

As we get closer to summer, the 4-H world is gearing up with projects and activities. We constantly depend on one another to help us create great opportunities for the youth in our community. There is a saying that volunteers are the heart of 4-H. We all know this to be very true, whether it be a volunteer club leader, teen volunteers helping out at an event, or someone staying after a class to volunteer to clean up. You are all what keeps things flowing so smoothly.

As you may know, we have some Cloverbuds coming this summer. Things are going to be different and we need your help. Many people have stepped up already to help ensure that summer programming will continue as we face this exciting point in our lives. Personally, I have dedicated my life to the 4-H program and this will be a change. Family is important to all of us and I am excited to grow mine. Life will be different from here on out and we need your help. Through this summer of not being around like in the past, to following years when family comes first. We know you understand because your family is your heart and they come first in your life.

Ahead of time, we want to thank you for your understanding that life changes in such exciting ways. Thank you for your commitment to make sure exciting events continue to happen in the program. Thank you for stepping up and caring about one another to make a difference in so many lives!

The heart of a volunteer is not measured in size, but by the depth of the commitment to make a difference in the lives of others. --DeAnn Hollis

April 2018

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SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Level UP Basic Training
- Summer Day Camp
- 4-H Camp
- Dog



MARK YOUR CALENDARS

- Project week April 2nd-6th
- Spring Break Horse Camp April 3rd -5th
- Scholarships are due April 9th
- Working Cow Clinic April 15th
- Feeds Class April 18th
- Rabbit 101 April 19th
- 4-H Jackpot Shoot
- Livestock Committee Meeting April 23rd

• State Wool and Meats April 27th-28th



Happening Weekly

Archery Practices:
Juniors - Monday Nights 6:00-7:30 pm
Intermediates/Seniors
Thursday Nights 5:00-6:30

Rifle/Pistol Practices
Tuesday Evenings
5:30 - 6:30 and 6:30-7:30

Happening Monthly

2nd Monday of every month

HDC 6:00 pm
4-H Council 7:00 pm
Every 3rd Wednesday
Clover Buds 4:00 pm
Every 4th Monday
Young Leaders 6:00 pm





GROW YOUR 4-H YEAR RIGHT!

PRING HAS SPRUNG & 4-H IS HAPPENING IN APRIL!

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	Project Week Classes	Spring Break Horse Camp				Horse Judging Ponderosa
	Everyday at 10	Dog Skills				9:30 am
	am and 1pm	Cedar Room				9.30 am
		5:30 pm				
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3	9	10	11	12	13	14
	HDC 6:00 pm				Purple Up Day	
	GAMB				Wear Purple!	
	Council					
	7:00 pm					
	Horse Judging					
	Ponderosa					
	5:30					
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
Working Cow	Horse Judging		Cloverbuds	Rabbit 101		4-H Jackpot
Clinic	Ponderosa		Cottonwood	Cottonwood		Shoot
East Pavilion	5:30 pm		4:00 pm	4:30 pm		Barn 3
):00 am			Feeds Class			9:00 am
			Cottonwood			
			6:30 pm			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Young Leader	Hippology			State Wool and	
	Cottonwood	Cedar Room			Meats	
	Room	5:30 pm				
	Livestock Com- mittee				-	
	Cedar					
29	30					
	Horse Judging					
	Ponderosa					
	5:30					
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		Dog and Horse Id's Due by 5:00 pm at the Ext. Office SDC Apps Due	2 YLS Meeting CAM-PLEX 2:30 pm, 4:30pm and 7:30 pm	3 Rabbits 101 Ponderosa 4:30 pm	4 Dog Skills Cedar Room 5:30 pm	5
6	7 Horse Judging Ponderosa 5:30 pm	8 Leader Orientation Cottonwood 5:00 pm	9	10	11	Trash Pick UP Ext. Office 9:00 am
13	14 Horse Judging Ponderosa 5:30 pm Camp Counselor Apps	Hippology Ponderosa 5:30 pm	16	17	18	19
20	21 Horse Judging Ponderosa 5:30 pm YLS Meeting WJHS 6:30 pm	Hippology Cedar Room 5:30	County Shoot Entries Due Ext. Office 5:00 pm	24 YLS Meeting Spirit Hall 4:30 pm 7:30 pm	25	26
27	28 Horse Judging Ponderosa 5:30 Young Leaders Cottonwood	29	30	31		



UPCOMING YOUNG LEADER DATES!



MARCH 26TH

APRIL 23RD FINIL 23ND
THIS WILL BE A DAY EVENT SINCE THERE IS NO
SCHOOL WE WILL BE GOING TO THE ESCAPE
ROOM, TIMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED AT MARCH

MAY 14TH CAMP COUNSELOR APPLICATIONS DUE

MAY 28TH REGULAR MEETING AND SCHOOLS OUT BASH

ON THE FUN, LEADERSHIP, AND COMMUNITY SERVICE! OPEN TO AGES 13-18

6:00 PM 4th MONDAY EVERY **MONTH** GEORGE AMOS MEMORIAL BUILDING **COTTONWOOD ROOM**

TEENS COME AND JOIN IN

Rabbit Project **Meeting** Rabbits 101 Let's get started! What do you need to know for this project? Come to the Cottonwood room April 19th 2018 from 4:30 -5:30 to learn about your rabbit project.

May 3rd we will continue our learning with a meeting from 4:30-5:30 in Pondarosa Room.

For more information conatct Sharon Adesl @ 682-8181



ADM Showtec Show Feeding Clinic Featuring Specialist Krisha Geffert Wednesday April 18, 2018 6:30 pm in the Cottonwood Room of the GAMB Building

Please join us for great information and prizes! Sponsored by Buckles and Boots 4H Club and M Lazy Heart Ranch Feeds Questions call or text 307-254-1734



OUR FACEBOOK HAS WENT THOUGH SOME CHANGES!

TO KEEP UP WITH THE EXTENSION OFFICE AS A WHOLE SCAN THE CODE BELOW OR FRIEND REQUEST US @CAMPBELLCO EXTENSION



TO KEEP UP WITH JUST 4-H SCAN THE CODE BELOW OR LIKE OUR PAGE @UWCAMPBELLCOUNTY4-H









INFORMATIONAL DOG MEETING

6pm in the Cottonwood Room at 6AMB

This will be the first of the summer dog classes. We will talk about the year and what to expect. Please come learn about the project area and get pumped up for the classes to come! Contact Karissa Morris (671.9484) or Tailor Morris (689.5758) for more information!

Do not bring your dog to this meeting!



SUMMER

is a time for

Let Us Help!











1. LEARN MORE ABOUT CAMP

At camp kids will enjoy biking, field trips, science, crafts, fair and more...

Location: Kids Clinic (Old Hillcrest)

Hours: Mon-Fri 8am- 5pm

Ages: 8 to 12 years old (as of Jan 1, 2018)

2. PICK A SESSION OF CAMP

Session 1: June 4th - June 22nd
Session 2: July 8th - July 27th
There is lots of biking and lots of fun hands on
learning activities at camp. Spots are LIMITED.

3. GET SIGNED UP STARTING MARCH 1ST Come into the 4-H Office at 412 S. Gillette

Ave to pay and sign up.

Fee: \$25.00 4-H Insurance Fee

\$50.00 Camp Enrollment per Session

daily expenses will occur cash or check accepted must be in 2 payments NO training wheels

FOR QUESTIONS 682-7281 CJL10@CCGOV.NET

SUMMER DAY CAMP

IS HIRING INTERNS!

ARE YOU....

- A 4-H member looking for a fun way to make some spending money?
- Over the age of 16?
- Interested in becoming a teacher or like helping younger kids?
- Looking for a fun, hands on, active way to spend your summer?

THEN THIS IS THE PERFECT JOB FOR YOU!

MORE INFO

- Camp has two 3 week sessions with a week off in between.
- Camp runs every Monday -Friday from 8am-5pm (your work hours are flexible)
- Pay of \$100 per week
- Must be able to ride a bike, swim, and have transportation to and from camp each day?

TO APPLY

- Complete the google form my May 1sthttps://goo.gl/forms/ I9lADziuMqEnFjt43
- If you have questions call 307-682-7281 and talk to Cinnamon





2018 Volunteer Training Series

All trainings will be done via Zoom, and online learning classroom

and run from 6:30—7:30 pm

Keeping Records—April 23, 2018

For many volunteers record keeping is not an enjoyable part of the 4-H experience. 4-H volunteers have to keep records and in turn, they should work to help members in keeping records. Join us on April 23^{rd} from 6:30-7:30 pm via Zoom, an online meeting, as we learn more about filling out 4-H paperwork, what kinds of records to keep, and how to encourage and help your 4-H member with their 4-H portfolios.

A link to participate in the meetings above will be sent to your 4-H online e-mail account one week prior to the meeting. If you are unable to access the link or a computer,

please contact your local 4-H Educator to talk about option. Hope to see you there



Leader • Orientation

ALL LEADERS ARE REQUIRED TO
COMPLETE THIS TRAINING BY THE
UNIVERSITY ONCE EVERY 5 YEARS.
YOU ONLY NEED TO ATTEND ONE
OF THE DATES.
PLEASE RSVP 682.7281DINNER PROVIDED!

MAY 8, 2018 5-6:30PM COTTONWOOD ROOM



4-H CAMP 2018

MONDAY, JUNE 25TH - THURSDAY, JUNE 28TH



WHAT TO BRING

- Sack lunch for Monday (no peanut products)
- · COAT
- SLEEPING BAG & PILLOW
 (We sleep in cabins and it can get chilly)
- Bath supplies including towels & shower shoes
- Flashlight
- Sunscreen & Bug Spray will be provided
- Casual Clothes for 3 days (mornings & evenings are cool, so send a sweater to wear)
- A nice outfit for the dance
- WATER FIGHT: Swim clothes & a medium size disposable plastic container
- CLOSED TOED SHOES NO FLIP-FLOPS will be allowed except in the shower!
- DO NOT SEND:
 - MONEY! ELECTRONICS! SNACKS!
 KNIVES or other such items

CAMP COST

\$70.00

Please pay your club & the club will pay the 4-H Council

*Registered campers who do not attend camp will forfeit their registration cost

TRANSPORTATION

Buses will be at the Campbell County High School North Campus East Parking Lot

MONDAY

- Please arrive at 10:00 a.m. to board the bus. If your child is not there at this time, you will be responsible for transporting them to camp.
- If you are bringing your child to Mallo Camp, please do not arrive before NOON.

THURSDAY

- If not riding the bus home, all members must be picked up from Mallo Camp by 11:00 a.m.
 IF THEIR RIDE IS NOT THERE AT THIS TIME, THEY WILL BE PUT ON THE BUS TO RETURN TO GILLETTE!
- Bus will return at approximately 12:30 p.m.



Return Registration Form & Medical Release to the Extension Office by Friday, June 1st, 2018



CONGRATULATIONS

We are proud to announce the Bronze and Silver Winners of the Wyoming Congressional Awards from Campbell County



GILLETTE

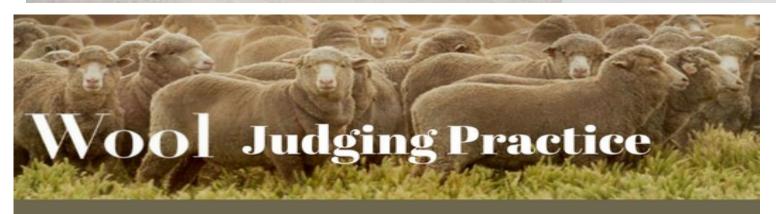
MAKALA JOHNSON CAROLINE JOHNSON KAYCEE STROHSCHEIN





GILLETTE

JB BROGDON Jayce Enriquez Chloe Rankin



April 6th 2:00 pm Clover Corals April 13th 5:00 pm Clover Corals April 20th 5:00 pm Clover Corals

State Wool Judging / Meats Judging Contest April 27th and 28th in Laramie





Are you interested in raising a market animal, but don't have a place to house it? Clover Corrals has open spots for 2018. Swine, sheep, or goats are just \$15/month starting on April 1st. Contact Kim to get on the list!



Shooting Sports Reminders:

Archery practices are every:

Monday from 6:00 - 7:30 pm for Juniors (there are some spots for Int/Sr as well) Thursday from 5:00 - 6:30 pm for Int/Sr (there are some spots for Jr's as well)

Rifle/Pistol practices are every Tuesday from 5:30 - 6:30 or 6:30 - 7:30

We are in Clover Corrals through March 27th

Beginning April 3rd we will be moving out to Bishops (see map). At that time we will be adding .22 Rifle & .22 Pistol for the kids that are ready. We will also be adding then Muzzleloader discipline. Remember that once we move outside everything is weather dependent so please make sure you are signed up for the remind me app as that is how we will send out our cancellations.

Shotgun practices will begin April 5th at the Gillette Gun Club at 5:00 pm

Again this is weather dependent so make sure you're signed up for the remind me app. *The cost this year will be \$3.00* a round.

Jackpot Shoot – April 21st in Barn 3 at the Cam-plex from 9:00 am until we are finished. The cost will be \$2.00 a discipline or \$5.00 for all 3 (Air Rifle/Air Pistol/Archery). The prizes for this will be given out at the Shooting Sports banquet in June.

County Shoot entries - Due May 23rd so be thinking ahead as this deadline is firm & there are no late entries allowed. Also if the only 4-H project you are taking is Shooting Sports make sure you put your exhibit for fair on the registration as well. County Shoot & County Fair are 2 different events & in 2 separate areas so please make sure you registered for both the shooting portion & the static exhibit – please ask if you have questions or if you aren't positive you are registered for both. Make sure you keep a copy of your registration confirmation so you remember what you are registered for.



DEADLINE MAY 23RD





MARCH MEETING

- SPRING BREAK HORSE CHALLENGE IS OUT AND READY FOR SIGNUP.
- PROGRESS SHOW TIMES HAVE CHANGED WE
 WILL ENTER AT 8 AM AND START AT 9 AM
- ALL OF THE RODEO CLINICS WENT WELL.
 LOVED IT BEING SPLIT ON AGE AND SKILL
 LEVEL. THAT WILL CONTINUE FOR THE NEXT
 YEAR SINCE IT WORKED SO WELL.
- WORKING COW HORSE CLINIC IS COMING UP PLEASE RSVP IF YOU WANT TO ATTEND

EVENTS

- APRIL 3-5TH: SPRING BREAK EXTREME HORSE 10 AM-3 PM BARN 3
- APRIL 15TH: WORKING COW HORSE CLINIC BEGINNERS IN THE MORNING AND ADVANCED IN AFTERNOON CALL FOR DETAILS AND RSVP. NO WALK IN'S ACCEPTED. EAST PAVILION
- MAY 1ST: HORSE ID'S (DIFFERENT FROM YOUR YOUR SAFETY CERTIFICATIONS) DUE TO EXTENSION OFFICE
- MAY: LEADER TRAINING & SHOWMANSHIP CLINIC WILL BE COMING
- JUNE 2ND & 30TH: PROGRESS SHOWS WRANGLER ARENA
- JUNE 11TH & 18TH: MONDAY NIGHT RODEO WRANGLER ARENA
- JULY 2ND & JULY 9TH: MONDAY NIGHT RODEO WRANGLER ARENA
- JULY 15TH: PROGRESS SHOW WRANGLER ARENA

LOOK INTO THE ADS FOR MORE INFO ON EACH OF THE EVENTS

NOTES FROM THE OFFICE

- MAKE SURE YOU HAVE YOUR SAFETY CERTIFICATION DONE BEFORE SUMMER SERIES STARTS!
- HORSE ID PAPERS ARE NEW THIS SPRING. THEY ARE DUE TO THE OFFICE BY MAY 1ST!
 PLEASE HELP PASS THE WORD. WE ARE HAPPY TO ACCEPT THEM VIA EMAIL, TEXT, OR IN
 PERSON, SEE THE AD ON THE NEXT PAGES FOR MORE INFO!



Working Cow Horse Clinic

April 15th

East Pavilion

Limit 10 per division (only need to plan on being there during your time slot)

Beginners (has never entered working cow)

9:00am-9:30am Warm Up

9:30am -Noon Working Cow Foundation Work

Advanced (has entered working cow previously)

1:00pm - 1:30pm Warm Up

1:30 pm- 5:00pm Working Cow Building of Skills

MUST RSVP no walk ins. \$20.00 (includes stock charge)

Anyone unable to get into the clinic is always welcome to come watch

CAMPBELL COUNTY 4-H HORSE SUMMER SERIES

PROGRESS SHOWS

JUNE 2ND JUNE 30TH JULY 15TH

ENTRIES @ 8:00 AM SHOW STARTS @ 9:00 AM

MONDAY NIGHT RODOES

JUNE 11TH JUNE 18TH JULY 2ND JULY 9TH

ENTRIES @ 5:00 PM RODEO STARTS @ 6:00 PM

MUST BE SAFETY CERTIFIED AND ENROLLED TO ENTER

ALL EVENTS AT WRANGLER ARENA

SUBJECT TO CHANGE

All Day Horse Judging Workshop 2018

April 7th from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm in the Ponderosa Room

Judging teaches you what the judge is look for in halter and performance classes. This workshop is designed to help those that are just beginning, no matter what age. So come check it out.

Morning;

We will cover how to judge the halter horse by watching videos on Conformation. You will learn how to set up a notebook and use judging cards. Then we will take what has been learned and judge a halter class or two. I will talk about collecting terms and setting up reasons.

Lunch;

Food and drink will be provided at no cost.

Afternoon;

How to judge performance classes such as Western and English pleasure, which judge the horse. After each video, you will apply what has been learned by judging a class. I will also show you how to use chart placing for these classes.

Other;

During this time we will incorporate some games such as Quiz Bowl and Hippology. Hippology means the study of horses. If there is time I want to try to cover some of the different breeds we may judge.

Call me with any questions, I also <u>need a head count so I know how much food I will need to bring. Corrina h)685-8256 or c)214-</u>1242.



Participating in Horse is a 3 Step Process

STEP 1:	4-H enrollment! You must be a 4-H member with active status to participate in any of our horse activities. This means your 4-H online profile must be current and your fee paid. To check your status visit wy.4honline.com and make sure it says "active" by your name.	> >
☐ STEP 2:	Horse Safety Certification. This is the green sheet that a volunteer quizzes you over and then signs off on. Most of you already have this done unless you are new. To check if your horse is safety certified visit https://www.ccgov.net/1608/Safety	>
☐ STEP 3:	Horse ID Sheet. This is new this year so I need this from ALL of you. I only have 10 on horses file so yes we need it! You should of recieved copies of it in the mail or via email if you are signed up for our horse project. You can also print this off our website at https://www.ccgov.net/1969/FormsApplications or simply tear this one> out of the newsletter and bring it in.	> >

STEP 3 MUST BE DONE BY MAY 1ST

EXTREME HURSE CHALLENGE

spend spring break with your horse

April 3rd -5th 10:00 am- 3:00 pm

- First two days spend learning the different obstacles and the final day will be a challenge coarse competition
- Limited spots available
- Lunch not provided (bring a sack lunch)

April Practices 2018

Horse Judging Practices

- 9- 5:30-7:00 pm Ponderosa room
- 16- 5:30-7:00 pm Ponderosa room
- 30- 5:30-7:00 pm Ponderosa room

Hippology

24- 5:50-7:00 pm Cedar room

Dog Skills

3- 5:30-6:30 pm Cedar room

RSVP by March 19th call 682-7281



Campbell County Horse I.D.

Due in the Extension Office by May 1st

Project Year Sticker

Member Information

4-H Member Name:	98	4-H Member FFA Member
Club:		
Phone #:	Parent's Daytime Phon	ie:
	Horse Information	
Horse Nickname:	Horse Registered Name:	
Gelding Mare Date Born:	Breed/ Type:	<u> </u>
Registered Registration #:	Registration Assoc:	Grade (non-papered)
Owned Leased Owner's Name:		Date Obtained:
Please list colors, brands, markings, and scars and ma	ark these characteristics on the	diagram below. Be as thorough as possible.
Please attach pictur	res of your horse to the back of	this form.
I certify this horse is a 4-H project for this year and the a follow both county and state guidelines pertaining to the	bove information is correct to	
Member's Signature:		Date:
Parent or Guardian's Signature:		Date:
Ω	FFICE USE ONLY	1
Date Filed at County Office:	Safety Certification:	
4-H Educator/ FFA Advisor Signature:		



Youth Livestock Sale

MANDATORY MEETING!!!

ALL YOUTH WITH MARKET LIVESTOCK PROJECTS BEEF – SWINE – LAMB – GOAT – RABBIT – POULTRY

** You must be enrolled in 4-H and/or have paid dues in FFA **

ATTENTION - All 4-H and FFA members who will be showing a market animal at the Campbell County Fair and are intending to sell that animal at the Youth Livestock Sale!!! **There will be a 15% commission charged on all animals selling at the Youth Livestock Sale. However, a youth can have their commission reduced to 5% by completing the following items:**

- 1. Attend one of the Youth Livestock Sale Mandatory Informational Meetings.
- 2. Fill out a W-9 for tax purposes at the Mandatory Meeting Please bring your social security number with you to the meeting.
- 3. Personally, deliver the two invitations for the Sale & Fair to the businesses that will be assigned to you at the Informational Meeting.
- 4. From the two businesses, obtain either a business card or updated information, such as new address, new contact person, out of business, or no longer wishes to be contacted.
- ** Have this information returned to the Fair Office by the County Fair Entry Deadline **
- 5. <u>Must</u> attend the mandatory set-up meeting the day of sale and help clean and set-up for the sale.
- 6. Deliver the thank-you plaque after the sale to your buyer and mail in postcard to the Fair Office before November 1st.

It is highly recommended that all youth, but especially First & Second year livestock members (regardless of age), attend with a parent or guardian.

YOU MUST CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING MEETINGS TO ATTEND

** NOTE: Location Changes **

May 2 nd –	Cam-Plex, Central Pavilion	2:30pm	4:30pm	7:30pm
May 21 st –	Wright Jr./Sr. High Cafeteria	6:30pm	-	-
May 24 th –	Cam-Plex, WYC Spirit Hall	4:30pm	7:30pm	

** Reminder **

Doors will be locked promptly at start time. No one will be allowed in after the meeting has started.

Pig, Market Lamb and Market Goat Tags will be handed out at the Mandatory Meetings.

Check out the 2018 Fair Schedule on the Campbell County

Fair website! It's sure to be a great year.

2018 YOUTH AWARDS

P.O. Box 65 Gillette, WY 82717 (Please return by June 15, 2018)

NAME						
ADDRESS						
Please make checks payable to Youth Awards.						
I would like to make a cont	I would like to make a contribution to the 2018 Youth Awards Program.					
I am unable to make a cont	ribution at this time, please contact me	next year.				
	PROJECT AREA					
Use Wherever Needed	Exhibit Hall Exhibits	Round Robin				
Beef	Horse	Sheep/Wool				
Cats	Market/Breeding Meat Goats	Shooting Sports				
Dairy Cattle/Goats	Poultry	Supreme Cow				
Dogs	Rabbits	Swine				
AMOUNT ENCLOSED						
\$25	\$50\$75	\$100 or more				

April 1, 2018

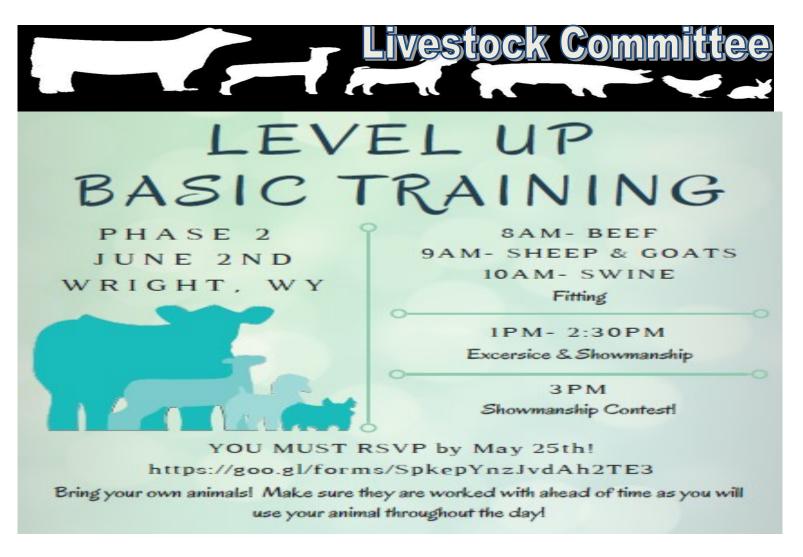
Dear Campbell County Fair Friends:

We are making plans for our 2018 Campbell County Fair and we would like to ask for your help. Each year we fund awards to be given at Fair and are always looking for donors. We sincerely appreciate those who have contributed year after year to our youth. If you haven't donated in the past, there are many shows you can donate to. Each show has different categories that contestants can win. Awards are on a 3 year rotation, year 1 is Cash Awards, year 2 Traditional (trophies and plaques) and year 3 Supplies for their project area. We hope you will consider helping us out this year. In 2018 the supplies will be awarded. Our goal is to have awards purchased by July 1st, we would appreciate receiving your donations by June 15th if possible.

If you have particular areas that you are interested in, please mark them above and we will see that your donation is applied to those project areas. **Some projects fill up faster than others, so please mark a second and third choice also.** For your information, we try to find awards in the \$25 to \$50 range. Belt buckles range from \$125 - \$150. So your donation may go towards multiple award areas.

Any help or support you may contribute to assist us in purchasing awards for our 4-H and FFA youth will be greatly appreciated. It is people like you that make our Fair a success and make it possible to provide all the awards necessary to recognize the outstanding achievements of our 4-H and FFA youth.

Sincerely, Bobbi Jo Heald, Coordinator and the Campbell County Youth Awards Committee



INCREASING EGG PRODUCTION

Birds should have at least 16 hours of lighting per day. This means a light bulb should be kept on during the winter months to encourage laying instead of sleeping. You may put your lights on a timer to regulate this.

Access to fresh water. Add apple cider vinegar to the water as this helps with digestion and general health. Adding garlic cloves to the water or powdered garlic to their feed to help control parasites.

Hens should have at least 16 percent protein once they are laying.

Soak scratch grains, covered with water, overnight and in a warm location. This helps make the feed easier to digest and takes less energy.

Put out alfalfa hay for them to peck at and eat. This helps by giving them extra nutrients in the leaves and helps keep them active. This also helps keep them from being bored and picking on each other.

Keeping access to oyster shell will help keep your egg shells from getting soft and will help with your chicken's digestion.

Make sure you control mites and lice on your birds, as an infestation can cause poor health and reduced egg production. Controlling these pests is a year-round job and we now know that the wild birds and rodents bring in these pests.

Another added nutrient is flock blocks which are sold at some of the local feed stores. Flock blocks encourage natural pecking instincts and most contain oyster shell and grit and have optimum nutrients. They also help with boredom. Sprinkle scratch on top of the flock block if you have trouble getting them started pecking on the block.

These are just some suggestions that I would recommend, however there are many websites you may go to, that will give you other helpful ideas.



CONTROLLING PARISITES IN YOUR POULTRY FLOCKS

Last year we had a hard time controlling the outbreak of mites and lice in our poultry flocks. Normal dusting seemed to have little effect. We now know that our problems came from the wild birds and rodents, that had a higher rate of infestation, and where sharing with our flocks. Wild birds flying through are farm yards can bring these parasites into our flocks. Dusting poultry with the normal garden and poultry dust with Permethrin helps control mites but doesn't seem to always help with the lice eggs, which seemed to be the big issue last year. Lice eggs will hatch every 10 days or so. These lice will be too young to breed yet theoretically dusting or spraying every 10 days should get rid of the lice and the newly hatched ones before they lay new clumps.

The information I am sharing has come from many different websites and I have selected a few ideas that I hope will be beneficial in treating and controlling these parasites.

WHEN USING DUST AND SRAYS, IT IS RECOMMEND THAT YOU KEEP YOUSELF SAFE BY WEARING EYE PROTECTION, DUST MASK AND GLOVES.

Dust with garden and poultry dust with permethrin or use pestene (sulphur and rotenone powder). I prefer dusting at night while they are roosting. Turn off the lights and use a flashlight to spot your bird and sprinkle the powder on their backs. They seem to be less riled by this process. As suggested above, repeat in 10 days. Then recheck often to see if this is working. During the winter months the dust would be the recommended process as the other processes involve products that will be too wet and cold to use. This will at least keep the pest at bay until spring comes and you can give your entire coop and chickens a good spring cleaning

Using Diatomaceous Earth attacks fleas, ticks, mites, and digestive track worms by slicing into the outer shell or layer of their bodies. DE works best in dry settings. Use only **food grade diatomaceous earth (FGDE).** This is critical as not all DE is safe for your poultry. Sprinkle in nest, on floors before fresh bedding is put down, on roosts, in dusting boxes and may be added to their feed.

Ivermectin drops liquid for cattle and swine. Using a syringe to put 4 to 5 drops on bantams and 7 to 8 for large fowl. Put directly on the skin between the wings. Repeat in 10 days to catch any eggs that have hatched. The only issue for using Ivermectin, is that it is not an approved treatment for poultry. The main problem with this treatment is some veterinarians say that you should not use the eggs or eat the meat as there has been no controlled studies of withdrawal times. Articles I have read vary from 7 days to 4 weeks for withdrawal time. Victory Roberts, a poultry vet said that since poultry preen all over that they ingest the active

ingredient, and this will be present in their eggs and meat. She recommended using the food grade diatomaceous earth to control parasite.

Melt coconut oil until warm and apply with a Qtip for 5 days on affected areas.

Spray apple cider on affected areas.

Make a spray from essential oils using 10 ounces water and one teaspoon of each of the following essential oils, using a combination of bay, cinnamon, clove, coriander, lavender, spearmint or thyme.

Use waterless shampoo (Cowboy Magic) to soak feathers thoroughly or where clusters are. Then use paper towels to remove and dry feathers. Then spray with tea tree antiseptic.

Wash with Dawn or baby shampoo. One-part shampoo to one-part vinegar to 2 parts water.

Poultry Protector, is a non-toxic spray that is a safe alternative to harsh chemical treatments. It may be sprayed on your poultry or used to spray your coop.

On a warm, dry day, it is a good idea to thoroughly do some spring cleaning in your coops. One idea that is inexpensive and will help smother parasites, is by using 2 cups water, 1 cup cooking oil and 1 tablespoon dish soap as a spray in your coop. Spray walls, roosts, nests and floor. After this is dry you can sprinkle food grade diatomaceous earth on the floor, on the roosts and in the nests. Then put down wood shavings in the nest and on the floor.

Once you have your parasites under control, you may want to add garlic gloves to the water along with the apple cider vinegar. The article stated that parasites do not like the taste of garlic. Garlic powder may also be added to their feed as garlic will help boost their immune system. The apple cider vinegar helps with digestion, may increase egg production, kills germs that cause respiratory illness and helps keep water free from harmful bacteria.

The above information is only a small look at some ideas for parasite control. It will be up to you to select a method that works best for you. There are also many websites to view, that have additional information, which you may want to research before making any decisions.



March 12, 2018

PRESIDENT: Linda called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

AMERICAN PLEDGE: Led by Jonathan

4-H PLEDGE: Led by Apè

SECRETARY'S REPORT: The minutes were approved as printed in the newsletter.

TREASURER'S REPORTS: Celeste reported that the council has a balance of \$23,020.89. There was a bill for \$100.00 to Paintbrush Sanitation for Clover Corrals. Jonathan moved to approve the treasurer's report, Wambli second it, and motion passes.

<u>VICE-PRESIDENT:</u> Deana reported on the Chili Bingo fundraiser. We made \$934.50 after expenses. There was a good turn out and fun was had by all.

SPECIAL REQUESTS: Blue Ribbon requested that they be allowed to have concessions at the Jackpot Shoot on April 21st. Joseph moved to approve the fundraiser, Hehaka second it, and motion passes. Blue Ribbon also reported that they made \$189.50 at their Fun Shoot concession. Clover Express requested that they be allowed to have a bake sale booth at the Hospital Bizarre on March 30th. Funds will be used to buy club hoodies after 10% goes to the hospital for booth fees. Wakinyan moved to approve the fundraiser, Apè second it, and motion passes. The Gross brothers with Wild Horse club requested that they be allowed to do lunch for the Shooting Sports certification training on March 24th. Funds will be used for camp. Jody moved to approve the fundraiser, Mike second it, and motion passes. Wild Horse also requested they be allowed to have a bake sale and raffle for a \$100.00 Bomgaars gift card at Bomgaars in April. Funds will be used for camp. Jody moved to approve the fundraiser, Sandi second it, and motion passes. Wild Horse reported that they made \$356.35 on their gift-wrapping fundraiser in December. The Wool Judging Team reported that they made \$129.42 on their gift-wrapping fundraiser in December.

<u>KIM:</u> Kim requested that we send flowers to Betty Hough's service. Kim also requested that a point of sale system be purchased to help with sales going through the office Ipad. This system will help take money through the office and send receipts to show the county the money coming into the office. This may also require an update of Quickbooks on the treasurer's computer to help track all this. Jody moved for approval for both the flowers and new system from the council, Sandi second it, and motion passes. The horse program (and all programs related to it) fundraising will no longer go through the council. They will just approve the fundraisers through the HDC meetings. The Children's Festival on March 3rd was very successful! There was almost 2,000 people and 27 organizations had booths. March 10th was the Level-Up Boot Camp, the first event put on by the Livestock Committee. It was very successful with almost 100 people there. There was a lot of valuable information learned in the morning and even more in the afternoon at the barn. Kim is attending a meeting on the 17th in Casper to do some updating with the State Fabric & Fashion Committee. The Shooting Sports certification training is March 24th & 25th here in Gillette. There will be a statewide Camp Counselor Training on April 14th & 15th in Douglas. Kim will be contacting members with more information. April 2nd-6th, Spring Break Week, will also be known as project week again this year. There will be 10 classes in 5 days on various projects. Watch the newsletter for more information.

Ape moved to adjourn the meeting, Jonathan second it and meeting adjourned.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Amanda Andreen, Jody Fenster, Linda Lynch, Celeste Robinson, Deana Maul, Sandi Snyder, Jonathan Gross, Hehaka Gross, Joseph Gross, Apè Gross, Wambli Gross, Wakinyan Gross, Mike Gross

Respectfully submitted by: Amanda Andreen, 4-H Council Secretary

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TRASH PICKUP

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