



WESTON COUNTY NATURAL
RESOURCE DISTRICT

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RURAL LIVING IN WYOMING
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FREE WORKSHOPS

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Questions? Contact Lacey Sloan 307-746-3264 or lacey.sloan@wy.usda.gov

February 7th: TRAPPING THE BLACK HILLS

Jonathan Sloan and Paul Eitel: Local Trappers

Location: 5-6pm USDA Conference Room

Teaching residents of the area benefits of proper trapping techniques and wildlife population management.

February 21st Pesticide Applicator Training

Blake Hauptman: UW Extension NE WY Educator: Agriculture/Horticulture

Location: 1-4pm USDA Conference Room

Join us to obtain or renew your private applicator license. Private applicator license applies to any applicator who uses or supervises the use of any restricted use pesticide which is restricted to use by a certified applicators and only for purposes of producing any agricultural commodity on property owned by applicator or their employer or under their control or (is applied without compensation other than trading of personal services between producers of agricultural commodities) on the property of another person.

A private applicator license is valid for no longer than 5 years from the issuing date and all private licenses expire on April 30th of the 5th year after issuance.

****MUST BRING PHOTO ID to receive certification or your applicators license number for renewal****

March 1st: BACKYARD BIRD HABITAT/BIRDING

Jacelyn Downey, National Audubon Society Outreach Education Specialist

Location: 12-1pm Weston Co. Snr Center

Come enjoy learning about your backyard birds. Build a birdhouse, learn bird ID techniques, and hear tips on how to create a backyard garden that both you and the birds will enjoy!

March 20th: GARDENING 101 (Veggies and Fruit Trees)

Brian Sebade: UW Extension Laramie Educator

Location: 5-7pm Weston County Library

This workshop will cover the management and production of vegetables and fruit trees for backyard and hobby farmers. Specific strategies for coping with Wyoming's harsh climate will be discussed

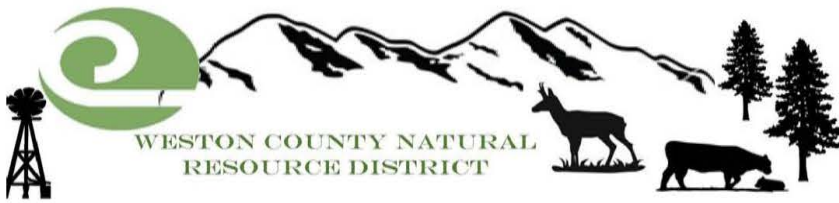
March 28th: BEEF HERD MANAGEMENT

Blake Hauptman: UW Extension NE WY Educator: Agriculture/Horticulture

Location: 5-6 pm USDA Conference Room

Considerations on water quality and salt/mineral supplementation for your beef cowherd. Analyzing its impacts on herd health, performance and your bottom line.

MORE ON THE BACK!



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March/April (Date TBA based on weather)

URBAN FORESTRY: TREE PRUNING AND GRAFTING

Dick Terry: Wyoming State Forestry District Forester

RSVP (light dinner provided)

This workshop will teach you the proper way to prune your trees to encourage good structural growth. This hands on workshop is just the place to get all of your difficult pruning questions answered! Interested in having more than one fruit on your apple tree? Create a diverse orchard and learn how to graft limbs! This hands on workshop is just the place to get all of your difficult pruning questions answered!

April 4th: CHEATGRASS MANAGEMENT

Cheryl Schwarzkopf: Converse County Weed and Pest Manager

Location: 5-6pm USDA Conference Room

Join us for the newest science in Cheatgrass management. Learn when to graze and spray and what you can do to prevent the spread in your fields

April 18th: WEED IDENTIFICATION AND TREATMENT

Hale Redding: Weston County Weed and Pest Manager

Location: 5-6pm USDA Conference Room

Join local Weed and Pest professionals to identify pesky weeds you have in your pasture. Topics will include when to manage and spray target species.

May 2nd: RAINFALL SIMULATOR AND SOIL HEALTH

Presenter: Cameron Clark, NRCS Area Resource Soil Scientist

Location: 12-1pm USDA Conference Room

It all begins with the soil! The rainfall simulator gives us a glimpse of the interaction between soil and water and shows the influence that soil type and management have on water infiltration. After the demonstration, we will discuss key soil health and erosion principles, the importance of building and maintaining organic matter in the topsoil, the effect of tillage and soil disturbance, and the importance of soil aggregates and porosity to overall soil health. The presentation will be interactive and tailored to the needs and interest of the audience.

Junior Gardeners Club Sign up: February- March.

Meetings will begin in April at USDA Service Center (District Office)

Presenter: Lacey Sloan, WCNRD Manager

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Join us for our 2nd year in Junior Gardening! This is a hands on experience geared toward teaching kids how to grow their own flowers and vegetables at the Weston County Community Garden. We will also look into landscaping at the community garden and plant flowers for local pollinators.

****No fee to join****