

Erin's Notes



This crazy Wyoming weather has us believing it could be spring and I'm loving it! However, I know I'll suffer from spring fever for the next few months because of it. I'm hoping that the Ground Hog doesn't see his shadow tomorrow and we will have an early spring with lots of rain!

Please check out the calendar on the website and start putting those deadlines and important dates into your calendars now. As fast as January flew by it'll be summer and fair before we know it!

Double check your ZSuite profiles and make sure that you are signed up for all the projects that you are interested in for this year. That is the only way I know you are interested in a specific project and can send project specific information to you.



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UPCOMING DATES

February

February 1 - Market Beef Ownership and Tagging Deadline

February 7 - Junior Livestock Meeting

February 9 - Food, Fun 4-H Cooking Class

February 12 - Shooting Sports County Shoot - Upton (.22) and Newcastle (Air Pistol)

February 12 - Shooting Sports County Shoot - Newcastle (Air Rifle)

February 12 - Fair Board Meeting

February 13 - Upton Cloverbuds

February 15 - Newcastle Tumbleweeds

February 15 - 4-H Scholarship Deadline

February 15 - Lamb and Goat Selection Class



March

March 6 - Junior Livestock Meeting

March 8 - Food, Fun 4-H Cooking Class

March 11 - Fair Board Meeting

March 19 - Upton Cloverbuds

March 20 - Farm School Applications Due

March 21- Newcastle Tumbleweeds

March 23 & 24 - Shooting Sports Leader Training

March 25 - Shooting Sports County Shoot - Upton (Air) and Newcastle (.22)





Calendar

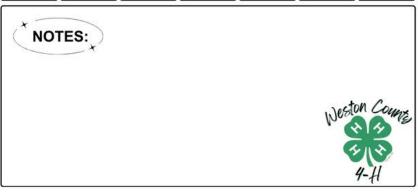
New the year on the website in the 4-H Calendar. Look ahead at the entire year!

FEBRUARY

2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				Market Beef Ownership & Tagging Deadline	2	3
4	5 SS Practice Upton and Newcastle	6 SS Practice Newcastle	7 Jr. Livestock Meeting	8	9 Food, Fun, 4-H	10
11	12 Fair Board Meeting County Shoot	13 County Shoot Upton Cloverbuds	14	15 Newcastle Tumbleweeds 4-H Scholarship Deadline Market Lamb/Goat Selection Class	16	17
18	Prairie & Pines Meeting SS Practice Upton and Newcastle	20 SS Practice Newcastle	21	22	23	24
25	26 SS Practice Upton and Newcastle	27 SS Practice Newcastle	28	29		

https://wyoextension.org/westoncounty/4h-youth-development/important-dates/





2024 IMPORTANT DATES

January 21 - Beef Weigh In and Tagging

February 1 - Market Beef Ownership and Tagging Deadline

February 15 - 4-H Scholarship Deadline

March 20 - Farm School Applications Due

March 23 & 24 - Shooting Sports Leader Training

April 21 - 27 - National Volunteer Week

May 1 - Horse, Dog and Cat ID Forms Due

May 15 - Enrollment Deadline for all summer 4-H Activities

May 28 - Swine, Lamb & Goat Tagging and Weigh In

June 1 - Market Goat/Lamb/Swine and Breeding Livestock
Ownership Deadline

June 17 - Shooting Sports Awards

June 18 - 20 - Showcase Showdown

June 28-30 - 4-H Camp

July 3 - Fair Entry Deadline

July 3 - Horse Safety Certification Deadline

July 11-14 - State Shoot

July 15 - Fabric & Fashion Judging Day

July 16 - Carcass Contest

July 20-28 - Weston County Fair

July 30 - State Fair Meeting

August 12-17 - Wyoming State Fair

September 30 - 4-H Stories Due

October 6-12 - National 4-H Week

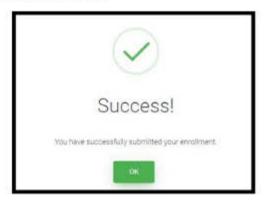
October 10 - 4-H Jubilee



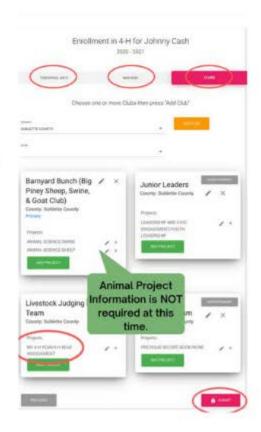
Adding a Project to ZSuite

Existing Family Profile

- 1.Go to: https://4h.zsuite.org/
- Use the same email and password you updated your enrollment with, select LOGIN.
- Choose the **PRIMARY ACCOUNT** that was used to enroll each 4-H member and Volunteer.
 - a. Click Choose Profile, enter your
 PIN, and click SUBMIT.
- 4. Click > UPDATE ENROLLMENT next to the 4-H participant name that you are adding the project to.
- Click on CLUBS and +ADD PROJECT.
- Select the project and click ADD PROJECT.
- Click Submit; You will get a pop-up box that says Success! once your new project has been added.
- The Extension Office will get an email stating that you have updated an enrollment.

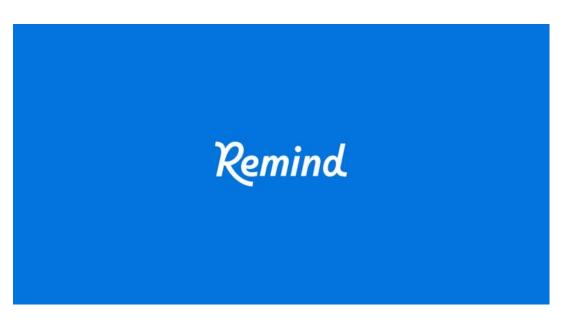








How We Communicate



Remind is a communication platform that can reach students and parents via text or email. Remind allows us to quickly send notifications to an entire group about upcoming events, changes, cancellations, etc. There are 2 easy ways to join - go to the website address listed or text the @newcss to 81010. Please take a few moments and join the applicable Remind groups from the list below:

Weston County 4-H: rmd.at/weston4h or text @weston4h to 81010

Newcastle Shooting Sports - rmd.at/newcss or text @newcss to 81010

Dog Project: rmd.at/newcdog or text @newcdog to 81010

Food, Fun & 4-H: rmd.at/newcff4-h or text @newcff4-h to 81010

Newcastle Tumbleweeds: rmd.at/n4htumble or text @n4htumble to 81010

Robotics: rmd.at/newcrobots or text @newcrobots to 81010

Upton Cloverbuds: rmd.at/u4htumble or text @u4htumble to 81010



https://www.facebook.com/WESTONCOUNTY4H

WESTON COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

Elk Mountain Outlaws

Leaders: Kami Lopez **Next Meeting:** February 25th

Kara Fladstol

2:00 PM
Fairgrounds Event Center

Tie Dying T-Shirts
Wear Old Clothes

Dewey Wranglers

Leaders:Kendra Paulton
Dani Stearns

Next Meeting:
February 1
4:00 PM
Elk Mountain School

Sagebrush Maids & Wranglers

Leaders:

Melinda Huff Becky Swentesky **Next Meeting:**

February 13th

6:00 PM

Fairgrounds Event Center

Borderline Bandits

Leader:

Crystal Stevens-Benson

Heart Health Month

Next Meeting: February 4th 1:00 PM Ice Rink

Prairie and Pines

Leaders:Kasi White
Nastel Dean

Next Meeting: February 19th 6:30 PM

Mrs. White's Classroom Upton Elementary School

Cookie Decorating Fair Project Brainstorming

Stock Show Junkies

Leaders:

Briley & Ty Miller Hale & Alicia Redding Next Meeting: TBA

What is the benefit of being in a 4-H club ...

There are many benefits of being in a club; friendship and fellowship, opportunity for leadership development, plus strides in self-confidence, learning to work with others, communication skills, decision making, problem solving, citizenship, expanded horizons, organizational skills, respect for and from others, patience, tolerance, and real-world experience! The club leader will help you with decision making, keep you informed about project announcements and deadlines, and will be a great encouragement!

CLOVERBUDS

The 4-H Cloverbuds Program in the University of Wyoming's 4-H program is a non-formal education program designed for children ages 5-7. Participation, safety, personal development, learning and fun are the highest priorities for Cloverbuds programs. Cloverbuds is designed to introduce young people to cooperative learning and the many things they can do in 4-H. These programs are adult led, activity-focused, and are built on cooperative learning rather than competition. There are two different Cloverbud clubs that meet in Upton and Newcastle.

UPTON SCHEDULE

February 13 March 19 April 16

NEWCASTLE SCHEDULE

February 15 March 21 April 18

You can join Upton Cloverbuds class at https://www.remind.com/join/u4htumble or by texting @u4htumble to 81010.

You can join Tumbleweeds class at https://www.remind.com/join/n4htumble or by texting @n4htumble to 81010.



GIFTS FROM THE HEART

RSVP DEADLINE FEBRUARY 9TH

___ * ***** * -FOODS AND NUTRITION PROJECT

February 9th Food, Fun & 4-H Workshop 2:00-4:00 PM **Extension Office RSVP February 7th**



BEEF PROJECT

4-H BEEF NUTRITION & MANAGEMENT

February 20, 2024

6pm

Washakie County Ext. Office Attend in person or via zoom

Register here for a zoom link: https://forms.gle/x5KQzdxuKqFzgpHCA

Learn all about feeding, nutrition and management of your market beef project from Chance Marshall, Sr ANR Educator from Fremont County for the University of Wyoming Extension



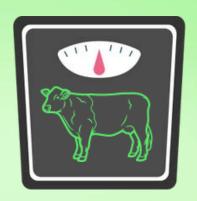


If anyone is interested in participating from the Extension Office that evening let me know by 2/19

COUNTY FAIR WEIGHTS:

MARKET STEER MINIMUM **WEIGHT: 1100 POUNDS**

MARKET HEIFER MINIMUM **WEIGHT: 1050 POUNDS**



SHEEP AND GOAT PROJECTS

MARKET LAMB AND GOAT SELECTION

February 15th 6:30 pm Weed and Pest Board Room RSVP by February 13th





May 28 - Swine, Goat and Lamb Tagging and Weigh In June 1 - Ownership Deadline for all market and breeding animals July 16 - Carcass Contest July 20-27 - Weston County Fair



Save the Date! The 307 Northeast Livestock Show Clinic will be June 6 & 7, 2024 for beef, sheep, swine, and goats. Watch for more details about our fabulous clinicians!



Leggett's You Gotta Believe Livestock Camps

Gillette, WY - June 4th and 5th Cheyenne, WY - June 6th and 7th

https://ygblivestockcamps.com/camp schedule.html

SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT

Shooting Sports Season is HERE!

Make sure that you have read the new Weston County Shooting Sports Guidelines, turned in your parent agreement form and paid your shooting fees prior to January 8th when practice begins.

The entire practice schedule for all of the disciplines can be found on the website. The website also has the Upton and Newcastle Shooting Sports calendars for you to look at and print.



Please take a few moments and make sure that you have joined the Remind class for shooting sports (https://www.remind.com/join/newcss) and that you follow the Weston County Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/WESTONCOUNTY4H)

	Upton
Finnley Todd	.22 Rifle, Archery
Tanner Taft	.22 Rifle, Archery
Rylee Loebe	.22 Pistol,.22 Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader
Tanner Taft	.22 Rifle, Archery
Trevon White	Air Pistol, Air Rifle, . 22 Pistol, . 22 Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader
Tevon White	Air Pistol, Air Rifle, . 22 Pistol, . 22 Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader
Ryder Hamilton	Air Pistol, Air Rifle, . 22 Pistol, . 22 Rifle, Shotgun, Archery, Muzzleloader
Kashus Keller	.22 Rifle, Archery
Myles Jenkins	.22 Rifle
Josie Dean	Air Rifle, Archery
Laila Vaughn	.22 Pistol, .22 Rifle, Archery

Upton Gun Club 710 Ash Street Upton, WY Leaders: Cliff Abbott Nick White

SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT

Members must be at practice 10 minutes before scheduled time (if you are not there when the line starts your place may be lost.

If a practice must be cancelled due to weather, etc. notification will be posted on Remind, Facebook and an email will be sent. Please make sure you are signed up for the Shooting Sports Remind class so that you are notified of any changes.

Air Pistol
Practice February 5th
County Shoot February 12th

Air Rifle
Practice February 6th
County Shoot February 13th

Weston County Sportsman's Club 3002 Divide Ave Newcastle, WY

	Ne	wcastle		
	.22 Pistol P	ractice Schedule		
	February 19th, 26tl	h, March 4th, 11th,	18th	
County Shoot - March 25th				
4:00 PM	4:45 PM	5:30 PM	6:15 PM	
Kinley Redding	Tanner Lenardson	Dantae DeMerritt	Aidan Butler	
Quintin Rodriguez	Colby Rich	Riley Rich	Lillian Lopez	
Brady Christensen	Roman Diaz	Skylar Workman	Laila Lopez	
Payton Overman	Caleb Diaz	Anden Dixon	Sydney Baker	
Harrison Gross		Madeline Lanctot	Liam Gregory	
		Lydia Lanctot	Nolan Gregory	
			Samuel Ferguson	
			Levi Tysdal	
			Peter Keeler	
			Callan Smith	

Air and .22 Leaders: Rick Wehri Galen Stafford

		New	castle	
		.22 Rifle Prac	tice Schedule	
	Fe	bruary 20th, 27th,	March 5th, 12th, 19	th
		County Shoot	- March 26th	
4.00 DM		4.45 DM	E-20 DM	

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4:00 PM	4:45 PM	5:30 PM	6:15 PM
Charlie Briggs	Riggin Hammons	Levi Tysdal	Aidan Butler
Ava Malsam	Thatcher Benson	Morgan Tysdal	Lillian Lopez
Isaac Whipple	McCall Benson	Evelyn Rosse	Henry Haynes
Kinley Redding	Tanner Lenardson	Dantae DeMerritt	Laila Lopez
Hailey Reiniger	Colby Rich	Connor Stolhammer	Liam Gregory
Brady Christensen	Peter Keeler	Waylon Stolhammer	Nolan Gregory
Payton overman	Roman Diaz	Riley Rich	Hunter Finley
Kori Hartinger	Caleb Diaz	Skylar Workman	Mazie Owens
	Harrison Gross	Clay Sweet	Samuel Ferguson

SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT

If you are interested in becoming a certified shooting sports leader, please plan to attend the shooting sports leader training to be held here in Newcastle in March.

2024 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.

Laramie, WY 82071

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Washakie County, Worland

- Dates March 9-10, 2024
- Registration Link: Washakie County

Weston County, Newcastle

- Dates March 23-24, 2024
- Registration link: Weston County

Laramie County, Cheyenne

- Dates April 6-7, 2024
- Registration link: Laramie County

Uinta County, Evanston

- Dates April 20-21
- Registration link: Uinta County

Natrona County, Casper

- Dates April 27-28
- Registration link: Natrona County

Shooting Sports Development Committee Meeting

- Date February 17, 2024, Casper
- · Holiday Inn East 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."



SAVE THE DATE Creative Arts

April 6, 2024 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Lusk, Wyoming







Camp Topics

- cake Decorating
- Quilting
- food Preservation
- foods and Nutrition
- Interview Judging

Registration Deadline March 22, 2024

Registration Fee: \$10

Questions

Mary Louise: 307-754-8836

Erin: 307-746-3531

Join the



Get Cookings



Who: Anyone interested in learning to cook, trying new recipes and having fun! This is a great activity if you are enrolled in Foods and Nutrition or you just want to learn to cook!

When: December 2023 - April 2024



What: Food, Fun, 4-H is an at home activity that you can do when you have time. Recipes and an activity are released at the beginning of each month and you are encouraged to try 2 recipes and then answer 3 questions and submit 2 photos.

Why: Learn new cooking skills, try new food, earn cooking gadgets, get ideas for fair entries and HAVE FUN!

Where: Your home kitchen (and some of the Extension Offices are hosting cooking workshops)



https://wyoextension.org/weston county/wyoming-food-fun-4-h/

WYOMING STATE 4-H FOUNDATION

FINANCIALLY SUPPORTS THE WYOMING 4-H PROGRAM

Dear High School Senior,

As you consider the next steps in your education and career path, your involvement in 4-H may help you obtain scholarships at the college or school you choose to attend.

Each year the Wyoming 4-H Foundation awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to youth that will be attending a college, university, or technical school to further their education.

Find out details at: http://www.wyoming4h.org/4hfoundation/scholarships. Just click on each scholarship to find out its specific criteria, and then use the universal application to apply. There are many available scholarships! Up to \$30,000 total for new and first-time qualified applicants!

Applications are due by February 15, 2024, and use a resume built from your 4-H Record Book.

Remember - the best way to be awarded a scholarship is to APPLY!

Please call the State Office if you have any questions. Our number is (307) 766-5170.

Do not Delay - Apply Right Away!!

Share this information with family, friends, and co-workers!

Sincerely,

Wyoming State 4-H Foundation



Jr. Livestock Committee

Next Meeting: February 7th @ 6:00 PM at Event Center



Fair Board

Next Meeting: February 12th @ 6:30 PM at Fairgrounds Members:
David Kline
Billy Jackson
Francie Hamilton
Mason Kaiser
Teigen Marchant

2024 Weston County Fair July 20-28th, 2024 Wyoming State Fair August 12-17th, 2024



Wyoming Legislation has launched a match funding challenge for the Wyoming State Fair Endowment. If we can raise \$500,000 by June 1, 2024, they will give us \$500,000. To meet this goal we need your help! We have already launched a Text2Give donation option and hosted a Fundraising concert but there is still much to do!

Some 4-H Clubs and FFA Chapters are joining forces with us to help meet this goal. We've crafted a fun and unique way for them to participate, and their hard work will be handsomely rewarded. The club or chapter that raises the most funds will receive an exclusive first pick of our exciting rewards. We are immensely grateful to Wyoming FFA & 4-H for their invaluable support and dedication to the Wyoming State Fair's vibrant future.

For more details or to join this campaign, please reach out to Rindy West. Your involvement is crucial in securing the future of the Wyoming State Fair. Together, we can make this happen! Thank you for supporting the WSF Endowment Campaign!

RECOGNITION LEVELS

- \$500 Donations
- \$1000 Donations
- Top 3 Donations





PRIZES FOR THE TOP 3 CONTRIBUTORS

- · Golf Cart for the week of State Fair
- First choice of a livestock trailer spot
- Old-fashioned ice cream party at State Fair

TEXT
"WYFAIR" TO
243725 TO
DONATE NOW

MY HANDS TO LARGER SERVICE COMMUNITY SERVICE CORNER



What is Community Service?

Community Service is voluntary work intended to help others without any payment or benefit in return.

WHY IS COMMUNITY SERVICE IMPORTANT?

Community Service teaches youth about the importance of giving back. It can strengthen a club or group. It boosts member commitment and involvement by giving members meaningful activiites. It fulfills the "hands to larger service" part of the 4-H Pledge.

Looking for ideas? Keep an eye on this page of the Chatter each month, talk to Erin, ask your club leader, teacher or parent and keep an eye out for events that are looking for volunteers.

IDEAS

- donate pet food to a local animal shelter or rescue
- clean up a vacant lot
- plant flowers in public areas
- visit a nursing home
- donate food to the local food bank
- deliver holiday cards to the senior center, nursing home, hospital, etc.
- Organize a food drive
- shovel snow for a neighbor

Weston County
Senior Center

Carolyn 746-4903

> Weston County Food Banks

> > **BREAD Office**

746-3542

Upton Food Bank 307-941-0553





The Congressional Award was established in 1979 to "recognize initiative, service, and achievement in young people." It is non-partisan, voluntary, and noncompetitive. The program is open to all youth regardless of ability, circumstance, or socioeconomic status. It is a life-changing commitment.

The Congressional Award is the United States Congress' award for young Americans. It is non-partisan, voluntary, and non-competitive. The program is open to all youth regardless of ability, circumstance, or socioeconomic status. Participants earn Bronze, Silver, and Gold Certificates and Bronze, Silver, and Gold Medals. Each level involves setting goals in four program areas; Voluntary Public Service, Personal Development, Physical Fitness, and Expedition/Exploration.

Earning the Award is a fun and interesting way to get more involved in something you already enjoy or something you'd like to try for the first time. You move at your own pace, on your own or with your friends. This is not an award for past accomplishments. Instead, you are honored for achieving your own challenging goals.

Regardless of your situation, you can earn The Congressional Award. The Congressional Award has no minimum grade point average requirements. It accommodates young people with special needs or disabilities who are willing to take the challenge.

For More Information: Board Member ZETA NUCKOLLS ANDERSON

zeta.anderson@gmail.com

BEHOLD THE SANCTUM OF SELFLESSNESS: THE VOLUNTEER CORNER

Volunteers Needed:

February:

- Volunteers to teach workshops in all project areas
- Help at Food, Fun 4-H
 Cooking Club

General Needs:

- Volunteers to teach workshops in all project areas
- Project leaders
- 4-H Camp volunteers
- Teen Leader project leader

Contact Erin via phone or email to volunteer for these activities



BEHOLD THE SANCTUM OF SELFLESSNESS: THE VOLUNTEER CORNER

WYOMING 4-H

VOLUNTEER TRAINING SERIES

What's Your Job? Discussion of 4-H Volunteer Roles

February 19, 2024 6:30 to 7:30 pm https://uwyo.zoom.us/j/92438361355

Each year, when you sign up to be a leader, you can choose a volunteer role. What is the difference between the roles? What are the different opportunities to get involved in your county program? This is a great session for current and prospective volunteers to learn more about how they can engage in the 4-H. Being a volunteer can be as simple as managing a Facebook Page to as complicated as running a committee or club. Find out



Talk to your local 4-H
Educator about
hosting a watch party
at the Extension
Office!



WYOMING 4-H

VOLUNTEER TRAINING SERIES

Beyond the County

March 19, 2024 6:30 to 7:30 pm

https://uwyo.zoom.us/j/92438361355

4-H has so much to offer. With the summer approaching join this session to learn more about what is going on beyond your county borders. Find out more about Showcase Showdown, Meats and Wool Judging, and State Fair. Learn how and when your child can travel nationally and internationally with 4-H. We will also provide information on fundraising and scholarships available for these opportunities.



Talk to your local 4-H
Educator about
hosting a watch party
at the Extension
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OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT &



Central

Join other Wyoming 4-H Teens (13-18), to strengthen your leadership skills.

MAY 4TH-5TH

Casper Fair Grounds 2011 Fairgrounds Rd. Casper, WY 82604 \$20 to Attend

Contacts:

Makala Riley, Campbell County Emily Swinyer, Sheridan County Joshua Bliss, Natrona County



POMING



RSVP by April 22nd at NOON https://forms.gle/K6f1ypVeYsHAz4YEA

OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT ****



THE STATE



What is CWF?

- Learn leadership and communication skills through history, democracy and our amendments.
- ✓ Explore Washington D.C.
- ✓ Connect with other young leaders

Details

- NEW this year, CWF will operate on a first come, first serve basis for registration. Please register ASAP if you are interested.
- Plane tickets will be purchased on March 18th, 2024
- Estimated cost, \$2500 per person, with scholarships available.
- Open to youth 14 and older.
- Apply at http://wyoming4h.formstack.com/ forms/cwf











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https://wyoextension.org/westoncounty/



Weston Extension:

https://www.facebook.com/WestonCountyExtension

Weston County 4-H:

https://www.facebook.com/WESTONCOUNTY4H

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