

The 4-H Forecast



October Newsletter

Sheridan County 4-H

Sheridan County 4-H Families,

Happy New Year everybody! I absolutely love October where we get to celebrate each other's achievements throughout this past 4-H year as well as get excited about a year of fun and learning ahead. I hope I see all of you at this year's achievement program on October 10th at 2 pm at Sheridan Wesleyan Church.

I have LOVED reading all of your record books! Y'all worked so hard and have learned a lot over this last year. It may not have all worked out the way we planned, but we certainly learned that we can adapt, overcome, and still come out successful! I'm so proud of each of you.

As we roll into a new year, please remember to enroll or reenroll in 4-H through ZSuite to reactivate your membership. Be on the look out for project learning opportunities to be scheduled and announced.

If you as a parent have ever considered volunteering as a leader now is also an excellent time to sign up as well. We always need help and everyone has a skillset they can share. Give me a call and we can chat more about areas in need of assistance and leadership.



Emily Swinger

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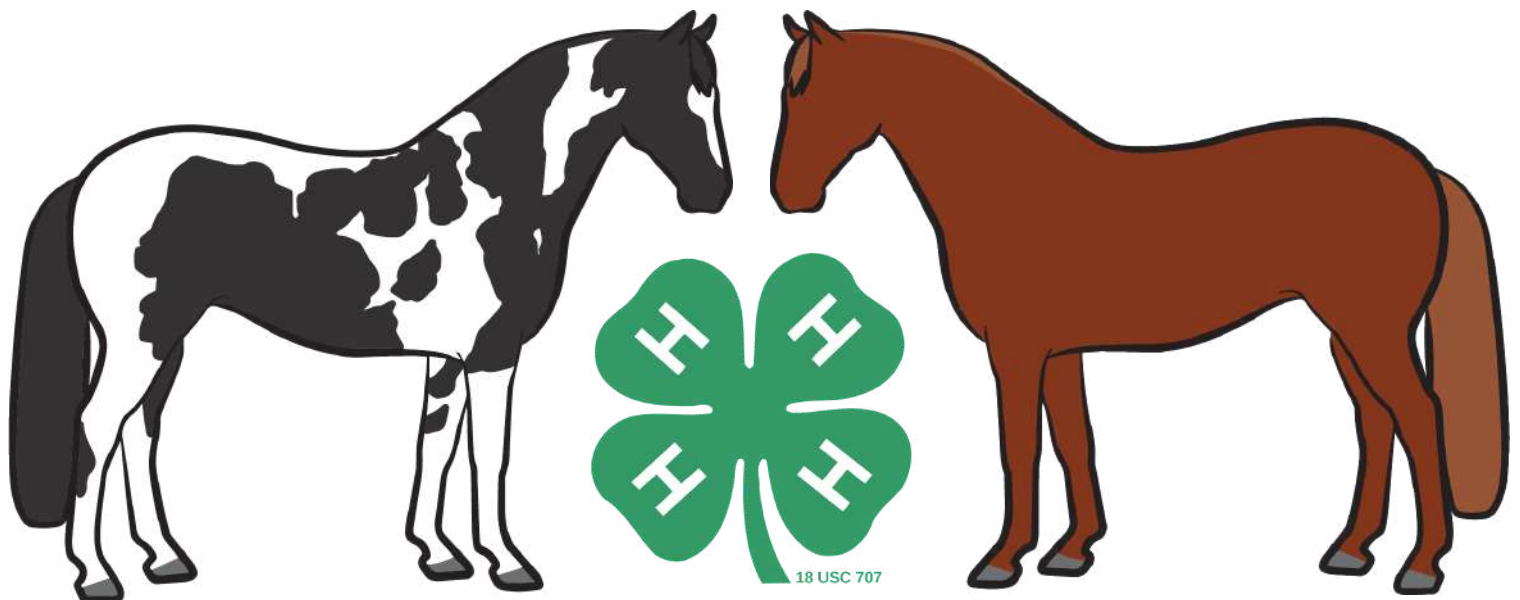
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CLUB INFORMATION



EVENTS FORECAST

Oct 1	4-H Enrollment OPEN for 2020-2021 year
Oct. 4-10	National 4-H Week
Oct 5	4-H Council @5:30pm via zoom
Oct. 6	Last day to register for Fall Showcase Showdown
Oct 7	Livestock Committee Meeting @ 6 pm Exhibit Hall
Oct. 10	Achievement Program @2pm, Sheridan Wesleyan Church
Oct. 12	Wreck Your Jewelry Box @ 6 pm Exhibit Hall
Oct 14	Breeding Market Goat project meeting @ 7 pm via zoom
Oct. 17-18	Fall Showcase Showdown in Douglas, WY
Oct. 19	Junior Leaders Meeting @ 6 pm, Sheridan Wesleyan Church
Oct. 26	Beginner Jewelry Making @ 6 Exhibit Hall
Oct. 27	Cloverbuds @ 4:30 pm Exhibit Hall





**Participate
online and be
entered to win a
4-H gift basket!**

MEMBERSHIP MONDAY

Enrollment is OPEN! Be on the lookout for how to join 4-H online. Also- it's a great time to invite your friends!

TRIVIA TUESDAY

Participate in some fun online trivia on our Facebook page Sheridan County 4-H!

WEAR IT WEDNESDAY

Show your 4-H pride by wearing 4-H swag to school and work! Post photos and be sure to tag #sheridancounty4h #wearitwednesday

THROWBACK THURSDAY

Leaders and adults can post pics of their participation in 4-H when they were younger. Current members can reflect on their first years participating. We'll even be sharing some historical pictures from Sheridan County 4-H. Tag #sheridancounty4h #throwbackthursday

FANTASTIC LEADER FRIDAY

A day to honor many of our fabulous leaders! If you want to post pics of your favorite leader be sure to tag #sheridancounty4h #fantasticleaderfriday

THE HEART OF THE MATTER

This is quick story of family. Not your traditional mom-dad-brother-sister family, this one is more difficult to explain. But, I will do my best to get to the heart of the matter. I don't consider myself a writer, but occasionally I am moved by our members in ways that need further explanation.

In June, the Junior Leader club hosted a Pig Pickin' fundraiser to raise money for a Winter Retreat and other fun activities. They were quite successful and raised just over \$2,000 in a single night! Pretty impressive- the teens couldn't have done it without leaders' support and help.



Fast forward to September. We haven't had a formal meeting since the Pig Pickin' due to County Fair and the end of a 4-H year. They were finally able to meet on September 21st to reflect on the fundraiser, fair, and make plans for the upcoming year. As many of you know, one of our parents and volunteers, Willie Benedict, was badly injured in a horse accident and was in the Intensive Care Unit in Billings. A Junior Leader suggested we donate \$100 to help the family. Another member piped in, "We can do better than that, let's do \$500!" Conversations and murmurings filled the space as others shouted out to give more, more, MORE. Finally, a member loudly made a formal motion to donate \$2,000." Before the adults in the room could process what was happening, it had been properly moved and seconded.

These members, who had just experienced the most unusual (some would argue traumatic) 4-H/school year of their lives. They had just worked VERY hard to pull off a successful fundraiser to go towards trips, fun events, etc. But none of that mattered. In a moment they saw something and someone that mattered to them. Willie helps at many of the livestock shows. You can always find him as ring help in the swine and beef shows. His wife Vicki is also an incredibly dedicated volunteer to the 4-H program. And sitting among them was Willie's daughter Keira. A peer. A friend.

Folks, I left that night with my head and heart a complete mess. These kids gave ALL their fundraiser profits, without question, to help one of their own. What I had witnessed was a pure and selfless act. Hope for humanity restored! They gave it all up because of family. Because of friendship. Because they felt it was the right thing to do.

Was it excessive? You bet. Was it to show off? Absolutely not. Was it heartfelt? 100%

Members and families, if you stuck with me through my ramblings and got to the end of this, I thank you. Youth are often labeled as lazy, selfish, and even short sighted. But y'all, that's not 4-H kids. I firmly believe that we are not just teaching them about heifers, hogs, hens, and horses. We are teaching them to use their head and find ways they can use their talents, skills, and resources. We teach them to value health, both physically but also the condition of someone's heart. We teach them use their hearts to be loyal to one another- when it's easy and when it is hard. Most importantly we teach them to use their hands to serve others, to do their best to make the world around them a better place.

If what transpired the evening of September 21st is any indication of the character of 4-H youth leaders, I'd say we are doing something right.

-Emily

CLUB SPOTLIGHT



Tongue River Roundup and Canyon Livestock 4-H clubs joined together to purchase the Grand Champion Market Goat from Brodyn Buchanan, member of Renegades 4-H Club.

GOOD LUCK

Sheridan County's Senior Livestock Judging Team is headed to the American Royal mid October



Great Job to coach Travis Adam and members Braden West, Jhett West, Maggie May McStay, and Colter Sharp for such an impressive year!

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

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OCT. 10TH @ 2 PM

NEW THIS YEAR:

Champion Record Books!!

- Champion Animal Science
- Champion Expressive Arts
- Champion Healthy Living
- Champion Leadership
- Champion Natural Resources
- Champion Science and Technology

**SHERIDAN
WESLEYAN
CHURCH**

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

PREMIUM CHECKS

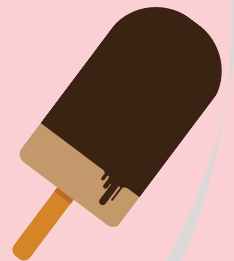
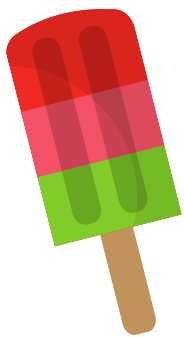


Checks and cash for fair premiums are available now at the Extension Office and will also be at the Achievement Program

TASTY TREATS

Bring a box of frozen treats- popsicles, ice cream sandwiches, etc.

Must be packaged



9 YEAR MEMBERS

REMINDER- Have your speeches prepared.

Please limit to 2-3 minutes.

Also, if you want to have photos included, send them ASAP

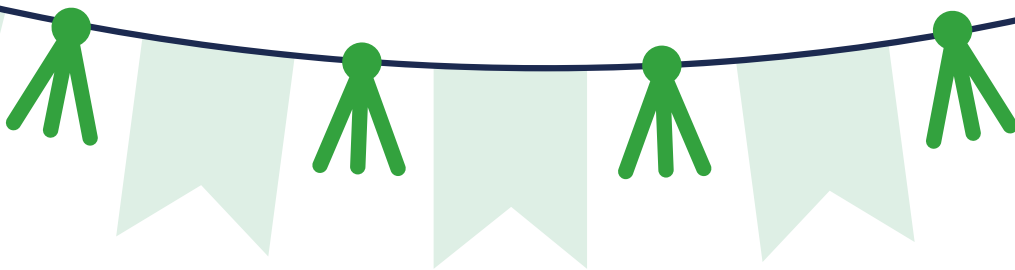
If you will be presenting via video, be SURE to have that to me NO LATER than October 5th

Z SUITE ENROLLMENT



Happy New
4-H Year!

Enrollment for the 2020-2021 4-H
year opens October 1st



Enroll online at:
4h.zsuite.org

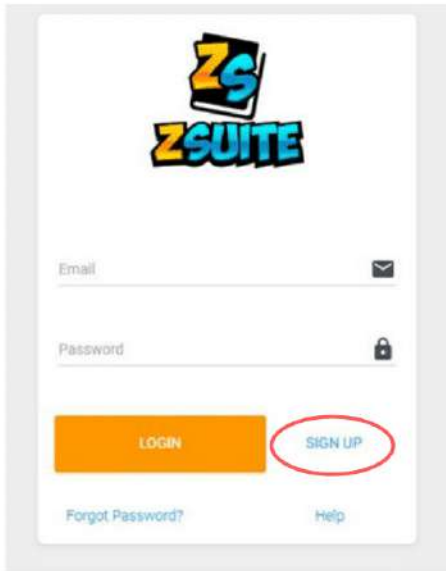
ZSuite 4-H Record Books & You!

Understanding the new record book system



Create a family profile

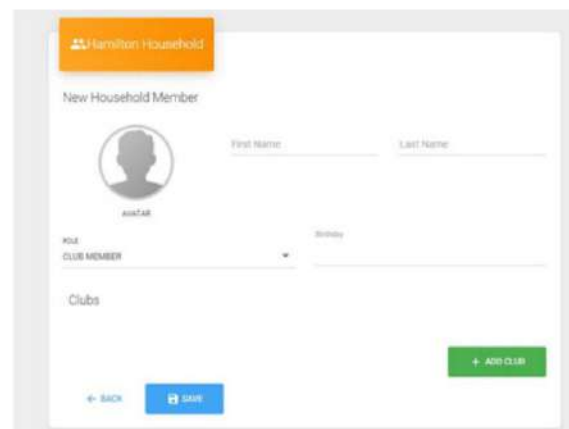
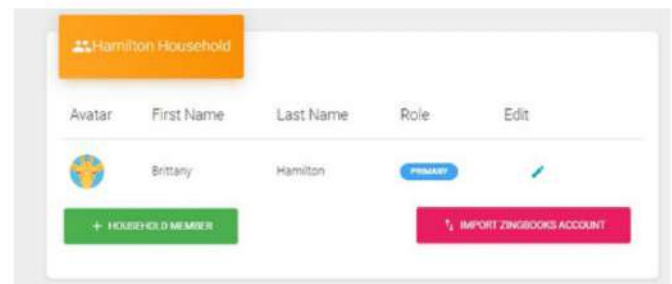
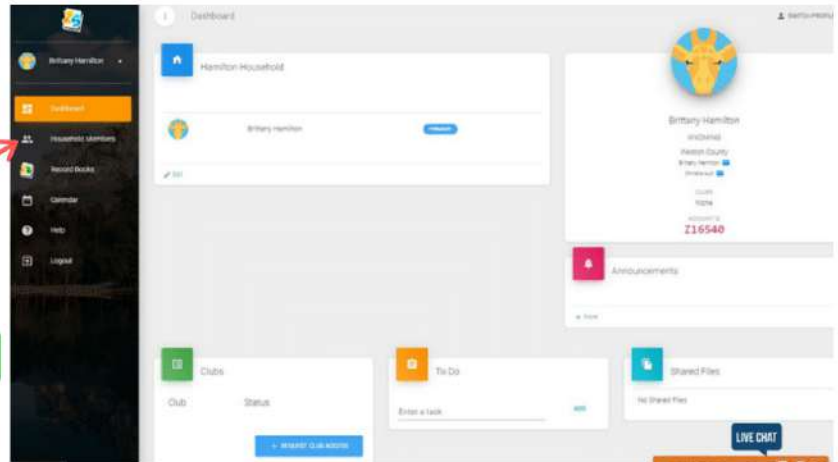
1. Go to <https://4h.zsuite.org/> (open in Google Chrome, not Internet Explorer) You will see a screen like this.
2. As a family creating a new profile, select **Sign Up**.
 - a. Fill in the required fields (you can use your same email and password from 4HOnline).
 - b. Create a pin number (we recommend an easy-to-remember four-digit number, like the last four numbers of your phone number).
 - REMEMBER your password and pin number, you will need it to access your portfolios!
 - c. Select Wyoming and your home County.
 - d. Click **Let's Go**.



Add members of family

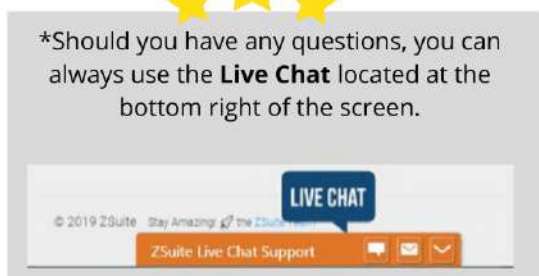
You should now be directed to the **Dashboard** screen.

1. To add members, in the black drop down menu, select **Household Members**
2. On the next screen, select **+ HOUSEHOLD MEMBER**
3. Fill in the required fields for one of your members.
4. Don't forget to add a club! Click **+ ADD CLUB**
5. Finish by clicking **SAVE**

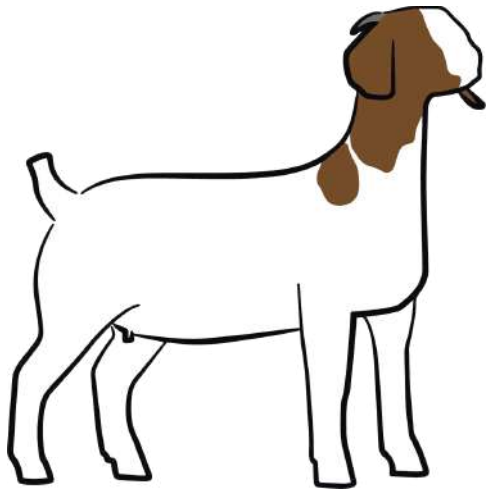


You will return to the **Household Members** screen. The member you added should appear in the list along with yourself. Repeat this process for the other members of your household.

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*Should you have any questions, you can always use the **Live Chat** located at the bottom right of the screen.



BREEDING MARKET GOAT



Come learn about fall breeding schedules and meeting the nutritional needs of breeding stock

**October 14th @7 pm
via Zoom**

Meeting ID: 427 199 2069

MORE PROJECT MEETINGS

COMING SOON...

Be on the look out
for more learning
opportunities as
the new 4-H year
kicks off



WRECK YOUR JEWELRY BOX!

Join us for a fun and creative Visual Arts workshop. Bring unwanted/unused jewelry to recreate into something you'll LOVE!

Open to Intermediate and Senior members

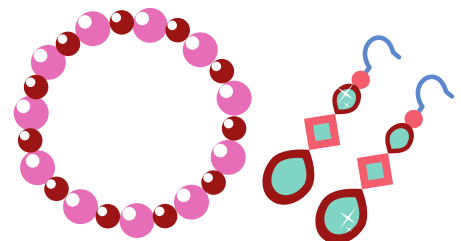
**October 12th
@6 pm
Exhibit Hall**



JEWELRY MAKING BASICS

This beginner workshop is for ***any member*** wanting to learn the basics- from clasps, knotting, crimp beads, and jump rings!

**October 26th @6 pm
Exhibit Hall**



STATE CONTESTS



2020·FALL SHOWCASE SHOWDOWN October 17-18

Douglas

Saturday

Wool Contest
Food Cook Off
Cake Decorating
Meats Contest
Games and Music



Sunday

Horse Judging Contest
Food Cook Off Continues
Robotics Contest
Awards Ceremony

Camping is available for \$30 per night
(Please make arrangements with State Fair)

Dorms are available for \$15.00 per night
(reserve your spot when you register)

Register by October 6th

Register: <http://bit.ly/2020fallshowcase>

TREATS FOR TROOPS

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- Packaged treats, not homemade this year (think Little Debbie cakes, packaged candy, etc)
- Toothbrushes, toothpaste, deodorant, chapstick, and other basic needs items



**Club Leaders can drop off at the Extension Office
Junior Leaders will be packaging on November 16th**

JUNIOR LEADERS

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leaders

Next Meeting

October 19th @ 6 pm

@ Sheridan Wesleyan Church

For youth ages 13-18



CITIZENSHIP



RESPONSIBILITY



FAIRNESS



CARING



TRUSTWORTHINESS



RESPECT

CLOVERBUDS

Welcome New Cloverbud Friends!

October 27th @ 4:30 pm

Exhibit Hall

For children, ages 5-7



Learn about
different projects,
make new friends,
try new things!

COUNCIL MINUTES

9/14/20 4H Council Meeting Minutes

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

Erin called meeting to order 6:06 pm

Secretary report

No minutes, last meetings via zoom have been recorded and are available as requested

In the future, minutes will be taken if zoom meeting is held and sent out

Treasurer Report

Barb reviewed Treasurer's report; bills to be paid; option of credit card to be discussed.

Melissa moved to approve bills in the amount of \$4,322.37, Chandra 2nd – APPROVED

Melissa moved to approve the Treasurer's Report as read, Chandra 2nd - APPROVED

Outstanding checks reviewed; this will remain on report for information purposes

Treasurer's report to be included with minutes

Roll Call of Clubs:

Bighorn Cowboys – will be meeting virtually via zoom due to size of club Wed 9/16/20; new families in their club

Renegades – Met last week, plan to have trailer at Knecht's for National 4H week, Floor to ceiling concession, fun made some money. 10/10 Achievement day announced, next meeting 10/14/20 and 11/18/20 @5:30 at the Exhibit Hall. Planning ahead, Stroll earlier time preferred. Plan to meet virtually if no new members, kids/parents decided.

Sheridan Livestock – Met last week, 3 kids in the park. Discussed record books due, call the office if any questions. Display for 4H week planned, want to do this as a club. Elections 10/20 meeting, meeting place is the library.

Wyotana – Met 1st Tuesday 9/1/20, 20 kids @ Exhibit Hall. Planned highway clean-up for 10/24/20, pumpkin patch 9/26/20 and plan to donate \$500 to Awards Committee.

Canyon Livestock – Meeting 9/20/20 planned, Emily is going to attend and discussed asking parents to become leaders and if not, then club may go inactive. Plan TBD.

TRR – Met 9/13/20, 4 kids came. TRVCC carnival community service and donated money to TRVCC. Dead Swede 10/3/20 bike race aid station planned. Bought Champion Market Goat at livestock sale with Canyon Livestock, kids giving back to kids. Record books due, no questions at the meeting.

Critters, Crafts and Cooking – Floor to ceiling fundraiser \$150, met 6/20 in park and had ice cream. Sat 9/19/20 meeting planned in park. 2 girls from the club made a video at the Dog and Cat Shelter, it was a hit.

Luck 7 – Floor to ceiling fundraiser made approx. \$125. Plan to meet Sunday 9/20/20 at ERA Carroll Realty. Place/plan is to be determined, may go to zoom due to traveling sports. Elections 11/20.

Jr Leaders – Pig Pickin' fundraiser a huge success and they made a lot of money. Meeting at Wesleyan Church coffee shop 9/21/20 @ 6 pm. Inspired by another club and considering buying an animal at the livestock sale next year.

Old Business:

Record Books due Friday 9/18/20, submit and Emily will print. Emily mentioned the chat feature with 'Jake' is great, timely and after hours too. Emily to grade 99% of the books, others will be divided amongst office staff so as to not grade their own child's. Gold/Silver/Green numbers per club will be announced, not individual designations.

County Fair thoughts:

- Survey conducted and 33% said hard, 28% liked/easier, 28% greatest year ever, 8% worst idea
- Taking animals home 64% said families should have a choice.
- Comments from club: liked the judges, liked show and go. For indoor, display items and let people see them, really appreciated being on time for interviews or early. Kids appreciated water during the heifer show. Tent over grass area and showing goats in the shaded show ring.
- What happened to the tent over the grass areas?? It was understanding this would happen this year, bring to next Livestock Committee Meeting.
- Showing goats in the shade of the show ring; Melissa mentioned the judge commented this should be happening.

Thank You notes and stamps – who is paying for this? Much discussion from the group about the topic. Emily clarified the Awards Committee answers to the indoor and livestock committee. Writing thank you notes at the shows was discussed at awards meeting and not voted on/decided upon including postage payment beforehand, but was assumed this would be done. Goal was to have thank you notes sent to donors and this fulfilled the purpose, question of quality and some blank thank you notes sent out. Discussed pros/cons. 4H council agrees this process needs improvement and members are responsible for stamps, mailing, etc. and writing thank you notes. Discussion of the Awards Committee being restructured, etc. Suzie donated a book of stamps to the office to replace stamps.

Suzie moved to reimburse Kandra Ankney \$110 for postage, Chris 2nd APPROVED

New Business:

Book Royalties for '**Ace the Buffalo**' for using 4H logo and emblem. **Bison Union** owner author and local illustrator, share royalties with Sheridan County 4H program. \$400ish check received. Discussion for what to use the money for. Budget line item especially for this.

Emily moved to use the Homemakers donation/Sonja Caywood donation/Book royalties for learning opportunities and awards for static indoor projects. Chris 2nd APPROVED

4H council meetings discussed – request has been made to make zoom an option for those who live out of town and in winter months, discussion of every 3rd meeting in person, quarterly.

Heidi moved, Melissa 2nd – then discussion – Emily moved to change motion, Melissa 2nd

Difficulties with technology or internet/cell service, hybrid option discussed.

Chris Amended the motion to every other month live in person and zoom. Changes can be made as necessary in the morning of the meeting for weather related issues

Change in meeting time/date proposed –

Motion to change meetings to 1st Monday of the month @5:30 pm. Jody moved, Erin 2nd
APPROVED

Next meeting 10/5/20 @5:30 pm via zoom

Achievement day 10/10/20 @ 2 pm Sheridan Wesleyan Church. Not able to serve ice cream this year.

Melissa Moved to ask each family to bring a prepackaged box of ice cream treats to the awards ceremony. Barb 2nd APPROVED

Barb, Jessie, Heidi and Chris volunteered for Award Committee subcommittee, Chandra to email the group the numbers for each division for counts, budget to be determined. Thoughts included gift cards from local Sheridan businesses.

Nominations: President Chandra Hendricks; Treasurer Barb Kepley and write ins are welcome

Request for clear message to be sent via email to all 4H members, parents/leaders/members to nominate for awards – request reply by 9/18/20 and Email voting by 4H Council by WED 9/23/20 to prepare for Achievement Day

- 1st year members
- Gold membership
- Silver membership
- 1st year leaders – ordered metal clover cutouts from HMM downtown
- 5-year leaders
- 10-year leaders
- 20-year leaders
- Specialty awards:
 - Character Counts
 - Outstanding Junior Leader
 - Outstanding Project Leader
 - Outstanding Leader
 - Outstanding Staff
 - Hard Luck Awards

Information: Jacket Awards Clarification for overall indoor projects, this would increase the number of overall jackets from 13 to a number to be determined (unknown at this time).

Discussed the potential need for visual arts, western arts, outdoor areas, animal science and fiber arts. Indoor Committee to review and bring to 4H council.

Fair Premiums discussed and request to pay the remainder of the balance for these. 4H Council was unsure if we as a council could make this decision, but we did make a recommendation. \$3500 from fair board used for this and total is not known at the meeting, thought to may be a few hundred dollars.

Barb moved to have Awards Committee/fund pay the difference, Jody 2nd APPROVED

Discussion regarding restructuring of the Awards Committee and more to come about this, accountability, need for a treasurer?, this is a committee and not a council, should the money come to 4H council as a line item or stay the same?, clarity on who and where the questions should come for payments (such as the above item).

Many of the questions we cannot answer go back to the Sheridan County Fair who is actually responsible and what can we do to make things better. Barb recommended that we as a council set up a meeting to talk with the Fair Board about future fairs. It was discussed that we need to do this as a council and bring in community members that would like to participate in being part of the fair.

Carol moved to adjourn meeting, Jessie 2nd to adjourn meeting. Meeting concluded 8:30 pm

Next meeting Monday 10/5/20 @ 5:30 pm via zoom, Emily to send out the information prior to the meeting



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: Exhibit Hall

Critters, Crafts & Cooking

Leader: Carol French and Chandra Hendricks
Phone: 737-2412
Meets: 3rd Saturday of the month
Time: 10am
Meeting Place: Kendrick Park

Lucky 7

Leader: Jessie Koltiska and Vicki Koltiska
Phone: 307-752-2298
Meets: 3rd Sunday of the month
Time: 4pm
Meeting Place: ERA Carroll Realty

Sheridan Livestock

Leader: Jennifer Forsness and Chris Lamb
Phone: 307-752-8241
Meets: 1st Thursday of the month
Time: 6 pm
Meeting Place: Kendrick Park Bandshell

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: Second Wednesday of the month
Time: 5:30 pm
Meeting Place: Exhibit Hall

Wyotana Grizzlies

Leader: Susie Terry and Kandra Ankney
Phone: 751-2233
Meets: 1st Tuesday of the month
Time: 6 pm
Meeting Place: Exhibit Hall

Please Note:

Meeting places and times may change. Stay in contact with your club leaders and call our office if you have questions

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