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Jay's Thoughts

May is off to an active start with a presentation contest and preparation for the summer activities. In May, I am looking forward to the graduation of many 4-H members from high

school. Congratulations to all of the Natrona County 4-H members who are graduating.

In April and the first weekend of May, we had the opportunity to tag market sheep, goats, and swine. This was an undertaking, and I would like to offer a huge thank you to the species superintendents from the sheep, goat, and swine areas that collaborated together to make these taggings work and successfully tagged three species on a Tuesday evening and a Saturday morning. Thank you as well to all of the FFA advisors and 4-H/FFA sale committee for stepping up and helping. Your help at the taggings is essential. It was excellent to see the families in and the market animal projects that the youth are managing.

In May, please consider registering for Showcase Showdown in Laramie, WY, from June 17th to 19^{th.} This is an exciting opportunity that youth members can take part in, and this year, members have the opportunity to ride the bus. Casper, WY, at the ARLC office is



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one of the pick-up locations for the buses that Wyoming 4-H is arranging. Natrona County 4-H is arranging chaperones who can help the members who go to enjoy the contests, and they can stay in the dorms. The registration for Showcase Showdown is on Zsuites under state events, and I am happy to answer questions that you may have. At this year's showcase showdown, I am one of the contest coordinators for Foods Cook Off, the presentations contest, and this year, a Cloverbud tract is offered, and I am planning a Cloverbud rodeo at Showcase Showdown. So, please still consider Showcase Showdown even if you are a Cloverbud. Please review the Showcase Showdown website for more information: https://wyoming4h.org/opportunities/showcase-showdown/

Another opportunity that will be coming on October 18th is the 4-H Northeast Region Leadership Summit. This is a collaborative effort on the part of the 4-H educators in the Northeast region to offer leadership development to adult volunteers and teen leaders. The 4-H Council to support leadership development in Natrona County's teens and adult volunteers would like to fund 10 adults or teens to go to the summit. The council has chosen to use some of the Thankful Thursday funding from last year that was given to support leadership development. The application is on Zsuites, and it requires one letter of recommendation. Please apply by June 25^{th.}

I am looking forward to an exciting summer with all the excellent 4-H members and the exhibition of their projects.

Warmly, Joshua "Jay" Bliss

Terry's Nook

Hello to all,

Here at the 4-H office, we are all working towards having a spectacular fair this year. I look forward to seeing all of our static entries and animals. I know that all are working to do their very best with all of their projects.



Terry Kipp 4-H & Rural Living Program Assistant

Don't forget to sign up for the Presentation Contest May 7 and the final QA in person training May 15. Showcase Showdown is scheduled for June 17-19 in Laramie.

With the Hall of Champions, I will be creating an on-line Sign-up Genius. Each time frame will be 2 hours with the last one in the evening for 3 hours. I am asking that all clubs sign up as well as family units or adult volunteers. Hopefully you can find more information further on in this newsletter. Having the internet and phones out for a couple of days is currently making all activities more challenging.

BIG CHANGE WITH STATIC EXHIBITS THIS YEAR!!

All Foods, Food Preservation & Cake Decorating will be on Thursday, June 26 10:00-3:00. The FSC Superintendents will be creating a Sign up for family times. More on this to follow.

I will be out of the office on vacation from May 16 - 30. If you have any questions please contact Zip or Josh.

Zip's Reminders

Hello Everyone,

I just wanted to ask and remind everyone that if your email, phone number, or mailing address has changed to please remember to change it in ZSuites. That is where I get all my contact information from and if it isn't correct



Ziphorah (Zip) Starkey 4-H Administrative Assistant

in ZSuites it not only is time consuming to find out the correct contact information it also costs money when letters are mailed out and they come back. If you are unsure how to change information in Zsuites, I would be happy to do it for you. Just call or email me with the updated contact information.

Thank you,

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Natrona County 4-H Monthly Schedule

2025

For more information about the clinics or events please refer to the page number associated to the clinic or event below.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	
			Presentation Contest	Tractor Repair pg. 16	Devils Tower Rock Climbing pg. 16	Devils Tower Rock Climbing pg. 16
			pg. 24 Visual Art Class pg. 24		Livestock Judging Contest pg. 13	Rabbit Clinic pg. 1
			24		Contest pg. 15	
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25	26	27	28	29	30	
			Visual Art Class pg.	Cake Decorating		Horse Clinic pg. 17
			25	Clinic pg. 12		Holse Chine pg. 17

2025 SAVE THE DATE

Goat, Sheep, and Swine Tagging

Date: May 3rd, 2025 Main Tagging

Quality Assurance Date: May 15th

<u>Show Clinic</u> Date: June 6th at 5:30pm

Showcase Showdown Date: June 17th-19th, 2025

Fairgrounds Clean Up Date: June 28th, 2025

<u>CWFR</u> Date: July 6th-12th, 2025

Get Outside

Date: September 2nd at 6:00pm Date: September 9th at 6:00 pm Date: September 16th at 6:00pm 4H Council has decided to 10 adult leaders or teens to the Northeast Region Leadership Summit. Please apply through Zsuites. Date: October 18, 2025

DISCLAIMER

All information (dates, times, etc.) is subject to change. We will do our best to give as much advance notice as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



DAY	DATE	TIME		LOCATION	ACTIVITY
Wed	May 7	5:00 pm		ARLC	Presentation & Impromptu Contest
Fri	May 23				Deadline: ShoWorks Online Shooting Sports Contest
Fri	May 23				Entries Deadline: ShoWorks Online Dog & Rabbit Show Entries
Fri	May 23				Deadline: ShoWorks Online Tractor Driving Contest Entries
Sat	May 31	10:00 a.m.		CWF Arena	4-H Dog Show
Sun	June 1	9:00 a.m.		CWF Arena	Dog Agility Match
Mon	June 2				Deadline: 4H FCS Contests Cake Decorating, Foods, Table
	June 7-15				Setting Natrona County Shooting Sports Contest
Fri	June 6	6:00 p.m.		ARLC	Cake Decorating Contest
Fri	June 6	To follow Cak	æ	ARLC	Table Setting Contest
		Decorating			
Sat	June 7	10:00 a.m.		ARLC	Foods Cook Off
Mon	June 16				Deadline: ShoWorks Online Entries All Breeding Animal ID's Due Today
Sat	June 21	9:00 a.m.		ARLC Arena/ Oreg	
				Trail Room	5 6 6
Tue	June 24	2:00-6:00 pm		ARLC Casper Roo	
Thu	June 26	9:00 am-4:00	pm	ARLC	Judge: Family Consumer Science Exhibits: Fabric &
				Casper Room	Fashion (sewing, Fashion Revue), Crochet, Knitting, Quilt
Thu	June 26	6:00 pm		ARLC Casper Roo	Interior Design, ALL Foods & Foods Preservation
Sun	July 6	5:30-10:30 ar	n	AILEO OUSPEI NOC	All Large Animals must be checked into barns
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Sun	July 6	9:00a.m1:00		4-H Fair Office	Alpaca & Wool Fleeces Entries must be checked in
Sun	July 6	10 am Beef fo			Beef, Goat & Sheep Ultrasound
Sun	July 6	by Goat & Sh 2:00-4:00 p.m		4-H Fair Office	Garden Exhibits Judging
Sun	July 6	6:00 pm	1.		Market Swine Ultrasound
Sun	July 6	6:00-7:00 am			Poultry & Rabbit must be checked into barns
Mon	July 7	9:00 a.m1:0		Fair Office	Alpaca Fleece & Sheep Wool Judging
Mon	July 7	10:00am-2:00	•	CWF Arena	Market Sheep Showmanship & Show
Mon	July 7	12:00 p.m.	·p····	CWF Arena	Alpaca Check in for Show & Go
Mon	July 7	3:00 p.m.		CWF Arena	Alpaca Show & Obstacle Course
Mon	July 7	5:00 p.m.		CWF Arena	Judge Poultry Meat Pen & Egg Contest
Tue	July 8	9:00 am		CWF Arena	Poultry Showmanship & Show
Tue	July 8	3:00 pm		CWF Arena	Market Beef Show, Showmanship,
Wed	July 9	8:30 am		CWF Arena	Rabbit Showmanship & Show
July 9					Rabbit Meat Pens, Breed & Fur Classes
July 9	11:00 am		CWF A	rena	Market Goat Showmanship & Show, Breeding Meat Goat Show, Pack Goa
July 9	4:00 pm		CWF A	rena	Market Swine Show (Gilts, Barrows)
July 10	8:00 am		CWF A	rena	Dairy Goat Showmanship & Show
July 10	Noon		CWF A	rena	Deadline: Breeding Beef & Feeder Calves due on grounds
July 10	Noon		CWF A	rena	Breeding Sheep Showmanship & Show
July 10		oat and sheep	CWF A		Breeding Beef Show
July IU	shows	joat and sneep	CWFA	lella	Breeding Deer Show
July 10	11:00 am		CWF 4	-H/FFA Office	Deadline: JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE CONTRACTS
July 10	4:00 pm		CWF A		Market Swine Showmanship
-	9:00 am		CWFA		Pocket Pet Parade & Show
July 11			1		
July 11	10:00 am-	6:00 pm	,	under Grandstand)	Premium Payout
July 11	TBA		CWF A	rena	Outrageous Poultry Show
July 11	Noon		CWF		Livestock Judging Contest
July 11	5:00 pm		CWF A	rena	FFA Round Robin Contest
July 11	6:30 pm		CWF A		4-H Round Robin Contest
-	8:00 am		CWF	liella	
July 12					Junior Livestock Sale Buyer's Breakfast
July 12	9:00 am		CWF A		Junior Livestock Sale
July 12	10:00 am-	•		under Grandstand)	Premium Payout
		Barns close	to the p	ublic at 9:00 p.m. and	to exhibitors at 10:00 p.m. daily
		All an	imal pens	s must be cleaned by	8:00 am and 9:30 pm daily
July 13	7:00 am			rena & Annex	Mandatory For All Exhibitors: Arena & Annex Clean-Up
July 13	8:00 am-n	oon	Hall of	Champions	Pick up County Fair Exhibits
July 14	2:00-6:00	p.m.	CWF (under Grandstand)	Premium Payout
July 16			ARCL	Fair Office	Fair entries pick up
July 30	4:00-6:00	pm		ndoor Arena	Horse Vet Checks
Aug 2	8:00 am	r		Outdoor Arena	Horse Show
Aug 3	8:00 am		CWF C	Outdoor Arena	Horse Show

Sale Guidelines

As many are by now aware, we have made significant changes to the format and eligibility requirements for the 2025 sale. These changes were in response to feedback from buyers about the excessive length of the sale itself, as well as the ever-increasing challenge of finding processing. These changes will impact all those involved, so we as the Sale Committee want to provide as much information as possible.

- 2025 sale will be capped at 300 total lots. This is a reduction from past years when total lots exceeded 350.
- Each exhibitor who is properly enrolled in and meets eligibility requirements for Natrona County 4-H or a Natrona County FFA chapter will be allowed to sell one animal.
 - Based on prior years, we estimate this will be approximately 225 participants.
- Any remaining slots after each exhibitor has been allotted their slot will be filled based on ultrasound performance data.
- Market parameter data will be collected via ultrasound for each market animal (poultry and rabbits excepted) and used to determine that animal's sale rank. The parameters are as follows:
 - Beef -Estimated carcass weight, quality grade and yield grade will be used to value each beef animal using a current USDA pricing sheet.
 - Swine- Calculated muscle in the carcass- figured using weight, LEA (loin eye area) and back-fat.
 - Sheep LEA/cwt
 - Goats LEA/cwt
 - Poultry- class placing
 - Rabbit- class placing
- Once data is collected, all animals within each specie will be ranked based on those parameters.
- Market parameter data will be available prior to sale contracts being due so exhibitors understand their animals' rank.
- If an individual has multiple animals, they must sell the highest-ranking animal first before requesting consideration for selling their second.
- Market Champions are NOT required to sell. There will be no Market Champion sale section.
- Sale order within species will be descending market parameter order.
- Second sale lots will be allotted in descending market parameter order and will be allotted to each species based on that species percentage of the total animals nominated for sale. For example, if there are 100 beef nominated for sale in total, beef will constitute 30% of the second sale lots (100 beef/300 total lots- 30%).

Quality Assurance

The Quality Assurance for Natrona County 2025 will be taught through YQCA this year and there will no longer be the online option available through Uinta County for the Quality Assurance requirement.

The Central Wyoming 4-H and FFA Sale Committee requires that youth satisfactorily complete Quality Assurance training as part of the Central Wyoming Fair Junior Livestock Sale eligibility on July 12, 2025.

The in-person trainings will be completed **April 30 & May 15** at 5:30-7:00 here at the ARLC building with the YQCA format. You must sign up through YQCA, on line, for these trainings prior to the event AND pay the \$3.00 fee per child. If your child is not signed up and shows up, your child will not get credit for their attendance. Per the YQCA guide lines, the 4-H office CAN NOT sign up your child.

There is another option, your child can complete the on- line YQCA course, at any time, age specific for \$11. If the youth does not pass the required exam, another \$11 fee will need to be paid to retake the exam. **All Seniors** will need to complete their age-appropriate trainings if they are not in FFA. If they are in FFA, the advisors will send the 4-H office a list of those youth that have satisfactorily completed Quality Assurance training. The previous rules that seniors only have to take QA for one year will still apply, at least for this year.

Per the YQCA there are Test out – Single Sitting options for seniors age 15 - \$48 OR age 19 - \$36. Also, per their web site it states;

"Entire exam must be completed in a single sitting. There is not an option to leave and resume later. Once a course is started, it must be completed and passed to receive certification. If the course is not completed or passed, this certification option will no longer be available."

Sign up for either educational opportunity through yqcaprogram.org All fees for all QA classes are paid on line directly to YQCA. No exceptions. QA Deadline is June 16th, by 4:30.

If you have further questions, please contact Terry or Joshua in the 4-H office.

Contests



Project News



Natrona County Static Judging June 24, 2:00pm-6:00pm

Natural Resource Science & Technology Leadership Large/Small Animal Exhibits Photography Visual Arts Health

Woodworking Leather Rope craft Cloverbuds Welding Outdoor Rec

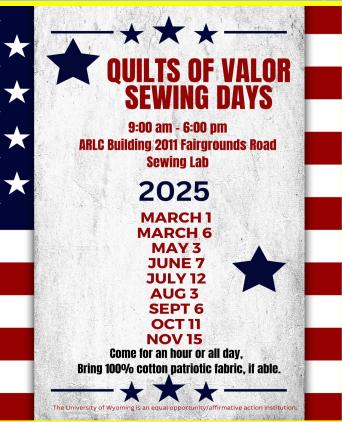
June 26, 10:00 am-3:00 pm Foods Ouilting

Foods Preservation Fas Cake Decoration Fashion Revue 6:00 pm

Quilting Fashion & Fabric Crochet N Knitting

July 6 , 2:00pm - 6:00 pm

Gardening/Horticulture at 4-H Fairgrounds office July 7, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm Alpaca Fleece & Sheep Wool at 4-H Fairgrounds office. July 6, 9:00-1:00 check in - same location. Once fleece & wool are judged they can be picked up or left for display throughout the fair.



MONT COUNT



4H Council has decided to 10 adult leaders or teens to the Northeast Region Leadership Summit. Please apply through Zsuites.

2025 Natrona County Show Clinic

June 6th - Swine Barn, Natrona County Fair



Grounds Check In: 5:30 pm Time: 6-8 pm **RSVP: Through ZSuites** With any questions regarding RSVP, call the Natrona County 4H Office



GREAT Opportunity no matter what showmanship level... there is ALWAYS something to learn!

Required to bring your own livestock

Species Cattle Pigs

Topics Presenters will cover at home care, showmanship techniques, fitting and show day prep

Registration Registration will be through ZSuite!

Questions? NC 4H Office: (307) 235-9400

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Check-in: 8:30 a.m. Contest starts: 9:00 a.m.

Lunch provided by: **Fremont County** Cattlewomen

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\$10

Payable at contest

Congratulations

CONGRATULATIONS¹¹

Natrona County 4-H



State Wool Judging

Intermediate - Individual

Chase Harkens 4th place

Great job in participating Jansen Hornecker &

Sawyer Stuart

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Natrona County 4-H

WYOMING STATE SENIOR MEAT JUDGING TEAM 1st place 2nd place

Garrett Burkett Nathan Danford Lorelai Wolf Teagan Cambell Trever Campbell Bridger Haigler Carson Hornecker Emmy Hornecker

SENIOR MEAT JUDGING INDIVIDUAL

1st place - Trever Campbell 2nd place - Garrett Burkett 3rd place - Nathan Danford 5th place - Lorelai Wolf 6th place - Teagan Campbell

Contests

Natrona County

4-H Contests

ARLC Building June 6 - Cake Decorating 6:00 pm individuals only - no teams Table Setting to follow ~7:30 both in Casper Room





Sign up on Z Suites

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Natrona County 4-H

June 7, 10:00 am ARLC Foods Lab



Deadline for recipes - June 2,3:30 pm

send to tkipp@natronacounty-wy.com or deliver to 4-H office. Add all members for each team with recipe.

2-4 members per team

Teams are: Junior/Intermediates OR Seniors All meat/dairy/secret ingredient

to be provided by 4-H office.

ALL TEAMS are to bring their own kit. This kit includes, heat source, cookware, utensils, plating & cleaning equipment. No items can be used from the Foods Lab, including water.

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Congratulations

Natrona County 4-H

Swine Superintendent Corey Brooks

Beef Superintendent Garrett Nuefeld

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Natrona County 4-H/FFA

June 26 4:00-6:00pm Fairgrounds Main Entrance, then right through the handicapped parking lot, then left to the 13th street exit.

\$10 fee per trailer



Beef, Swine, Goat, Alpaca & Sheep only

Fair/Show clothing exchange to take place during this event.



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Goat Meetings

May 13th, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Oregon Trail Room

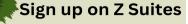
June 11th, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m. in the Oregon Trail Room



Natrona County 4-H Tractor Driving /Small Engines Clinics & Competition 2025

All Clinics in the Oregon Trail Room at the ARLC 7:00-8:00 pm Jan. 6 - Introduction Jan. 20 - Tools & Battery Feb. 3 - Tools and Battery Feb. 17 - Sparks March 3 - Fuel March 17 - Air April 7 - Repair April 24 - Repair May 8 - Repair June 2 - Repair June 16 - Review

June 21 - Driving Competition 9am- Noon



For more information Contact Dwayne Larson 307-267-0516 Joe Watson 307-258-6401

DEVILS TOWER ROCK CLIMBING MAY 9TH-TRAINING 3-5PM

MAY 10TH - CLIMBING 9AM

May 9th - Training with Devils Tower Climbing Guides @ Crook County Courthouse Community Room -Basement of Courthouse (Zoom available for out of county participants) Parent/Guardian must attend beginning of meeting!

May 10th - Meet at Crook County Courthouse @ 8:15 am if you are getting a ride with Erica (spaces are limited and must make arrangements with Erica prior to May 10th) or meet at Devils Tower Lodge @ 9am.

There is a \$25 park entrance fee to the National Monument if driving separately.

unch/Snacks will be provided. You will need to bring water, sunblock, and wear closed toed shoes. Expect to return to Sundance about spm.

Please note this climb will NOT summit Devils Tower.

S25 FEE CROOK 4-H MEMBERS S75 FEE WY 4-H MEMBERS REGISTER BY MAY IS' MAX 14 PARTICIPANT MINIMUM 4-H AGE OF IO & HAVE ACTIVE STATUS IN 4-H REGISTER ON ZSUITE

4H.ZSUITE.ORG



Clinics

2025 RABBIT CLINICS

DATE	TIME	DESCRIPTION	ARLC ROOM
01/04/25	9:00 am - 10: 30 am	Touch Base/Season Start	Evansville Room
02/08/25	9:00 am - 10: 30 am	Meat Pens	Evansville Room
03/15/25	9:00 am - 10: 30 am	Committee Meeting	Midwest/Edgerton Room
		Breed ID, Breed tattoo, Showmanship, ID Forms	
04/19/25	9:00 am - 11: 00 am	**Bring your healthy, clean rabbits and a carpet square. We will not have any for you to use.	Casper room
	TBD	Last Breed Tattoo Clinic	TBD
05/01/25	6:00 PM	Rabbit ID's due to Janel & Veronica	NA
05/10/25	9:00 am - 10: 30 am	Getting ready for Fair - Fair Prep	Evansville Room
		Mandatory Meat Pen Tattoo Clinic/Mock Show	
06/07/25	9:00 am - 11: 30 am	**We will have separate areas set-up for showmanship. Please make sure your rabbits are clean and healthy. Don't forget to wear your show clothes and bring your carpet square for your rabbit. This will be similar to county fair.	Casper room

WE WILL ONLY HAVE <u>2</u> TATTOO CLINICS THIS YEAR. PLEASE PLAN ACCORDINGLY.





Natrona County 4-H Dog Training classes 6:00 pm Casper Room Conformation/Showmanship Febuary 4, 11 ,18 & 25 March 4 & 11

Obedience March 18 & 25 April 1, 8, 15

Rally April 22 & 29 May 6, 13 & 20

Agility Outside (weather permitting) Mondays - 6:00 April 7, 14, 21, & 28 May 5, 12 & 19

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August 9	9-11 State Fair H	lorse
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ATTENTION!! Photography & Visual Arts Members

Your project must be prepared for hanging with a secure hanger that will support the weight of the project. See the example below for the preferred hanging method. If the project is not in a wooden frame and is light, a string that is well secured with tape or glue will work. Photographs and drawings that are not framed need to be mounted on a stiff mounting board or foam. Loose photos and drawings will not be accepted. If we are unable to safely hang your project for display, it will not be judged!



Static Project Areas & Exhibit Ideas

Sign up for project areas in ZSuite by April 30, 2025. Projects you've made need to be entered into ShoWorks by June 16, 2025, then bring your projects to interview judging day, June 24, 2025. Check www.uwyo.edu/4-h/projects for free learning resources or for link to purchase recommended cur-

riculum. The 4H Office also has a resource library available.

Generally, members in their first or second year of a project will make simpler projects and utilize kits; members in their third year of the project and beyond should be creating more complicated or detailed projects to show growth.

Science & Technology

Aerospace - Learning about space & flight

*Create a poster or display about something you learned about space, different types of aircraft or astronomy

- * Make paper airplanes
- * Model rocket or airplane built

- * Design and build a kite
- * Build a model rocket or airplane
- * Lego model of a rocket or airplane
- * Build a remote-control airplane

Computers – Learning about how computers work, programming and coding

*Create a poster, display or slideshow about parts of a computer; social media etiquette and safety; different operating systems; or computer technology and terminology

*Exhibit a computer game you wrote	*Create a webpage
*Develop software	*Build a computer

Electricity – Learning about electricity and how it works

*Create a poster or display about how electricity is produced; circuit diagrams; or how to conserve energy use *Build a simple circuit or switchboard *Create a game using switches *Build a homemade flashlight

*Build an electromagnet and label the parts

Robotics – Learning about the world of robots and how robotic systems are used

*Create a poster or display about robot parts and how they work; how robots are used in medicine; or careers in robotics

*Build a robot using a Lego kit *Build a robot and demonstrate how it works *Design a robot and describe how it is programmed and what it does

Gardening & Horticulture – Learning about growing plants, landscaping, planning a vegetable or flower garden *These projects are judged on Monday, July 6

* Create a poster or display about different types of vegetables, companion gardening, or a flower or vegetable garden plan

*Create a container garden or terrarium *Grow vegetables

*Build a hot box for starting plants *Create a fresh flower arrangement

Natural Resource Education

Entomology – Learning about insects

*Create a poster or display about the parts of an insect; different types of insects; or insect control *Display a collection of insects that have been collected and properly labeled, i.e. a collection of moths, butterflies or beetles (Generally members with 3+ years display larger collections) *Build an insect trapping device *Plan a butterfly garden

*Diary of insect observations

*Create a Beekeeping Project

Geology – Learning about Rocks, Minerals, Fossils and how they are created

*Create a poster or display about the rock cycle; how rocks change; the major types of rocks; major geological formations; or different minerals are found in Wyoming and how they are used

*Display a collection of rocks, minerals or fossils that have been collected and properly labelled

*Show how to test different properties of rocks and minerals

*Research into which geological formations contain oil and/or gas

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*Create a piece of jewelry or artwork using rocks you have collected

Nature and Ecology – Learning about Ecosystems and Environmental Science

*Create a poster or display about how to identify trees; forest diseases; wildlife habitat; pollution sources and ideas for solutions; or animal adaptations to their environment *Create a journal of your field notes *Display a leaf collection

Outdoor Recreation - Learning about hiking and camping

*Create a poster or display about the Leave No Trace Principles; how to use a compass or GPS; how to build a fire; how to seal a tent; how to select a camping site; weather safety; how to build an outdoor shelter; or water filtration *Plan a day hike or backpacking trip *Create a book of outdoor recipes *Make a map of local hiking trails

Range Management – Learning about rangeland plants, habitat and their uses

*Create a poster or display about range disturbances; photographs of rangeland during different times of the year; parts of a plant; grass and rangeland plant identification; or how to calculate capacity and stocking rates *Display a collection of range plants that are properly identified and labelled *Create a plant press

Shooting Sports – Learning about archery and firearms, how to shoot them and different types of equipment (NO LIVE AMMUNITION ALLOWED)

*Create a poster or display about different types of ammunition; parts of a bow; the history of archery or firearms; or gun safety

*Make an item to assist you in shooting

*Art out of used targets or shells

* Make your own target

*Make a gun cleaning stand

Sportfishing – Learning about fish, fish habitat and different types of fishing equipment

*Create a poster or display about different types of fishing; fish habitat; fish identification; different types of lures and bait; the different types of knots used in fishing; fish you have caught; map of watersheds; angling ethics; or fun facts about fish

*Display flies you have tied*Create a recipe book of fish recipes*Display a fishing journal*Make or repair fishing equipment

Wildlife and Hunting – Learning about wildlife habitat, Hunter's Safety and ethical hunting

*Create a poster or display about wildlife and their tracks; wildlife identification; different birds in your area; trapping; wildlife stewardship; or ethical or safe hunting

*Display and analyze an owl pellet *Create a European mount *Make a bird feeder and record observations *Make a survival kit

Health - Learning about how to keep our bodies and minds healthy

*Create a poster, display or slideshow about something you learned about Hair, Skin and/or Dental Care; Disease Prevention; First Aid; Exercise; Happiness & Mental Health

Expressive Arts

Leathercraft - Learning about constructing leather projects using stamping, carving and lacing

*Create an educational poster with different kinds of leather or tanning processes

*Demonstrate different types of stamp patterns

*Create a project with a precut kits (coasters, key chains, coin purse, billfold)

*Create a project using a pattern (purses, belts, campstool)

*Make a soft leather project (drawstring bag, moccasins, hat, vest or chaps)

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Photography – Learning how to use your camera, lighting and how to capture important moments

*Create a poster or display about the parts of a camera; 5 or more common mistakes; the effects of lighting; the history of photography; demonstrating the principles of composition; demonstrating the use of aperture; or a series of photos

*Experiment with different tones (Black & White, Color and Sepia)

*A series of photos framed together

*Your best photo, matted and framed (no glass)

Ropecraft - Learning about knots, different types of cordage and their uses

*Create a poster or display showing the different types and sizes of rope; how to tie a knot or hitch; or how to repair a damaged section of rope

*A board showing 10 hitches, knots and ties

*Create a bracelet or plant hanger

*Create a rope halter

*Produce a short video (Digital)

*Create a piece of art using knots (macrame)

Visual Arts – Learning about creating art and crafts in a variety of ways including, painting, drawing, sculpture, printing, construction with different fibers and more

*Create a portfolio of the 5 principles or elements of design

*Create a poster of a study of a master *Drawing, painting or sculptures

*Crafts (Book folding, origami, quilling, weaving, needle felting, resin, beading, jewelry)

*Recycle an old item into art *Lego sculptures

Welding – Learning about welding safety, different types of welding and metal art

*Create an educational poster about welding safety; the different types of welding; or different careers in welding

*Create a display of welding samples and explain when/where they would be used

*Repair an item (show before/after photos) *Create a piece of art from found metals

*Display an item that demonstrates a tool you learned to use (i.e. plasma cutter)

Woodworking – Learning about how to create projects from wood

*Create a display about different types of wood; finishes; sandpaper grits and what they're used for; trees and what or tools used in woodworking

*Make a birdhouse from a kit	*Make a puzzle or sandpaper block
*Build a shelf or stepstool	*Build a table

Leadership & Civic Engagement

Civic Engagement – Building a Stronger Community – Active Citizenship

*Create a poster about how a bill becomes a law; the different branches of government and how they work together; or public vs. private issues

*Create a resource of things to do in your community

*Create a notebook researching different candidates and create a voter guide

*Create a scrapbook of how you made a change in your community via government

Leadership - Learn about the skills needed to be a good leader

*Create a poster or display about a leader in history; different types of leadership; how to identify your strengths and weaknesses as a leader; or brochure promoting 4-H

*Create a display about a community service project you planned

*Create a poster about your personal leadership skills or a photo story of a leadership experience

*Create a notebook of leadership activities for club meetings

*Create a poster of your personal mission and vision statement

*Write a business plan

Self Determined – Design a project that is not already offered; project should be discussed with the 4H Educator prior to beginning

*Create a photo display or poster of what you have learned; or a display to teach others about your project

*Make an item related to your project

*A scrapbook of you doing your project

- *A display of your research
- *A record of science experiments

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Common projects are dance, theatre, sports or auto restoration

Animal Science

All Species - Generally a poster or display showing the parts of the animal; different breeds and their history; proper care, grooming and feeding; meat cuts for market animals; by-products of the animal and how they are used; common diseases and their treatments; reproduction and digestive systems; how to select a good market or breeding animal; assemble an emergency kit specific to your animal; scrapbook or notebook of how you plan to build your breeding herd; create a game or interactive exhibit to help you learn about your animal and/or showmanship

Beef – Learn about yield grade and quality grade; explore how technology impacts the beef industry; analyze what bull to recommend

Cat – Make a toy or scratching post for your cat, make a cat harness, collar or leash; make a bed for your cat **Dog** – Make a toy for your dog, create a video showing the steps in training a dog

Dairy Goats – Exhibit a goat by-product made by you; make a goat milking stand; keep a milking diary **Meat Goats** – Build a kidding barrel; build a show box

Horses – Make horse treats, design your own pattern, create a poster about colors and markings; create a poster of different types of tack;

Llamas & Alpacas – Make a craft using fibers from llamas or alpacas; design an obstacle that could be used at a show

Pocket Pets – Make a toy for your pet, research what type of pet works best for your family; create a budget for owning a pet; research pet related jobs

Poultry – Make an egg laying box; make your own chicken coop; build your own incubator; make a recipe book or presentation with egg or chicken recipes

Rabbits – Build a nest box or grooming table; design a rabbitry; create a breeding program

Sheep - Make a blanket or tube for your sheep; make a sheep fitting stand

Swine – Make a waterer; explain how to read pig ear notches

Vet Science – Learning about how to keep animals healthy, different diseases, the role of vets and their tools, along with different breeds and species of animals

*Create a poster or display about different types of animal housing; the different stages of an animal's life; the reproductive tract; or a chart comparing different animals vital signs

*Create a poster about common parasites or diseases and their treatments

*Create a slideshow about specialty vets *Create a diary after job shadowing a vet

Foods & Consumer Sciences

*These projects are judged on Thursday, June 26, 2025

Cake Decorating – Learning how to decorate cakes with icing and/or fondant

*Decorate a cake form using royal icing (First/Second Year Members can make a simple cake with border/writing/ simple flowers)

*Decorate a set of 5 cupcakes*Decorate a cake form using fondant*Create a sketchbook of cake designs*Create a scrapbook of cakes you've made

Crocheting – Learning about crochet terms and stitches and how to create a crocheted project you can wear or use

*Create a poster or display of different types of yarn and their uses; or different crochet stitches *Crochet a stuffed animal, scarf or hat *Crochet mittens or a blanket *Make your own pattern *Create a video tutorial

Fabric & Fashion – Learning about Sewing clothing, Repurposing clothing, Accessorizing, Ready -to-Wear/Buymanship

*Construction – Make a pillowcase, apron, skirt, or blouse; more advanced members can make a shirt with facing, skirts with zippers or shirts with buttons or an item using knit fabric or formal wear

***Buymanship/Ready to Wear** – Create a binder of comparative shopping for a new wardrobe (Clothing purchased can be modeled in the Fashion Revue)

*Embellished/Recycled – Embellish a vest or jacket to tailor it to your style using buttons, embroidery, paint or other materials

Educational Exhibit – Create a poster or display about different types of fabrics or how to do pattern alterations

Foods & Nutrition/Food Preservation – Learning about nutrition and baking, cooking & food preservation

*Create a poster or display about cost effectiveness of homemade food; cost comparisons of different foods; healthy alternatives; or food preservation methods or cooking methods

- *Create a menu using My Plate *Create a personal nutrition/activity plan *A book of recipes you have made healthier
 - *Diary of foods you have made

*Refurbish a piece of furniture

*Create a needlework project

*Create a 3D room model

*Bake quick bread, cookies, biscuits, cake, candy, bread machine or yeast bread or other items that do not need to be refrigerated (No mixes)

*Make dried fruit, vegetables or jerky (Check the fairbook for approved recipes/recipe sources)

*Make jam, jelly, pickles, canned vegetables or meat (Check the fairbook for approved recipe sources)

Interior Design – Learning about design elements and creating your unique personal space

* Create a poster, display or slideshow about principles/elements used in interior design; painting techniques; or different lighting options

*Create a room accessory (bulletin board, pillows, organization container, curtains)

- *Create a design plan to transform your room
- *Create a scrapbook of a home improvement project

*Make a tied fleece blanket

*Make a hooked, braided or woven rug

Knitting – Learning about yarn and how to create fun knitted projects with needles or using a loom

*Create a poster or display about the different types of yarn, knitting needles or stitches;

*Make a knitted scarf, hat, mittens or sweater

*Make an item using 2 different colors of yarn

Quilting – Learning about the history of quilts, quilting elements and how to make them

(Quilts are defined as a top layer, batting and bottom layer of fabric sewn together)

*Create a poster or display about complimentary colors; comparison of hand vs. machine quilting; the history of quilting; or your favorite quilt blocks

*Make a quilt a traditional quilt using hand or machine quilting techniques

*Make a quilt finished with the tied method

*Make a quilted wall hanging or decoration

*Make a quilt using ribbons

*Spin and dye your own yarn

Project News

4-H OUTDOOR AND RECREATION



SAVE THE DATE

CLINIC 1: SEPT. 2ND @ARLC AT 6PM CLINIC 2: SEPT. 9TH AT 6PM CLINIC 3: SEPTEMBER 16TH AT 6PM CALL 307-235-9400 OR ON ZSUITES TO RSVP



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Presentation Contest

Natrona County 4-H May 7 Starts at 6:00 pm

Prepared & Impromptu

Sign up on Z Suites - Events

The 4-H office will contact you with a scheduled time for the **Prepared** portion of this contest. **Impromptu -** there is not a schedule for time slots.

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Join us in this fun weekly class! Learn advanced tips, techniques, and create your own unique visual art projects for fair.

Drawing, Painting, Collage, Ceramics, Felting, & More!



Wednesdays 4pm-5:30pm, Starting April 2, In the ALRC Oregon Trail Room Space and supplies are Limited. Please Sign up on Z-Suites **Meetings/ Announcements**

Sale Committee Meetings May 20th @ 6 June 17th @ 6

Natrona County 4-H Council 2025 Meeting Dates June: 6/30 September: 9/29 *All meetings start at 6 PM in the Mills/ Evansville Room. If a cancellation should occur, an email will be sent out, and a notice will be posted to the Natrona County 4-H Facebook page. 4-H Foundation Meetings 2025 2024-2025 Meeting Dates
June 12th 2025 @ 11:30 am In Natrona Room
October 9th 2025 @ 6pm In Mills/Evansville Room

State Project News

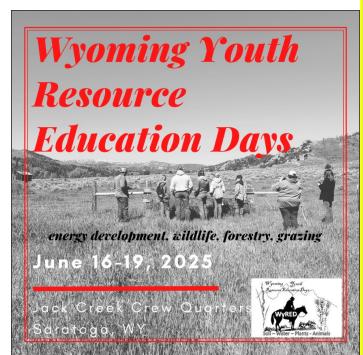




To Find Out More Contact Us @ (307)-334-3534 or KELLEC@UWYO.EDU FREE TO PARTICIPATE; GROCERIES NOT INCLUDED



If you are interested please reach out to Ziphorah Starkey at zstarkey@natronacounty-wy.gov There is a registration form that will need to be filled out.



UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING 4-H 2024/25 EVENTS CALENDAR



17th - 19th

Showcase Showdown **19th - July 2nd** Citizenship Washington Focus **22nd - 27th**

National Shooting Sports Championships (invite only)

JULY

10th - 13th State Shoot

11th - 13th Sheep/ Wool Festival

18th - 19th Platte River Shootout - Foundation Fundraiser

AUGUST

2nd

Apache Clear Creek Shootout -Foundation Fundraiser

11th - 16th Wyoming State Fair

<u>ENROLLING IN ZSUITE</u> NEW MEMBERS & RETURNING MEMBERS

Only after all of the following requirements are met will your membership will be activated.

Enroll using https://4h.zsuite.org/

You must be enrolled with ACTIVE status to participate in all 4-H activates. Your membership will not be activated until payment is received.

Enrollment fees are \$15.00 per 4-H member including Cloverbuds. The easiest way to pay is via credit card (with no transaction fee) through ZSuites. You may also mail your check made payable to the Natrona County 4-H; Casper, WY 82604 or pay via credit card (4% transaction fee applies) by calling the 4-H office at 307-235-9400

NEW VOLUNTEERS

Only after all of the following requirements are met will your membership will be activated. Please call the 4-H office at 307-235-9400 with any questions.

Enroll using <u>https://4h.zsuite.org/</u>

Complete the mandatory background screening & training is valid for 5 years. A break in service will require you to restart the process

Complete the mandatory online 4-H Volunteer Orientation.

Complete the MVR check. (For anyone to drive 4-H members)

There is no enrollment fee for volunteers.

RETURNING VOLUNTEERS

Only after all of the following requirements are met will your membership be activated. Please call the 4-H office at 307-235-9400 with any questions.

Enroll using https://4h.zsuite.org/

Complete the mandatory background screening & training every 5 years.

A break in service will require you to restart the process.

Complete the annual leadership training.

Complete the MVR check. (for anyone to drive 4-H members)

There is no enrollment fee for volunteers.

We are only able to communicate with you if you are enrolled in ZSuites with a valid email address; therefore, we ask that you get enrolled in ZSuites and pay the \$15.00 fee so we can activate your membership.

!!!! If you are enrolled in ZSuites but have not been receiving our communication via email, please log into your ZSuites account and verify that your email address on file is correct as we have been receiving notifications that some email addresses are invalid.

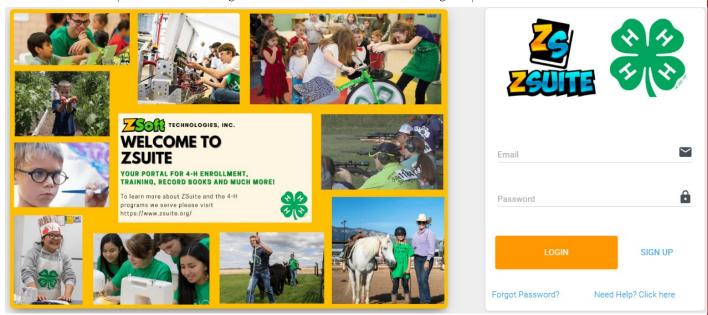
REMINDER: throughout the year, if your contact information has changed (name, mailing address, phone number, email address, etc.), it is your responsibility to update your profile in ZSuites. Failure to do so, may result in you missing an important deadline and/or information pertaining to your 4-H project(s). !!!!

HOW TO SIGN UP FOR THE FIRST TIME IN

ZSUITE

1. Website <u>https://4h.zsuite.org/</u>

New Users: <u>Click Sign up</u>



- 2. Fill out the Register New Household Information. Select a Primary Profile Access PIN which is needed to enter the primary household account. Click LET"S GO (if you get an error message that your email address is already used, go back to the main screen and click on Forgot Password? As some profiles were transferred over from 4 HOnline.com)
- з. You are now on the dashboard screen. Click + HOUSEHOLD MEMBER Enter the First Name, Last Name, Role (Volunteer or member), and Member's Birthday. You may choose a preloaded avatar or upload a personal photo by clicking CHOOSE PIC-TURE. Click continue.
- 4. Select the PERSONAL INFO tab. All fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required. Click NEXT to get to the WAIVERS tab.
- 5. Select the WAIVERS tab. Click next to each section to sign off on all the waivers. (You must agree in order to proceed.) On the health form, put N/A or none if the required field does not apply to your member. Click NEXT to get to the CLUBS tab.
- 6. Select the CLUBS tab. Choose your club from the drop down menu. Click ADD CLUB **NATRONA** <u>COUNTY 4-H FIRST TIME MEMBERS:</u> if this is your first year with the Natrona County 4-H please choose "1-Club Placement Requested Natrona". The Natrona County 4-H Office will assist you in placing your member in a club that has openings based upon the projects that your child has enrolled in.
- 7. Select the PROJECT tab. Choose project from the drop down menu. Click ADD PROJECT. Repeat process until all projects are selected. Some Animal Projects have a required field that you may not have information for. If this happened, please enter this 4-digit number"0000" in required field. CLOVERBUD MEMBERS: Choose only the Cloverbud project.
- 8. Verify all information is correct including your Club and Project selections. Click SUBMIT. After you Click SUBMIT, your enrollment will be sent to the Natrona County 4-H Office Administrators for approval.

FRIENDLY REMINDER FROM THE 4-H DEPARTMENT

ARLC ROOM RESERVATIONS

To reserve a room for your 4-H Club or committee meetings, call Ann at 307-235-9400. **The 4-H office does not maintain the building calendar**. *For security purposes, DO NOT prop open ARLC exterior doors.* When you reserve a room and check out the keys, you are responsible for the keys and the condition of the room(s) when you are finished. BE SURE EVERYTHING IS LOCKED UP when finishing after regular Extension Office hours. Necessary paperwork must be signed and dated annually, before any room reservations are made. Room rental request forms are available at the front desk. You can also reach Ann at <u>acormican@natronacounty-wy.gov</u> We are happy to be a valuable resource for all Extension programs and the community. We will be able to provide quality accommodations for generations to come with minimal expense to the people of Natrona County only through the responsible attention to care and cleanliness of our Extension programs and the community groups we cater to.When finished with your room please be sure to: wipe down tables, sweep and/or vacuum / mop if necessary, take trash bags to the dumpster (NE corner of the parking lot) be sure to lock all of your doors!!! And leave the keys in the drop box.

COMMUNICATION

4-H has a wealth of educational opportunities and the majority of these will take place at the club level with others coming from the 4-H office and the Wyoming 4-H state office. We will communicate with you using the following communication sources; therefore, it's your responsibility to check them on a regular basis:

Follow us on Facebook @ Natrona County 4H https://www.facebook.com/NatronaCounty4H/

UW Natrona County Extension 4-H Website https://wyoextension.org/natronacounty/newsletters-2/

Natrona County 4-H Monthly Newsletter

Please check the links listed above for the latest edition! Because we will be unable to send mass emails, we are relying on our members to check theses links for the latest edition.

Please read it carefully and take note of the items that apply to you, your family, your project area(s), and your club.

Natrona County 4-H emails

Please open and read the emails that the Natrona County 4-H office and its volunteers send you. In addition to the links mentioned above, this is how we will keep you updated and let you know of changes, scheduled activities, etc.

Happy **Birthday To All Of Those** Who Share A **Birthday In** May