

# Weston County CHATTER

July 2025

Erin's Notes

Summer is flying by, and fair season is right around the corner! July is one of the busiest—and most exciting—months in the 4-H year. Whether you're putting the finishing touches on your projects, practicing for competitions, or preparing to exhibit livestock, now is the time to double-check deadlines, ask questions, and stay connected.

Fair isn't just about ribbons—it's about growth, responsibility, and pride in what you've accomplished. We're so proud of the hard work Weston County 4-H'ers have put in all year, and we can't wait to see you shine. Make sure to read through all the fair information carefully and reach out if you need help. We're here to support you every step of the way!

Good luck, have fun, and let's make this fair one to remember!

Erin

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**Beyond  
Ready**

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County Fair Countdown - 23 days

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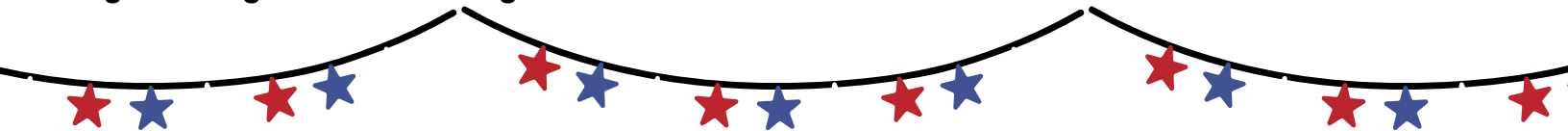
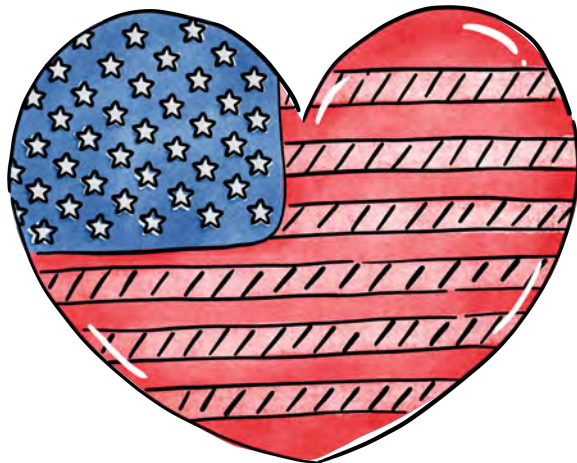


# UPCOMING DATES



## July

- July 2 - Junior Livestock Committee Meeting
- July 3 - Fair Entry Deadline and Horse Safety Certification Deadline
- July 4 - Extension Office Closed - 4<sup>th</sup> of July
- July 7 - State Shoot Meeting @ 6 PM
- July 9 - Sheep, Goat and Swine Showmanship Clinic @ 5 PM
- July 10-13 - State Shoot
- July 11 - Sewing Workshop
- July 14 - Fair Board Meeting
- July 21 - Fabric and Fashion Judging Day
- July 22 - Ultrasound Contest and Showmanship Clinic
- July 23 - Fair Set Up Day
- July 25 - Cat Show
- July 26 - Fair Parade
- July 28-August 2 - County Fair



## August

- August 5 - State Fair Meeting
- August 11-16 - Wyoming State Fair

## September

- September 15 - 4-H Story Deadline
- September 19 - Cloverbud Celebration

# 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**





# WESTON COUNTY 4-H CLUBS

## Elk Mountain Outlaws

**Leaders:**  
Kami Lopez

**Next Meeting:**  
July 13th  
Family Fun Day  
@ LAK

## Dewey Wranglers

**Leaders:**  
Kendra Paulton  
Dani Stearns

**Next Meeting:**  
No meeting

## Sagebrush Maids & Wranglers

**Leaders:**  
Erin Persche

**Next Meeting:**

## Borderline Bandits

**Leader:**  
Crystal Stevens-Benson

**Next Meeting:**  
No Meeting

## Prairie & Pines

**Leaders:**  
Kasi White  
Nastel Dean

**Next Meeting:**

## 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!

# 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

## NEWCASTLE SCHEDULE

**July 26-August 2 - County Fair**  
**September 19 - Cloverbud Celebration**



- July 3rd - Fair Entries Due
- July 21 - Fashion Revue @ 7 PM - need to enter on Fair Entry
- July 29 - Static Exhibits to Event Center - 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
- July 30 - Static Exhibit Judging at Event Center
- August 1 - Cloverbud Pet Show @ 11:00 AM

Cloverbuds can also do Peewee Showmanship at County Fair during the livestock shows. Do not need to pre-enter, just be there before the show begins.

### DIVISION 442: TUMBLEWEEDS

Pre 4-H Program

SUPERINTENDENT:

NO PREMIUM PAID • PARTICIPATION RIBBONS ONLY  
RULES:

1. This class is open to those youth who are enrolled in the Tumbleweeds project through the Weston County Cooperative Extension Office.
2. A member may have unlimited entries.
3. Animals will be shown Friday at 11:30 a.m. under the Clay Ertman Memorial.
4. Each child must be in total control of their animal; parents, friends, and other relatives may not enter the show ring unless child needs assistance.
5. Animals are to be brought in just prior to the show and are to be removed from the grounds immediately following the show.
6. Non-animal exhibits will be released 1-4 p.m. on Saturday. No items may be removed before this time.

### ANIMALS

#### CLASS DESCRIPTION

105: Dog	106: Cat
107: Burn Lamb or Kid Goat	108: Rabbit or Poultry
109: Any other animal project (Must be manageable for the size of the child.)	

### EXHIBITS

#### CLASS DESCRIPTION

110: Arts and crafts	111: Foods and Nutrition
112: Sewing	113: Gardening and Horticulture
114: Any other non, animal item	

### CONTESTS

#### CLASS DESCRIPTION

115: Presentations Contest	116: Fashion Revue
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# JR. LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

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



## Members

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

## 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:  
July 7th @ 5:30 PM  
at Event Center

Contact Megan Stith or  
message Weston County  
Friends of Fair on Facebook

## FAIR BOARD

Next Meeting:  
July 14<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM  
at Fairgrounds

Members:  
Billy Jackson  
Francie Hamilton  
Mason Kaiser  
Teigen Marchant



### 2025 Fair Dates

County Fair: July 25-August 3



Wham, Boom, Pow! A Superhero County Fair!

State Fair: August 11-16



# 4-H PROJECT NEWS

## ★ ★ DOG PROJECT

### DOG PRACTICE

July 8  
July 15

7:00 PM  
Kilpatrick Park



Work on  
Showmanship and  
Obedience

#### Leaders

Kendra Paulton  
Stephanie Kline  
Lauren Pickle

Make sure to join the  
Remind group for all the  
updates!

[https://www.remind.com/  
join/newcdog](https://www.remind.com/join/newcdog)

#### **Weston County Fair Dog Show**

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

*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!*

# 4-H PROJECT NEWS

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## **HORSE PROJECT**

**Safety Certifications must be completed for each horse that you plan to show.**

**Safety Certification Deadline is July 3, 2025.**

## **LIVESTOCK PROJECTS**

### **Showmanship Clinics**

**July 9th**

**Sheep and Goat Showmanship**

**5 PM**

**Swine Showmanship**

**6:30 PM**

**July 22nd**

**Showmanship Practice**

**After Ultrasound Contest**



# 4-H PROJECT NEWS



## SWINE PROJECT

Think a **pig** 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.



#307fairtofork



Interested in  
participating  
in *Fair to Fork*?

COMPLETE  
THIS FORM TODAY!



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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!

- 1 Sign up for the lottery through your local University  
of Wyoming Extension Office or scan the QR code.
- 2 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.
- 3 Come to the Wyoming State Fair to be recognized by  
Governor Mark Gordon and First Lady Jennie Gordon!

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Scan to complete  
the form indicating  
your interest

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Cheyenne, WY 82009  
(307) 777-7398

nohungerwyo.org

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.



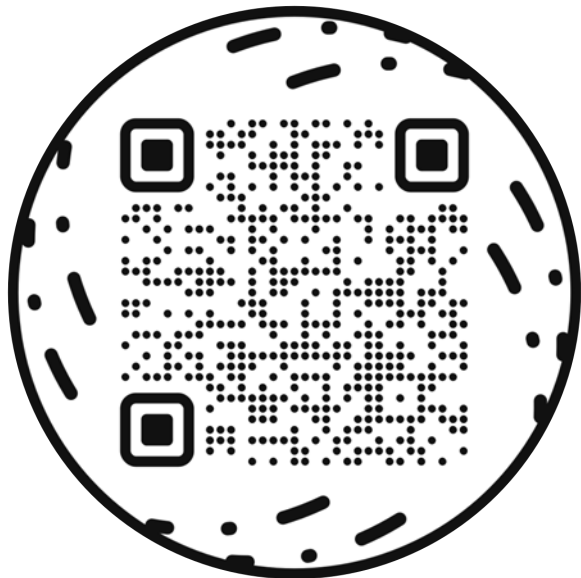


WHAM BOOM POW  
A SUPER HERO COUNTY FAIR  
July 25<sup>th</sup> - August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

**FAIR ENTRIES  
ARE OPEN**

Entry Deadline: July 3<sup>rd</sup>  
**\*NO LATE ENTRIES ACCEPTED\***

<https://fairentry.com/Fair/SignIn/22496>



**Do not wait until the  
last minute! Call the  
office if you have  
questions!**





# **Weston County Fair**

## **2025**

### **"WHAM! BOOM! POW!"**

#### **4-H Schedule**

#### **Thursday, July 3rd**

- Fair Entries Deadline

#### **Monday, July 21st**

- Fabric & Fashion, Quilting, Knitting and Fashion Revue Judging - 10:00 AM - Senior Center

#### **Tuesday, July 22nd**

- Carcass Contest - 6:00 PM

#### **Wednesday, July 23rd**

- Fair Set Up Night - 6:00 PM

#### **Friday, July 25th**

- Cat Show - 2:00 PM

#### **Saturday, July 26th**

- Parade Line Up - TBA
- Parade - TBA

#### **Monday, July 28th**

- Horse Show - 8:00 AM
- Public Fashion Revue - 7:00 PM - Senior Center

#### **Tuesday, July 29th**

- Dog Show - 8:00 AM
- Static Exhibit Check-In - 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM
- Rabbit and Poultry Check-In - 5:30-7:30 PM
- Horse Show Awards - 6:00 PM
- Dog Show Awards - 7:00 PM

#### **Wednesday, July 30th**

- Sheep, Goat, Swine Weigh-In - 7:00-8:00 AM
- Beef Weigh-In - 8:00-9:00 AM
- Rabbit Show - 9:00 AM
- Static Exhibit Interview Judging - 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM
- All Livestock Exhibitors Meeting - 1:00 PM - Show Ring
- Swine Show - 7:00 PM

#### **Thursday, July 31st**

- Poultry Show - 8:00 AM
- Robotics Showcase - 5:00 PM
- Sheep and Goat Show - 6:00 PM

#### **Friday, August 1st**

- Beef Show - 8:00 AM
- Pet Show - 11:00 AM
- Round Robin Contest - 1:00 PM
- Junior Livestock BBQ - 4:30 PM
- Junior Livestock Sale - 6:00 PM

#### **Saturday, August 2nd**

- Static Exhibits Released - 1:00-4:00 PM

#### **Tuesday, August 5th**

State Fair Meeting - 6:00 PM



# FAIR EXHIBITS

What is the difference between a 4-H project and a 4-H exhibit? Each year, 4-H members enroll in project areas that interest them. They set goals to plan what they will learn in each project area.

When they bring things to fair to show what they learned, these are called exhibits.

Members choose projects when they enroll in 4-H in ZSuite. Fair Entries are entered into FairEntry prior to the fair entry deadline - July 3rd! Just because you are enrolled in 4-H in ZSuite does not mean that you are entered for fair!

## **Foods & Nutrition Project**

Fair Entries

- Chocolate Chip Cookies
- Biscuits
- Thumbprint Cookies

## **Robotics Project**

No Fair Entry required -  
just participation at  
Showcase Showdown,  
County Robotics  
Showcase, etc.

## **Market Lamb Project**

Fair Entries

- Hamp Cross Ewe
- Speckled Face Wether

Once you have decided what you are going to bring to County Fair you'll need to do a few things.

Step 1: Log in to FairEntry.com and create your entries for your exhibits

Step 2: Prepare your exhibits for fair - each project is a little different - your market lamb preparations look very different than your chocolate chip cookie preparation!

Step 3: Bring your exhibits to Fair at the appropriate time

Static Exhibits (things like foods and nutrition, photography, etc.) are due to the Fairgrounds on  
Tuesday of Fair from 9:00 am - 7:00 PM

Fabric and Fashion Exhibits are due to be judged on July 15th

Livestock comes in according to species during Fair week

## **SKILL STATEMENTS**

- Skill statements need to be completed for each static exhibit that you are bringing to fair
- Skill Statements are REQUIRED for a static exhibit to go to State Fair
  - At State Fair this is the only information the judge has about your project since there is not Interview Judging. The more information you provide the better!
- Use the following form or create your own that includes all of the information requested
- Preparing your skill statement ahead of county fair is a great way to prepare for your interview judging at Fair
- If you have questions, please call and ask!

# Weston County 4-H Skill Statement

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **4-H Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Project:**\_\_\_\_\_ **Years in Project:**\_\_\_\_\_

**Item:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please include the following information for the judge

- Goals for your project
  - Where did you get the idea for your project
  - What did you learn
  - How did you create your exhibit
  - What did it cost to make your exhibit
  - Did something not work or go well
  - Include any information you want the judge to know about your project
  - Include photos
- For Foods entries also include:
    - Recipe
    - Source of recipe
  - For Food Preservation entries you **MUST** include:
    - Recipe
    - Source of recipe
    - Food Preservation Label attached to entry

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# Interview Judging

It is important to remember that an interview is a conversation between you and the judge to discuss and evaluate the exhibit you have completed. It is meant to be an educational experience for you, the 4-H member; an opportunity to practice communication and interview skills that you will be use in the future. When participating in interview judging, 4-H'ers should dress appropriately. You should be clean and neat. Speak clearly and look the judge in the eye. No gum, candy or other things should be in your mouth.

Take a deep breathe before you head to the judges table. . . . .RELAX!

When you sit down...

- Smile and introduce yourself to the judge
- Tell the judge how many years you have been in 4-H or how many years you have been doing welding, baking, electronics, etc. (whatever project you are currently getting judged).
- Tell the judge about your exhibit.
- Give the judge some time to look over and examine your project.
- The judge may then start to ask you some questions....

Questions a judge might ask you...

- Tell me about your exhibit. How did you do it (processes, steps, plans)? Did you experiment with different techniques?
- Where did you find the information/idea/pattern for your exhibit? Did you make any changes to what you found to show your own creativity?
- Did your project turn out as you planned? If not, how is it different?
- What new things did you learn? How will you use what you learned for your projects next year?
- What did you do best?
- What was the most difficult/easiest part of completing this exhibit?
- What caused you the most problems with your exhibit?
- How much time did this exhibit take to create?
- Did you have any help to do this? Could you do it again on your own?
- Would you do this project again? If so, what might you do? Would you do anything differently - changes or improvements next time?
- Why did you choose to make this exhibit?
- What do you plan to do with this exhibit after the fair?
- What did you learn about yourself?
- What did you learn about your exhibit?
- What did you learn about your 4-H project?



- What would have happened if. . . .?
- How can you use what you learned from this project?
- What are some ideas or goals you might like to strive for next year?

The judge may share knowledge and skills that would be meaningful to the 4-H'er such as ways to improve the exhibit. 4-H members can prepare for the interview by reviewing their exhibit, steps that they took to make it and by looking over the above questions so that they are ready to answer the questions that the judge may ask. You may be teaching the judge how to do a new technique so explain how you created your exhibit.

Interview judging of projects in 4-H merely means that the 4-H member and the adult or judge have the opportunity to go over the article to be evaluated. Together they decide how much progress has been made or in what ribbon classification it should be placed.

Remember to practice your interview with your parents and grandparents before you come in front of the judge.

## **THE DANISH SYSTEM OF JUDGING**

Exhibiting is part of 4-H educational experiences.

Judging is based on comparison to a standard, not on comparison to others in the class.

Judges may consider skill level based on age and circumstance, and expect a higher performance from older 4-H'ers, so there is some variance within the standard.

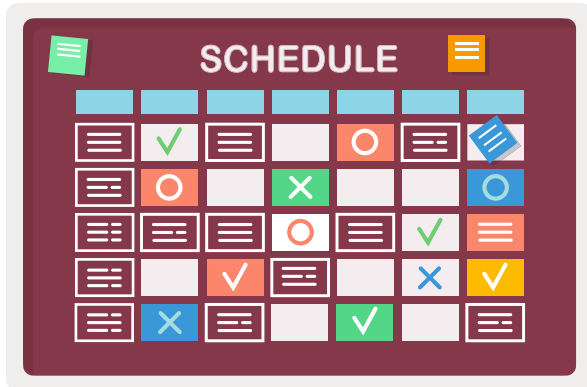
Award groups are as follows:

- **Purple Ribbon** - Excellent quality. Usually reserved for top two or three of the group, but not limited in number given.
- **Blue Ribbon** - Superior quality. The standards have been met. Denotes adequate work.
- **Red Ribbon** - Average to above average quality. Shows signs of quality, but does not completely meet the standards. Some areas need further improvement.
- **White Ribbon** - Below average quality. Does not meet standards. Denotes improvement needed.

# Interview Judging Schedule

Interviews will happen like last year.

Each project area will be assigned a time and judge. Schedule will be sent out as soon as possible.



## Fair Set Up Night

**July 23rd**

**6:00 PM**

Many hands make light work!

Pizza afterwards

## 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 or 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, 2025 (if thank you notes have been received)
3. A mandatory livestock exhibitor meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 30th at 1:00 PM at the show ring. All exhibitors are asked to attend.
4. A short bio will be required for all youth with livestock in the sale. Bios will be due to Erin by noon on Friday of Fair.
5. Sale brochures will be available for youth to distribute to possible buyers. Please take the time to invite a few buyers to the sale. A packet of information was mailed to you in June.



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### Monday - Friday

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

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



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

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