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Sweetwater County
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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/>

February Birthdays

Kristy Wardell

Gatlin Pendleton

Ivory Neher

Evie Long

Mark Hamilton

Alison Sagely

Dane Perry

Sofia Millens

Ridge Spence

Kolby Muir

Braiden Hunsaker

John Norris

Rainey Davies

Cooper Potter

Jenicka Floyd

Kove Price

Allyson Schmidt

Michele Schmidt

Isaac Loftus

Aarin Deckard

Kaitlynn Deckard

Rebecca Britton

Garrison Mines

Audrey Sagely

Cash Anderson

Michael Oliver

4-H Scholarships

- *2024 Wyoming 4-H Foundation Scholarships - due February 15th
- *2024 Wyoming CattleWomen Scholarship - due February 29th
- *Sweetwater County 4-H Council Scholarship - due April 1st
- *Gary Grubb Scholarship - due April 1st
- *Shooting Sports Scholarship - due May 1st

Dog ID's Due

All members planning to show a dog at County Fair must complete an ID Form and turn in current vaccination records by May 1st. No late forms will be accepted. Forms may be picked up at the Extension Office or online at: <https://www.wyoextension.org/>

FEBRUARY 1ST, 2024 - 4-H Market Beef Ownership and Tagging Deadline, no exceptions! All 4-H/FFA Market Beef need to be tagged by February 1st and information and pictures uploaded to ZSuites. Members will need to come to the Extension Office to pick up tags.

Swine/Sheep/Goat Tagging

Swine, Sheep, and Goat Ownership and Tagging Deadline is June 1st. Tagging information and pictures will need to be uploaded to ZSuites by the June 1st deadline. All member accounts must be active and paid up, before tags are released.

Horse Safety Certification/Ownership Deadline

All Horses (owned or leased) need to be safety certified by July 1st. Safety Certifications are required for each horse that a member plans to compete with in the Sweetwater County Fair Youth Horse Show.

Wyoming State & Regional Events

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

Wool and Meats Judging (April 19th and 20th): The Wyoming 4-H Wool and Meats Judging Contests will be held in Laramie at the UW Animal Science Facilities.

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.

BEEF TAGGING DEADLINE - FEBRUARY 1ST, NO EXCEPTIONS! ALL INFORMATION AND PICTURES NEEDS TO BE UPLOADED TO ZSUITE BY FEBRUARY 1ST PROVING OWNERSHIP AND THE ANIMAL IS TAGGED OR YOU RISK NOT BEING ABLE TO SHOW AT FAIR.

How To Properly Enter Tagging Information into ZSuite



Please remember to upload animal photos and tag information into your ZSuite profile using the steps below:

1. Log in to your primary account on ZSuite, this is the account with your PIN associated.
2. Click Update Enrollment for the youth who owns the animal.
3. Click the Clubs tab.
4. Click the pencil icon for the correct market species project.
5. Make sure to set the number of animals you have for the species using the drop down.
6. Fill in ALL of the information.
 - a. Animal ID is the RFID tag (full 15-digit tag number).
 - b. Animal Identifier is the second tag such as LCF tag, producer tag, or scrapies tag. List any colorings/markings or any noticeable physical traits here.
 - c. Animal Name.
 - d. Animal Type is sex of animal.
 - e. Animal Breed.
 - f. Upload 4 pictures, clear and not blurry pictures (required):
 1. clear picture of the ear tag in the ear with all numbers shown
 2. a front view of the whole animal
 3. a full side view of the animal
 4. a full back view of the animal
7. Click the Save Project Button after adding all animals for that species.
8. Click the Submit Button (if you leave this page without hitting submit, information will not save to your profile).

If you are having any troubles or have questions, please contact the 4-H office for assistance.

To receive a tag, you need to be currently enrolled and an active member. To be an active member, all enrollment fees must be paid. Breeding animals do not need to be tagged. Make the decision between breeding and market prior to the ownership deadline.



Proper Placement of RFID Tags and Correct Tagger to Use for Tagging

All ear tags should be placed two-thirds of the way from the outside edge of the ear and one-third of the way from the head between the middle two cartilage ribs. Please use the left ear (if a tag is already in that ear, use the right ear).

The female (thicker RFID Button) portion of the tag should always be on the inside of the ear. The male portion (the part that fits over the applicator pin and larger flat tag) should always be on the outside of the ear. The number printed on the male tag should correspond and match the 15-digit number on the RFID button (female tag).



Female Tag



Male Tag

Each tag manufacturer may use slightly different technology for the fastening mechanism on their tags. In addition, tag applicators may differ from manufacturer to manufacturer in terms of pin configuration and insertion force. To improve tag retention, use the appropriate tag applicator that corresponds with each specific brand of tags. The tags are applied using the Y-TEX UltraTagger plus Tamper Proof Applicator (gray tagger).



We will have taggers to check out if you do not have the correct tagger for the RFID tags. Please make sure you are using the correct tagger for the Y-Tex RFID tags (gray one pictured above), to prevent the tags from breaking. There will be a \$5 charge for replacement tags, if you are doing your own tagging.



Celebrating Kristy Wardell Outstanding 4-H Lifetime Volunteer - West Region

Kristy's dedication to the community and the West Region is truly inspiring and we want to recognize her contributions.

This year Kristy received the Sweetwater County 4-H Horse Lifetime Volunteer award! Kristy is an active member of the Sweetwater County 4-H Council and is currently their President. She is also a volunteer at the Sweetwater County Fair, most recently for the Horse and Shooting Sports project areas. Kristy was instrumental in helping the Sweetwater County Council's organization this year and has dedicated many years to 4-H as a member, leader, and mentor. She feels 4-H is a vital part of youth development. After 10 active years as a youth member, she became a volunteer leader as soon as she was of age and has been a leader for 40 years. She has been an active volunteer for the Sweetwater County Fair for more than 22 years. Kristy has served on the county Horse Development and Shooting Sports committees, as well as the State 4-H Horse Advisory Committee and State 4-H Dog Committee. Kristy was the representative for the southwest district to State Leader's Council for seventeen years. She has a passion for 4-H, youth development, and ensuring that the 4-H program thrives in Sweetwater County. Kristy raises and shows both Quarter Horses and Border Collies. Kristy is sheep foreman for the Thoman Ranch, and owner/operator of Wardell Trucking along with her husband Mike and son Rex.



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Celebrating Jim Wasseen 4-H Volunteer of the Year - West Region

Jim's dedication to the community and the West Region is truly inspiring and we want to recognize his contributions.

With 5 years of service with 4-H, Jim Wasseen is a leader for the Sweetwater County 4-H Shooting Sports club. The Sweetwater County extension office 4-H personnel state "Without Jim, shooting sports practices would not flow smoothly and practices go as well as they do. Jim ensures all members have fun at practices and helps keep them safe. He makes sure all needs of the Sweetwater County 4-H members are met at practices through teaching, listening, and giving back through his expertise. Jim is one of the most loved leaders in shooting sports and is often looked up to by our members. County Shoot would not happen without Jim's efforts, time, and dedication to the Shooting Sports program." Jim hosts an annual Hunter Education Course for Sweetwater County 4-H Shooting Sports members, and his members have a very high pass rate. He is passionate about the outdoors and is an excellent Outdoor Skills leader. Jim is a team player, always giving 100%. Jim also volunteers through his church Synod and is President of his church council. He helps with Game and Fish Hunter's Education classes, and the fisheries and habitat biology survey crews and other field studies in his free time.



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Aurora Baker



Taylor Hernandez

Celebrate Sweetwater County's 4-H
Successful Applicants for the
Wyoming 4-H Cross-Cultural Travel Experience!



**CONGRATULATIONS TO AURORA BAKER AND
TAYLOR HERNANDEZ WHO WILL
BE TRAVELING TO HAWAII IN 2024!**



ZSUITE RECORD BOOK



Why should you complete a record book?

- Learn to set goals, make plans to achieve those goals, learn to adapt to challenges and obstacles.
- Get practice keeping records.
- Track your activities, events, skill development, expenses, profits, and much more.
- Measure your achievements and growth.
- Use it for scholarships, resumes, or job applications.
- Help earn points towards Honors Club.
- Reflect on how far you've come over the years!



DON'T WAIT!



You can add record books in ZSuite at the beginning of the year. Working on your record book during the year helps you remember what happened and makes it less work at the last minute!

What's In Your Book?

1

PROJECT REPORT

Goals
Project Plan
Supplies, Expenses & Income
Exhibits & Summary
Project Pictures and Clippings

Complete for EACH project

Check ZSuite under "Clubs" tab to see what you're signed up for.

(Market Swine, Breeding Sheep, Archery, Photography, Outdoor Recreation, etc.)

2

4-H INVOLVEMENT

4-H Awards & Recognition
4-H Leadership
4-H Community Service
4-H Participation

Ongoing - Add to it each year

4-H Story
4-H Year Pictures & Clippings
Other Participation

Complete for current year

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4-H BEEF NUTRITION & MANAGEMENT

February 20, 2024

6pm

Washakie County Ext. Office

Attend in person or via zoom

Register here for a zoom link:

<https://forms.gle/x5KQzdxuKqFzgpHCA>

Learn all about feeding, nutrition and management of your market beef project from Chance Marshall, Sr ANR Educator from Fremont County for the University of Wyoming 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



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22
FEBRUARY
5PM-6PM



Poultry MEETING

Learn how to raise and show chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, and ornamental birds with 4-H. 4-H is open to kids 8 to 18.

Green River Rec Center Meeting Room



**JOIN 4-H
TODAY!**



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The University of Wyoming is an equal opportunity/affirmative action institution.

*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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Citizenship WASHINGTON Focus



June 15 - 22, 2024

What is CWF?

- ✓ Learn leadership and communication skills through history, democracy and our amendments.
- ✓ Explore Washington D.C
- ✓ Connect with other young leaders

Details

- NEW this year, CWF will operate on a first come, first serve basis for registration. Please register ASAP if you are interested.
- Plane tickets will be purchased on March 18th, 2024
- Estimated cost, \$2500 per person, with scholarships available.
- Open to youth 14 and older.
- Apply at <http://wyoming4h.formstack.com/forms/cwf>





2024 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Certification Trainings

The Shooting Sports Training Team will be coming to a county near you! If you are a new shooting sports leader or have reached five years since your last certification, plan to attend one of these certification/training opportunities.



Steve Mack, Director
Wyoming State 4-H Foundation
College of Agriculture and Natural Resources
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Laramie, WY 82071
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Washakie County, Worland

- Dates - March 9-10, 2024
- [Registration Link: Washakie County](#)

Weston County, Newcastle

- Dates - March 23-24, 2024
- [Registration link: Weston County](#)

Laramie County, Cheyenne

- Dates - April 6-7, 2024
- [Registration link: Laramie County](#)

Uinta County, Evanston

- Dates - April 20-21
- [Registration link: Uinta County](#)

Natrona County, Casper

- Dates - April 27-28
- [Registration link: Natrona County](#)

Shooting Sports Development Committee Meeting

- Date - February 17, 2024, Casper
- Holiday Inn East - 10 am to 3 pm
- [Directions from Douglas](#)
- [Directions from Riverton](#)

You can register using the links above or visit the Wyoming 4-H webpage at: <http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/> then select "Volunteers" and "Additional Trainings."

Join Wyoming 4-H June 18 - 20, 2024

at Showcase Showdown

University of Wyoming - Laramie, WY

We are looking for new workshop opportunities!

Workshops can be led by 4-H educators, a group of youth, volunteers, community members or parents

Workshop proposals are open and will close on March 3rd at 11:59pm
https://uwyo.sjc1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_54Le4v2rZ9yXaGq



Sweeten your day with Krispy Kreme Donuts!

Reach out to any 4-H Dynamics Club Member and help them with their club fundraiser. \$20 a dozen for Krispy Kreme Donuts! They will be ready for local pick up February 28th, all money for orders are due February 26th.



Join the fun!



Get Cooking!



Who: Anyone interested in learning to cook, trying new recipes and having fun! This is a great activity if you are enrolled in Foods and Nutrition or you just want to learn to cook!

When:
December 2023
- April 2024




What: Food, Fun, 4-H is an at home activity that you can do when you have time. Recipes and an activity are released at the beginning of each month and you are encouraged to try 2 recipes and then answer 3 questions and submit 2 photos.

Why: Learn new cooking skills, try new food, earn cooking gadgets, get ideas for fair entries and HAVE FUN!

Where: Your home kitchen (and some of the Extension Offices are hosting cooking workshops)



<https://wyoextension.org/westoncounty/wyoming-food-fun-4-h/>



**WY State 4-H
Wool & Meat
Judging**

April 19th & 20th, 2024

UW Animal Science Facilities Laramie, WY

**MORE INFORMATION WILL BE RELEASED LATE
JANUARY 2024.**

- County Educators will register individuals and teams.
- Contact your county office with questions or if you are interested in participating.

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SAVE THE DATE
September 27-29, 2024

4-H VOLUNTEER SUMMIT
CASPER, WYOMING

**BEST WESTERN CONFERENCE CENTER &
NATRONA COUNTY AGRICULTURE AND RESOURCE
LEARNING CENTER**

Workshops
Time for Sharing
Time for Networking
and of course FUN!



Cost \$100
Includes meals and programming,
lodging on your own.


WYOMING 4-H

VOLUNTEER TRAINING SERIES


What's Your Job? Discussion of 4-H Volunteer Roles

February 19, 2024
6:30 to 7:30 pm
<https://uwyo.zoom.us/j/92438361355>

Each year, when you sign up to be a leader, you can choose a volunteer role. What is the difference between the roles? What are the different opportunities to get involved in your county program? This is a great session for current and prospective volunteers to learn more about how they can engage in the 4-H. Being a volunteer can be as simple as managing a Facebook Page to as complicated as running a committee or club. Find out more!



**Talk to your local 4-H
Educator about
hosting a watch party
at the Extension
Office!**

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Watch for announcements
on their 4-H Facebook Page,
4H Dynamics:

[https://www.facebook.com/
groups/1051785319344291](https://www.facebook.com/groups/1051785319344291)

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

Crystal Walker:
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Delaney Gardea -
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FEBRUARY 26TH
6:30PM
BISON ROOM
SWEETWATER EVENTS COMPLEX

**4-H
DYNAMICS**



Search on Facebook 4H Dynamics or visit
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1051785319344291>

Wyoming 4-H

Sweetwater County

4-H Council Meeting



February 12, 6:30 p.m.
Room 1445, Western Wyoming Community College
(RS Campus)

**A Great Way to Get Involved in 4-H and
Help Support Our Youth!**

WYOMING STATE 4-H FOUNDATION

FINANCIALLY SUPPORTS THE WYOMING 4-H PROGRAM

Dear High School Senior,

As you consider the next steps in your education and career path, your involvement in 4-H may help you obtain scholarships at the college or school you choose to attend.

Each year the Wyoming 4-H Foundation awards thousands of dollars in scholarships to youth that will be attending a college, university, or technical school to further their education.

Find out details at: <http://www.wyoming4h.org/4hfoundation/scholarships>. Just click on each scholarship to find out its specific criteria, and then use the universal application to apply. There are many available scholarships! Up to \$30,000 total for new and first-time qualified applicants!

Applications are due by February 15, 2024, and use a resume built from your 4-H Record Book.

Remember - the best way to be awarded a scholarship is to APPLY!

Please call the State Office if you have any questions.
Our number is (307) 766-5170.

Do not Delay - Apply Right Away!!

Share this information with family, friends, and co-workers!

Sincerely,

Wyoming State 4-H Foundation



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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



uwyo.cnlp.org



www.facebook.com/UWCNP



www.pinterest.com/uwyocnp



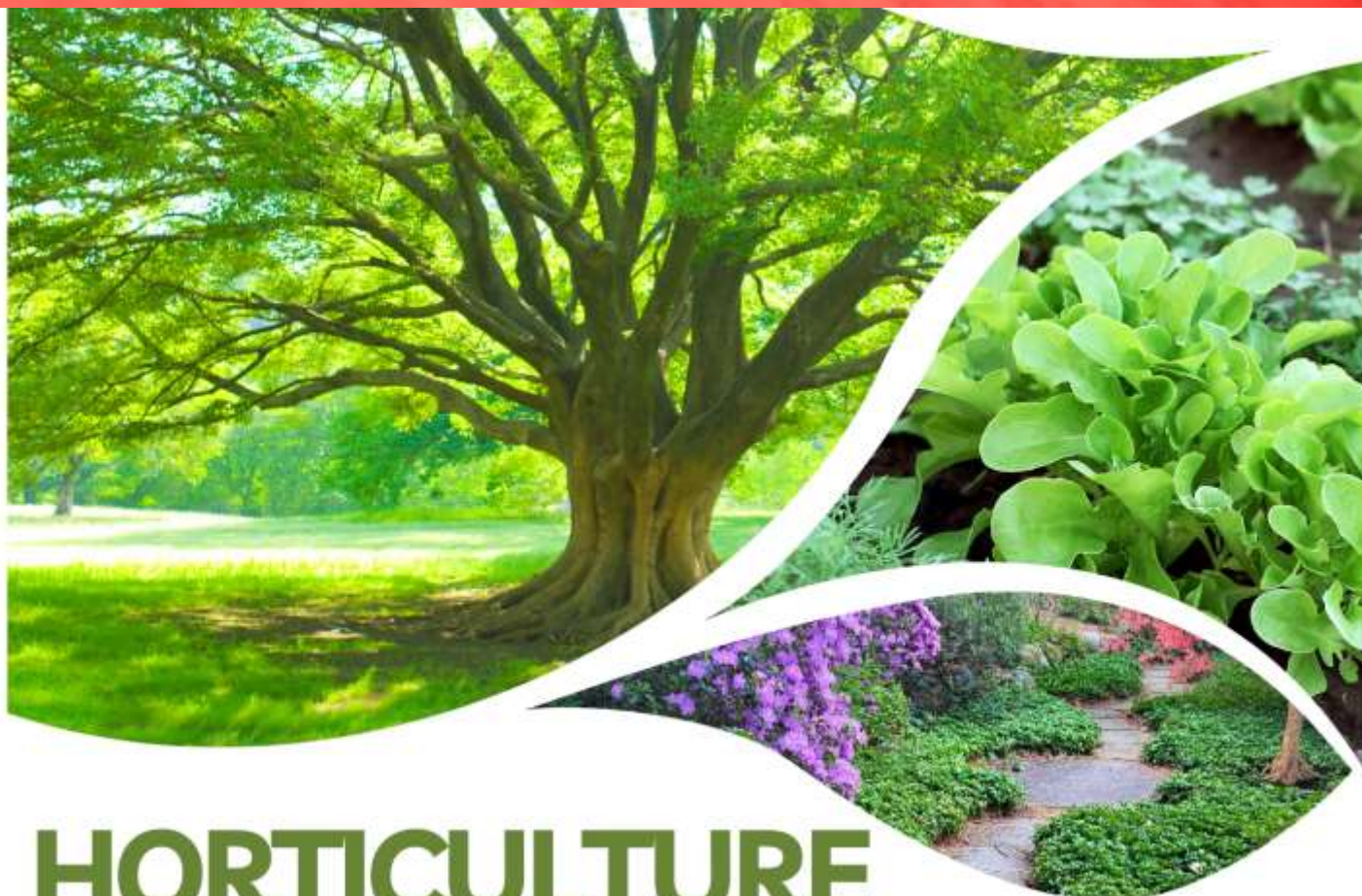
bit.ly/cnp-newsletters

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://uwyo.cnlp.org/> | cnp-info@uwyo.edu

This material was funded by USDA's Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program - SNAP. This institution is an equal opportunity provider. This material was funded by USDA's Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program-EFNEP. USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.



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

1/08/2024

Call to order

Pledges

Secretary Report - Minutes from 11/13/2023

Financial Update - Treasurer's Report

Unfinished Business

1. Scholarship winner – Simeon Stotts presentation
2. Club Recharterers – all clubs need to turn this paperwork in by November 30th. Still missing Livestock Auction, Lucerne Valley, and Wild Hogs.
3. Club/Committee/Council bank accounts update – Johnathan Despain
4. State Fair Revenue/Expenditures – one family left to pay their balance; state fair has not cashed the check sent back in September
5. Set budget for 2023-2024

New Business

1. New Dog Trailer License Plate – missing, needs a new one to move the trailer
2. Shavings – bulk or continue to work with Events Complex?
3. Tagging – asking the council's help to facilitate tagging dates with the Livestock Auction Committee. Tagging will need to be done in January for beef, schedule dates in all areas of Sweetwater County. Tagging boxes are available to be checked out by families in the office.
4. January 19th – Public Forum for Educator Candidates
5. Upcoming events/plans for 2024
6. Set Future Meeting Date(s)
7. Community questions and concerns

Adjourn

Sweetwater County 4-H Council Meeting Minutes
January 8, 2024

Call to order: 6:31pm

Pledge: Lead by Kristy Wardell

Attendance: Mary Hamilton, Patty Burton, Monica Thompson, Katie Duncombe, Dan Stanton, Molly Stanton, Briana Johnson, Simeon Stotts, Jackson Ramsey, Mark Dale, Shay Bernard, Alicia Bernard, Tommy Thoman, Zach Young, JaNae Young, Chris Meats, Tracy Meats

Minutes: A motion was made by Dan Stanton to approve the November 13, 2023 minutes; Patty 2nd the motion, motion passed.

Treasurer Report:

- Current bank balance as of December 29, 2023 was \$13,209.70
- Started at \$15,227.30
- Check for \$2,250 to the Events Complex for shavings cleared
- Check for \$471.25 for Insurance cleared
- Deposit of \$239.60 for the state fair member that paid for fees was deposited
- Wardell Trucking paid their sponsorship for Shooting Sports buckles in the amount of \$456.20
- Outstanding sponsorship/invoices for buckles have been sent out to the Faron FFA and Horse Committee. Tracy made a deposit on 1/5/24 for the Geen River FFA buckle reimbursement.

Unfinished Business:

- The Council would like to have the Horse Committee start ordering their own buckles. A motion was made by Kristy Wardell to have the Horse Development Committee and Shooting Sports Club order their own buckles; a second was made by Patty Burton; motion passed.

Discussion:

A discussion was had about what could be given as prizes from each committee. It could be left up to each individual species.

Molly stated that exhibitors probably prefer the buckles over other items.

Mary suggested that we appoint one person to head up the buckles and be a point person, other suggested that we reach out to the clubs.

- Friends of 4-H Foundation – work with alumni to get donations for prizes or awards. Mary Hamilton made a motion to start a Friends of 4-H Alumni program, a second was made by Patty. The motion was tabled until further information on the structure of the program is determined. Mary will research and create a plan to present at a later meeting.

- Endowment Account:

Tommy inquired about the Endowment account. He asked if there has been a statement on the account and how much it would be. Tracey stated that there has not been a statement presented to Sweetwater County for year end. It is estimated that there is \$83,000 in the Sweetwater County Endowment and \$11,788.93 is available.

Steve Mack is managing the Endowment Fund at the state level.

Sweetwater County 4-H Council has been requested to researching any outstanding accounts. The state has looked for unclaimed accounts with Sweetwater County – per Mary Hamilton Mary is making a list of names of people that may know where money may be held for 4-H. A motion to move on with the agenda was made by Patty and second by Molly. All in favor; motion passed.

- Scholarship Winner

Simeon Stotts will be transferring to the University of Wyoming and utilizing the 4-H Scholarship. He attended the meeting to thank the 4-H Council.

- Club Recharterers – Lucerne Valley and Wild Hogs will be left up to the new educator to tackle. Livestock Auction Committee will send it in immediately.

- Club/Committee/Council Bank Accounts – Johnathan Despain was added to all accounts and the county was told that we should not change anything at this point, wait for the new educator.

- State Fair Fees – There is still an outstanding check for fair fees in the amount of \$1,479. Tracy has followed up on the check. Kristy made a motion to have Tracy contact the state fair again and if they don't have it, we will do a stop payment on the check. Second was made by Patty, all in favor. There is a fee of \$25 for a stop payment.

- Budget Committee – Tommy made a motion for the council to delegate the appropriate individuals for the working group budget and then to have it open to the County. A second was made by Zach Young; all in favor; motion passed.

Discussion: Dan Stanton is willing to help with the budget.
Others invited are club leaders and youth members.

Patty made a motion to have the budget meeting on Jan 22nd, Tommy made a 2nd, all in favor; motion passed.

Budget Meeting is set for Monday, January 22nd at 6:30 pm

New Business

- West Region Volunteer Awards – Jim Wasseen, Volunteer of the year and Kristy Wardell, Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer.
- New Dog Trailer License plate is missing. – A motion was made by Mary to renew the plate, pay the \$8 and look into the lifetime trailer plate. A second was made by Alicia, all in favor; motion passed.

Discussion:

Mary will take a photo of the registration and go to the events complex to check the vin number on the trailer.

- Shavings – The Events Complex is willing to let 4-H have bulk shavings at the Complex. Zach Young has someone to donate, but he is asking the clubs to help with shipping. We need to work with Shae at the Events Complex to coordinate the delivery. Zach will provide more information on January 22nd. Tabled for next meeting.
- Livestock Auction – Tagging Events
Formal Statement in Clover Chats: The 4-H Council request that 4-H Leaders support the Auction Committee in supervised tagging events and must have a leader or educator present in an organized system to confirm correct tagging. Animal visits are required to support youth in the educational process and confirm animal identify.
Buy Backs and How it Works – was discussed in detail, please see the livestock auction brochure for more details.
- January 18th at 6:30 pm Public Forum for Educator Candidates at the Events Complex Bison Meeting Room
- Upcoming Events and Plans for 2024 –
 - Would like to see a carcass contest
 - Rate of Gain Contest
 - Quality Assurance
 - Jackpot for two days -May – July
 - Sheep and Goat Fitting Clinic
 - Beef Fitting Clinic – May 2024

Future Meeting Date: February 12th at 6:30pm
The second Monday of each month.

Community Questions or Concerns

- Taylor Hernandez – Trip to Hawaii for a 4-H International Trip (Would like to be added to the next agenda) “Explore Agriculture” – Taylor will be exploring agriculture in Hawaii with the 4-H International Cross-Culture Experience, May 31st-June 6th. Katie will also reach out to Aurora Baker and see if she earned a trip, for she was the other candidate from Sweetwater County that earned an interview.
- Hughes Foundation- The Hughes Foundation funds are there to support low/lower income members to help them participate in county, state, national, and international 4-H events/activities. We have \$1,000 to use, currently added to our liability account, and can be used at any time. This money can be used to support members to engage in any program or activity we deem worthy of support. The educator will have reporting requirements to the disbursement of these funds and final say.
- Zach Young made a motion to go to County Commissioners to ask for additional funding. The motion was tabled. The leg work needs to be done before this discussion can begin.

Discussion:

Chris Meats suggested that the 4-H Council meet with their County Liaison – Rob Slaughter before we go ask for additional funding.

Mrs. Young would like to see a pitch to businesses about supporting 4-H not just the Events Complex and the Fair.

Patty suggested that we ask the Alumni to talk about how 4-H has affected their lives and what they learned in the process. Use radio, ads etc.

Clubs sharing their community services projects.

Adjournment 9:03pm

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.

FB Link: <https://www.facebook.com/SWCO4H/>

February 2024

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				1 Hotdog- gers Meeting 6:30pm Exhib- it Hall (East side) Beef Tagging Deadline 2/1 - see pages 6 and 7	2	3
4	5 Farson Shooting Prac- tice 6:30pm	6	7	8 6:30pm Horse Commit- tee Meeting Room/Complex Hotdoggers Meeting 6:30pm Exhibit Hall	9 Shooting Sports Ar- chery prac- tice, see club for sign up times	10 Shooting Sports Air practice, see club for sign up times
11	12 4-H Coun- cil Meeting, 6:30pm room 1445 at the Col- lege Farson Shooting Practice 6:30pm	13	14 	15 Sagehop- pers Meeting 6:30pm Meet- ing Room Events Com- plex	16	17
18	19 Farson Shooting Prac- tice 6:30pm	20	21 Shooting Sports Monthly Club Meeting, 7pm, Bison Room/Events Complex	22 Hotdoggers Meeting 6:30pm Small Hall 4-H Poultry Mtg., 5pm GR Rec Cen- ter Mtg. room	23 Shooting Sports Ar- chery prac- tice, see club for sign up times	24 Shooting Sports Air practice, see club for sign up times
25	26 4-H Dynamics, 6:30pm, Bison Room, Events Complex Farson Shooting Practice 6:30pm	27 Fair Board Meeting, 7pm Meeting Room	28	29 Hotdog- gers Meeting 6:30pm Small Hall		

March 2024

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