



Weston County CHATTER

October 2022



Erin's Notes

Time is sure flying by and the 2022 4-H year is winding down and we will celebrate the year on October 30th at 2:00 pm at the Senior Center. I hope you'll make plans to join us and that you'll take some time to nominate members and leaders for the awards.

The 2023 4-H year will kick off with the start of October and National 4-H Week. I am so excited for my first full 4-H year in Weston County and will be busy when I return from maternity leave on October 18th. Please get your 4-H enrollment completed as soon as possible so that we can stay in touch!

I would love to see everyone share a favorite 4-H memory on the Facebook page to celebrate National 4-H week. As I started to write down a favorite 4-H memory I ended up taking a quick walk down memory lane of my 4-H involvement.

Ranking in the top of my memories is my trip to Sanora, Texas to the National Wool Judging contest, the trip to Atlanta, Georgia for the National 4-H Congress, winning Reserve Champion pole bending at the Wyoming State Fair, hosting a LABO exchange student for the summer and all of the amazing friends that I have made throughout my 4-H career. Becoming a 4-H educator in Nebraska and now Weston County are also at the top of my favorite 4-H moments!

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UPCOMING DATES



Award Nominations Due - September 30th

National 4-H Week - October 3rd - 9th

- Let's celebrate 4-H and tell a friend about why you love being involved in 4-H. It's a great time to re-enroll for the new 4-H year and encourage a friend to enroll with you. It is also a great week to thank the volunteers and 4-H supporters for all that they do to make 4-H such a great organization.

Tumbleweeds - October 20th @ 4 PM



Achievement Day - October 30th ***DATE CHANGE***



Achievement Day



October 30th
Weston County Senior Center
2:00 PM

Bring a dessert to share
RSVP by October 26th

Make It With Wool Contest - November 13th

- More information will be coming soon! Contest will be held in Lusk on November 13th. If interested please reach out to Erin for details!



**MAKE IT WITH WOOL
CONTEST**

**NIOBARRA, WESTON, CONVERSE,
GOSHEN AND NATRONA COUNTIES**

November 13, 2022
Niobrara County Fairgrounds, Lusk
1:00 PM

Register by November 3rd
Questions: Contact Erin Persche
epersche@uwyo.edu or 307-340-8186

Achievement Day Awards

Nominations for the following awards need to be submitted by September 30th to Erin via email (epersche@uwyo.edu).

Nominations need to include who is being nominated, what award they are being nominated for and a paragraph (or more) explaining why they should win the award. This is an excellent time to recognize the outstanding leaders and members of Weston County 4-H!

Leader Awards

Outstanding Leader

- Gone above and beyond in their duties as a club, project, or organizational leader. In essence, this leader has "given their all" to promote the success of Weston County 4-H and 4-H'ers
- Promotes Weston County 4-H with a positive and energetic attitude
- Offered advice and help with a smile
- Considered new ideas and challenged members to do and be their best
- Encouraged a safe and fun learning experience
- Made the 4-H experience fun for members and families

Extra Mile Award

- Given above and beyond the average amount of effort and time in the past year in any area of the 4-H program
- Offered a helping hand, not only with members, but also with other leaders, Extension Staff, and fair volunteers
- Demonstrates a positive and energetic attitude that promotes Weston County 4-H
- Demonstrates the value of the Weston County 4-H program to the community and set an excellent example for other leaders to follow

Alumni Award

- Must be a former Weston County 4-H'er who demonstrates:
- Strong community involvement, dedicated to community service and promotion of Weston County 4-H programs and values
- Success in leadership roles in local, state, or national organizations or government

Friend of 4-H Award

- A community member, business or group who shows obvious and exceptional support for the Weston County 4-H program

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Member Awards

Outstanding Teen Leader (Members 13-18 years old)

- Leadership skills while helping younger members with project area work
- Leadership and involvement in Weston County 4-H activities (Camp, County Fair, etc.)
- Leadership within club activities and educational programs
- Sets a good example for younger members and is a positive representative of Weston County 4-H among the community at large
- Upholds the highest ideals of the 4-H program: head, heart, health and hands

Extra Mile Award

- Continually shows true grit by their everyday actions in 4-H and "hangs in there" by sheer determination
- Helps and supports other members with their 4-H commitments
- Celebrates the success and achievement of fellow 4-H'ers while continuing to improve their own 4-H experience
- Always has a positive attitude, despite challenges they may encounter

Hard Luck Award

- Any 4-H member who has had hard luck with their project(s) this year, but has persevered and done the best they can despite difficult circumstances

Community Service Award

- Participated in multiple community service projects
- Demonstrates that he or she is community service minded and encourages others to participate in community service projects
- Promotes 4-H and good citizenship through actions demonstrated in the community

Exemplary Leadership Award

- Outstanding leadership within their club and project work, not necessarily as an officer
- A willingness to help with 4-H endeavors no matter how large or small
- Promoted 4-H among clubs and community, and demonstrated a positive "can-do" attitude

4-H Heart and Soul Award

- Enthusiastic about 4-H and shares excitement with others
- Works hard to show a spirit for the 4-H's: head, heart, hands and health
- Works hard to learn and grow through 4-H activities
- Is a positive role model for other 4-H'ers

Outstanding First Year Member

- A first year 4-H member
- Active participation in 4-H events
- Willingness to take on leadership and volunteer roles
- Shares 4-H spirit and excitement with others

Outstanding Sportsmanship Award

- Celebrated the successes of others along with their own
- Kept their chin high even when things were not going their way
- Shared 4-H spirit and excitement all year