

The Clover Connection



Platte County 4-H

Hello from Hannah

The New Year is here in Platte County! Exciting things are kicking off alongside 2026's entrance including 4-H Friday's, Horse Hippology and Judging, Shooting Sports, Club Meetings and so much more!

Reminders

- Register for the New 4-H year on Z Suite
- **Saturday, January 31, 2026 is Beef Tagging and Weigh In**
(You must be enrolled in this project before weighing in.)
- **January 8, 2026 is the Shooting Sports Kick off in the Agriplex**

Updates

- If you are interested in horse hippology, horse quiz bowl or horse judging please contact us ASAP to begin practice.
- If you are interested in joining our cooking team let us know.

I hope you all have the best year yet ahead of you. There are so many exciting events in the works and coming up. This newsletter is packed full of important items so please read completely. This 4-H year is going to be great, I just know it. Cheers!

~Hannah



Upcoming Local Events:

LOVE HORSES? SO DO WE!

Platte County 4-H

HORSE HIPPOLOGY
HORSE QUIZ BOWL
HORSE JUDGING
BEGINS IN JANUARY!



WANT MORE INFORMATION?



Contact- Hannah Cesar @ hcesar@uwyo.edu OR
Samantha Hammond @ watkinswhimsy@gmail.com



BEEF WEIGH IN & TAGGING



JANUARY

9:00 - 11:00

31

AM

Meriweather Farms

83 Drake Road

Wheatland, WY 82201

840 Tags Available

**Do not have to be halter broke but we
encourage you are working with them.**



 **Platte County 4-H** 

SHOOTING SPORTS

KICK-OFF!

Thursday, January 8, 2026

6 pm in the Agriplex

***Will accept cash or checks for
registrations.***



It is that time of year again to get your kids enrolled in Z suites, signed up for shooting sports disciplines, and attend the Kick-Off to register and review the 2026 rules. Exciting things are happening for Platte County Shootings Sports and we cannot wait to see you there!





Platte County 4-H

JOIN OUR COOKING TEAM

With CNP Educator:

Mary Evans

Practices to begin in
March.

Please reach out to
hcesar@uwyo.edu
or
mevans22@uwyo.edu
if you are interested!

Compete at
Showcase
Showdown
in June

We Can Have
Multiple Teams

LET'S GET COOKING



Platte County



4-H FRIDAY'S

Kicking off end of January

**Come together in
head, heart,
hands & health**

- Specific details at later time
- Glendo hosted by Jackie Bauder
- Looking for other volunteers to help
- 4-H fun for everyone!

COMING TO YOU ON FRIDAYS

Will need to be enrolled in Z Suites
All youth welcome!

More Information:

hcesar@uwyo.edu or 307-322-3667

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JANUARY

2026

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	Wheatland Dog Practice every Thursday Exhibit Hall			1 Happy New Year	2	3
4	5	6 Sybille Livestock Meeting	7 Chug Valley Meeting	8	9 Glendo 4-H Friday	10
11 Air Rifle & Pistol Safety Orientation 1 pm Exhibit Hall	12 Fair Board Meeting	13 Scholarship Committee Meeting 6 pm Ext. Office	14	15	16 Horseshoe Livestock 4- H Meeting Glendo	17
18 Archery Safety Orientation 1 pm Indoor Arena	19 Junior Leader's Council Meeting	20	21	22	23 Glendo 4-H Friday	24
25	26 Leader's Council Meeting 6 pm Ext. Office	27	28	29	30	31 Beef Weigh In & Tagging 9-11 am

Wheatland Dog Practices

every Thursday in the Exhibit Hall

6th- Sybille Livestock Mtg 6:15 Agriplex

Chug Valley Mtg Chugwater School

8th- Shooting Sports Kick off 6 pm Agriplex

9th- Glendo 4-H Friday

11th- Air Rifle/Pistol Safety Orientation 1 pm Exhibit Hall

13th - Scholarship Committee Mtg. 6 pm Ext. Office

16th- Horseshoe Livestock Mtg Glendo

18th- Archery safety orientation 1 pm indoor arena

19th- Junior Leaders Mtg

26th- Leader's Council Mtg 6 pm

31st- Beef Tagging & Weigh In



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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Master Gardener 2026

Starts Jan 14, 2026

\$200 Enroll



 **LINK**

<https://extension.catalog.instructure.com/courses/master-gardener-2026>

The fee for the course is still \$200. Please feel free to share it with anyone in your community that might be interested. The sessions will be recorded for those who can't join the sessions live on Wednesday evenings throughout the spring. It is not every Wednesday through the spring, but we don't end until the last week in May.





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.

Photo By: Mississippi State University



Pro's for Disbudded Goats

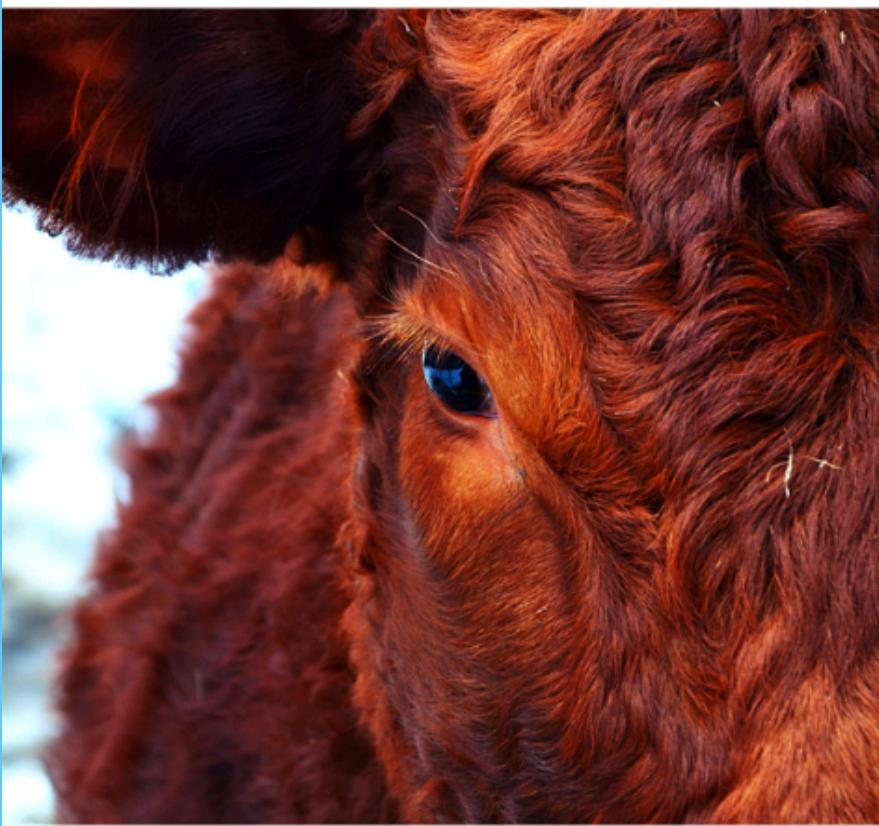
- Reduced Risk of Injury to Humans.
- Reduced Risk of Entanglement and Death.
- Better Market Potential.
- Packer & Processing Preference.
- Goats establish a pecking order through head-butting, and horned goats can seriously injure other animals in the show ring environment.

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.

Contact: Hannah Cesar, hcesar@uwyo.edu
307-322-3667

Weigh In & Tagging

IMPORTANT LIVESTOCK SALE INFORMATION 2026



Ownership Deadlines:

Market Beef: February 1

Market Sheep, Swine, Goats; Breeding Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Rabbits, Poultry: June 1
Market Rabbits, Poultry: July 1

Weight Requirements:

Beef: Minimum 1050 lbs, Max no sell, 1550 lbs

Sheep: Minimum 105 lbs, Max no sell, 165 lbs

Swine: Minimum 215 lbs, Max no sell, 315 lbs

Goats: Minimum 50 lbs, Max no sell, 115 lbs

Weigh-In/Tagging Dates:

Beef: Sat. January 31, 2026, 9 am-11 am

Sheep, Goat, Swine: Wed. May 27, 2026, 5-7 pm, Mon. June 1, 2026 5-7 pm

- All market beef, sheep, swine, and goats must be tagged at a tagging and weigh-in date. Beef is usually late January, sheep, swine, and goats late May.
- Members are only allowed to sell one animal.
- Members and parents are required to attend a mandatory meeting at the beginning of fair explaining sale procedure.
- All members and parents must sign and turn in a sale consignment form before members are eligible to participate in the sale.
- **Members are highly encouraged to schedule a slaughter date for their sale animal prior to the fair. Make these appointments in January. The member's buyer will notify member if that date/facility is preferred.**
- Following the livestock sale, members must complete a thank-you to all buyers and turn it in to the Extension Office in a self-addressed, stamped UNSEALED envelope.
- It is common practice to make a buyer thank-you poster to display during the fair then deliver to buyer once fair is over.

Volunteers:

WYOMING 4-H VOLUNTEER TRAININGS SCHEDULE 2026

JANUARY 20TH

TUESDAY / 6:00PM-7:30PM

TOPIC: SMART GOALS



Enjoy a volunteer focused training on how to help 4-H members set SMART goals for the 4-H year. No matter what the project or club area focus is on, SMART goals are for everyone! This training will be interactive and give volunteers an opportunity to connect with other volunteers across the state.

Registration required for access to the zoom link. You can register using the QR Code.

FEBRUARY 17TH

TUESDAY / 6:00 PM - 7:30PM

TOPIC: COMMUNITY & SERVICE



SAVE THE DATE

Join us for some great conversation, share ideas, and join a discussion on our featured topic "Community & Service". Share what it means to volunteer in your communities, it's benefits, ways to get more involved, and share your community service ideas with other volunteers across the state. This will be an interactive training giving you opportunities to connect and have deeper conversations with other volunteers. Registration required for access to the zoom link. You can register using the QR Code above.



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MARCH 31ST

TUESDAY / 6:00 PM - 7:30PM

TOPIC: MEANINGFUL MEETINGS



Training focused on creating meaningful meetings and the tools and science behind techniques to accomplish this. No matter what type of gathering you are having; a club meeting, project meeting, or even just attending an activity. This training will be interactive and give you an opportunity to connect with other volunteers. Registration is required for access to the zoom link. You can register using the QR Code above.

FOR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT

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Volunteer Specialist
tarndorf@uwyo.edu



JANUARY Birthdays



Pearl Miller

Madison Wilhelm

Cheyenne Johnson

Kaylee Rasnake

Carson Robbins

Lyza Cushman

Khloe Bjorneboe

Dillon Faris

Andrew Haecker

Huston Kuehler

Audri Sheeley

Sophie Meyer

Paxton Eppel

Wyatt Clevenger

Bryndle Johnson

Aspen Keil

Nash Kunde

Mitzi Byrd

June Werner

Paisley Chadwell

Benjamin Watson

Ryder Teten

Mya Connell

Bailey Milnes

Parker Jones

Shayla Hershey



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Upcoming Statewide Events:

IGNITE BY 4-H



HOW

Applications

Applications are currently open and open until full. Apply now to insure a spot!
https://wyoming4h.formstack.com/forms/ignite_4_h

WHEN &
WHERE

March 25-29, 2026
Washington DC

WHY

- Travel. Connect with Teens Nationwide. Explore Your Future.
- Experience Renowned Speakers, Hands-On Workshops, and Real-World Career Insights

“Where Possibilities are Endless!”

Teens collaborate, create, and cultivate a passion for expanding their minds, and their world.

WHAT





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★★★★★
JOIN US!

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JANUARY 22

SOUTH LINCOLN TRAINING
& EVENTS CENTER
KEMMERER, WY

10am - 3pm



PRESENTATION TOPICS

Nutritional Impacts to the Cow Herd

Chance Marshall | UW Extension

Range Management

Barton Stam | UW Extension

Succession Planning

Lacy Pauley | WY Dept. of Ag

Wildfire Smoke & Cattle

Mallery Larson | UW Extension

Ranch Economics

Jedidiah Hewlett | UW Extension

Southwest Wyoming Ag Days is for anyone interested in agriculture, ranching, or range management. This annual, FREE event will be rotating throughout SW Wyoming!

Please RSVP by 1/15 to guarantee lunch!

TRADE SHOW FEATURES

We are still accepting trade show vendors!

If you would like to host a booth, please contact McKenna at (307) 828-4093

Farm Credit Services

USDA Farm Service Agency

UW Sheep Task Force

UW Beef Team

Western Ag Credit

Conservation Districts



R.S.V.P

McKenna Julian

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7220 WOOL
INVITATIONAL - UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING

JAN. 13, 2026
Albany County Fairgrounds, Laramie, WY

4-H DIVISIONS IS AN OPEN PRACTICE CONTEST

Contest Events Include:
Breed Fleeces • Commercial Fleeces
Grading Rail • Oral Reasons
Value-Added Class • Live Animal Class

REGISTRATION OPEN

Learn More & Register Here: <https://bit.ly/26WI4H>

WOOL TEAM

UW College of Agriculture, Life Sciences, and Natural Resources

UW Sheep Program

QR Code



NATIONAL WESTERN Stock Show THE SUPER BOWL OF LIVESTOCK SHOWS. Follow our tracks @NWSSLIVESTOCK

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Catch-A-Calf Program

January 10-25, 2026

Buy Tickets 

Powered by **ticketmaster®**

4-H Graduation Cords

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



Link to Order:

<https://forms.gle/ohS5h95MCd1whwT>

LEADER



FIRST INAUGURAL

Wyoming 4H CIVIC DAY

CHEYENNE, WY
FEBRUARY 2026
DETAILS TO FOLLOW

TO GET ON MAILING LIST
FOR UPDATES SCAN HERE:



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

Wyoming State 4-H Foundation

College of Agriculture and Natural Resources

1000 East University Ave. Dept. 3354

Laramie, WY 82071

(307) 766-5170

Smack@uwyo.edu



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."

INSPIRE



NATIONAL 4-H CONFERENCE

APRIL 10-15
2026

ARLINGTON, VIRGINIA

INFORMATION

- DO YOU WANT TO HAVE A ROLE IN MAKING CHANGE?
- YOUTH PRESENT IDEAS TO HIGH-RANKING GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS.
- YOUTH WILL SEE D.C. AND MEET WITH OUR CONGRESSMAN AND SENATORS.
- MEET OTHER 4-H YOUTH LIKE YOURSELF FROM ACROSS THE UNITED STATES.

DETAILS

- YOUTH 15 - 18 YEARS OLD
- COST ESTIMATED AT \$2500 PER PERSON, SCHOLARSHIP WILL BE GIVEN.

APPLICATIONS

- APPLICATIONS CURRENTLY OPEN, UNTIL REGISTRATION IS FULL
- [HTTPS://WYOMING4H.FORMSTACK.COM/FORMS/CONFERENCE_APP](https://WYOMING4H.FORMSTACK.COM/FORMS/CONFERENCE_APP)

Wyoming 4H

SHOWCASE SHOWDOWN

LARAMIE, WYOMING JUNE 15-18 **2026**



- NIGHTLY EVENTS
- 13 STATE CONTEST
- 20± WORKSHOPS

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

PACKAGE 1 - \$50

- Event Registration
- Meals Included: Dinner on Tuesday, Lunch on Thursday

PACKAGE 2 - \$150

- Event Registration
- Lodging in Residence Halls
- All Meals (3x) at Dining Center

NEW THIS YEAR:

- Horse and Livestock Quiz Bowl Contests
- BRAND NEW Residence Halls and Dining Center
 - Exclusive events for those who stay on campus
- UW Bus Transportation available from various areas throughout the state

ALL 4-H MEMBERS WELCOME
INCLUDING CLOVERBUD AGE YOUTH!

THIS YEAR'S CONTESTS INCLUDE

- CAKE DECORATING
- DOG SKILL-A-THON
- FOOD COOK-OFF
- HORSE HIPPOLOGY
- HORSE JUDGING
- LIVESTOCK SKILL-A-THON
- IMPROMPTU PRESENTATION
- PREPARED PRESENTATION
- PRODUCE JUDGING
- ROBOTICS CONTEST
- TABLE SETTING
- HORSE QUIZ BOWL
- LIVESTOCK QUIZ BOWL





ZSuite 4-H Enrollment

New Family Profile



If you've never signed in to ZSuite before, follow these steps:

1. Go to <https://4h.zsuite.org/>

2. As a Family creating a new Profile, select **SIGN UP**

a. Fill in all of the fields, select **LET'S GO!**

Adding 4-H Members

You are now on the Dashboard tab

- 1 Select + Household Member
- 2 Fill out 4-H Member's info, select **Continue**
- 3 Fill out PERSONAL INFO, select **Next**
- 4 Fill out all six drop down WAIVERS, then select **Next**
- 5 Dropdown to your CLUB, select **Add Club**

a. Select **Add Project**

i. If you are interested in

1. Junior Leaders
2. Livestock Judging Team
3. Livestock Skillathon Team

make sure to add them as a Club.

i. ALL 4-H Members should Add **MY 4-H YEAR/MY 4-H YEAR INVOLVEMENT** as a Project in one Club, Select **Add Project**

- 6 Select **Add to Cart** and then you can either +Add Enrollment or Submit. Must be submitted to be complete.

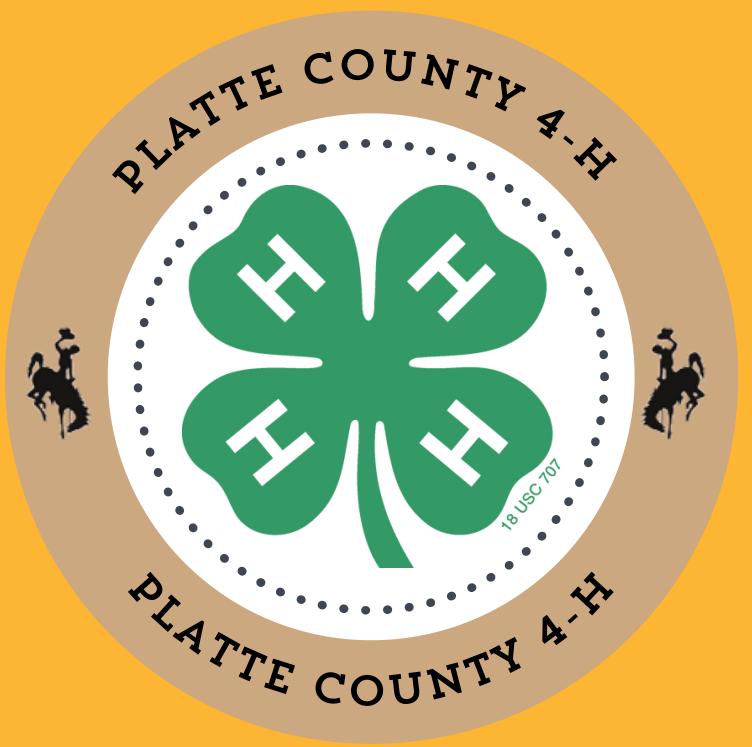
First Year 4-H Members, make sure to add the **First Year Member "CLUB"**. This will waive the Registration Fee.

If you need assistance, don't hesitate to select the ZSuite **LIVE CHAT**!



Once submitted, your Enrollment will change from **Pending Approval** to **Active** when the Extension Office receives payment!

PLATTE COUNTY 4-H EXTENSION



Contact Us Today



<https://wyoextension.org/plattecoun ty/4h-youth-development/>



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Social Media

Extension Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/plattecountyextensionoffice/>

Platte County 4-H Page

State 4-H Website:

<https://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/>



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