CARBON COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

2026

NOVEMBER

2026 Honor Club Inductees



RIATA WITHERS

JETT MCNEES





EMILY DONOUGH

Club Chartering paperwork due by Nov 1st!

Includes:

-End of Yr Report

-Secretary's Book

-Treasurer's Book

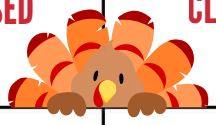
-Bank statements

(Oct '25 - Sept '26)

If you are a club officer, you should be contacting your club leader to get this done!

November

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3 Saratoga's Finest Club Mtg	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Fair Board Mtg	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Encampment Cloverbuds Leaders Council Meeting	18 Saratoga Cloverbuds	19 Rawlins Cloverbuds Rawlins Reliables Club mtg	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 CLOSED	27 CLOSED	28 National 4-H Congress
29 National 4-H Congress	30					



December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Saratoga's Finest Club Mtg	2	3	4	5 Holiday Baking Challenge
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20	21	22	23	24 WINTER BREAK CLOSED	25 WINTER BREAK CLOSED	26
27	28 CLOSED	29	30 WINTER BREAK	31	CLOSED	

Important Dates

October 1 - NEW 4-H YEAR!!
October 12 - Achievement Award Nominations DUE
October 18 - 4-H Achievement Award Night (Zoom)
November 1 - Club Charter Paperwork DUE
December 1 - Holiday Baking Challenge Registration Deadline
January TBD -Beef Market Tag/Weigh
February 1 - Beef Ownership Deadline (Market & Breeding)
February 15 - WY 4-H Scholarship Applications DUE
February 16 - Fair Book Ads DUE
February ? - 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 5- County Shoot Part I (Air Rifle/Pistol)
June 12 - County Shoot Part II (All Other Disciplines)
June 14-17 - Showcase Showdown (Laramie)
June TBD - Jr Livestock Sale Promotion Day
TBD - 4-H Adventure Camp
July 1 - Dog Vet Records DUE
July 1 - Horse Safety Certifications DUE
July 8-11 - State Shoot (Douglas)
July 12 - County Fair Entries DUE
July TBD - Platte River Shotgun Shootout (Silver Spur)
August 7-14 - Carbon County Fair DATE CHANGE!
August 16 -21 - Wyoming State Fair
September 15 - Record Books DUE

Club Corner

PVSS

1st Wednesdays
starting in February

Leader: Nick Wamsley 970-222-7491

Rawlins Reliables

3rd Thursdays @ 6:30pm
Exhibit Hall, Fairgrounds

Leader: Kristen Dirck 307-710-1257

Wind Country

Contact club leaders for
next meeting time & place!

Leader: Heward Family

Elk Mountain

3rd Mondays @ 6pm
Jan - July
old Elk Mountain School

Leaders: Freddie Wagner 307-703-0196
Michaiah Grossnickle 307-703-0720

Hardy Hanna Harvesters

No meetings in November
and December

Leader: Chelsy Smith 307-220-1211

Saratoga's Finest

1st Tuesdays @ 6pm
Saratoga Senior Center

Leader: Josalyn Miller 307-710-7022

Leo Cowpokes

Contact club leaders for
next meeting time & place!

Leader: Marla McNees 307-575-0366

Savery Savers

No meetings in November
and December

Leaders: Codey Stocks 307-380-6118
Stacy Perry 307-380-7171

B.E.V.O.

2nd Mondays @ 6:10PM
Encampment K-12

Leaders: Toni Kay Tolle 580-277-0615
Leslie McLinskey 307-710-2400

Project Leaders & Advisors



Metalwork
Ken Cureton
(Rawlins)
307-328-2642



Muzzleloader
Bill Orchard
(Baggs)
307-380-8243

Mike Moon
(Saratoga)
307-329-8030



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

Michaiah Grossnickle
(Elk Mountain)
307-703-0720

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



Rabbits
Brittany George
(Rawlins)
307-431-6864



Rifle
Travis Schinkel
(Rawlins)
307-321-6682

Mike Moon
(Saratoga)

O.R. Wille
(Baggs)



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

Mike Moon
(Saratoga)
307-329-8030

Reese Irvine
(Rawlins)
307-320-8001



Shotgun
Ryan Shively
(Rawlins)
701-681-0132

O.R. Wille
(Baggs)

Mike Moon
(Saratoga)
307-329-8030



Robotics
Leslie McKlinskey
(Encampment)
307-710-2400

Emily Haver
(Rawlins)
307-328-2642



Dog
Ashlea Coulson
Roberts
&
Olivia Randolph
(Rawlins)
Contact on
Facebook
Messenger

Angie Roybal
(Elk Mountain)
307-321-3455



Archery
Kenny Raymond
(Rawlins)
307-320-3219

Louis Braun
(Saratoga)
307-710-8228

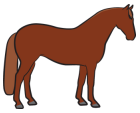
Tyson Cobb
(Baggs)
307-380-6188



Swine
Olivia Randolph
(Rawlins)
307-321-4737

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

Heidi Custis
(Saratoga)
307-399-2630

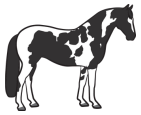


Horse
Linda Kraft,
Aleshia Withers,
Toni Kay Tolle
(Platte Valley)
580-277-0615

Callay Danford
(Baggs)
307-380-7047

Dori Fritz
(Rawlins)

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



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



Beef
Sarah Barber
(Baggs)
307-380-3094

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

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

Lael Knotwell
(Platte Valley)

Ashlynn Johnson
(Platte Valley)
307-710-6071



Sheep
Sue Lee
(Baggs)
307-380-8314

Brad Dirck
(Rawlins)
307-209-1921

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

Heidi Custis
(Saratoga)
307-399-2630



Poultry
Josalyn Miller
(Saratoga)
307-710-7022



Fabric & Fashion
VACANT

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: November



- [ ] Attend monthly club meeting
- [ ] Donate to a local food bank for your November community service
- [ ] ENROLL!! (If you haven't already)
- [ ] Work on your project goals - make them SMART (specific, measurable, actionable, relevant, time-bound)
- [ ] _____
- [ ] _____

Happy November Birthday!

Theodore Edwards
Katelyn Stocks
Bayden Meyer
Andew McGuire
Swayzie Seilaff
Ridge Stewart
Blake Miller
Elijah Etter
Colton Fulton
Lars O'Brien
Asher Holmes
Tate McMullin

Brynnly Kennedy
Morgan Damm
Sawyer Ritschard
Capri Holmes
Elend Cheever
Henry Munzing
Josh Moore
Evelyn Spencer
Colton Barber
Bianca Mensik
Taylin Altenburg
Swayzie Seilaff
Lucille Hamblin



State 4-H



Wyoming 4H CIVIC DAYS

CHEYENNE, WY

FEBRUARY 21-22ND, 2027REGISTRATION TO OPEN SOON

MORE DETAILS TO COME,



State 4-H



NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

APRIL 9-14 2027

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

INFORMATION

- DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A ROLE IN MAKING CHANGE?
- YOUTH PRESENT IDEAS TO HIGH-RANKING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.
- YOUTH WILL SEE D.C. AND MEET WITH OUR CONGRESSMAN AND SENATORS.
- MEET OTHER 4-H YOUTH LIKE YOURSELF FROM ACROSS THE UNITED STATES.

DETAILS

- YOUTH 15 - 18 YEARS OLD
- COST ESTIMATED AT $2500 PER PERSON, SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE GIVEN.

APPLICATIONS

- APPLICATIONS CURRENTLY OPEN, UNTIL REGISTRATION IS FULL
- HTTPS://WYOMING4H.FORMSTACK.COM/FORMS/CONFERENCE_APP

Wyoming 4-H

State 4-H

IGNITE BY 4-H



Hear from high impact speakers, and get hands-on workshop.

Explore Washington D.C. sites.

Opportunities for Career exploration.

Build connections with teens from across the country.

- Youth 15 - 18 years old.
- Cost estimated at $2000 per person.
- Scholarships will be available.

MARCH 16-21, 2027

APPLICATIONS

Apply by September 7th, 2026 online,
More information at:
https://wyoming4h.formstack.com/forms/ignite_4_h

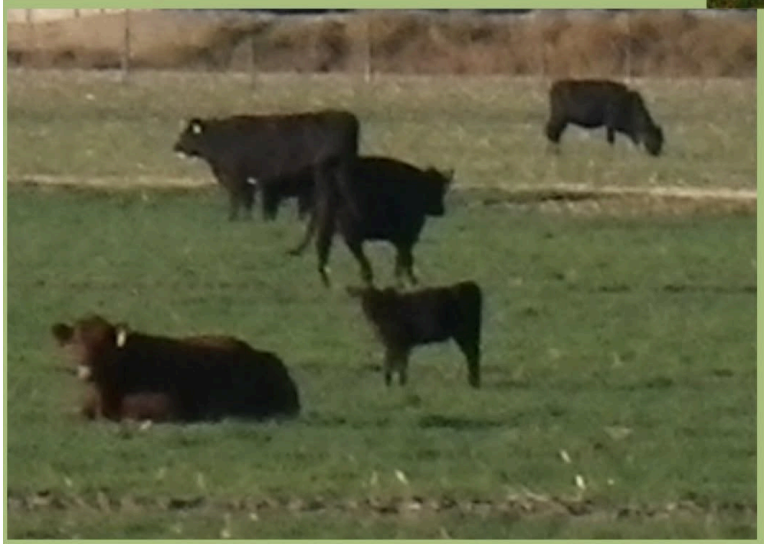


Wyoming 4-H

State 4-H

AgVocate Speaking Contest





Would you like to be an AgVocate for Agriculture?

The contest is open to 4-H and FFA members ages 9 to 19 from across the US.

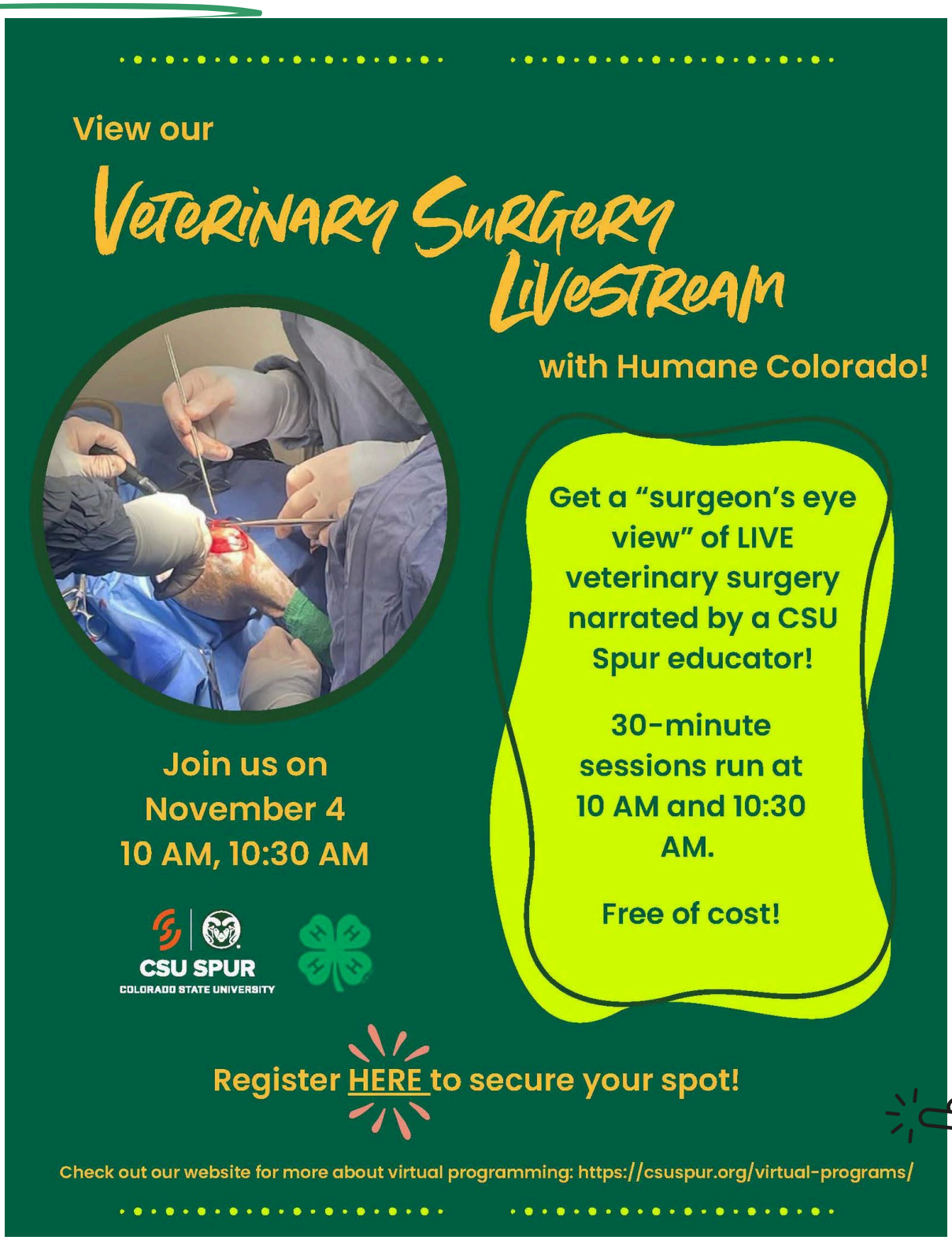
The Colorado FFA Foundation, in cooperation with the National Western Stock Show, is pleased to announce that we will once again host the AgVocate Speaking Contest, which will be held at the Stock Show in January.

The AgVocate Speaking Contest is a 6-10-minute, industry-focused multimedia presentation ("TED Talk"). Participants will choose a species area and a specific industry focus area. The contest is open to 4-H and FFA members ages 9 to 19 from across the US. The top four individuals in the Junior and Senior divisions will be selected by manuscript score to present at the NWSS during a specific species day that is listed in the rules. Finalists in each species will receive $100 and a plaque, and the Winners will receive an additional $250 and a belt buckle. The link to the contest rules and entry form is below; entries are due December 4, 2026, and manuscripts are due by December 18th. Participants ARE NOT required to exhibit at the NWSS.

AgVocate Speaking Contest Rules:
https://drive.google.com/.../1-9BMKIMFXFbFi48nMzDQQK.../view

Due December 4th
AgVocate Speaking Contest Entry Form:
https://fs17.formsite.com/coffafdn/yv91mkwu0g/index

State 4-H



Vet Science Opportunity:

Join CSU SPUR for an incredible 30-minute journey of learning alongside a live virtual surgery! This is a one-of-a-kind opportunity to see science, medicine, and learning come together in real time. You won't want to miss this amazing, hands-on-from-a-distance experience! Come learn with us and experience something truly COOL!

Date: November 4, 2026

Register here: https://bit.ly/AnimalSurgery2026

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County 4-H

Achievement Awards

Record Book Awards

Jr Winners

1ST BEXTON BERGER 1ST KARLEE LEISETH 1ST RIDGE LARSON

2ND EZEKIAL JONES 2ND KASON JOHNSON

3RD KINSLEY LARSON

Intermediate Winners

1ST SHELLY LARSON

2ND BRYNDAL BERGER

3RD CONNER TOLLE

3RD LEXI VORN

Senior Winners

1ST EMILY DONOUGH

2ND BAYLA BERGER

3RD COY MUNROE

4-H Scholar (ED-OPs)

JR ANNIBELL HAYES

INT ORRIN PERRY

SR NONE

Community Helper Award

JR BEXTON BERGER

INT LEXI VORN

SR NONE

Outstanding Leadership

JR RIDGE LARSON

INT LEXI VORN

SR RADEN MILLER

Best 4-H Story

JR KARLEE LEISETH INT BERGEN LOVE

SR EMILY DONOUGH

Honor Club Inductees



JETT MCNEES



RIATA WITHERS



EMILY DONOUGH

ACES Jr. Leader



RADEN MILLER

County 4-H

Achievement Awards

Rookie Volunteers of the Year



NATE NEILSON
PLATTE VALLEY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

Rookie Volunteer of the Year



JOSALYN MILLER
SARATOGA'S FINEST 4-H CLUB

Seasoned Volunteers of the Year





TREVOR VORN & RANDY STERN
PLATTE VALLEY 4-H SHOOTING SPORTS

Seasoned Volunteer of the Year



TONI KAY TOLLE
HORSE PROJECT LEADER
HORSE COUNCIL MEMBER
LEADER'S COUNCIL MEMBER

Hall of Fame Leaders



CALLAY DANFORD
SAVERY SAVERS 4-H CLUB - HORSE LEADER

Friends of 4-H



PRINC. JAKE JOHNSTON

As the principal of Encampment K-12 he has allowed the 4-H kids to continue to use the school for meetings, contests, and an expansion of the shooting sports program. He always celebrates the kids 4-H wins and accomplishments no matter how small and shows up at fair to support them all.

BANK OF COMMERCE

SILVER SPUR

Silver Spur Ranch- they are always willing to support the youth from donating to events, buying animals, donating the use of stock for events at fair, to allowing the use of their facilities. They host the shotgun shoot for the 4-H Foundation and have allowed kids to come out and learn about ag.

County 4-H

Food & Nutrition Project

4-H Baking Challenge

Learn 4-H Baking Skills at home as you follow along with our youtube videos, 3 Saturdays in December!

2026 Theme: Bars

SIGN UP FOR A BAKING KIT BY NOVEMBER 30

Register on ZSuite!







County 4-H

CLOVERBUDS

2026/
2027

October: Making Air Work &
The Wonder of Water
November: Home Hobbies &
Thanksgiving crafts
December: Digging those Dinosaurs &
Holiday Games
January: New Year's Around the World
February: Heart to Heart
March: Weaving & Dyeing
April: Be Smart with Money
May: Pets
June/July: Field Trip
August: Party at County Fair
September: Graduation

RAWLINS
3rd Thursdays
3:30-5:00 PM

ENCAMPMENT
2nd Tuesdays
3:30-5:00 PM

SARATOGA
2nd Wednesdays
3:30-5:00 PM

ELK MOUNTAIN
3rd Mondays
6-7 PM

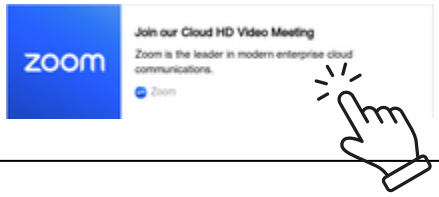
BAGGS
Contact Lettie!



County 4-H Events

LEADERS COUNCIL

Tuesday, November 11th
@ 6:30 PM
at the Platte Valley
Community Center in Saratoga
Join us for dinner in person, or
over Zoom!



November Topic: club audits

CARBON COUNTY EXTENSION OFFICE WILL BE

CLOSED

November 26th and 27th
In observance of
Thanksgiving

Wednesday, December 23 through
Monday January 4th
for Winter Break

Project News

Knit, Crochet, Quilt

New Project Leaders
starting project sessions in Rawlins!





1st Thursdays at 5:30-6:30pm
Extension Office, Rawlins
starting November 5th

Contact Sarah Hayes 307-871-6657 or Ali Ritschard for info!

Robotics

<u>Rawlins Fall Ag-Robotics</u>
1st & 3rd Fridays, 1:30-3:30pm
~November, December~
Ext Office/Rawlins Library
Ages: 10-14, Teams of 2-3

Communication through
the BAND App!

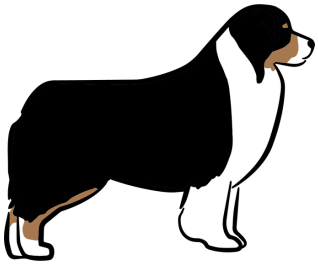
Questions? Call 307-328-2642



Project News

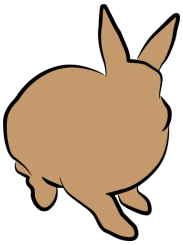
Dog

Project Meetings
Tuesdays 5:30-7:30PM
Multi-Plex, Fairgrounds



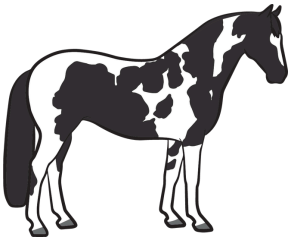
Rabbit

Project Meetings
2nd Thursdays
5PM
(starting November 12)



Horse

No
announcements



Project News

Market Beef Project



Getting Ready for Your MARKET BEEF PROJECT

LEARN - GROW - SUCCEED

Overview

Preparing forand showing livestock can be one of the most rewarding and educational experiences for youth. The lessons learned in showing and raising livestock are invaluable. It can feel intimidating to begin, but you don't have to know everything on day one. Ask questions, learn from your leaders and Extension educators, and enjoy the process!

Your goal isn't to know everything. It's to keep learning throughout your 4-H experience!

Before You Purchase Your Animal

Make sure you are prepared to meet your animal's basic needs before bringing it home.

Fenced Area

A safe, well-fenced area with at least 100 x 100 feet is recommended for one to four steers. This gives them room to exercise.

Feeder

Use a safe feeder that minimizes waste and keeps cattle from consuming rocks, dirt, and other debris.

Welfare

Make sure it holds enough water for the animal's daily needs and is heavy enough that it cannot be tipped over or easily broken.

Shelter

Helps keep a wind/snow break or shelter from protecting from cattle from snow, rain, hail, and other weather. Cattle generally do not need heat lamps if they can stay dry and protected.

Selecting the Right Market Beef

Don't justchoose the biggest or flashiest animal. Look for an animal that is healthy, structurally sound, well-musled, and capable of reaching an appropriate market weight by fair time.

- Good muscle behind the shoulder, along the top, and through the hindquarters.
- Good feet and leg structure.
- Smooth movement and freedom of motion
- Appropriate body capacity and growth
- A strong, level top
- Good balance : front, middle, and rear
- A shoulder that allows for smotth, unrestricted movement.
- A calm and manageable disposition

Balance is important!

Think about how all of the pieces fit together, not just one part.

Planning for Purchase Weight

Most market beef are born in the spring and purchased in the fall. Octoberand November are a great time to start purchasing your show cattle for your upcoming county and state fair.

Use this formula:

Purchase weight + (Average Daily Gain x Number of Days on Feed) = Expected Fare Fair Weight

Example:

700+(2.5 x 180) = 1,150 lbs.

1,100 – 1,600 lbs.

Average Daily Gain : 2- 3 lbs

Consider genetics, nutrition, health, management and other factors.

1. **Make sure to check your county fair/ state fair ownership and weigh-in requirements.**

Work with your extension educator, leader, or livestock mentor to help determine best purchase weight for what you are wanting.

Halter Breaking

Patience, consistency, and trust are key.

Never hit your animal. Your goal is to build a relationship and teach your animal to respond calmly to your direction.

1. Spend regular time with your animal.
2. Establish a routine and stick with it.
3. Some cattle learn quickly, while others take more time to break.
4. Stay calm, confident, and consistent.

Don't give Up!

Everyanimal is different,and learning how to work with your individual animal

Teaching Your Animal to Lead

Once your animalis comfortablewitha halter, start teaching them to lead.

1. Always work from the left side.
2. Use gental, steady pressure on the halter. Try to not jerk or yank on the halter.
3. Start with short distances and work your way up. Work with your show stick as you start out.
4. As you gradually start to increase the amout of time and work with your animal, you both will become more confident.

Small improvements add Up!

Common Health Concerns

Goodhealth startswith prevention.Clean water, appropriate nutrition, clean environment, and regular observations can help keep your animals healthy.

Bloat

Excessive gas build up in the rumen can cause distention. Changes in the animal's diet and environment can help reduce this risk. Contact your veternarian if you suspect severe bloat.

Acidosis

Thiscan be caused by too much highly digestible feed. Feed changes should be made gradually and under professional guidance.

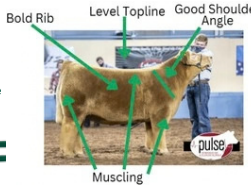
Ringworm

This is a fungal infection that causes circular skin lesions and hair loss. Sanitize shared equipment and work with your vet on a treatment plan.

If your animal becomes sick or you are unsure what to do, contact your veternarian. Early attention can make a big differnece.

Selecting your Market Cattle

You wantyour beef to be wide constructed withgood muscling behindtheir shoulders, down their spine,and through their leg and forearm. Good cattle will also be able to move unrestricted and have a 45 degree angle at their shoulder. You also want them to 'balance' well. This means that the front 1/3 matches the middle and end 1/3's.



This project is more than the show

Your market beef project teaches youth responsibilty, patience, animal husbandry, nutrition, record keeping, communication, confidence, and perserverance.

Resources

County Fair

CARBON COUNTY FAIR
PUBLIC PLANNING MEETINGS

Meetings are open
to the public at 10:00 AM

LAST PUBLIC PLANNING MEETING

November 10th- Rawlins, Fairgrounds

If you have new ideas, there are things you want to change, add, or help with, this is your chance!

Fair Book Ad Sale Assignments will be coming in December!

All 4-H clubs and all 4-H members are asked to sell fair book ads to help print the fair book and support the cost of County Fair!



Ad Sales Must be Done By: FEB 15th

4-H Members & Volunteers in the news!



Local celebrity Tomi Sue Wille was congratulated by LSRV Principal Joel Thomas as she re-ceived the Certified Staff of the Month award at the September, 2026 CCSD1 school board meeting.



Ms. Cobb's 3rd grade class got to hike to the Lily Pond in September, 2026.



Mrs Davis' 5th grade class got to participate in the Lily Pond hike of 2026.



LSRV Principal Joel Thomas congratulated Little Snake River Valley celebrities Bristyn Davis and Jozlyn Davis (not shown) for receiving the Unsung Hero award from the CCSD1 school board for making the LSRV Kindness Lockers into a reality.

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