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October 1, 2026	**4-H New YEAR**
October 1, 2026	Achievement /Awards meeting
October 3, 2026	Tri Tip Fundraiser
October 4-10, 2026	National 4-H Week
October 8, 2026	JC Fair Board Meeting
October 9-10, 2026	Western Junior Judging
October 11-12, 2026	NILE Judging
October 12, 2026	JC 4-H Council meeting
October 21,-23, 2026	UW Giving Days
October 25, 2026	Achievement Night
November 9, 2026	JC 4-H Council
January 11, 2027	JC 4-H Council
July 30th—August 9, 2027	JC Fair & Rodeo

If you exhibited at the 2026 JC Fair . . .
You are a winner in our eyes!



The **JC 4-H Council** provides premium money. Livestock exhibitors that placed 1st through 5th place in their class are awarded. And for static exhibits those that were awarded a purple, blue state, or blue ribbon will also receive money. It is available at the JC Extension Office for you to pick up. Last day to pick it up is October 25h. Those not claimed will be forfeited.





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To the Johnson County 4-H Community,

October kicks off the new 4-H year, along with evaluations and celebrations of the 2025-2026 4-H year. We are scheduling chartering, planning achievement night, programming for next year and rolling right into October! Our Johnson County 4-H Council and committees alike are constantly working on ways to improve community clubs, service work, and project learning, ensuring the 4-H youth of Johnson County have the best possible 4-H experience this coming year.

Before we look too far into the future, we are planning achievement night and finalizing the 2025-2026 4-H year in Johnson County. Achievement night is a fun time to celebrate the great things we did in 4-H over the past year. This year, achievement night will be October 25th, and we hope to see you there to celebrate with us!

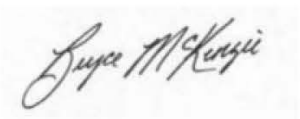
We are excited to start planning project area meetings and get things rolling for the upcoming year. As we start planning, expect us to continue what we have done, but: *If your youth is interested in a certain area, reach out to us, we love to facilitate the growth of youth and project areas!* We welcome new ideas and new projects, and would love to work together to make sure resources are available.

The renewal of clubs via chartering, along with leader and youth re-enrollments should be on every club leaders list of things to do in October or November at the latest. I have reached out to club leaders and if you have not yet gotten back to me, this should start to work its way to the top of the agenda. Everyone in 4-H will need to log back on to ZSuites after October 1st and re-enroll for the 2026-2027 4-H year.

Remember to go to the ZSuites calendar, our Facebook page, and the Clover Chatter to keep current on upcoming meetings, activities, 4-H events, etc. If you change officers during elections, we will need to update bank signatures for your club accounts, Adults and youth in Johnson County 4-H, if you have a friend or family that wants to join 4-H or become a leader for 4-H, please send them our way or send their contact information our way! We are always hoping to grow and strengthen our program.

Here's to a great year in Johnson County 4-H!

Thank you,



Bryce McKenzie
Johnson County UWE 4-H/Youth Development Educator

Monthly Johnson County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes

Date/Time of Meeting: September 14th, 2026, 6:30 pm

Meeting Location: Johnson County Community Building - 18 Fairgrounds Rd

Present at Meeting: Ashlea Bassett, Brent Painter, Lesley Pearson, Tesha Kolb, Sawyer Kolb, Tanner Kolb, Kendel Hepp, Dallas Hepp, Straus Hepp, Mallory Painter, Millie, Kinsley, and Avery Painter, Brett McCoy, Kennedy McCoy, Bryce McKenzie

Pledge of Allegiance presented by Millie Painter, 4-H pledge led by Straus Hepp

I. Reports

The minutes of the previous meeting were presented in the Clover Chatter. They were moved to approve by Sawyer Kolb and Seconded by Dallas Hepp. Lesley Pearson provided a verbal Treasurer Report update.

Club Reports and Updates: Blue Ribbon: Sawyer Kolb – club doing banners for National 4-H Week, upcoming food drives, and set their meeting hosts. Kountry Kids: Kinsley Painter – Meeting next Monday. Clover Colts: Dallas Hepp – met last night, worked on record books. Doing the hay bales for national 4-H week and the banners with Blue Ribbon. Winchesters: Planning their year at their next meeting. Krazy Kritters: Kennedy McCoy – County fair fundraiser for YES buckle and Tri-Tip Gift Cards, doing an EMT learning course at next meeting. Rowdy Riders: Meeting next week.

Committee Reports: Tri-Tip Committee Met. Ironed out details of the 360 some tickets sold.

II. Old Business

1. Fair Review

Exhibit numbers were up in total. Kid friendly activities like cornhole and things for evenings. Great feedback for livestock committee with the carcass contests and balancing times throughout the fair week. Adding names to the ultrasound reports.

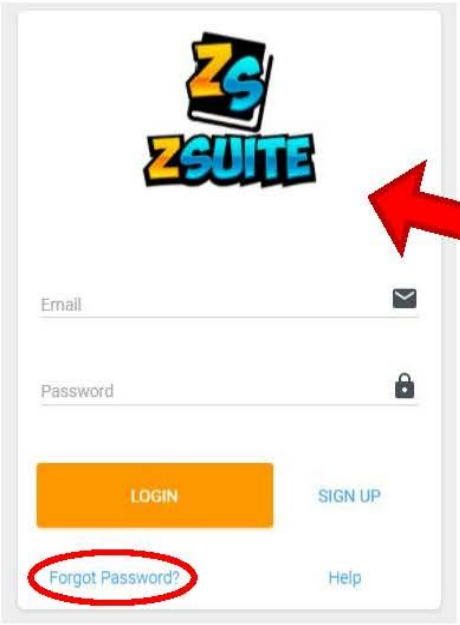
2. WSF Review

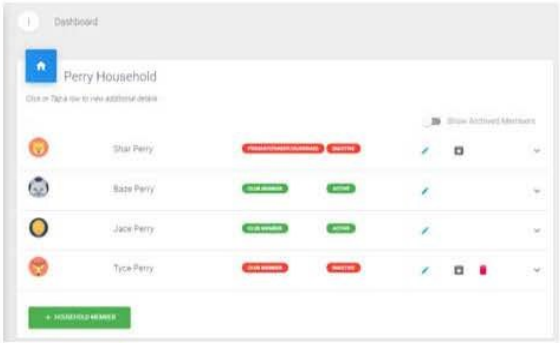
27 members attended, $587 sponsored by ANB Bank, Champions crowned in livestock barns and static events for Johnson County 4-H youth.

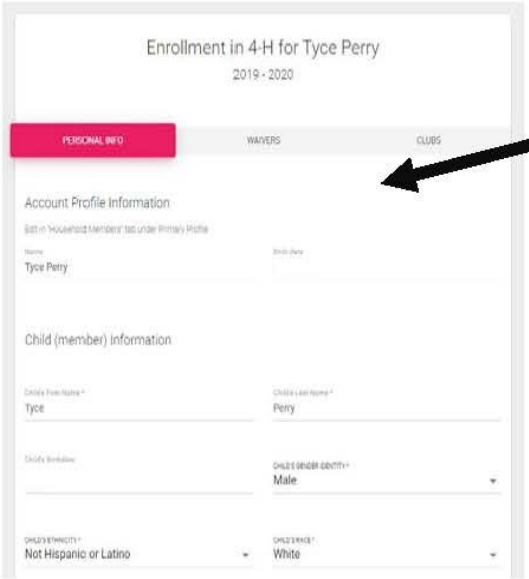
III. New Business

1. Committee Meetings Upcoming – Record Book Judges and Achievement Night Planning
2. Club Leader Resource Email coming to all club leaders by end of next week.
3. National 4- H Week – Ways to be involved
4. Achievement Night – Pictures please send to Bryce, Elections for VP and Treasurer
5. Project and Program Budget Requests Due by NEXT Council meeting
6. Next Meeting October 12th
   - Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM by Ashlea Bassett.
   - Minutes submitted by Bryce McKenzie

ZSuite 4-H Enrollment





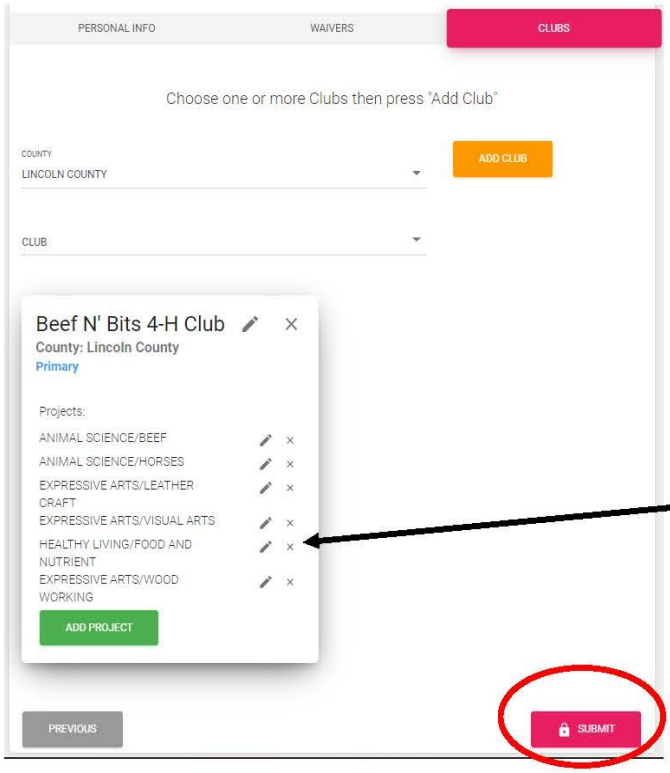


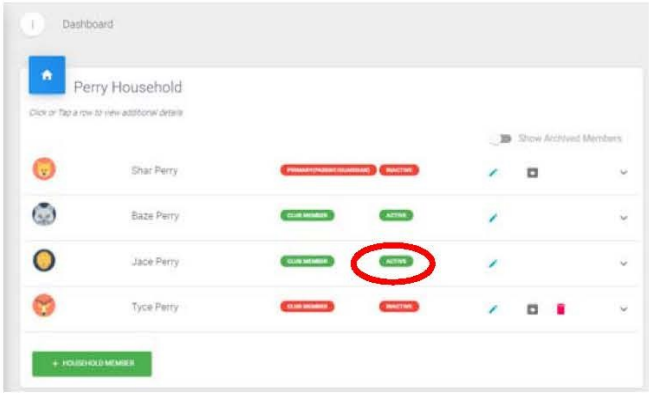
Returning Member Enrollment

Yearly Re-enrollment of Family Members

Enrollment must be done **annually** (starting October 1st) to stay active in 4-H.

1. Go to https://4h.zsuite.org/ (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 LOGIN
   - 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 ENROLL NOW
7. This will take you to the enrollment wizard form.
8. 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.)
9. 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.
10. Click NEXT 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.
11. 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 to the 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

Everyone is Invited

OCTOBER 25th, 2026

4:00 p.m.

JC Community Building

FOR

SURVIVAL ACHIEVEMENT 2026

(also known as Achievement Night)

JC 4-H Council provides the sloppy joes and buns. Please bring a side to feed 10 to 12 people if your last name falls between A-M. Desserts will be provided by families with last name start with N thru Z, for 10 to 12 people and we will share good food and good times with our 4-H family.

4-H Council Officer Nomination Application

If you are interested in becoming an officer for the Johnson County 4-H Council, please fill out the following information and return this nomination application to Donna at the Extension Office. This nomination form is to be filled out by the nominee to express interest in the position. Once nominations cease, all 4-H members and leaders are encouraged to vote on the candidate that they feel best meets their needs.

Nominee Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Office Applying For: President Treasurer

Are you a screened 4-H Volunteer Leader? Yes No

*If no, please contact the Extension Office before proceeding in order to fulfill the requirements of becoming a screened 4-H Volunteer Leader.

Please answer the following questions as completely as possible in the space provided.

1. **What interests you about filling this leadership position on the 4-H Council?**

2. **What qualities, skills, and talents do you possess that you feel will help you with this position?**

3. **Describe your previous 4-H experiences.**





Pumpkin Club concluded with an abundant harvest. Each member went home with gords, white and orange pumpkin. Micah treated them with pumpkin cookies. Pounds of fun!



BLUE RIBBON 4-H CLUB

At the Blue-Ribbon Club September meeting, the club celebrated winning the youth division at the fair parade this year! We discussed upcoming deadlines for record books and tri-tip fundraiser tickets. The group brainstormed ideas to celebrate National 4-H Week including wearing green, food drive, and displaying banners along Fort Street by Bomber Mountain. We signed up to host meetings and do presentations. We finished up by discussing club positions which we will vote on at the next meeting on October 8th.

Respectfully Submitted,

Brayden Gay

KOUNTRY KIDS 4-H CLUB

On September 21, Kountry Kids held their meeting at the Fire Hall. We listened to the 4-H Council report from Kinsley Painter. We celebrated when the club found out that we had 100% participation for selling tri-tip tickets! We discussed how fair went for everyone and how we did as a club with Herdsmanship. Finally, we talked about National 4-H Week and how we are going to decorate for it. Our next meeting is October 19, at the Johnson County Fire Hall.

Reported by Kinsley Painter



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

William Geis (1st)
Sarah Croft (2nd)
Juaquin Garcia (2nd)
Cort Hammerich (2nd)
Klaira Hofeldt (2nd)
Reid Odenbach (4th)
Tate Bassett (8th)
Adam Stoltenburg (9th)
Cody Green (11th)
Gwendolyn Ruby (11th)
Payton Schrader (14th)
Taelyn Mader (15th)
Beau Perry (17th)
Patrick Durham (20th)
Ethan Hart (20th)
Halle Crozier (22nd)
Wyatt Furley (22nd)
Halley Sutton (22nd)
Teagan DeCroo (23rd)
Addy Miller (27th)
Makenzie Miller (27th)

NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Lou Brock (2nd)
Journey Salazar (2nd)
Adelaide Bennick (4th)
Tait Rodriguez (5th)
Case Wagoner (5th)
TC Irish (6th)
Maggie Kozisek (10th)
Riley Kremers (11th)
Ayla Puente (12th)
Colter Pehringer (14th)
Kate Jones (15th)
Whitley Nicholson (16th)
Morgan McCoy (18th)
Waylon Davis (19th)
Wyatt Davis (19th)
Wiley Elmer (19th)
Aubree Irish (20th
RJ Ngcongo (20th)
Jolene Schmalz (21st)
Macklee Munsick (26th)
Laney Mader (29th)



Dear Johnson Co. 4-H Community,

I'm writing to let you know that I will be moving to Laramie by the end of the month. I received an opportunity to transfer to the Albany County Extension office to serve as the agriculture and natural resources educator there.

I want to thank you all for the warm welcome you extended to me when I started in my role as a fresh graduate four years ago. Johnson County is a truly special place, and the community support here is incredible. Please keep showing up to do the work. I strongly believe in the mission of 4-H and its role in building the future leaders of our rural and agricultural communities—work that cannot happen without you dedicated leaders, parents, volunteers, and supportive elected officials.

I'm staying with UWyo Extension, so I'll only be a phone call or email away if you need to reach me. Until our paths cross again, happy trails.

Sincerely,



Micah Most



JC Commission Chairman, Bill Novotny, presented Micah with a Wyoming flag that had flown over our capitol in appreciation of his work as our Agriculture and Natural Resources Educator for the last four years..

UW | Wyoming 4-H

October 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 NEW 4-H YEAR Achievement Planning Meeting 5:15	2	3 Tri Tip Fundraiser
4 National 4-H Week October 4-11	5	6	7	8 JC Fair Board @ 6	9 Western Junior Judging	10 Western Junior Judging
11 NILE Judging	12 JC 4-H Council @ 6:30 NILE Judging	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 UW Giving Days	22 UW Giving Days	23	24
25 Achievement Night @ 4	26	27	28	29	30	31 

UW | Wyoming 4-H

November 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 4-H Council meeting @ 6:30	10 ENGAGE Conference	11  JC Extension Office Closed ENGAGE Conference	12 ENGAGE Conference JC Fair Board meeting @ 6	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26  	27 JC Extension Office Closed for Thanksgiving break	28
29	30					

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