

Carbon County 4-H Newsletter



2025

FEBRUARY



Lloyd Wamsley (B.E.V.O. 4-H Club) receives his speech contest award from 4-H leader, Toni Kay Tolle

**BEEF INFO
IN ZSUITE
FEB. 1**



**FAIR BOOK
ADS DUE
FEB. 16**

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Beef Barn Open Practice (Rawlins)	2 Hanna Harvesters Club Mtg	3 Saratoga's Finest Club mtg DPC PVSS -E	4 PVSS -S	5	6	7
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15 WY 4-H Scholarships DUE!! Beef Barn Open Practice (Rawlins)	16 Fair Book Ads DUE!!! Elk Mountain Club Mtg	17 DPC PVSS -E	18 PVSS -S	19 Rawlins Cloverbuds Rawlins Reliables Club Mtg	20	21
22	23 Training on Volunteer Roles	24 DPC PVSS -E	25 PVSS -S	26	27	28

HJ&H = horse judging & hippology practice (Saratoga)
 PVSS - S = platte valley shooting sports practice (Saratoga)
 PVSS - E = platte valley shooting sports practice (Encampment)
 DPC = dog project classes (Rawlins)

March

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Important Dates

October 1 - NEW 4-H YEAR!!

October 14 - Achievement Award Nominations DUE

October 19 - 4-H Achievement Award Night (Zoom)

November 1 - Club Charter Paperwork DUE

December 1 - Holiday Baking Challenge Registration Deadline

January 13 - 7220 Wool Judging Contest

February 1 - Beef Ownership Deadline (Market & Breeding)

February 15 - WY 4-H Scholarship Applications DUE

February 16 - Fair Book Ads DUE

February 21 - State Shooting Sports Development meeting

April 1 - Carbon 4-H Scholarship Applications DUE

May TBD - Swine, Sheep, Goat Market Tag/Weigh

June 1 - 4-H Membership Enrollment Deadline

June 1 - County Shoot Registration Deadline

June 1 - Swine/Sheep/Goat Ownership Deadline (Market & Breeding)

June 1 - Dog ID's DUE (paper)

June 1 - Horse ID's DUE (ZSuite)

June 1 - County Fair Entries OPEN

June 6 - County Shoot Part I (Air Rifle/Pistol)

June 13 - County Shoot Part II (All Other Disciplines)

June 15-18 - Showcase Showdown (Laramie)

June TBD - Jr Livestock Sale Promotion Day

June TBD - 4-H Adventure Camp (Skyline Ranch)

July 1 - Dog Vet Records DUE

July 1 - Horse Safety Certifications DUE

July 9-12 - State Shoot (Douglas)

July 13 - County Fair Entries DUE

July TBD - Platte River Shotgun Shootout (Silver Spur)

August 1-8 - Carbon County Fair

August 10-16 - Wyoming State Fair

September 15 - Record Books DUE

Club Reports

Elk Mountain's Best

In January, Elk Mountain's Best club members met and set a sledding fun day for late February (all depending on snow fall haha!). We set up a swimming back up plan if it doesn't snow.

They also had our first educational opportunity- Bobbie Herman gave a watercolor paint demonstration. Meet every third Monday of the month @ 6pm, old Elk Mountain School



Leader: Freddie Wagner 307-703-0196
Michaiah & Ryan Grossnickle

A club meeting was held January 20th. Samuel updated the club on the 4-H Leadership Council meeting. We discussed projects and the upcoming activity to attend UW Cowboy basketball game January 31st.
Leader: Heward Family

Country
Wind

Rawlins Reliables held their meeting January 18th... During the meeting, Sheriff Alex Bakken came to show the avalanche beacons they use to rescue people. We discussed and chose logos for our 4-H t-shirts. We talked about all the upcoming events. The Valentine's community service was making Valentine's cards for the Rawlins Rehaband Wellness residents.

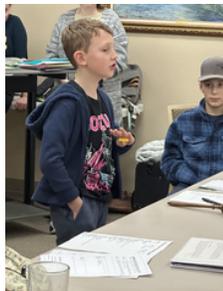


Meet every third Thursday of the month @ 6:30pm, 3rd floor of Carbon Building, Rawlins

Leader: Kristen Dirck 307-710-1257

Rawlins Reliables

Saratoga's Finest



We started the busy meeting by doing the Pledges. Our Activities Director, Bexton made a fun game called kick the 4-H bucket. In this game we shared what we want to do before we graduate from 4-H when we are 18.

Our club is organizing a fair committee where parents will talk about floats, fair decorations, and community services; members will be coming around with fair book ad sales. Owen Ervin did a presentation on Legos. Karlee Leiseth did a presentation on Border Collies. William Withers did a presentation on how to tie a Honda knot. Emily shared about record books and we wrote and shared our smart goal for one of our projects.

Leader: Josalyn Miller 307-710-7022

Project Leaders & Advisors



Metalwork
Ken Cureton
(Rawlins)
307-328-2642



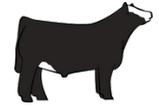
Rifle
Travis Schinkel
(Rawlins)
307-321-6682



Robotics
Leslie McKlinsky
(Encampment)
307-710-2400



Swine
Olivia Randolph
(Rawlins)
307-321-4737



Beef
Sarah Barber
(Baggs)
307-



Muzzleloader
Bill Orchard
(Baggs)
307-380-8243

Mike Moon
(Saratoga)



Dog
Ashlea Coulson
Roberts

Carla Johnson
(H.E.M.)
307-258-3655

VACANT
(Saratoga)

Kandis Fritz
Micayla Maloney
(Rawlins)
307-321-4395

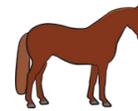
Marla McNeas
(H.E.M.)
307-575-0366

Mike Moon
(Saratoga)
307-329-8030



Pistol
O.R. Wille
(Baggs)
307-321-1299

Olivia Randolph
(Rawlins)
Contact on
Facebook
Messenger



Lael Knotwell
(Platte Valley)

Ashlynn Johnson
(Platte Valley)
307-710-6071



Cloverbuds
Lettie Bane-Smith
(Baggs)
530-635-0777

Mike Moon
(Saratoga)
307-329-8030

Angie Roybal
(Elk Mountain)
307-321-3455

Horse
Linda Kraft,
Aleshia Withers,
Toni Kay Tolle
(Platte Valley)
580-277-0615



Sheep
Sue Lee
(Baggs)
307-380-8314

Michaiah Grossnickle
(Elk Mountain)
307-703-0720

Reese Irvine
(Rawlins)
307-320-8001



Archery
Kenny Raymond
(Rawlins)
307-320-3219

Callay Danford
(Baggs)
307-380-7047

Dori Fritz
(Rawlins)

Brad Dirck
(Rawlins)
307-209-1921

Emily Haver
(Rawlins, Saratoga,
Encampment)
307-328-2642

Shotgun
Ryan Shively
(Rawlins)
701-681-0132

Louis Braun
(Saratoga)
307-710-8228

Marquita McNeas
(H.E.M.)
307-321-5532

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(H.E.M.)
307-321-5532



Rabbits
Brittany George
(Rawlins)
307-431-6864

O.R. Wille
(Baggs)

Tyson Cobb
(Baggs)
307-380-6188



VACANT
(Platte Valley)

Mike Moon
(Saratoga)
307-329-8030



Fabric & Fashion
Ashlynn Johnson
(Platte Valley)
307-710-6071

**Hippology/
Horse Judging**
Aleshia Withers
& Stacy Berger
(Saratoga)
806-422-0199



Poultry
Josalyn Miller
(Saratoga)
307-710-7022

Jessica Weber
(Baggs)
307-383-6076

Project Leaders host meetings, teach about their subject, and attend events and trainings to support members in that project

Project Advisors are available through phone call to answer your questions, give advice and point you in the right direction when starting your project

4-H Member Tasks for: February

Hang up your 4-H 2026 Calendar

Sell fair book ads - Due Feb. 14!

attend club meetings

consider a community service to show your
community some love for Valentine's Day

enter your Beef project info in
ZSuite Profile to prove ownership!!

Happy February Birthdays!

Rhett Grauberger

Ryal Adams

Blake Phillips

Quentin Mikesell

Cecilia Hayner

Cedar McKee

Isabel Hartshorn

Colt Stocks

Tiarnan Lally

Blaise Bennett

Lexi Vorn

Willia Latham

Weston Wass

Alaina McNees

Joseph Haderline

Caitlin Harkins

R-Lee Haderlie

Beau Drake

Loagen Meyer

Owen Ervin

Kaitlyn Donough

Dylenn Rodriguez

Harper Wall

Lydia Cozzens

Volunteer

Malea Heward



Volunteer Status

The following 4-H volunteers are not enrolled for the year:

Ellen Carrico

Justin Carrico

Callay Danford

If you do not intend on being a 4-H Volunteer this year, please let us know!



The following volunteers need to update their background check this year:

- **Ashlynn Johnson**
- **Amanda Strand**



The following volunteers need to complete the online orientation:

- **Ashlynn Johnson**
- **Amanda Strand**

Volunteer Training

FEBRUARY 17TH

TUESDAY / 6:00 PM - 7:30PM

TOPIC: COMMUNITY & SERVICE



SAVE THE DATE

Join us for some great conversation, share ideas, and join a discussion on our featured topic "Community & Service". Share what it means to volunteer in your communities, it's benefits, ways to get more involved, and share your community service ideas with other volunteers across the state. This will be an interactive training giving you opportunities to connect and have deeper conversations with other volunteers. Registration required for access to the zoom link. You can register using the QR Code above.



Extension



MARCH 31ST

TUESDAY / 6:00 PM - 7:30PM

TOPIC: MEANINGFUL MEETINGS

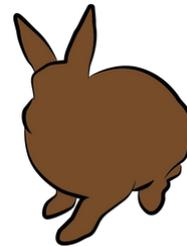


Training focused on creating meaningful meetings and the tools and science behind techniques to accomplish this. No matter what type of gathering you are having; a club meeting, project meeting, or even just attending an activity. This training will be interactive and give you an opportunity to connect with other volunteers. Registration is required for access to the zoom link. You can register using the QR Code above.

Project News

Band App invite:

Rabbit



Project meetings open to all 4-H members

Project Leader: Brittany George

When: 2nd Thursday of the month @ 5pm

Where: 3rd floor mtg room, 215 W Buffalo St, Rawlins

Metalsmithing

APPRENTICE WITH KEN CURETON!

When: 2 hr sessions, 6-8 Saturdays, April-June

Where: Rawlins

What: Spurs or Buckle, gloves & tools provided, steel donated, silver available for purchase

Requirements: Must be in Senior Division, Must enter finished project in County Fair!

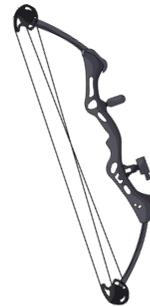
How: enroll in the "Expressive Arts - Metalsmithing" project in your ZSuite profile!



Project News

Savery Savers Shooting Sports

- Welcome to Danial Larson, our new Archery Leader in Baggs!
- Practice Schedules for all disciplines, TBD when weather warms



Cloverbuds

Febuary Theme: The Five Senses

Encampment - Tuesday the 10th

Saratoga - Wednesday the 11th

Elk Mountain - Monday the 16th

Rawlins - Thursday the 19th

Baggs - check with club leader



Horse Judging & Hippology

Practices start Tuesday, February 3rd

5:30-6:30pm

PVCC, Saratoga

*Subject to change with school sports schedules

Coach: Aleshia Withers

806-422-0199

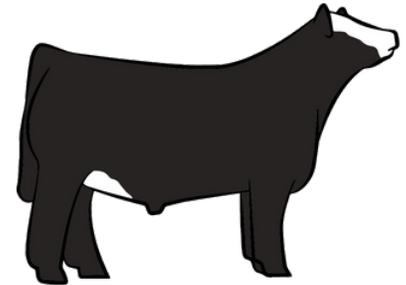


Project News

Beef

1. ALL BEEF PROJECT MEMBERS:
The Multi-Plex will be open the 1st & 3rd Sunday of every month for interested youth!
MUST CALL AHEAD!!! TEXT KANDIS OR MICAYLA!

All 4-H & FFA members are welcome to come wash, weigh, tie, walk, & brush your beef!!



Kandis

307-321-4395

2. Market & Breeding Beef Information MUST be typed into your ZSuite Profile as shown on the proceeding pages by February 1st!!

~This is your proof of ownership & will matter for county and state fair!~

A flyer for a 4-H event. The background is green and yellow. On the right is a close-up photo of a black cow's face. The text on the left includes the event title, guest speaker name, date, time, Zoom link, a QR code, and a 'CLICK HERE TO REGISTER' button. Logos for the University of Wyoming and 4-H are at the bottom.

4-H BEEF NUTRITION AND MANAGEMENT

Guest Speaker:
CHANCE MARSHALL

Join us over zoom on February 16th to talk about your 4-H Beef Project! Learn all about feeding, nutrition, and how to maintain your market beef project.

February 16, 2026

6:00 PM

Zoom :
https://uwyo.zoom.us/join/k1Aje9I7RE-5_pkfYDrmDw

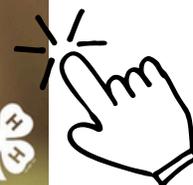
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UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING Extension

 Date: February 16

 Time: 6:00 PM

 Location: Zoom



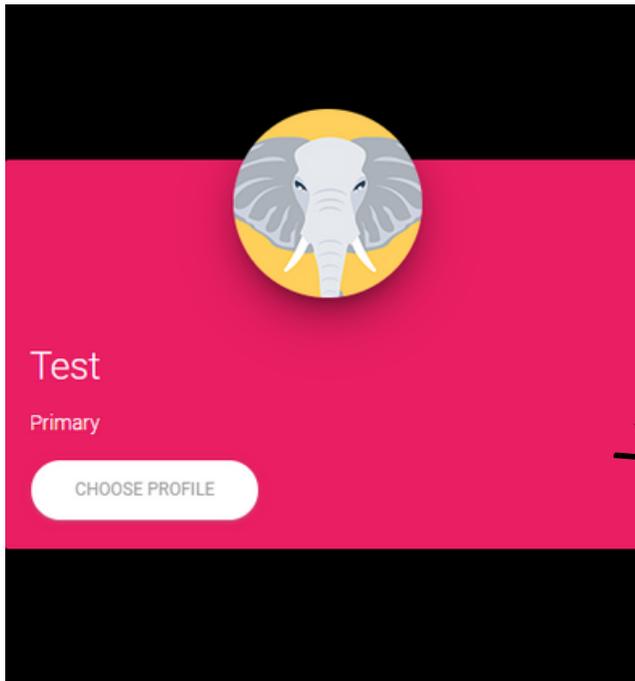
Project News

REQUIRED!!!!: market and breeding beef in zsuite

**ACTION
REQUIRED**

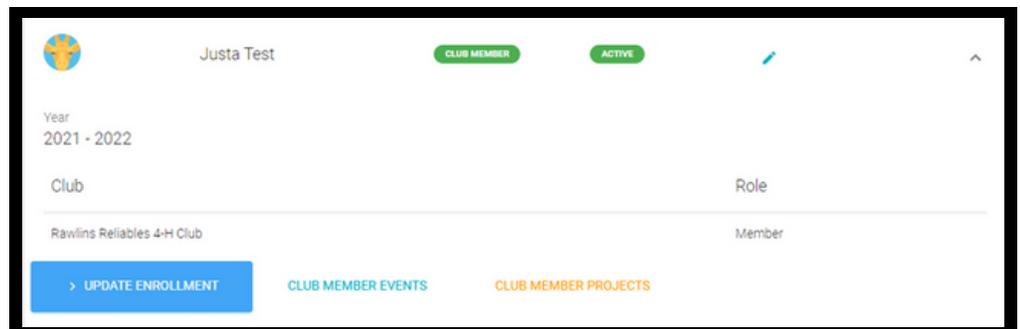
STEP ONE

You will need to log in to your **primary** account on ZSuite.



STEP TWO

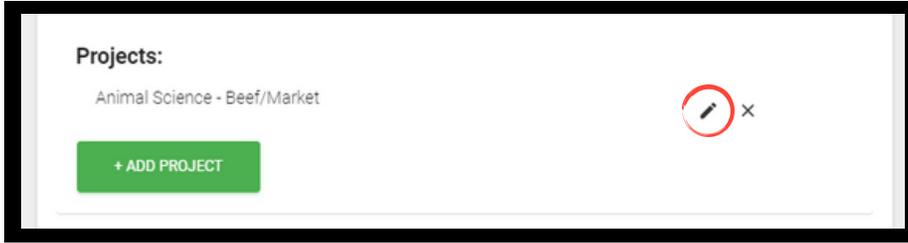
Click
Update Enrollment
for each child



STEP THREE

Click the
Clubs tab

Project News



Projects:

Animal Science - Beef/Market

+ ADD PROJECT

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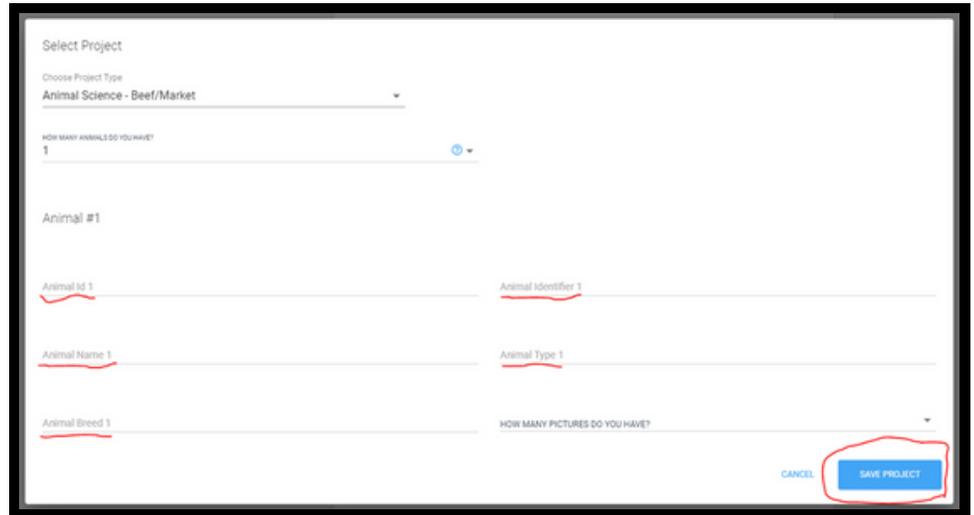
STEP FOUR

Click the pencil icon.

STEP FIVE (MARKET ONLY)

You will need to fill in ALL of the information.

- **ANIMAL ID** is the FULL RFID tag number
- **ANIMAL IDENTIFIER** will be the last 4 digits of the RFID tag number
- **ANIMAL NAME** is your pet name.
- **ANIMAL BREED** ex. Black Angus, charolais, etc.
- **ANIMAL TYPE** will be either Heifer or Steer



Select Project

Choose Project Type
Animal Science - Beef/Market

HOW MANY ANIMALS DO YOU HAVE?
1

Animal #1

Animal Id 1
Animal Identifier 1

Animal Name 1
Animal Type 1

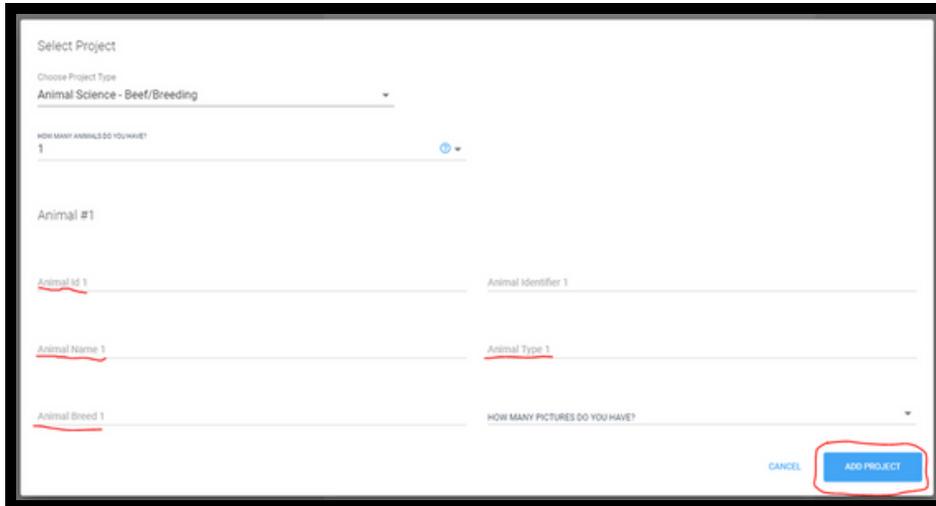
Animal Breed 1
HOW MANY PICTURES DO YOU HAVE?

CANCEL SAVE PROJECT

STEP FIVE (BREEDING ONLY)

You will need to fill in ALL of the information.

- **ANIMAL ID** is the FULL tag number that you ID them with
- **ANIMAL IDENTIFIER** not required
- **ANIMAL NAME** is your pet name.
- **ANIMAL BREED** ex. Black Angus, charolais, etc.
- **ANIMAL TYPE** will be either Heifer or Steer



Select Project

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Animal Science - Beef/Breeding

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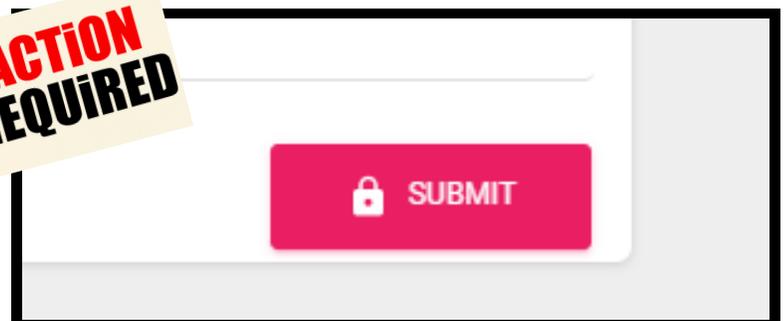
Animal Breed 1
HOW MANY PICTURES DO YOU HAVE?

CANCEL ADD PROJECT

STEP SIX

Click the submit tab
You are done!

**ACTION
REQUIRED**



SUBMIT

Project News

Platte Valley 4-H Shooting Sports

February

@ PVCC

- 4 air rifle/air pistol
- 11 air rifle/air pistol
- 18 air rifle/air pistol
- 25 air rifle/air pistol

@ Encampment

- 3 air rifle/air pistol
- 10 air rifle/air pistol
- 17 air rifle/air pistol
- 24 air rifle/air pistol

March

@ PVCC

- 4 archery
- 11 archery
- 18 archery
- 25 archery

@ Encampment

- 3 archery
- 10 archery
- 17 archery
- 24 archery

April

@ PVCC

- 1 air rifle/air pistol
- 8 air rifle/air pistol
- 15 air rifle/air pistol
- 22 air rifle/air pistol

@ Encampment

- 1 air rifle/air pistol
- 8 air rifle/air pistol
- 15 air rifle/air pistol
- 22 air rifle/air pistol

May

- 2 Trap 9 am
- 6 **SEE NOTICE***
- 9 Trap 9am
- 13 **Road Clean up before practice***
- 16 Trap 9am
- 20 **SEE NOTICE***
- 23 Trap 9am
- 27 **SEE NOTICE***
- 30 Trap 9 am

JUNE

- 3 *Practice any discipline @ Saratoga Gun Club *Archery @ PVCC 6-7pm
- 6 *COUNTY SHOOT: Air Rifle and Air Pistol @ PVCC 9am -11 am
- 10 *Practice any discipline @ Saratoga Gun Club *Archery @PVCC 6-7pm
- 13 *COUNTY SHOOT: All other disciplines @ Baggs
- 17 *Practice any discipline @ Saratoga Gun Club @ 8am *Archery @PVCC 6-7pm
- 24 *Practice any discipline @ Saratoga Gun Club *Archery @PVCC 6-7pm

July

- 1 Practice any discipline @ Saratoga Gun Club
- 8 Final Preparations for State Shoot
- 9th - 11th WY STATE SHOOT @ Douglas

Notice:

Archery will be 6pm to 7pm at PVCC

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All other will disciplines will be 6 pm - 8 pm at the Saratoga Gun Club

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Practice will include as many disciplines as available instructors

Project News

Rawlins 4-H Shooting Sports

Welcome to the 2026 Rawlins 4-H Shooting Sports season!

Equipment: We highly encourage any new shooters/parents to contact the leader(s) for your discipline prior to purchasing any equipment. All programs have some equipment to loan out on a first come basis. The leaders will also be able to advise you on specific features to look for if you are purchasing. **It is important to ensure that rifles, pistols, bows and shotguns meet 4-H requirements PRIOR to purchasing!**

Communication between leaders and parents/shooters will be through the Band App. Please watch for an invitation to join (invites will be sent using enrollment email). If you do not receive an invite before practices are scheduled to start please reach out to one of the coaches.

Schedules: Leaders for all of the disciplines are currently working through scheduling with the Rec Center and the Multi-Plex at the Fairgrounds. We will send out specifics on start dates, practice schedules and locations as soon as possible.

Rec Center Membership: All .22 and shotgun shooters will need to purchase a Rec Center Shooting Range pass prior to the first practice.

This pass will allow you a full year of access to the indoor and outdoor shooting range. Ask for the Nord Kirking Scholarship application to receive 50% off your Rec Center membership.

- .22 Rifle and Pistol:
 - **MANDATORY PARENT MEETING First Week of March. Details will be emailed and sent out in Band.**
 - Practices will start the second week of March
 - Please contact Travis (307-321-6682) or Reese (307-320-8001) for more information about equipment and practices.
- Archery:
 - Tentative start date Monday April 6.
 - Juniors will shoot from 6 to 7.
 - Intermediate/Seniors will shoot from 7 to 8.
 - All equipment will need to be ready to use prior to the first practice. Please contact Kenny if you need help setting up your equipment - 307-320-3219
- Shotgun:
 - Practice schedule will be sent out as soon as we have the details worked out with the Rawlins Shooting Range.
 - All shooters can come at 6pm on that day.
 - Please contact Ryan for information about equipment and practices -701-681-0132

We also have a private group on FB called the Rawlins Shooting Sports group. Please message Reese Irvine on FB if you would like to be added to that group.

Thank you,
Travis, Ryan, Kenny, Kie, and Reese

County 4-H

Entrepreneurship

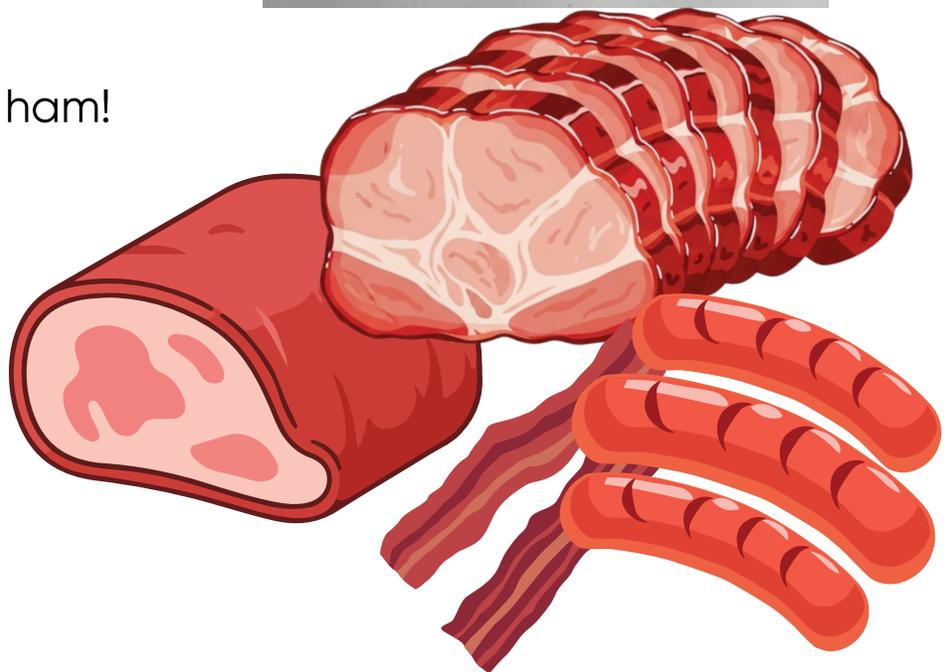
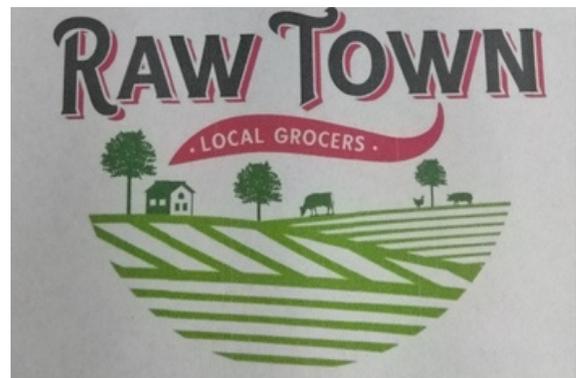
Opportunity

Raw Town Local Grocers in Rawlins is dedicated to providing food grown and made in Carbon County, and now would like to invest in our local youth!

If you raise an extra market pig this year, and get it processed at a USDA approved facility, Raw Town Local Grocers will set aside special shelf space for 4-H -grown pork, bacon, sausage, and ham!



If you are interested in this opportunity, please get in touch with Emily at the Extension Office. 328-2642 or ehaver@uwyo.edu



County 4-H

Carbon County Classic Horse Judging Contest

Contest will consist of 3 halter classes and 3 performance classes
Seniors will give 3 sets of reasons, intermediates will give 2 sets of reasons and
answer questions.

Juniors will answer questions.

Location: Carbon County Fairgrounds

Time: 9am

March
13th



Prizes
&
Lunch
provided

Contest open to Youth ages 8-18
(age as of Jan 1, 2026).

Juniors 8-10, Intermediates 11-13,
Seniors 14-18

Buckles will be awarded for high point individual in each age
group! Other awards for reasons, placings, and top teams!
Teams will consist of 3-4 individuals (top 3 scores will count).

Junior Teams will consist of youth ages 8-13

Senior Teams will consist of youth ages 14-18



RSVP to Aleshia Withers
806-422-0199

Or Enter here

<https://forms.gle/SK3TDrKr2hXgL6cw8>



County 4-H

Civic Engagement & Leadership

Opportunity

Serve as a Student Election Judge in your Precinct on Nov 3rd!

Duties of a student election judge:

- Set up the polling place
- Operate voting equipment
- Direct voters to the correct line
- Register individuals to vote
- Ensure all qualified voters are permitted to vote
- Demonstrate how to vote
- Distribute ballots to voters
- Close down polling place following voting

Requirements to be a Student Election Judge:

- age 16 or 17
- be a Wyoming resident
- be a U.S. Citizen
- attend a 2 hour training
- work all day on Election Day

Benefits of being a Student Election Judge:

- ★ Learn about the democratic process
- ★ Experience as an election judge looks great on a resume or college application
- ★ Gain practical experience serving your community and state
- ★ Payment (usually ~\$350)

How to become a Student Election Judge:

Contact the Carbon County Clerk!

(M-F 8 am to 5 pm)

P: 307-328-2668

E: ClerksOffice@carbonwy.com

Visit: Carbon County Bldg

215 W Buffalo, Rawlins.

(located on the 2nd floor - ground floor is the Library & Public Health)



This does not count as 4-H community service because you are being paid, but it IS a great Leadership opportunity!



County 4-H



“Making
the best
better.”

Carbon County 4-H Foundation

P.O. Box 280 Rawlins, Wyoming 82301

Phone: (307) 328-2642

High School Senior Scholarship

(1st year of undergraduate study)

Open to any graduating senior who is or was a 4-H member, attending any in or out of state accredited educational institution of higher learning on a full-time basis. This scholarship may be won by the same student more than once!

Continuing Higher Education Scholarship

(2nd, 3rd, or 4th year of undergraduate)

Open to any undergraduate student after their first year of higher education, who was a 4-H member, attending any in or out of state accredited educational institution of higher learning on a full-time basis. This scholarship may be won by the same student more than once!

Horse Scholarship

(one time award to be used for higher education)

Any senior 4-H member (age 14-18 on 1/1/2026) enrolled in Carbon County who is or has been enrolled in the Carbon County horse program is eligible for this scholarship. Member may win scholarship only once, non-successful applicants may reapply. One scholarship will be awarded each year. This scholarship is to any college, university or trade school of the recipient's choice

DUE: April 1 each year

Applications can be found at www.wyoextension.org/carboncounty/



County 4-H

Other Scholarships



Wyoming CattleWomen Scholarship – Due February 28th, 2026

- Female residents of Wyoming
- Enrolled full time in a certificate program, trade school, junior college, or university.
- Application: <https://www.wyocattlewomen.org/scholarship>

Carbon County Stock Growers' Association Scholarship – Due April 1st, 2026

- All applicants must have graduated (or equivalent) from a Carbon County high school.
- All applicants must attend a school of higher learning in Wyoming or bordering state.
- Open to: A) Any student enrolled in a field of agriculture – and/or B) Immediate relatives of paid Carbon County Stock Grower members (to included sons, daughters, and grandchildren) wishing to study any field.
- Application: <https://wyoextension.org/carboncounty/4h-youth-development/2024-scholarships/>

Carbon County Farm Bureau Scholarship #1– Due April 15th, 2026

- Must be graduating from a Carbon County High School.
- Minimum 3.0 GPA, based on a 4.0 system.
- Attend a Wyoming College/University in the upcoming fall semester.
- Application and Essay must be handwritten, all question answered, and signatures signed.
- Failure to follow application requirements will result in disqualification.
- Application: <https://www.wyfb.org/carbon-county/>

Carbon County Farm Bureau "Member" Scholarship #2 – Due April 15th, 2026

- Provide parents' Carbon County Farm Bureau Membership Number
- Be a graduating senior from high school
- Have at least a 3.00 cumulative grade point average, based on a 4.00 system. (Principal must sign to verify cumulative GPA)
- Attend an accredited college, university, or trade school
- Application and Essay must be handwritten, all questions answered, and signatures on document.
- Failure to follow application requirements will result in disqualification.
- Application: <https://www.wyfb.org/education/scholarship/>

Carbon County Commissioners Scholarships: – Due Last Friday in April (24th), 2026

- Available to Students who plan on attending the University of Wyoming or any Wyoming Community College.
- Not specific to graduating high school students. Non-traditional students are eligible.
- Must be a resident of Carbon County
- There will be 3 new scholarships and 1 renewal scholarship awarded each year.
- Application: <https://www.carboncountyyw.gov/928/Scholarships>



In The News!

The Saratoga Sun

January 22, 2026

Spelling Takes a 'Bee'

Staff Report

The Saratoga Elementary School's spelling bee had 33 competitors, ranging from second through eighth grades, at the Platte Valley Community Center on Friday, January 16.

Judging the event were members of the community consisting of Kassey Westring (Carbon County School District No. 2 Chairwoman), Alex Bakken (Carbon County Sheriff) and Ryan Searle (Carbon County School District No. 2 Curriculum Director).

The winners were:
 1st - Levi Goodwin
 2nd - Jett Cooley
 3rd - Tylie Christen
 4th - Natalie Mowry
 5th - Landon Robinson

According to Saratoga Elementary Title 1 instructor ReAnn Folum, "These students will have the opportunity to participate in the Wyoming State Spelling Bee held March 20 & 21 at Western Wyoming Community College in Rock Springs."



Photo Courtesy Saratoga Elementary School

From left, Levi Goodwin, Jett Cooley, Tylie Christen, Natalie Mowry, Logan Robinson

39th Annual 2026 Sierra Madre Winter Carnival

BUTTON CONTEST		CHILI COOK OFF- RED	
1st Place	DD Sloan	1st Place	Eric Soyez
2nd Place	Naty Sloan	2nd Place	Sierra Vorn
3rd Place	Molly Dugger	3rd Place	Marie Christen
		Peoples Choice	Marie Christen
SWEET BREAD		TREASURE HUNT	
1st Place	Lexi Vorn	1st Place: 39 Minutes	The McKinneys
2nd Place	Rachel Swanson	2nd Place: 41.30 Minutes	Vorn's "Clue Crew"
3rd Place	Marie Christen	3rd Place: 49.26 Minutes	"Ice Holes"
Peoples Choice	Rachel Swanson		

State 4-H

FIRST INAUGURAL

Wyoming 4-H

CIVIC DAY

CHEYENNE, WY
FEBRUARY 23RD, 2026

REGISTER DIRECTLY
ON Z-SUITE

Civic Day is an opportunity for all senior-aged 4-Hers to tour the Wyoming State Capitol, observe legislative sessions, and meet Governor Mark Gordon and other key legislators.

Participants will see firsthand how lawmakers work to shape and improve Wyoming—and have the chance for youth voices to be heard.

If attending, participants are responsible for arranging their own transportation and lodging as needed.

**Please register no later than February 15th.
For more information, email
maltmann@uwyo.edu.**



State 4-H

**SHOWCASE
SHOWDOWN**

LARAMIE, WYOMING
JUNE 15-18 **2026**



- NIGHTLY EVENTS
- 13 STATE CONTEST
- 20± WORKSHOPS

FOOD COOKOFF

team contest

Contest Details:

- 4-H youth (ages 8 - 18)
- Team Contest, consisting of 2-4 youth
- 1 hour 15 minute contest
- Celebrate 250 with Sizzle & Spice, Themed Contest
- Choose your own recipe and submit by June 1st.
- Interview Judging: Knowledge of My Plate, Nutrition, Food Safety, Serving Size and Cost
- Senior teams compete for eligibility at the National Competition.

**Scan Here to
Learn More**



Wyoming **4H**

For more information, contact Rylie Ogden
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2026 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Trainings

The Shooting Sports Training Team will be coming to a county near you! If you are a new shooting sports leader or have reached five years since your last certification, plan to attend one of these certification/training opportunities.



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Big Horn County, Basin, WY

- Dates - March 7-8, 2026
- [Registration : Big Horn County](#)

Carbon County, Saratoga, WY

- Dates - March 21-22, 2026
- [Registration : Carbon County](#)

Sweetwater County, Rock Springs, WY

- Dates - March 28-29, 2026
- [Registration: Sweetwater County](#)

Crook County, Sundance, WY

- Dates - April 11-12, 2026
- [Registration: Crook County](#)

Natrona County, Casper, WY

- Dates - April 25-26, 2026
- [Registration: Natrona County](#)

Shooting Sports Development Committee Meeting

- Date - February 21, 2026, Casper
- Hilton Garden Inn - 10 am to 3 pm
- [Directions from Douglas](#)
- [Directions from Riverton](#)

You can register using the links above or visit the Wyoming 4-H webpage at: <http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/> then select "Volunteers" and "Additional Trainings."



County Fair

Meet Your New Fair Board Member: Sarah Barber!



Sarah Barber is a lifelong Carbon County fair lover, former 4-H and FFA member, and proud community volunteer.

"The fair has always been my happy place, and I'm excited to help keep it thriving. I bring energy, heart, and dedication to making our county fair a bright spot for all.

Why I Joined the Fair Board

The fair has always been one of my favorite times growing up. I've been a 4-H and FFA member, a project leader, and a community leader, so joining the fair board felt like the natural next step. I want to help make sure our county fair remains a successful, bright, joyful place for years to come.

Favorite County Fair Memory

Watching Bailey and the Boys concert, cheering at the rodeos, and of course all the water fights on the lawn

What is your Favorite Fair Food?

I honestly love all the food at the fair—there are so many great options now! But my all-time favorite will always be a classic cherry snowcone.

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