



Weston County CHATTER



September 2024

Erin's Notes

Thank you all for an incredible summer of 4-H activities in Weston County! I know it was a little crazy with my schedule. I'm hard at work trying to get back up to speed and caught up on everything that has piled up the last few months. Watching each of the 4-H members do great things this summer was certainly a highlight for me. I got to watch 4-H'ers learn new skills, step outside of their comfort zones, teach others and have fun; all reasons that I love my job! A huge thank you to each parent, volunteer and youth that stepped up to help when I asked and many who stepped in without even being asked - you all make Weston County 4-H an amazing program for our youth. Congratulations to all who exhibited at County and State Fair.

As we finish out the 2024 4-H year I hope you'll take some time to complete Your 4-H Story. The details are on page 4 of the Chatter and you can find the direct link on the website. There are also some great examples of 4-H Stories on the website if you need some help getting started. Please give me a call or shoot me an email if you have any questions. The deadline for Your 4-H Stories is September 30th.

Please put October 10th on your calendars to join us for the first Weston County 4-H Jubilee! I am still working out all of the details but it is going to be a fun night celebrating 4-H in Weston County! We will celebrate the successes of the 2024 4-H year and kick of the 2025 year with lots of fun!

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UPCOMING DATES



September

September 4 - Junior Livestock Meeting

September 9 - Fair Board Meeting

September 16 - State Leadership Team Applications Due

September 20 - Cloverbud Celebration

September 27-29 - State Volunteer Summit and Teen Leadership Summit

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

October 22 - Upton Cloverbuds

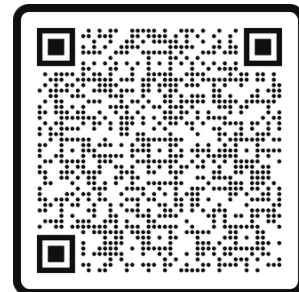
October 24 - Newcastle Tumbleweeds



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

August 12-17 - Wyoming State Fair

September 30 - 4-H Stories Due

October 1 - New 4-H Year Begins

October 6-12 - National 4-H Week

October 10 - 4-H Jubilee

November 21 - New To 4-H Dinner



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>
- 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.

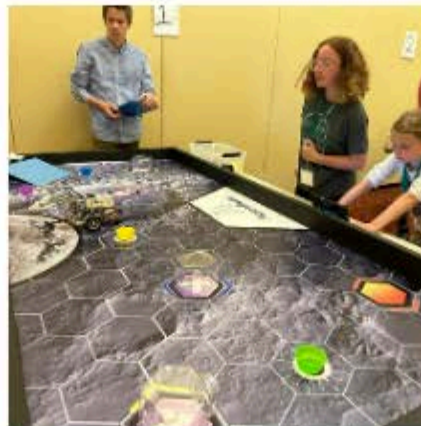


Champion of Champions Market Lamb Show at the Wyoming State Fair. What an amazing experience, even if my lamb hated the drone!

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!

Weston County 4-H Jubilee

October 10th

**Weston County Fairgrounds
Event Center**

5:00 PM

**Bring the whole family
Invite a friend to learn about 4-H
Celebrate the successes of 2024
Kick off 2025 4-H Year
Explore Projects
Other Exciting Surprises**

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

September 20

October 22

November 19

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

NEWCASTLE SCHEDULE

September 20

October 24

November 21

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



CLOVERBUD CELEBRATION

September 20th

2:00-4:00 PM

Weston County Fairgrounds

Event Center

Please RSVP by noon on

September 18th

Jr. Livestock Committee

Next Meeting:

September 21st @ 5:30 PM at Event Center

If interested in becoming a Jr. Livestock Committee Member there are two open positions. Contact a member for more information.



Fair Board

Next Meeting:
September 9th
@ 6:30 PM
at Fairgrounds

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

2025 Fair Dates

County Fair: July 25-August 3

State Fair: August 11-16

4-H PROJECT NEWS



FOODS AND NUTRITION PROJECT



COOK TOGETHER & GATHER
AROUND THE FAMILY DINNER TABLE.

FOOD FUN

4 - H W Y O M I N G

- Learn to prepare home-cooked meals & try new foods.
- FUN Family time.
- Receive a **FREE** kitchen utensil kit per family related to that month's recipes October- April.
- Self-guided at home.
- Open to any currently enrolled 4-H member...make it a project!



Extension

To Find Out More

Contact Us @ (307)-334-3534 or KELLIEC@UWYO.EDU

FREE TO PARTICIPATE; GROCERIES NOT INCLUDED



Contact Erin for more information and watch the October Chatter for more details

4-H PROJECT NEWS

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:

September 28, 2023



Cost: \$10.00

Youth Classes are free with a \$50.00 prize!

www.westoncountyshooting.net

BEEF PROJECT

September - October	Shopping Time Most of the show cattle in Wyoming are bought around this time
October - January	Feed, Feed, Feed. Also a crucial time to halter break. Time to start hair care!
January - February	Tagging in January. February 1 is Ownership Deadline. Keep feeding!
March - May	If you haven't started hair care and daily work with show sticks, you may be behind your competition! Daily routines are your friend!
June - July	Keep them cool! Need to practice both showing and standing your cattle. They will need to stand for a while on show day!
July - August	Enter your projects for fair. Clip cattle for Fair. County and State Fair TIME!

2025 State 4-H Leadership Team

20TH
ANNIVERSARY



Apply Now!
Sept 16

Are you a Wyoming 4-H Senior aged member? Do you enjoy taking leadership opportunities and having a positive impact on Wyoming 4-H? We have an opportunity for you! The State 4-H Leadership team provides opportunities for youth to represent 4-H through leadership and service at a state level.



<https://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/opportunities/state-opportunities/state-leadership-team.html>



Applying to this prestigious team includes completing the online application and a 4-H Educator Recommendation.

In addition to representing Wyoming 4-H at state events, leadership team members determine their own leadership initiative. For example, this year's team has been doing social media highlights of each county. Plus, team members receive special scholarships, trips, and invitations to share their leadership throughout the state through workshops and sessions.

APPLY HERE: <https://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/opportunities/state-opportunities/state-leadership-team.html>



OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE



Central Wyoming

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

TEEN Leadership SUMMIT

2024

DATE CHANGE
SEPT 27-29

in Casper, Wyoming
\$30 to Attend
Contacts:
Makala Riley, Campbell County
Emily Swinyer, Sheridan County
Joshua Bliss, Natrona County

RSVP by September 20th at NOON
<http://tiny.cc/Wyoteens>

Western Junior Livestock Show

WJ **October 8-12, 2024** **WJ**
Rapid City, SD

See the **WJLS 2024 Rule Book!**

- Entry deadlines and fees
- Dress code and More!

Join us in celebrating 87 Years!

Contact:
Manager: Jackie Maude
H: 605-225-4445 C: 605-381-6444
E-mail: westernjuniorlivestockshow@gmail.com

Mailed in entries only. Online entries are not accepted.

FOLLOW US!
GET LIVE SHOW UPDATES, PHOTOS, AND MORE!
WESTERN JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

Saturday September 21st

SAREC POTATO HARVEST

Lunch provided and volunteers take potatoes home!

Potatoes will be donated to the Wyoming Food Bank, in collaboration with University of Wyoming Extension, Centible Nutrition, and the Wyoming Food Bank. RSVP to the email or phone below if you can volunteer.

9:00 AM

FOOD BANK OF WYOMING
2753 State Hwy 157
Lingle WY 82228
bllee@uwyo.edu, 307-837-2000

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING
James C. Hagerman Sustainable Agriculture Research and Extension Center

District Make It With Wool Contest

Converse, Goshen, Natrona, Niobrara and Weston Counties

November 17th, 2024
Niobrara County Fairgrounds
1:00 PM

Entry Deadline November 5th
Cost is \$15 per entry

For More Information
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<https://wyoextension.org/westoncounty/make-it-with-wool-contest/>

SCAN ME

Western Junior Family & Consumer Sciences Show

October 11 & 12, 2024
Central States Fairgrounds
Rapid City SD

Updated 8/27/2024



Western Junior FCS
Show Website

- Cookie Decorating
- Family and Consumer Sciences Judging Contest
- Family Life Photo Contest
- Meat Identification and Judging Contest
- Sewing Contest/Fashion Revue
- Home Crafts Contest
- Produce Identification and Judging Contest
- Ingredient Measuring Contest
- Lego Contest
- Family and Consumer Sciences Skill-A-Thon
- Place Setting Contest
- Public Presentation

DANIELS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

You Could Be a Daniels Scholar!

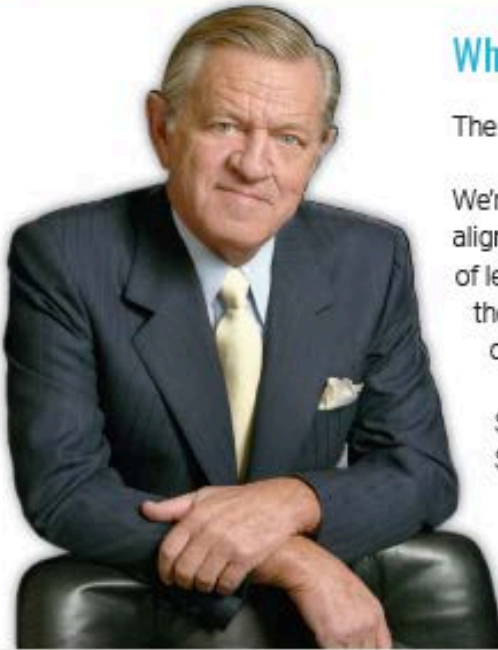


What does it mean to be a Daniels Scholar?

The Daniels Scholarship Program helps make college possible for motivated students like you.

We're looking for students with great potential, strong character, big dreams, and values that align with the man behind it all, Bill Daniels. Daniels Scholars are America's next generation of leaders, persevering through life's challenges and committed to making a difference in the world around them. They are free and entrepreneurial thinkers who are proud of this country, their community and work hard to improve it.

Sound like you? Then apply to join an incredible community of over 5,000 Daniels Scholars and alumni across the country. [Learn more at DanielsFund.org/scholarships](http://DanielsFund.org/scholarships)



Apply online September 16 – October 18

Applications must be submitted by 4:00 PM MDT at DanielsFund.org

What does the scholarship cover?

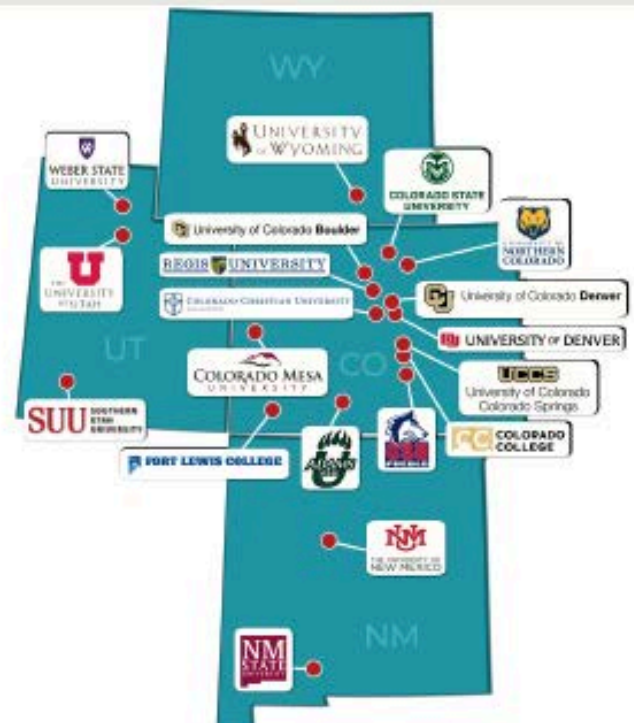
As a Daniels Scholar, your full cost of attendance (COA) is covered at partner schools within Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.* If you attend a school outside our 4-state region, you can receive up to \$25,000 a year depending on financial need.

Funds can be used towards:

- Tuition and fees
- Room and board
- Books and supplies
- Other educational expenses

You will also receive a laptop computer and support before, during, and after college!

*\$7,500 annually for schools within 4-state region outside of partnership agreement.



For more information visit DanielsFund.org
Questions about the Daniels Scholarship Program?
ScholarSelection@DanielsFund.org
877.441.3139 TOLL FREE



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!**



University of Wyoming Extension

START YOUR VOLUNTEER JOURNEY

Join us for a FREE two part online informational session for adults interested in becoming 4-H volunteers.

A 4-H volunteer can serve many roles: mentor, advisor, friend, teacher, referee, role model, pacesetter and much more. As a 4-H volunteer, participants will have the opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of children, teach them valuable skills, help them achieve a positive self-image, accomplish personal goals and earn a sense of accomplishment. Join us to find out if this is something for you!

CHOOSE ONE OF THE DATES BELOW:

SEPTEMBER 9TH AND 23RD, 2024

NOVEMBER 5TH AND 19TH, 2024

FEBRUARY 5TH AND 19TH, 2025

AUGUST 12TH AND 26TH, 2025

ALL SESSIONS ARE ONE HOUR AND START AT 6:30 PM.

If you are interested please register using the QR code or go to <https://forms.gle/6RGR2aDGgLfK66a8A>.



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

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>



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