



Weston County CHATTER



December 2024

Erin's Notes

December has arrived so quickly again this year! I enjoyed a few extra days at home last week with my family enjoying the Thanksgiving holiday and preparing for all the holiday craziness of December. Thinking of all the things to be thankful for in 2024 my job as 4-H Educator is at the top of the list. I am so blessed to have a job that I love working with amazing youth and volunteers! I am excited for the 2025 4-H year and all that we will accomplish together!

The Chatter is full of information about upcoming events. If you haven't completed your enrollment for 2025, now is the perfect time to get that done. As a reminder, the enrollment dues will increase from \$10 to \$20 on January 1st. If you need help getting your enrollment done, please call the office.

I will be out of the office December 23rd through January 3rd for the winter break! If you need anything, please reach out before that. After December 20th know that I won't be returning emails or calls until January 6th.

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**Beyond
Ready**

UPCOMING DATES



December

- December 6 - Food Fun 4-H Cooking Club
- December 9 - Fair Board Meeting
- December 13 - Holiday Maker Day
- December 23 - January 3 - Erin on vacation
- December 24-25 - Extension Office Closed



January

- January 1 - Extension Office Closed
- January 6 - Shooting Sports Practices Begin
- January 9 - Sagebrush Maids and Wranglers Meeting
- January 13 - Fair Board Meeting
- January 14 - Upton Cloverbuds
- January 16 - Newcastle Cloverbuds
- January 19 - Market Beef Weigh In and Tagging
- January 20 - Extension Office Closed
- January 31 - Food Fun 4-H



Calendar

Look ahead at the entire year!

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



2025 IMPORTANT DATES

- January 19- 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
- April 20 - 26 - National Volunteer Week
- May 1 - Horse, Dog and Cat ID Forms Due
- May 15 - Enrollment Deadline for all summer 4-H Activities
- May 27 - Swine, Lamb & Goat Tagging and Weigh In
- June 1 - Market Goat/Lamb/Swine and Breeding Livestock Ownership Deadline
- June 16 - Shooting Sports Awards
- June 17 - 19 - Showcase Showdown
- June 27 - 29 - 4-H Camp
- July 3 - Fair Entry Deadline
- July 3 - Horse Safety Certification Deadline
- July 10-13 - State Shoot
- July 21 - Fabric & Fashion Judging Day
- July 22 - Carcass Contest
- July 23 - Fair Set Up Day
- July 25 - August 3 - Weston County Fair
- August 5 - State Fair Meeting
- August 11-16 - Wyoming State Fair
- September 15 - Your 4-H Stories Due
- September 19 - Cloverbud Celebration
- October 1 - New 4-H Year Begins
- October 5 - 11 - National 4-H Week
- October 11 - 4-H Jubilee
- November 17 - Passport to 4-H Adventures



4-H Enrollment Info

4-H AGES

4-H Age is determined by your child's age as of January 1, 2025.

- Cloverbuds are 5-7 years old as of January 1
- Junior 4-H members are 8-10 years old as of January 1
- Intermediate 4-H members are 11-13 years old as of January 1
- Senior 4-H members are 14-18 years old as of January 1

HOW TO ENROLL

Visit <https://4h.zsuite.org/> to complete your 4-H Enrollment

Below are tip sheets to help you create a new profile or access your current one.

The earlier in the 4-H Year that you complete your 4-H Membership (Enrollment) the more you will benefit from the 4-H program!

ENROLLMENT FEES

October 6 – 12th – National 4-H Week – no enrollment cost

October 13th – December 31st – \$10 per member

January 1 – May 15th – \$20 per member

****No cost for Cloverbud members****

Enrollment Deadline

Youth must be enrolled with active status in 4-H in order to participate in any 4-H activities. Enrollment fees are due at the time of enrollment. Please note: youth are not covered by the 4-H insurance until you have active status in ZSuite!

Youth must have active status by May 15th to participate in summer activities (camp, fair, etc.)



ZSuite 4-H Enrollment



New Family Profile

If you've never signed in to ZSuite before, follow these steps:

1. Go to <https://4h.zsuite.org/>

2. As a Family creating a new Profile, select **SIGN UP**

a. Fill in all of the fields, select **LET'S GO!**

Adding 4-H Members

You are now on the **Dashboard** tab

1 Select **+ Household Member**

2 Fill out 4-H Member's info, select **Continue**

3 Fill out PERSONAL INFO, select **Next**

4 Fill out all six drop down WAIVERS, then select **Next**

5 Dropdown to your CLUB, select **Add Club**

a. Select **Add Project**

i. If you are interested in

1. Junior Leaders
2. Livestock Judging Team
3. Livestock Skillathon Team

make sure to add them as a Club.

i. **ALL** 4-H Members should

Add **MY 4-H YEAR/MY 4-H YEAR INVOLVEMENT** as a Project in one Club, Select **Add Project**

6 Select **Add to Cart** and then you can either **+Add Enrollment** or **Submit**. Must be submitted to be complete.

First Year 4-H Members, make sure to add the First Year Member "CLUB". This will waive the Registration Fee.

If you need assistance, don't hesitate to select the ZSuite LIVE CHAT!



Once submitted, your Enrollment will change from Pending Approval to Active when the Extension Office receives payment!



ZSuite 4-H Enrollment



Existing Family Profile

Enrollment must be done **ANNUALLY** to stay *active* in 4-H!

Email

Password

LOGIN **SIGN UP**

[Forgot Password?](#) [Help](#)

If you need assistance, don't hesitate to select the ZSuite LIVE CHAT!

LIVE CHAT

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ZSuite Live Chat Support

First Year 4-H Members, make sure to add the First Year Member "CLUB". This will waive the Registration Fee.

1. Go to <https://4h.zsuite.org/>
2. Use the same email & password you used to sign up, select **LOGIN**
3. Choose the **PRIMARY ACCOUNT** to enroll 4-H Members
4. You will see a list of all the household members and their current enrollment status.
 - a. **Red = INACTIVE 4-H Member**
 - b. **Green = ACTIVE 4-H Member**
5. Select the 4-H Member's Name you wish to update, select **ENROLL MEMBER NOW**

6. Fill out 4-H Member's info, select **Continue**
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ANIMAL SCIENCES

- Beef Cattle
- Cats
- Dogs
- Dairy Goats
- Meat Goats
- Horses
- LLamas & Alpacas
- Pocket Pets
- Poultry
- Rabbits
- Sheep
- Swine
- Veterinary Science

HEALTHY LIVING

- Foods and Nutrition
- Gardening and Horticulture
- Health
- Outdoor Recreation

LEADERSHIP & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- Civic Engagement
- Youth Leadership
- Self Determined

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Aerospace
- Computers
- Electricity
- Robotics

NATURAL RESOURCES

- Entomology
- Geology
- Nature & Ecology
- Range Management
- Shooting Sports
- Sportfishing
- Wildlife and Hunting

EXPRESSIVE ARTS

- Cake Decorating
- Crocheting
- Fabric and Fashion
- Interior Design
- Knitting
- Leathercraft
- Photography
- Quilting
- Ropecraft
- Visual Arts
- Woodworking
- Welding

WESTON COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

Elk Mountain Outlaws

Leaders:
Kami Lopez

Next Meeting:
December 15th
2:00 PM

Fairgrounds Event Center

Holiday Party
Sock Exchange and Cocoa Bar

Dewey Wranglers

Leaders:
Kendra Paulton
Dani Stearns

Next Meeting:
TBA

Sagebrush Maids & Wranglers

Leaders:
Erin Persche

Next Meeting:
January 9th
6:30 PM

Fairgrounds Event Center

Borderline Bandits

Leader:
Crystal Stevens-Benson

Next Meeting:
January

Prairie & Pines

Leaders:
Kasi White
Nastel Dean

Next Meeting:
February 19th
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!

2025

STATE 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

University of Wyoming:

- Edna Mae and Wallace McClafin
- Ella E. Schloredt
- Jimmy Nichols Memorial
- Farmhouse Foundation
- Janie Smith Memorial
- Margaret Butterfield Memorial
- Brown-Kohl
- Marian M. Henderson Memorial

Other Schools:

- Wilbur Brettel
- Murdoch's Ranch and Home
- Lynette Wallace
- Linnabur Scholarships
- John and Pauline Peterson
- Bonnie Ellenwood
- Underwood Family
- State 4-H Foundation



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Scan to Apply:



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, 2025**, and use a resume built from your 4-H Portfolio.

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!!

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

January 14th

February 18th

March 18th

April 8th

Upton Community Center

You can join Upton Cloverbuds class at
<https://www.remind.com/join/u4hclover>
or by texting @u4htumble to 81010.

NEWCASTLE SCHEDULE

January 16th

February 20th

March 20th

April 10th

Weston County Events Center

You can join Tumbleweeds class at
<https://www.remind.com/join/n4hclover>
or by texting @n4htumble to 81010.

Welcome Cloverbuds! Please invite a friend to join us for the upcoming Cloverbud meetings. This year our Cloverbud meetings are going to be all about exploring the different projects that 4-H has to offer and creating a few things that you can enter at County Fair next summer!

BEEF....

More than just What's For Dinner

RSVP

January 13th - Upton

January 15th - Newcastle

Jr. Livestock Committee

Next Meeting:
February 5th @ 6:00 PM at Event Center



Fair Board

Next Meeting:
November 11th
@ 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 WYOMING

- 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!



To Find Out More

Contact Us @ (307)-334-3534 or KELLIEC@UWYO.EDU
FREE TO PARTICIPATE; GROCERIES NOT INCLUDED



Food Fun 4-H Cooking Club
December 6th
2:00 PM
Weston County Extension
Office
RSVP December 4th

Make sure to register online
and participate at home.
Completing the evaluation
each month earns you a neat
gadget!



4-H PROJECT NEWS

SHEEP AND GOAT PROJECT

Lambing & Kidding 101

December 6th @ 5:30pm

Virtual Class on preparing yourself, your space, and your animals for babies

RSVP at

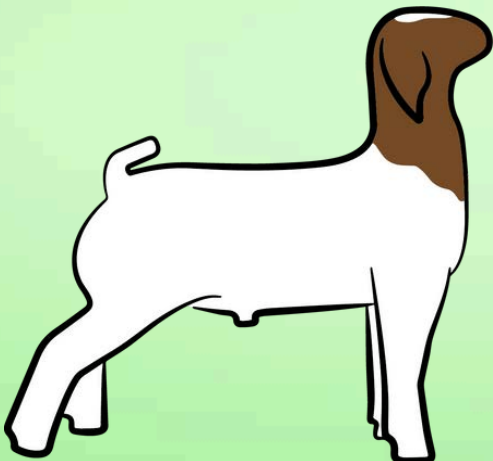
<http://tiny.cc/101lambkid>



Dan VanderPloeg, Emily Swinyer, and Kim Fry are hosting an all virtual, Lambing and Kidding 101 class on Friday, December 6th at 5:30pm. We will go over supplies and pen space, the final trimester, active labor, and up through the 1st week of the babies lives. Think of it as Lamaze for the Baas and Maas!

Please share- anyone can rsvp and get the link at <http://tiny.cc/101lambkid>

GOAT PROJECT




No horned goats will be allowed in the market classes at the Wyoming State Fair. Please plan accordingly for this year's projects.

4-H PROJECT NEWS



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!



January 19th
2:00 PM
Rankin Corrals

A dark blue rounded square icon with a white border. At the top is a white scale with a red drop. Below the scale, the text 'January 19th', '2:00 PM', and 'Rankin Corrals' is written in white.

Market Beef Weigh and Tagging Date

January 19, 2025

2:00 PM

Rankin Corrals - South of Upton

Ownership and Tagging Deadline
February 1, 2025

4-H PROJECT NEWS



SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT

It is time to get signed up for shooting sports practice times! The 2025 4-H Shooting Sports season will kick off on January 6th!

All members who are enrolled in a Shooting Sports project in ZSuite will receive an email tomorrow with instructions on signing up for practice times. In that email will be:

1. 2025 Weston County Shooting Sports Guidelines
2. Shooting Sports Guidelines Parent Agreement Form
3. Newcastle Shooting Sports Calendar
4. Upton Shooting Sports Calendar
5. Shooting Sports Leader Certification Flyer



Please take the time to read the Guidelines and ask questions.

The first to respond will have the first choice of time slots. Deadline to have the registration complete is December 18th.

Weston County is very lucky to have an amazing team of volunteers who will invest an unbelievable amount of time into our youth over six months.

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>)

Please let me know if you have any questions or encounter any problems completing the registration. I look forward to another amazing shooting sports season with all of you!

Remind



OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE



READY, SET, EXPLORE!

PROGRAM INFORMATION

This is a free, family-friendly program designed to inspire outdoor adventures and create unforgettable memories. This program will take place from November, 2024 - April, 2025. Each month, families are encouraged to step outside, discover the beauty of the natural world, and enjoy quality time together. Whether it's hiking through scenic trails, discovering local wildlife, or simply enjoying a picnic under the stars, "Ready, Set, Explore" brings families closer to nature—and to each other!

HOW IT WORKS!

Each month, participants will:

1. Register to participate at: https://bit.ly/ready_set_explore_registration
2. Be emailed all Ready, Set, Explore information for the month: activities, extras, and questions.
3. Choose to do 4 or more of the activities listed for that month.
4. Answer the 4 activity questions.
5. Email your answers to the 4 activity questions along with 1-4 pictures from that month to: readyssetexplore.4h@gmail.com

EXTRAS!

The fun doesn't stop there! Each month participants will also be sent the following information that they are encouraged to do, but not required:

- Nature Journaling Prompt
- Vibrant Health Tip
- Snack Idea
- Leave No Trace Tip
- Natural Resource Handout

WHAT YOU GET FOR COMPLETING THE MONTH!

For each month completed (see how does it work above) each family will be sent a monthly incentive!

FAMILY ADVENTURES AWAIT!

QUESTIONS? 307.568.4160 gasvoda@uwyo.edu

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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:

~~NOVEMBER 5TH AND 19TH, 2025~~

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>.





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Monday - Friday

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

1:00 PM - 4:30 PM



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