

The Cloverleaf

APRIL 2025

Recipe of The Month

Nothing beats the taste of fresh, homemade butter! This simple, hands-on activity is a fun way to learn about dairy science while making a delicious treat. Grab a jar and get ready to shake things up!

Science Fun Fact!

Did you know? Shaking the cream breaks down fat molecules, causing them to stick together and form butter! This is the same process used in butter churns –just on a smaller scale!

4-H Challenge!

Try making flavored butter!
Add honey for a sweet version or mix in garlic and herbs for a savory spread. Share your butter-making experience with us by sending in a picture!



Materials Needed
Jar with lid
Marbles (optional)
Heavy whipping cream
Salt (optional)



FAIR REGISTRATION DATE OPEN MAY 1ST

STATE FAIR HORSE ENTRIES DUE AUGUST 5TH

STATE FAIR PAPERWORK DUE ON AUGUST 7TH BY 12:00PM

STATIC (NON-LIVESTOCK) ENTRY TAGS CAN BE PICKED UP JULY 21ST, 22ND, 24TH, AND 25TH FROM 8:00AM-4:00PM AT THE FAIR OFFICE - 3801 ARCHER PARKWAY, CHEYENNE, WY 82009.

NO PICKUP ON JULY 23RD

SHEEP, GOAT, SWINE TAGGING DATES

AT ARCHER EVENT CENTER

~~FOLLOW THE SIGNS~~

MAY 13 4-6

MAY 24 9-11

MAY 28 4-7



FAIR UPDATE

This year, our Fairbook release and Fair entries will open on May 1st instead of the usual April 1st. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details!

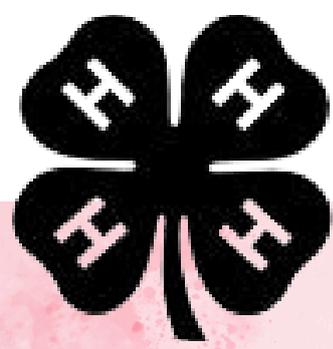
 **Thursday**
1 May 2025

 **Starting at**
10 AM

 **LARAMIECOUNTYFAIR.COM**

 **307-633-4670**

LaramieCountyFair.com **LARAMIE COUNTY FAIR**



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APRIL

4/5/2025

1:00-4:00PM - HORSE CLINIC LCCC - ARENA

4/5/2025

9:00-1:00 - CLOVER SPARKS STAINED GLASS - LCCC PATHFINDER 415

4/8/2025

5:00 PM - BEEF COMMITTEE - LCCC PATHFINDER 419

4/8/2025

5:30-8:00 PM - MOMC EVENT - LCCC PATHFINDER

4/11/2025

ALL DAY - PURPLE UP DAY - STATE WIDE

4/14/2025

6:00-8:00 PM - TOP BUYER INTERVIEWS - LCCC AG BUILDING

4/17/2025

6:00-7:15 PM - DOG SKILL A THON - ARCHER COMMUNITY HOUSE

4/18/2025

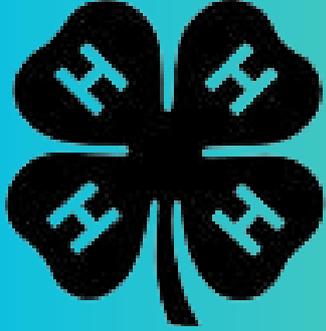
6:00 PM - ANNOUNCE TOP BUYER WINNERS - 4-H EMAIL

4/23/2025

6:00-7:15 PM - DOG SKILL A THON - ARCHER COMMUNITY HOUSE

4/24/2025

6:00 PM - JUNIOR YQA - LCCC PATHFINDER 419



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RECURRING CALENDAR EVENTS

EAST SHOOTING SPORTS	TUE	5:45 PM	HIGH WEST ENERGY PINE BLUFFS PLEASE CHECK ROTATION A OR B
WEST SIDE ARCHERY	T/TH	6 PM	ARCHER M/K
WEST SIDE AIR RIFLE	MON	5:30 PM	ARCHER SHOOTING SPORTS COMPLEX
WEST SIDE ADVANCED AIR RIFLE	THUR	6 PM	ARCHER SHOOTING SPORTS COMPLEX
WEST SIDE .22 RIFLE	WED	5:15- 6:30 PM	ARCHER SHOOTING SPORTS COMPLEX
WEST SIDE .22 PISTOL			ARCHER SHOOTING SPORTS COMPLEX
WEST SIDE AIR PISTOL	THUR	5 PM	ARCHER SHOOTING SPORTS COMPLEX
ALPACA PRACTICE	SUN	9:30AM	CALL JESSICA LACY 307-286-9310 PLEASE CHECK SHOOTING TIMES
WOOL JUDGING PRACTICE	MON	5:30 PM	ARCHER K BUILDING CHECK WITH COACH JACOB BANKS JACOBMARCBANK[A7] AOL.COM
DOG PRACTICE	MON	6 PM	ARCHER M BUILDING
LOPERS HORSE JUDGING PRACTICE	THUR	6 PM	LCCC AG BUILDING 117
EQUINE STUDIES	TUES	6:30 PM	LCCC PATHFINDER 415
LIVESTOCK SKILL A THON PRACTICE	MON	6:30 PM	BURNS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Kristi's Corner

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As I return to 4-H, I'm excited to share some important updates regarding the 4-H Sale. Recently, we've encountered a challenge related to our tax returns, which indicate that our gross receipts for the year do not exceed \$50,000. Thanks to the dedicated efforts of the Livestock Sale Committee, the sale has grown significantly and now exceeds that \$50,000 threshold. To address this, we've made the decision to move the Livestock Sale under the management of the Laramie County Fair.

Alaina and I are thrilled to be working collaboratively with the Fair to ensure a seamless and successful event. One of the highlights of the sale, the Top Buyer Scholarship program, will continue without interruption. In fact, we've made some exciting enhancements to this program. This year, we've increased the scholarship amount to \$1,500 per recipient, with three scholarships available in each age group. We are immensely grateful to the members of the Sale Committee, whose hard work and commitment over the years have helped grow this valuable program. Their dedication has played a key role in creating more opportunities for our youth, and we're looking forward to continuing this tradition of success.

If you have any questions or would like more information, please don't hesitate to reach out. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to a fantastic event!



Alaina's Announcements

April is here, and that means we're in full swing with exciting 4-H opportunities! From hands-on workshops to fun spring activities, there's something for everyone this month. Don't forget to check upcoming deadlines—planning ahead will set you up for success! We're also celebrating Month of the Military Child, honoring the silence and dedication of military families in our 4-H community. As the weather warms up, take time to explore new projects, try something outside your comfort zone, and most importantly—have fun! 🌱🐣✨

All the best- Alaina

April 4-H Member Check List

✓ Start looking for hogs, lambs, goats, rabbits, and poultry

✓ Begin Practicing for Showcase Showdown & Goldrush

✓ Practice for Wool and Meats Judging

✓ Practice Livestock Skill-a-thon

✓ If you've completed your shooting practice cards, turn them in to the Extension Office

✓ Seniors- Apply for scholarships!

I G N I T E

your

S P A R K

Introducing

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SPARKS

Join us for an exciting new program where kids learn by doing! Clover Sparks will feature monthly hands-on workshops to explore new projects, develop skills, and spark creativity.

Ages 8-18

LARAMIE COUNTY FAIR UPDATES

Effective 2025 there will be dehorning requirements as well as an addition of a Market Doe show to the 2025 Laramie County Show!



Black face- Any lamb with a solid black face with or without wool cap that does not meet criteria of other listed breed categories. No mottling (prominent or faded round spots) or evidence that there is speckling on the face or legs. Face cannot appear muddy, brown, or gray. No pattern of a regular blotchy discoloration on the face or legs will be allowed.



As we work to transition to follow State Fairs Dehorning rule, we would like to make sure members are aware of the following changes coming to the Laramie County Goat Program. This will be in effect for both 4-H and FFA.

🐐 EFFECTIVE 2025 🐐

All market wethers must be dehorned or show evidence of dehorning. Market does shown with horns are required to be tipped (Removal of the first 1/4 inch or more of the goats horn resulting in a blunt horn end). Market Does shown with horns at county fair are ineligible to be show in the Market Doe Division at the state fair.

🐐 EFFECTIVE 2026 🐐

All market does must be dehorned or show evidence of dehorning. Please take this into account as you look into purchasing animals for the 2025 year. Please note all animals entered in the breeding goat division are still allowed to have horns, but goats shown in the breeding division are not eligible for the 4-H or FFA sale.

LARAMIE COUNTY FAIR UPDATES



Similar to other livestock projects, effective 2025, there will be a deadline regarding certifications. Please remember members must complete the following certifications in order to show in the listed classes:

Halter only – Sections 1 and 2A

Rail and Performance Classes – Sections 1, 2A, and 2B

Additional endorsements are needed for Trail, Speed, Working Cow Horse, and Roping.

Please note: Section 1 is only required to be completed once by a member. Sections 2A, 2B, and all endorsements must be completed for each horse ridden by the exhibitor. This includes all FFA members, even if they choose to show in FFA classes only.

Certifications for Section 1, 2A, and 2B, with attached color photos showing all sides of the horse, must be completed by the third Monday of June. All additional endorsements must be completed prior to the Laramie County Fair Entries due date.

There will be NO exceptions to this outside of extenuating circumstances that are approved by the horse committee and the Laramie County Extension Office.

Certifications for Sections 1, 2A, and 2B will be offered in the winter and throughout the summer upon scheduling a time with the Laramie County Extension Office. Certifications for endorsements will be offered as needed to members at individual clinic dates.

GOAT PASTURE POINTERS



Goat Superintendent : Addy Rosner
rosnerazz@gmail.com

Tis the season! Now is the time to start looking for your market goat project for the 2025 year. Please remember the new rules in dehorning requirements, all wethers **MUST** be dehorned to be shown and sold at the Laramie County Fair.

Goat wts are 50-130lbs.

Members should be purchasing goats that are born ideally between December of 2024 and February of 2025, though goats born outside of this window may still be within the above listed weight range. Goats that do not have their milk teeth are ineligible to show at the Laramie County Fair (these are typically lost around a year of age). Show Rite has put out some wonderful resources on their YouTube page to help members select market goats as well as where to start with your project once you get it!

(<https://www.youtube.com/@show-riteshowfeeds9321>)

I recommended to all of my members to worm and treat animals for lice/mites as soon as they get them home to promote the best start. Make sure you transition them slowly from whatever feed your breeder was feeding to the feed of your choice, there is a post dedicated to feed dealers in our area on the county project facebook page. With the rapid changes in weather this time of year it is important to remember that animals can become susceptible to respiratory illness. If your goats have a cough, snotty nose, or raspy breaths it is

important to treat this immediately to prevent it from becoming pneumonia.

As always, please reach out to your goat superintendent with any questions or concerns and please be sure to join the facebook page for more information regarding tips and tricks on your project!



SHEEP PASTURE POINTERS

SUPERINTENDANT- KELSEY BAUMGARTNER

HELLO SHEEP BARN!

HAVE YOU GOTTEN YOUR MARKET LAMBS YET THIS YEAR?



HOW TO PURCHASE YOUR MARKET LAMBS:

* Online sale– great option to look and see what's out there. You can purchase lambs from each end of the country this way without leaving your couch.

* Public sales– This is the best way to grab a lamb. Go out and find your local breeders.

Put your hands on these lambs. Get a feel for what you like. Visit with the breeder and ASK QUESTIONS.

* If these are out of your comfort zone, there are several leaders in this county that are always happy to help. Ask me, your superintendent, I am also happy to help you!

If you have here are some tips on what to do next:

* Quarantine: When you get your market lambs home, consider if you have other animals in the barn. These new lambs have come from an outside source. It is a good idea to isolate the new lambs in the barn for about a week to ensure they have no skin disease, sore mouth or other illness that could possibly spread to your other livestock.

*If you have no other livestock in the barn, it's still a good idea to let them sit for a week or so until they get established. Lambs will stress easily with over stimulation. Go out daily to sit with your lambs in the pen so they get used to you. Lambs are curious and will want to know what you're doing in there. Eventually they will see that you're their new pal and to not fear you being in their pen. After your lamb is settled what's next? Its time to get to work on handling them. A little walk each day to get them used to their halters. This will help them become established show sheep and ready to work up to showmanship.

*Disease Awareness: (check daily for diseases such as the following)

1. Sore Mouth: Small spots/blisters/fluid filled sacs on their mouth and nose and sometimes down above their hooves.
2. Ring Worm: Circular patches of inflamed blistered skin that can become bigger and spread to other areas. Needs to be controlled immediately.
3. Wool Rot: On your longer woolled sheep you might see wool rot. Make sure your sheep are constantly dry. This will prevent wool rot. If they stay wet then the wool becomes moldy and causes bacteria to grow which results in a skin issue.
4. Respiratory illness: This is typical with transport from the breeder to your house and with the fluctuating weather. Runny nose and cough will be an indicator. If not treated can result in something more aggressive like pneumonia or a worsening cough.

All of the above disease issues, please consult your vet.

All Animals must be purchased and tagged by June 1.

HOG HIGHLIGHTS



What to look for when shopping for your pig:

1. Healthy pig ~ Alert and active, curious and showing interest in its surroundings.

- Bright and clear eyes, pigs coat should be in good condition. Hair that is bristled may be a sign of illness.
- Avoid pigs that show signs of illness: coughing, sneezing, or lethargy.
- Inquire about the pig's health history, vaccinations and deworming treatments.
- The pig should move without restriction, with the rear foot stepping into the imprint left by the front foot. (cat like stride)
- Pig should appear level with the shoulder height equal to the hip height.
- Good depth of body and well-muscled.
- When the pig walks towards and away from you, you want to look for a good width in the chest floor. From the side view, the rear legs should have a slight angle at the hock.
- Avoid: pigs that are wider at their hocks than their toes as they can have soundness problems.

2. Bringing the pig home:

- Make sure you have feed on hand
- Be sure you can transport the pig safely and comfortably
- Don't hesitate to ask the seller questions: pig's history, care and feeding program.
- Be sure your housing for the pig is ready before you bring your project home.

3. Housing for animal:

- Changing temperatures, along with humidity and weather patterns throughout the spring and summer mean that pigs need reliable shelter. Some shelter should be provided during cooler nights and extreme weather events, but also shade from the sun since pigs do not have usable sweat glands. The housing should be sturdy and withstand the weather, as well as the daily wear and tear of use. Consider that some bedding may contribute to holding in heat rather than making the pig more comfortable.

4. Animal Husbandry

- Keep your pen clean and dry
- Pigs thrive in about 70-degree temperature
 - a. Cooler weather, they'll need a heat lamp
 - b. Warmer weather, you'll want a fan on them
- Keep them out of the weather as much as possible
 - a. Lighter pigs will sunburn so keep them out of the sun as much as possible, or use sunscreen
- Feed / Water
 - a. Recommend a weekly weight of your pigs (so you can adjust feed program and/or know if your hog is sick)
 - b. Some feeds have additives that require a withdraw period – be sure to read the label.
 - c. Keep water clean and fresh. If you wouldn't drink it why would they.
- Immunizations
 - a. Antibiotics / know the withdraw periods (consult the breeder or vet for medications or illness you suspect)
 - b. Deworm every 30 days – know withdraw period (recommend a variety: ivermectin, wasine, pelleted dewormer) – be sure to give the recommended dosage based on weight of animal.
 - c. Some fly sprays also have a withdraw period

HOG HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

·How to tell if your pig is sick

a. Springtime is hard on livestock with the swing in temperatures.

watch for coughing, sneezing. Respiratory issues can be an issue.

b. Not eating

c. Ears droop

d. Doesn't want to get up

e. If you spend enough time with your project, you will know when they are not acting right or are hurt.

· Daily Grooming

a. Spend time every day brushing your pig. As the project progresses, you'll want to wash/rinse your hog and continue a grooming program.

· Exercise

a. Work your pig daily. When they are small, this can be a shortened time frame but start right away working your pig. It will make it easier as they grow to work your pig if you start right away.

· Record Keeping

a. This is a critical part of taking care of your pig

b. Log weights/dates

c. Log ALL medications given and what date

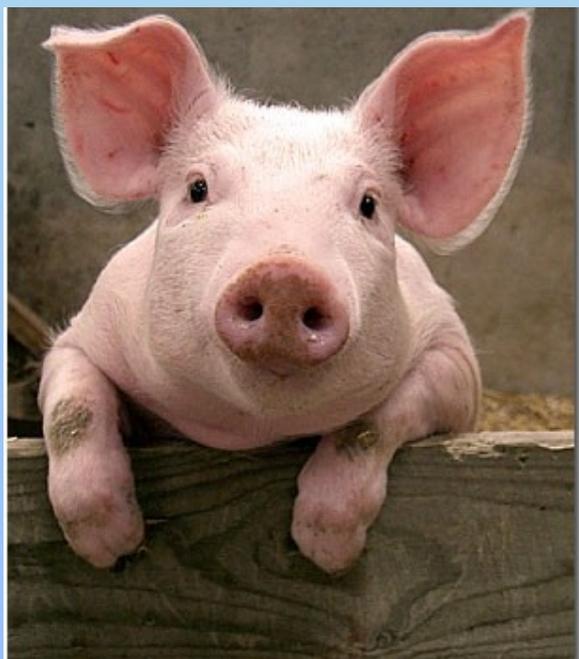
d. Feed logs

e. Keep receipts of purchases (you'll want this for record books)

f. Bill of Sale / Vet certifications if you purchased your pig out of state

USDA tags if purchased out of state

· Build a relationship with your Vet and/or Breeder, this will help when you have questions.





SAVE THE DATE

Nature Inspired
Expressive Arts

May 3, 2025
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM
Casper, Wyoming



Camp Topics

- Container Gardening
- Visual Arts
- Range Management
- Nature Journaling
- Grow a Little Extra
- Entomology

Registration Deadline
April 23rd, 2025

Register via ZSuite Events

Registration Fee: \$10 due
day of

Questions

Mary Louise: 307-754-8836

Josh: 307-235-9400



LARAMIE COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS UPDATE 2025

Our Mission

The Laramie County 4-H Shooting Sports program is dedicated to educating youth in the safe and responsible use of firearms and archery equipment while fostering leadership, sportsmanship, and personal growth. Through hands-on learning and mentorship, we aim to instill confidence, discipline, and respect for others and the environment. Our program upholds all Wyoming 4-H Shooting Sports rules and safety standards to ensure a structured and ethical learning environment. By emphasizing safety, skill development, and positive youth development, we empower participants to become responsible citizens and lifelong enthusiasts of shooting sports.

Sign-in Change

- To support our shooters in building their skills and staying engaged, we're introducing practice cards! Each shooter will receive a practice card to be stamped at every practice they attend.
 - **Pistol:** If participating in both air pistol and .22 pistol, members will need a total of 4 combined practices. If only shooting either air pistol OR .22 pistol, members will need to attend 3 practices.
 - **Rifle:** Similar to pistol, members shooting both air rifle and .22 rifle will need a total of 4 combined practices
 - **Shotgun & Archery:** Members will need to attend 3 practices for shotgun and 3 for archery.
- Practice cards should be completed and returned to the Extension Office before county shoot. We appreciate everyone's dedication and look forward to another great season!
- Practice cards will be handed out at orientations. We understand that orientations have already begun, so if you have not received your card yet please reach out to us at the extension office: (307)633-4383 or 1400 E College Drive, Pathfinder #406, Cheyenne.
- Members are responsible for their own practice cards and must get them stamped at each practice they attend.
- If your card is lost, you can pick up a new one at the extension office.
- **Helpful Tip:** Take a picture of your card after every practice in case you lose it!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We would love your help in making our 4-H Shooting Sports program a success! Whether it's setting up, tearing down, or even becoming a coach for one of our disciplines, your support makes a huge difference for our youth. No experience? No problem! We'll provide the training and guidance you need. If you're interested in volunteering, please reach out—we'd love to have you on board!

Important Dates

- **.22 Rifle Orientation:** February 26th & 28th
- **.22 Pistol Orientation:** February 28th
- **East Side Orientations:** TBD
- **Laramie County Shoot:** June 9th, 12th, 13th, 14th
- **Wyoming State Shoot:** July 10th, 11th, 12th

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April 11th

is

Purple Up Day!

Wearing purple on Purple Up! Day is a way to honor and support military children for the sacrifices they make as part of military families. It's a simple but powerful way to recognize the sacrifices of these young heroes.

Help us honor our military kids and share your support on social media! Please send pictures to alaina.branigan@uwyo.edu





MONTH OF THE MILITARY CHILD

SAVE
★THE★
DATE

Join us for an evening of fun and appreciation as we celebrate military children and their families!

- » April 8th, 2025
- » 5:30-8:00 pm
- » Laramie County Community College in the Pathfinder Building
- » Petting Zoo
- » Speech from the Governor
- » Games & Prizes, Helicopter Landing

Everyone is welcome! Come enjoy the festivities and show your support for military families in our community.

Hosted by Laramie County 4-H and Wyoming National Guard



We can't wait to see you there!



SHOWCASE

showdown

EVENT DETAILS



June 17 - 19, 2025



University of Wyoming
Laramie, Wyoming



Stay in the UW
Residence Halls

ABOUT THE EVENT

- 11 State Contests
- Explore new contests and project areas
- Top placing seniors get to attend National Trip
- Project related Workshops
- Fun Workshops Activities
- Tour and Experience parts of UW Campus



EXTENSION

MY NAME IS BUN BUN.



I am looking
for my
forever
home

She comes with:

- A hutch
- 2 food/treat bowls
- 2 water bottles
- Litter tray (with some litter material)
- A small pet carrier
- Bag of hay
- Bag of pellets
- Treats



Chad Hancock 307-247-6597.

**MY HOA DOESN'T APPRECIATE MY VOICE
I NEED A HOME THAT I CAN JUST BE ME .**



He is this years chick. Was suppose to be a hen.
Needs to be gone ASAP.

Heather 307-286-0243

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We are excited to offer our 2025 show pigs. All litters are cross litters. Choose from all black to all white and everything in between. All offerings are pre-priced ranging from \$400-900. Call for an appointment.
Lisa 307-631-9532



Tricked Out X Mr. Shag



Tricked Out X Mr. Shag



Pay Attention X Full Swing



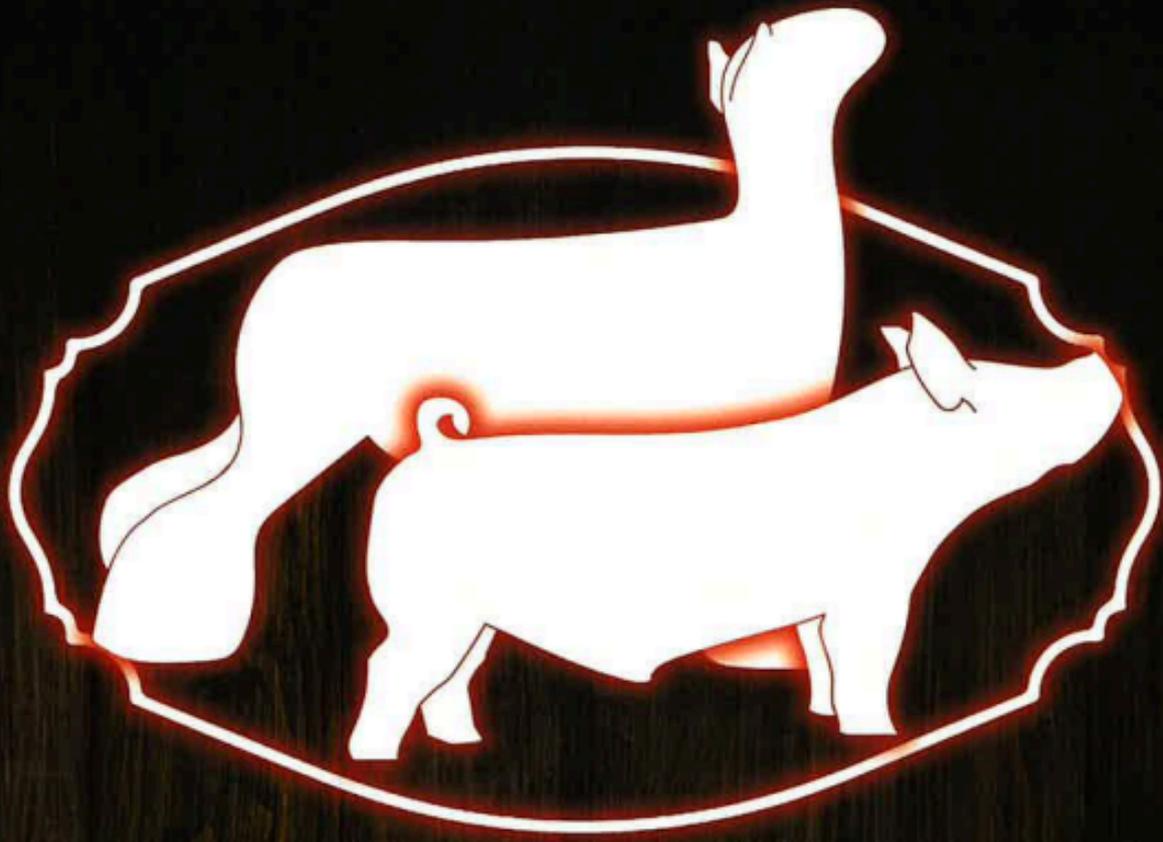
Major Secret X Easy4You



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Boars: Major Secret, Tricked Out, White Out, Pay Attention, Easy4You



45TH ANNUAL LAMB AND PIG SALE

Join us at Casper College for the 45th Annual Lamb and Pig Sale.

Saturday, April 5, 2025, 11:30 a.m.

Grace Werner Agriculture Pavilion, Casper College Campus

Livestock viewing is available before the sale on Friday, April 4, at 6 p.m.

We can't wait to see which champion you choose!