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January 1-2, 2024	Extension Office Closed
January 8, 2024	4-H Council Meeting
January 13, 2024	Cat Project Mtg
January 21, 2024	Beef Tagging
February 10, 2024	Cat Project Mtg.
February 12, 2024	4-H Council meeting
March 9, 2024	Cat Project Meeting
March 11, 2024	4-H Council Meeting
March 13-17, 2024	Ignite by 4-H
April 8, 2024	4-H Council Meeting
April 13, 2024	Cat Project Meeting
May 11, 2024	Cat Project Meeting
May 13, 2024	4-H Council Meeting
June 8, 2024	Cat Project Meeting
June 10, 2024	4-H Council Meeting
July 8, 2023	4-H Council Meeting
July 26, 2024 –August 4, 2024	JC Fair & Rodeo

New 4-H Year

October 1, 2023

After October 1, 2023, please go to
<https://4h.zsuite.org> and re-enroll for the
 4-H year 2023-2024!



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Wyoming 4-H

December 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 Parade of Lights @ 6
3 Clover Colts @ 3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Executive Council Officers mtg.	12	13	14 Fair Board meeting @ 6	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 	26	27	28	29	30
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Winter Break – JC Extension Office Closed 12/25/23 thru 01/03/24.



UW

Wyoming 4-H

January 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 	2 JC Extension Office Closed	3	4	5	6
7	8 JC 4-H Council mtg. @ 6:30	9	10	11 JC Fair Board Meeting @ 6	12	13
14	15  JC Office Closed	16	17	18	19	20
21 Beef Tagging	22	23	24	25	26	27
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November 21st, 2023

To the Johnson County (JC) 4-H Community,

Wow, here we are, the last issue of the 2023 calendar year. This issue serves as an intro to the new year in January, as the next Clover Chatter will be mailed out in February. We continue to be supported by a great system of volunteers and community leaders. I will forever be thankful for the support and trust Johnson County and its leaders have for the 4-H program and the youth in our communities. When you have the opportunity, thank our 4-H Council, our Fair board, our leaders, our County Commissioners and elected officials. As well, all of the committees in the 4-H realm that make things possible, like the awards committee, the YES committee, the Livestock Committee, our superintendents, etc.

This year we continued to expand membership and continue providing multiple programs from both the 4-H side of the Extension Office and the Ag and Natural Resource side too. We ended the year with 329 active members in JC 4-H and 82 active adult volunteers. Johnson County youth represented at both county and state fairs, state and international competitions, and as always, they performed at the highest level of competition. If you are reading this as a parent or guardian, it is your kids that make this program so terrific. If you are reading this as a volunteer or leader, please be reminded that you are doing amazing work with the youth in Johnson County and their success is based on the learning they get to do with you as volunteers.

Please remember to re-enroll as leaders and as members into the ZSuites program. It is imperative that we have you re-enrolled so we know your project areas and can keep you informed as to upcoming opportunities you may have!

We strive to create a positive club experience, where kids and adults feel important and valued members of the club. This goes for our project area meetings as well! As we start the new year of 4-H, remember that Beef ownership deadline is February 1st and our tag-in date is January 21st. Please reach out to us or to our beef superintendent, Mary Klahsen, for more information.

Due to the UWE winter break and the closing of the JC UWE office, the next issue of the Clover Chatter will come out in February, with January notifications sent out via mailings, ZSuites announcements and the JC Facebook page. If you have any questions in the meantime, feel free to contact us with anything! We in the UWE office wish all a happy holiday season and anticipate great things for JC 4-H in 2024! We are thankful for the commitment of a proactive 4-H council, dedicated adult leaders, caring county commissioners, community supporters, & the great youth enrolled in Johnson County 4-H!

Sincerely,

Extension Educator, 4-H Youth Development
Johnson County Extension Office
University of Wyoming Extension

From the AG Desk – 'Tis the Season to ID Your Tree

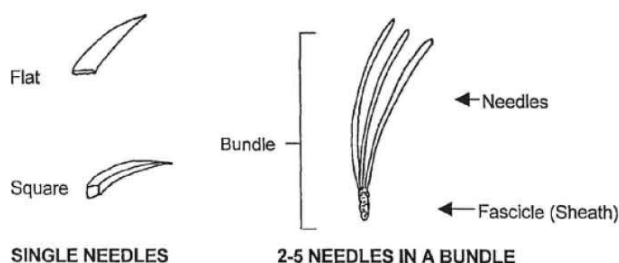
There's a big emphasis on evergreen trees this time of year. Whether heading to the mountains for a fresh-cut option, or digging out the faithful artificial tree from storage, we appreciate these conifers for the beauty they lend to the season.

The term **conifer** refers to a tree that grows its seed in cones. (Think pinecone.) These trees also tend to have waxy needles, which are modified leaves, that stay green and grow all year long. You are probably familiar with conifers like pines, spruces, and firs.

Do you know what species you harvest, purchase, or imitate?

Paying close attention to the needles or leaves is the easiest way to tell different evergreen species apart.

- Pine needles grow in "Packages" or bundles called fascicles. The number of needles in a fascicle indicates the species of pine tree.
- Spruce needles are Sharp and Spiky. These needles will roll between your fingers, but they are Square and not round—see if you can feel the hard corners.
- Fir needles are "Friendly" (not sharp/spiky) and Flat and will not roll between your fingers



Source: WY State Forestry Division

Evergreen ID Key

There are different species of pines, spruces, and firs. The QR code at right will take you to a "tree key" from UW's Biodiversity Institute that will walk you through the identification steps. Remember, you should always get permission to use the internet.

According to the US Forest Service, Ponderosa pine, Douglas fir, lodgepole pine, subalpine fir, and Englemann spruce are the most common evergreens in the Bighorn Mountain area.



Even if you don't decorate a real tree in your home this time of year, there are lots of conifers in public places you can practice on: in the park, along the trail, maybe even in your backyard!

Send in a photo of a tree (decorated or undecorated) and your species identification to be entered for a tree-related prize. Winners will be announced in the next Clover Chatter.

Wishing you all a wonderful holiday season! -Micah

Contact Micah Most at 307-684-7522 or mmost@uwyo.edu

Johnson County 4-H Meeting Minutes

November 13, 2023

The meeting was called to order by president, Amanda Monterastelli at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Building in Buffalo, WY.

Attendance - see attached sheet.

Pledges - Jacob Hall led the Pledge of Allegiance, Lyvee Fox. led the 4-H pledge.

Secretary's Report - Minutes approved from Clover Chatter by Sawyer Kolb, seconded by Gabi Hall.

Treasurer's Report - Lesley Pearson distributed copies of the October report. Recapping the council account, there is a majority of the fundraiser funds accounted for, some clubs still owe for raffle items. As of right now the income for the fundraiser is \$25,400 with net proceeds of \$15,812.05. Sawyer moved to approve the treasure report and Livy seconded.

Club Reports -

Blue Ribbon- Sawyer Kolb reported that at last month's meeting they had held elections and made their fundraising goals for this new year.

Krazy Kritters - Maya Hall reported that last Sunday they welcomed new members, held elections and set club goals.

Clover Colts – Lyvee Fox reported that they filled 8 boxes for the Operation Christmas Child, their goal was only to fill 2 boxes. The club will be holding their annual Christmas tree sales on December 2nd at 9 a.m. They are planning on selling 50 trees that will be harvested on the 25th of November as a club. Pricing is \$25, \$35, and \$45 per tree.

Cactus - Krystin Alger reported that we have had two meetings now into the new year. New officers were elected, club goals, education, and community service set. Leadership will have a change in adults for a year or two so Krystin can focus on Clover Buds. Victoria Davis will be the primary leader and Krystin will be a co-leader behind the scenes until Krystin's CB is old enough for 4-H.

Committee Reports

Livestock Committee: Meeting was held this last week. Elections were held, New President is Matt Rabel, and New Vice President is Tanner Kolb. The new superintendents are Jay Buhr for the swine barn. Discussion of a Woolgrowers range lamb division was discussed and tabled. Also discussion of reconstruction of the swine barn was discussed.

Fabric and Fashion: None

Sheep: None

Beef: Tagging date was set at the Livestock meeting - January 21st. 10 a.m. KC and 2 p.m. Buffalo. Place TBT.

Swine: none

Horse: none

Shooting Sports - Don stated shooting sports is quiet as of now, 2 months until the new season.

Mountain Camp: Krystin reported that camp is reserved for the weekend of June 20th-23rd.

Encouraged kids input on theme and activities they would like to see this year. Discussion on food ordering has been had with last year's 3rd party, we are a go.

Junior Leaders: Kids met night of Achievement Night and helped set up, hand out awards, and take down.

Old Business:

- Tri-tip Fundraiser - Over all positive reports from members and the community. Many would like to see it happen again. Discussing the possibility of doing a fundraiser like this as well as the carnival all in the same year, carnival could look more like a community service opportunity rather than a main fundraiser in future. Committee will look at demographics and take into consideration for future.
- NILE Judging - Very successful trip for the kids and teams!
 - Seniors Connor Rodriguez, James Foss, Colten Hepp, and Kylie Miller all had wonderful placings of 6th, 12th, 14th, and 18th out of 800 kids in attendance. They were 2nd overall. Congratulations!
 - The Junior/Intermediate team made of Jace Foss and Gavin Painter were a great duo as well. Jace placed 4th overall, and Gavin 66th! Way to represent Johnson County 4-H!
- Horse was very successful as well with a team made up of Paige Shambaugh, Addison Baker, James Foss, and Katie Rice. Out of 394 seniors in attendance:
 - Paige placed 10th
 - Addison placed 6th
 - James placed 5th and Top over all!
 - Katie placed 1st and High Individual and Reason!
- Very successful weekend for some great kids representing Johnson County! Judging practice will start again in May.

New Business:

- 2023-2024 Budget
 - Council needs to finalize and contact those who had money requests for the year. This will be done in the next couple weeks.
- Christmas Parade Float - Council does their own - parade is in 3 weeks so discussion needs to happen. Clover Colts are planning on their own float.
 - Bryce reminded any club/child who wants to be on the council float - there are sweepstake points available when participating.
- 4-H Council New Officer Announcement:
 - President - Ashlea Bassett
 - Treasure - Lesley Pearson

Next Meeting:

- Executive Council Meeting - December 11th
- Next Public Meeting: January 8th

Meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Krystin Alger

4-H Council Secretary

2024 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.



CHANGING THE FUTURE OF
YOUTH SHOOTING SPORTS



Steve Mack, Director

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Washakie County, Worland

- Dates - March 9-10, 2024
- [Registration Link: Washakie County](#)

Weston County, Newcastle

- Dates - March 23-24, 2024
- [Registration link: Weston County](#)

Laramie County, Cheyenne

- Dates - April 6-7, 2024
- [Registration link: Laramie County](#)

Uinta County, Evanston

- Dates - April 20-21
- [Registration link: Uinta County](#)

Natrona County, Casper

- Dates - April 27-28
- [Registration link: Natrona County](#)

Shooting Sports Development Committee Meeting

- Date - February 17, 2024, Casper
- Holiday Inn East - 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."

Testimonials from
Wyoming Kids.

Rowan Wasinger

"CAC is a life-changing experience for those who are willing to embrace this opportunity to compete at a higher level in the cattle industry. You will learn and grow as an individual."



NATIONAL WESTERN CATCH-A-CALF

Blair Sanchez

"Catch-A-Calf is one of the best programs I have participated in. Through this program you learn hard work, accountability and many more life lessons. Meeting many new friends and making industry connections. I would strongly encourage you to join!"

SIGN UP BY
DECEMBER 15TH
2023

Go to the National
Western Stock Show
website and search for
Catch-a-Calf program

<https://nationalwestern.com/livestock-shows/catch-a-calf-program/>

Wyoming 4-H

CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCES



HAWAII OR BELIZE?

What's the cost?

Hawaii – \$2,900 per person

Belize – \$1,900 per person

\$500 deposit required upon selection. Remaining balance can be made in monthly payments.

Scholarships are available, contact us for more info

- Hawaii ~ Explore Agriculture in Hawaii May 31-June 6, 2024 (tentative) with a farm-to-table journey introducing youth to a variety of agricultural practices including aquaculture, animal and plant systems. Explore Hawaiian plantations, county fair, landscapes, recreation, and cultures.
- Belize ~ Join Wyoming 4-H in Belize June 22-29, 2024 (tentative) as we explore the natural resources of this beautiful country through a stay at a Jaguar Preserve, visiting a Maya Cocoa Farm, and interacting with agriculture students at a local high school!

What's included?

- Roundtrip Airfare
- Meals and Lodging
- In-Country Transportation & Activities
- Travel Insurance, accident and sickness protection (for Belize)

Additional expenses may include:

- Passport/Passport photos (Belize)
- Immunization, if required
- Transportation to and from airport
- Spending money for souvenirs or other purchases



APPLY TODAY!

https://wyoming4h.formstack.com/forms/4h_belize_2024

**Open to 4-H Members
ages 14-18 (at time of travel)**

Applications are due:

December 10, 2023



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WY State 4-H Wool & Meat Judging

April 19th & 20th, 2024

UW Animal Science Facilities Laramie, WY

**MORE INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED LATE
JANUARY 2024.**

- *County Educators will register individuals and teams.*
- *Contact your county office with questions or if you are interested in participating.*

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Citizenship WASHINGTON Focus



June 15 - 22, 2024

What is CWF?

- ✓ Learn leadership and communication skills through history, democracy and our amendments.
- ✓ Explore Washington D.C
- ✓ Connect with other young leaders



Details

- NEW this year, CWF will operate on a first come, first service basis for registration. Please register ASAP if you are interested.
- Plane tickets will be purchased on March 18th, 2024
- Estimated cost, \$2500 per person, with scholarships available.
- Open to youth 14 and older.
- Apply at <http://wyoming4h.formstack.com/forms/cwf>



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Registration is currently open, youth can apply at, <https://wyoming4h.formstack.com/forms/cwf>. **NEW this year** CWF will operate on a first come, first serve basis for registration, so please register ASAP if they are interested so they can guarantee their spot at CWF. Tickets will be purchasing plane tickets on March 18th, 2024.



April 19 - 24, 2024
Arlington, Virginia

Who can Attend

- Youth 15 - 18 years old
- Cost estimated at \$2500 per person, scholarship will be given.

Applications

- Apply at the following link by January 15th, 2024, Applications will open Mid - October 2023.
- https://wyoming4h.formstack.com/forms/educator_form_congress

About Conference

- Do you want to have a role in making change?
- Youth present ideas to high-ranking Government Officials.
- Youth will see D.C., meet with our Congressman and Senators.
- Meet other 4-H youth like yourself from all over the United States.

**HAVE MORE
QUESTIONS**

If there are additional questions, please visit the Opportunities section on the state 4-H website or talk with your 4-H educator.

KRAZY KRITTERS 4-H CLUB

The Krazy Kritters met on Sunday November 5, 2023.

We elected officers for the new 4H year and welcomed 2 new families to the club.

We also set our club goals and broke into committees to discuss community service, educational opportunities, fun meetings, and fund raising.

Our club decided which service projects to do, we planned 2 fun meetings, and will try to visit Nirvana in Sheridan for our educational goal.

The members signed member agreements and families signed up for their month to attend the 4H Council meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Emily Duncan

Krazy Kritters Reporter



BLUE RIBBON 4-H CLUB

On November 14, 2023, the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club had our monthly meeting. We started off with the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H Pledge. Next, awards were handed out for record books for those who missed Achievement Night. We discussed fundraising ideas for our individual club. We talked about keeping our eyes open for possible community service opportunities and individual service projects can also be used for record books. The Martin family offered Summit Church as a future meeting place for our group. We shared with new members what happens and why we help with the Kid's Christmas Shoppe. Bryson Kolb finished off our meeting with a presentation about his 4-H steer project. Our next meeting will take place on December 12 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brayden Gay



Micah and Bryce recently attended EPIC (Extension Professional Improvement Conference) in Laramie. Our own Bryce McKenzie was recognized with the "Newer Employee" of the year award.

STIRRUPS 4-H CLUB

At our November meeting on Monday Nov 6th, we voted in new officers. President-Kalea Miller, Vice President-Ezme Frausto, Secretary-Kiana Miller, Treasurer-Karma Thomas, Historian-Jeremiah Frausto, Recreation Leader-KJ Thomas, Reporter-Landen Palmer. We also voted on doing an educational night as a club with a potluck meal.

Landen Palmer

Reporter

CLOVER COLTS 4-H CLUB

On November 5, 2023, the Clover Colts 4-H club called the second meeting of the 4-H year to order at 3:15pm. First, we did our pledges and roll call, then our question was what was your favorite holiday? (14 members present) Under new business we covered the following:

- o Achievement Night (Braxyn Camino reported on achievement night)
- o BBQ fundraiser (Orion Ostheimer reported on the BBQ fundraiser)
- ◇ Christmas tree sales: How many families would like a tree? (three families wanted trees) Cut trees meet November 25th @ 8:45 BLM office
 - Christmas tree prices were changed to 5 dollars more
 - Christmas Tree Sale Posters: What to include (Location Bomber Mountain during the Holiday Expo December 2nd 9:00am till trees are gone)
- o Christmas parade: Committee needs to meet after meeting to plan
- o Demonstrations for January are Ellie, Grace, Marriana, Bristol, and Rylie Start in January (5 members) Next Meeting Date December 3rd or December 10th 2023 Adjourn at 3:50 pm

Respectfully Submitted by:

Catherine Campbell

POWDER RIVER 4-H CLUB

On October 1st, the Powder River 4H Club held a meeting. Before the meeting, we cleaned up the Bozeman Trail sign for the winter months. The main focus of the meeting was electing new officers for the 4H year. Congratulations to Secretary Jamie Curuchet, Treasurer Levi Williams, Vice President Caylor Malson and President Thomas Kukowski. After electing our officers, we discussed new goals and projects for the club. After the meeting, Halley Sutton led a workshop where we got to make 4H themed key-chains. It was a very productive meeting and we're looking forward to the year ahead.

On November 11th, the club helped sand church pews for the remodeling of St. Hubert's Catholic Church in Sussex. After we sanded, we held a meeting. In the meeting we talked about community service, a fun day for the club and some old business. It was a productive meeting and we were glad to help the local church.

Respectfully submitted by Ben Curuchet, Reporter

KOUNTRY KIDS 4-H CLUB

On November 20, 2023 the Kountry Kids 4-H club met for our monthly meeting. We started the meeting with the Pledge Allegiance and 4H pledge, roll call, and officers reports, and voting in our newest members, Maggie Kozisek, Cooper Hammerich, Isaiah Goddard, Gwendolyn Ruby, and Cole and Dane Johnson. We also discussed the success of the tri-tip fundraiser and how well that went. New officers were elected for our club. President - Addison Baker, Vice President - James Foss, Secretary - Sara Shoup, Treasurer - Jace Foss, Reporter - Paislee Stevens, Callers - Griffin Ruby & Maggie Kozisek, Historians - Milan Monterastelli & Maddie Bissett, Recreation - Isaiah Goddard & Cooper Hammerich. Our club received their new Club T-shirts (thank you, Alecia Kozisek-State Farm Insurance), along with our Sweepstakes t-shirts (5th Consecutive year!!!) and we took a club photo. We ended our meeting with reminders and snacks and refreshments supplied by the Bissett family.

Respectfully submitted,

Paislee Stevens

Kountry Kids Reporter



Ike Williams watches Halley Sutton as she demonstrates how to craft a 4H keychain



Some of Powder River 4-H Club members at St Hubert's Catholic Church



Kountry Kids 4-H Club Sweepstakes Winners

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lance Rabel (1st)

Jack Gampetro (3rd)

James Foss (5th)

Adelie Gonzales (9th)

Andrew Rogers (11th)

Adeline Schimmel (14th)

Brooklyn Schultz (19th)

Ellie Walter (20th)

Eira Moses (21st)

Thaxton Tobiasson (25th)

Case Baker (28th)

Jalen Frausto (3rd)

Isiah Goddard (3rd)

Gavin Shavlik (8th)

Sara Shoup (9th)

Elaina Laudert (12th)

Jamie Curuchet (16th)

Logan Jordahl (20th)

William Witt (20th)

Chamille Clark (22nd)

Nkululeko Ngcongo, (25th)

Kade Benton (28th)

Thomas Mora (31st)

Johnny Frausto (3rd)

Kipton George (4th)

Carson Bergstreser (9th)

Brody Farris (11th)

Callie Getchell (14th)

Angel Cortes (19th)

Griffin Ruby (20th)

Kayden Light (21st)

Allison Keown (24th)

Tylynn Smith (12)

Catherine Campbell (29th)

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Brooklyn Gay (2nd)

Cody Leighton (4th)

Jacob Frausto (10th)

Braden Kramlich (15th)

Case Ordeman (16th)

Grace Geis (17th)

Trey Saur (22nd)

Paislee Stevens (23rd)

Bailey Yeager (26th)

Lincoln Bodray (3rd)

Korbin Rodriguez (7th)

Landen Palmer (11th)

Jorgen Michelena (15th)

Mason Shelley (16th)

Iyla Schartz (17th)

Finn Shideman (22nd)

Jayden Stoltz (24th)

Karma Thomas (29th)

Marianna Gampetro (31st)

Ammarie Pierson (3rd)

Owen Grubb (8th)

Ryan Merritt (13th)

Ezmyrelda Frausto (16th)

Addison Baker (17th)

Tayden Escosz (21st)

Colie Rodriguez (23rd)

Ashley Yeager (26th)

Grady Bates (30th)



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