LARAMIE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

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Office Updates

The Extension Office is open by appointment only. Please make sure to call or email before arriving. Masks are required while inside of LCCC. Laramie County 4-H Online Calendar

http://www.wyoming4h.org /laramiecounty4h/events/

If your 4-H group or project area has information for the calendar please email details to Brittany.

Save the Date

New Family Orientation - January 15th PF409 5:30PM (Dinner Provided) West Side Rifle (air/traditional) - January 19th, Archer "K" Building 5:30 PM West Side Pistol (air/traditional) - January 19th, Archer "K" Building 6:30 PM New Leader Training - January 20th PF409 6:00PM Livestock Sale Committee Meeting - January 20th PF409 7:00PM West Side Rifle (air/traditional) - January 21st, Archer "K" Building 5:30 PM West Side Pistol (air/traditional) - January 21st, Archer "K" Building 6:30 PM Cat Clinic - January 22nd PF 409 6:30PM Beef Tagging - January 23rd Pine Bluffs Vet Clinic (722 W 7th St, Pine Bluffs) 9AM - 12PM Cloverbud Funday - January 23rd Archer Community House 2:00PM West Side Archery Orientation--January 25th - January 29th Archer K Building 6:30PM Beef Tagging - January 30th School Farm (1705 W. Riding Club Rd Cheyenne) 9AM - 12PM Sewing for Service Pillowcase DUE January 31st

All Beef Animals must be brought to one of the two taggings. Make sure to bring ownership papers.

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Kristi's Corner ello Everyone.

Hello Everyone,

I hope that everyone had a safe and happy holiday season. The 4-H year is moving along very quickly. As you look at the calendar, make sure and notate the items that pertain to you and your family. Listed below is a list of items that will make your 4-H year fun and successful:

- Enroll and pay for 4-H and additional project fees
- Attend club meetings
- Attend educational workshops and clinics as they come up
- Try a new project or activity
- Complete a community service project

We are moving forward with safety parameters in place. Please make sure to follow the Governor's mandates I have listed below. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call.

#6 of the Governor's mandate reads:

Events not specifically identified by name or type within this Order may allow indoor gatherings of more than 10 people but no more than 25% of venue capacity with a maximum of 100 people. Events not specifically identified by name or type within this Order may allow outdoor gatherings of more than 10 people but no more than 50% of venue capacity with a maximum of 250 people. Events allowed under this paragraph are subject to the following conditions, to be enforced by the host or organizer of the event. These events include by way of example but are not limited to rodeos, speedway motor races, concerts, organized sporting events, fairs, track and field races, farmer's markets, fireworks shows, weddings, and any other event of a similar nature.

These mandates include:

Meeting in a room that we can maintain the 6 foot distance between participants and parents. If we are unable to maintain this distance, we must meet either via ZOOM or move to a larger facility. The largest facilities available to us currently are "M" and "K" at Archer, room 409 at LCCC, or the Community House at Archer.

- "M"-75 people
- "K"-75 people
- Community House—23 people
- LCCC, Pathfinder Building, Room 409—23 people

All participants, parents, and volunteers must wear masks unless they have a medical exemption. Youth between the ages of 3 and 12 are not required to wear a mask, but are highly encouraged to do so.

Per 4-H mandates, all participants are required to fill out the following questionnaire before attending 4-H events. These events include but are not limited to judging practices, club meetings, committee meetings, trainings, and workshops.

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Call the office with questions.

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Dawn's Dialogue

It seems like the last three months have flew by quickly as I started in my new role as a 4-H Educator here in October. I've enjoyed meeting many of you at events like Achievement Day and the 4-H Open House. If I have not had the pleasure of meeting you yet, I look forward to that time when it comes. I am still very much in the learning mode trying to learn my new role and how I can help grow and work to support each of you in our 4-H program. If you have any great thoughts that revolve around the areas that I am responsible for, please send them my way. I love new ideas, challenges, and anyone willing to brainstorm with me on a possible educational opportunity.

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Announcements

4-H BENEFIT BASH

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Due to the pandemic, we will continue the 2021 Benefit Bash as a Facebook Live Drawing and not a live event. We want to make sure that the event is as successful as possible. The committee has decided to only do a basket raffle, a large item raffle, and they are researching whether we will be doing a silent auction. Proceeds to the clubs will be the same as in years past. The next planning meeting will be February 2nd at 6pm in PF 409.

Basket Themes Due: January 29th <u>Ticket Pick-Up Begins:</u> February 2nd <u>Tickets Due to Office:</u> April 19th <u>Event Date & Time:</u> April 24th, 2pm - 4pm

Animal Tagging for the 2021 Laramie County Fair

This year, we will be conducting a centralized tagging for ALL large market animals. This includes beef, sheep, swine, and goats.
We will offer two dates for each species. Every animal that is to be shown in the 2021 Laramie County Fair <u>MUST</u> be tagged at one of these tagging locations. No tags will be handed out from the 4-H Office. Youth must bring their animal and ownership papers.

The dates are as follows:

Beef

January 23rd from 9am - 12pm @ Pine Bluffs Vet Clinic (722 W 7th St, Pine Bluffs)

January 30th from 9am - 12pm @ School Farm (1705 W. Riding Club Road, Cheyenne)

Sheep, Swine, & Goats

May 12th from 5pm - 7pm @ Archer Scale House May 16th from 9am - 12pm @ Archer Scale House

4-H Committees:

Laramie County 4-H has volunteer committees that are instrumental in supporting our 4-H program. These committees function to support various project areas and facilitate educational/competitive opportunities for youth. These committees are looking for new parents, adults to help in various capacities. Below are some activities each committee participate in. If you are interested please contact a committee member or the Extension Office for more information or to attend a meeting:

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Horse Committee - Plan educational activities for horse members, solicit donations and purchase awards for horse show, help facilitate the horse show, complete horse safety testing for all horse members. Next Meeting: TBA

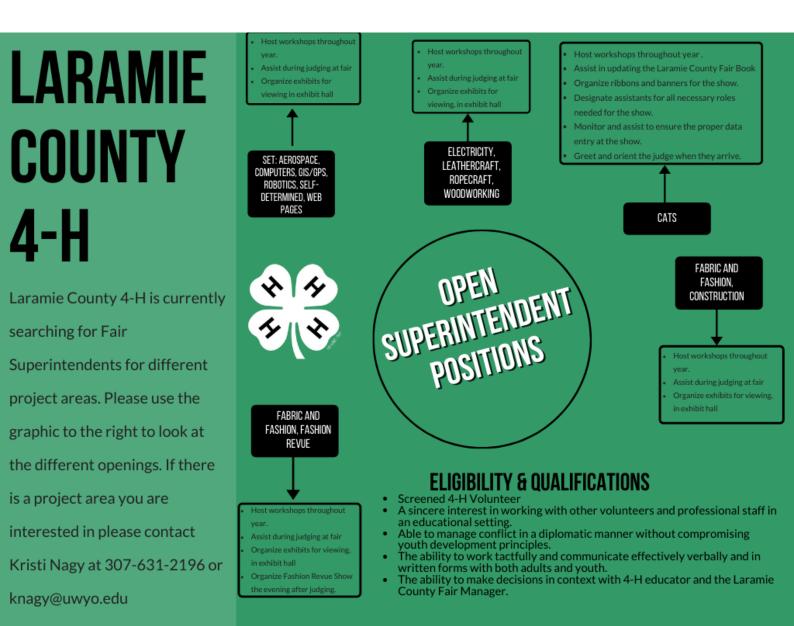
Shooting Sports Committee - Hold practices for all shooting disciplines, plan fundraisers to support the committee and those project areas, plan and facilitate county shoot. Next Meeting: January 11, 6:30pm PF409

Livestock Sale Committee - Plan and facilitate the 4-H livestock sale at county fair, offer scholarships to youth for educational opportunities to support their livestock projects. Next Meeting: January 20, 7:00pm PF 409

Livestock Educational Committee - Responsible for assisting and planning Livestock Educational opportunities in conjunction with Fair Superintendents and Committees. Open to all youth and adults in Laramie County. Next Meeting: February 3, 6:00pm PF419

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We are currently looking to fill different Fair Superintendent positions for both static projects and livestock. Please check the graphic below to see what positions are open. If interested please contact Kristi and 307-631-2196 or knagy@uwyo.edu



CHECK THIS OUT!!!!!!

Livestock Skill-a-thon Kick-Off

We are excited to start a Livestock Skill-a-thon program this year. If you are not familiar with Livestock Skill-a-thon it is a program that teaches kids about general livestock: breeds, external parts, equipment ID, feed ID, wholesale meat cuts, and more. Youth can come learn at the practices with their friends and if they chose, they could compete at the county and/or the state contests which are in June~~ but the competitions are optional. The fun part of these contests is they are done as a team not individually - so you can do it with your friends. The contest has senior teams (14 & older) and Junior teams (8 - 13 years old). Volunteer, Joe Allen has agreed to help Dawn kick start this learning opportunity. If you are interested send us an e-mail or call the office and we will add you to the contact list for upcoming practices. Practices will start in February. Stay tuned for upcoming dates. Kids can join either in person or over zoom. Each youth will receive a flash drive with study materials that they can practice with at home.

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Livestock Judging Starting Soon

Livestock Judging practices will be starting soon. We are excited to have volunteers Suzie Vetter and Dylan Freeman working with Dawn as a team to help kids learn to evaluate livestock and defend their decisions. Are you wondering what Livestock Judging is? Ultimately, youth are learning decision making skills by comparing and contrasting a set of four animals in a class against one another, while keeping the ideal animal in mind. Livestock Judging teaches youth to visually appraise an animal's physical traits including positive and negative. Youth learn to defend their decision by either answering questions or giving oral reasons. A youth involved in Livestock Judging learns about four species: beef, sheep, swine, and goats. Judging is a great way for kids to learn life skills such as public speaking, independent decision making, livestock selection, and general livestock industry knowledge. Plus, they are able to socially interact with other 4-H members and volunteers. In Livestock Judging youth can come learn at the educational meetings and if they chose, they can apply their skills by attending Livestock Judging contests. Youth can apply what they learn in judging to other parts of their livestock projects like selecting their next project animal. So, come check it out! We will be starting practices soon, so if you are interested call or email the office and we will add you to the contact list for upcoming practices.

Farm and Ranch Show

Laramie County Extension is excited to partner with the Laramie County Farm and Ranch Show to provide educational workshops for youth and adults on February 20, 2021. The youth component will include short hands-on, fun activities around topics such as animal by-products, food preservation, gardening, weeds and more. This event is open to anyone interested in attending. We are finalizing the schedule, so if you are interested in being added to the list to receive more information go to: <u>https://uwyo.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_07hjUmIpunIpoTH</u> For questions about the youth component please contact Dawn Sanchez at the Extension Office.

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Projects

Reminders:

Any leader or staff member may dismiss an animal or child from a 4-H practice or activity at any time if they feel you or your animal presents a health or safety hazard.

Volunteer Leaders

As a reminder if you have not completed your volunteer leader training and screening steps you cannot work directly with 4-H youth. If you need to complete any parts of this please contact the Extension Office. Letters have been emailed to those leaders that need to complete training or a background screening for the 2020-2021 4-H year.

Dog Project

Email Hanna Jackson at 307-751-8149 or elyse.jaxs@gmail.com if you have questions about the Dog Project.



Cat Clinic

Join us to learn more about your cat project January 22ND at 6:30PM in PF409

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New Family Orientation

New Families -- Join us for New Family Orientation

This training is highly encouraged for all new or returning 4-H families who have questions or would like more information on the ins and outs of the 4-H program.

Join us **January 15th at 5:30PM** at the LCCC Pathfinder Building Rm 409. RSVP to the Extension Office by Jan 11th.

Youth Quality Assurance

All 4-H members who plan on selling any market animal at the 4-H Livestock Sale during Laramie County Fair are required to take Quality Assurance classes once per age group. Class topics cover areas of appropriate care and handling of animals and how this impacts product quality. Only Juniors will participate in face-to-face classes, Intermediates and Seniors will need to complete the online course. Please RSVP to the Extension Office.

- Wednesday, February 3, 6PM PF409
- Wednesday, March 10. 6PM PF409
- Thursday, April 15, 6PM PF409
- Tuesday, May 4, 6PM PF409
 Online Option. Please contact Brittany for more information.

Club Officer Training

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Club Officer Training is offered for all officers. The training will cover structure of a club meeting, roles and responsibilities of each officer, and tips to make meetings effective and fun. Club leaders and parents of officers are welcome to attend and observe.

Join us for Club Officer Training on February 9th, LCCC Pathfinder Building, Room 409 at 6pm Please RSVP to the Extension Office by Feb. 5th

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Shooting Sports Orientations

It is that time of year again. Laramie County West Side Shooting Sports is gearing up to start practice on Tuesday, February 16th. All youth must attend one of the following orientations and have all their fees paid, before they will be allowed on the shooting line. **Remember, West Side refers to the kids that shoot at the Archer complex.**

Orientations for West Side Rifle and Pistol will take place Tuesday, January 19th and Thursday, January 21st, at 5:30 pm for Rifle and 6:30 pm for Pistol each night at Archer Building K.

Orientations for West Side Archery will take place Monday, January 25th, Tuesday, January 26th, Wednesday, January 27th, Thursday, January 28th and Friday, January 29th, at 6:30 pm each night at Archer Building K.

If you are signed up for archery, rifle, and/or pistol it is mandatory that you attend one of these orientations, no matter how many years you have been shooting....you must attend orientation every year.

Parents should plan on attending as well.

Regular archery practices will begin Tuesday February 16th. Practices will be Tuesdays and Thursday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the Archer M/K Building.

Rifle and Pistol practices will be announced soon

For Archery questions contact Chad Haley at haleyfamily84@yahoo.com or 602-320-1563

For Rifle and Pistol questions contact Brian Winslow at wyattsdad0321@gmail.com or 307-214-0835



Shooting Sports Leader Training

We are looking for Shooting Sports Leaders. All 4-H Leaders need to register on 4h.zsuite.org, complete a background screening, and attend a face-to-face New Leader Training in Laramie County. In addition those interested in Shooting Sports need to attend Shooting Sports Volunteer Leader Certification for each discipline they would

like to assist with. The information below is for the upcoming trainings. You can attend whichever of the trainings works best for

you.

Volunteer Leader Certification

In the spring months, the Shooting Sports Training Committee will be coming to a county near you to conduct a training. If you are a new shooting sports leader or have reached five years since your last

training plain to attend one of these opportunities:

- 1. Southeast area Goshen County, Torrington
 - March 13-14, 2021
 - Registration
- 2. Central Area Converse County, Douglas
 - March 6-7, 2021
 - Registration
- 3. Northwest Area Fremont County, Riverton
 - February 20-21, 2021
 - **<u>Registration</u>**
- 4. Southwest Area Unita County, Lyman
 - April 10-11, 2021
 - Registration
- 5. Northeast Area Johnson County, Buffalo
 - March 27-28, 2021
 - Registration

NEW 4-H Club Starting on the Military Base

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Do you know anyone that may be interested in joining our new 4-H club that will be holding 4-H Club meetings on or near F.E. Warren Military Base? This new club is looking at growing its membership and welcomes anyone to join in their fun. So, help us spread the word. The first meeting will be held January 22, 2021 at 6:30pm. Location to be determined. We will be deciding on meeting times, dates, and location plus the club name at our first meeting. Youth do not need to be in any particular project area to be involved in this club. For more information please contact the 4-H Office.

Upcoming Volunteer Orientation/Renewal Training

This is required for all new volunteers. It will also count toward your 5 year training. If it's been a few years since you attended an orientation it is recommended you attend to see what has changed in the 4-H program. Training's will be cancelled for low attendance, so please RSVP early.

Tuesday, January 20th at 6PM PF 419

State 4-H Volunteer Resources

There is much information that is helpful for volunteers, including the video trainings for volunteers who need training recertification on the State 4-H Volunteer page <u>http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/volunteers/</u>

Junior Leader's Meeting

Junior Leaders is a leadership group open to youth 13 years and older as of January 1, 2021. Becky Moody is the volunteer that works with this group and they welcome any youth who wants to get involved to join this fun group. Junior Leaders provide teens an additional opportunity to develop leadership skills while completing community service projects, helping younger members, helping at county activities and have good old fashion fun with their friends. If you are interested in getting involved come join this meeting and learn about what they have planned for the upcoming months.

Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 5:30pm via Zoom https://uwyo.zoom.us/j/5481485040

Fair Ambassadors!

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Laramie County Fair is currently accepting applications for their 2021 Laramie County Fair Ambassadors. All applications must be postmarked and submitted to the

Laramie County Fair Office by January 31, 2021. Applications will only be accepted at the Laramie County Fair Office, 3801 Archer Parkway, Cheyenne WY 82009 OR emailed to hhawkes@laramiecounty.com. If mailed, the application must be postmarked no later than January 31, 2021.

All applicants will be required to prepare a typed cover letter, resume, 1000 words or less essay, and three letters of recommendation.

Each Ambassador must be between the ages of 16-21; attend school and have residency in Laramie County. Each Ambassador must be planning to show in the 2021 Laramie County Fair OR must have previously shown in the Laramie County Fair.

An applicant must be willing to work hard and project a desirable image for the Laramie County Fair while serving as an ambassador. All ambassadors need to have:

- Time to commit to the Ambassador Program
- A positive attitude towards their duties.
- Willingness to work well with people of all levels.
- Dedication to the Fair's purpose.
- The 2021 Ambassador duties will start on March 1, 2021 and they will end their service on December 31, 2021. The Laramie County Fair begins August 4th at the Fairgrounds at Archer and will conclude August 14th.

If interested please visit: http://www.laramiecountyevents.com/fair/ambassadors/



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Scholarship information

TOP BUYERS SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is used for youth to support their market animal project. Applications are open for 4-H members who live in Laramie County.

- All applicants must be in good standing with 4-H.
- All applicants must follow and adhere to the terms listed.
- All applicants must have a 300 word essay along with application.
- All applications are due by Friday, February 12, 2021 by 5pm to the 4-H Office. There will be no exceptions.
- Winners of the 2019-2020 Top Buyer Scholarships are not eligible in the 2020-2021 year.
- Applications should be mailed or dropped off to Laramie County 4-H, 1400
 E. College Dr., Pathfinder Building 406D, Cheyenne WY 82007

Terms & Guidelines

- The willing recipients of the scholarship will use the monies allocated for a 4-H animal project. (e.g., the animal, feed, supplies, etc.)
- The animal project must be exhibited at the Laramie County Fair.
- The recipients will post a winning banner outside their animal's pen for the duration of fair.
- The recipients will send a Thank You card to the Top Buyers.
- The recipient will record the scholarship in their 4-H Record Book for the year.

The application can be found **<u>HERE</u>**

WYOMING CATTLEWOMEN SCHOLARSHIP

Wyoming CattleWomen is offering two scholarships to deserving young women from the state of Wyoming. These scholarships will be awarded based on application criteria and an essay component. Each scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$500. In addition, each awardee will be given a one-year membership CattleWomen

- Applicants must be female residents of the state of Wyoming.
- Applicants must be enrolled as a full time student in a certificate program, trade school, junior college, or university. (Does not need to be in Wyoming.)
- Applicants must have a minimum 2.5 GPA.

• Applications must be turned in by February 28, 2021

Applicants must fill out an application in full; including all contact and educational information.

Along with the application an essay is required. Essay must be a minimum of 500 words and maximum of 700 words in length. The prompt for the essay is provided in the application.

The packet and application can be found HERE

LARAMIE COUNTY 4-H ACTIVITY ASSISTANCE FUND

Laramie County 4-H has funding available to help assist members in order to be a 4-H member. This can include assistance with dues, activities, or projects. This money cannot be used to purchase livestock or other animals. Each request will be considered on an individual basis.

The application can be found **HERE**

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Scholarship information Continued.....

4-H Livestock Sale Committee Educational Scholarship

 4-H Livestock Sale Committee has decided to use 1% of the
 commission of the Livestock Sale to provide educational
 scholarships for members who have participated in the Livestock
 Sale. Any active member who participates in the Livestock Sale is
 eligible to apply for scholarships which are to be used for
 livestock clinics, training, or camps. They will give as many \$150
 scholarships as they can to qualified members. Scholarships will
 be filled on a first-come first-serve basis. Training must be
 related to your livestock projects.
 The application can be found HERE

Laramie County Commissioner Scholarship

Laramie County Commissioners Scholarship is available to all Laramie County youth who will be attending the University of Wyoming or a Wyoming Community College. Students who are selected will receive \$500 per semester to assist with college costs.

The application can be found **HERE**

Wyoming State 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The Wyoming State 4-H Foundation is proud to manage scholarship opportunities to students that are current and/or past 4-H members in Wyoming. The decisions you make as to where to go to college affects the number of scholarship opportunities you will have. Many offered scholarships are just to the University of Wyoming, some can go to either UW or other accredited colleges in Wyoming, and one is for students pursuing a vocational program/certificate.

One single application is used for all scholarships. Just check the boxes to those for which you want to be considered. As you choose to apply for scholarships, PLEASE read each one's parameters for eligibility so you don't miss out. All 4-H Scholarship applications are due on February 15, 2021

All 4-H Scholarship applications are due on February 15, 2021 <u>4-H Scholarship Application Guide</u>

All Available Scholarships Wyoming 4-H Application

Livestock loans

Information on the Maxine M. Epler 4-H Memorial Fund Loan and Dale Hoffman 4-H Memorial Fund Loan can be found <u>HERE</u>