

The 4-H Forecast



January Newsletter

Sheridan County 4-H

Happy New Year Sheridan County 4-H!

I hope you all had a restful and fun Holiday break. The Swinyer crew certainly did, but I'm ready to dive right into TONS of 4-H opportunities! We will be offering a series of workshops for various Indoor projects this spring. Also, take note of some important changes with the Self-Determined Project.

Volunteers and leaders, we have a training coming up this month that I hope you will be able to attend. This hour-long training will explore the Essential Elements of 4-H and how we can easily incorporate them in our club meetings and project meetings.

Lastly, I hope each of you take a second to try the Livestock Judging practice page of our newsletter. Even if you aren't participating in that activity- it's always fun to try something new and challenge ourselves!



Emily Swinyer

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Jan. 4	Photography Workshop @1pm Ext. Office	Jan. 25	Beef Tagging and Weigh-In @8-11am Fairgrounds
Jan. 7	Livestock Judging Practice @6 Ext. Office Conference Room	Jan. 25	Photography Workshop @ 2-4 pm Ext. Office
Jan. 8	Livestock Committee Meeting @6 pm Ext. Office	Jan. 28	Cloverbuds @4:30 pm Ext. Office
Jan. 11	Intermediate Sewist Workshop @10 am Beginner Sewist Workshop @1 pm	Jan. 31	Leather Project Workshop @ 5:30 pm Ext. Office
Jan. 11	New Family Orientation @3:30 Ext. Office	Feb. 6	Shooting Sports New Member Meeting @6 Ext Office
Jan. 13	4-H Council Meeting @5:30 pm Ext. Office	Feb. 7	Cake Decorating Workshop @5:30 pm
Jan. 14	4-H Mountain Camp Board of Trustees @6 pm	Feb. 8	Intermediate Sewist Workshop @10 am Beginner Sewist Workshop @1 pm
Jan. 15	Junior Leader Winter Retreat Planning Committee @5:30 pm	Feb. 13	Shooting Sports New Member Meeting @6 Ext Office
Jan. 15	Swine Project Meeting @6 pm Ext. Office	Feb. 14	Leather Project Workshop @ 5:30 pm Ext. Office
Jan. 16	Dog Project Informational Meeting @6 pm Ext. Office	Feb. 28	Self Determined Project Proposals DUE
Jan. 17	Goat Ultrasounds @ 10 am Moxey Schreiber Vet. Hosp.	Mar. 6	Leather Project Workshop @ 5:30 pm Ext. Office
Jan. 17	4-H Council Scholarship Applications DUE	Apr. 11	Cake Decorating Workshop @10 am
Jan. 17	Leather Project Workshop @ 5:30 pm Ext. Office	Apr. 14	Painting with Sonja Caywood- details TBD
Jan. 18	Cake Decorating Workshop @5:30 pm	Apr. 25	Intermediate Sewist Workshop @10 am Beginner Sewist Workshop @1 pm
Jan. 20	Junior Leaders Club @6 pm Ext. Office	May 2	Intermediate Sewist Workshop @10 am Beginner Sewist Workshop @1 pm
Jan. 22	Market Goat Project @6 pm		



NEW FAMILY ORIENTATION

New Family **ORIENTATION**

- Learn about our program
- Meet our leaders
- Learn about projects
- Meet mentor families
- Ask lots of questions
- Eat ice cream!



Saturday, January 11th
@ 3:30 pm at the
Extension Office

2020 Family Packet includes

- What is 4-H?
- Important Dates
- Info on 4-H Mountain Camp
- Details about the Livestock Sale
- 4-H Lingo Cheatsheet
- Club contact information
- Teen Opportunities

COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP

Sheridan County 4-H Council Scholarship

*Complete Packet due to the Sheridan County Extension Office by January 17, 2020
Incomplete or late scholarship packets will not be considered*

Maximum Amount: Variable amounts up to \$750 (Multiple scholarships awarded)

Requirements:

- Must be a current Wyoming 4-H member in Sheridan County
- Must be a graduating senior or equivalent for home schooled students
- Must plan to attend a trade school, community college or university in Fall 2020 or begin active duty military service.
- Must have turned in a portfolio for the 2018-2019 4-H year

Please include:

- Complete 4-H Portfolio to include ALL years in 4-H and please group all Leadership sections in the front of the book.
- An essay on the impact that 4-H has made in your life and how what you have learned in 4-H that will help you succeed in the future
 - 2-4 pages double spaced, 1" margins, Times New Roman font-12pt.
 - Hint: this should not solely focus on fairs or awards won, but an entire overview of your 4-H career*
- Most recent high school transcript or equivalent
- Two letters of recommendation from someone not related to you. One from a leader in your 4-H Club, if there is a problem with this please call the office and we will help you with that, and another from a high school counselor, teachers, or boss, etc.

Interview:

Scholarship interviews will take place at the Extension Office. Be prepared to address questions about what you have gained from 4-H, your future plans, and why you think you would be a good representative for this scholarship, etc. You will be contacted with your interview date. Scholarship will be awarded at graduation.

Personal Data

(If you are granted a scholarship you will be asked to provide your social security number)

Full Name: _____
First Middle Last

Birth Date: _____ **Age:** _____

Complete Mailing Address: _____
Street or Box

City State Zip

****Please complete reverse side also****

High School or Equivalent:

Graduation Date: _____

Future Plans

College/Trade School Attending: _____

Start Date: _____

Major/ Area of Study: _____

State your reasons for choosing this major and college:

OR Active Duty Military Service:

Enlisting Date: _____

Branch: _____

State your reasons for choosing to enlist in active duty military service:

**Applications due
Friday, January 17th
by 5 pm**



VOLUNTEER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

COUNTY TRAINING

Class with Emily

January 22nd
@6 pm



Belonging
Mastery
Independence
Generosity

ONLINE TRAINING

Available through the
University of Wyoming
via Zoom



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VIDEO TOPICS INCLUDE:

<http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/volunteers/additional-trainings.html>

- **Creating a welcoming environment**
- **Project Meeting fun**
- **Keeping Records**
- **Engaging 4-H Parents**
- **Using 4-H Curriculum**
- **Working Together**
- **Organizing Club Meetings**

PROJECT AREA WORKSHOPS

Leather Craft

Jan. 17th
Jan. 31st
Feb. 14th
Mar. 6th



@5:30 pm
Extension
Office

Fiber Arts

Feb. 8th **Apr. 25th**
Mar. 12th **May 2nd**

Sewist Workshops

Intermediate Sewist Workshop @10 am
Beginner Sewist Workshop @1 pm



PROJECT AREA WORKSHOPS

Cake Decorating

Jan. 18th -Fondant @10 am

Feb. 7th -Smooth Icing and Borders @5:30 pm

Mar. TBD

Apr. 11th @10 am



Visual Arts

Apr. 14th -Painting with Sonja Caywood

*Further details and registration
information coming soon!*

Other upcoming topics:

Watercolors, String Art, Jewelry Making!

STAY TUNED!

Photography

Jan. 25th @2-4 pm -People

Mar. TBD

Apr. 4th @11-1 pm -Flowers/Close Ups



SELF-DETERMINED PROJECT

If you are signed up for the Self-Determined project, be on the lookout for a mailed packet.

The bright yellow page is due back to the Extension Office by February 28th!

Project Guidelines

1. Identify a possible topic for your project.
2. Complete the Proposed Plan for Approval (**Bright Yellow Paper**) and turn it into your 4-H Educator by February 28th. Your 4-H Educator will take in to consideration 4-H rules and the risk involved with each project before approving your project.
3. Once your project is approved, complete the Planning Your Adventure section (Steps 1 through 3) of the guide (**this is coming to you in the mail with the yellow paper**) by discussing and researching your topic, by planning and completing at least two learning experiences, and by planning and completing at least two leadership/citizenship activities.
4. Complete the *Conducting Your Adventure* section by identifying and completing three areas of interest and three activities within each area.
5. Complete the Reporting Your Adventure section of the Self Determined Project guide.

IMPORTANT

In order to enter a Self Determined Project:

- **You MUST have prior approval of your project**
- **You MUST have your completed Self-Determined packet with your project at fair.**

ANIMAL PROJECT INFO

Market Goat Project



*Perfect for goat and
sheep members to
come and learn!*

**Goat Ultrasounds!
Jan. 17th @10 am**

Moxey Schreiber Veterinary Hospital

Meeting: Wed., Jan. 22nd @6-7 pm

For Market Goat and Breeding Market Goat Projects

Crystal Mediate, the Market goat superintendent, will be available to help members with blood draws to check pregnancy status for upcoming breeding year.

Call **307-461-1396** or email crystalmediate@hotmail.com to make arrangements



Dog Project

Thursday,

January 16th @6 pm

Informational meeting

Swine Project

Wednesday,

January 15th @6 pm

Reserve Iowa piglets **NOW!**

Contact Chris Sorenson 307-752-6901



LIVESTOCK JUDGING

Livestock Judging Practice

Each Tuesday @6 pm
Ext. Office Conference Room

Test your skills below!
Answers on last page :)

Breeding Doe



Mark that Card _____

Bred Sow



Mark that Card _____

Breeding Heifer



Mark that Card _____

Breeding Ewe



Mark that Card _____

PROJECT AREA INFO



Beef Project

Beef must be weighed and tagged
before Feb. 1st

Must use an *accredited scale* and use
the provided USDA RFID tags



Market Beef and Heifer Futurity Tagging
January 25th 8-11 am @ Fairgrounds

SHOOTING SPORTS

**Interested in trying the
Shooting Sports Project?**



Mandatory New Member Orientations

(Choose one to attend with your family)

*Find out
more*

**Feb. 6th @6pm
Feb. 13th @6pm
At the Extension Office**

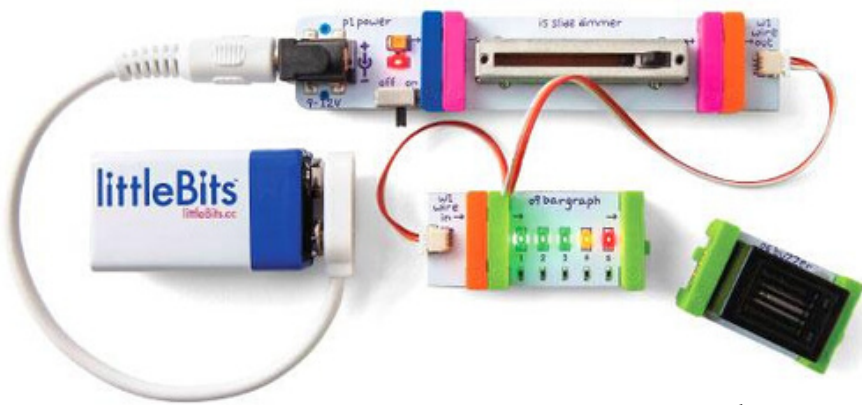
*Meet our
leaders*

CLOVERBUDS

Cloverbuds is a fun, educational program for younger children. Children must be ages 5 to 7 by Jan. 1 of the current 4-H year.



Last month we began exploring the areas of Electricity and Robotics! We leaned about circuits and got to practice making circuits using with LittleBits



We get to learn and play more with LittleBits at our January meeting too!

Next meeting
Jan. 28th
@4:30 pm

I pledge my head to clearer thinking...

DECEMBER COUNCIL MINUTES

12/9/19 4H Council Meeting Minutes

Present: Jessie, Melissa, Jody, Jennifer, Erin, Emily, Carol, Chandra, Heidi, Chris, Barb

Jennifer called meeting to order at 5:30 pm

Secretary report

11/19 minutes mailed out Barb Moved to approve, Erin 2nd - APPROVED

Treasurer Report

11/19 and 12/19 report reviewed; \$2016.73 bills to be paid Heidi moved to approve, Chandra 2nd – APPROVED

Treasurer's report to be included with minutes; Balance as of 12/9/19 is \$17,395.71

Barb reported budget is the same for the upcoming year, as a council we make/spend approximately the same amount every year. Jennifer expressed thanks to Barb for all she does as the Treasurer and the time it takes.

Roll Call of Clubs:

Bighorn Cowboys – met and baked cookies. Christmas Party 12/15/19 with ice skating and caroling at Greenhouse Living.

Renegades – Stroll with Lucky 7. Committee for Angel Tree \$75 budget, Barb Kepley to send Melissa a name from TRE giving tree. Outdoor/Fishing basket for Carnival. 1/5/20 ice skating party. Melissa will get new Bylaws to Emily with updates. Demonstration day in May, date TBD.

Sheridan Livestock – Met Sunday 12/8/19 bowling Christmas Party and pizza party with meeting. Cleaned up at Holiday Inn after the Community Dinner, kids really enjoyed doing this.

Wyotana – Not present

Canyon Livestock – Not present

TRR – Met 12/8/19, meeting and decorated Christmas cookies. Members participated in the Stroll, Christmas in the Valley and the Kids Zone. Kids Zone made \$84, will donate to TRVCC food drive.

Critters, Crafts and Cooking – Stroll, kids did great selling raffle tickets. Saturday 12/7 went shopping for a boy and a girl, Christmas party with potluck. Work day planned in Jan 2020 for Carnival, Dumbo theme.

Luck 7 – Had meeting in 11/19 and elected officers. No meeting in December. Shop with a Cop Sat 12/14 8-12 at Walmart; ringing bell for Salvation Army 5-7 pm to offer different times to help. Donate money through Christmas Wish. New Year's Eve hockey game with Hawk's vs. Gillette, volunteer to clean up and free skate with team 11-12; club will pay for kids to attend the game. Adults \$10, kids \$5-7.

Jr Leaders – Meeting 12/16/19 @ 6 pm to elect officers and plan winter skiing retreat.

Old Business:

Stroll – Raffle basket profit \$665 and got rid of 2 boxes of cookbooks.

Council Scholarship Committee – reminder application is due 1/17/20 by 5 pm. Will be interview.

By Laws/Code of Conduct Updated – Committee has been working on a document for Sheridan County and the committees under this (livestock, indoor, council). Document will be sent out to members of appropriate committees, will need updates/revisions by 12/17/19 to Emily. Proposal will be sent to all committees for review, each committee will need a 2/3 majority vote to pass then each person signs document.

New Family Orientation – Saturday 1/11/20 @ 3:30 pm Extension Office with ice cream social. Emily is working on a packet and will email out, post on facebook and have copies in the office for committee members and leaders to review. Leaders encouraged to come to share best practices with new members, the more the better to help with new families. Youth members to help Emily with this program and help answer questions and talk with new families. Emily will ask new families if they would be interested in a mentor family, determine the need, then reach out to members to be mentor families.

New Business:

Leader List – Emily brought and will be bringing a list to help ensure all leaders are up to date on requirements. Video links count as State Training, text or call office to report you have completed this. MVR link, forward email to Cori when complete. Emily will be having a Leader Training on Thursday 1/22/20 @ 6 pm at the Extension office – will be County Level with State Element, so will fulfill both requirements. Every 5 years re-certification needed.

Self-Determined projects – date will be set for this for youth members to propose project idea to Emily to ensure the best placement for project judging. Information will be included in the New Family Guide.

Zing Books – New online Record Books. Kids to start this year moving forward, keep their old record books for future needs. Encourage kids to print record book at the end of the year and put with other record books. Emily showed the Committee the website, leaders encouraged to get on to learn and practice; Emily can give the 4-H leaders/Council a training to help answer questions.

Shooting Sports – Chris reminded kids have to pay membership dues by 1/1/20 to Sportsmans Club Association to be able to shoot, will receive a card. Can be paid at Rocky Mountain Discount Sports or Sportsmans Warehouse. \$7/kid or \$65/family. If donation from another, has to be in the kid's name.

Melissa moved, Barb 2nd to adjourn meeting. Meeting concluded 6:30 pm

Next meeting is Monday 1/13/20 @ 5:30 pm – Heidi will be gone, Erin Hinton will take minutes

JUNIOR LEADERS

Next Meeting Jan. 20th

Congrats to the new club officers!

President- Jentry Reid

Vice President- Braden West

Secretary- Rachel Bishop

Treasurer- Grace Hinton

Parliamentarian- Maggie McStay

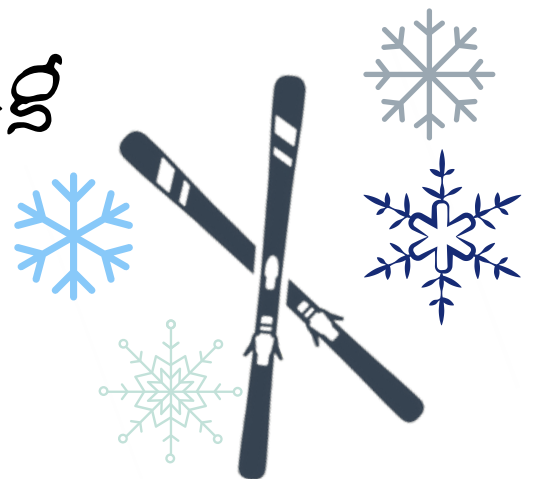
Sentinel- Logan Bishop

Historian- Gracie Bailey

Winter Retreat Planning

Committee Meeting

January 15th @5:30



CLUB INFORMATION

Big Horn Cowboys

Leader: Erin Hinton and Jody DeHaven
Phone: 751-4349
Meets: 3rd Wednesday of the month
Time: 6:30 pm
Meeting Place: Sheridan County Extension Office

Canyon Livestock

Leader: Jonalee Watkins and Dawn Sipe
Phone: 307-751-0848
Meets: 3rd Sunday of the month
Time: 4 pm
Meeting Place: TRVC- Ranchester Center
(old TRE Building)

Critters, Crafts & Cooking

Leader: Carol French and Chandra Hendricks
Phone: 737-2412
Meets: 1st Saturday of the month
Meeting Place: Sheridan County Extension Office

Lucky 7

Leader: Jessie Koltiska and Vicki Koltiska
Phone: 307-752-2298
Meets: 3rd Sunday of the month
Meeting Place: Sheridan County Extension Office

Sheridan Livestock

Leader: Jennifer Forsness and Chris Lamb
Phone: 307-752-8241
Meets: 1st Thursday of the month
Time: 6 pm
Meeting Place: Sheridan County Extension Office

Tongue River Roundup

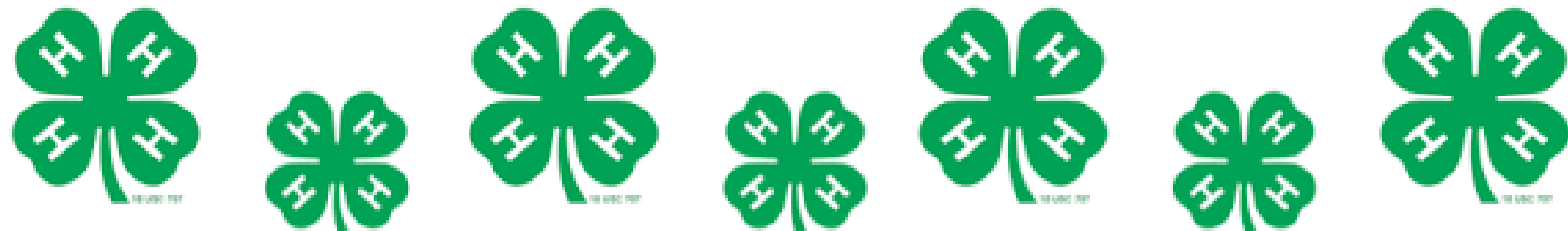
Leader: Barb Kepley and Heidi Justus
Phone: 307-461-7967
Meets: 2nd Sunday of the month
Time: 2 pm
Meeting Place: TRVCC Dayton

Renegades

Leaders: Melissa Petzold and Kymberly Brown
Phone: 307-763-9687
Meets: Online and at various events
(contact for details)

Wyotana Grizzlies

Leader: Susie Terry and Kandra Ankney
Phone: 751-2233
Meets: 1st Tuesday of the month
Time: 6 pm
Meeting Place: Sheridan County Extension Office



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Livestock Judging Placings

Breeding Doe 1-3-2-4

Bred Sow 3-2-4-1

Breeding Heifer 1-4-3-2

Breeding Ewe 1-3-4-2

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