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THE CLOVER CONNECTION

October Newsletter

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SEPTEMBER SPOTLIGHT



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WyANG Discovery Days

By Rebecca Austin



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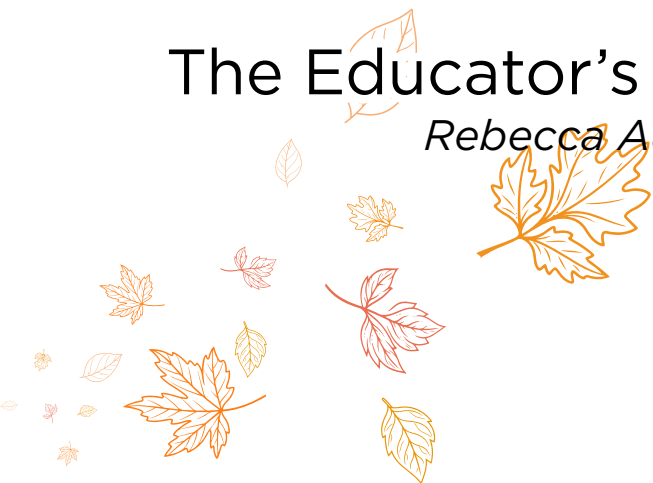
Our 4-H booth was a hit! Students had the opportunity to make their own buttons, experiment with robots, launch stomp rockets, and create unique cyanotype prints. With so many different activities to choose from, there was something for everyone to enjoy. It was wonderful to see students and

members of the community getting excited about science, technology, creativity, and making while learning more about what 4-H has to offer.

We had a fantastic time meeting students, sharing our programs, and showing just how much fun hands-on learning can be. A big thank-you to the Wyoming Air National Guard for hosting such a great event and giving 4-H the opportunity to be part of Discovery Days!

The Educator's Desk

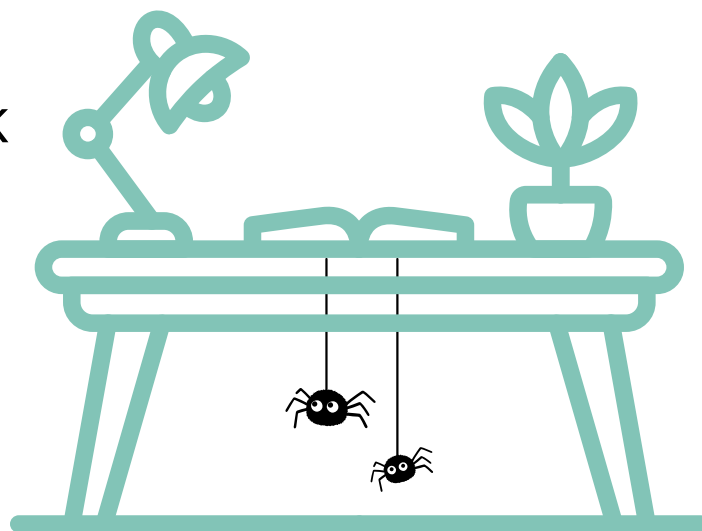
Rebecca Austin



It's fall y'all!

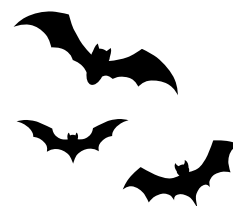
It's my favorite time of year, and the start of a brand-new 4-H year! We're excited to kick things off with a statewide bingo card activity and service project. If you haven't picked up your bingo card yet, don't forget to swing by the 4-H office to grab one. You'll be challenged to complete a variety of activities, such as attending a club meeting, inviting a friend to a 4-H event (and we have plenty coming up – hint, hint!), observing wildlife, completing a service project, and more. It's a fun way to get involved, try something new, and kick off the year on the right foot!

Speaking of events, we have quite a few exciting activities coming up this month. We're hosting a 4-H STEAM Night to celebrate National 4-H Week—and this is definitely an event you can bring a friend to! We'll have slime, robotics, holiday circuit cards, arts and crafts, and even a special appearance from EdgeFlyte. Whether you're a STEAM expert or just curious to see what it's all about, there will be something for everyone to try.



Another big event happening this month is our 4-H Achievement Night! We have a special treat in store this year as we've partnered with True Troupe to bring you dinner and a murder mystery. Our theme is the Emerald City of Oz, and something is definitely afoot! It will be up to our audience (you!) to follow the clues, question the suspects, and solve the mystery before the end of the night.

Our fabulous Junior Leaders have been working hard behind the scenes to help make this an Achievement Night to remember. We invite all of our 4-H families to join us, celebrate everything our members accomplished this past year, and enjoy an evening filled with food, fun, and a little bit of mystery. We can't wait to see you there! And remember, keep your eyes open...you never know who might be hiding something!



If you need more please let me know. Here's what I've got: "Happy October! In my opinion, there is something special about this season- when the air is crisp, the trees are colorful, and there is that coziness feeling upon us. It also means the start of the 4-H year! I hope you all take a few moments and get re-enrolled in 4-H! We want you all to be a part of our program. Remember, you need to enroll in Zsuite to participate in 4-H events and activities. Basically, anything done in the name of 4-H- including club meetings and county and state events.

I want to congratulate you all on all your hard work that you put into 4-H last year. Reading through the record books that were turned in has reaffirmed one important thing: 4-H is making a difference in the lives of young people! You are all learning knowledge and skills to be beyond ready for the next steps in your life! I have loved every project goal, every step taken to complete a project, and every 4-H involvement story I have read. I also loved looking at the pictures as well. I offer a job well done to each one of you!

On another note, I met last month with the F.E. Warren Air Force Base Youth Center. I will be training their staff next month, and we will be starting the F.E. Warren Air Force Base Youth Center 4-H Enrichment program soon! I am very excited about this partnership, as it will allow youth on base to explore what 4-H has to offer!

I can't wait to see what this 4-H year has in store for all of us! I know that we have been planning some fun opportunities for the county 4-H program, and as always, we encourage you all to take advantage of the educational opportunities offered. I look forward to continuing to get to know each of you and working with you this next 4-H year!

Sincerely,
Brenda Madrid
4-H Military Educator





Happy 4-H New Year!

It's October, and we're ready for a fun new year of 4-H! We have plenty of activities, workshops, and exciting opportunities planned for you all throughout the year. To kick off the new 4-H year, we're getting ready to celebrate National 4-H Week! Swing by the 4-H office to grab your bingo card and complete the activities for a chance to win some fun prizes.

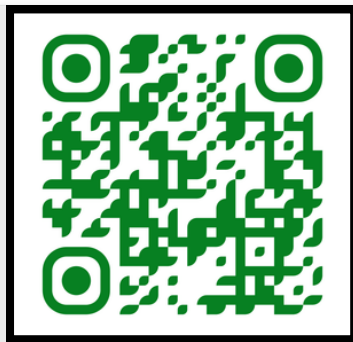
We'll also have special days throughout the week to help us celebrate, including October 5th as Go Green! Wear your favorite green 4-H gear, take a picture, and share it with us! Be sure to keep an eye out for the rest of our National 4-H Week activities and find fun ways to show your 4-H spirit. We can't wait to see how everyone celebrates!

Cloverbuds streaming near you!

Cloverbuds had a splashing good time for our September meeting. We want to thank the LCCC Mobile STEM lab for letting us borrow their stream table. Youth were able to experiment with different landscapes to understand firsthand how erosion and landscape can affect water movement. They explored the nature of flash floods, how location can affect housing, and why some locations might be susceptible to flooding.



New 4-H Year & Zsuite Re-enrollment



October 1st will start the new 4-H year! Please re-enroll starting October 1st on Zsuite. See the following instructions on how to re-enroll or give us a call at 307-633-4383. Remember, you will need to re-enroll with your Household profile and pin number!

1. All first-time families must create a HOUSEHOLD profile with a PIN # that is unique to the family.
2. Once created, you can add the youth participant to the family profile. The family information will auto-populate in the youth profile. (Please be sure that youth DO NOT select the volunteer box- this is for adult volunteers only)
3. Fill in the information, clicking continue at the bottom of the page to save and continue.
4. At the CLUB SELECTION page, click on the drop-down menu to find the club that you chose in step 3. (Please DO NOT select the Project Volunteer Club for youth)
5. Select the youth's desired project areas- youth can have as many as they like but must have AT LEAST ONE project selected. (Cloverbuds can ONLY ENROLL in the CLOVERBUDS PROJECT)
6. Once all Projects are selected, select "Add to Cart" to continue to the payment page.
7. The "Cart Checkout" page will display. The invoice for enrollment fees will display for the individual member. Please verify that the amount due is \$10.00. Note that if a shooting sport project was selected, there is an additional \$10.00 fee per shooting discipline in addition to the standard \$10.00 enrollment fee.
 - The shooting sport fees will only be added to the checkout page if it is included with the initial yearly enrollment fee. If shooting sports is selected after the \$10.00 enrollment fee is paid, the shooting sports fees must be paid in cash or check in the County Extension Office located at 1400 E. College Drive, Pathfinder Building, 406D, Cheyenne, WY, 82007.
 - Fee Explanation – 4-H Members must pay the annual enrollment fee of \$10.00. This fee can be paid online or in the Extension Office. Members who will be participating in shooting sports must pay a fee for each discipline that they select. This fee is only due once per project, per discipline (Archery, Rifle, Muzzleloader, Shotgun, Pistol). For example; if a youth will be participating in both "Pistol: Air Pistol" and "Pistol: .22 Pistol", they pay the \$10.00 fee once for the Pistol discipline. Shooting sports fees must be paid prior to attending shooting sports orientations or participating in the first shooting practice of the year.
 - Any fees paid to Laramie County 4-H for shooting sports or enrollment are non-refundable.
 - If you are enrolling more than one youth, you do have the option to select "Add Enrollment" to enroll all of your youth. When enrollments are completed, you may opt to follow the online payment directions or select "Submit & Pay Later/In-Person".
8. After hitting submit, your enrollment will become pending until payment or approval is completed. Once your payment and enrollment are completed and approved by the Extension Office, the enrollment will be active.
9. If you change your contact information or wish to change clubs, projects, etc., please return to ZSuite at any time throughout the year.

4-H Reminders and Upcoming Events

Month at a Glance: October



1st - Bingo Cards begin!

4th - 10th

National 4-H Week!

5th - Go Green!

8th - STEAM night 5pm-7pm

10th - Sewing Workshop 9am-4pm

17th - Harvest Market 10am-4pm

24th - Achievement Night

30th - Bingo Cards Due!

Statewide 4-H Service Project

THANK YOU CARDS & CARE BASKETS FOR FIREFIGHTER CREWS

Wyoming 4H



Thankful Thursday, Oct. 8th

Share/Thank someone who had a positive impact on you

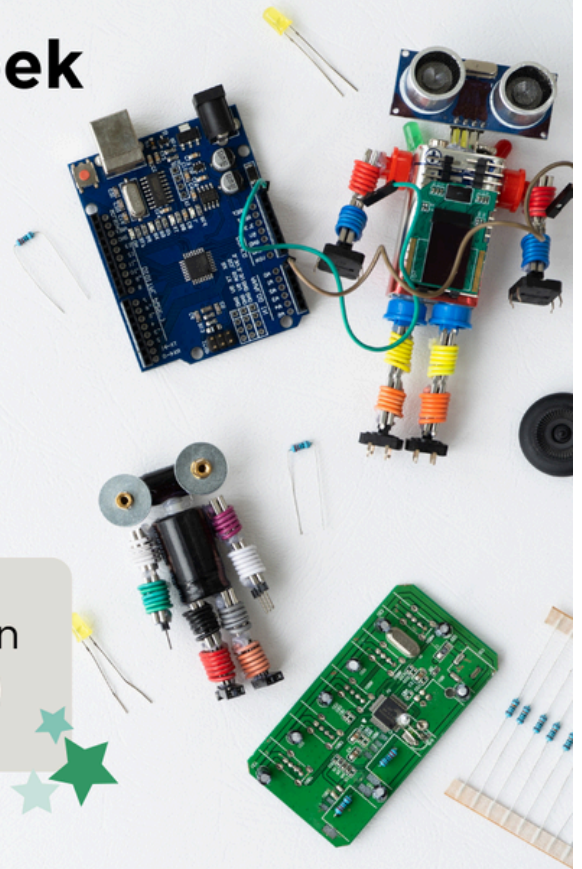
National 4-H Week STEAM Night!

Thursday, October 8th

5PM-7PM

LCCC Pathfinder Bldg.,
Rooms 419, 415, & 305

Bring a friend who's not in
4-H for your Bingo Card!



UPCOMING EVENTS



Saturday, Oct. 10th Sewing Workshop

Join us **Saturday, October 10th**, anytime from 9:00 AM-4:00 PM for a sewing workshop! Please RSVP so we can prepare enough materials for individuals. Scan the QR code or visit <https://form.jotform.com/261386048405054> to sign up!



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Free Vendor Show Entry
Free Parking

Trick-or-Treat
At participating vendor booths

Halloween Harvest Market
Event Center at Archer
3801 Archer Pkwy

October 17, 2026 10 am - 4 pm

Proceeds benefit Cheyenne Shriners & Laramie County 4-H

Simplicity 307 Vendor@Every



4-H Babysitting Camp

Albany, Goshen, Laramie & Platte County 4-H welcome you to the 4-H Babysitting Camp! Open to youth 4-H age 10-14.

Camp Dates & Location:

Friday, December 18th 4:00 PM-7:00 PM &
Saturday, December 19th 7:00 AM-5:30 PM
LCCC Pathfinder Bldg., ANB Leadership Center
1400 E. College Drive, Cheyenne, WY 82007

Dinner Friday, Snacks & Lunch on Saturday will be provided!

Registration Fee of \$20. Free to Military Youth.

Come Learn About:

- Babysitter Basics
- Safety
- CPR & First Aid
- Child Development
- Food & Nutrition
- Entertainment
- The Business of Babysitting

Space is Limited! Register today!



Register for the event by scanning the QR code!



JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF RECOGNITION, MYSTERY, & MAGIC

4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

join us in the

EMERALD CITY

An Award Celebration &
Murder Mystery Event!



DATE:

Saturday, October 24th



TIME:

4:00 PM



LOCATION:

ANB Leadership Center
LCC Pathfinder Bldg



SOMETHING's AFOOT IN OZ...

A mystery has unfolded
in Emerald City! Can YOU
help solve it before the
applause fades to black?



TRUE TROUPE



DRESS UP!

THEMED OR NOT,
WE CAN'T WAIT
TO SEE YOU!





4-H OUTDOOR CHALLENGE

NOVEMBER 13-15

YOUR PACE. YOUR SPACE. YOUR CHALLENGE.

Challenge yourself and others to spend the weekend outdoors! Pledge your outdoor hours online and then hit the trails, or simply relax. Contact your local Extension office for registration details or follow the registration link below.

REGISTER ONLINE

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<https://tinyurl.com/4-HOutdoorChallenge2026>



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MEAT JUDGING

YOUTH CONTEST SERIES

2026/2027

Hosted by UWyo Meat Judging
OPEN TO YOUTH NATIONWIDE

Contests

Oct. 5
Jan. 8
Feb. 15
Mar. 24
April TBD

Divisions

- Junior
- Intermediate
- Senior
- Novice
- Limited
- Experienced

Prizes

Contest awards 1st & 2nd
Year-end awards 1st & 2nd

Series rules can be found at <https://bit.ly/3Urgd67>

Stay updated via Facebook
@University of Wyoming
Meat Judging Team

Contact: mckensie.phillips@uwyo.edu (307) 766-2334

UPCOMING EVENTS



Volunteer Training

Are you a new volunteer for 4-H, or need a refresher? Join us for an in-person training to become an approved leader or volunteer!

October 27th 5:30-7:00PM
LCCC Pathfinder Bldg, 419

Sign up by scanning the QR code!



ATTENTION:
YQCA WILL BE DUE BY
JUNE 1ST, 2027



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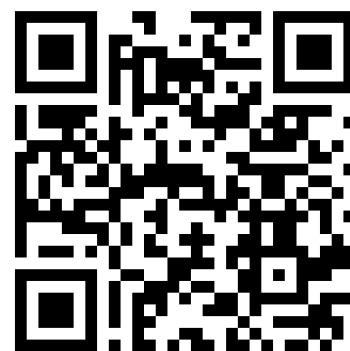
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Want to submit an event? We'll post your event to social media, Band, and on our Website Calendar. Fill out the form by scanning the QR code below or visit <https://form.jotform.com/LaramieCounty4H/event-submission-form>.

If you want to share a story or highlights in the newsletter, reach out to Rebecca Austin at raustin5@uwyo.edu. The newsletter is sent out on the first of each month.



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