



Weston County CHATTER



March 2024

Erin's Notes

March is one of my favorite months with all the green clovers everywhere! If you haven't had a chance to drive by our office you should stop by! Kristi has the window looking extra festive for March and we'd love to see you!

Now is the time to start thinking about your livestock projects for the upcoming summer, especially the market projects. There will be lots of sales around the area in the next few weeks. If you need assistance finding an animal, please reach out to me or to the Junior Livestock Committee and our fair superintendents. The deadline for the Farm School Applications is coming up quickly on March 20th. The new application and updated rules can be found on our 4-H website. They were also emailed out to everyone a couple weeks ago. Let me know if you have any questions. This is a great way for many of our members to be able to participate in market animal projects.

Take a look at the Project Palooza Camps that are coming up in April in Lusk and Casper. These will be two great opportunities for some project specific learning!

As always, if you have questions please reach out via phone, email or stop by the office!

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UPCOMING DATES



March

March 6 - Junior Livestock Meeting

March 8 - Food, Fun 4-H Cooking Class

March 8 - Robotics Begins

March 10 - Dog Practice

March 11 - Fair Board Meeting

March 15 - Robotics

March 19 - Upton Cloverbuds

March 20 - Farm School Applications Due

March 21- Newcastle Tumbleweeds

March 22 - Robotics

March 23 & 24 - Shooting Sports Leader Training

March 24 - Dog Practice

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



April

April 3 - Junior Livestock Meeting

April 6 - Creative Arts Project Palooza Camp - Lusk

April 7 & 8 - Archery Practice Starts

April 8 - Fair Board Meeting

April 12 - Robotics

April 13 - Small Animal Project Palooza Camp - Casper

April 16 - Upton Cloverbuds

April 18 - Newcastle Tumbleweeds

April 19 - Robotics

April 21-27 - National Volunteer Week

April 26 - Robotics





Calendar

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


MARCH 2024

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
					1	2
3	4 SS Practice Upton and Newcastle	5 SS Practice Newcastle	6 Jr. Livestock Meeting	7	8 Food, Fun, 4-H	9
10 Dog Practice @ 4:30 PM	11 Fair Board Meeting SS Practice Upton and Newcastle	12 SS Practice Newcastle	13	14	15	16
17	18 SS Practice Upton and Newcastle	19 Upton Cloverbuds Volunteer Training Zoom SS Practice Newcastle	20 Farm School Applications Due	21 Newcastle Tumbweeds	22	23 Shooting Sports Leader Training
24 Shooting Sports Leader Training Dog Practice @ 4:30 PM	25 County Shoot	26 County Shoot	27	28	29	30
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<https://wyoextension.org/westoncounty/4h-youth-development/important-dates/>



NOTES:



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

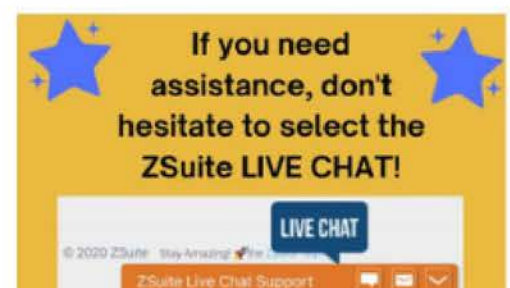
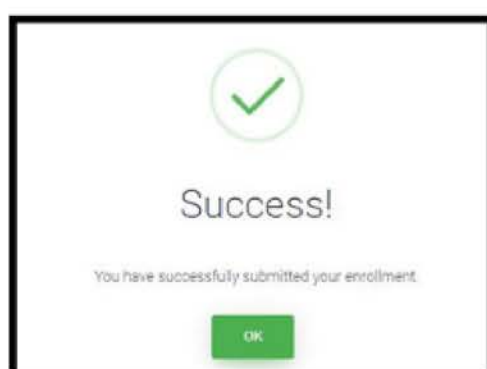


Adding a Project to ZSuite



Existing Family Profile

1. Go to: <https://4h.zsuite.org/>
2. Use the same email and password you updated your enrollment with, select **LOGIN**.
3. 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.
5. Click on **CLUBS** and **+ADD PROJECT**.
6. Select the project and click **ADD PROJECT**.
7. Click **Submit**; You will get a pop-up box that says **Success!** once your new project has been added.
8. The Extension Office will get an email stating that you have updated an enrollment.



How We Communicate

The word "Remind" is written in a white, cursive-style font and is centered within a solid blue rectangular background.

Remind

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
Kara Fladstol

Next Meeting:
March 17th
2:00 PM
Fairgrounds Event Center

Dewey Wranglers

Leaders:
Kendra Paulton
Dani Stearns

Next Meeting:
TBA
4:00 PM
Elk Mountain School

Sagebrush Maids & Wranglers

Leaders:
Melinda Huff
Becky Swentesky

Next Meeting:
March 12th
6:30 PM
Fairgrounds Event Center

Borderline Bandits

Leader:
Crystal Stevens-Benson

Next Meeting:
March 17th
2:00 PM
Pinnacle Bank

Prairie and Pines

Leaders:
Kasi White
Nastel Dean

Next Meeting:
April 15
6:30 PM
Mrs. White's Classroom
Upton Elementary School

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!

Weston County



4-H

Your 4-H Story

—

Creating Your Own 4-H Legacy



"The Magic of Your 4-H Story"

A Captivating Story to Share

Who: Each 4-H member should write and submit a 4-H Story each year. This will replace the traditional record books of the past.

What is the 4-H Story: Your 4-H Story is the final chapter of your 4-H year. It is a way to capture the highlights of your 4-H experiences, a place to show your growth and the impact that 4-H has had on your life during the past year. It is your personal story of what 4-H means to you! It becomes a record of your time in 4-H that you can keep for the future to share with your children when they become 4-H members!

Submitting Your 4-H Story: A typed or handwritten story. There are no requirements for length, style, format, etc. This is your chance to let your creative voice shine.

Where to submit: Use the online form or drop a hardcopy off at the Extension Office.

- Link: <https://bit.ly/46O8yze>
- Located on the website:
- QR Code:



When: Deadline for 2024 4-H Stories is September 30th. Stories can be submitted anytime throughout the 4-H year. If you only participate in shooting sports, write your story and submit it in March! You can start writing your story now and add to it throughout the year.

Why: Your 4-H Story is the summary of your 4-H year and it is a place to reflect on your experiences, capture your memories and create a record of your achievements. Your 4-H Stories will be used to highlight outstanding 4-H members on Facebook and in the local newspapers, in the Extension Office window, to showcase all of the different projects that 4-H offers and as a marketing tool for 4-H in Weston County.



Crafting Your 4-H Story

This is **YOUR** story! Write it in your own words and let your voice shine through. Tell about the best and worst moments of your 4-H experience this year. Did you try something new this year and absolutely love it? Or maybe you decided that new thing really wasn't for you. How did the skills you learned in 4-H help you in other areas of your life?

Weaving Your 4-H Story

- Introduce yourself
- Why did you join 4-H?
- Talk about your projects and your goals
- Highlight learning experiences and unusual situations that the year held
- Explain how 4-H has helped you to become a better leader and citizen
- Share how you were involved in your club, county and community events
- Showcase your favorite parts of 4-H
- What do you want to improve upon or do differently next year?
- Tell about how you have changed or grown as a person as a result of your involvement in your projects and 4-H this year
- Explain how you could use the life and/or project skills you learned from being in 4-H in other areas of your life
- Talk about your experiences at County Fair, Showcase Showdown, State Fair and other 4-H events
- How did you help others - members, volunteers, your community, etc.

Tips

- Proofread!
- Read your story out loud to someone - this is a great way to find mistakes and rough wording.
- Be creative - you can use humor, poetry, quotes, etc. to create your story



Catching my very first fish at my first 4-H Camp



Shooting archery at the 2023 State Shoot. I placed 9th in the Senior Class D division.



Champion of Champions Market Lamb Show at the Wyoming State Fair. What an amazing experience, even if my lamb hated the drone!

ADDING MAGIC TO YOUR 4-H STORY WITH PICTURES

"A picture is worth a thousand words"

- Select up to 5 photos to submit with Your 4-H Story
- Choose pictures that help tell your story
- Highlight your projects and your major accomplishments
- Show that you are learning
- Fill out the captions

- Photos can create a sense of place, personality, or emotion more clearly and quickly than the written word
- Images powerfully confirm and expand upon what we read in the text



Competing in the Robotics Contest at Showcase Showdown. We had the Champion Team!



Helping make cookies for the First Northern Bank Open House. What a fun community service project!

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

March 19

April 16

NEWCASTLE SCHEDULE

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.

Clover Time

**Create a fair exhibit
Enjoy Green Snacks**

RSVP BY MARCH 14

4-H PROJECT NEWS



WESTON COUNTY FARM SCHOOL

UPDATED APPLICATION AND
RULES NOW AVAILABLE

2024 APPLICATION DEADLINE
MARCH 20, 2024

OPEN TO ALL YOUTH ENROLLED IN 4-H AND FFA IN WESTON COUNTY

CAT PROJECT

Cat ID forms are due on May 1, 2024. A new ID form must be completed for each cat every year. ID forms must be accompanied by current vaccination records. Vaccinations that must be current are Rabies, distemper and feline-leukemia.

WESTON COUNTY 4-H CAT IDENTIFICATION

4-H Member Name: _____

4-H Club: _____

Name of Cat: _____

Breed: _____

Cat's Birthdate: _____

Intact Male

Neutered Male

Female

Spayed Female

Identifying Features of Cat: _____

*color, markings, notches, scars, tattoos, etc.

Date Rabies Shot: _____

Date Distemper Shot: _____

****A copy of current vaccination record must be attached to ID form****

4-H Member Signature

Date

Parent Guardian Signature

Date

PHOTO OF CAT

PHOTO OF CAT

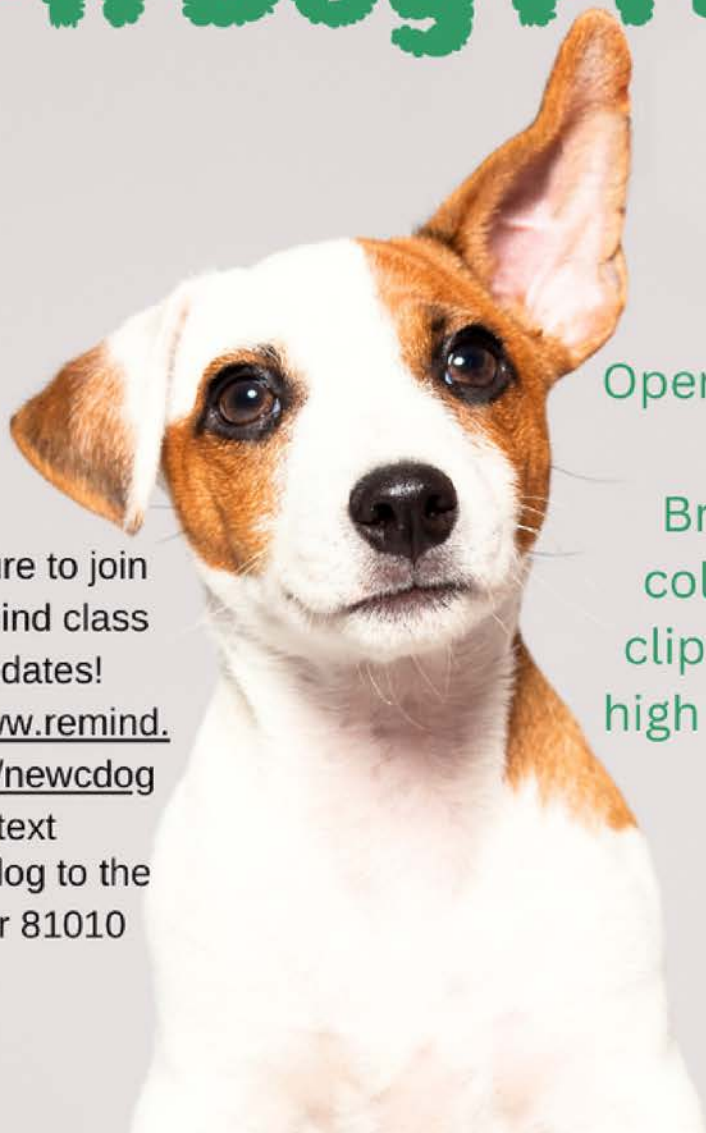
4-H PROJECT NEWS



DOG PROJECT

Dog ID forms are due on May 1, 2024. A new ID form must be completed for each dog every year. ID forms must be accompanied by current vaccination records. Vaccinations that must be current are Rabies and an annual Distemper-Parvo.

4-H Dog Practices



Make sure to join the Remind class for updates!

<https://www.remind.com/join/newcdog>

or text @newcdog to the number 81010

March 10th

4:30 PM

Open Class Building at Weston County Fairgrounds

Bring: dog, normal buckle collar, prong collar, regular clip style 6 foot leash, water, high value (desirable) treats or toy and poop bags

March 24th

Wyoming 4-H Dog Identification



Name of 4-H Member

4-H Club Name

Name of Dog

Sex of Dog: _____

Breed(s) of Dog

Date of Birth: _____

Color and Description of Dog:

Is the dog registered with a breed organization?
 Yes or No

Organization: _____

Reg. Number: _____

When the dog was purchased or acquired?
 Date: _____

**Please attach a copy of the dog's shot record.*

Additional Notes:	<u>4-H Awards Won:</u>	<u>Non 4-H Titles Earned:</u>
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We understand and agree to the following:

- A. The 4-H member will have sole responsibility of the training and competitive showing of this dog during the current 4-H year.
- B. Any infractions, as determined by a review committee, could disqualify the dog from showing or competing in any county or state 4-H contest.

Signature of Youth: _____

Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

"As the owner, I understand that I will not, nor anyone other than the youth listed above, compete with this dog."

Signature of Dog Owner: _____
 (If different than youth)

Date: _____

4-H PROJECT NEWS

★ ★ ★ ROBOTICS PROJECT

Practice Schedule

March 8th, 15th, 22nd

April 12th, 19th, 26th

May 3rd, 10th, 17th

Leader

Caleb Carter

Practice will be from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM in either the Craft Room or the Michaels Room

All practices will be held at the Weston County Senior Center.

We are going to need parents to help at each of the Robotics practices this year. You do not need to know how to run the robots! The April 12th and 19th practice will have to have parents there to hold practice. Please let Erin know if you are interested in helping at practice and hauling the supplies to and from the Senior Center.

Showcase Showdown
June 18th-20th
Laramie, WY



4-H PROJECT NEWS



FOODS AND NUTRITION PROJECT

March 8th

Food, Fun & 4-H Workshop

2:00-4:00 PM

Extension Office

RSVP March 6th



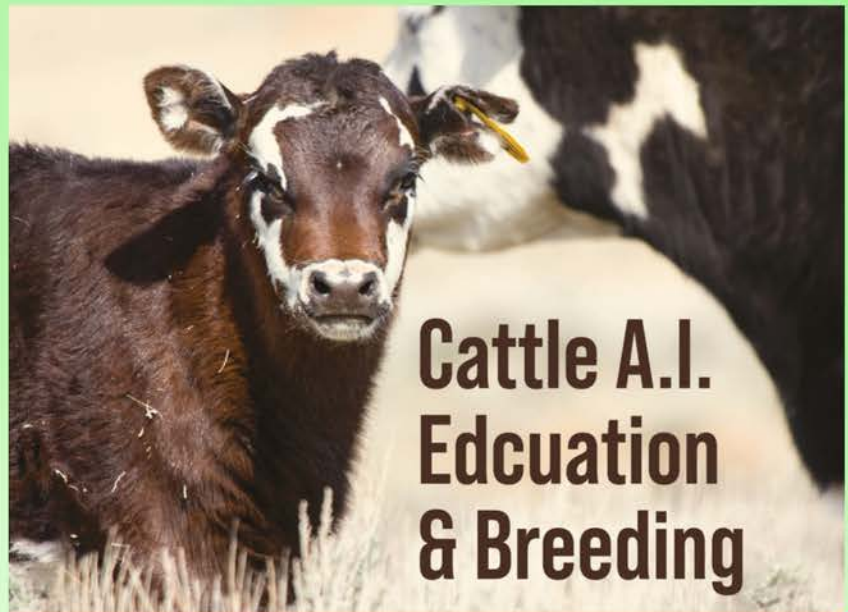
A parent or two to help this day would be great! Let Erin know!

BEEF PROJECT

Coming Soon

Stay tuned

Crook County 4H
Sundance, WY
crookcty@uwyo.edu



Cattle A.I. Education & Breeding

Learn About
Artificial Insemination
Breeding | Nutrition | Selection
May 9th at 4pm

Get Females Bred
May 28th in Campbell
May 29th in Fremont

RSVP by May 1st! <http://tiny.cc/24cattleaibreeding>

Questions? Contact Us!
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COUNTY FAIR WEIGHTS:

MARKET STEER MINIMUM
WEIGHT: 1100 POUNDS

MARKET HEIFER MINIMUM
WEIGHT: 1050 POUNDS



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SHEEP AND GOAT PROJECTS

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



Coming Soon

307

Date 06 Month 06 Year 24

Stay tuned

Crook County 4H
Sundance, WY
crookcty@uwyo.edu

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>

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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

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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.

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

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

Air and .22
Leaders:
Rick Wehri
Galen Stafford
Doug Keirlieber
Dan Keirlieber
Hale Redding

Newcastle .22 Rifle Practice Schedule February 20th, 27th, March 5th, 12th, 19th County Shoot - March 26th			
4:00 PM	4:45 PM	5:30 PM	6:15 PM
Charlie Briggs	Riggin Hammons	Evelyn Rosse	Lillian Lopez
Ava Malsam	Thatcher Benson	Hailey Reiniger	Henry Haynes
Isaac Whipple	McCall Benson	Connor Stolhammer	Laila Lopez
Clay Sweet	Colby Rich	Waylon Stolhammer	Liam Gregory
Brady Christensen	Peter Keeler	Riley Rich	Nolan Gregory
Payton overman	Caleb Diaz	Skylar Workman	Tanner Lenardson
Kori Hartinger	Hunter Finley	Adaleigh Himrich	Mazie Owens
Dantae DeMerritt	Levi Tysdal		Samuel Ferguson
Morgan Tysdal	Casey Dawson		Roman Diaz

4-H PROJECT NEWS



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.



CHANGING THE FUTURE OF
YOUTH SHOOTING SPORTS



Meredith
We inspire. She makes it happen.™

Steve Mack, Director

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Resources

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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

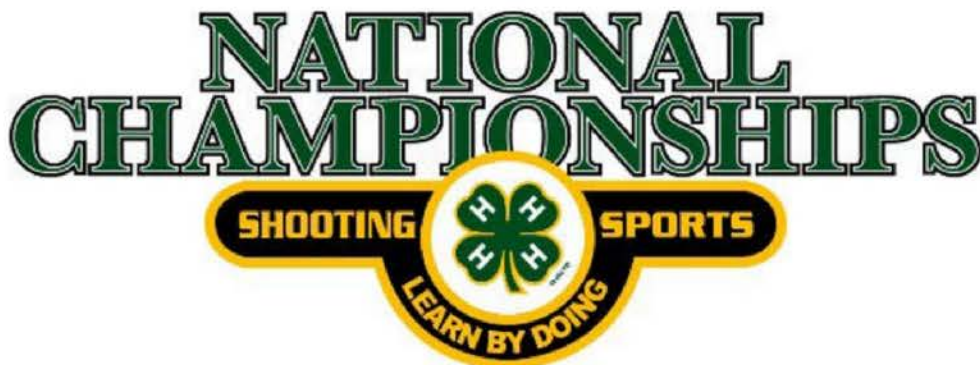
- Date - February 17, 2024, Casper
- Holiday Inn East - 10 am to 3 pm
- [Directions from Douglas](#)
- [Directions from Riverton](#)

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."

4-H PROJECT NEWS



SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING YOUTH
ATTENDING THE NATIONAL SHOOT



.22 PISTOL TEAM

GREGORY CONKLIN – JOHNSON CO.
COLLIN BORER – ALBANY CO.
ESTER FEATHERS – PARK CO.
WYATT BLACKMORE – PARK CO.

.22 RIFLE TEAM

MAKYNA JAIRELL – ALBANY CO.
TREY ERICKSON – PARK CO.
WILL EDWARDS – SHERIDAN CO.
HARDY EDWARDS – SHERIDAN CO.

AIR PISTOL TEAM

DESTINY SHEPHARD – LINCOLN CO.
MASON KERN – ALBANY CO.
KADEN HEMSHER – ALBANY CO.
JAMES VASEK – ALBANY CO.

AIR RIFLE TEAM

WILLIAM KNOWLTON – GOSHEN CO.
NATALIE STULL – LARAMIE CO.
TRAYVEN ROUGE – SUBLETTE CO.
HARPER POLLOCK – NATRONA CO.

ARCHERY TEAM

BRENDAN NAGY – LARAMIE CO.
QUINCY PALMER – PLATTE CO.
CANYON SCHELL – SUBLETTE CO.
LOGAN MILEK – FREMONT CO.

MUZZLELOADING TEAM

JEREMY HOLLOWAY – BIG HORN CO.
GRACE HINTON – SHERIDAN CO.
REESE LOWE – PARK CO.
SAMUEL FERGUSON – WESTON CO.

SHOTGUN TEAM

COLTON SCHICK – LARAMIE CO.
JESSIE GRAVES – PLATTE CO.
WYATT NORINE – CONVERSE CO.
BRIX HOOTEN – UINTA CO.

HUNTING SKILLS TEAM

STEPHANIE GRAY – CAMPBELL CO.
COLLIN EDWARDS – SUBLETTE CO.
TEVON WHITE – WESTON CO.

4-H PROJECT NEWS



SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT



HUNTER SAFETY CLASS

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Friday, March 8

Dates: Saturday/Sunday – March 16 and 17

Time: 9:00 am –5:00 pm

Cost: \$10 (online registration with Wyoming Game & Fish)

Location: WCSD#1 (TBA)

Instructors: Rick Wehri & Volunteers

Call the EWC Outreach office @ 746-3603 to register,
or register online: <https://bit.ly/49nLPMj>



The basic purpose of hunter education is to reduce hunting incidents by teaching and promoting safe, legal, ethical and responsible hunting practices. Topics taught include:

1. Hunter Responsibility and Ethics
2. Wildlife Conservation and Management
3. Game and Fish Statutes and Regulations
4. Game Care and Wildlife Identification
5. Outdoor Safety

This course is designed for students 12 years old and younger, hands-on learners, or individuals new to firearm handling.

- Class curriculum is written at a 4th grade reading level (ages 9 and 10).
- Students must pass a 50-question multiple choice test.
- Students must pass a firearm handling practical.



4-H PROJECT NEWS



SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT

Light Rifle Competition

2024

Will be held at the
Weston County Sportsman's Club

Newcastle, WY, at the Indoor Range

On the following dates:

Jan 27, 2024

Feb 24, 2024

March 23, 2024

April 27, 2024

Competition starts at 10:00am.



Cost: \$15.00 Payout: 10%
Biscuits and Gravy with Coffee included!



Youth Classes are free with a \$50.00 prize!

Requirements:

.22 Long rifle caliber rifle that weighs less than 8lbs.

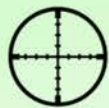
No slings or shooting coats.

Open sights, scopes and electric sights allowed.

60 Cartridges + Any Sighting Rounds.

Contact: Galen Stafford
307-746-5714

westoncountyshooting.net



Campbell County 4-H Shooting Sports Jackpot

CONCESSIONS
AVAILABLE



APRIL 6 • AG COMPLEX, WRIGHT • 9 AM

THE COST IS \$2/DISCIPLINE OR \$5 FOR ALL

ARCHERY • AIR RIFLE • AIR PISTOL

Please RSVP at <https://forms.gle/L1bcn9VJ5kESBrHz6>



CAMPBELL COUNTY 4-H
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Bowling Pin Shoot

2024



Weston County Sportsman's Club

Newcastle, Wy, Rifle and Pistol Range

Centerfire and Rimfire Pistol Categories

Registration Opens at 9am

Competition Begins at 10am

Dates:

May 25, 2024

June 22, 2024

July 27, 2024

August 24, 2024

September 28, 2023



Cost: \$10.00

Youth Classes are free with a \$50.00 prize!

www.westoncountyshooting.net

4-H PROJECT NEWS



HORSE PROJECT

Horse ID Forms

Due to Extension Office May 1, 2024

Each horse you plan to show must have a Horse ID Form on file in the Extension Office by the May 1 deadline. No exceptions!

Horse Safety Certifications

Deadline July 3, 2024

Please check the website for the current list of horses that have ID forms and safety certifications complete. There are several levels to the safety certification, so please check this as well.





Weston County Horse I.D.

Due in the Extension Office by May 1

Project Year Sticker

Member Information

Member Name: _____ 4-H Member FFA Member

Club: _____

Phone #: _____ Parent's Daytime Phone: _____

Horse Information

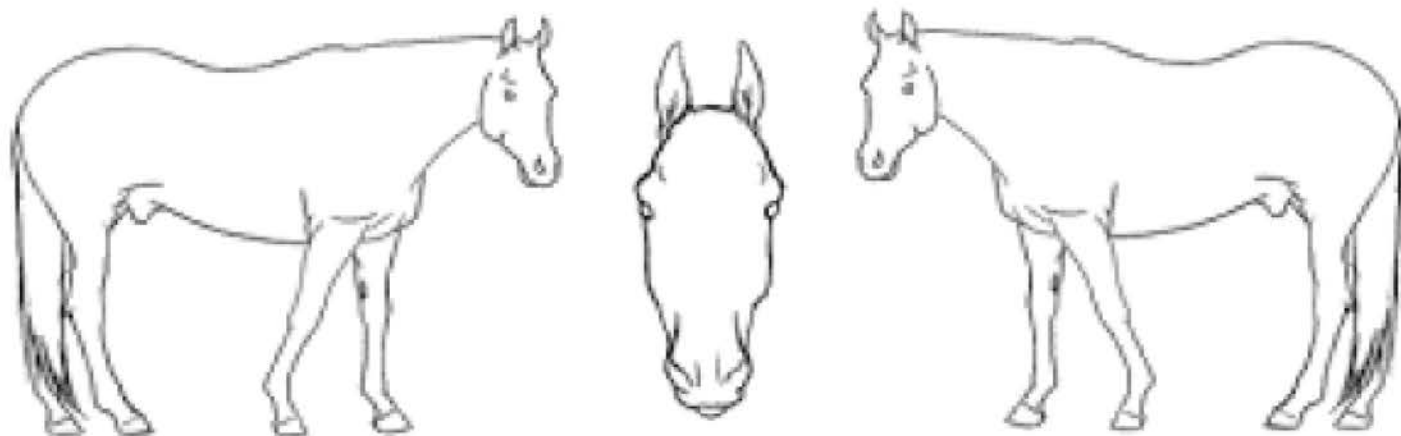
Horse Nickname: _____ Horse Registered Name: _____

Gelding Mare Date Born: _____ Breed/ Type: _____

Registered Registration #: _____ Registration Assoc: _____ Grade (non-papered)

Owned Leased Owner's Name: _____ Date Obtained: _____

Please list colors, brands, markings, and scars and mark these characteristics on the diagram below. Be as thorough as possible.



Please attach pictures of your horse to the back of this form.

I certify this horse is a project for this year and the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge. I also agree to follow both county and state guidelines pertaining to the horse project.

Member's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent or Guardian's Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Filed at County Office: _____ Safety Certification: _____

4-H Educator/ FFA Advisor Signature: _____



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



SAVE THE DATE

Small Animal

April 13, 2024
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Casper, Wyoming



Camp Topics

- Dog
- Cat
- Poultry
- Rabbit
- Pocket Pet
- Creating a Static Exhibit for Fair

Registration Deadline
March 29, 2024

Register via ZSuite Events

Registration Fee: \$10

Questions

Mary Louise: 307-754-8836

Josh: 307-235-9400

Join the
fun!



Get Cooking!



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/>

Jr. Livestock Committee

Next Meeting:
March 6th @ 6:00 PM at
Event Center



Fair Board

Next Meeting:
March 11th
@ 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

THE BLUE & GREEN CHALLENGE

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



SCAN TO DONATE

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 activities. 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

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**



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

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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:

March

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

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



4-H Camp - June 28-30th

- **Camp planning help**
- **Chaperones - must be 4-H volunteers and take the Chaperone training online**
- **Station Leaders**
- **Cloverbud Helpers**
- **Nurse**
- **Camp Cook**

BEHOLD THE SANCTUM OF SELFLESSNESS: THE VOLUNTEER CORNER

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 Office!



WYOMING 4-H

VOLUNTEER TRAINING SERIES

Helping Members Reflect

April 15, 2024

6:30 to 7:30 pm

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

4-H is about hands-on learning, but what happens when the learning is done? 4-H uses the experiential learning model, asking members to do something, reflect on their learning, and then apply it to their lives. In this workshop, we will discuss tricks and tools to help member reflect on what they are doing, taking their 4-H experience to the next level. Join us to help youth in your county or maybe even your own family think beyond their project learning.



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



OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE



Central Wyoming

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



2024



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

OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE



Southeast

~Register Here~

<https://bit.ly/4-HSWTeen>



MARCH 9, 2024

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

\$ Cost \$
1-non-perishable
food item

Teen Leadership Summit is open to Wyoming
4-H Youth Ages 13-18 years old.

*Topics
include:*

Dressing for Success ~ Parliamentary Procedure ~ Meal Etiquette
Conflict Management ~ Officer Training ~ Team Building

For more information:

- Dawn Sanchez (307) 633-4383
- Kellie Chichester (307) 334-3534
- Sara Fleenor (307) 283-1192
- Amanda Dougherty (307) 721-2571

**EWC - Agriculture Technology
Educational Center Building
3401 W. C Street, Torrington**

OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT



THE STATE

Have you ever thought about being a midwife, a wildlife refuge manager, a wildlife fire fighter, fly fishing guide, a wildlife biologist, an airplane mechanic, how about a film producer or going into sports medicine? Then this event is for YOU! Join us to explore a variety of career options and get your questions answered about what degree do you need, should you do an internship, what you need to do in high school to get ready for a career and much more! We will hear from the Peterson Farm Brothers as they entertain and remind why following our dreams the best decision ever! We will have door prizes and lots of fun to be had throughout the evening. Join us March 19 at 6pm (MST) for a fun evening of exploring careers. For more information and to register for this free event go to:

<https://wyoming4h.org/virtual-career-night/>

Wyoming 4-H

VIRTUAL CAREER NIGHT

Featuring a special presentation by
THE PETERSON FARM BROTHERS



 **MARCH 19, 2024**

 **6PM MST**

 **VIA ZOOM**

REGISTER NOW!

Learn about different career paths and how to get ready for the career you want!

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OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT



THE STATE

Citizenship

WASHINGTON

Focus



June 15 - 22, 2024

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>



OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT



THE STATE

Wyoming 4-H

CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCES 2025

ITALY OR FINLAND?

- **Italy** ~ Explore Ag in Northern Italy June 3-12, 2025. This tour travels down the west side of the Po River Valley from Turin through Cuneo, Langhe, and Liguria, ending in the French Riviera. Learn about centuries-old sustainable practices visiting a fruit orchard, an artisanal dairy farm, vineyards, olive farms, and more.
- **Finland** ~ Spend 2 weeks in Finland during July 2025 (exact dates TBA). You'll get to explore Helsinki, spend a few days at a youth camp, and immerse yourself in Finnish culture by living with a host families in Vierema.

What's the cost?

Italy - \$4,900 per person
Finland - \$3,200 per person

\$500 deposit required upon selection. Remaining balance can be made in monthly payments. **Scholarships are available, contact us for more info**

What's included?

- Roundtrip Airfare
- 2 Meals a day and Lodging
- In-Country Transportation & Activities
- Travel Insurance, accident and sickness protection

Additional expenses may include:

- Passport/Passport photos
- Immunization, if required
- Transportation to and from airport
- Spending money for souvenirs or other purchases
- One meal per day



APPLY TODAY!

Open to 4-H Members ages 14-18 (at time of travel)

<https://bit.ly/4-HTravel>

Applications are due:

April 1, 2024



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Monday - Friday

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM



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<https://wyoextension.org/westoncounty/>



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