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Extension Lincoln County

State 4-H Website: https://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/ or 4-H Enrollment: https://4h.zsuite.org or Lincoln Co. Extension: https://wyoextension.org/lincolncounty/

Afton Office - 307-885-3132

January 2026

Kemmerer Office – 307-828-4092

Upcoming Events

Dec 22-23	Kemmerer Extension Office Closed				
Dec 24-25	Christmas Holiday, Extension Offices Closed				
Dec 28-30	Winter Closure, Extension Offices Closed				
Dec 31	New Year's Holiday, Extension Offices Closed				
2026					
Jan 01	New Year's Holiday, Extension Offices Closed				
Jan 06	SV Cloverbuds, 3 pm, Afton Civic Ctr.				
Jan 13	Jr. Leader Meeting, Afton Civic Center, 5 pm				
Jan 14	Treasurer & Leader Training, 6 pm Afton Civic Ctr.				
Jan 16	4-H Fun Cooking, 9 am, Afton Civic Center				
Feb 01	Mkt Beef Tagging, Animal Info & Pics Upload DUE				
Feb 15	4-H Scholarship Application Deadline				
Mar 25-29	Ignite By 4-H, Washington, DC				
Apr 10-15	National 4-H Conference, Arlington, VA				
Jun 15-18	Showcase Showdown, Laramie WY				



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Market Beef Tagging DUE FEB 1, 2026 (NO central tagging this year)

THERE IS NOT CENTRAL TAGGING THIS YEAR. You will need to make arrangements to pick up your tags from the Extension Offices. To do so, you will need to do the following:

- 1. Enroll in 4-H (See info in text box below).
- Have a Form A (Brand Inspection in the 4-H Member's name) in hand to pick up tags. Also, you can contact the Afton Ext. Office, 307-885-3132 or Kemmerer Ext. Office, 307-828-4092 to get tags.

After picking up tags:

- Tag animal and take a picture showing the tag in the animal's ear and a picture of the full body.
- Complete the animal information and upload animal pictures (Tag in ear & full body) to your ZSuite project profile. (Remember to have all 15 numbers on the animal ID line) by FEB 1, 2026

Animal Upload Instructions are available on the ZSuite Dashboard.

Online 4-H Registration https://4h.zsuite.org

<u>Returning Families & Leaders</u>— Follow the instructions on pages 9-10 of this newsletter. DO NOT make a new profile.

<u>New Families & Leaders</u>—Follow the instructions on page 8 or contact either Extension Office for help.

Contact Afton (885-3132) or Kemmerer (828-4092)
Extension Office for questions

4-H Educator's Letter...

4-H Families! I hope everyone is having a fun holiday season! Please make sure to enroll in the ZSuite program if you haven't yet! We need everyone that wants to participate in 4- H this year to enroll, even volunteers! Instructions are at the end of the 4-H section of this newsletter. Members need to be re-enrolled before attending club meetings.

I am so excited for our new year. Please remember we are here to help with your 4-H needs. Also, remember to call Jill to place your order for your club project manuals. Please do this early so they have time to get shipped here before you need them.

All leaders are required to complete training every five years. If your five years are up, please remember to complete your online leader training before your club starts meeting. The link is: http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/volunteers/additional-trainings.html If you need your five year background screening done, please make sure to leave plenty of time to hear back from them before your club meetings.

Once you have completed the training, please email Jill, (jhubbar7@uwyo.edu) the name of the training, two interesting facts that you learned in the trainings and the date you completed the trainings so she can make record of your training.

It is also a great time of year for clubs to complete community service.

If you have any questions, please contact the Afton Extension Office, 307-885-3132.

Shar

Cloverbuds—January 6

The next SV Cloverbud activity will be on January 6, 3 pm at the Afton Civic Center. Cloverbuds is an introductory program for kids ages 5 to 7 years old (as of January 1). Please let Shar know you are planning to attend.

Jr. Leader Meeting—January 13

The next SV area Jr. Leader Meeting will be on January 13, 5 pm at the Afton Civic Center. Please let Shar know you are coming.

Interested in Mars

There is a fun project that 4-H clubs and schools around the state are involved in. The main objective is figuring out how to feed astronauts on the Martian surface, and how to grow food on Mars?

Student groups/clubs would get together and figure out what to grow, how to grow it and potentially build an actual greenhouse.

If you are interested, check out the website, link below to learn more about this super amazing project!

www.martiangreenhouse.org

SV Area 4-H Members & Leaders!

Pick up Record Books

Justin Anderson, August & Eliza Henderson, Presley Jacobsen, Briar Kenley, Dixon, Kimball, Owen & Tell Parry, and Madelief Toolson

Pick up Club Books

Hog Squad, Dynamite Dogs, Hooves 'N Hides, Lucky Clovers, Star Shooters, Muckin Mavericks, 4-H Clover Dogs, and Meadow Grazers

January Birthdays!!!

Easton A.
Samuel B.
Tydell B.
Beth C.
Madilyn D.
Remington D.
Kash E.

Hadlee F. Dainah F. Kendall G. Annelise G. Raiden H. Dee H.

Adalynn H. Malakai H. Chaimberly J. Lila J. Macy K. Addie L. Collin L. Lilly L. Jace M. Rylynne M. Jaycie N. Canilla O. Owen P. Scarlett P. Jacob P. JaiJ R. Malachi S. Tyler S. Krew W.

Treasurer & Leader Training January 14, 6 pm **Afton Civic Center** RSVP-885-3132

4-H Fun Cooking—Jan. 16

The next 4-H Fun Cooking activity will be on January 16, 9 am at the Afton Civic Center kitchen.

> **CLUB FUNDRAISER FORMS MUST BE** SUBMITTED TO AND APPROVED BY THE **EXTENSION OFFICE BEFORE** THE FUNDRAISER HAPPENS!

YQCA Program for Livestock Members

The State 4-H Program has bought into the YQCA program (Youth for the Quality Care of Animal.) This brings some big changes for us!

There is still a limited number of \$3 coupons for the in-person classes from last year. It is first come, first served for the coupons. When they are gone, each member will have to pay the \$3 fee for the inperson class. There is a \$12 online class that members can opt to take; but the fee will be paid by the member. The YQCA program is not required but strongly encouraged! Parents will need to create a family account at yqcaprogram.org.

All students will be required to take a pretest before the class and a post-test after the class. These must be completed before they get their completion certificate.

In-person class dates & times will be coming soon.

If you have any questions, please contact the Afton Extension Office (307-885-3132) or Kemmerer Office (307-828-4092).

2026 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.



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College of Agriculture and Natura

Big Horn County, Basin, WY

- Dates March 7-8, 2026
- · Registration : Big Horn County
- Carbon County, Saratoga, WY
- . Dates March 21-22, 2026
- Registration : Carbon County

Sweetwater County, Rock Springs, WY

- . Dates March 28-29, 2026
- Registration: Sweetwater County Crook County, Sundance, WY
- . Dates April 11-12, 2026
- · Registration: Crook County

Natrona County, Casper, WY

- . Dates April 25-26, 2026
- Registration: Natrona County

Shooting Sports Development Committee Meeting

- Date February 21, 2026, Casper Hilton Garden Inn 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."



4-H Club News-

Hamsfork Hands 4-H Club

The Hamsfork Hands 4-H Club meet on the first Monday of each month, 6:30 pm at the So. Events Center. January's meeting will be a 4-H Open House.

Lucky Clovers 4-H Club

The Lucky Clovers 4-H Club will begin meeting in Jan. Our first meeting will be to elect officers and plan the year. This will mean picking dates, discussing what the club wants to do this year, projects, field trips, activities etc. We will discuss community service ideas and fundraisers. Please come prepared with your input and project ideas! Remember to get enrolled in ZSuite at https://4h.zsuite.org/ before hand.

The Nocked & Loaded 4-H Club

The Nocked & Loaded 4-H Club started shooting for the winter season. We decided to continue meeting on Thursdays twice a month for the winter season. We also want to keep air rifle and archery, but do more archery than air rifle meetings. We will meet in the Afton Exhibit building normally. But will also meet at MTOS. We will elect new officers in January. The winter schedule date are listed below and also added to the calendars at the end of the newsletter. Add these dates to your calendars. Please check the group app for discipline and location.

 Jan 8
 Mar 5

 Jan 22
 Mar 19

 Feb 5
 Apr TBD

 Feb 19

Wyoming State/Regional Events & News

(More information online at: http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/)

Ignite by 4-H, Washington DC: March 25 – 29, 2026

https://wyoming4h.formstack.com/forms/ignite_4_h

WY Youth Application due to State Office by October 31st but please remember Conference could sell out before October 31st.

Graduation Cord Application Info

For those of you with 4-H members graduating in **December 2025** or **May/June 2026**, the **Graduation Cord Application** is now available: <u>Graduation Cord Application Form</u>

Please note the submission deadlines:

December 2025 graduates: November 16, 2025 May/June 2026 graduates: April 19, 2026

National 4-H Conference: will be held April 10-15, 2026 in

Arlington, Virginia. More information to come.

Showcase Showdown: will be held June 15-18, 2026 at University of Wyoming, Laramie, WY. More information to come.











Halls and Dining Center

· Exclusive events for

those who stay on

available from various areas

campus

• UW Bus Transportation

throughout the state

PRODUCE JUDGING

ROBOTICS CONTEST

TABLE SETTING

HORSE QUIZ BOWL

LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL



4-H MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

DEACON LORIMER

- Deacon is 8 years old and is a 2nd grader at Afton Elementary.
- This is Deacon's first year in 4-H.
- He is a member of the Hog Squad, Luck Clover, and Nocked & Loaded 4-H Clubs.
- His projects are Market Swine, Poultry, Foods & Nutrition, Fabric & Fashion, and Shooting Sports.
- His hobbies are wrestling, dirt-biking, building things, and cuddling his cat, Milo.



4-H Volunteer Spotlight

"Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart." ~ Elizabeth Andrew

Highlights:

- Charlotte likes to craft, paint, and garden.
- She taught English to Chinese elementary students and is currently studying to become a teacher.
- Charlotte credits her 4-H leaders, Sue & Dee Helm, for helping her learn to care, shear, and show her sheep.
- She became a leader to help other kids develop showing skills and learning how to take care of their animals, as well as the importance of becoming a valuable community member.





Charlotte Parsons

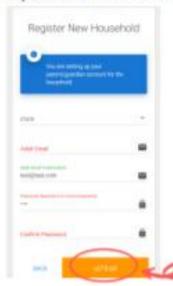
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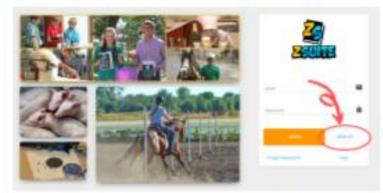


ZSuite 4-H Enrollment!

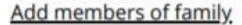
Enrolling in Wyoming 4-H

- Go to https://4h.zsuite.org/ (open in Google Chrome, not Internet Explorer)
- 2. Click Sign Up
- Fill in the required fields (you can use your same email and password from 4HOnline).





- Create a pin number (we recommend an easy to remember four-digit number, like the last four numbers of your phone number).
 - REMEMBER your password and pin number, you will need it to access your enrollment!
- Select Wyoming and your home County.
- 3. Click Let's Go

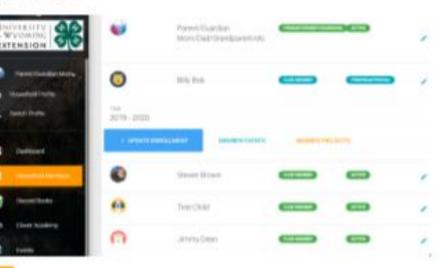


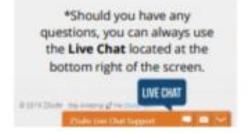
You should now be directed to the Dashboard screen.

- To add members, in the black drop down menu, select household members.
- 2. On the next screen, select
- Fill in the required fields for one of your members.
- 4. Don't forget to add a club! Click
- You will also need to select projects for each club by clicking then selecting a project from the drop down menu
- 5. Finish by clicking

You will return to the **Household Members** screen.

The member you added should appear in the list along with yourself. Repeat this process for the other members of your household.



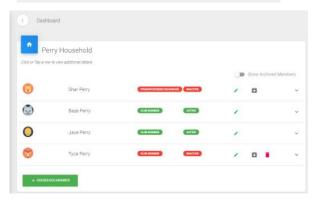


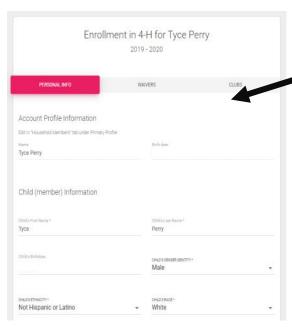


ZSuite 4-H Enrollment



Email Password LOGIN SIGN UP Forgot Password? Help



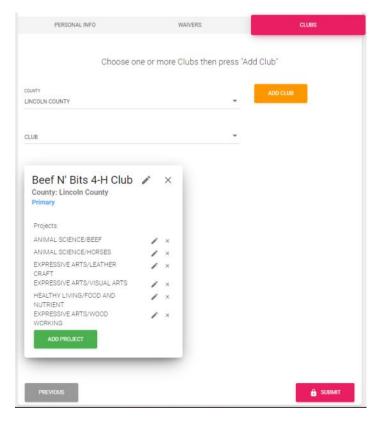


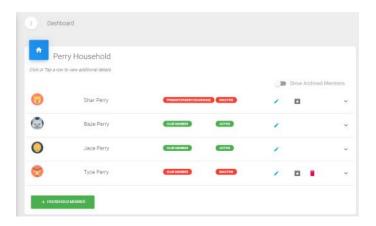
Returning Member Enrollment

Yearly Re-enrollment of Family Members

Enrollment must be done annually to stay active in 4-H.

- 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 Pass-word?** And you will be prompted to enter another password.
- 4. You MUST be signed in as the PRIMARY account to enroll members.
- 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.)
- 8. 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.
- 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 us

Shar Perry, Afton Extension Office, 307-885-3132

Deborah Peavler, Kemmerer Extension Office, 307-828-4092

January



Trustworthiness

Being trusted is among the highest achievements of individuals



What does it mean to be Trustworthy?

People will trust a person who has a reputation of being honest, reliable and responsible.

Dishonesty can easily tarnish that reputation, such that others consider you untrustworthy. Being considered trustworthy provides benefits from the way people deal with you, as well as your own self-esteem.

Trust in another people has several meanings:

- Trust means that you feel that the person is honest and will not lie, cheat or steal from you.
- 2. It also means that you can count on the person to do as he or she promised and that the person is reliable.

Finally, trust in a person means that you feel he or she can be counted on to do something important, will not shirk from duties, and will take personal pride in what he or she does.

You're trustworthy when:

- You tell the truth
- You are sincere. Say what you mean and mean what you say
- You keep your word
- You are reliable
- You return things you borrow
- You don't gossip

"It's better to be hated for what you are than to be loved for something you are not"

~ Andrew Gide ~

Trustworthiness:

involves four major qualities:

- Integrity: the idea of a moral wholeness, or oneness, demonstrated by a consistency of thoughts, words, deeds, and duties.
- Honesty: means that a person doesn't do things that are morally wrong.
 If something you do is breaking the law or you have to hide it because you'll get in trouble, you are probably not being honest.
- Promise-keeping: A man is only as good as his word
- 4. Loyalty: standing with and behind someone in need. Loyal friends share both triumphs and trauma, and offer honest, constructive feedback delivered in a kind and tactful manner.



"Your handshake is as good as your word"

Trustworthiness in 4-H

4-H Club Activity

The "Gossip" Game

Have the group sit in a circle. Whisper a statement in one person's ear. You cannot repeat it even if they didn't understand it the first time. That person repeats the statement in the next person's ear, and so forth around the room. The last person tells what they heard out loud.

Discuss what happened. Did the statement end up the same as it began? Was it close? Why or why not? How does this relate to "real life"? Why can gossip become so harmful?

Like this activity? Find more like it in the "Good Ideas Book"



Cent\$ible Nutrition Program

Helping Families Eat Better for Less

Cent\$ible Nutrition Program -

<u>Star Valley and Kemmerer Areas</u> - The classes will be fun hands-on classes about food and nutrition, food safety, the new MyPlate guide, and other food topics. The class is hands-on cooking with a great cookbook. The class is free to those who qualify. If you are interested in participating in a class or have any questions, please contact **Stephanie Anderson at the Uinta Co. Extension Office at 307-783-0570.**

CNP 2.0 will be offering an online class in the evening, and we'd love for you to share this opportunity with your community! Contact Stephanie at the phone number listed above for income guidelines. See flyer below for class registration information.

To learn more about CNP programming, visit uwyocnp.org.



Vegetable Beef Soup

Makes 4 servings

Ingredients:

- 2 teaspoons canola oil
- 1 pound ground beef, or 14.5-ounce can beef substitute beef for other meat, loke game, bison, turkey, or chicken
- 1/2 cup onion, diced
- 4^{1/2} cups low-sodium chicken, beef, or vegetable broth
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- 1 bay leaf
- 1/4 teaspoon black pepper
- 10 ounces frozen mixed vegetables or 2 cups fresh or canned vegetables
- 1 15-ounce can diced tomatoes

Directions:

- 1. Wash hands with warm, soapy water.
- 2. In a large saucepan, heat canola oil. Brown ground beef with onions. Drain off fat. If using canned beef, skip this step.
- 3. Add broth, Italian seasoning, bay leaf, and black pepper. Heat. If using canned beef, add it in this step.
- 4. Stir in mixed vegetables but not tomatoes.
- 5. Bring to a boil. Reduce heat, cover, and simmer for 6-8 minutes or until vegetables are tender crisp. Remove bay leaf and throw away.
- 6. Stir in tomatoes with juices. Heat through.

NOTES:

Variation

Add Grains—Add 2 cups cooked macaroni noodles in step 4.

Source: https://uwyocnp.org/cb/vegetable-beef-soup/



January 2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				New Year's Day, Ext. Offices Closed	2	3
4	5 Hamsfork Hands 4-H Club Mtg, 6:30 pm Training Ctr.	6 SV Cloverbuds, 3 pm, Afton Civic Center	7	8 Nocked & Loaded 4- H Club Mtg, 6 pm	9	10
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18	19 WY Equality Day & MLK Day. Ext. Offices Closed	20	21	22 Nocked & Loaded 4- H Club Mtg, 6 pm	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 MKT BEEF ANIMAL TAGGING, INFO & PICS UPLOAD DUE	2	3	4	5 Nocked & Loaded 4- H Club Mtg, 6 pm	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 Valentine's Day
15 4-H Scholarship Application Deadline	16 President's Day	17	18	19 Nocked & Loaded 4- H Club Mtg, 6 pm	20	21
22	23	24	<i>25</i>	26	27	28

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Don't miss out on any Important announcements or deadlines!

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