



The Clover Connection



Platte County 4-H

Hello from Hannah

Sleigh bell's are ringing here in Platte County! Club's are hosting their holiday parties, making blankets for a cause, creating 4-H ornaments for the tree and so much more. Holiday cheer and this time of year is one for reflecting and being grateful for all that has come and all that lies ahead.

Reminders

- Register for the New 4-H year on Z Suite
- Invite your friends to join 4-H
- If you are interested in being a leader or know of anyone, please call me, and we can get that set up.

Updates

- Winter break will be December 24th - January 2nd for extension employees.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to starting the 2026 year off strong and cannot wait to hear what our clubs will be doing and the opportunities our youth seize along the way.

~Hannah



Upcoming Local Events:



PLATTE COUNTY 4-H

DISBUDDING FOR FAIR 2026

Market Goat Youth Show

- ***State Fair Rules***

YOUTH LIVESTOCK

• Market Goat Horn Policy Update—Youth Market Wethers & Dehorned Market Does: Must follow the existing policy—no horns, with scurs up to one inch acceptable.

Market Does: Horns will be allowed **only** in the Market Doe class. Exhibitors with a **dehorned** doe may choose to enter either the Market Goat class or the Market Doe class.

Photo pulled from WY state fair website:
<https://wystatefair.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Youth-Goat-2025.pdf>

- ***Platte County Fair
Rules***

Will follow state fair rules starting in 2026.

For the youth market goat class, no horns will be accepted. Scurs will be accepted as long as they are less than one inch.



Pro's for Disbudded Goats

- Reduced Risk of Injury to Humans.
- Reduced Risk of Entanglement and Death.
- Better Market Potential.
- Packer & Processing Preference.
- Goats establish a pecking order through head-butting, and horned goats can seriously injure other animals in the show ring environment.

The 4-H Educator is willing to assist with talking to breeders about disbudding practices. She has extensive knowledge about disbudding goats. She will not physically be disbudding animals but will help any way she can.

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DECEMBER 2025

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

1
Regional 4-H
Educator Meeting 10
am Douglas

2
Shooting Sports
Meeting 6 pm

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Sybille Livestock
Meeting 5 pm

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Reporting Meeting
Casper 10 am

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Horseshoe
Livestock Meeting
6:30 pm

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Merry Christmas
BEST WISHES
And a Very
Happy
New Year





Do you want to turn your 4-H skills into a business?

The Platte County 4-H Leadership Team is offering startup grants to help get your business up and running!

Please contact Dixie Mount 307-322-4075

Or Sydney Burek 303-217-3794

To schedule a time to meet with the Team to pitch your business plan!



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DECEMBER Birthdays

Leah Tauger

Treycen World

Riley Britton

Annie Kennedy

Linden Ellsworth

Makenna Lewis

Beckett Cushman

Clay Daly

Emily Senn

Rylynn Struble

Lydia Eaton

Taylen Fincher

Dean Britton

Ella Lauck

Tate Small

Joey Lewis

Andrea Fox

Mathew Kinsley

Camryn Mickelsen

Hannah Watson

Athena Swihart

Bailey Burns

Ava Melcher

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Upcoming Statewide Events:



Wyoming 4H

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Save The Date

**Join us to learn about Empowering
Volunteers and how to feel confident
leading youth 4-H members**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

- Leadership & Confidence
- Volunteer Story
- Connect with other volunteers
- Engaging Activities and Conversations

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9TH, @ 6PM

ZOOM LINK REGISTRATION QR CODE:



*** Please reach out to Tiera Bevilacqua if you have any questions ***

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4-H Graduation Cords

Spring graduates need to
have ordered by April 19,
2026!



Link to Order:

<https://forms.gle/ohS5h95MCd1whwT>



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.



Steve Mack, Director

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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."



SHOWCASE SHOWDOWN

June 15 - 18, 2026

University of Wyoming, Laramie

New for 2026!

- **New Contests**
 - Horse Quiz Bowl
 - Livestock Quiz Bowl
- **Full Cloverbud Track**
 - Full schedule of cloverbud activities
- **NEW Residence Halls**
 - All participants will be housed in the brand-new University of Wyoming residence halls!
 - Nightly activities specific for those who stay in the residence halls!
- **Event T-shirt** design by the 4-H youth, Jansen Hornecker who won the 2025 Showcase Showdown design contest!

LEADER



FIRST INAUGURAL Wyoming 4H CIVIC DAY

CHEYENNE, WY
FEBRUARY 2026
DETAILS TO FOLLOW

TO GET ON MAILING LIST
FOR UPDATES SCAN HERE:





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Contact Us Today



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