



Weston County CHATTER



August 2024

Erin's Notes

County Fair is over for the year and State Fair is just a few days away. I hope you all had a great experience at Fair and are already thinking about what you'd like to try for next year!

This month the Chatter is short and sweet but I hope you'll start working on your 4-H Stories to turn in at the end of September. I'd really love to hear about what you loved, what you learned, what you would have done differently and what you are excited about for next year. The 4-H Stories are replacing the traditional 4-H Record Books (unless you want to do the ZSuite Record Book).

Let me know if you have questions. I will be at State Fair all of next week and then out for a couple weeks but will be back full time on September 3rd. Enjoy these last few days of summer before the school year craziness returns!

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UPCOMING DATES



August

August 12-17 - Wyoming State Fair

August 19 - Fair Board Meeting

September

September 4 - Junior Livestock Meeting

September 9 - Fair Board Meeting

September 30 - 4-H Stories Due

October

October 1 - New 4-H Year Begins

October 6-12 - National 4-H Week

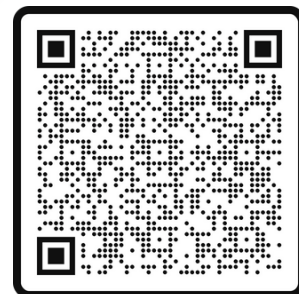
October 10 - 4-H Jubilee



Calendar

**New this year on the website is the
4-H Calendar. Look ahead at the
entire year!**

<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 29 - 4-H C - 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 17 - Fair Set Up Day

July 19-28 - Weston County Fair

July 30 - State Fair Meeting

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4-H

Your 4-H Story

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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>
- QR Code:
- Located on the website:

<https://wyoextension.org/westoncounty/your-4-h-story/>



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.

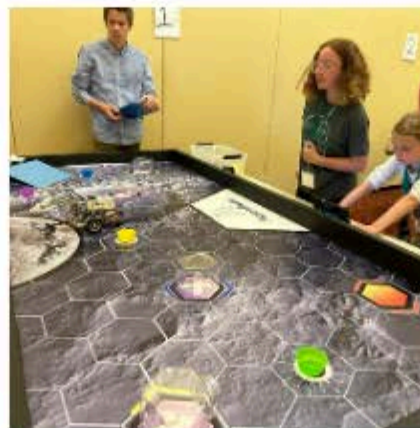


Champion of Champions Market Lamb Show at the Wyoming State Fair. What an amazing experience, even if my lamb hated the drone!

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!

UPTON HIGH SCHOOL ACTIVITIES PRESENTS

Locked into Leadership

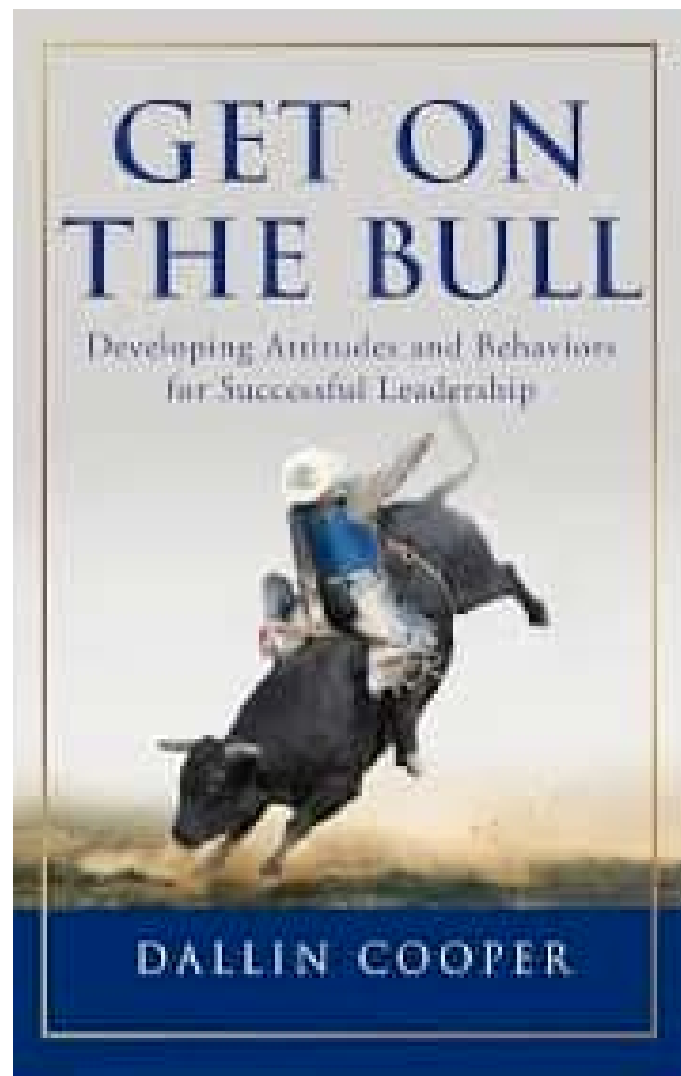


UNLOCKING POTENTIAL: SMALL TOWNS, BIG IMPACT

September 7, 2024
Upton High School
Noon - Midnight

4-H will cover the cost for any Weston County senior 4-H members who would like to attend. Must call Extension Office by 4:30 PM Tuesday to register.

Upton FFA has been working on something! We are looking to host a leadership conference with the other clubs that focuses on igniting leadership potential in small rural communities. We will hold workshops and hear from Dallin Cooper. This conference will be held on September 7th. Registration is \$20 per student includes food, drinks, a book from Dallin Cooper, swag, and all conference materials!



Jr. Livestock Committee

Next Meeting:
September 4th @ 6:00 PM at Event Center



Livestock Exhibitor Information

1. Thank you notes will be required for all animals sold in the Junior Livestock Sale. An addressed, stamped thank you note for each buyer and add-on donor must be turned in to the Extension Office before your sale check will be mailed.
2. All sale checks will be mailed on September 1, 2024 (if thank you notes have been received)

Fair Board

Next Meeting:
August 19th
@ 5:30 PM
at Fairgrounds

Members:
David Kline
Billy Jackson
Francie Hamilton
Mason Kaiser
Teigen Marchant

4-H PROJECT NEWS

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SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT

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:

July 27, 2024

August 24, 2024

September 28, 2023



Cost: \$10.00

Youth Classes are free with a \$50.00 prize!

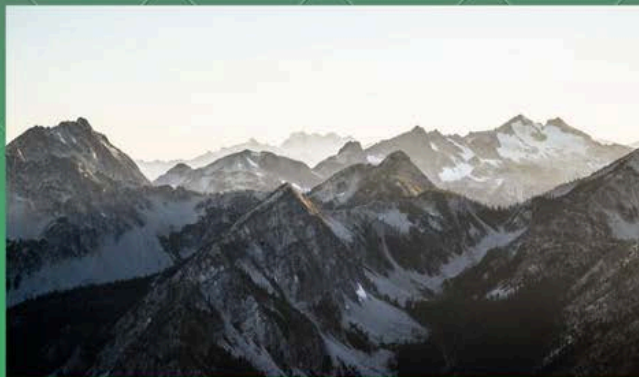
www.westoncountyshooting.net

BEHOLD THE SANCTUM OF SELFLESSNESS: THE VOLUNTEER CORNER



WYOMING 4-H VOLUNTEER SUMMIT

Join 4-H volunteers from around the region to learn more about how to develop active, vibrant 4-H clubs and project learning opportunities.



WHERE: CASPER, WY
WHEN: SEPTEMBER 27TH-29TH
WHO: ANY CURRENT OR POTENTIAL 4-H VOLUNTEER
COST: \$100 --MEALS AND PROGRAMMING INCLUDED, LODGING ON YOUR OWN

**Workshops, sharing,
networking, and
FUN!**



How We Communicate

The Remind logo consists of the word "Remind" in a white, cursive-style font, centered on a solid blue rectangular background.

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



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Monday - Friday

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM



Weston County Extension Website:

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



Weston Extension:

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

Weston County 4-H:

<https://www.facebook.com/WESTONCOUNTY4H>

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