

the CLOVER CHATS

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**University of Wyoming Extension
Sweetwater County
307-352-6775**

Winter Hours

Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Summer Hours

(May 15th - August 25th)
Monday - Friday
7:30 am - 4:30 pm

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**State 4-H Website: <http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/>
4-H Enrollment: <https://4h.zsuite.org>**

Sweetwater Co. Extension: <https://wyoextension.org/sweetwatercounty/>

November Birthdays

Adia Price

Adilayde McCort

Andrew Neher

Arlo Braly

Ashten Folks

Brohdan Kroupa (Flores)

Carson Core

Christian Flores

Connor Weese

Cree Jones

Jaycee Carr

Jim Wasseen, II

Jayce Potter

Rose Schofield

Daniel Hellickson

Jaycee Corona

John Smith

Paden Neilson

Sadie Woodward

Marco Bowers

Mary Hamilton

Molly Stanton

Saige Baker

Sentesa Cordova

Skylynn Davies

Sorrel Burris

Timothy Graham

Timothy Hays

Sterling Befus

Alexies Dominguez

Bearett Berg

Tristan Bryant

LEADERS

Your Club Charter Renewal paperwork is due to the Extension Office on November 30th. Please get them turned in ASAP! The packet containing this paperwork was mailed and emailed to the main key leaders.

Please log-in to ZSuite and Facebook regularly so that you don't miss out on important announcements.

Shooting Sports Deadline

Due to the high enrollment numbers and facilities available for practice, the Shooting Sports deadline for enrollment in the current year is December 1, 2023, or when 200 members is met. No new members will be accepted after this criteria is met.

Open Enrollment

Open Enrollment for the 2023-2024 4-H year opened October 1st. All members and leaders will have to sign up for the 2023-2024 year to receive emails for the current year. Sign up through ZSuite, <https://4h.zsuite.org>.

Wyoming State & Regional Events

(more information online at: <http://uwyo.edu/4-h/>)

Reignite 4-H (November 3-5, 2023): Leader, Volunteer and Educator Training available in Cheyenne, WY. Please call the extension office for more information or see page 8.

Ignite by 4-H (March 13-17, 2024): Join us in D.C. for a 4-day experience where high-school aged teens connect, make memories and find their spark by exploring the best 4-H has to offer in STEM, Agriscience, Healthy Living, Career Readiness and Emotional Well-being. All Wyoming 4-H members age 14 and older are eligible to apply. Participants are chosen using an application and interview process. Applications will be available in October 2023, and will be due January 8, 2024.

National 4-H Conference (April 19 - 24, 2024): The 2024 National 4-H Conference information will be released in the fall. This is the US Secretary of Agriculture's premier youth development opportunity. Young people assist in the development recommendations to help 4-H Youth Development programs nationally and in their communities. All Wyoming 4-H members age 15 and older are eligible to apply. Participants are chosen using an application and interview process. Applications will be available Mid-October 2023, and will be due January 31, 2024.

ShowCase Showdown (Tentatively scheduled to be held June 18-20, 2024): Offers an opportunity for youth to explore various industries through contests and workshops.

Wyoming State Shoot (July 11-14, 2024): The 2024 Wyoming State Shoot is tentatively scheduled to be held July 11-14 2024 in Douglas, Wyoming.

Sweetwater County Fair (July 27 - August 4, 2024): The 2024 Wyoming's Big Show

Wyoming State Fair (August 13 - 17, 2024): The 2024 Wyoming State Fair is an opportunity for 4-H members to exhibit their projects and demonstrate what they have learned.



4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT

Hosted by Sweetwater County
4-H Council

★ FRIDAY ★
★ NOVEMBER 17th ★

AT EVENTS COMPLEX SMALL HALL
AT 06:30PM

WHAT TO BRING:

SEE SIGNUPGENIUS APP
TO SIGN UP FOR
POTLUCK ITEM TO BRING

The Events
AWARD CEREMONY
POTLUCK DINNER
ICE CREAM BAR
BINGO TRIVIA

TO RSVP: 307-352-6775 or tmeats@uwyo.edu

PICTURES NEEDED



**FOR OUR 4-H ACHIEVEMENT NIGHT
SLIDE SHOW**

**SEND PICTURES TO
MOLLY STANTON**

MDSTANTON1113@GMAIL.COM

***Remember to RSVP for 4-H
Achievement Night
tmeats@uwyo.edu or 307-352-6775***

**Remember to sign up for your potluck dish to bring at:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0949ADA823A3F5C70-45100489-4hachievement>**





IGNITE BY 4-H



Hear from high impact speakers, and get hands-on workshop.

Explore Washington D.C. sites.

Opportunities for Career exploration.

Build connections with teens from across the country.

- Youth 15 - 18 years old.
- Cost estimated at \$2000 per person.
- Scholarships will be available.

**MARCH
13-17,
2024**

APPLICATIONS

Apply at

https://wyoming4h.formstack.com/forms/ignite_4_h

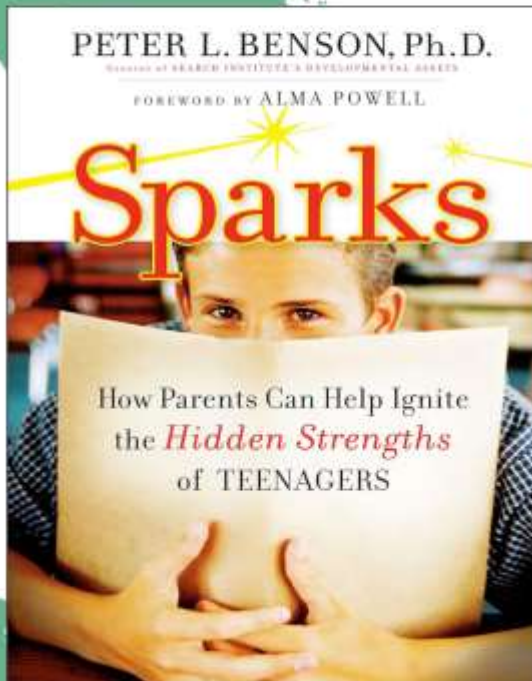
Application open beginning of October and will close on January 8th, 2024



**HAVE MORE
QUESTIONS...**

If there are additional questions, please visit the Opportunities section on the state 4-H website or talk with your 4-H educator.

BOOK CLUB
This would meet the
requirement of your
Leader Training.



Attention 4-H Leaders

Part of your role in 4-H
is helping 4-H Members
find their SPARK!



RSVP through Campbell County 4-H
at 307-682-7281



4-H SHOOTING SPORTS SAFETY MEETINGS

All Members must attend one safety meeting
before they can practice!! Practices start
November 10th.

Thursday, October 26, 2023 @ 7pm

Friday, November 3, 2023 @ 6pm

Sunday, November 19, 2023 @ 2pm

Friday, December 1, 2023 @ 6pm

Events Complex
Small Hall

Farson's Safety Meeting - TBD

PLEASE NOTE
THIS EVENT IS
FOR LEADERS
AND VOLUN-
TEERS!



4-H Volunteers
Leaders
Parents
Educators

4 - H
NOVEMBER 3-5
Cheyenne, WY

Register
today at
bit.ly/reignite4-h

WORKSHOP TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Finding You Spark
- Special Needs 4-H Members
- Geology Engagement
- Ropecraft
- Wyoming's Community Resources: Utilization and Partnerships
- Wyoming's Tech Future: Practically and Successfully Teaching Robotics
- Beyond Community Service: How to help youth make an impact in their community and themselves
- Outdoor Skills- Wyoming and National Shooting Sports Opportunity
- Decorating New Paths with Stained Glass
- Leathercraft Mentors
- Archery, Rifle & Pistol Wyoming State Certifications
- Stop the Bleed
- Fabric and Fashion Mastery Workshop
- New Volunteer Training
- 4-H Club Fun: Games and Activities Workshop
- Using Curriculum to Enhance Project and Club Meetings
- Cloverbuds - Learn Something, Make Something, Eat Something
- Club Organization Round Table

EASTERN WYOMING COLLEGE DRONE FLIGHT TRAINING & OBSTACLE COURSE RACING PROGRAM



December 2, 2023
EWC Agriculture Technology
Education Center ATEC



10am-LEARN TO FLY Flight School

1230pm-Obstacle Course Racing **LEARN TO FLY YOUR DRONE!**

* attend one or both sessions *

Bring your own drone
(less than 300 grams with
propeller guards OFF borrow
one of ours)

Pre-Registration Preferred

Comprehensive Drone Flight
Training & Obstacle Course Racing
for K-12, Tech, & College Students
& Teachers *Spectators Welcome!*



10am: Flight School
12:30: Drone Racing
*attend one or both sessions

A-1 Recovery & Towing



\$10 per student, includes a t-shirt

Register online at: drone-challenges.org

all registrants receive a Wyoming Drone Flight t-shirt (while supplies last)



GT AERONAUTICS



April 19 - 24, 2024

Arlington, Virginia

Who can Attend

- Youth 15 - 18 years old
- Cost estimated at \$2500 per person, scholarship will be given.

Applications

- Apply at the following link by January 15th, 2024, Applications will open Mid - October 2023.
- https://wyoming4h.formstack.com/forms/educator_form_congress

About Conference

- Do you want to have a role in making change?
- Youth present ideas to high-ranking Government Officials.
- Youth will see D.C., meet with our Congressman and Senators.
- Meet other 4-H youth like yourself from all over the United States.

HAVE MORE
QUESTIONS

If there are additional questions, please visit the Opportunities section on the state 4-H website or talk with your 4-H educator.

Join Wyoming 4-H
June 18 - 20, 2024

at Showcase Showdown

University of Wyoming - Laramie, WY

State Contests
Workshops
UW Campus Activities

Various industries will be showcase through
contests and workshops.

More information to come over the next couple
months, keep an eye out!

Any questions please contact your County Office.



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NEXT CLUB MEETING:

NOVEMBER 20, 2023

6:30PM

ROOM 1003

WESTERN WYOMING COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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Join Today!

4-H Dynamics Club

4-H Static Community Club



More Information:

307-352-6775

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Watch for announcements on their 4-H Facebook Page, 4H Dynamics, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1051785319344291>

Contact 4-H Leaders Crystal Walker or Delaney Gardea for more information:

Crystal Walker - moroni10vs3@aol.com

Delaney Gardea - gardea1418@outlook.com

Happy Fall!

We are so excited to announce that Wyoming's Food, Fun, 4-H is moving into its second year. October will be a free month, a chance for folks to sign up for year 2! Even if you participated in the past, we ask that you sign up again for the new year. New this year, we have developed a website to host the recipes, activities and videos for anyone to access at any time. We feel this will help with the clutter in your inbox and accessibility. Again to receive your monthly gadget, we ask that you cook at least two of the recipes and answer the questions and submit two photos. If you have any trouble accessing the sign in sheet, recipes, video or any other materials, please let us know and we will work as quickly as we can to resolve it.

You can sign up at:

<https://bit.ly/3QozBw9>

Monthly recipes and information found at:

<https://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/opportunities/state-opportunities/food-fun-4-h.html>

Monthly Video:

<https://youtu.be/8rzJlcYwEXs>



Wyoming

FOOD, FUN & 4-H

- Cook together and gather around the family dinner table,
- Learn to prepare home-cooked meals & try new foods.
- FUN family time.
- Receive a FREE kitchen utensil kit/family related to that month's recipes. November - May.
- Self-guided at home.
- Open to any currently enrolled 4-H member...make it a project!

TO FIND OUT MORE:

CONTACT US @ (307) 334-3534 OR KELLIE@UWYO.EDU

FREE TO PARTICIPATE; GROCERIES NOT INCLUDED



Wyoming Food, Fun & 4-H was made possible by funding from the John P. Ellbogen Foundation Wyoming Communities, Agriculture, and Rural Living Project Grant for UW Extension.





MAKE A DIFFERENCE, VOLUNTEER TO HELP YOUTH IN THE WYOMING 4-H PROGRAM.

We have a position for your time, your talents, and your abilities.

5 easy steps to change the future of youth!

1

Enroll in ZSuite.

Does your family have a Zsuite profile?

N

Y

Create a profile at:
4h.zsuite.org

Add a new
family
member

2

Complete a training on working
with youth in 4-H

3

Complete a background check and a driving records check.

4

Meet with our local 4-H Educator.

5

Get started



Give us a call
307-766-5170



Send us an e-mail
4h@uwyo.edu



Wyoming 4-H



ZSuite 4-H Enrollment



Existing Family Profile

Enrollment must be done **ANNUALLY** to stay *active* in 4-H!

Go to <https://4h.zsuite.org/>

1. Use the same email & password you used to sign up, select **LOGIN**
2. Choose the **PRIMARY ACCOUNT** to enroll 4-H Members
3. You will see a list of the household members & their current enrollment status.
 - a. **Red = INACTIVE 4-H Member**
 - b. **Green = ACTIVE 4-H Member**
4. Select the 4-H Member's Name you wish to update, select **ENROLL MEMBER NOW**
5. **IF YOU DO NOT SEE A NAME LISTED**, You will need to ADD A HOUSEHOLD MEMBER

6. Fill out 4-H Member's info, select **Continue**
Fill out PERSONAL INFO, select **Next**
Fill out all six drop down WAIVERS, then select **Next**
Dropdown to your CLUB, select **Add Club**
 - a. Select **Add Project**
7. Select **Add to Cart** and then you can either **+Add Enrollment** or **Submit**. Must be submitted to be complete.

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

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





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**
select **Add Project**
6. Select **Add to Cart** and then you can either **+Add Enrollment** or **Submit**. Must be submitted to be complete.

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ZSuite 4-H Enrollment

New Leader Profile



Enrollment must be done **ANNUALLY** to be an **Active** 4-H Leader!

1. Go to <https://4h.zsuite.org/>

2. To create a new Profile, select **SIGN UP**

a. Fill in all of the fields, select **LET'S GO!**

If you've signed in before,



LOGIN



Select **PRIMARY ACCOUNT**

Volunteer Enrollment

You are now on the **Dashboard** tab

- 1 Select the Volunteer's Name
- 2 More content will drop down, select **Enroll Volunteer Now**
- 3 Select **Complete Volunteer Enrollment**
- 4 Fill out all the of the **Personal Info**
 - a. When filling out *Volunteer Roles/Opportunities*, select all that may apply.
- 5 Complete all Waivers
- 6 Dropdown to your CLUB, select **Add Club**
 - a. Select **Add Project** if needed
- 7 Select **Add to Cart** and **Continue**

Once submitted, your Enrollment will change from Pending Approval to Active when you have completed:

- **Background Screening**
 - Look for the State 4-H Office email
- **New Volunteer Orientation**
 - Visit <https://extension.catalog.instructure.com/> to create a login, then go to <https://uwyo3.instructure.com/login/canvas> to complete the course.
- **MVR (Motor Vehicle Records) *optional** - only needed if you plan to transport 4-H members
 - Visit https://www.wyoming4h.org/4hsublette/?page_id=2097 to complete
 - "Supervisor/Sponsor" - Johnathan Despain - jdespain@uwyo.edu
 - "Additional Email Addresses to Notify" - karen.allison@uwyo.edu

The screenshot shows the ZSuite 4-H Enrollment process for Johnny Cash, 2020-2021. The interface includes a top navigation bar with the user's name and account type. The main content area is divided into several sections: 'Enroll Volunteer Now', 'Complete Volunteer Enrollment', 'Personal Info', 'Waivers', 'Clubs', and 'Volunteer Roles/Opportunities'. Red circles and arrows highlight key buttons and sections, such as 'Enroll Volunteer Now', 'Complete Volunteer Enrollment', 'Personal Info', 'Waivers', 'Clubs', and 'Add Club'. The 'Volunteer Roles/Opportunities' section lists various roles like Project Volunteer, Club Leader, and Coach of a competitive 4-H team or event, with checkboxes for selection. A green callout box says 'Select all that may apply!'. The bottom of the screen shows the user's name and account type.

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



Living Healthy is more fun with friends. Connect with us!

Discover new recipes, ideas for staying active, and community with CNP! You can find CNP online in whichever way you like to connect: Facebook, Pinterest, website, and e-newsletter.

Cent\$ible Nutrition Program



uwyocnp.org



www.facebook.com/UWCNP



www.pinterest.com/uwyocnp



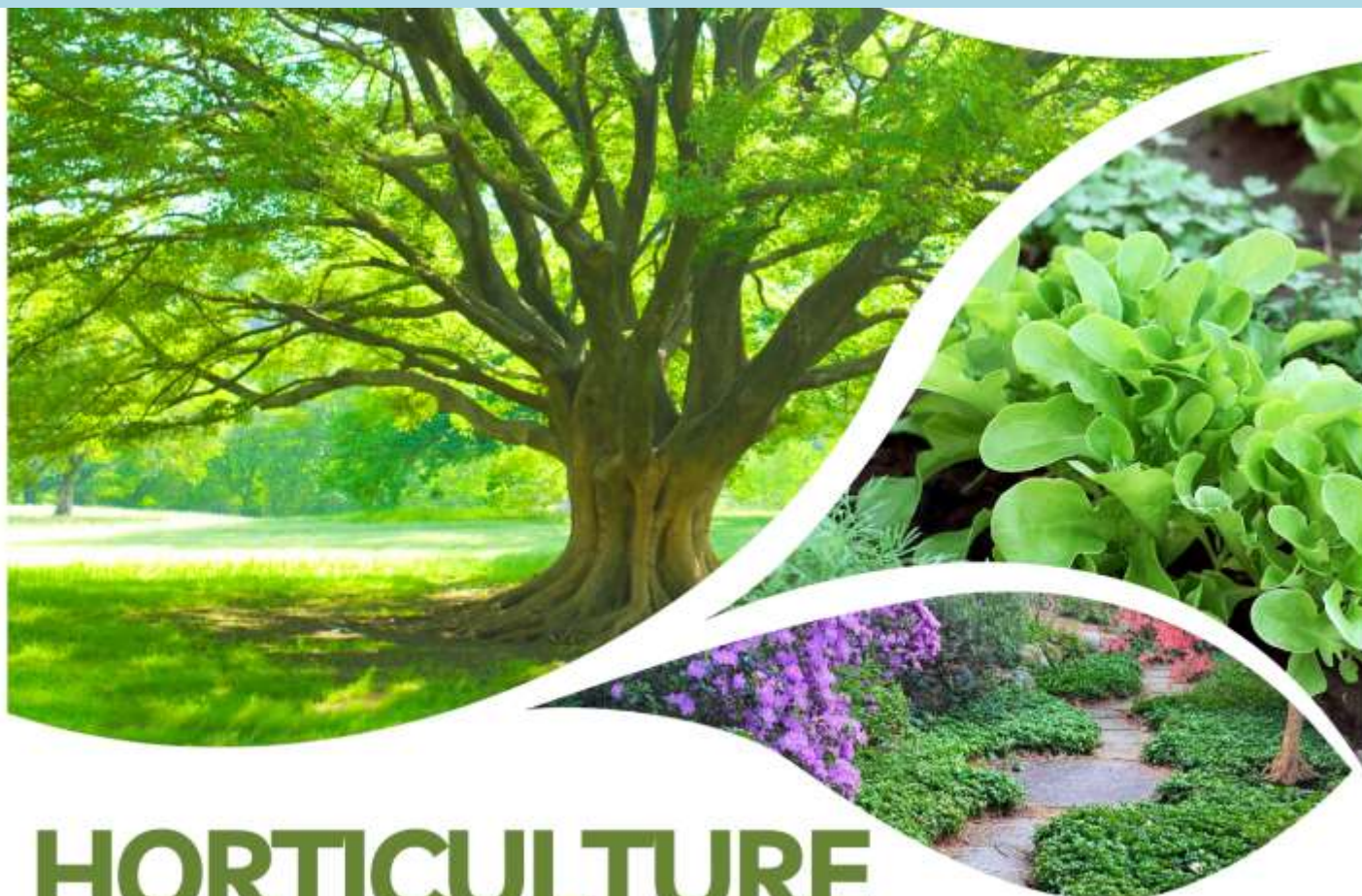
bit.ly/cnp-newsletters

For more information on Cent\$ible Nutrition Classes contact Wendy Nielson, Sweetwater County Cent\$ible Nutrition Program Coordinator, at 307-352-6775 or 307-350-5092 or wnielson@uwyo.edu.



Recipe from the Cent\$ible Nutrition Program. Learn how to save money, cook quick and healthy meals, and stretch your food dollar by contacting your local CNP educator.
1-877-219-4646 | <https://uwyocnp.org/> | cnp-info@uwyo.edu

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HORTICULTURE SERVICES

Need assistance with a problem in your yard or are you interested in becoming a Master Gardener?

*University of Wyoming
Extension Office*

*Sweetwater County
(307) 352-6775 or (307) 350-8243
abramwe2@uwyo.edu*

WE OFFER :

- ✓ Phone and on-site yard help with questions
- ✓ Handouts and horticulture knowledge
- ✓ Community Master Gardener group
- ✓ Diagnose and recommend treatments for insects and diseases and soil problems
- ✓ Plant and weed identification help
- ✓ Pesticide testing



Sweetwater County 4-H Council Meeting

Agenda

11/13/2023

Call to order

Pledges

Secretary Report - Minutes from 9/11/2023 and 10/09/2023

Financial Update - Treasurer's Report

Unfinished Business

1. Achievement Night – ice cream bar, prizes, plates, napkins, utensils, bingo trivia, achievement recognition how to, slide show, MC for the night. We need to finalize plans for the 17th.
2. Club Recharter – all clubs need to turn this paperwork in by November 30th, only 2 out of the 13 clubs have turned them in.
3. Club/Committee/Council bank accounts update – Johnathan Despain
4. State Fair – We are currently waiting for 1 family to pay their portion (a 3rd invoice has been emailed 10/30/23).
5. Budget for 2023-2024
6. Internal audit update – Mary Hamilton
7. Scholarship winner – Simeon Stotts, has been notified to bring his enrollment documentation and a check will be presented in January
8. Record Books – when and where records will be reviewed. Dan Stanton is running the record book committee.
9. 4-H Static Project Community Club update
10. Little Shoppers event update

New Business

1. Leader nominations due to the state November 15th. Volunteer of the year, leader with less than 10 years' experience and outstanding lifetime volunteer, leader with 10 years or more experience. Recognize our nomination picks at the achievement night.
2. Upcoming events/plans for 2024
3. Set Future Meeting Date(s)
4. Community questions and concerns

Adjourn

Sweetwater County 4-H Council Meeting

Agenda

10/09/2023

Call to order

Pledges

Secretary Report - Minutes from 9/11/2023

Financial Update - Treasurer's Report

Unfinished Business

1. Auction Committee and payment of tags – Johnathan was going to talk with Mandy at the state office and discuss a solution
2. Club Recharterers – all clubs need to turn this paperwork in by November 30th.
3. Club/Committee/Council bank accounts update
4. State Fair – 2 checks were mailed, one to the WSF and one to the WY State 4-H Foundation. We are currently waiting for 2 families to pay their portion (a 2nd invoice has been mailed 9/24/23).
5. Budget for 2023-2024
6. Council Scholarships – scholarship committee consists of Mary Hamilton, Katie Duncombe and Lacey Scott. Announcement of winner?
7. Election of Officers – nominations will happen and elections to take place tonight. Nomination committee consists of Kristy Wardell, Alicia Bernard, Crystal Walker, and Katie Duncombe
8. Record Books – when and where records will be reviewed. Dan Stanton is running the record book committee. Rubric used to review? Top prizes?
9. National 4-H Week and Enrollment Numbers
10. Formation of a Static Project Community Club

New Business

1. Achievement Night Plans – date has been set for November 17th at 6:30pm at the Events Complex Small Hall. Dinner, activity, prizes, etc....?
2. Formation of committees to keep council functioning
3. Set Future Meeting Date(s)
4. Community questions and concerns

Adjourn

Sweetwater County 4-H Council Meeting

Minutes

10/09/2023

Call to order: 6:33pm

Pledge: Conducted by Kristy Wardell

Attendance: Patty Burton, Chris Meats, Tracy Meats, Jonathan Despain, Louis Sandback, Samuel Walker, Crystal Walker, Delaney Gardea, Mary Hamilton, Mandi Childs, Shay Bernard, Alicia Bernard, Janae Young, Katie Duncombe, Kacey Scott, Dawn Bodin, Kristy Wardell, Destini Flores, Monica Thompson, Jolynn Porter

Minutes: Minutes were not available, Patty motioned to approve minutes at the next meeting, Louis 2nd the motion, unanimous approval to approve the minutes at the next meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

- Current bank total as of September 29th, 2023, is 15,819.29 in checking.

Unfinished Old Business

- Auction committee and payment for tags. Jonathan said they decided to go with the previous decision that we will not pay for the tags and will let the committee know.
- As of this meeting only 2 clubs have submitted recharter paperwork.
- Johnathan will be going to the banks tomorrow to be added to the account. It was discussed having 2 signers on the accounts. Mary motioned to have 2 signers on the 4H council account and to add Johnathan to the account and have Marty's name removed. Patty 2nd the motion, the motion was unanimously approved.
- We were informed that 2 checks were mailed one to the WY State 4-H Foundation, and the Wyoming State Fair. Also 2 families still need to pay their portion of State Fair fees, but the rest of the members have paid what they owed.
- The scholarship was discussed, the committee decided Simion Stotts won, and it was decided to award him \$1000 with one check written in January of 2024.
- Nominations were given for office elections. Patty nominated Kristy, and Kristy nominated Patty. Kristy was unanimously voted as president, no one else ran for Vice President so Patty was elected Vice President. Alicia nominated Katie for Secretary but no one else ran so she was elected Secretary. Alicia volunteered to be Treasurer, no one else ran so she was elected Treasurer. A letter was written by Molly Stanton asking to run for Historian, Patty motioned to elect her and add in the duty of social media, Crystal seconded the motion and Molly was unanimously voted in as the Historian and Social Media.
- Mary motioned to add Alicia and Katie to the 4-H council account, Delaney 2nd the motion and it was unanimously agreed on.

- The record book committee was discussed. It was expressed that we need more parents who do not have children turning in books to help look through books. It was decided to let the committee pick the rubric that would be used to judge the books. Patty motioned to award the top 2 books for each age level prizes with each age level having \$150 to use. Delaney 2nd the motion and the motion was unanimously approved.
- Jonathan said they hope to start interviews for the advisor position around Thanksgiving, and that the job is posted and to help spread the word.
- A discussion was brought up about doing an internal audit on the 4-H council accounts. Mary motioned to hold the internal audit, Alicia 2nd the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- Mary motioned that a council be made and it include: Alicia, Mary, Delaney, and some names were suggested as to who else might be invited including: Steve from 4H, Teresa Nobel, Shaundra Britton, it was unanimously approved.
- With national 4-H week during the free week we had 266 members sign up, and 45 volunteers sign up. One family paid before it was free, Patty motioned to refund their money, Katie seconds the motion, and it was unanimously passed to refund the \$40.
- A new static club was discussed. Mary motioned to have a static community club and suggested we look at the budget for helping fund it starting. Katie seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved. Crystal and Delaney both volunteered to help start and run the new club.

New Business

- It was brought up that we can submit for a volunteer of the year, it was suggested that we send out to members asking for suggestions for who to nominate.
- Alicia motioned to buy pins and certificates for awards, Delaney 2nd the motion and it was unanimously approved. Tracy mentioned there were some prizes in the office and it was suggested a committee be made to go through and buy more prizes the committee consists of-Alicia, Tracy, Crystal, Destini, Delaney.
- It was suggested the commissioners and fair board be invited to the achievement night. It was agreed on that we need RSVPs by Nov. 3rd for the achievement night. Tracy said she would make a sign up online for families to sign up to bring different parts of the meal. Molly would be asked to help set up the slide show and MC the event. Mary offered to help with decorations.
- It was suggested that at the Achievement night we have sign-ups for different committees or clubs that need additional help and support.
- It was suggested that 1 rep from each club attend future 4-H council meetings.
- It was suggested we post the minutes online and in email to help encourage parents to be involved.
- It was suggested that youth from clubs participate in 4-H council meetings and report back to their clubs to help foster leadership in our youth.
- It was brought up that we might consider offering zoom so families who can't attend in person can still watch if wanted.
- Crystal brought up the Little Shoppers event. Crystal motioned to continue the event, Alicia 2nd the motion and it was unanimously approved.

- It was brought up that we need to start collecting donations as soon as possible, that a location to where we can store the donations would need to be found. Tracy said she would look into the dates with the events complex for the event. Johnathan said he would look into possible storage options. With there being no funds available left for the event Patty motioned to give a starting fund of \$2,000 as seed money, Mary 2nd the motion and it was unanimously approved.
- It was suggested that each club help find donations as we have none remaining from years before.
- A committee was formed for the little shoppers' event including: Alicia, Shay, Katie, Destini, Jolynn, and Crystal.
- Mary asked for an update on a new office space, Johnathan did not have one at that time.
- Next meeting was set for Nov. 13th at 6:30pm.

Adjourned: 8:33pm

Sweetwater County 4-H Council Meeting

Agenda

09/11/2023

Call to order

Pledges

Minutes – no meetings have been held since May 2022

Financial Update

1. Treasurer's Report

Old Business

New Business

1. Sweetwater County 4-H Council – reasons to why we have a Council and why we need to get a Council active in Sweetwater County
2. Election of Officers
3. Budget/Bylaws
4. Enrollment for 2023-2024 and National 4-H Week
5. Record Books – who will review?
5. Achievement Night?
6. Set Future Meeting Dates

Adjourn

Sweetwater County 4-H Council Meeting
Minutes
09/11/2023

Call to order: 6:35pm

Pledge: Conducted by Kristy Wardell

Attendance: Tracy Meats, Jonathan Despain, Monica Thompson, Dan Stanton, Crystal Walker, Katie Duncombe, Kristy Wardell, JaNae Young, Mark Dale, Alicia Bernard, Shay Bernard, Mary Hamilton

Minutes: no meetings had been held since May 2022 so no minutes were read.

Treasurer's Report:

- Current bank total as of August 1st 2023 is \$14,183.00 including recent expenses of \$2153.95 and deposits equaling \$13,333.18. There was also a note that there is a \$600 check still pending that was paid to a Jackpot judge.
- State endowment fund totals are currently \$83,000 in one account and \$11,154.38 in the other account.
- It was explained by Jonathan Despain that endowment funds are kept in these accounts because they generate a larger interest rate and our county has the ability to withdraw and use the interest created by these funds. He also explained that the office should be receiving quarterly statements showing how much interest the accounts are accruing.
- Tracy Meats reported that the silent auction from the county fair this year brought in \$3950 and that amount had been deposited into the account.
- Jonathan Despain brought up that we still owe the state fair \$1,500 for fees this year. A question was asked what the county 4-H pays state fair for and Jonathan explained it covers stall fees, parking and other expenses for the youth to attend.
- Tracy informed that she sent families invoices for their portion of state fair fees, and the events complex has been invoiced for the meal tickets for youth.
- Jonathan Despain also explained that with the recent changes of leadership in our county bank accounts need to have signors changed. At the time the state 4H is working on having Jonathan placed on all accounts and when a new county advisor is hired that will be changed over.
- Jonathan asked if any clubs or volunteers know of accounts to please inform Tracy Meats at the office of these accounts so they can make sure they have an accurate list of all 4-H accounts in our county.
- Crystal Walker asked about 4-H camp as a decision we never made on who was paying the camp fee before camp. It was motioned by Kristy Wardell to pay the fees in full as it has been a long time since camp. Mary Hamilton seconded the motion and it was unanimously agreed to pay the fees for 4-H camp for 2023.
- Alicia Bernard mentioned that the Auction Committee had requested the 4-H council pay for all the animal tags which was a total of \$533.60. She mentioned that Marty Henry

had originally said No and that the council would pay half but that matter had not been voted on before. Jonathan said he would bring the matter to Mandy with the 4-H State office and we would discuss a solution at the next meeting.

- Alicia Bernard brought up that at one point in the last year a club had dissolved but she was not sure which one, and she was not sure where the money from that bank account ended up. Tracy Meats and Jonathan Despian said they would look into the matter.

Old Business

New Business

- Jonathan Despian shared about why it is important to have a strong 4-H Council, and that it would give our county a stronger, more unified representation.
- Elections for officers were discussed. It was decided to wait a month for the election to give the full 30 day notice to uphold the by-laws. A committee was formed to help nominate names for the elections the committee at this time consists of: Kristy Wardell, Alicia Bernard, Crystal Walker, and Katie Duncombe. The committee will come up with names for the next month's election and outside volunteers are welcome to run for office as well.
- By-laws were discussed. The current by-laws had been voted on previously and it was agreed upon to share the by-laws with all members of the Sweetwater County 4-H.
- The budget was discussed, it was reported that the council had not approved a budget for 2023, but there is an approved budget from 2021. It was suggested that a suggested budget be typed and formatted from the 2021 budget and shared with families prior to the next meeting so changes and approval of the budget could be done at the next council meeting.
- There was a brief discussion about the next 4-H council meeting and it was suggested that the council encourage a representative to attend from each of the county clubs to help keep everyone better informed on what is happening in the county.
- Jonathan Despian asked what committees there were for our county. Alicia Bernard shared a list of committee funds listed in the budget such as: Auction Committee, Budget Committee, Scholarship Committee, Horse Committee, Livestock Committee, Marketing Committee, Shooting Sports Committee, Small Animal Committee, Jr. Leaders Committee, and Static Committee. When asked who was the head of each committee for many of the committees it was unknown or there was no knowledge of an actual committee. Jonathan suggested the council find what committees are functioning and who is running them and consider forming committees for the ones not currently working.
- Tracy Meats brought up that there were 3 scholarship applicants that never were reviewed and no scholarships were awarded. It was suggested a scholarship committee be formed to review these applicants and have awards decided before the Achievement night. Katie Duncombe volunteered to chair the Scholarship Committee, Mary Hamilton volunteered to help and Katie nominated Lacey Scott to join the committee and will

contact her after the meeting about it. It was voted on to stay with the 2022 budget of \$1000 to be used for the scholarships.

- Achievement night was discussed and it was decided to still hold achievement night and suggested a committee be made to plan it. Tracy Meats said she would contact the college about available dates in November and would contact the committee when she had possible dates. Crystal Walker will chair the Achievement night committee and Krity Wardell, and Monica Thompson offered to be on the committee as well. Jonathan mentioned that Bridger and Mandy suggested we consider inviting buyers from the livestock auction to attend as a thank you and inviting county commissioners to come see the achievements of our county's youth. Jonathan also mentioned it might be possible to obtain additional funds to help with increased costs of having more in attendance and said he would talk to the extension office about it.
- Record books were discussed and it was suggested a committee be formed to review and give points for record books. It was suggested that the committee consist of volunteers that do not have children turning in record books to avoid any bias. Dan Stanton volunteered to chair the scholarship committee and it was suggested Stefanie Fox be asked to join. Jonathan also suggested that we might consider inviting a county commissioner to help read over the record books. Dan said he would ask Commissioner Slaughter to help. Janae Young suggested the quilting judge from county fair as a possible person to possibly join the committee.
- The 4-H open house was discussed as it is normally held the first week of October. It was decided that it would be too last minute and that it might be better to hold it at a later date. The free fee week for National 4-H week was discussed and there was a question on do we keep the week free, to we extend the time to sign up free or do we go back to charging the regular fees of \$20 a child and \$10 an adult. At this time it was decided to keep the week of free fees, but to discuss it later for the next year.
- There was a discussion on possibly creating a static club for youth who do not show or sell livestock to attend. It was brought up that some youth feel left out attending livestock meetings when they don't show livestock and feel they aren't getting help with the static projects they want to do. It was decided to table this discussion until the new 4-H year and officers are elected.
- The next meeting was set for October 9th 2023 at 6:30pm.

Adjourned: 8:47pm

Clover Chat Additions

There is always space in the Clover Chats for important information you would like to share with all 4-Hers. If you have an activity, club meeting, event or community service opportunity, etc... coming up, please send an email to tmeats@uwyo.edu with the information/contact and it will be included. Emails can also be sent out to everyone or certain clubs, especially if the date conflicts with the production of this newsletter.

Please log-in to ZSuites and the Sweetwater County 4-H Facebook Page regularly so that you don't miss out on important announcements.


November 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3 Last Day to RSVP for Achievement Night <i>Shooting Sports Safety Meeting 6pm, Small Hall</i>	4
5	6	7	8	9 6:30pm Horse Commit- tee Mtg.— Meeting Room at the Events Complex	10	11
12	13 4-H Council Meeting 6:30pm, room 1445 at the College	14	15	16	17 4-H Achieve- ment Night 6:30pm— Small Hall	18
19 <i>Shooting Sports Safety Meeting 2pm, Small Hall</i>	20 4-H Dy- namics Club, 6:30pm room 1003 at the college	21	22	23 Extension Office Closed—Holiday 	24	25
26	27	28 Fair Board Meeting, 7pm Meeting Room	29	30 Club Charter Renewals are Due!		

December 2023

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 Shooting Sports Safety Meeting 6pm, Small Hall	2 Shooting Sports Archery practice, see club for sign up
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14 6:30pm Horse Committee Mtg.— Meeting Room at the Events Complex	15 Shooting Sports Archery practice, see club for sign up times	16 Shooting Sports Air practice, see club for sign up times
17	18	19 Fair Board Meeting, 7pm Meeting Room	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 Shooting Sports Archery practice, see club for sign up times	30 Shooting Sports Air practice, see club for sign up times
31	 Extension Office Closed					

January 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Extension Office Closed—Holiday 	2	3	4 Hotdoggers Meeting 6:30pm Small Hall	5 Shooting Sports Archery practice, see club for sign up times	6 Shooting Sports Air practice, see club for sign up times
7	8	9	10	11 6:30pm Horse Committee Mtg., Meeting Room/Complex Hotdoggers Meeting 6:30pm Small Hall	12	13
14	15 Extension Office Closed 	16	17 Shooting Sports Monthly Club Meeting, 7pm, Bison Room/Events Complex	18 Sagehoppers Meeting 6:30pm Small Hall	19 Shooting Sports Archery practice, see club for sign up times	20 Shooting Sports Air practice, see club for sign up times
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