



Weston County CHATTER



January 2025

Erin's Notes

Happy New Year! I'm still in shock at how fast 2024 flew by so I'm definitely not sure I'm quite prepared for the adventures that 2025 will bring. However, I am so excited for another great year of 4-H activities and adventures with all of you!

A huge thank you to the Wyoming Refining Company/Par Pacific for the amazing donation they have made to Weston County 4-H! This was a complete surprise when they called to tell me that we had been selected and the amount is way beyond anything I ever expected. I am excited to see what this investment into the program can accomplish.

Just a quick reminder that this will be your final Chatter if you have not enrolled in 4-H for the 2025 4-H Year.



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Beyond Ready

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A Gift to Our Community

Wyoming Refining Company hosted a Charity Golf Tournament on August 24, 2024, to benefit local Weston County nonprofits. Through donations and sponsors who participated, a total of **\$38,050** was raised for our Community.

We are proud to be able to distribute a check of \$12,683 to each of this year's recipients.

Newcastle Booster Club

Weston County 4-H

Helping Hands Foundation

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UPCOMING DATES



January

- January 1 - Extension Office Closed
- January 6 - Shooting Sports Practices Begin
- January 7 - Dog Committee Meeting
- 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



February

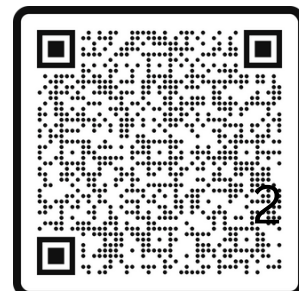
- February 5 - Junior Livestock Committee Meeting
- February 7 - Valentine Project Activity
- February 9 - Camp Planning Meeting
- February 10 - Fair Board Meeting
- February 14 - Food, Fun, 4-H Activity
- February 15 - 4-H Scholarship Deadline
- February 18 - Upton Cloverbuds
- February 20 - Newcastle Cloverbuds



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.)



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



Community Service Birthday Boxes



This year Weston County 4-H is going to work to create birthday boxes to donate to the Newcastle and Upton food banks. I'm asking for donations of the following items to help create the boxes. Donations can be dropped off at the Extension Office at any point during the year. Let's help celebrate birthdays all year long in our communities!

Need:

- 9x13 disposable cake pans with lids
- cake mixes
- tubs of frosting
- candles
- balloons
- birthday napkins
- small paper plates



**HAPPY
BIRTHDAY**

Come help assemble the first birthday boxes for the food banks in
Newcastle and Upton



**January 24th
2:00 PM
Extension Office**



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WESTON COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

Elk Mountain Outlaws

Leaders:
Kami Lopez

Next Meeting:
January 26th
2:00 PM
Fairgrounds Event Center

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 19th
1:00 PM

Prairie & Pines

Leaders:
Kasi White
Nastel Dean

Next Meeting:
January 20th
6:15 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:
January 13th
@ 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

Food Fun 4-H Cooking Club

January 31st

1:00 PM

Upton Community Center

RSVP January 29th



Food Fun 4-H Cooking Club

February 14th

2:00 PM

Extension Office

RSVP February 12th



CROCHETING PROJECT



Learn to Crochet

January 29th

4:00 PM - 5:15 PM

Extension Office


RSVP by January 27th

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, bold, sans-serif font.

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.

Newcastle Air Pistol Practice Schedule January 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th, February 3rd County Shoot - February 10th		
4:45 PM	5:30 PM	6:15 PM
Thatcher Benson	Teresa Lamb	Tyler Rhoades
McCall Benson		Sydney Baker
Alice Keeler		Liam Gregory
Tanner Lenardson		Laila Lopez
Clay Sweet		Ryker Rhoades
Parker Owens		Kinley Redding
Josiah Popma		Ava Malsam

Newcastle Air Rifle Practice Schedule January 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, February 4th County Shoot - February 11th			
4:00 PM	4:45 PM	5:30 PM	6:15 PM
Charlie Pzinski	Thatcher Benson	Morgan Tysdal	Tyler Rhoades
Kinle Redding	McCall Benson	Laila Lopez	Liam Gregory
Tanner Lenardson	Josiah Popma		Abby Tacy
Adaleigh Himrich	Hailey Reiniger		Ryker Rhoades
Millie Paulton	Clay Sweet		Ava Malsam
Henry Paulton			
Lawrence Paulton			
Maizy Owens			
Parker Owens			
Alice Keeler			

Upton .22
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Sawyer Todd
Breckan Morton
Trevon White
Tevon White
Ryder Hamilton
Grace Rightnowar
McKinley Hepker
Kelly Cork
Kyler Cork
Kashus Keller
Rylee Loebe
Evelyn Mortan
Adley Mortan
Ensley Mortan
Tanner Taft

2025 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.



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Steve Mack, Director

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Goshen County, Torrington, WY

- Dates - March 1-2, 2025
- [Registration : Goshen County](#)

Fremont County, Riverton

- Dates - March 15-16, 2025
- [Registration : Fremont County](#)

Johnson County, Buffalo, WY

- Dates - March 29-30, 2025
- [Registration: Johnson County](#)

Sublette County, Big Piney

- Dates - April 12-13, 2025
- [Registration: Sublette County](#)

Park County, Cody

- Dates - April 26-27, 2025
- [Registration: Park County](#)

Shooting Sports Development Committee Meeting

- Date - February 15, 2025, Casper
- Hilton Garden Inn - 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."



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

4-H, CVH, WORTH, & ANR



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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:

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>.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE, VOLUNTEER TO HELP YOUTH IN THE WYOMING 4-H PROGRAM.

We have a position for your time, your talents, and your abilities.

5 easy steps to change the future of youth!

- 1** **Enroll in ZSuite.**
Does your family have a Zsuite profile?
N | Y
Create a profile at: 4h.zsuite.org | Add a new family member
- 2** **Complete a training on working with youth in 4-H**
- 3** **Complete a background check and a driving records check.**
- 4** **Meet with our local 4-H Educator.**
- 5** **Get started**



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Monday - Friday

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM

1:00 PM- 4:30 PM



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