, be sure to feel your lamb to be certain that it is not fat. Feel down the back bone to determine the expression of the loin muscle. A good indicator of muscle is when you can feel a groove down the top of young lambs. This is like feeling the groove between your fingers when they are close together.



From the Side AB

Choose a lamb that has proper length in the areas of the higher priced cuts, legs, loin and rump. The back portion of the top or hind saddle (B) should be longer than the front part, rack or back (A). To calculate this, measure from the last two ribs to the pin bones, (where the tail connects to the body).

This should be two or more inches longer than the front part, depending on the lamb's size. Length of the loin is important. Measure from the last two ribs to the hook bone. Length and width of the loin are important. Short bodied, compact animals are undesirable. Be careful not to get carried away with length. If you select a lamb that is too long it may be weak topped.



From the Front

A bulging muscle from the knee to the shoulder is desirable. Large bone circumference of the cannon bone is a gauge of muscle, too. The larger the bone, the more area there is to attach muscle to. Select a lamb with a relatively long, thick cannon bone. The shoulder should be slightly prominent. Avoid getting a lamb with too large a shoulder as this will take away from a smooth, balanced appearance.

Structural Correctness

Show lambs should be correct in their skeletal or bone structure. The lamb's neck should be erect and extend out of the top of the shoulder. The top line should be long, level and straight. The legs should have a large circumference or diameter of bone. Its pasterns should be strong, and it should stand with its feet and legs wide apart. When it walks it should move with long, smooth steps, and track out wide. Do not select lambs that are open shouldered, weak topped and have steep rumps.

Style and Balance

These two characteristics describe how a lamb blends together. The front and rear ends should match. Looking at the lamb from the side view, it should have a clean, trim chest. The shoulder should be smooth while the top line should be long and level. A trim middle is desirable. Because lambs are shown with less than 1/4 inch wool, it is desirable that they have a tight, wrinkle-free hide. The most noticeable lamb in a pen holds its head up and looks long and straight with a level hip. Its walk is proud and wide based with a thick leg.

Look for potential

Select a lamb that shows good potential. Large framed, long bodied lambs, with a long neck, cannon bone, and thick loin show the most potential for growth. Lambs that are long in the loin and level in the rump have an advantage over others in the show ring.

Lamb Selection video by ShowRite:

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PIG SELECTION



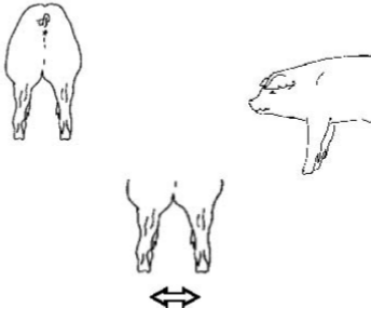
There are basic areas that need to be considered when selecting your show pig. They are muscle, structural correctness, capacity, frame and style and balance.

Muscle

There are several indicators of muscle in pigs. The first place to look for muscle is the ham.

The widest portion should be through the center of rump and ham. Select a pig that has a bulging forearm. Well muscled hogs are wide based and large boned.

When viewed from the top look for an hour glass shape to the top. This will be a trim, heavy muscled hog. It should be long and full in the rump, with the center of the ham being the widest part of the body. The shoulders should be wider than the loin, but not as thick as the ham. The loin will be uniform in width. When the hog walks there should be no evidence of fat over the top of the shoulders and the shoulders should move. Also, there should be no fat behind the shoulders or elbow pocket.



Structural Correctness

Structural correctness refers to how a pig's skeleton is put together, more specifically the bone structure. To be sure your pig is structurally correct, pick a pig that moves with ease and smoothness. Pigs should take long strides. They also should have a proper angle to the pasterns and have flex to the joints like the hock, knee and shoulder. These joints should flex and the pig should take a long, flexible, fluid stride.

The pasterns should have an angle of 45 degrees and the hock should be at about a 22 degree angle for the best possible movement off the back end. Strong legs are important in market hogs. The bone should be large and the legs should be clean and solid looking.



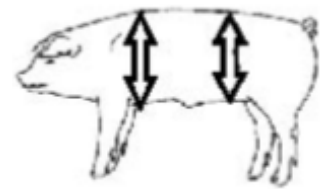
Proper hind leg structure



Poor hind leg structure

Capacity

Pigs need to have adequate capacity to allow their internal organs to function properly and efficiently. They need to have a wide chest floor, a good spring of rib, and be deep sided in both the fore and rear flank. Remember that a deep sided hog can still be trim and neat in appearance.



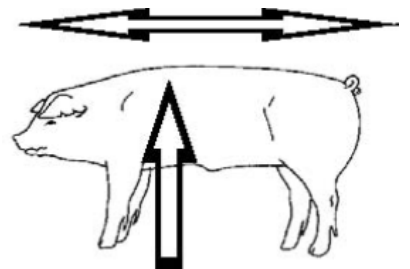
Frame

A moderate framed hog will grow well and have adequate size. Select a long-bodied, tall hog that stands well on its feet and legs. It should be large boned and show a lot of capacity, being boldly sprung at the ribs.

Style and Balance


A hog that has style and balance is one that holds its head up when it walks, and is smooth in its overall appearance. It will be clean in the shoulder blades, jowl and underline. Hogs that are balanced stand wide and tall on straight legs, are uniform in the arch of their back, and their shoulder blades are close together.

Select a trim hog that is free of excess fat. Fat gives the appearance of smoothness and shortness. A trim hog is clean behind the shoulders and down the top. The base of the ham should be firm, at the base of the hams (cut up or v-shaped) with the tail setting high, and the tailhead prominent.



Swine Selection video by ShowRite:

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Q: How excited was the gardener about his plants?

A: So excited he wet his plants!



April 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Archery Previous Shooters Livestock Judging	2 Horsemanship Small Engine Wool Judging	3 Poultry-Must RSVP
4 CRITTER CREEK Easter 	5 WILD BRUMBIES Meat Judging Supreme Ewe Supreme Heifer Informational Mtg.	6 Cake Decorating Horse New Shooters Poultry Visual Arts 4-H Council	7 Leathercraft II Dog Project	8 LITTLE HORSE POWER Archery Previous Shooters Livestock Judging Photography	9 Horsemanship Small Engine State 4-H Meat & Wool Judging April 9-10	10 Cat Project Campbell Co. Shooting Sports Jackpot Nt'l 4-H Conference →
11 HARMONY HUSTLERS	12 BUNKHOUSE BUNCH YELLOW JACKETS Meat Judging Fairboard	13 Horse New Shooters 4-H Foundation	14 SPEED GOATS Leathercraft I Shotgun-start up Dog Project	15 SMOKIN' GUNS Archery Previous Shooters Livestock Judging CLOVERBUDS	16 Horsemanship Small Engine Poultry	17 SE Area 4-H Leadership Expo
← National 4-H Conference (virtual) →						
18 STOMPIN' STEAMBOATS Survival	19 CORDUROY Q&K HIGH PLAINS	20 Cake Decorating Horse Muzzle Loading-start up New Shooters	21 Leathercraft II Shotgun Dog Project	22 Archery Previous Shooters Sheep/Goat Project Livestock Judging	23 Horsemanship Small Engine	24 Sewing Project
25	26 Rabbit Project Volunteer Training JR. LEADERS	27 Horse Muzzle Loading New Shooters Livestock Quality Assurance	28 Leathercraft I Shotgun Dog Project	29 Archery Previous Shooters Livestock Judging	30 Horsemanship Small Engine	

**Information for
May Footnotes due by:
April 22nd!!**

Sincerely,

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May 2021



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Dog & Horse Ownership Deadline
						2 CRITTER CREEK
9 HARMONY HUSTLERS	10 YELLOW JACKETS Fairboard	11 Horse Muzzle Loading New Shooters 4-H Foundation	12 SPEED GOATS Leathercraft I Shotgun Dog Project	13 LITTLE HORSE POWER SMOKIN' GUNS Archery Previous Shooters	14 Horsemanship Small Engine	15 Cat Project "It's Me or The Dog" Show
16 STOMPIN' STEAMBOATS	17 CORDUROY Q&K HIGH PLAINS	18 Cake Decorating Horse Muzzle Loading New Shooters	19 Leathercraft II Shotgun Dog Project	20 Archery Previous Shooters Lamb/Goat Project Livestock Quality Assurance	21 Horsemanship Small Engine	22
23 Survival WY Dairy Goat & Fuzzy Show 30	24 Rabbit Project JR. LEADERS 31 Memorial Day- Office Closed	25 Horse Muzzle Loading New Shooters	26 Leathercraft I Shotgun Dog Project Early Weigh-in 4-7pm Sheep, Swine, Goat	27 Archery Previous Shooters	28 Horsemanship Small Engine Showcase Showdown Registration Due	29 WY Dairy Goat & Fuzzy Show Weigh-in 8-12pm for Sheep, Swine, Goat 1-3pm for Poultry



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4-H Council--Extension Meeting Room

Tuesday, April 6th

6:00pm

ZOOM LINK:

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Each club is asked to send 2 representatives to every council meeting

4-H Foundation--Extension Meeting Room

Tuesday, April 13th

6:00pm

ZOOM LINK:

<https://uwyo.zoom.us/j/94038185148>

Fair Board--Fairgrounds Activity Building

Monday, April 12th

6:30pm

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