Crook County

CLOVER CONNECTION

4-H Families & Friends

As the winter months settle in, it's easy to let the chilly weather slow us down. However, winter is a great time to focus on static projects for fair entries or to keep up with record book keeping for livestock.

Join upcoming workshops to improve your skills for future projects and spring will be here before we know it!

Don't forget to join the BAND app group to stay up to date on event changes quickly.



Happy Valentines,

Erica

Crook County Extension Office

309 Cleveland St (Basement)

(307)-283-1192

M-F 7:30 am - 4 pm

The University of Wyoming is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.

Things to Note:

Don't Forget!

- Leaders and Members, if you haven't all ready, re-enroll for the 2024-2025 4-H year at 4h.zsuite.org
- You can now pay your enrollment fees online through zsuite!
- Join the BAND group by visiting https://band.us/n/a6a2Afh246W3b

Did you know, events are also listed on our 4-H website?!? wyoming4h.org/crook4h/

Upcoming Events

4-H Fridays- Valentines Cupcakes	February 7th, 2025
Camp Planning Meeting	February 9, 2025
Cloverbuds	February 28, 2025
Decorate Cookies	March 7, 2025
IGNITE National 4-H Conference	March 12-16, 2025 April 11-16, 2025

BAND app

BAND is an all-in-one-app for messaging, calendars, files, photos, and videos!

Join our Crook County 4-H group to stay up on events and changes!

SCAN ME

Join the BAND group by visiting https://band.us/n/a6a2Afh246W3b

Local Events

Come make a chicken clucker & learn about the poultry project!



Make sure you register by calling the office or scanning the code!

4-H FRIDAY

CROOK COUNTY COURTHOUSE BASEMENT-SUNDANCE

9am-11am

December 6th- Holiday Crafts (Register by Nov 27th)
February 7th-Valentines Cupcakes (Register by Jan 30th)
April 4th-Spring Crafts (Register by March 27th)
May 2nd- Mothers/Fathers Day Craft (Register by 24th)

REGISTER NOW
SCAN

REGISTER BY SCANNING THE CODE OR CALL THE EXTENSION OFFICE AT 307-283-1192

Children grades 3-12 are invited to attend. You don't need to be signed up for 4-H prior to the workshop but enrollment is highly encouraged.
Enroll in 4-H at https://4h.zsuite.org/

Local Events

Cookies!!! Sign up to learn some new skills!



Local Events

Spots are limited!

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.



Local Events

CROOK COUNTY
MURAL CONTEST

OPEN TO YOUTH OF CROOK COUNTY
BETWEEN THE AGES OF 8-18

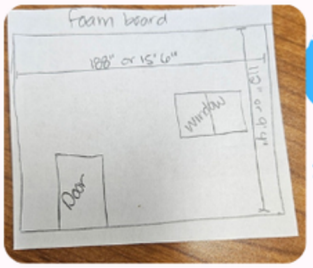
THE MURAL WILL BE LOCATED IN THE SHOOTING SPORTS BUILDING ON THE WALL OF THE FAIR OFFICE.
SUPPLIES WILL BE PROVIDED TO THE WINNER TO COMPLETE THE MURAL AFTER SELECTION.

MURAL DESIGNS MUST INCORPORATE ITEMS THAT REPRESENT CROOK COUNTY!
EXAMPLES INCLUDE DEVILS TOWER, VORE BUFFALO JUMP, COUNTY FAIR, SUNDANCE KID, ETC...

DESIGNS MAY BE ENTERED BY AN INDIVIDUAL OR A TEAM OF NO MORE THAN 4 YOUTH. IF ENTERED BY A TEAM, THE WINNING PRIZE WILL BE DIVIDED AMONGST TEAM MEMBERS.
DESIGNS WILL BE JUDGED BY A PANEL CONSISTING OF 4-H EDUCATOR, FAIR MANAGER, AND 1 COMMUNITY MEMBER.

Designs Due by April 1st





Prizes:
- $100 Visa Gift Card (split between all team members)
- Free 4-H enrollment for 2025-2026

Submit designs to the Crook County Extension Office either in person or by email to crookcty@uwyo.edu
Must include Name, Age, Address, Phone #, and Email address with design

CROOK COUNTY
MURAL COMPETITION

MURAL TIPS FROM ARTIST BRUCE SPEIDEL

1. COMPOSITION! It's all about a good plan. Spend time planning before you color in and put details into your design! Composition doesn't make things look real but it's the most important part. Make sure the elements of a painting are put together in a meaningful way. Dynamic Symmetry, rule of 3rds, Golden Ratio, and good diagonals are tools to a solid foundation for a painting. Color and Lighting are also essential elements to be considered in your compositions. You can break the rules of composition and go with your gut... but always consider VERY carefully the composition of your painting. You ruin a masterpiece with a bad composition. A solid plan however, will cover a multitude of mistakes. MAKE SURE that your design has the correct size ratio and you have considered the window and door placement into your design.
2. Think out your overall layout with thumbnail sketches before you get into the details, this will help a lot!
3. Atmospheric Perspective. The clear Western skies make it difficult to see. Exaggerate atmosphere to give your painting a "real look" and depth.
4. Shadow and Lighting. Make sure your painting has a believable light source and the shadows are conformed to that light source and linear perspective.
5. Linear Perspective. Make sure your painting has it!
6. Focus/Depth of Field. Having the subject of main interest and the background and close foreground out of focus makes it look like a photo... but more importantly eliminates distractions and helps your subject to stand out. Take it the opposite direction, make everything in focus and your eyes will dance through the painting quickly and your subject will blend in.
7. Proportion and Accuracy. Start with the big picture first, stay far away from your painting as long as possible. Resist getting close to your painting and into details. Gridding can help a lot to make your subject accurate. Printing the same size as your painting and tracing. Transfer Paper is very helpful. A reference print the same size can be measured for accuracy and a whole list of benefits to using a same size reference. The mirror trick, flip things and your eyes and brain will spot the problem. Flip a photo of your painting in a phone and you'll spot your problems right away.
8. Color and mood Color gives you the power to set the tone and mood of your painting. You want energy and movement? Contrast and bold color will give you movement. You want peace, tranquility and calm, analogous, monochromatic or black and white is the route to calm.

How to get your Subject to stand out:
Lighting, Color, Focus, Texture

State/National Events



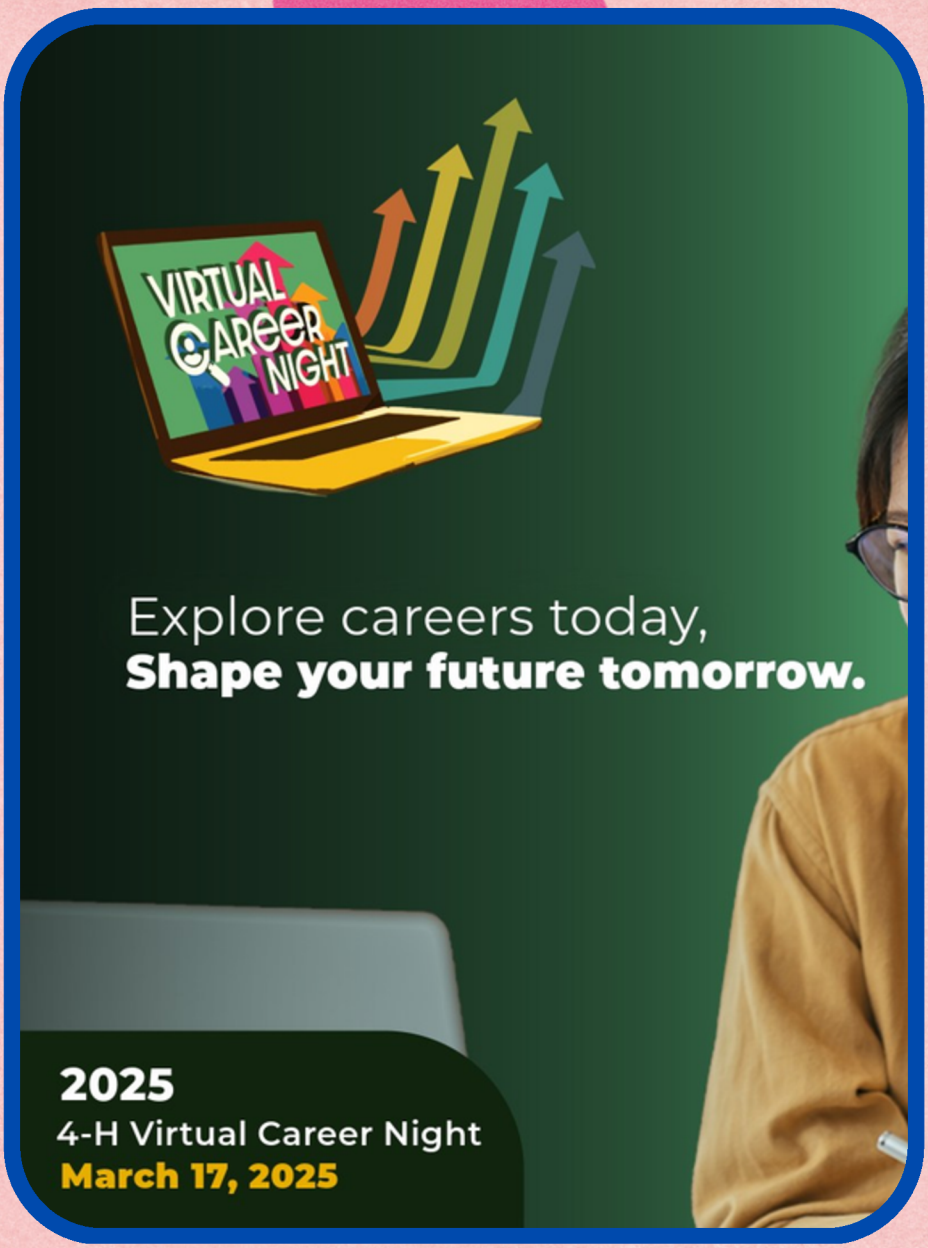


Interested? Need more info?
Call the office 307-283-1192
or email ereasone@uwyo.edu





State/National Events



Save the date and register now: wyoming4h.org/virtual-career-night

Join us on March 17, 2025, for this exciting online event:

Free to Attend

Open to All Teenagers (not just 4-H members)

Remote Access—join from anywhere with internet!

2025

Crook County Fair

July 26th- August 2nd

Important Fair Deadlines

Market beef tagging, brand inspections, & ownership forms due to fair office	February 1, 2025
Dog ownership forms to fair office	May 1st, 2025
Market Sheep/Swine/Goat tagging, brand inspections, & ownership forms due to fair office	June 1st, 2025
Market rabbits/poultry ownership form to fair office	June 1st, 2025
Fair Entries Due	July 7th, 2025

Questions about deadline requirements? Contact Jasmyne at the fair office. 307-283-2644

Beef Showmanship Clinic

Register today for a beef clinic, June 13-15 in Sundance. The $200 fee is required to reserve your spot. Contact Mr. Jenkins at (307) 391-1093. Cash or checks to Whitcomb FFA Alumni are accepted



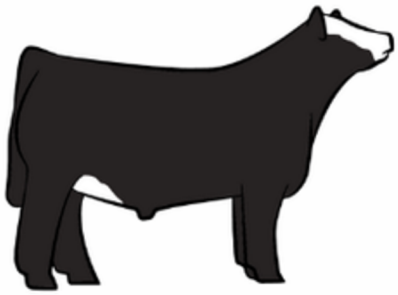
Great opportunity to learn some new skills in Beef Showmanship!

Beef News

Crook County FAIR

NEW

2025 CROOK COUNTY FAIR YOUTH BEEF CARCASS CONTEST





More details to come!

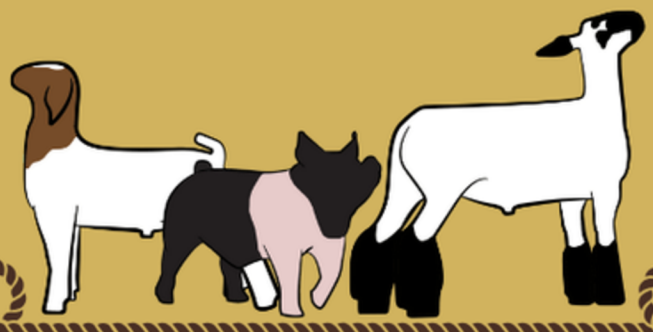
Market Sheep/Swine/Goat

Crook County Market Goat/Sheep/ Swine Tagging

May 21st, 2025

4:30-6:00 PM

Sundance Fairgrounds - Swine Barn



Crook County FAIR

Ownership Papers
Brand Inspections
(Sheep Only)
Tagging

Pictures
(Front Facial w/ ear tag, Full Body Left Side, Full Body Right Side)

All Due
JUNE 1st, 2025 to the Fair Office
by 5pm

Shooting Sports

Crook County 4-H Shooting Sports



Air Rifle

Mandatory Safety Meeting
(Parent/Guardian must attend)
March 6th @ 5:30pm
Shooting Sports Building-
Sundance Fairgrounds

Air Rifle Practice will begin
March 13th at 5:30-6:30pm
and continue every Thursday
through May 8th

Shooting Sports members will be required to either pay $10 or participate in 1 community service project at a future date!

4-H MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO BE SIGNED UP FOR (AND PAID FOR) THE CURRENT 4-H YEAR IN ORDER TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY SHOOTING SPORTS ACTIVITIES! NO EXCEPTIONS!!!

Shooting Sports

Crook County 4-H Shooting Sports

Mandatory Safety Meeting
(Parent/Guardian must attend)
May 15th @ 5:30pm
Shooting Sports Building-
Sundance Fairgrounds



.22 Rifle

.22 Rifle Practice will begin May 22nd, 5:30-6:30pm and continue every Thursday through July 3rd at the Rod & Gun club's rifle range on Hwy 585. If you need directions please reach out!

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Shooting Sports

2025 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Trainings

The Shooting Sports Training Team will be coming to a county near you! If you are a new shooting sports leader or have reached five years since your last certification, plan to attend one of these certification/ training opportunities.

CHANGING THE FUTURE OF YOUTH SHOOTING SPORTS

Goshen County, Torrington, WY
- Dates - March 1-2, 2025
- Registration : Goshen County

Fremont County, Riverton
- Dates - March 15-16, 2025
- Registration : Fremont County

Johnson County, Buffalo, WY
- Dates - March 29-30, 2025
- Registration: Johnson County

Sublette County, Big Piney
- Dates - April 12-13, 2025
- Registration: Sublette County

Park County, Cody
- Dates - April 26-27, 2025
- Registration: Park County

Shooting Sports Development Committee Meeting
- Date - February 15, 2025, Casper
- Hilton Garden Inn - 10 am to 3 pm
- Directions from Douglas
- Directions from Riverton

You can register using the links above or visit the Wyoming 4-H webpage at: http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/ then select "Volunteers" and "Additional Trainings."

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https://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/volunteers/additional-trainings.html

We need volunteers in Shooting Sports!

4-H Camp



4-H Camp

There's still time to RSVP!

4-H CAMP PLANNING



Who: 4-H'ers 14 years and older

What: Crook/Niobrara/Weston 4-H Camp Leadership Training and Planning Meeting

When: February 9th at 12:30 PM

Where: Newcastle Fairgrounds Event Center

Why: Meet teen leaders from Crook, Niobrara and Weston Counties, participate in a fun leadership training activity and start planning 4-H Camp 2025!

RSVP by 2/7/25 to Erin, Kellie or Erica

Come prepared to plan:

- Theme
- Activities
- Meals

Scholarships

Due February 15th!

2025 STATE 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS

University of Wyoming:

- Edna Mae and Wallace McClaflin
- Ella E. Schloredt
- Jimmy Nichols Memorial
- Farmhouse Foundation
- Janie Smith Memorial
- Margaret Butterfield Memorial
- Brown-Kohl
- Marian M. Henderson Memorial

Other Schools:

- Wilbur Brettel
- Murdoch's Ranch and Home
- Lynette Wallace
- Linnabur Scholarships
- John and Pauline Peterson
- Bonnie Ellenwood
- Underwood Family
- State 4-H Foundation



University of Wyoming Extension

Scan to Apply:

https://www.wyoming4h.org/4hfoundation/scholarships/

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

February

Lyman E.

Madeline F.

Graeson H.

Lane H.

Maggie G.

Delilah C.



Tay S.

Colby D.

Rowdy B.

Dixey R.

Emma I.

Crook County 4-H Clubs

No Goats, No Glory

Leaders: Ami Hansen - 307-680-8918

Tanja Miller - 307-290-2324

Meetings: 2nd Mondays/every other month

4PM - Moorcroft Library

Must be Active in by January 31st

Beef & Bridle

Leaders: Lynsey Grey-307-670-2316

Meetings: Sundays - 3PM- Moorcroft Location

TBD

Bearlodge Wranglers

Leaders: Megan Franzen - 307-290-2279

Sarah Ellsbury - 307-281-2956

Meetings: 3rd Wednesday-4:30PM Shooting

Sports Bldg-Crook County Fairgrounds

Limit of 25 members & only 6 meetings

Range Riders

Leaders: Cortney Dixon-307-752-8263

Jackie Daily - 307-283-2775

Meetings: 3rd Fridays-5:30PM Shooting Sports

Bldg-Crook County Fairgrounds

County 18 Homesteaders

Leader: Stevie Phillips 307-752-6140

Meetings: TBD

Carlile Wranglers

Leaders: Kristy Dennis-307-756-9401

Amber Burch - 307-467-5678

Meetings: 2nd Fridays-3PM- Variable Location

Silver Spurs

Leaders: Jenn Jay 307-467-5595

Meetings: Variable Time

Hulett- W Bar Feed

Blacktail Hustlers

Leaders: Rebecca Palus - 307-290-1052

Melissa Williams - 307-680-5066

Meetings: First Baptist Church-Hulett

Dates TBD

S.M.A.R.T Goals

Setting S.M.A.R.T goals can help you focus your efforts, stay motivated, and achieve your objectives more efficiently!

How to write a S.M.A.R.T goal:

1. Specific: Goals should be well-defined and clear, answering the questions of who, what, where, when, and why. A specific goal has a much greater chance of being achieved than a general one.
2. Measurable: Goals need to have criteria for measuring progress. This involves identifying the indicators of success and how you will track your achievements.
3. Achievable: Goals should be realistic and attainable. While it's important to aim high, the goals should be within reach, considering the resources and constraints.
4. Relevant: Goals must matter to you and align with broader objectives. This ensures that the goals are meaningful and contribute to long-term aspirations.
5. Time-Bound: Goals should have a clearly defined timeline, including a starting date and a target date. This creates a sense of urgency and helps prioritize tasks.

Here's an example of a SMART goal: "Increase my reading to 10 books by the end of the year by dedicating 30 minutes each day to reading."

Request for Funds

Crook County 4-H has a form to request funds to help with those 4-H trips and events you want to participate in!

Need a little financial assistance to pay for registration at a 4-H event; local, state, or national? Fill out the Request for Funds form before the date of the event and turn it into Erica @ the Crook County Extension Office.

https://www.wyoming4h.org/crook4h/request-for-funds/



Projects

PICK YOUR PROJECT

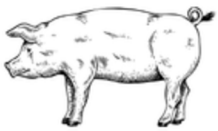
There's a project for everyone!

Aerospace
Archery
Beef
Cake Decorating
Cats
Citizenship
Computers
Crocheting
Dogs
Electricity
Entomology
Fabric & Fashion
Foods & Nutrition
Gardening
Geology
Dairy Goats
Meat Goats
Health
Horses
Interior Design
Knitting
Llamas & Alpacas
Leathercraft


















Muzzleloading
Nature & Ecology
Photography
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Quilting
Rabbits
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Recreation
Rifle
Robotics
Ropecraft
Self-Determined
Sheep
Shotgun
Sportfishing
Swine
Veterinary Science
Visual Arts
Wildlife & Hunting
Woodworking
Youth Leadership

Enrollment Help...

4-H ZSuite Enrollment

New Family Profile

SCAN ME

If you've never signed into ZSuite before follow these steps:

1. Go to https://4h.zsuite.org
2. As a family creating a new profile, select SIGN UP. Fill in all fields, select LET'S GO.

Adding 4-H Member

You are now on the Dashboard tab

1. Select +Household Member
2. Fill out 4-H members 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. (Cloverbuds is not a club, select club placement)
6. Select ADD PROJECT. When selecting an animal project, Animal project information is not required at this time
7. Select ADD TO CART and then you can either +Add ENROLLMENT (another child or volunteer) or SUBMIT. You must click SUBMIT to be complete.

Cloverbuds (5-7 yrs)= $1.35
4-H (8yrs & up) =$10
Volunteers = $10

Cash or check payable to Crook County 4-H

Puzzled?
Call Erica @ 307-283-1192 or stop by extension office during business hours

Once submitted, your enrollment will change from pending payment or pending approval to ACTIVE once the Extension office receives payment!

Age Classification

4-H programs are offered on an age-appropriate basis to youth, ages 5-18. This is the general age requirement for 4-H participation. On occasion, multi-state and national 4-H programs and events may use different age criteria and will be adhered to as necessary to qualify for participation.

Age classification for 4-H club members are:

Cloverbud: Ages 5-7

Junior: Ages 8-10 (3rd-5th grade)

Intermediate: Ages 11-13 (6th-8th grade)

Senior Member: Ages 14-18 (9th-12th grade)

Ages are as of January 1 of the current 4-H year, which spans from September through August. Here are some examples for clarification:

- If a child is age 5 on January 1, they can join 4-H for the entire 4-H year as a Cloverbud member.
- If a child turns age 5 on January 2 or later, they must wait until the next 4-H year to join.
- If a member is 7 years or under as of January 1, they are a Cloverbud member.
- If a teen will be age 18 on December 31, they can join for the entire 4-H year.
- If a teen is age 19 on January 1, they cannot join 4-H but are encouraged to serve as a 4-H volunteer.
- Collegiate 4-H clubs are available at many colleges and universities for those wishing to continue 4-H activities into their early twenties.