

Despite a few stray snowflakes fluttering around yesterday, I'm convinced that spring has finally arrived, bringing a wealth of opportunities to explore!

Be sure to check out the newsletter for an array of workshops and events. I'm working on lots of fun workshops for this spring and summer and I hope that you'll all take advantage of project learning in your favorite areas and even try a new project or two! There are also some big deadlines coming up with dog, cat, and horse ID forms due to the Extension Office and enrollment deadline for summer activity participation coming up in May, now is a great time to double check the Important Dates page!

If you have any questions or need further details, please feel free to reach out—I'm here to assist! Let's make this spring a time for growth and connection.



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## UPCOMING DATES

## April

- April 2 Junior Livestock Committee Meeting
- April 8 Upton Cloverbuds
- April 9 Volunteer Training
- April 10 Newcastle Cloverbuds
- April 11 Purple Up Day
- April 14 Fair Board Meeting
- April 20-26 National Volunteer Week
- April 28 Camp Planning Meeting



## May

- May 1 Horse, Dog and Cat ID Form Deadline
- May 4 & 5 Archery Blue Face County Shoot
- May 7 Junior Livestock Committee Meeting
- May 11 Archery 3D County Shoot
- May 12 Fair Board Meeting
- May 15 Enrollment Deadline for all summer activities
- May 20 Camp Registration Deadline
- May 26 Extension Office Closed
- May 27 Swine, Goat and Lamb Tagging and Weigh-In



## Calendar

Look ahead at the entire year! https://wyoextension.org/westoncounty/4hyouth-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 m Count **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



## WESTON COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

### Elk Mountain Outlaws

Leaders: Kami Lopez Next Meeting: April 27th 1:30 PM Meet at turnoff to HWY 450

**Highway Clean Up!** 

### **Dewey Wranglers**

**Leaders:** Kendra Paulton Dani Stearns Next Meeting: April 16th 4:00 PM Elk Mountain School

### Sagebrush Maids & Wranglers

Leaders: Erin Persche Next Meeting: April 10th 6:30 PM Extension Office

### **Borderline Bandits**

Leader: Crystal Stevens-Benson

> Next Meeting: TBA

### **Prairie & Pines**

Leaders: Kasi White Nastel Dean Next Meeting: April 21st 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!

## ELOVERBUDS

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 April 8th Upton Community Center

### NEWCASTLE SCHEDULE April 10th Senior Center - Michaels Room

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

You can join Tumbleweeds class at <u>https://www.remind.com/join/n4hclover</u> 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!

## Egg-stra Fun

Make sure to RSVP



## **JR. LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE**

Next Meeting: April 2nd @ 6:00 PM at Event Center



### Members

Hale Redding Curtis Rankin David Kline Stephanie Kline JD Rhoades Cindy Rhoades Nastel Dean Erin Persche Rebecca Kelton Morgan Loepp Sara Rankin Katrina Tysdal Rebecca Bennett Grace Sandrini

## **FRIENDS OF FAIR**

Friends of the Fair is a non-profit organization to benefit the Weston County Fairgrounds. The purpose is to encourage and stimulate use of the grounds and to help the fair board have the highest quality fair.

Next Meeting: April 7th @ 5:30 PM at Event Center Contact Megan Stith or message Weston County Friends of Fair on Facebook

## FAIR BOARD

Next Meeting: March 14th @ 6:30 PM at Fairgrounds

### **Members:**

Billy Jackson Francie Hamilton Mason Kaiser Teigen Marchant

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### 2025 Fair Dates

County Fair: July 25-August 3

Vham, Boom, Pow! A Superhero County Fair!

State Fair: August 11-16

Who: All 4-H members in Crook, Niobrara and Weston Counties ~Teen Leaders (14 and up), Campers (8-13 years) and Cloverbuds (5-7 years) ~Limited to first 70 youth to register

CROOK/NIOBRARA/WESTON

**4-H CAMP** 

**COMING SOON** 

When: June 27-29<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Where: Mallo Camp, Weston County

**Why:** 4-H summer camps empower kids with lifelong skills, helping them grow into confident leaders. Grounded in a research-backed model, 4-H camp fosters resilience, independence, and personal growth. Through hands-on experiences and challenges, campers build the skills they need to thrive in life, careers, and communities.

**Cost:** \$40

Registration Deadline: May 20, 2025

OPEN TO ALL 4-H MEMBERS 14 AND OLDER (AS OF 1/1/25)

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00

## PLANNING MEETING

CALLING A

April 28th 6:30 PM Extension Office Dinner Provided

Bring 2 activities that you could help teach at camp



## **Graduating Seniors**



### **4-H Honor Cords**

Wyoming 4-H is providing 4-H Honor Cords to all 4-H members that are graduating in 2025 to recognize your 4-H involvement. Each student is responsible for requesting their Honor Cord and for asking the school to wear it during graduation.



https://docs.google.com/forms/d/ e/1FAIpQLSfjK10EdLbuilbIPODLp L10FuXdHPtTf7m3NU3nJ8z-CqFEZQ/viewform?usp=dialog

### **Senior Spotlights**

We'd love to celebrate our 4-H graduating seniors in May! Please follow the link to answer the spotlight questions or copy and paste them in to an email to answer and send to Erin.

Full Name: Number of Years in 4-H: 4-H Club:

4-H Experience:

- 1. What are your main 4-H project areas?
- 2. What is your favorite 4-H memory?
- 3. How has 4-H impacted your life?
- 4. What leadership roles have you held in 4-H? (Club officer, teen leader, etc.)
- 5. What is your favorite 4-H event or competition, and why?
- 6. Have you won any awards or received special recognition in 4-H?

Future Plans:

- 1. What are your plans after high school? (College, trade school, military, workforce, etc.)
- 2. Do you plan to stay involved in 4-H or Extension programs as a volunteer?

Fun & Personal Touch:

- 1. What advice would you give younger 4-H members?
- 2. What is your favorite quote or motto?
- 3. If you could describe your 4-H experience in one word, what would it be?

Submit a senior photo or favorite 4-H photo.



https://forms.gle/uBd UhMQ4n41QAgjP9

Fabric Flowers April 4th 2:00 PM Michael's Room at Senior Center

RSVP by April 2nd

## **CROCHETING PROJECT**



Learn to Crochet April 9th April 23rd 4:00 PM - 5:15 PM Extension Office

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### 4-H PROJECT NEWS \* \* \* DOG PROJECT

### **Practice Dates**

April 13th April 27th

Practices at 1:30 PM Locations TBD

### **Leaders**

Kendra Paulton Stephanie Kline Cathy McAtee Lauren Pickle

Clinic and Mock Show June 7th

### Weston County Fair Dog Show

July 29th @ 8 AM Dog Show Awards @ 7 PM



Dog ID forms and Vaccination Records are DUE May 1, 2025 to Extension Office

Make sure to join the Remind group for all the updates! <u>https://www.remind.com/join/newcdog</u>

Our focus this year is building relationships as dog/handler teams, having fun, leveling up, and identifying strengths and weaknesses in order to grow and succeed! 11

## Wyoming 4-H Dog Identification Due May 1



Name of 4-H Member	4-H Club Name
Name of Dog	Sex of Dog:
	Date of Birth:
Breed(s) of Dog	
	Is the dog registered with a breed organization?
Color and Description of Dog:	Yes or No
	Organization:
	Reg. Number:
	When the dog was purchased or acquired?
	Date:
*Please attach a copy of the dog's sh	not record.

Additional Notes:	4-H Awards Won:	Non 4-H Titles Earned:

We understand and agree to the following:	
<ul> <li>A. The 4-H member will have sole responsibility of the training dog during the current 4-H year.</li> <li>B. Any infractions, as determined by a review committee, could or competing in any county or state 4-H contest.</li> </ul>	
Signature of Youth:	Date:
Signature of Parent/Guardian:	Date:
"As the owner, I understand that I will not, nor anyone other than the you	th listed above, compete with this dog."
Signature of Dog Owner: (If different than youth)	Date:

-September 2010

## **RABBIT PROJECT**

Rabbit Showing 101 April 13th 3:00-4:00 PM Open Class Building

No bunnies for this meeting!

### CAT PROJECT

### Cat ID Forms and vaccination records are due to the Extension Office on May 1, 2025.



Cats must have current rabies and distemper shots. It is strongly suggested, but not mandatory, that all entries have the combination vaccinations, plus feline leukemia. Vaccinations MUST be given by July 1st of the current year or the cat is not eligible to show at the Weston County Fair.

### WESTON COUNTY 4-H CAT IDENTIFICATION Due May 1

Breed:	Cat's Birthdate	::
Intact Male 🛛 Neutered Male	🗆 Female	Spayed Female
dentifying Features of Cat: *color, markings, notches, scars, tattoos, etc.		
Date Rabies Shot: [	ate Distemper Shot	:
**A copy of current vaccination	n record must be att	ached to ID form**
4-H Member Signature		Date
Parent Guardian Signature		Date
PHOTO OF CAT		Photo of Cat



### HORSE PROJECT

Horse ID Forms are due to the Extension Office on May 1, 2025.

An ID Form must be on file for any horse that you plan to show at the 2025 Weston County Fair.

Safety Certifications must be completed for each horse that you plan to show as well. Safety Certification Deadline is July 3, 2025.

## **4-H Horse Clinic**

Who: All 4-H Horse Members When: June 12<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 AM-Noon Where: Four Seasons Arena Why: Work on showmanship, riding patterns and preparing for the County Fair horse show What to bring: Horse, show halter, saddle, etc. to ride RSVP by June 5<sup>th</sup>



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### Weston County Horse I.D.

Due in the Extension Office by May 1

Project Year Sticker

Ν	Member Information	
Member Name:		4-H Member 🔲 FFA Member
Club:		
Phone #:		1e:
	Horse Information	
Horse Nickname:	Horse Registered Name:	
Gelding Mare Date Born:	Breed/ Type:	
Registered Registration #:		
Owned Leased Owner's Name:		Date Obtained:
	res of your horse to the back of	
I certify this horse is a project for this year and the above both county and state guidelines pertaining to the horse p		oest of my knowledge. I also agree to follow
Member's Signature:		Date:
Parent or Guardian's Signature:		Date:
<u>0</u>	FFICE USE ONLY	
Date Filed at County Office:	Safety Certification:	
4-H Educator/ FFA Advisor Signature:		

## **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!

### **GOAT PROJECT**

No horned market goats will be allowed to show at the Weston County Fair or the Wyoming State Fair

### **MARKET ANIMAL PROJECTS**



### **IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT**

Market Animal Tagging and Paperwork Requirements

### **NEW IN 2025**

- All exhibitors must be enrolled in 4-H or FFA, have completed Weston County Market Animal Identification forms, ownership paperwork (brand inspection or statement of ownership) and clear pictures submitted to the Extension Office by the ownership and tagging deadlines
- · Five photos must be submitted for each animal showing:
  - Full face showing tag
  - · Full body left side
  - Full body right side
  - · Close up of the tag with all 15 digits readable
  - Full hind view
- To check out tags to tag your market animals at home you must be enrolled in 4-H or FFA and bring ownership paperwork (Brand inspection or statement of ownership) to the Extension Office to receive tags.
- The Wyoming State Fair and Weston County Fair will be accepting USDA 840 tags as official identification for Market Animals

Ownership and Tagging Deadlines Market Beef - February 1 Market Sheep, Swine and Goats - June 1

Photos will be taken at the scheduled Junior Livestock tagging/weighing dates by a designated Junior Livestock Committee member.

IF ALL REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT MET BY THE OWNERSHIP/TAGGING DEADLINES THAT ANIMAL WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE AT THE WESTON COUNTY FAIR AND THE WYOMING STATE FAIR.

Market Goat, Lamb and Swine Tagging and Weigh-In May 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 6:00 PM Weston County Fairgrounds Youth Quality Assurance Class June 24th 2:00 - Juniors 3:00 - Intermediates

4:00 - Seniors

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## SWINE PROJECT

### Think a <mark>pig</mark> can't change the world? Think again.

We know Wyoming kids have a heart for helping; we also know you're never too young to join the fight against food insecurity.



### 83,000 of our neighbors struggle with food insecurity. *Fair to Fork* is making a difference.

Sources of high-quality protein are notoriously expensive and difficult to procure for local food pantries, but we can help. Through a lottery selection, Wyoming Hunger Initiative's *Fair* to Fork program will purchase one hog not sold at junior livestock sales, from every county in Wyoming.

Visit with your local 4-H educator or FFA advisor to learn more!

### Join us. It's as easy as 1-2-3!



Sign up for the lottery through your local University of Wyoming Extension Office or scan the QR code.

If you are selected, your hog will be purchased for \$750. It will then be processed (at no cost to you) by a participating USDA or state-licensed facility, then donated to a local anti-hunger organization of your choice in your community.

Come to the Wyoming State Fair to be recognized by Governor Mark Gordon and First Lady Jennie Gordon!



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Interested in participating in Fair to Fork?

THIS FORM TODAY!









Scan to complete the form indicating your interest



heyenne, WY 82009 (307) 777-7398

nohungerwyo.or

Get signed up via the QR code shown below by July 3rd. **One youth from** Weston County will be chosen in 2025. Please let me know if you have any questions. This is a great way to help our community and if you are already raising a second market pig this is the perfect place for it to go.



## SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECT

### **Important Information**

- Shotgun and Muzzleloading will be starting soon with the warmer weather, please make sure you have joined the Remind group: https://www.remind.com/join/ west4hss or by texting @west4hss to the number 81010
- Awards dinner will be on June 16th
- State Shoot is July 10-13th, 2025 in Douglas

### Muzzleloading Schedule

4:00 - 7:00 PM

- Come as your schedule allows
- Everyone will clean their own rifle and be done by 7 each night

Mondays March 31st April 7th April 14th April 21st April 28th

Tuesdays April 1st April 8th April 15th April 22nd April 29th

Join: https://www.remind.com/join/west4hss



### **ROBOTICS PROJECT**

### **Practice Dates**

April 4 April 11 May 2 May 9 May 16 Practice Time 4:00 PM to 5:30 PM

### **Practice Location**

USDA Service Building 1225 Washington Blvd.

### **Details**

Please have eaten a snack and be ready to jump right in to building and programming!

Showcase Showdown June 17-19th Laramie, WY Details to come!

Showcase Countdown: 77 days!



## OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE STATE



### **EVENT DETAILS**

#### June 17 - 19, 2025

Laramie, Wyoming

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Stay in the UW

- University of Wyoming
- ABOUT THE EVENT • 11 State Contests
- · Explore new contests and
- Project related Workshops
- Tour and Experience parts of UW Campus

### DEVILS TOWER ROCK CLIMBING MAY 9TH-TRAINING 3-5PM

### MAY 10TH - CLIMBING 9AM

May 9th - Training with Devils Tower Climbing Guides @ Crook County Courthouse Community Room -Basement of Courthouse (Zoom available for out of county participants) Parent/Guardian must attend beginning of meeting!

May 10th - Meet at Crook County Courthouse @ 8:15 am if you are getting a ride with Erica (spaces are limited and must make arrangements with Erica prior to May 10th) or meet at Devils Tower Lodge @ 9am

There is a \$25 park entrance fee to the National Monument if driving separately

Lunch/Snacks will be provided. You will need to bring water, sunblock, and wear closed toed shoes. Expect to return to Sundance about 5pm

Please note this climb will NOT summit Devils Tower



DEVIL

MEMBERS **REGISTER BY MAY IST** 

#### MAX 14 PARTICIPANTS

10 & HAVE ACTIVE STATUS IN 4-H

REGISTER ON ZSUITE

4H.ZSUITE.ORG



# PROJECT PALOOZA **Camp Topics**

- Container Gardening
- Visual Arts
- Range Management
- Nature Journaling
- Grow & Little Extra
- Entomology

### SAVE THE DATE Nature Inspired Expressive Arts

May 3, 2025 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Casper, Wyoming



**Registration Deadline** April 23rd, 2025

#### **Register via ZSuite Events**

**Registration Fee: \$10 due** day of

**Ouestions** Mary Louise: 307-754-8836 Josh: 307-235-9400

# **READY, SET, EXPLO**

### 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 not required:
- for the month: activities, extras, and questions. 3. Choose to do 4 or more of the activities listed for. Vibrant Health Tip
- 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: readysetexplore 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

- Nature Journaling Prompt
- 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 AWAITI

QUESTIONS? & 307.568.4160 🗹 gas oda@uwvo.edu 4-H. CVH. WORTH. & ANR



# OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT

### Wyoming 4-H Livestock Mastery Pathway Program



### Proficiency

Develop hands-on expertise in livestock management, showmanship, recordkeeping, and animal care.

### **Beyond Ready**

Prepare for future careers by gaining leadership experience, learning goalsetting, and building problem-solving skills to prepare for future careers.

### Achievement

Advance though 5 stages of mastery earning awards, leadership opportunities & statewide recognition for your achievements.



Ask your local 4-H Extension Educator how to get involved! Program is open to all animal project areas!



## BEHOLD THE SANCTUM OF SELFLESSNESS: THE VOLUNTEER CORNER

## IN PLAIN SIGHT

An interactive training and open conversation about youth substance use.



Learn what you should be aware of



Take home resources to help you have conversations with youth

## April 9th @ 6 pm Weston Co. Extension Office



Extension Weston County

### **Office Location**

204 W Main Street Newcastle WY 82701



**Monday - Friday** 

8:00 AM - 12:00 PM 1:00 PM- 4:30 PM



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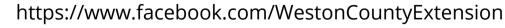




### Weston County Extension Website:

https://wyoextension.org/westoncounty/

Weston Extension:



### Weston County 4-H:

https://www.facebook.com/WESTONCOUNTY4H

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