



Weston County CHATTER



December 2025

Erin's Notes

Happy Holidays!

I honestly cannot believe how fast this fall has flown by! The new 4-H year is well underway and there have been some awesome project meetings held. Please let me know if there are any specific things you'd like to see offered and I'll see what I can help get organized.

Please note the changes to the Beef Tagging requirements under Project News. Shooting Sports information is also headed your way soon!

I hope you'll plan to swing by the Extension Office on Tuesday for Vicki Hayman's retirement party from 11:00-2:00 pm. Vicki's last day in the office is December 23rd. After 28 years of service to Weston County she will be missed.

May your holiday season be filled with family, friends, fun, good food and creating wonderful memories. I'm looking forward to an amazing 4-H year in 2026 with all of you!

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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 WAIVERS **CLUBS**

Choose one or more Clubs then press "Add Club"

County: Sublette County

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Projects:

- Barnyard 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
- Livestock Judging Team
County: Sublette County
Projects: MY 4-H YEAR/4-H YEAR INVOLVEMENT
ADD PROJECT
- Previous Record Bookkeeping
ADD PROJECT

Animal Project Information is NOT required at this time.

ADD TO CART **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**

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4-H YEAR INVOLVEMENT

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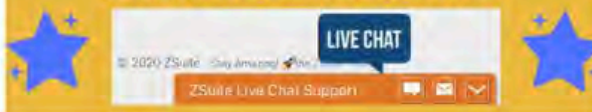
The collage shows the following steps:

- 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 form with 'Add Club' highlighted.
- Step 6:** Project selection form with 'Add Project' highlighted.

A green speech bubble points to the project selection step, stating: "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

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

FIND YOUR SPARK WITH A 4-H PROJECT

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 20th
February 10th
March 17th
April 21st
May - no meeting
June 27th - Camp
July - County Fair
August - no meeting
September 18 - Cloverbud Celebration

NEWCASTLE SCHEDULE

January 22nd
February 12th
March 19th
April 23rd
May - no meeting
June 27th - Camp
July - County Fair
August - no meeting
September 18 - Cloverbud Celebration

Reminders:

- Join Remind:
 - Weston 4-H: text @weston4h to 81010
 - Choose the appropriate group:
 - Newcastle Cloverbuds: text @n4hclover to 81010
 - Upton Cloverbuds: to 81010 @u4hclover to 81010
 - Follow Weston County 4-H on Facebook:
www.facebook.com/WestonCounty4H
- Read the 4-H Chatter monthly
 - Sent via email and Remind
 - Posted on Facebook, ZSuite and the Weston County Extension website
 - Bookmark the Weston County Extension website:
<https://wyoextension.org/westoncounty/>

December Activity:

- Practice the 4-H Pledge a few times
- Make Grinch Kabobs for a fun Holiday snack!
 - Ingredients:
 - Strawberries - cut off stem end
 - Banana - sliced
 - Green Grapes - washed
 - Mini marshmallow (optional)
 - Assemble
 - Grape, banana slice, strawberry and marshmallow
 - ENJOY!

4-H Pledge



I PLEDGE MY HEAD
to clearer thinking
I PLEDGE MY HEART
to greater loyalty
I PLEDGE MY HANDS
to larger service
I PLEDGE MY HEALTH
to better living
FOR MY CLUB
MY COMMUNITY
MY COUNTRY
AND MY WORLD



4-H PROJECT NEWS



CROCHET PROJECT

Crochet Club continues! Heather Rodriguez has had some awesome projects and is excited to help everyone learn new skills!

December 10 - CANCELLED

4:00 - 5:00 PM

January 14

Extension Office

January 28

Bring your crochet hooks
or borrow ours to get
started!

February 11

February 25

March 11

March 25

ROBOTICS PROJECT

Robotics will continue after the first of the year. Robotics members have been exploring the Lego Spike kits and have started working on Sumobots!

We will kick off with a parent and youth meeting in January to determine practice times and teams.

Showcase Showdown
June 15-18, 2026
Laramie, WY



4-H PROJECT NEWS



SHOOTING SPORTS PROJECTS

It is time to get signed up for shooting sports practice times! The 2026 4-H Shooting Sports season will kick off on January 5th!

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

1. 2026 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 17th.

Weston County is very lucky to have an amazing team of volunteers who will invest an unbelievable amount of time into our youth over the next 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!

4-H PROJECT NEWS



BEEF PROJECT

Wyoming State Fair rules state that all market animals must be owned and tagged by the ownership deadlines to be eligible to compete at the Wyoming State Fair. Weston County Fair and the Weston County Junior Livestock Committee follow the Wyoming State Fair ownership and tagging deadlines.

- Market Beef – February 1st

New in 2026, the Junior Livestock Committee will be holding MANDATORY, In-Person Tagging's for your 4-H and FFA market projects.

What is our Why?

- Validate possession, declare ownership, ensure proper tag placement, answer questions, provide an opportunity to weigh livestock, and determine the appropriate tag for your project.
- There's been recent changes made by the Wyoming Livestock Board and Wyoming State Veterinarian. If the animal has an 840 RFID tag the animal will not be retagged by the Junior Livestock Committee but must attend tagging to record and declare ownership.
- Pictures will be taken at tagging for Junior Livestock Committee requirements.

Requirements

- You MUST be enrolled in 4-H and have ACTIVE status prior to tagging date
- 4-H or FFA designation must be made at tagging
- Paperwork must be presented at tagging
 - Brand Inspection, Bill of Sale or Statement of Ownership
 - Weston County Market Animal ID form

2026 Tagging Dates:

Market Beef Tagging – January 18th at 2:00 PM at Rankin Corrals

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

County Fair Weights:

- Market Steer Minimum Weight: 1100 pounds
- Market Heifer Minimum Weight: 1050 pounds

4-H PROJECT NEWS



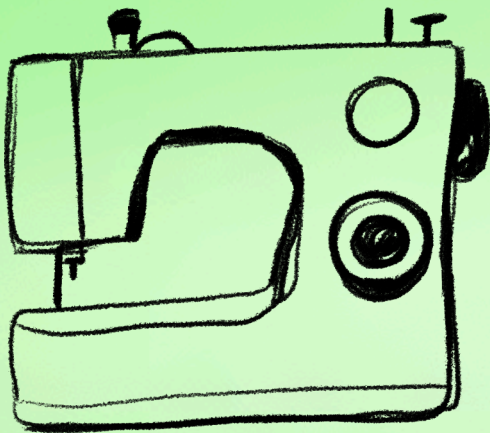
FABRIC AND FASHION PROJECT

December 5th - Crossover Belt Bags Day 1

December 19th - Crossover Belt Bags Day 2

January - Sweater Mittens

January - Ear Flap Hat



Leaders:

Kim Reiniger

Kris Nordstrom

Crossover Belt Bag Sewing Class

December 5th
and

December 19th
2:00 PM

Senior Center
Michael's Room

This will be a multi-day sewing project to complete. Please plan to attend both days to complete the project!

RSVP by December 4th





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/JCDUBZF9UVCTRYJ26](https://forms.gle/JCDUBZF9UVCTRYJ26)



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:

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

FAIR BOARD

Next Meeting:

December 8th @ 6:30 PM
at Fairgrounds

Members:

Billy Jackson
Francie Hamilton
Mason Kaiser
Lindsey Guden



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