University of Wyoming Extension

The Forecast

September Newsletter

2026 Sheridan County

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Join the Sheridan County 4-H Band!

All adults must have list their full name and a photo of their face

And with that, County and State Fairs have gone by in a flash! I hope you all enjoyed the festivities, the friendly rivalries and the opportunities to show off all of your hard work from a year of involvement in 4-H Projects.

We have a feedback survey open for reflections on both the Sheridan County Fair and the Wyoming State Fair, and you can submit it as many times as you'd like. The more feedback we get, the better we can make things next year!

Also, for the 2026/2027 year we will transition **all 4-H communications** to the Band app. This will avoid email delivery issues, group texts that don't include new families and Facebook posts that only hit a small audience. With Band, notifications can arrive directly to parents' phones and you can find all of the information about the projects that matter to your family in one place.

All 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 will 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 a picture of their face as their avatar and their full name listed, or we won't be able to admit them to the Band.

FAIR SURVEY

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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:
Katie Hiller
307-752-4503

Hilary Tipton
307-763-7569

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

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Vacant – To Be Appointed by Livestock Executive Committee



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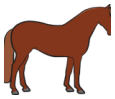
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Updated 9/10/2026



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

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

SHERIDAN COUNTY 4-H

ENROLLMENT

OPENS OCT. 1ST



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

- Aerospace
- Livestock Judging
- Archery
- Beef
- Cake Decorating
- Sheep
- Cats
- Swine
- Child Development
- Goats
- Horticulture
- Horses
- Hunting
- Horse Judging
- Dogs
- Range Management
- Interior Design
- Poultry
- GPS/GIS
- Vet Science
- Web Page Design
- Welding
- Wildlife
- Crocheting
- Wood Working
- Wool Judging
- Youth Leadership
- Electricity
- Entomology
- Fabric & Fashion
- Gardening
- Food & Nutrition
- Health
- Knitting
- Leather Craft
- Rifle
- Robotics
- Shotgun
- Rope Craft
- Muzzle Loading
- Pistols
- Pocket Pets
- Quilting
- Rabbits
- Vegetable Judging

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HELPING YOUTH THRIVE

POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Record Books

WHY DO WE HAVE RECORD BOOKS IN 4-H?

4-H Record Books serve a variety of purposes in the 4-H Program. Although society has changed, the goals of teaching youth record-keeping remain the same.

- 4-H Record Books allow members to reflect on their yearly work. They document their skill development and their learning experiences in a written report. 4-H members measure their achievements and growth in their total years in 4-H.
- 4-H Record Books encourage members to set goals and develop plans to meet those goals.
- Completing a 4-H Record Book is a process where 4-H members record project and club work. Records management (RM) is an industry-standard practice of identifying, creating, classifying, archiving and preserving records. The 4-H Record Book teaches 4-H members these skills through a standard format.
- The 4-H Record Book is an excellent tool to use when applying for college, programs, jobs, and scholarships. It is REQUIRED to apply for a Sheridan County 4-H Council scholarship.
- At the state level, these portfolios are used for potential induction into the State 4-H Honors Club. By getting Gold: 3 points, Silver: 1 point, or Green: 0 points.

"We do not learn from experience; we learn from reflecting on experience." John Dewy

Must be submitted by **September 23rd**

These can be submitted by hand or threough Zsuite.

Record Books

Tips & Tricks

Sometimes it's hard to know what information to put in each section of your record book.
Here are some guidelines:

Awards and Recognition:
- Gold/Silver/Green award from the year before (if you're new, you won't have anything for this)
- Awards (not ribbon placings) examples are:
  - Best Interview
  - Outstanding Record Book
  - Champion Jr. Expressive Arts Record Book

Community Service Through 4-H
- Club community service events from throughout the year
- Examples include:
  - highway cleanup
  - toys for the animal shelter
  - card for nursing home
  - planting flowers at the VA
  - helping at the Youth Livestock Sale
  - Volunteering at the concession stand

Club Opportunities
- Club meetings, outings, parties, or community service activities
- If you did it with your club, it goes in this section

County Opportunities
- Participating in county contests like Cupcake Wars, County Shoot, County Fair, Livestock Judging, Meats Judging
- County events like the 4-H Carnival or Project Expo
- Helping with a learning clinics for different project areas

State/ National/International Opportunities
- State events like State Shoot, State Fair, State Meats & Wool Judging, State Livestock Judging
- National events like the Shooting Sports Raton NM trip, National Shooting Sports Competition, 4-H Congress, and International 4-H trips too!

Leadership (this is you stepping up as a leader)
- Leading the pledge at a 4-H meeting
- Making a motion at a 4-H meeting
- Holding an office in you r club
- Volunteering to help at a special event
- Singing the national anthem or leading pledge at the Youth Livestock Sale

Other Participation (Activities you're involved in OUTSIDE of 4-H)
- Sports teams
- Rodeo participation
- Traveling to open livestock shows
- Involvement in a church or youth group
- Community theater or music groups

Record Books

"My 4-H Year" & Project Records

My 4-H Story

- Include things from the whole 4-H year, not just the county fair
- Think: What was your favorite part? the hardest part? What skills did you learn?
- A couple of sentences is <u>not</u> an adequate story.
- Intermediate and Senior members should have multiple paragraphs and a minimum of one page.





Pictures

- Include photos in EACH of your project record books as well as your "My 4-H Year" portion

Setting Goals

So what is a goal anyway? Your goal should be a specific result our outcome you are wanting from your project

Examples of a POOR/WEAK goal

- I want to make a poster about sheep.
- I want to win my class at county fair.
- I want to make a dessert for my family.





Examples of a STRONG goal

- I want to learn how to tie 5 different knots and display them at county fair.
- I want to sew a new pillow for my brother's bedroom for his birthday.
- I want to learn how to make chokecherry jelly with my grandma so we can use it this winter.

So what's the difference? What makes a goal strong?

S Specific: What is going to be done and who is going to do it

M Measurable: Can making progress or meeting this goal be measured or tracked?

A Achievable: The goal is realistic and it sets you up for success

R Relevant: The goal makes sense, relates to your project area and long-term plans.

T Time bound: There is specific timeline for completion.

AWARDS
Thank You Notes



If you received an award in your packet from the County Fair, you should have also received blank **Thank You notes**. These are already addressed to the individual or business that donated to make our awards possible.

Be sure to properly thank these donors!

The following members still have items that need to be picked up at the Extension Office

Updated on 9/11/2026

- Daren Bainter
- Maira Ferguson
- Scarlett Jerry
- Madison Jaeger
- Ryder Kornemann
- Sawyer Maes
- Ever Poll
- Paisley Porter
- Charlie Smith
- Tyson Tremain
- Jaxon Finney
- Natalie Opitz
- Adley Rhodes
- Moxleigh Sisson
- Porter Knott
- Vayden Austin
- Gorzalka Family
- Cian Marcus
- Finnleigh Koltiska
- Juniper Koltiska
- Hiller Family
- Schreinert Family
- Manselle Family
- ZumBerg Family
- Aubrey Welter
- Cory Panak
- Natalie Brown
- Carysn Cates
- Samuel Johnson
- Kisling Family
- Piper Walter
- Lukas Schreiber
- DeHaven Family
- Savannah Lodovici
- Aubrey Kelty
- Eriksen Family
- Teeka Baker
- Jetta Wemple
- Oakley Beven
- Adeline Bridges
- Adi Jackson
- Eloise Burgess
- Fiedor Family
- Katheryn Mantey-King
- Lizzy Crump

Don't Forget

Please pickup by September 18th

THANK YOU!

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS OPEN

Up for Election in October:

- Swine Superintendents (2)
- 4-H Council President
- 4-H Council Treasurer

To Be Appointed to Fill Terms Beginning in October:

- Beef Superintendent
- Dairy Goat Superintendent

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.

FREE COMMUNITY PREMIERE

FRIDAY OCT 9TH AT 6PM, SHERIDAN COLLEGE

Marie McClaren & Trudi Julian
Julian Land & Livestock



Jody Spellman
Goat Entrepreneuer



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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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