



The Clover Connection



Platte County 4-H

Hello from Hannah

The love for the clover is in the air, and we sure love our 4-H family!

Club meetings are in full swing, demonstrations are being completed, beef tagging has wrapped up, and we are gearing up for more exciting events.

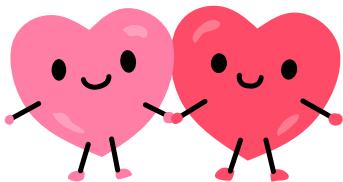
Reminders

- Register for the New 4-H year on Z Suite
- **4-H Needs Assessment Drawing will be 2/9/26.**
- Cloverbuds is in full swing in Wheatland and Glendo.
- **Poultry Mixer February 27th at 4 pm.**

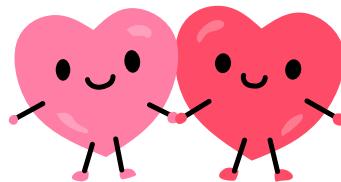
Updates

- 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.

America's 250th birthday is coming up this year, and I think we can come up with great ideas to showcase this celebration, promote civic engagement and take pride. Please let me know your thoughts! As February rolls by, have grace, be kind, and foster a culture of appreciation.



~Hannah



Upcoming Local Events:

Platte County 4-H Poultry Mixer

A FEATHER FUN TIME

Join us for a night of mingling, meeting the flock, and learning the importance of poultry in agriculture and 4-H!



WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- Why poultry is an important part of Agriculture
- Why poultry is important to 4H
- How to get involved

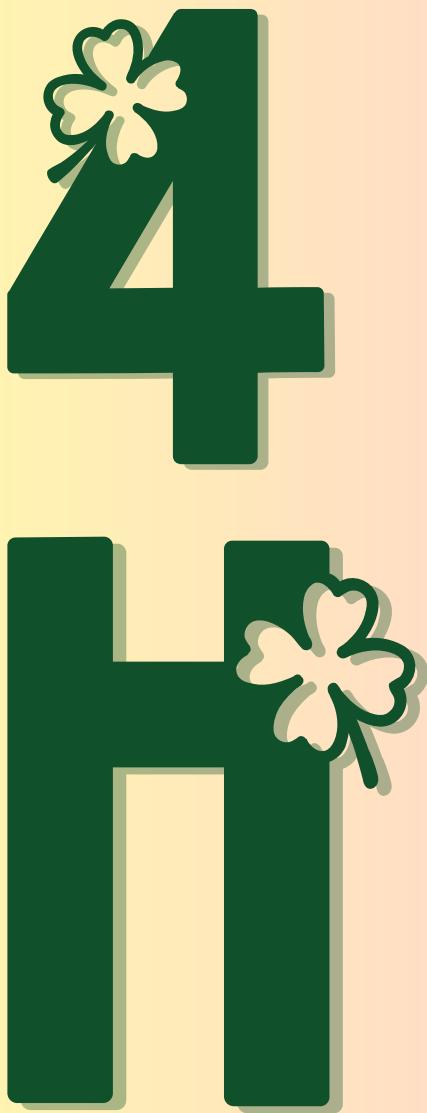


MIXER DETAILS

FEBRUARY 27, 2026

4 PM AT THE EXHIBIT HALL, PLATTE COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS

We can't wait to see you there!



Platte County 4-H Scholarship

2026

CALLING ALL PLATTE COUNTY 4-H SENIORS!

(2) \$500.00 Scholarships

- Your Dreams. Your Future.
- Our Support.
- Platte County Proud. Making the best better.
- Apply today!

PICK UP AN APPLICATION IN THE 4-H OFFICE TODAY! OR EMAIL HCESAR@UWYO.EDU



Platte County 4-H Needs Assessment

We want
to hear
from
you!



WE WANT YOUR
FEEDBACK

SCAN ME



Enter
to Win

\$50.00
Visa Gift
Card



Platte County Fair Dog Show July 18, 2026

All Day on Saturday
including:

- Agility
- Obedience
- Showmanship
- Conformation
- Rally

Will stagger events and times. Use of the indoor arena, exhibit hall, and two grass areas.

Questions or Concerns:

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Hannah Cesar:

hcesar@uwy.edu





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Summer 2026

UW EXTENSION ROOTS INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

Opportunities in all 23 Wyoming
counties and the Wind River Indian
Reservation

BENEFITS OF SERVING

- ✓ Your choice of preferred county Extension office
- ✓ Receive a monthly living stipend
- ✓ Build skills that last a lifetime
- ✓ Participate in one of our three major focus areas depending on your interests
- ✓ Earn an education stipend at the end of your internship

If you are
interested

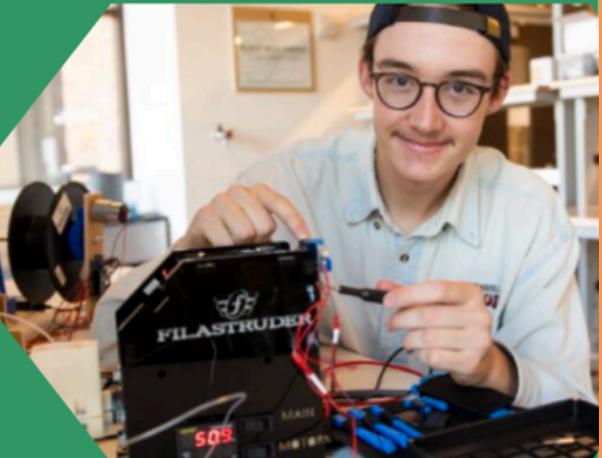


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SHOWCASE SHOWDOWN

LARAMIE, WY



JUNE

15th-18th of 2026

University of Wyoming

New Residence Halls
T Shirts available
Full Cloverbud Track

Competitions:

Cake Decorating
Dog Skillathon
Horse Hippology
Horse Judging
Horse Quiz bowl
Livestock Quiz bowl

Livestock Skillathon
Produce Judging
Robotics
Table Setting
Presentations
Cloverbuds
Food Cook Off

<https://wyoming4h.org/opportunities/showcase-showdown/>

https://wyoming4h.org/opportunities/wp-content/uploads/2025/04/reduced-4-H-ers-Guide-to-Showcase-Showdown_.pdf

LOVE HORSES? SO DO WE!

HORSE HIPPOLOGY
HORSE QUIZ BOWL
HORSE JUDGING
BEGINS IN JANUARY!



COMPETE FOR A CHANCE TO
ATTEND:

- QUARTER HORSE CONGRESS
- BLACK HILL'S STOCKSHOW
- SHOWCASE SHOWDOWN
- & MORE!



WANT MORE
INFORMATION?



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



Platte County 4-H

JOIN OUR COOKING TEAM

With CNP Educator:

Mary Evans

Practices to begin in
March.

Please reach out to
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if you are interested!

Compete at
Showcase
Showdown
in June

We Can Have
Multiple Teams

LET'S GET COOKING

GENEROUS ROOTS GARDEN CO.

Working together to feed our communities

4H SEED FUNDRAISER

4-H AND GENEROUS ROOTS SHARE THE SAME ROOTS:

At Generous Roots we value:

- ✓ Agriculture education and hands-on learning
- ✓ Community service
- ✓ Youth skill-building with purpose, not just profit

Unlike cookies or gift wrap, this fundraiser:

- ✓ Promotes agricultural literacy (seed selection)
- ✓ Encourages self-reliance & local food production
- ✓ Connects youth to local gardening
- ✓ Builds pride and purpose-selling something that feeds Wyoming families

HOW THE FUNDRAISER WORKS

- 4-H youth pre-sell seeds to family, neighbors, and community members (Oct-Dec)
- Generous Roots packages and mails seeds to clubs in the spring
- Kids deliver orders locally
- 4-H earns 20% of all sales - no upfront cost or risk



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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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

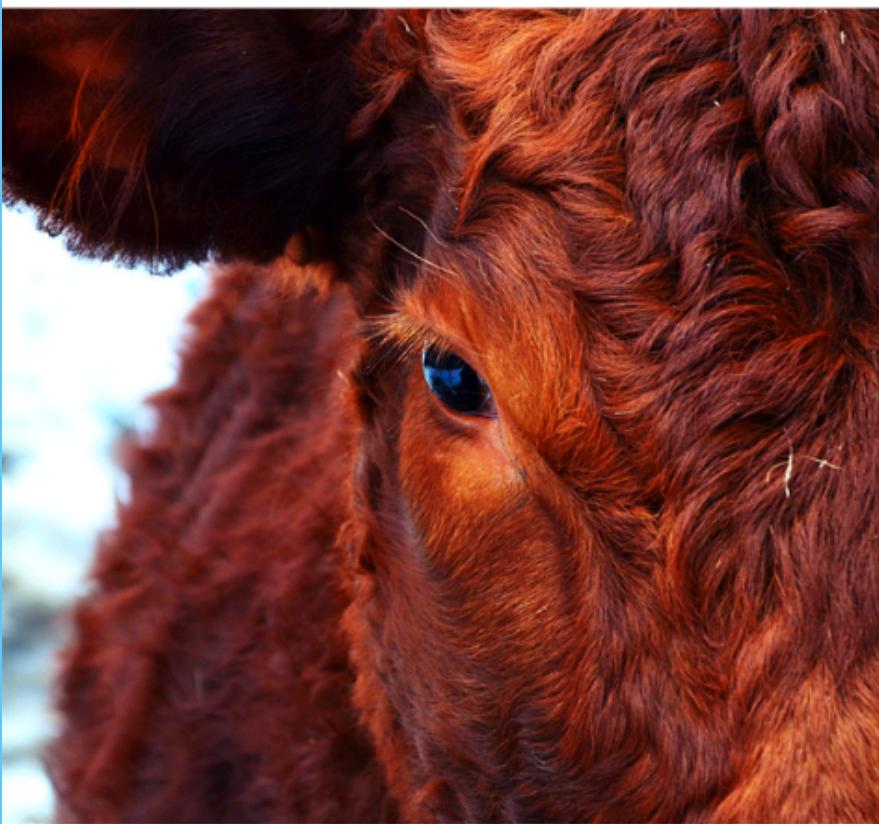
- Reduced Risk of Injury to Humans.
- Reduced Risk of Entanglement and Death.
- Better Market Potential.
- Packer & Processing Preference.
- Goats establish a pecking order through head-butting, and horned goats can seriously injure other animals in the show ring environment.

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
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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.



Extension



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
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FEBRUARY Birthdays

Allie Keil

Axl Keil

Carlee Hill

Ella Offret

Eleanor Ebel

John Daly

Kaydyn Drake

George Luckert

Sarah Watson

Emma Stoneking

Samantha Hammond

Braylee Sands

Rhett McConahay

Nathan Delgado

Hadley Brickman

Carter Bohlander

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Upcoming Statewide Events:

4-H BEEF NUTRITION AND MANAGEMENT

Guest Speaker:

CHANCE MARSHALL

Join us over zoom on February 16th
to talk about your 4-H Beef Project!
Learn all about feeding, nutrition,
and how to maintain your market
beef project.



February 16, 2026



6:00 PM



Zoom :

https://uwyo.zoom.us/meeting/register/k1Aje9I7RE-5_pkfYDrmDw

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER



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



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

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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."

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



Email:

Password:

[SIGN UP](#) [Forgot Password?](#) [Help](#)

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

Platte County 4-H Page

State 4-H Website:

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



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