

# CONVERSE COUNTY 4-H

## January Newsletter



### A Note From the Educator

Welcome to 2026!

With the start of the new year comes the start of more 4-H project meetings and practices. Please be sure to take a look at the calendar, read through the newsletter, and watch your emails and our Facebook page for updates on those opportunities. Mandatory safety meetings for rifle and pistol will be held on January 13th and 15th. All new and returning shooters must attend one of these meetings with a parent or guardian in order to participate in practices.

Beef tagging dates are January 13th and 24th. All market beef and Cow-Belle Supreme Cow heifers will be tagged on these dates. Your market beef animal must be present and tagged at one of these dates to sell market beef at the 2026 Converse County Fair. Please make arrangements to get your animal there if you cannot bring it yourself.

As a reminder, you must be actively enrolled through ZSuite to participate in 4-H activities. I hope you all have a great month and a wonderful start to the new year!

*Kellyanne Doyle*

#### IMPORTANT DATES

**January 13:** Glenrock Beef Tagging

**January 13 & 15:** Rifle & Pistol Mandatory Safety Meeting

**January 19:** Extension Office Closed

**January 20:** February Newsletter Updates/Information Due

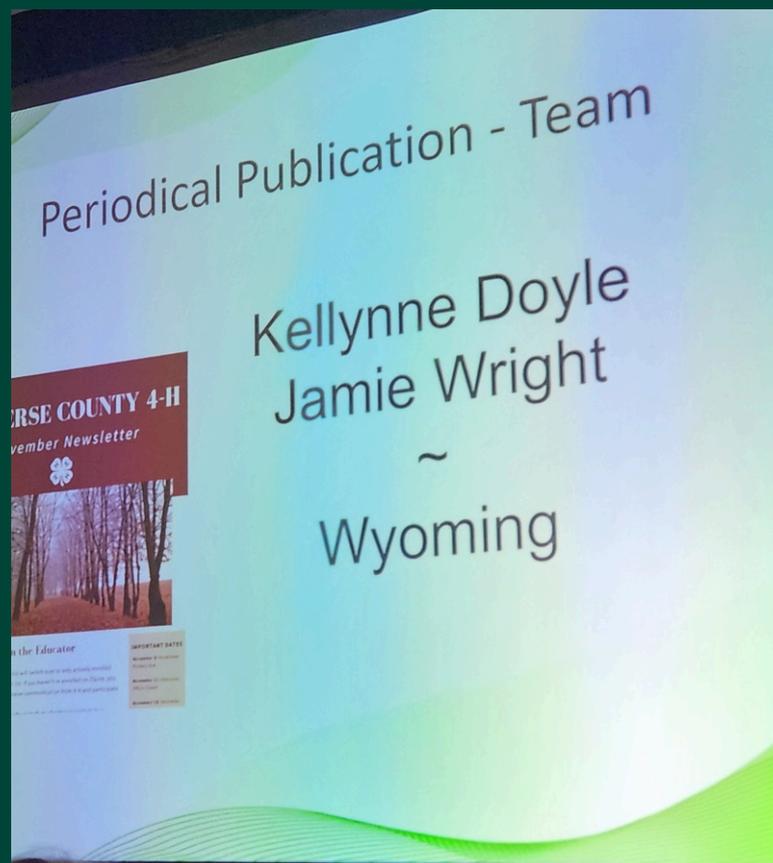
**January 24:** Douglas Beef Tagging

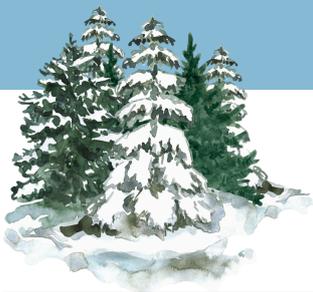


# CONVERSE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

# National Award Winner

During the National Association of Extension 4-H Youth Development Professionals Annual Conference in October, the Converse County 4-H Newsletter won the Western Regional and National awards for Best Periodical Piece-Team!





# January 2026



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28  Kellynne out of office	29	30	31	1  2026  Office Closed	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11  Sand Creek 3 pm	12	13  Glenrock Beef Tagging 3 pm-dark  Rifle/Pistol Safety Meeting-Option 1 6 pm	14	15  Rifle/Pistol Safety Meeting-Option 2 6 pm	16  Kellynne out of office	17  Rifle/Pistol Gun Fitting Day 9 am
18  Future Stars 12 pm	19  Office Closed	20  February Newsletter Club/Project Updates & Info Due  Rifle/Pistol New Shooter 101 5:30 pm Rifle Practice (Returning Shooters) 5:30 p.m. Pistol Practice (Returning Shooters) 6:45 p.m.	21  Walker Creek 5:30 pm	22  Horse 5 pm	23	24  Douglas Beef Tagging 9 am-12 pm
25	26	27  Rifle/Pistol New Shooter 101 5:30 pm Rifle Practice (Returning Shooters) 5:30 p.m. Pistol Practice (Returning Shooters) 6:45 p.m.	28	29	30	31

• All dates and times are subject to change





# February 2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3 <b>Kellynne out of office</b>  Rifle/Pistol New Shooter 101 5:30 pm Rifle Practice (Returning Shooters) 5:30 p.m. Pistol Practice (Returning Shooters) 6:45 p.m.	4	5	6	7  <b>Horse 10 am</b>
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15	16  <b>HAPPY Presidents Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>	17 <b>March Newsletter Club/Project Updates &amp; Info Due</b>  Rifle Practice 5:30 p.m. Pistol Practice 6:45 p.m.	18  Walker Creek 5:30 pm	19  <b>Horse 5 pm</b>	20	21
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# Club Updates

## Deer Creek

## Dry Creek Willing Workers

## Future Stars

The next club meeting will be at the Extension Office on January 18th at 12 pm.

## LaBonte Sagebrush

# Club Updates

## Magic Chefs

## Sand Creek

The club met on December 14th. Committee reports were given on the library Christmas tree contest, Winterfest concessions, and wreath laying. Club members explained the club's yearly Pizza Ranch fundraiser to new members and discussed whether or not to continue the fundraiser. The next meeting will be on January 11th at 3 p.m.

## Walker Creek

Next club meeting will be January 21, 2026 at 5:30 pm.

## Wild Bunch



# RIFLE & PISTOL SAFETY MEETINGS

**JANUARY 13TH  
6 PM  
WSF FORT CASPAR**

**JANUARY 15TH  
6 PM  
WSF FORT CASPAR**

Project members must attend one of these meetings with a parent or guardian in order to participate in practices.

## 2026 Beef Tagging Dates and Locations

### Glenrock

January 13th • 3 p.m.-Dark  
Crossroads Veterinary Services

### Douglas

January 24th • 9 a.m.-12 p.m.  
Wagonhound Feedlot

# CCHP 4-H

## RIDING SCHEDULE



Jan 2026

Jan 22nd  
5-8 PM  
WSF Pepsi  
Arena

Feb 2026

Feb 7th  
10 AM - 2 PM  
WSF Pepsi  
Arena

Feb 19th  
5-8 PM  
WSF Pepsi  
Arena

March 2026

Mar 7th  
10 AM - 2 PM  
WSF Pepsi  
Arena

Mar 19th  
5-8 PM  
WSF Pepsi  
Arena

April 2026

Apr 4th  
10 AM - 2 PM  
WSF Pepsi  
Arena



# CONVERSE COUNTY FAIR

DATE ANNOUNCEMENT



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR  
JULY 10-18, 2026**

# 2025-2026

## CONVERSE COUNTY 4-H ACTIVE ADULT VOLUNTEERS

### ANIMAL SCIENCE PROJECTS

**BEEF**

**CATS**

**DOGS**

**GOATS**

JENNI NIEFT

NICOLE WILLIAMS  
(DAIRY)

**HORSES**

JEN GOODWIN  
RACHEL HOFFMAN

**LLAMAS  
&ALPACAS**

**POCKET  
PETS**

**POULTRY**  
JEN WHITE

**RABBITS**

**SHEEP**

**SWINE**

**VET  
SCIENCE**

### EXPRESSIVE ARTS PROJECTS

**CAKE DECORATING**

**CROCHETING**  
RACHEL HOFFMAN

**FABRIC &  
FASHION**  
BEVERLY REED

**INTERIOR  
DESIGN**

**KNITTING**

**LEATHERCRAFT**

**PHOTOGRAPHY**  
KRYSTAL BREWER

**QUILTING**

**ROPECRAFT**

**VISUAL ARTS**  
BECKY HARRIS

**WELDING**

**WOODWORKING**

THE VOLUNTEERS LISTED WERE ACTIVE AS OF 1/6/26.  
PLEASE CONTACT KELLYNNE IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING  
THIS LIST OR ARE INTERESTED IN BECOMING A PROJECT VOLUNTEER.

# 2025-2026

## CONVERSE COUNTY 4-H ACTIVE ADULT VOLUNTEERS

### HEALTHY LIVING PROJECTS

FOODS &  
NUTRITION  
BEVERLY REED

GARDENING  
RACHEL HOFFMAN

HEALTH

OUTDOOR  
RECREATION

### LEADERSHIP & CIVIC ENGAGEMENT PROJECTS

CIVIC  
ENGAGEMENT

SELF  
DETERMINED

YOUTH  
LEADERSHIP

### NATURAL RESOURCES EDUCATION PROJECTS

ENTOMOLOGY

GEOLOGY

NATURE &  
ECOLOGY

RANGE  
MANAGEMENT

SHOOTING  
SPORTS-  
ARCHERY

ROBERT BREWER

SHOOTING  
SPORTS-  
AIR&.22  
RIFLE/PISTOL

JOSEPH CARTER  
RICK PRICE  
LAURA TAYLOR  
PETE TAYLOR

SHOOTING  
SPORTS-  
SHOTGUN

ROBERT BREWER  
BECKY HARRIS  
JOHN HARRIS  
RICK PRICE  
PETE TAYLOR

SHOOTING  
SPORTS-  
MUZZLELOADING

PETE TAYLOR

SPORTFISHING

WILDLIFE & HUNTING

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# 2025-2026

## CONVERSE COUNTY 4-H ACTIVE ADULT VOLUNTEERS

### SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS

AEROSPACE

COMPUTERS

ELECTRICITY

ROBOTICS

### GENERAL ACTIVITIES

#### GENERAL/ UNSPECIFIED

FAUSTYNA BENNETT

GLEN BLACKBURN

BENJAMIN COBLE

### CLUB LEADERS & VOLUNTEERS

#### DEER CREEK

NICOLE WILLIAMS (L)

#### DRY CREEK

#### WILLING WORKERS

BEVERLY REED (V)

REBECCA LANGLEY (V)

#### FUTURE

#### STARS

JODY ETTLES (L)

JEN WHITE (V)

#### LABONTE

#### SAGEBRUSH

#### MAGIC CHEFS

MARGARET GRANT (L)

ANGLEA GRANT (V)

#### SAND CREEK

MARGARET FARLEY (L)

ANTHONY RIVERA (L)

ERIN WOLFLEY (L)

KENNY WOLFLEY (L)

KRYSTAL BREWER (V)

ROBERT BREWER (V)

#### WALKER

#### CREEK

JAMIE WRIGHT (L)

CORI CARTER (V)

JOHN NACHTMAN (V)

#### WILD BUNCH

SARAH STOLTENBERG (L)

JENNI NIEFT (V)

CARSTEN PHILLIPPI (V)

#### CLOVERBUDS

KELLYNNE DOYLE (L)

#### HORSE HIPPOLOGY

JEN GOODWIN (L)

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# Converse County 4-H Pending Volunteers



**As of 1/6/26, the following volunteers have components of their enrollment that have not been completed. These must be completed before you can participate as a 4-H volunteer.**

Paul Hays	Update Volunteer Training Background Screening
Moriah Moore	New Volunteer Training
Monte Reed	Update Volunteer Training
Tanya Reed	Update Volunteer Training
Savanah Schenk	Update Volunteer Training

**An annual Motor Vehicle Record (MVR) check will also be required if you plan to drive 4-H youth that are not your own children or under your guardianship.**

- Links for the New Volunteer Training and Background Screening are sent by the Wyoming 4-H Volunteer Specialist. If you cannot find the email, please reach out to Kellynne and she can have it resent.
- Volunteers who need an updated training may attend one of the scheduled Wyoming 4-H virtual trainings or watch one of the training videos at <https://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/volunteers/additional-trainings.html>.
  - If you choose to watch a pre-recorded video, you will need to let Kellynne know when you have completed it.

**If you are no longer interested in being a volunteer or you have questions regarding your incomplete components, please contact our office.**

# WYOMING 4-H VOLUNTEER TRAININGS SCHEDULE 2026

## JANUARY 20TH

TUESDAY / 6:00PM-7:30PM



### TOPIC: SMART GOALS

Enjoy a volunteer focused training on how to help 4-H members set SMART goals for the 4-H year. No matter what the project or club area focus is on, SMART goals are for everyone! This training will be interactive and give volunteers an opportunity to connect with other volunteers across the state.

Registration required for access to the zoom link. You can register using the QR Code.

## FEBRUARY 17TH

TUESDAY / 6:00 PM - 7:30PM



### TOPIC: COMMUNITY & SERVICE

Join us for some great conversation, share ideas, and join a discussion on our featured topic "Community & Service". Share what it means to volunteer in your communities, it's benefits, ways to get more involved, and share your community service ideas with other volunteers across the state. This will be an interactive training giving you opportunities to connect and have deeper conversations with other volunteers. Registration required for access to the zoom link. You can register using the QR Code above.



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## MARCH 31ST

TUESDAY / 6:00 PM - 7:30PM



### TOPIC: MEANINGFUL MEETINGS

Training focused on creating meaningful meetings and the tools and science behind techniques to accomplish this. No matter what type of gathering you are having; a club meeting, project meeting, or even just attending an activity. This training will be interactive and give you an opportunity to connect with other volunteers. Registration is required for access to the zoom link. You can register using the QR Code above.

### FOR ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT

Tiera Bevilacqua  
Volunteer Specialist  
tarndorf@uwyo.edu

# 2026 Fair Book Changes

## Page 4- Stall Assignments

4. All stalls will be assigned this year. Exhibitors must indicate the number of stalls required when entering their information in ShoWorks.
5. Each exhibitor is given to one stall per animal, in addition to one tack stall per species.

## Page 4- Ownership of Animals

1. To be eligible for competition, whether singly or in groups, animals must be the bona fide property of the owner and must be entered in the owner's name.
  2. Converse County Fair requires that all Market animals be tagged and weighed at the designated tagging and weigh-in dates. All livestock must be owned by the individual members in compliance with the following Wyoming State Fair ownership deadlines. **Exhibitors must have a brand inspection or bill of sale for market livestock at the January/May tagging and weigh-in.**
  3. Only approved exceptions by the Fair Board prior to tagging dates will be excepted. 30 days prior to the initial species-specific weighing and tagging date(s), a written request must be received by the CCFB for review and approval of exemption.
  4. **All Breeding Livestock** - Must fill out a Ownership I.D. Certificate and return the completed form into Kellynne Doyle by ownership deadline. June 1, 2026
  5. **Rabbits and Poultry**- Must fill out a Ownership I.D. Certificate and return the completed form into Kellynne Doyle by ownership deadline. June 1, 2026
- Forms can be found by scanning QR Code or on the CCF website. <https://www.conversecountyfair.com/links.html>
7. NEW THIS YEAR\*\*\*\*\*  
The "Family Back-Up Animal" is an opportunity for families to identify an animal as a "backup" in the case of death, or other unforeseen circumstances. This animal can be identified as a "Family Animal" (immediate family only) at the January/May tagging dates. At the time of County Fair Entries this animal must be designated to ONE (1) exhibitor and deemed to be 4-H or FFA at that time. The failure to do so will disqualify this animal from being eligible to weigh-in at County Fair.

## Page 32- Swine Classification

### MARKET SWINE DIVISION 19

#### **General Information:**

1. Swine shows will be classified by breed, then weight using natural breaks or logical separations.
2. Classes will be established by breed division and then weight within each breed division respectively by the Swine Superintendent following processing.
3. **Dark Cross** – To classify as a Dark Cross, the animal must have black pigment and hair in the same location. Examples include: black belted, white hog with black spots, calico with black spots, or a white hog with a black head.
4. **Light Cross** – To classify as a Light Cross, the animal must have white and non-black pigment. Examples include: red belts, red roans, blues, and blue butts (including blues with black pigment on the snout and toes).
5. **Purebred** – To classify as a purebred, the animal must meet the breed association's standards for color, markings, body characteristics, and conformation.

#### **Converse County Fair Breed Classification Policy**

1. A classification committee, consisting of two individuals, will visually assess each class entry. Registration papers, breeder affidavits, or other factors **\*\*WILL NOT\*\*** be taken into account by the committee members.
2. Animals will not be disqualified from participation as a result of the classification process.
3. In the event of a tie, the Swine Superintendent will serve as the tie-breaker.
4. Classifiers, appointed by CCF, will utilize their judgment to assist with class placements. Their decisions are final and cannot be appealed. To better understand breed standards, 4-H and FFA members are encouraged to review and comprehend the standards set by breed associations.
5. Swine classification will occur during the May tagging and weigh-in event.

To view the 2026 Fair Book, scan the QR code or go to:  
<https://www.conversecountyfair.com/participation.html>





CONVERSE COUNTY 4-H

# DISBUDDING FOR STATE FAIR 2026

## Market Goat Youth Show

- **State Fair Rules**

### YOUTH LIVESTOCK

• Market Goat Horn Policy Update—Youth Market Wethers & Dehorned Market Does: Must follow the existing policy—no horns, with scurs up to one inch acceptable.

Market Does: Horns will be allowed **only** in the Market Doe class. Exhibitors with a **dehorned** doe may choose to enter either the Market Goat class or the Market Doe class.

Photo pulled from WY state fair website:  
<https://wystatefair.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Youth-Goat-2025.pdf>

- **Converse County Fair Rules**

Converse County does not have a market goat horn policy. This rule only needs to be considered if you plan to show a market goat at the Wyoming State Fair.

Photo By: Mississippi State University



## Pro's for Disbudded Goats

- Reduced Risk of Injury to Humans.
- Reduced Risk of Entanglement and Death.
- Better Market Potential.
- Packer & Processing Preference.
- Goats establish a pecking order through head-butting, and horned goats can seriously injure other animals in the show ring environment.

Disbudding is typically done before two weeks of age. Once the animal reaches two weeks of age, the horns will fuse to the frontal sinus and removing them will require an invasive and risky procedure. If you plan to show a market goat at the Wyoming State Fair, please talk to your breeder about disbudding your animal.

# LIVESTOCK

Available!

# SCHOLARSHIPS

A portion of Converse County 4-H's proceeds from the Converse County Fair Market Sale is used to provide educational and purchasing scholarships for market livestock project members.

## Available Scholarships

- **Market Livestock Educational Scholarship**

This scholarship is to be used for market livestock clinics, training, or camps related to the applicant's livestock project(s).

- **Market Livestock Purchasing Funds-Returning Members**

This scholarship is to be used for assistance in purchasing market livestock.

- **Market Livestock Purchasing Funds-First Year Members**

This scholarship is to be used for assistance in purchasing market livestock for members showing a market animal for the first time.

- **Wayne Paris Memorial Beef Education Scholarship**

This scholarship is to be used for clinics, training, or camps related to the applicant's market or breeding beef project(s).

## How to Apply

Visit <https://www.wyoming4h.org/converse4h/scholarships/> to access the scholarship applications and learn more about eligibility requirements and selection criteria.



# READY, SET, EXPLORE!

## OCTOBER, 2025 - MAY, 2026

We are so excited to invite you to join our program from University of Wyoming Extension

### *Ready, Set, Explore!*

This is a free, family-friendly program designed to inspire outdoor adventures and create unforgettable memories. 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!

1. Register to participate at:  
[https://bit.ly/readyssetexplore\\_registration](https://bit.ly/readyssetexplore_registration)
2. Upon registering, you'll receive a link to the full Ready, Set, Explore! packet that includes activities and extras for all months (Oct–May).
3. Choose to do 4 or more of the activities listed for each month.
4. Submit monthly completion form and share pictures from your adventures!  
[https://bit.ly/readyssetexplore\\_completion](https://bit.ly/readyssetexplore_completion)

To register use the following link or scan the QR code!

[https://bit.ly/readyssetexplore\\_registration](https://bit.ly/readyssetexplore_registration)

#### EXTRAS!

**The fun doesn't stop there!** Each month participants are encouraged to do the extra activities, but not required:

- Nature Journaling Prompt
- Vibrant Health Tip
- Snack Idea
- Leave No Trace Tip
- Natural Resource Handout



**FAMILY ADVENTURES AWAIT!**

QUESTIONS? ☎ 307.235.9400 ✉ [readyssetexplore.4h@gmail.com](mailto:readyssetexplore.4h@gmail.com)

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4-H CAMP



JUNE 8 – 10, 2026

MORE INFORMATION COMMING SOON!



# SHOWCASE SHOWDOWN

June 15 - 18, 2026

University of Wyoming, Laramie

## New for 2026!

- **New Contests**
  - Horse Quiz Bowl
  - Livestock Quiz Bowl
- **Full Cloverbud Track**
  - Full schedule of cloverbud activities
- **NEW Residence Halls**
  - All participants will be housed in the brand-new University of Wyoming residence halls!
  - Nightly activities specific for those who stay in the residence halls!
- **Event T-shirt** design by the 4-H youth, Jansen Hornecker who won the 2025 Showcase Showdown design contest!

# Livestock Quiz Bowl

## Contest

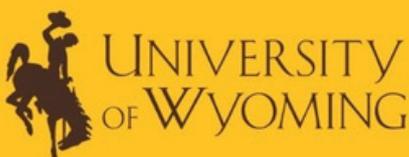
*Showcase Showdown*

*June 15th-18th*

### Contest Details:

- Open to WY 4-H members 8-18 years
- Teams consist of 3-4 youth, a 5<sup>th</sup> member is allowed as an alternate
- Knowledge of animal science
- Content covers: Beef, Sheep, Goats, Swine, Dairy, Rabbits, and Poultry in a quiz bowl setting
- Senior teams compete for eligibility at National Competitions

**Team  
Contest**



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# Horse Quiz Bowl Contest

*Showcase Showdown*

*June 15th-18th*

## Contest Details:

- Open to WY 4-H members 8-18 years
- Teams consist of 3-4 youth, a 5<sup>th</sup> member is allowed as an alternate
- Knowledge of equine science as well as health and care in a quiz bowl setting
- Senior teams compete for eligibility at National Competitions

**Team  
Contest**



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## Converse County 4-H Website

<https://www.wyoming4h.org/converse4h/>



## Converse County 4-H Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/Converse4H>

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