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The Forecast
October Newsletter

2026 Sheridan County

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Welcome to the new 4-H year! If you haven't already, please be sure to re-enroll through **ZSuite** as well as join the **Sheridan County 4-H Band**.

Achievement Night is one month out and will be held Sunday, November 1 at the Exhibit Hall.

Clubs need to ensure that their checking accounts have current signers going into the new year, so please vote on and approve a list of four signers (to include myself) who will be responsible parties for club finances.

We are now using **Band** for communications. Announcements, events and everything else pertaining to 4-H will be published in a listed but private Band titled '4-H (Sheridan County, WY)'. All clubs and major projects have their own specific private Bands, so watch for QR codes to access them in coming Newsletters or get with your Superintendent to snag an invite.

All adults in our Bands will need to have their full name listed or we won't be able to admit them to the Band.

Lastly, as the new year begins we are always in need of parents and community members who can volunteer a little time to help with our Projects. If you know someone who might be able to help our 4-Hers get the most out of project events and practices, please connect me with them!

Zachary Hein
4-H/Youth Dev. Educator
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Join the Sheridan County 4-H Band!

All adults must have their full name on their profile!

SHERIDAN COUNTY 4-H IS MOVING TO BAND!

🎉 **We're kicking off the 2026-2027 4-H year and we're excited to connect with YOU!** 🍀

BAND is becoming an important part of how we communicate, share updates, and stay connected throughout the year. Whether you're a 4-H participant, parent/guardian, or volunteer, we want you to be part of the conversation!

📲 **Download the BAND app and join the Sheridan County 4-H BAND today!**

From important announcements and reminders to opportunities, events, and everything in between, BAND will help keep our 4-H family CONNECTED, INFORMED, and BEYOND READY! 🚀

Let's make this a great 4-H year — together! 💚🍀

Join the Sheridan County 4-H Band!

ALL ADULTS MUST HAVE THEIR FULL NAME LISTED TO GET ACCESS TO 4-H BANDS



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
• Clubs • Projects • Workshops • Meetings • Events				1	2 • Wyoming Warriors Meeting	3 • Critters, Crafts, & Cooking Meeting
4	5 • 4-H Council	6 • Wyotana Meeting • Cloverbuds	7 • Livestock Committee • The 5th H Meeting	8	9	10
11 • Goose Creek Club Meeting • Tongue River Roundup Meeting	12	13 • Lucky 7 Meeting	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 • Big Horn Cowboys Meeting	21 • 307 Pioneers Meeting	22	23	24 Fall Horse Show
25	26	27	28 • Piney Island Pioneers Meeting	29	30	31

October begins the new 4-H year, don't forget to re-enroll!



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In all things, give thanks

4-H Traditions

4-H Colors

The white in the 4-H Emblem symbolizes purity. The green, nature's most common color, represents life, springtime, and youth.

4-H Emblem

The green four-leaf clover has a white H on each leaf to represent each one of the four H's: Head, Heart, Hands, and Health. The 4-H Name and Emblem are protected under federal statue Title 18, U.S. Code 707



4-H Motto

"To Make the Best Better" is the aim for each member in improving themselves and in building better clubs and communities.

4-H Slogan

"Learn By Doing" is the 4-H member's way of acquiring new skills and learning how to get along with others. New skills come from working with the hands. The ability to get along with others comes from working and playing with the group.

4-H Pledge

I pledge
My Head to clearer thinking,
My Heart to greater loyalty,
My Hands to larger service, and
My Health to better living,
For My Club, My Community, My Country, and My World.

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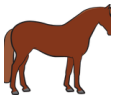
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Updated 9/10/2026

Sheridan County 4-H Clubs

***Check calendar for any changes in meeting date/location**

307 Pioneers 4-H Club

Leaders:
Jeremy Kisling
307-763-0694

Cory Panak
405-550-0155

Meets: 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 6:00 pm
Extension Office

Big Horn Cowboys

Leader:
Sarah Opitz
307-340-1177

Meets: 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 6:30 pm
Extension Office

Critters Crafts & Cooking Club

Leader:
Carol French
307-751-0380

Meets: 1st Saturday of the month @ 10:30 am
Extension Office

Goose Creek Livestock

Leaders:
Lacey Sell
307-461-7410

Jessica Barnes
307-630-9958

Meets: 2nd Sunday of the month @ 5:30 pm
Extension Office

Lucky 7 4-H Club

Leader:
Jessie Koltiska
307-752-2298

Meets: 2nd Tuesday of the month @ 5:30 pm
Extension Office

Piney Island Pioneers 4-H Club

Leader:
Diana Manselle
307-299-3338

Meets: 4th Wednesday of the month @ 6:00 pm
Story Library

the 5th H

Leaders:
Rachel & Brian Mealor
307-330-4884

Sarah & Peter Burgess
307-461-0210

Meets: 1st Wednesday of the month @ 1:00 pm
Extension Office

Tongue River Roundup

Leaders:
Rachel Reinholz
320-491-4300

Jonalee Watkins
307-751-0848

Meets: 2nd Sunday of the month @ 12:00 pm
Ranchester Town Hall

Wyoming Warriors

Leaders:
Cindy Beaver
307-660-6064

Kathy Miller
307-751-7019

Meets: 1st Friday of the month @ 12:05pm
Ignite Weslyan Church

Wyotana Grizzlies

Leader:
Susie Terry
307-751-2233

Meets: 1st Tuesday of the month @ 6:00 pm
Extension Office

SHERIDAN COUNTY 4-H

ENROLLMENT OPENS OCT. 1ST

DON'T FORGET!

DON'T FORGET TO GET RE-ENROLLED/ENROLLED IN 4-H!

Aerospace
Archery
Beef
Cake Decorating
Cat
Civic Engagement
Computers
Crocheting
Dog
Electricity
Entomology
Fabric & Fashion
Food & Nutrition
Gardening
Horticulture
Geology
Goats
Health
Horse
Hunting
Interior Design
Knitting
Leathercraft
Lego Creations
Livestock Judging
Llamas & Alpacas
Muzzleloading
Nature & Ecology
Needlecraft
Photography
Pistols
Pocket Pets
Poultry
Quilting
Rabbit
Range Management
Outdoor Recreation
Rifle
Robotics
Ropecraft
Self Determined
Sheep
Shotgun
Sportfishing
Swine
Vet Science
Vegetable Judging
Visual Arts- Painting & Drawing
Visual Arts- Arts & Crafts
Welding
Wildlife & Hunting
Woodworking
Wool Judging
Youth Leadership

4H.ZSUITE.ORG

HELPING YOUTH THRIVE
POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



ZSuite 4-H Enrollment

New Family Profile

If you've never signed in to ZSuite before, follow these steps:

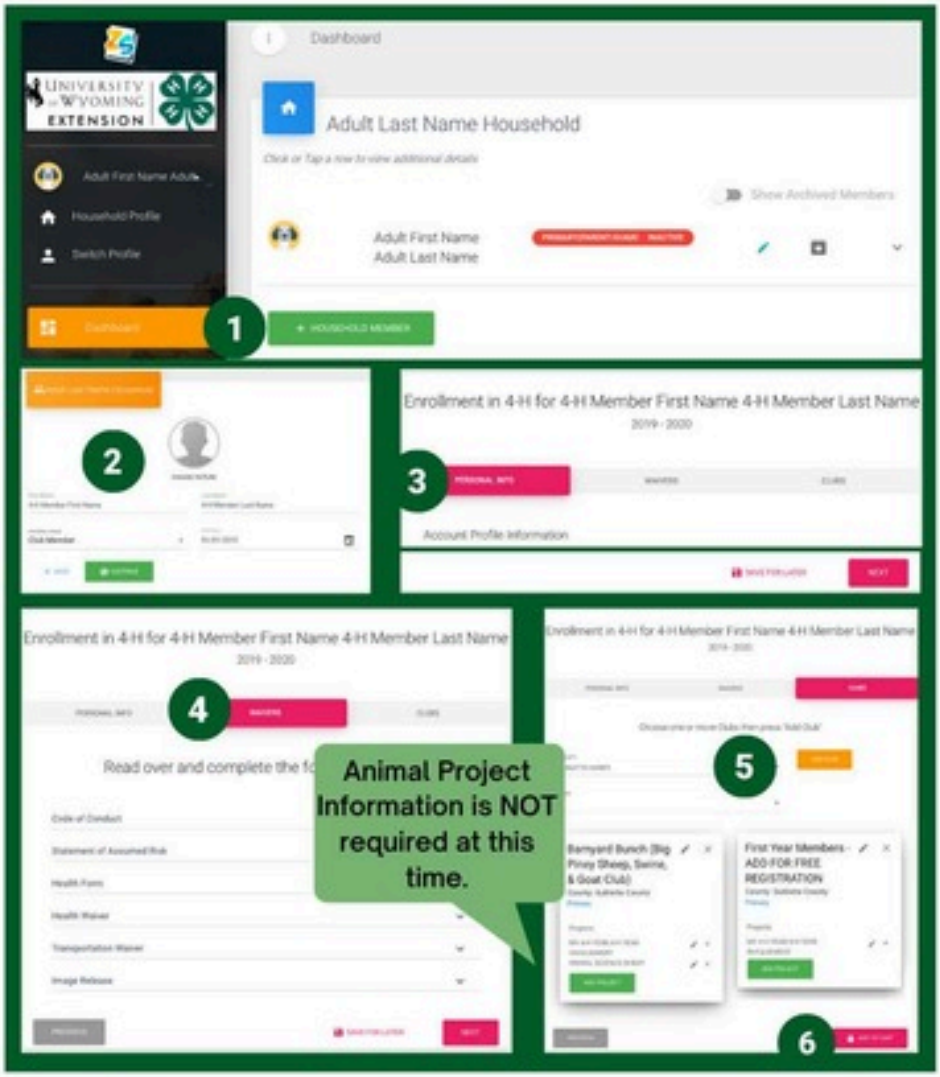
1. Go to https://4h.zsuite.org/
2. As a Family creating a new Profile, select SIGN UP
   a. Fill in all of the fields, select LET'S GO!

Adding 4-H Members

You are now on the **Dashboard** tab

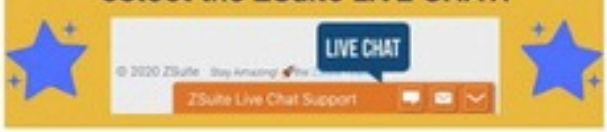
1. Select + Household Member
2. Fill out 4-H Member's info, select Continue
3. Fill out PERSONAL INFO, select Next
4. Fill out all six drop down WAIVERS, then select Next
5. Dropdown to your CLUB, select Add Club
   a. Select Add Project
      i. If you are interested in
         1. Junior Leaders
         2. Livestock Judging Team
         3. Livestock Skillathon Team

   make sure to add them as a Club.
      i. **ALL** 4-H Members should Add **MY 4-H YEAR/MY 4-H YEAR INVOLVEMENT** as a Project in one Club, Select Add Project
6. Select Add to Cart and then you can either **+Add Enrollment** or **Submit.** Must be submitted to be complete.



First Year 4-H Members, make sure to add the First Year Member "CLUB". This will waive the Registration Fee.

If you need assistance, don't hesitate to select the ZSuite LIVE CHAT!



Once submitted, your Enrollment will change from Pending Approval to Active when the Extension Office receives payment!

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK

OCTOBER 4-10, 2026

Sunday 4

Membership Registration

Register for the 2025-2026 4-H year today. Go to 4h.zsuite.org to register.

Monday 5

We wear GREEN to show we are BEYOND READY!

All things green and 4-H!

Tuesday 6

Take a selfie Tuesday

Take a 4-H inspired selfie and share it on social media. Be sure to tag #SheridanCounty4H and #4HWEEK

Wednesday 7

Way- Back Wednesday

Share some of your favorite 4-H memories on social media. Be sure to tag #SheridanCounty4H and #4HWEEK

Thursday 8

Thankful Thursday

Take a moment to thank a leader, local business, or family member who helped or supported you in your 4-H journey. Write a card, bake some cookies, send some flowers, and show your appreciation. It takes a village!

Friday 9

Favorite Project Friday

Highlight your favorite 4-H project

Saturday 10

Service Saturday

Put our 4-H pledge into action! Find a way to serve others today.

Achievement Program



Nov. 1st @ 4PM

Sheridan County Exhibit Hall

We're hosting a potluck and look forward to sharing a meal together! To ensure a well-rounded spread, please bring a dish based on the first letter of your last name:

A-H: Desserts

I-R: Side Dishes

S-Z: Salads

We can't wait to see what everyone brings!

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS OPEN

We are looking for people who are interested in helping on the
Awards Committee
&
Indoor Committee.
If you are interested, don't hesitate to get in touch with the office
307-674-2980

SHOOTING SPORTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Shooting Sports program is growing by leaps and bounds and volunteer instructors are needed if the program is to continue to serve our 4-H participants. Even if you have limited availability, by donating a night or two a month you can help take some of the load off of the handful of volunteers we have currently.

We begin our Shooting Sports schedule in earnest starting in January, so contact Superintendent Ian Hamilton at ianhamilton82428@gmail.com if you're interested in assisting.

In March or April 2027 we will be hosting a State 4-H Instructor Training in Sheridan County, so it will be the ideal opportunity for full certification for our volunteers.

CLOVERBUDS

Cloverbuds will be the 1st Tuesday of the month.

Date: October 6th
Time: 5:30 PM
Place: Sheridan County Extension Office





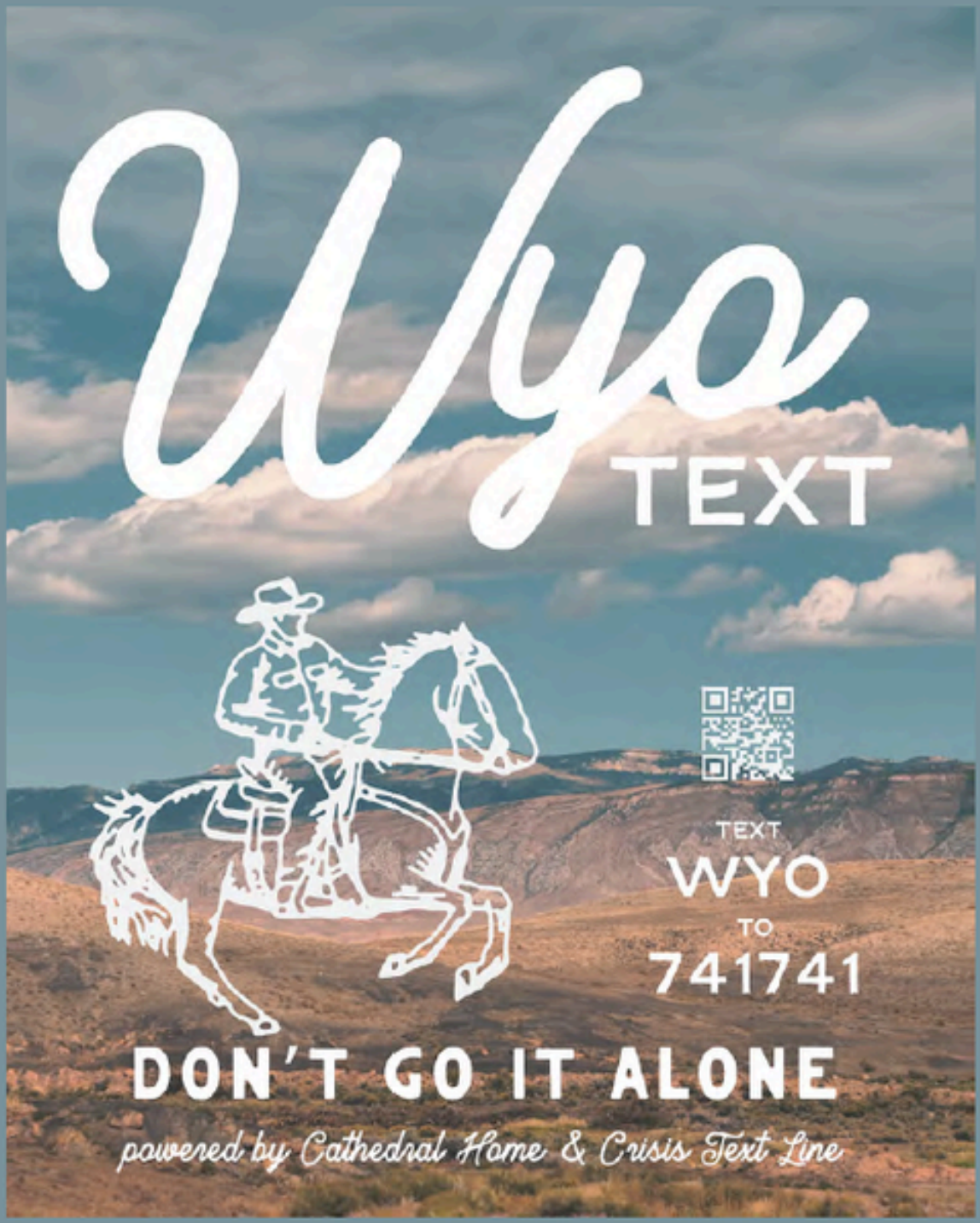


Join us for a New "4-H Year" Kickoff!

We will have an intro into the leather project and information about the Cloverbuds program.

Invite your friends!

For children ages 5-7



IT TAKES COURAGE TO ASK FOR HELP

THE COWBOY CODE OF ETHICS REMINDS US TO LIVE EACH DAY WITH COURAGE. SOMETIMES COURAGE MEANS ASKING FOR HELP.

NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

TEXT WYO TO 741741 FOR FREE, CONFIDENTIAL CRISIS SUPPORT.

WY 4-H Cross Cultural Experiences:

Chile 2-way student exchange

EXTENDED!

Spend 2 weeks at an agricultural high school in Chile, then host a Chilean student at your house for 2 weeks!

When: Late June/Early July

Applications DUE October 16th

Contact:
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Wyoming 4-H

State 4-H Happenings

Wyoming 4-H

APPAREL STOREFRONT!

Official Wyoming 4-H gear, availble for purchase!

- ★ T-shirts, hoodies, hats, and more
- ★ Sizes for youth and adults
- ★ Perfect for clubs, families, & supporters
- ★ Delivered straight to you

Storefront will be open September 28th - November 1st!

Statewide 4-H Service Project

THANK YOU CARDS & CARE BASKETS FOR FIREFIGHTER CREWS

Wyoming 4-H

What We're Doing

Wyoming 4-H youth and families are uniting to honor firefighter heroes by making handmade thank-you cards and assembling care baskets with snacks, personal care items, and encouraging messages.



How You Can help

- ✓ Make a few thank-you cards (hand-drawn or written)
- ✓ Collect items for care baskets:
  - Snacks (granola bars, trail mix, protein bars, meat sticks, gum)
  - Drinks (hydration drink packets, Coffee
  - Personal care items (sunscreen, Lip balm, heavy duty hand lotion)
- ✓ Small Gear Extras (pocket-sized notepads, pens, durable mini flashlights)

Work with your local 4-H club to drop off cards and baskets to local Fire Stations, Wildland Firefighter Crews, USFS Crews and BLM Crews.

When

The Month of October!

Share Your Impact!

Take phots of your club delivering your service project and share with, #Wyoming4-H and/or 4h@uwyo.edu

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Wyoming 4-H Holiday Card Contest

Calling all 4-H members - let your creativity shine!

Who Can Enter

- Open to all enrolled Wyoming 4-H Members

How To Submit

- Email your design to 4h@uwyo.edu with subject line "Holiday Card Contest"

What To Submit

- Original holiday card design
- Front cover or whole design folded
- Size 5x7 inches
- Include a holiday greeting/message
- Digital format (JPG, PNG, or PDF
- Make sure to sign your card!

Submission Deadline

October 25, 2026

Prizes

The Winning card will get to select an item from the Wyoming 4-H e-store with an allotted balance.

Winning card will be sent to all Wyoming 4-H Stakeholders, and for sale for anyone to purchase! Get creative and spread holiday cheer!

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JOIN THE FUN!

WYOMING STATE 4-H BINGO CHALLENGE

THE WHOLE MONTH OF OCTOBER!

HOW IT WORKS

1. Pick up your 4-H Bingo Card at your county office before National 4-H Week.
2. Complete fun challenges like:
   - Share your 4-H Story
   - Wear your 4-H Shirt
   - Post a picture with your project
   - Invite a friend to join 4-H
   - Thank a volunteer
3. Mark off each square as you go and document each completed square!
4. Return your completed card to your county office. They will sign it and send a photo to the State 4-H Office!

PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED!
for completed rows/columns, as well as blackout cards!

WHERE TO GET YOUR CARD

Available at your County Extension Office

CELEBRATE, SHARE, AND SHOW YOUR 4-H SPIRIT!

FREE COMMUNITY PREMIERE

FRIDAY OCT 9TH AT 6PM, SHERIDAN COLLEGE

Marie McClaren & Trudi Julian
Julian Land & Livestock



Jody Spellman
Goat Entrepreneuer



www.GritGraceWY.com

GRIT and Grace



Lisa Millikin
Millikin Ranch



Faith Hamlin
Little Jennie Ranch

Also featuring

Alison Crane
Wyoming Wool Growers Association

Cidney Handy
Audubon Rockies

Jane Sylvestre
Sheridan County Weed & Pest

Produced and Coordinated by Jordan Carroll, Sheridan College Student

Filmed and Directed by Nick Siegel, The Human Intersection LLC

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF RANGELANDS AND PASTORALISTS 2026

Sponsored by Sheridan College

Friday, October 9, 2026

Pre-Show Reception Begins at 6 PM
Meet natural resource agencies and learn how Wyoming rangelands are managed.

Show begins at 6:45PM
Kinnison Hall | Whitney Center for the Arts
1 Whitney Way, Sheridan, WY 82801

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