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Rural living workshops are being scheduled across Wyoming this spring and summer. Go to barnyardsandbackyards.com and click on the 'Events' link for additional events or updated information.

The workshop schedule includes:

Weston County Rural Living Workshop – Newcastle

8:30 a.m. to lunch, Saturday, April 17, at the USDA Service Center Building, 1225 Washington, Blvd., Suite 3, in Newcastle. For information, contact the Weston County Natural Resource District office at (307) 746-3264 to RSVP. Topics include grazing animals on a small acreage, energy conservation in the home, using native plants in the landscape and in windbreaks, and creating compost.

High Tunnel Workshop – Torrington

April 23-24, Torrington. Hours/location (Veteran area) to be announced. Those attending this hands-on workshop will learn how to construct a high tunnel. Contact Jeff Edwards, University of Wyoming Cooperative Extension Service (UWCES) educator, at (307) 532-2436 or jedward4@uwyo.edu for more information.

Converse County Small Scale Renewable Energy Workshop – Douglas

9 a.m. Saturday, April 24 at McKibben Cafeteria on the Wyoming State Fairgrounds in Douglas. The what, how, and why of home wind and solar energy installation. Full day of informative speakers and tour of home renewable energy projects. Sponsored by Converse County Conservation District and UW CES. For more information and to reserve a seat, contact Ashley Garrelts, Converse County UW CES educator, at (307) 358-2417 or ashleyg@uwyo.edu.

Riverton Rural Living Workshop – Tree Planting and Care

8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, May 8, at the Riverton Branch Library, 1330 West Park Ave. Workshop will cover soil and soil types, planning a wind break, use of weed barrier, tree protectors, fertilizer, mulch, irrigation, and caring for trees. Contact Cathy Meyer, manager, Lower Wind River Conservation District, at (307) 856-7524, ext. 107, or at cathy.meyer@wy.nacdnet.net for more information.

High Tunnel Workshop – Lander

Thursday and Friday, May 14-15, at the Central Wyoming College Sinks Canyon Center, Lander. Contact Jeff Edwards, UW CES educator, at jedward4@uwyo.edu for more information. In this hands-on workshop, you will learn how to construct a high tunnel. More details posted later.

Limit the Threat: Bark Beetles and Firewood – Casper

6-8 p.m. Wednesday, May 19, at the Agricultural Resource and Learning Center, 2011 Fairgrounds Road, Casper. Topics include beetle identification on firewood and different firewood treatments and techniques to prevent beetle spread that could kill many pine trees in urban areas. For more information, contact Shelly Anderson at Shelly.Anderson@wy.usda.gov or (307) 261-5401, ext. 1

High Tunnel Workshop – Afton

Wednesday and Thursday, May 19-20, at Afton High School. Hours to be announced. Those attending this hands-on workshop will learn how to construct a high tunnel. Contact Jeff Edwards, UW CES educator, at (307) 532-2436 or jedward4@uwyo.edu for more information.

High Tunnel Workshop – Pinedale

Friday and Saturday, May 21-22, in Pinedale. Hours/location to be announced. Those attending this hands-on workshop will learn how to construct a high tunnel. Contact Jeff Edwards, UW CES educator, at (307) 532-2436 or jedward4@uwyo.edu for more information

Albany County Rural Living Workshop

9 a.m.-noon Saturday, May 22. Registration starts 8:30 a.m. in Albany County UW CES office classroom (west end of yellow building) at the Albany County Fairgrounds, Laramie. Topics include protecting local ground water quality – shallow aquifers and aquifer protection; high altitude edible gardening/extending the growing season; and preserving the harvest – food preservation and safety. To pre-register or for more information, contact either the Albany County UW CES office at (307) 721-2571 or the Laramie Rivers Conservation District at (307) 721-0072

High Tunnel Workshop – Powell

May 25-28 in Powell. Location to be announced. Contact: Jeff Edwards, UW CES educator, at jedward4@uwyo.edu. This hands-on workshop will show how to construct a high tunnel. More details posted later.

Converse County Intensive Rural Living in Wyoming Workshops

June 3-July 8, 6 p.m. Thursdays. Live in the Glenrock and Rolling Hills, Wyoming, area? Interested in learning more about successful management of your property to meet your goals? Join us Thursday evenings June 3-July 8 when a number of subjects will be covered that will increase knowledge and provide the tools and inspiration

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to create a property management plan. Class size limited to 15. For more information and to reserve a seat, contact Ashley Garrelts, Converse County UW CES educator, at (307) 358-2417 or ashleyg@uwyo.edu.

Rehabilitate Your Fruit Tree Hands-on Session

5-6:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 9, at 1315 E. Baker St., Laramie. Got a fruit tree you'd like to rehabilitate with corrective pruning? Horticulture specialist Karen Panter of the University of Wyoming will introduce the tools and techniques needed while also talking about water, fertilizer, and the characteristics to select when putting in new trees. For more information, contact Cole Ehmke at cehmke@uwyo.edu or (307)766-3782. This session is hosted by the UW CES and the Laramie Local Food Group.



Riverton Rural Living Workshop – Weed and Pest Management

8 a.m.-noon, Saturday, June 12, at the Riverton Branch Library, 1330 West Park Ave. Workshop will cover pest identification, weed identification and control, chemical control, and alternative control methods. Contact Cathy Meyer, manager, Lower Wind River Conservation District, at (307) 856-7524, ext. 107, or at cathy.meyer@wy.nacdnet.net for more information.

Forest Health – Casper Mountain

9 a.m.-2 p.m. Wednesday, June 16, at the Nordic Ski Lodge, Casper Mountain. Lunch is included. Learn to identify both the mountain pine beetle and the Ips beetle. Beetle treatments and prevention methods will be demonstrated. Cost-share programs will be discussed to assist with sound

forest management and to retain forest health. Common health issues associated with aspen on Casper Mountain also will be addressed. Lunch is included. Contact Shelly Anderson at (307) 261-5401, ext. 1, or at Shelly.Anderson@wy.usda.gov for more information.

Horse Health and Horse Fencing - Albany County Rural Living Workshop

6 p.m. Thursday, July 1, location TBA, Laramie. To pre-register or for more information, contact the Albany County UW CES office at (307) 721-2571 or the Laramie Rivers Conservation District at (307) 721-0072

Bee/pollinator workshop - Albany County Rural Living Workshop

6 p.m. Wednesday, July 21, location TBA, Laramie. To pre-register or for more information, contact the Albany County UW CES office at (307) 721-2571 or the Laramie Rivers Conservation District at (307) 721-0072

Urban Water Saving Techniques – Casper

6-8 p.m. Wednesday, August 4, at the Agricultural Resource and Learning Center, 2011 Fairgrounds Road, Casper. Water law, water saving techniques, water harvesting, and water-wise landscaping will be topics. This workshop will provide an expert-guided tour of the xeriscaped berm at the Agricultural Resource and Learning Center demonstrating many beautiful options that are water-wise for garden and landscaped areas. Contact Shelly Anderson at (307) 261-5401, ext. 1, or at Shelly.Anderson@wy.usda.gov for more information.

Living and Working on the Land Conference

August 24-26 at the Rendezvous Center at the Goshen County Fairgrounds in Torrington. Speakers, sessions, and tours will show how to address practical problems of managing an acreage. The featured speaker will be Joel Salatin. Salatin is a third-generation alternative farmer in Virginia's Shenandoah Valley. He believes healing the land and making it agriculturally productive can be done at the same time using principles not dependent on size. He will speak on developing an understanding of the interrelationships between plants and animals, the need for diversity, and how direct marketing can be a part of vibrant rural communities. Scholarships are available. Look for details at www.blocksofsuccess.org. Contact Cole Ehmke at cehmke@uwyo.edu or (307)766-3782 for more information.