



# Weston County CHATTER



## October 2025

### Erin's Notes

Happy New 4-H Year!

It's hard to believe it's already time to kick off another 4-H year and celebrate National 4-H Week (October 5–11)! This week is the perfect time to re-enroll, encourage a friend to join, and show your 4-H pride by taking part in the themed activities each day—Sign Up Sunday, Memory Monday, Tuesday Tips, Wear Green Wednesday, Thankful Thursday, Favorite Project Friday, and Service Saturday. Don't forget—enrollment is FREE during National 4-H Week (October 5–11), so take advantage of this opportunity and sign up early to get the most out of your 4-H year.

I encourage you to take part in Wyoming State 4-H Bingo, a fun challenge happening all week long! Mark off your squares as you complete activities that highlight 4-H spirit, service, and community. It's a great way to celebrate 4-H, connect with friends, and show others why 4-H makes such a difference.

Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, the 4-H Jubilee scheduled for October 11 has been postponed. I was so excited for this event I'll share details soon about the new date when we can all gather together to celebrate our members and the end of another successful 4-H year.

Looking ahead, October is full of exciting opportunities! The Cloverbud Celebration will be held October 24 in Newcastle, combining their October meeting with superhero-themed fun. Project clubs like Crochet and Robotics are starting up again, and don't miss the Fabric & Fashion pillowcase workshop on October 10. No matter your interests, there's something for everyone to explore, learn, and enjoy this fall.

Here's to another great year of 4-H adventures—let's make 2025–2026 our best year yet!

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# NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

## OCTOBER 5<sup>TH</sup> - 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2025

Participate on the Weston County 4-H Facebook page.  
Each day there is a fun prize and a drawing at the end of the week!



### Sign Up Sunday

Sign up on ZSuite and encourage a friend to join 4-H!



### Memory Monday

Share your favorite 4-H memory.



### Tuesday Tips

Post your best 4-H advice.



### Wear Green Wednesday

Show off your 4-H gear!



### Thankful Thursday

Thank someone who supports 4-H.



### Favorite Project Friday

Highlight your favorite 4-H project.



### Service Saturday

How are you making a difference in your community?

# 4-H Enrollment Info

## 4-H AGES

4-H Age is determined by your child's age as of January 1, 2026.

- 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 5 – 11th – National 4-H Week – no enrollment cost

October 12th – 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.) This deadline will be strictly adhered to.**

# ZSuite 4-H Enrollment



## Existing Family Profile

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

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**



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



6. Fill out 4-H Member's info, select **Continue**  
Fill out PERSONAL INFO, select **Next**  
Fill out all six drop down WAIVERS, then select **Next**  
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**
7. Select **Add to Cart** and then you can either **+Add Enrollment** or **Submit**. Must be submitted to be complete.

**Enrollment in 4-H for Johnny Cash**  
2020 - 2021

**PERSONAL INFO    WIVERS    CLUBS**

Choose one or more Clubs then press "Add Club"

COUNTY  
SUBLETTE COUNTY

ADD CLUB

### Barneyard Bunch (Big Piney Sheep, Swine, & Goat Club)

County: Sublette County

Primary

Projects:

- ANIMAL SCIENCE/SWINE
- ANIMAL SCIENCE/SHEEP

ADD PROJECT

### Junior Leaders

County: Sublette County

Projects:

- LEADERSHIP AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT/YOUTH LEADERSHIP

ADD PROJECT

**Animal Project Information is NOT required at this time.**

### Livestock Judging Team

County: Sublette County

Projects:

- MY 4-H YEAR/4-H YEAR INVOLVEMENT

ADD PROJECT

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County: Sublette County

Projects:

- PREVIOUS RECORD BOOK/NONE

ADD PROJECT

PREVIOUS    SUBMIT

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



# 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**

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**4-H YEAR INVOLVEMENT**

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either **+Add Enrollment** or **Submit**.

Must be submitted to be complete.

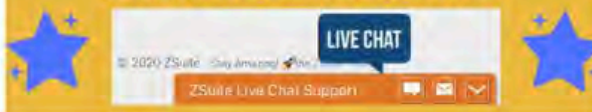
The collage shows the following steps:

- Step 1:** Dashboard with the '+ Household Member' button highlighted.
- Step 2:** 'Adult Last Name Household' form with 'Continue' highlighted.
- Step 3:** 'PERSONAL INFO' form with 'Next' highlighted.
- Step 4:** Waivers form with 'Next' highlighted.
- Step 5:** Club selection screen with 'Add Club' highlighted.
- Step 6:** Project selection screen with 'Add Project' highlighted.

Animal Project  
Information is NOT  
required at this  
time.

**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!



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# WYOMING 4-H PROJECTS



## ANIMAL SCIENCES

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

## SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

- Aerospace
- Computers
- Electricity
- Robotics

## NATURAL RESOURCES

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

## HEALTHY LIVING

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

## LEADERSHIP & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

- Civic Engagement
- Youth Leadership
- Self Determined

## EXPRESSIVE ARTS

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

FIND YOUR SPARK WITH A 4-H PROJECT

Join us to celebrate



# 4-H JUBILEE

2025

October 14 5:00 pm

**POSTPONED**

Weston County Events Center

RSVP to Extension Office

746-3531 or [westncty@uwyo.edu](mailto:westncty@uwyo.edu)



# JOIN THE FUN!

# WYOMING STATE 4-H BINGO CHALLENGE

## THE WHOLE MONTH OF OCTOBER!

### HOW IT WORKS

- 1 Pick up your 4-H Bingo Card at your county office before National 4-H Week.
- 2 Complete fun challenges like:
  - Share your 4-H Story
  - Wear your 4-H Shirt
  - Post a picture with your project
  - Invite a friend to join 4-H
  - Thank a volunteer
- 3 Mark off each square as you go!
- 4 Return your completed card to your county office. They will sign it and send a photo to the State 4-H Office!



**PRIZES WILL  
BE  
AWARDED!**

for completed  
rows/columns, as well  
as blackout cards!

### WHERE TO GET YOUR CARD



Available at your County  
Extension Office

**CELEBRATE, SHARE,  
AND SHOW YOUR 4-H  
SPIRIT!**



Wyoming 4-H



# APPAREL STOREFRONT!

*Get ready to show your 4-H pride with official Wyoming 4-H gear!*

- ★ T-shirts, hoodies, hats, and more
- ★ Sizes for youth and adults
- ★ Perfect for clubs, families, & supporters
- ★ Delivered straight to you

**Storefront link going live  
around National 4-H week!**



# Wyoming 4-H



## Holiday Card Contest

Calling all 4-H members - let your creativity shine!

### Who Can Enter

Open to all enrolled  
Wyoming 4-H Members

### What To Submit

- Original holiday card design
- Front cover or whole design folded
- Size 5x7 inches
- Include a holiday greeting/message
- Digital format (JPG, PNG, or PDF)
- Make sure to sign your card!

### Submission Deadline

November 2, 2025

### Prizes

The Winning card will get to select an item from the Wyoming 4-H e-store with an allotted balance.

### How To Submit

Email your design to [4h@uwyo.edu](mailto:4h@uwyo.edu)  
with subject line "Holiday Card Contest"

*Winning card will be sent to all Wyoming 4-H Stakeholders, and for sale for anyone to purchase!*

*Get creative and spread holiday cheer!*

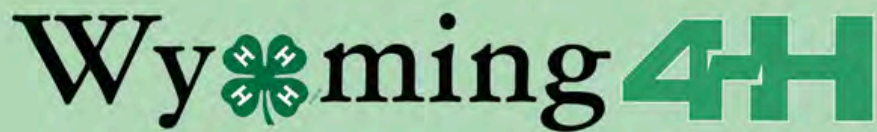


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## Statewide 4-H Service Project

# THANK YOU CARDS & CARE BASKETS FOR HEALTHCARE WORKERS



### What We're Doing

Wyoming 4-H youth and families are uniting to honor healthcare heroes by making handmade thank-you cards and assembling care baskets with snacks, personal care items, and encouraging messages.



### How You Can help

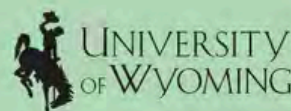
- ✓ Make a few thank-you cards (hand-drawn or written)
- ✓ Collect items for care baskets:
  - Snacks (granola bars, trail mix, coffee, tea, gum)
  - Personal care items (lotion, ChapStick, hand sanitizer)
  - Fun Extras (crossword books, pens, fuzzy socks, stress balls)
- ✓ Work with your local 4-H club to drop off cards and baskets to local hospitals, clinics, and health care facilities.

### When

The Month of  
October!

### Share Your Impact!

Take photos of your club delivering your service project and share with, #Wyoming4-H



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# 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  
**October 1 - New 4-H Year Begins**  
**October 5 - 11 - National 4-H Week**  
**October 11 - 4-H Jubilee-POSTPONED**  
**October 24 - Cloverbud Celebration**  
**November 17 - Passport to 4-H Adventures**




# 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

Due to some crazy circumstances, we've had to adjust the Cloverbud Celebration date once again. Thank you so much for your patience and flexibility! To make the most of our time together, we'll now be combining the Cloverbud Celebration with our October Cloverbud meeting.

 New Date: FRIDAY, October 24<sup>th</sup> (So sorry for the confusion and multiple emails!)

 Time: 2:00 – 4:00 pm

 Location: Newcastle (exact location to be announced)

We'll enjoy fun activities, celebrate our Cloverbuds' accomplishments, and look ahead to a brand-new 4-H year.

✨ Reminder: Don't forget to re-enroll in 4-H for the 2025-2026 year through ZSuite. Re-enrollment ensures your Cloverbud can participate in all the fun activities, clubs, and events we have planned!

Thank you for your flexibility—we're looking forward to a wonderful celebration on October 24th!



# Cloverbud Celebration

## Super Heroes UNite!

**October 24th**  
**2:00-4:00 PM**  
**Location TBA**



# 4-H PROJECT NEWS



## **CROCHET PROJECT**

**Crochet Club returns!**

**October 8  
October 22  
November 12  
December 10**

**4:00 - 5:00 PM  
Extension Office  
Bring your crochet hooks  
or borrow ours to get  
started!**

## **ROBOTICS PROJECT**

**Join us for hands-on robotics fun this fall and discover the exciting world of coding, building, and problem-solving. Come create, experiment, and see what you can make move!**

**October 10  
November 7  
December 5**

**4:00 - 6:00 PM  
Please RSVP to the  
Extension Office by  
October 8<sup>th</sup>.  
Location will be  
determined next week.**

# 4-H PROJECT NEWS

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## FABRIC AND FASHION PROJECT

Pillow Case Workshop

October 10

2:00 - 4:00 PM

Senior Center Michaels Room

RSVP by October 8th

### Supplies Needed

- $\frac{1}{4}$  yard cotton border fabric
- $\frac{3}{4}$  yard cotton pillow body fabric

A promotional poster for a 'MAKE IT WITH WOOL' event. The poster features a central photograph of a young girl in a red and black plaid dress and brown boots, holding a blue rope attached to a small white goat. The goat is also wearing a red and black plaid harness. The background of the poster is a close-up of various woolen fabrics, including plaid and solid colors. The text on the poster is as follows:

**MAKE IT WITH WOOL**  
*Converse, Goshen, Natrona, Niobrara and Weston Counties*  
**NOVEMBER 9, 2025**

**Niobrara County Fairgrounds**  
Lusk, WY  
1:00 PM  
Entry Deadline November 3<sup>rd</sup>

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



## GET COOKING WITH 4-H

Learn, cook, taste, and share with your family while building lifelong skills in the kitchen.

### WHAT IT'S ABOUT:

- Monthly recipes and cooking challenges
- Hands-on learning: baking, grilling, holiday treats & more
- Fun for the whole family — kids and parents cook together
- Opportunities to try new foods and explore creative twists

### YOUTH SAID IT BEST:

“I liked learning how to make eggs a new way.”

“The banana bread became our new family favorite.”

“I made my own grilled chicken sauce and everyone loved it!”

### WHY JOIN?

- Try new recipes
- Build kitchen confidence
- Create family memories



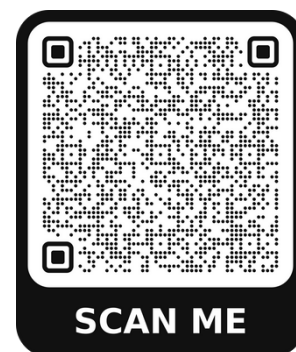
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### JOIN US FOR YEAR 4!

SIGN UP AT  
[HTTPS://FORMS.GLE/JCDUBZF9UVCTRYJ2](https://forms.gle/JCDUBZF9UVCTRYJ2)

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SCAN ME

# JR. LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

Next Meeting:

February 4th @ 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	Grace Sandrini
Cindy Rhoades	
Nastel Dean	
Erin Persche	



## FRIENDS OF FAIR

Friends of 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:

October 6th @ 5:30 PM  
at Event Center

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

## FAIR BOARD

Next Meeting:

October 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 PM  
at Fairgrounds

Members:

Billy Jackson  
Francie Hamilton  
Mason Kaiser  
Lindsey Guden

October 18, 2025

Buffalo, WY



Hey, fabulous adult and teen leaders, grab your calendars and circle October 18, 2025 for an epic regional leader summit coming your way in Buffalo! More details to come but save the date now!!



# Western Junior Family & Consumer Sciences Show



October 10 & 11, 2025  
Central States Fairgrounds  
Rapid City SD

Updated 7/15/2025

## Western Junior FCS Show Website



### 2025 Contests Include:

- 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



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1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

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### Weston County Extension Website:

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### Weston Extension:

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

### Weston County 4-H:

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