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November 4-6, 2025	EPIC/ESCAPE—Office Closed
November 10, 2025	4-H Council Meeting
<b>November 13, 2025</b>	JC Fair Board Meeting
November 15, 2025	Chartering due for sweepstake points
November 25, 2025	JC Livestock Committee mtg.
June 15-16, 2026	<b>Showcase Showdown</b>
June 26-28, 2025	Mountain Camp
July 24-Aug 2, 2026	JC Fair & Rodeo
August 10-15, 2026	<b>Wyoming State Fair</b>
October 3, 2026	Tri Tip Fundraiser
November 27-28, 2025	Thanksgiving Break
December 24-31, 2025	UW Winter Break







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October 28, 2025

To the Johnson County 4-H Community,

With the first month of our new 4-H year coming to a close, we are excited to see the re-enrollments coming into ZSuite. We ended the 2024-2025 4-H year with 307 members enrolled and 73 adult volunteers. We continue to see growth and retention in not only our youth numbers, but our volunteers as well. I am constantly reminded how lucky we are to call this community home. A big thank you goes out to everyone that made this past year an amazing experience for the kids in Johnson County 4-H.

We hope to continue building on opportunities into the new 4-H year. This coming winter/spring, be on the lookout for some opportunities such as livestock project meetings, livestock judging practices, teen leadership events, new educational opportunities, indoor shooting sports in our new facility, and much more. Reenrollment will allow you to be prepared for these opportunities when they arrive and keep you in the information loop!

I am writing this letter post-achievement night, just by the way the calendar falls. I am always floored at the turnout and support that Johnson County 4-H receives that is highlighted at achievement night. Achievement night highlights our numerous youth for their successes in the previous 4-H year and celebrates heading into the new year. While thinking of achievement night, we need to send a big thanks and applaud the people that make our 4-H year and achievement night a success: ALL our volunteer leaders, our Johnson County 4-H Council, the Johnson County Fair Board, our Junior Leaders, our partnerships with teams like ANB Bank, Kiwanis, etc., and our county elected officials. Each of these people and their parties help us prepare, run, sponsor, give opportunities and much more throughout the 4-H year. Wonderful folks doing wonderful things for JoCo 4-H!!

Club leaders are reminded to gather the awards and record books for your clubs. Club leaders, this is a friendly reminder to get your charter appointment scheduled, November 15<sup>th</sup> is the last day to do so!

We are very excited about the upcoming 4-H year, and we are very proud of Johnson County 4-H accomplishments in 2024-2025. Let's continue building on the winning traditions of Johnson County for the 2025-2026 4-H year!

Sincerely,

Bryce A. McKenzie

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Johnson County UWE 4-H & Youth Development Educator

#### **Johnson County 4-H Council Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Ashlea Bassett at 6:35p.m. on September 8th in Buffalo, Wyoming at the Johnson County Fairgrounds Community Building.

Attendance: See attached sheet.

Pledges: Sam LaDuke and Madeleine Saur led the Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H pledge.

<u>Secretary's Report:</u> Printed in the August Clover Chatter. Tesha Kolb moved to accept the minutes as read. Sawyer Kolb seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: There will be an updated treasures report at the October meeting.

#### **Club Reports:**

Clover Colts: Garret Light reported that the Clover Colts met on September 7th and elected new officers. They are planning on bowling October 5th for a club outing. They are also planning to spray paint large round hay bales for National 4-H week. The bales will sit around town to promote 4-H.

**Kountry Kids:** Jace Foss reported that the Kountry Kids last met on July 21st for a potluck at the show ring. They finalized their plans for the parade float and stall decorations. They won 1st in the Johnson County Fair Parade with their float. Their next meeting is will be next Monday where they will be making dog treats for the Animal Shelter.

**Krazy Kritters:** Sam LaDuke reported that his club last met on July 13th. They will be meeting again next Sunday. They sold a 50/50 raffle during the Rodeo at Fair to raise money for the Krazy Critters Club.

#### Stirrups:

Winchesters: Kelly and Madeleine Saur reported that their club met last in July and their next meeting is in November.

**Blue Ribbon:** Sawyer Kolb reported that his club won 2nd in the parade with their float. They had a meeting on September 9th to discuss the upcoming year.

**Rowdy Riders:** Leslie reported that the club met in July to organize Fair activities.

**Buffalo Trailblazers:** 

Club 307:

**Topnotchers:** Brent reported that they met last in July, and their next meeting is scheduled for 2 weeks.

#### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Programs:**

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Shooting Sports-
Sport Fishing-
Fabric and Fashion-
4-H at Work-
Dog —
Cake Decorating —
Livestock Judging, Wool Judging, and Produce Judging —
Clover Buds —
Foods —
Horse —
Poultry —
Photography —
Wood Working —
Beef —
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**Topnotchers:** Spurs & Lace:

Winchesters: Trey Saur reported that Winchesters celebrated National 4-H week by placing signs at Dash In. They also helped with the Tri-tip fundraiser.

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      Wood Working -
      Beef-
Publicity:
Fundraising:
Awards and Recognition:
Livestock Committee:
Junior Leaders:
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**Mountain Camp:** 

**Scholarship Committee:** 

**Special Committee:** 

4-H @ Work:

#### **Old Business:**

- Pictures for achievement Night Slideshow to Bryce
- National 4-H Week Recap: clubs reported their activities in their reports.
- Nile Livestock results: Johnson County had a great showing in the Beef Show, the Lamb Show, and the Livestock and Horse Judging. Senior Judging placed 6th out of 24 clubs. Great job Johnson County 4-H members.
- Tri-Tip Fundraiser Update: Was held this past Saturday. The kids did a great job and worked hard. The committee will be meeting to go over the fundraiser and discuss what needs to be changed to become more efficient.
- Record Book and Club Book Recap: There were 111 record books submitted and judged this year. Good job Johnson County 4-H Kids.
- Volunteer/Teen Leader Summit Postpone to January 31st
- Beekeeping
  - Selling honey \$10/half pint

#### **New Business**

- Budget Requests please submit as soon as possible.
- Charting New Format/Update: Chartering is different this year. New Clubs and Leaders please contact Bryce to get chartered. If your club was chartered the previous year, then you need to submit an end of year report and meet with Bryce to re-Charter your club.
- Committee Sign-Ups: Clubs, please let your members know about committee opportunities.
  - o Awards, Scholarships, Fundraising, etc.
- Achievement Night 2025
  - Cooking, Decorating, Script, Junior Leaders
  - o Plaques for Secretary book, Treasurer Book, and overall Record Book.
- JC 4-H Council Officer Positions Open
  - President and Treasurer (Nominations into the Extension Office)

Next Council meeting November 10th - Johnson County Fairgrounds Meeting was adjourned at 7:46 pm. Respectfully submitted, Kate Hammerich 4-H Council Secretary

#### **BLUE RIBBON 4-H CLUB**

On October 14, 2025 the Blue Ribbon 4-H Club had our monthly meeting. We started off with the Pledge of Allegiance and 4-H Pledge. We talked about helping with Friends Feeding Friends in December. We also brainstormed fun activities we want to do as a group this year. We talked about how we would be helping at the Tri-Tip dinner. We also recognized Ellison Rodriguez for being the high seller of tickets. We had updates on achievement night, club dues, enrolment in Z-Suites, and new dates for the volunteer summit. Then we enjoyed brownies as a group. At our meeting on November 11, we will elect officers.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brayden Gay

#### **KOUNTRY KIDS 4-H CLUB**

The Kountry Kids had their October meeting on the 20th at 6:30 PM. Paislee reminded us to re-enroll in 4H. We then discussed how window decorating went at ReRide for National 4H week. .We had a really really good group come to high way clean up on the 13th and talked about the tri-tip dinner. Paislee said to bring chopped tomatoes to achievement night on Sunday. Paislee also said that we have officer elections in November and to look start thinking about demonstrations for demonstration day. We had refreshments and Paislee adjourned the meeting.

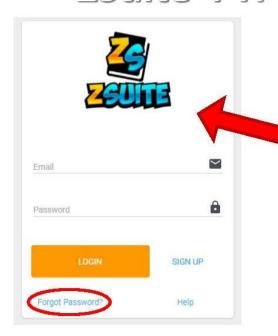
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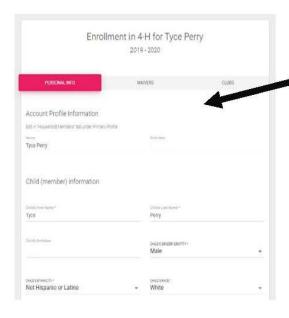


#### ZSuite 4-H Enrollment







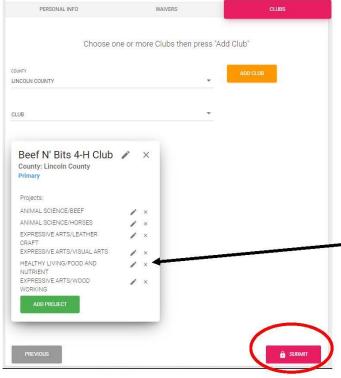


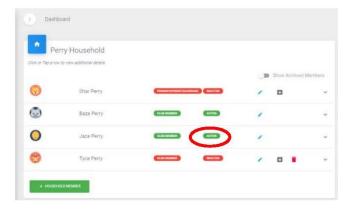
#### Returning Member Enrollment

#### **Yearly Re-enrollment of Family Members**

Enrollment must be done <u>annually</u> (starting October 1st) to stay active in 4-H.

- Go to <a href="https://4h.zsuite.org/">https://4h.zsuite.org/</a> (open in Google Chrome, not Internet Explorer). You will see a screen like this.
- 2. Use the same email and password you used to sign up for zsuite.
- 3. Click
  - if you forgot your password, click the Forgot Password? And you will be prompted to enter another password.
- 4. You MUST be signed in as the PRIMARY account to enroll members.
- 5. Once you log into your PRIMARY account, you will see a list of all the household members and their current enrollment status. Note the background color—Red signifies inactive profiles, while green signifies a member is currently enrolled. (NOTE: Each year, all profiles are made inactive.)
- 6. Click the picture besides the member you want to update. You can easily update inactive profiles by clicking
- 7. This will take you to the enrollment wizard form.
  - Complete all information. (NOTE: Required fields will have an asterisk \* behind it. The system will not go to the next section until all required fields are completed.)
- If you need to leave, prior to finishing your enrollment, click the 'SAVE FOR LATER' link at the bottom right of the form so you will not have to re-enter the data you've already completed.
- 9. Click at the bottom of the **Personal Information** section to go to the **Waivers** section. Click the Next button to go to the **Clubs** section





- 10. The 'CLUBS' section allows you to choose the clubs you'll be participating in for the year. You can choose more than one club, if desired, by selecting a club from the drop down menu and then clicking the orange ADD CLUB button. The clubs appear in their own box. NOTE: Do not click the "X" in the upper right hand of the club box unless you are not participating in that club.
- You can add projects by clicking the green ADD PROJECT button and selecting it from the drop down menu.
- 12. You can delete projects by clicking the "x" next tothe project you want deleted.
- 13. If your county has an enrollment fee, you will handle this on the 'CHECKOUT' tab. Any payment methods chosen by your state will appear as options on the page. If your state does not have an enrollment fee, simply click the 'SUBMIT' button to submit your enrollment.
- 14. Once your enrollment is completed, your county administrators will be contacted regarding your enrollment. Your enrollment will be in a 'Pending Approval' state until approval from your county staff.
- 15. Once you're approved, your status will change to 'Active'.

Please log into your zSuite account weekly to check for announcements from your county and club leaders.

If you have questions, please contact

Bryce McKenzie or Donna Nelson of the JC Extension Office @ (307)-684-7522



## Wy#ming4H VOLUNTEER CHECKLIST



#### **1.ENROLL IN ZSUITE**

Enroll in ZSuite every 4-H year

- Create an account in ZSuite & sign up as a leader (volunteer)
- Wait for further instructions & communication on the following steps below from the Volunteer Specialist

#### 3. NEW VOLUNTEER TRAINING

New Volunteer Training is good for 5 years

- You will need to create an account and choose the New Vol. Training Module
- Once you have completed all 4 modules, you will need to let your educator or the volunteer specialist know, and it will get updated in your ZSuite profile

#### 2. BACKGROUND SCREENING

Background checks are good for 5 years

- After enrolling in ZSuite, you will receive an email from Sterling with instructions on completing a background check make sure you check your spam folder!
- Even though you've completed the background screening it may take a few days and up to a week+ for the results to get posted you will be notified once it is completed and cleared

#### 4. ADDITIONAL TRAININGS

- New Volunteer Training is good for 5 years after that you will need to complete an additional training
- Check with your county educator if they are offering in-person trainings, if you are a teacher and have continuing ed. courses, CPR/First Aid training, etc.

#### 5. FINISH

Once you have completed all necessary requirements you will receive an email containing a letter welcoming you to the program with your enrollment records included

#### **EXTRAS**

#### **MVR**

- ☐ If you plan on transporting youth members (that are not your family) to and from any 4-H event or meeting you <u>must</u> complete an MVR
- The instructions for completing an MVR are included in your Sterling background check email

#### **CHAPERONE TRAINING**

If you plan on attending an overnight 4-H event you <u>must</u> complete and pass the chaperone training

#### **RESOURCES**

**ZSuite** 



New Volunteer Training



Chaperone & Additional Trainings





### **SHOWCASE SHOWDOWN**

June 15 - 18. 2026

University of Wyoming, Laramie

#### New for 2026!

- New Contests
  - Horse Quiz Bowl
  - Livestock QuizBowl
- Full Cloverbud Track
  - Full schedule of cloverbud activities
- NEW Residence Halls
  - All participants will be housed in the brand-new University of Wyoming residence halls!
  - Nightly activities specific for those who stay in the residence halls!
- **Event T-shirt** design by the 4-H youth, Jansen Hornecker who won the 2025 Showcase Showdown design contest!



On Saturday October 18th a reception was held to dedicate the new Shooting Sports building to Jim Dawson. (former JC 4-H/Youth Educator) For over 45 years Jim has spent his career devoted to youth. Many of those in Johnson County. He had a dream and over numerous years it has become a reality, due to his leadership and hard work. Thank you Jim Dawson, we will enjoy this building for years to come.



Tristan King, Thomas Kukowski, Gabi Hall, Aubree Irish, & Tera Boden were recognized as 4-H members that are seniors in high school



#### **PLATINUM DONORS**

(Over \$500)

Christine Gempp Love Foundation

2025—2026 4-H year donors!



#### 2025 HONORS CLUB

Back row left to right: Henry Shoup,
Redic Mader, Jace Foss. Front row: Tera
standing in for Kodi Boden, Kayden
Light, and Jayden Stoltz. Not pictured
2025 inductees are: Emily Duncan, Hayden
Geis, and Makenzie Miller.
Congratulations!

Top club record books were recognized at Achievement Night.

Calamity Corliss (far left) created the top club historian book.

She is a member of the Kountry Kids 4-H Club.

Elizabeth Pearson was judged as keeping the most accurate secretary's book. She was the secretary for the Rowdy Riders 4-H Club for 2024-2025.

Keeping the treasurers' records shipshape for the Kountry Kids 4-H Club was **Jace Foss.** 

Awesome job.

## 7 Consecutive years



Since the conception of the Club Sweepstakes Award, the Kountry Kids 4-H Club have been the recipients. Members who were in attendance at Achievement Night were: back room left to right, Marco Monterastelli, Henry Shoup, Jace Foss. Middle row left to right: Milan Monterastelli, Paislee Stevens, Sara Shoup, Jolene Foss. and Cort Hammerich. Front row: Cooper Hammerich, Calamity Corliss, and Logan Christian. Amazing!



There was a tie for top Junior Record Book. **Straus Hepp** (left) tied with **Grayce Bassett**. Another Bassett—**Tate Bassett** had the top Intermediate Record Book.

Senior Top Record Book had a three-way tie. **Tera Boden, Jolene Foss** and **Marco Monterastelli**.

Below are Senior age division showing their Gold & Silver Certificates.







### GET COOKING WITH 4-H

Learn, cook, taste, and share with your family while building lifelong skills in the kitchen.

#### WHAT IT'S ABOUT:

- Monthly recipes and cooking challenges
- Hands-on learning: baking, grilling, holiday treats & more
- Fun for the whole family kids and parents cook together
- Opportunities to try new foods and explore creative twists

#### YOUTH SAID IT BEST:

"I liked learning how to make eggs a new way."

"The banana bread became our new family favorite."

"I made my own grilled chicken sauce and everyone loved it!"

#### WHY JOIN?

- · Try new recipes
- · Build kitchen confidence
- · Create family memories



#### **JOIN US FOR YEAR 4!**

SIGN UP AT HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/J CDUBZF9UVCTRYJ26



#### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**Bodie Hansen (1st)** 

Adelaide Bennick (4th)

TC Irish (6th)

Ayla Puente (12th)

Ciera Reculusa (17th)

Waylon Davis (19th)

Aubree Irish (20th)

Laney Mader (29th)

Lou Brock (2nd)

Karly Peterson (5th)

Skye Malli (8th)

**Colter Pehringer (14th)** 

**Konnor Rodriguez (17th)** 

Wyatt Davis (19th)

Macklee Munsick (22nd)

Caroline Crago (30th)

Abby McMahan (2nd)

Case Wagoner (5th)

Maggie Kozisek (10th)

Whitley Nicholson (16th)

Morgan McCoy (18th)

Wiley Elmer (19th)

Teegan Olsen (26th)

**Bronc Vineyard (30th)** 

#### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

**Zaner Puente (1st)** 

Isaiah Goddard (3rd)

Sara Shoup (9th)

**Bay Davidson (19th)** 

**Griffin Ruby (20th)** 

Eira Moses (21st)

Nkululeko Ngcongo (25th)

Case Baker (28th)

**Brynlie Goodson (30th)** 

Jalen Frausto (3rd)

**Kipton George (4th)** 

**Adeline Schimmel (14th)** 

**Brooklyn Schultz (19th)** 

William Witt (20th)

Chamille Clark (22nd)

**Thaxston Tobiasson (25th)** 

Kade Benton (28th)

Johnny Frausto (3rd)

James Foss (5th)

Jamie Curuchet (16th)

Ellie Greub (20th)

**Kayden Light (21st)** 

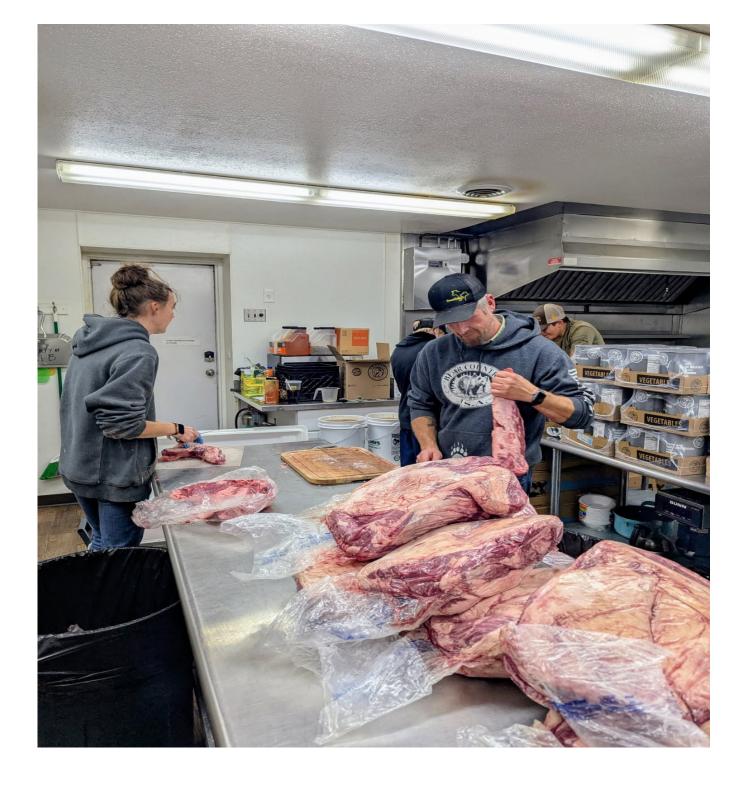
Allison Keown (24th)

Tylynn Smith (26th)

**Catherine Campbell (29th)** 

Jace Jerry (31st)





Leslie Taylor and Brent Painter diligently trimmed 400 tri tips in preparation of our 3rd Tri Tip Drive Thru fundraiser. (Calvin Painter and William Witt are in the background) Thank you for help making this another successful fundraiser. We look forward to 2026. to be bigger and better.





2024 Tri Tip Drawing

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Merchant	Winner	Member selling ticket		
Ace Hardware (\$100.00 gift card)	Terri Dawson	Kade Shideman		
Bloedorn Lumber (\$100 gc)	Therese Farris	Carlin Gardner		
Bomgaars (\$100 gc)	Stephen Martin	Warren Martin		
Bozeman Trail Steakhouse (\$100 gc)	Zach Nicholson	Whitley Nicholson		
Cowboy Bar & Grill (\$100 gc)	John Pavey	Teven Pavey		
Dash Inn (\$100 gc)	Kat Buttell	Sawyer Kolb		
DJ's Grocery & Variety (\$100 gc)	Bailey Crosswait	Branson Gay		
Invasion Bar & Restaurant (\$100 gc)	Sacha Gossard	Gaige Gossard		
MTR Ranch Supply (\$100 gc)	Becky Renkert	Holly Hanson		
Pie Zanos (\$100 gc)	Logan Brock	Joe Brock		
ReRide (\$100 gc)	John Wade	William Witt		
Sports Lure (\$100 gc)	Paula James	Lyddia Bryan		
The Breadboard (\$100 gc)	Maureen Ryff	Drew Shavlik		
1/2 Beef	Nathan Williams	Ike Williams		
Ruger American Rifle	Pat Shideman	Finn Shideman		
Tickets to Ian Munsick Concert	Jill Wright	Levi Wright		

July top ticket seller—PEYTON RODRIGUEZ -\$460.00

August top ticket seller-ELLISON RODRIGUEZ-\$1,710.00

September top ticket seller-GAVIN PAINTER-\$1,220.00

Overall top ticket seller -ELLISON RODRIGUEZ-\$2,610.00

Congratulations and thank you each for your hard work.

## **IGNITE BY 4-H**



HOW

#### **Applications**

Application are currently open and open until full.
Apply now to insure a spot!
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<a href="mailto:com/forms/ignite-4-h">com/forms/ignite-4-h</a>

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March 25-29, 2026 Washington DC

## "Where Possibilities are Endless!"

Teens collaborate, create, and cultivate a passion for expanding their minds, and their world.

WHY





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 EPIC/ESCAPE Extension Office Closed	5 EPIC/ESCAPE Extension Office Closed	6 EPIC/ESCAPE Extension Office Closed	7	8
9	4-H Council Meeting @ 6:30	Unit of the second fraction.  Thanks on Veterans.	12	Fair Board Meeting @ 6	14	Club Chartering due for Sweepstakes points
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Livestock Committee meeting @ 6	26	HAPPY Mankspring	28 Extension Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday	29
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	JC Fair Board Meeting at 6	12	13
14 Hanukkah	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24 UW Winter Break	25	26 UW Winter Break	27
28	29 UW Winter Break	30 UW Winter Break	31 UW Winter Break			

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## Movember 2025

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