

College of Agriculture and Natural Resources Extension Natrona County



Sagacious September





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For new 4-H year

For help please contact the 4-H office at 307-235-9400

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Viki Smith	Dog			
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Jenn Magee	Shoon			
Jerin Mayee	Srieep			
Jeremy Burkett				
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Saran Emery	Campground			
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Jessica Bottger	Make-and-Take			
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Scott Smith	Shooting Sports			
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Kandi Ossa	Static Projects Team			
Carol Whitney	Static Projects Team			
Jody Mellin	Static Projects Team			
Pamela McCluskey	Static Projects Team			
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UW Natrona County Extension 4-H Website https://wyoextension.org/natronacounty/newsletters-2/

Animal Opportunities https://wyoming4h.org/animalopps/

Natrona County Dog Project https://www.facebook.com/groups/428485018384342

Natrona County 4-H Family & Consumer Science https://www.facebook.com/groups/517986822347457

Natrona County Goat Members https://www.facebook.com/groups/3192494234324085

Natrona County 4-H / FFA Horse Show Committee https://www.facebook.com/natronacountyhorse

Natrona County 4-H Poultry https://www.facebook.com/groups/242786253206671/

Natrona County Beef Committee https://www.facebook.com/Natrona-County-Beef-Committee-111190300799736/

Oil City Thumpers (Rabbits) https://www.facebook.com/Oil-City-Thumpers-398801110535193/

Natrona County Sheep Committee https://www.facebook.com/Natrona-County-Sheep-Committee-215429072351613

Natrona Country Shooters 4H https://www.facebook.com/groups/671664486269956

Natrona County Swine Committee https://www.facebook.com/groups/410594339599618/

Natrona County 4H/FFA Jr. Livestock Sale https://www.facebook.com/centralwyomingjrlivestocksale/

Natrona County 4H - Fishing, Wildlife & More https://www.facebook.com/groups/3033418846879020/

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Jay's Thoughts

Dear 4-H Members, Families, and Community Partners,

It is always reflective to get to September. The activities of summer are complete, and I am extremely proud of our amazing 4-H members. They have shown their talents and abilities to be exceptional and have represented their clubs and Natrona County well. I wish all 4-H members well as they get back into a school routine. Please remember to reenroll on October 1st for the next year of 4-H. I am already looking forward to a bright 25/26 year of Natrona County 4-H.

Cancellation of 2025 Pumpkin Fest:

The Pumpkin Fest committee regrets to state that the **2025 Natrona County 4-H Pumpkin Fest**, originally scheduled for early October at the Central Wyoming Fairgrounds, has been **canceled**.

Although we did not make this decision lightly, it was necessary due to timing and the challenges that committee members were having. We understand how much everyone looks forward to this seasonal tradition and share your disappointment. It is a loved community event, and it is heartbreaking to think that it will not be this year. All committee members are working to plan for an amazing 2026 Pumpkin Fest.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support of the 4-H community. We look forward to bringing the Pumpkin Fest back in full swing in 2026. If you would like to get involved in the 2026 Pumpkin Festival, please reach out to me as the 4-H educator. Warm regards,

Joshua "Jay" Bliss
University of Wyoming

4-H Youth Development Extension Educator



Joshua Bliss
University of Wyoming 4-H Youth
Development Extension Educator

Zip's Reminders

I say this with a heavy heart that September 12, 2025 will be my last day here in the 4H office. I have enjoyed every moment and take a lot of new knowledge with me on my new adventure. I have taken a new job that al- Ziphorah (Zip) Starkey 4-H Administrative lows me to be home more



and less travel. I appreciate all the volunteers and members I have had the honor of working with. Thank you all for the memories and the learning experiences. Have a wonderful September and I hope you have a great start to the school year.

Terry's Nook

I hope all of you had a great summer, I have. We had an astounding County Fair and State Fair too! Can not believe that it is September. I am so proud of all of you that worked hard on your animals and your static projects. These skills will help you develop further skills for your future in 4-H and beyond.

The New logo for 4-H is "Beyond Ready." In a "nutshell", this means that the skills that you learn in 4-



Terry Kipp
4-H & Rural Living
Program Assistant

H, leadership, teamwork, volunteering, hard work and self & financial responsibility and respect. These all help our 4-H youth to grow as individuals to their best potential, this includes after High School. The Beyond Ready is the theme that all 4-H youth are Beyond Ready for their future, whatever path they choose.

For the first time ever in Natrona County, all 4-H youth memberships will be FREE, this is for all current and new members who sign up during National 4-H Week, October 6-11, only. The standard \$15 has been waived for this week ONLY. I am expecting a flood of new enrollments during this week. Put this in your calendars, don't forget. Remember that all 4-H member have to reenroll each year.

As advertised in this newsletter, I am starting up the Knitting Club on September 15. All members are welcome to attend. I want to ask that anyone new coming to the club contact me first, here at the office, just so I make sure that I have everything ready.

Putting it all Together is the theme for this year's Northeast Leadership Summit for Leaders and Teens, on October 18, in Buffalo WY. The Natrona County 4-H Council has approved paying for ten adults or teens to attend. Cost is \$20 with lunch provided. Sign up on Z Suites under Events – Northeast Regional Leaders Sumit.

Achievement Night is October 25. Here in the 4-H office we recognize that this is earlier than normal. This had to be scheduled due to conflicts with 4-H Staff being out of town. Please look for more information on October's newsletter and on Facebook.

Happy Fall,

Terry Kipp

September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2025 SAVE THE DATE

Get Outside

Date: September 9th at 6:00 pm Date: September 16th at 6:00pm

Record Books Competition (Not for Livestock

Sale Completion);

Due Date: September 12th

Nomination Forms:

Submit Nominations by September 30th

<u>Pumpkin Fest</u>

Date: October 4th

National 4-H Week

Date: October 5th to 11th

Achievement Night

Date: October 25th

4-H Office Closed State Wide Employee

Training

Date: Nov. 4th to 6th

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.

Announcements

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Natrona County 4-H

Fair Review:

Please take a few minutes to provide general review of the 4-H portions of the Central Wyoming Fair.



Link:

https://docs.google.com/f orms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdTOd0 TV1EJBLH8ovBlzEDhov2z N1pgHiYUR91LZR2xDcX8u A/viewform?usp=sf_link



The Natrona County Agriculture Resource Learning Center

WILL BE CLOSED November 4, 5 & 6

All Staff will be attending state wide Professional Developmental Training at the University of Wyoming

November 7 we will resume normal business hours.

For immediate assistance during this time, please email <u>natronco@uwyo.edu</u>

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Project News





9:00 AM	Kick off the day with a warm welcome!			
9:30 - 11:00 AM	Content Connections: Planning and teaching meaningful content based project meetings			
11:00 - 12:00 PM	New Leader Orientation: Complete your New Leader Orientation requirements by attending	In Plain Sight: An interactive training and open conversation about youth substance abuse		
12:00 - 12:45 PM	Lunch and Round Table			
12:45 - 2:00 PM	Outdoor Adventures: Explore the amazing outdoor adventure curriculum available in Wyoming	Parli Pro: Teaching Parliamentary Procedure by building a Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwich		
2:00 - 2:15 PM	Break			
2:15 - 3:30 PM	Club Year Planning: Learn some strategies to map out an entire year for your club	Masks of 4-H: To show the importance of how we talk about 4-H experiences		
3:30 - 4:00 PM	Wrap Up and Evaluation			

Natrona County 4-H
Sewing Zipper Pouches
October 2 & 4
5:30-7:30 pm each evening
ARLC Sewing Lab



INTERMEDIATES

& SENIORS

SIGN UP ON

Z SUITES

MAXIMUM TO SIGN

UP IS 6.

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MAKE IT WITH WOOL

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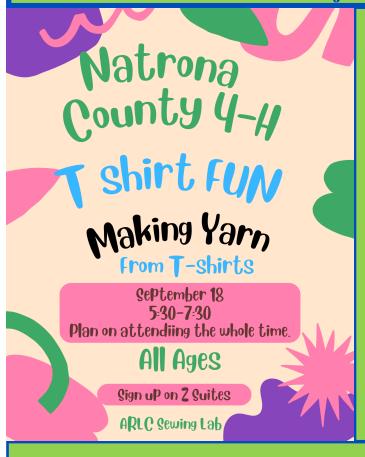
Niobrara County Fairgrounds Lusk, WY 1:00 PM Entry Deadline November 3rd

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For More Information
Erin Persche
epersche@uwyo.edu
307--746-3531
https://wvoextension.org/westoncounty

/make-it-with-wool-contest/

Project News



NATRONA COUNTY

4-H

SEWING BOOKMARKS CLOVERBUDS* & JUNIORS ONLY

ARLC SEWING LAB LIMIT 6 SIGN UP ON Z SUITES PLAN ON PARTICIPATING FOR THE ENTIRE TIME.

> **SEPTEMBER 24** 5:30-7:30

*A PARENT OF A **CLOVERBUD** WILL NEED TO STAY



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Knitting Club

New Year Begins Monday, September 15

4:30-5:30

ARLC, Oregon Trail Room Classes are weekly, Mondays same time & place

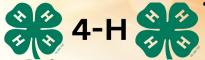


All levels welcome Focus will be on beginners. RSVP to Terry tkipp@natronacounty-wy.gov or call 235-9400 New attendees must call in advance.

Project News

SAVE THE DATE

Natrona County



Achievement
Night
October 25
ARLC Building

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4-H OUTDOOR AND RECREATION



2025 THEME: ROCKS
1: SEPT. 9TH AT 6PM
ROCKS IN NATURE
2: SEPTEMBER 16TH AT 6PM
LEARN ABOUT FOSSILS
4:ROCK HUNT: TBD FROM
ATTENDEES.

RSVP ON ZSUITES.LOCATION: ARLC OFFICE 2011 FAIRGROUNDS RD. CASPER,





NATIONAL 4-H CONGRESS

NOVEMBER 28-DECEMBER 2, 2025 ATLANTA, GEORGIA



An opportunity for youth to expand their skills, connect with fellow 4-H members, and be inspired to make a positive impact in their club, community, county, country and world.

All 4-H members who are at least 14 years old as of January 1 are eligible to be part of the 2025 Wyoming delegation.





Apply by September 15th online.

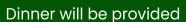
 More information at http://www.uwyo.edu/4h/opportunities/ travel.html





Come and learn more about what Natrona County 4-H is all about and what the clubs have to offer. We have lots of great clubs and programs that Natrona County 4-H can offer you and our community.





RSVP to Brittany with 307-235-9400 or by scanning the QR code and filling out the form





Announcements

ATRONA COUNTY **4**-H

SUPERINTENDENT

Find fillable forms on

Z Suites

OR at the

4-H

office

OPENINGS FOR:

SHOOTING SPORTS **CLOVERBUDS**

HORSE

CAT DOG

to submit is

Deadline

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For all new & existing members in Natrona County 4-H

Enrollment is FREE during National 4-H week...ONLY. October 6-11







Nominate For Recognition at Achievement Night

Fall is here and it is time to reflect on our 4-H year and the people that have had an impact on Natrona County 4-H. We have some amazing members and volunteers in this Natrona County 4-H program that are worthy of nominations. We have 5 categories to help recognize our members, volunteers, clubs, and community partners.

Sportsmanship: Members that do phenomenal acts of kindness and their hard work. All the time spent going above and beyond to help their fellow members in contrast and shows.

Click Link: Sportsmanship Nomination Form (google.com)

Outstanding Leader (Volunteer): Volunteers that work hard in helping on with4-H Events, Shows, Fair. The volunteers that show a positive attitude in every thing that they do to help the members to reach their goals and sparks. These individuals embody positive youth development with all that they do. Click Link: Outstanding Leader Nomination Form - Google Forms

Partner/Friend of 4-H:This can be a business or organization that has shown exemplary partnership to the Natrona County 4-H in some way. This can be financial or in partnership. Click Link: Partner / Friend of 4H Nomination Form - Google Forms

Rookie of the Year 4-H Leader: This is for an enrolled leader in their 1st year through their 5th year that has shown exemplary work. The goal of this award is to recognize how valuable they are even if just enrolled for a few years. Click Link: <u>4-H Roockie of the year Nomination Form - Google Forms</u>

Golden Leaders: This award is for leaders enrolled more than 20 years and has shown excellence in their work and support of 4-H youth. Leaders in this area are knowledgeable and love what they do. They have an easy way with 4-H youth and want to make their lives better. Click Link: Golden Leader Nomination Form - Google Forms

Club Community Service Award: This award is for highlighting the great work of community clubs that have worked in single events or in strategic partnership to provide excellent service to the community. Community service is any effort where a club works together to make decisions, plan, and implement an a service to people, or a partner that needs what is offered. Click Link: Community Service Award Nomination Form

Nominations are greatly appreciated. This is a way to review and provide recognition for the amazing contributions that have been given freely to the 4-H program. Printed copies of any of these forms are available upon request from the 4-H Office. Call 307-235-9400.

Submission Deadline is: 9-30-25

Announcements/ Meetings

Post Fair Static
Meeting
September 23, @ 5:30
In the Natrona Room

Natrona County 4-H Council 2025 Meeting Dates

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

October 9th 2025 @ 6pm In Mills/Evansville Room

Record Book Competition Information:

Record Books for Competition Need:

 A completed project book for each project that you did.

A completed, "My 4-H Year Involvement Report"

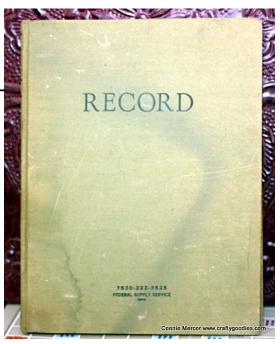
• These are found in Zsuites under Record Books tab and can be filled in online.

• For Record Books for Competition, please print and bring to the office.

• Often best to put into 3 ring notebooks and sheet protectors.

• Due to the 4-H Office by Sept. 12th 2025.

• Contact Linda Montgomery with Questions. You can also reach out to the 4-H Office.



State Project News



The 4-H Office wishes all members participating in state fair luck and a great learning experience during the state fair.

ENROLLING IN ZSUITE 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 https://4h.zsuite.org/

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.

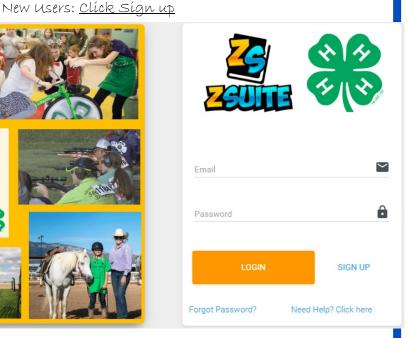
!!!! If you are enrolled in ZSuites but have not been receiving our communication via email, please log into your ZSuites account and verify that your email address on file is correct as we have been receiving notifications that some email addresses are invalid.

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 https://4h.zsuite.org/





- 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 4HOnline.com)
- 3. 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
 PICTURE. 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 COUNTY 4-H FIRST TIME MEMBERS: 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 acormican@natronacounty-wy.gov 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 THOSE WHO SHARE A BIRTHDAY IN SEPTEMBER

