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Important Changes to 4-H Enrollment
Members and Leaders

As of October 1, 2015, all members and leaders are inactive in the 4-H system. ALL enrollment will be done on-line at http://wy.4honline.com. Enroll as soon as possible to ensure that you get back in your current club or the club of your choice. As with any new program, there may be some glitches, so please be patient!!!

Achievement Day!

November 22nd

Watch your e-mail inbox and or Facebook for details

“I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living, for my club, my community, my country, and my world.” These are the words that we, as 4-Her’s, live by. Now is the time to celebrate 4-H and our achievements of the year. Awards will be given out for record books, team participation, some county fair items and shooting sports. We would really love to see EVERY 4-H family attend.
**4-H Council Meeting Minutes - September 1, 2015**

Vice President Melinda Sims called the meeting to order and opened in regular fashion with the pledges and roll call. Minutes were approved from the July meeting and treasurer’s report was submitted for audit. There were a couple of questions about amounts showing negative balances but with the absence of the treasurer ML reported she thought it was because the amounts were earmarked not operating funds of the council.

Presentations were made by the rabbit judging members, livestock judging senior team members, horse judging senior team members and Raton shooting sports trip winners Levi Schilt and Trevor Broyles.

Old business—Albany County was represented quite well at the Wyoming State Fair and as you can see by the results listed in the FootNotes members brought home a lot of ribbons and accolades. Please pick up exhibits brought back from state fair as well as lost and found items. There are not many but space is limited. Feedback was sought from Family Night at Fair. This lead into a discussion of what went well and what didn’t at county fair. Mary Louise will share comments with the Fair Board. She reminded those present to please go on-line and fill out the fair survey and to have clubs also do so. Any proposed changes need to be presented in writing at the November Fair Board meeting. Thomas Christensen presented the revised/up-dated By-Laws. Some discussion was had and it was asked that these be taken back to clubs for input. Mary Louise will e-mail these out so that they may be adopted at the next meeting of the council which happens to be the annual meeting. Lindsay Galey presented a written report of the Nominating Committee: Janet Renneisen has agreed to run for secretary, Lindsay Galey would run for another term as treasurer and Leslie Lund would run for another term as historian. This slate of officers along with nominations from the floor will be elected at the next meeting. Leslie Lund gave a report on the 4-H Float in the 2015 Laramie Jubilee Days Parade and suggested that it become an annual event.

Committee reports-The Awards Committee has presented all of the awards from the 2015 Albany County Fair and will be working with the Record Book Committee on Achievement Day awards. Carnival Committee will be meeting on Thursday. The Junior Awards Trip is meeting next Monday. Junior Leaders had a busy county fair as usual with the BBQ and Dance. The Recruiting Committee is getting geared up for National 4-H Week. Details will follow. The Record Book Committee is available to help members complete their record books. Judging will take place in the Fairgrounds Activity Building Dining Room from 8 AM-8 PM on October 20-22. If each club could provide 2 adults that would be very helpful. No report from the Publicity Committee or the Fund Raising Committee. The Albany County 4-H Foundation will be hosting the Peterson Farm Brothers at the UW Hansen Arena on Saturday, September 18th.

New business-The next gun show concessions is September 18-20. The judging teams volunteered to work for the council. The next Murdoch’s BBQ will be Saturday, October 3rd. Members are needed to serve the $0.25 hamburgers and soda and adults are needed to cook the burgers. Mary Louise will see about procuring a second grill for the event. Discussion was held on what events would happen for National 4-H Week. The Murdoch’s BBQ is a great kick-off event (even though the week doesn’t start until the following day) because it is visible and Murdoch’s allows us to have some activities, etc. with the BBQ. The horse judging and livestock judging teams will be having a chili cook-off competition on Monday, October 5th at the Moose Lodge. Tuesday will be wear green or your favorite 4-H shirt day. Thursday will be an open house at the Laramie Rec Center from 6-8 PM. Clubs are encouraged to have members come and bring their projects and the National Youth Science Day experiment will also be done. There will also be a window decorating contest for clubs with people’s choice voting to take place on Laramie Live (tentatively) again. Please have your windows decorated by the evening of October 5th. Let Mary Louise know what business your club will have a window at.

Announcements-Record books are due by 5 PM on October 2nd. Committee budgets are due by 5 PM on September 15th. Murdoch’s BBQ is October 3rd. Ag Appreciation Dinner will be October 22nd. Mary Louise asked club leaders to please pick up items in their club mailboxes and to claim binders that may be left from their club members. Next meeting will be Tuesday, October 6th at 6:30 PM. It is the annual meeting and ALL are encouraged to attend.

**Good Job to all 4-Hers on completing the 2014-2015 4-H year by turning in your record books!**

Start the 2015-2016 year off write by starting your sections 1’s now, make those goals and write them down! And keep up on your ongoing sections (community service and leadership and other activities) by filling them out as you complete the task.

**Carnival Committee Meeting**

There will be a Carnival Committee Meeting October 21, 2015, at 5:30 pm at Perkins. 2016 Carnival Theme is “Olympics”. Carnival is February 27, 2016.
Cat

No cat meeting for October.

My e-mail address is neve81@hotmail.com

Cat Key Leader:
Connie Bierman  399-8092

Rabbit

No Rabbit meeting in October.
Meetings will resume in February.
Watch FootNotes for date.

Dog

October 28
7 pm
Mandatory meeting for all agility members
Albany County Fairgrounds Activity Building

Dog Key Leader:
Vicky Walker  742-7662

Shooting Sports

Congratulations to Trevor Broyles and Levi Schilt for being 2 of the 12 Wyoming 4-H'ers to attend the Raton Shooting Sports Trip in September.

Leaders interested in Shooting Sports

Leader certifications will soon be scheduled. Please watch FootNotes for dates.
Questions about being certified-call Roy 760-1892

Cloverbuds!!!

Children aged 5 to 8 need to be involved in activities and learning experiences that are developmentally appropriate. Children in this age group typically are full of energy and willing to learn, and need educational materials designed for their specific abilities, needs and interests. In addition, activities and learning experiences should be geared to the informal settings offered by 4-H. Research indicates that competition at this age is not developmentally appropriate. It is important that 5-to 8-year-olds be involved in activities where the risk of failure is minimized and the opportunity to experience success is maximized. Educational programs for 5-to 8-year-olds should focus on cooperative learning. The participation and learning of the child should be the ultimate goal.

Youth
5-8 years old

October 13th
6:00-7:00 PM
Fairgrounds Dining Room

We need volunteers to help judge Record Books and give the youth input. Any adult willing to donate time and their insight and wisdom and helpful hints is what is needed! We will be judging the books on Tuesday Oct 20th-Thurs Oct 22 from 8 am-8 pm at the Activity Building Dining Room at the Albany County Fairgrounds. It is helpful if you can sign up for a four hour block of time. The more people to judge the more input the kids get and the more they benefit. To sign up for a time or if you have any questions please email or call Colette Christensen at medrad@wyoming.usa.com 307 640 1088.

Kids-

Start thinking about what you want to accomplish this year, and write down your goals for this 4-H year. Maybe try some new project areas. For instance maybe you would like to learn more about the procedures needed to start a new club or change some of the rules in 4-H, that would be a great citizenship project. Maybe you want to make a difference in some young kid’s life in your school or neighborhood who you see is lonely or troubled, a great leadership opportunity. What do you want to accomplish this year? Think about it, write a goal and then devise a plan to work towards that goal, get help from your club or project leaders, parents or any 4-H leader. I hope this year is filled with lots of fun, learning and great accomplishments!
Please Join us in Welcoming Brian Sebade

Brian Sebade will be joining the Albany County office October 1st, 2015. Brian has served as an Extension Educator in Northeast Wyoming for the past four years. He is excited to make the move to Southeast Wyoming where he will work with the Agriculture and Horticulture team for UW Extension. His education includes a BS (2008) and MS (2010) in rangeland ecology and watershed management from the University of Wyoming. Brian is originally from Lander Wyoming and enjoys hunting, fishing, or anything else outside when not working with Wyoming citizens on agriculture issues or education.

Record Book Judging

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15th Annual Ag Appreciation Dinner/Dance

It’s time again to sign up to be an Ag Appreciation Dinner/Dance server. 4-H Council receives a donation for our services from the Ag Business Committee of the Laramie Area Chamber of Commerce. Each club is asked to provide at least one leader or member, age 12 or older, to help with the event. We are looking for 20 participants in all. The dinner is Thursday, October 22, 2015, at 7 pm. Members will need to be at the Rochelle Gateway Center at 4:45 pm.

Members will meet by the front doors inside the lobby area. Members should wear dark pants (black), comfortable but nice shoes and will be provided a 4-H shirt to wear that evening. If you are interested in helping, please call the Extension Office by Wednesday, October 14th. Pizza and pop will be provided for the servers.

2016 4-H Calendar Cover Designs are due to the Extension Office by November 6, 2015

Reminder….if you want your club meeting dates (for entire 2016 year) included in the 2016 Member Calendar please have those to Sue by November 6th!

Please keep in mind holidays when scheduling your meetings. (Example…you typically hold meetings the fourth Monday every month. This year, Memorial Day falls on the fourth Monday, please indicate your new meeting date!)

lgolding@uwyo.edu or 721-2571

★ Project and club meeting dates for 2016 member calendar due to the office by November 6th
★ County fair and/or family night suggestions/comments due to the Fair Office, IN WRITING, by October 15th
★ 2014-15 club bank statements and treasurer’s reports due to Mary Louise by November 2nd
★ Club charter applications & 2015 officers and affirmative action statement due to the office by December 1st
**2015 4-H NYSD Experiment – Motion Commotion**

4-H National Youth Science Day (NYSD) is an exciting, interactive learning experience that engages thousands of youth across the country in conducting the National Science Experiment. The national 4-H NYSD event will take place on October 7, 2015, in Washington, D.C.

For more information visit: [http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/about/](http://www.4-h.org/4-h-national-youth-science-day/about/)

**Laramie Plains Club Calf Sale**

Sunday, October 11, 2015–1:00 p.m.

Albany County Fairgrounds * Laramie, WY

Preview and Free dinner beginning @ 4 p.m. Saturday

**Arby’s GREAT FOOD GIVES BACK**

Mark Your Calendars!!

Thursday, October 22nd

5:00 to 8:00 p.m.

At Arby’s:

2148 Grand Avenue
Laramie, WY 82070

Benefiting:

Albany County 4-H Livestock Judging Team

*15% of your purchase will be donated to Albany County 4-H Livestock Judging Team

*Group name must be mentioned or flyer presented for credit to be applied*

**Little I Livestock Show**

Sponsored by UW Block and Bridle

**When:** November 21, 2015
- Dinner at 5pm
- Show begins at 6pm

**Where:** UW Hansen Arena

The Little I Livestock Show is a chance for University of Wyoming students in the fitting and showing class to showcase and compete with their final exhibits. It is a great educational opportunity for 4H members to watch the students and receive tips on how to show their animals. In addition, Block and Bridle will be sponsoring some fun and games after the show, so stick around and enjoy the excitement!
Now is the time to start planning to sew an outfit for the Wool Contest coming up November 20. You must sew, knit or crochet your own garment of at least 60% wool. There are four divisions at the local contest, Pre-Teen – (12 and under); Junior (13-16); Senior (17-24); and Adult (25 and older). The category you enter will be determined by your age as of January 1, 2015. **Pre-teens may enter**: dress, jumper, skirt, pants, shorts, vest, sweater, shirt/blouse, jacket, or a combination of garments. All other divisions may enter a **One-piece garment**: dress, jumper, outerwear jacket, coat or cape. **Two-piece garment**: coat, jacket, cape, blouse/shirt, vest or sweater with dress, jumper, skirt, pants or shorts. **Ensemble**: (3 or more garments worn together at one time) coat, jacket, cape, blouse/shirt, vest, and/or sweater with dress, jumper, skirt, pants or shorts. No costumes are eligible and a garment must have been completed after January 1, 2015.

Adult, Senior and Junior winning contestants will advance to the State Contest held in December. Wool must have been wool lab tested. It must test at least 60% wool or it will be disqualified from progressing on to the State or National Contest. A 4” X 5” sample, or 24 inch length of yarn sample must be sent to the State MIWW Director with $4.00/per sample so she can send it in to be tested. It is wise to send in your sample before you start to sew. All wool, including Pendleton wool must be tested. Once the wool is tested you will receive the results and a number that you need to keep to enter the information on your entry form. Samples are to be sent to Lynda Jordan Johnson, PO Box 215, Encampment, WY 82325. These must be sent immediately in order to have results before our contest. You have nothing to lose and much to gain by entering the contest. Each contestant will receive two and a half yards of Pendleton wool fabric just for entering.

Those of you who made wool outfits for the Albany County Fair be sure to enter this contest.

I have received donations of wool fabric to give to anyone wanting to sew an entry and does not have material. This fabric will of course need to be tested. Please contact me if you are interested. If you need help in sewing I also know someone that has offered to help with sewing techniques.

Sewing is an art and a life skill that you will use throughout your life.

For more information please contact me: Julie Houchin, District #1 Director, 745-3525 or jdhouch@aol.com
The National Western Stock Show Catch-A-Calf Program is a great program designed to promote youth development and understanding of the cattle industry. Applicants must be between the ages of 12 and 18 as of December 31, 2015 to apply. They must be enrolled in 4-H at the time of application. Successful catchers must have adequate facilities available to house their steers as they are responsible for the care, feeding, and handling of their animals. The applications to participate in this year’s Catch-A-Calf program at the NWSS are available online at [http://www.nationalwestern.com/catch-a-calf/](http://www.nationalwestern.com/catch-a-calf/). Albany County has many participants in this wonderful program.

Call for Workshop Proposals

**State Leaders’ Conference 2016**

February 19-20
Northern Wyoming Community College
Sheridan College Campus
Sheridan, Wyoming

**Submission Deadline:**
October 15, 2015

Questions can be directed to:
Stacy Hughes, stacy Hughes@wyoming.edu / 307-742-3351
James Dawson, jdawson@wyoming.edu / 307-742-7522
Sara Varela, svarela@wyoming.edu / 307-742-1422
Kimberly Fry, kfry@wyoming.edu / 307-742-2233
Lee Shaffer, lshaffer@wyoming.edu / 307-742-4980

Proposals can be submitted through...
e-mail: sforshee@wyo.edu
Mail: Creek County Extension, PO Box 588, Sundance, WY 82729
Fax: 307-283-4505

Information and forms can be found at [http://www.wyo.edu/4-h/volunteers/state-leaders-conference/index.html](http://www.wyo.edu/4-h/volunteers/state-leaders-conference/index.html)

The purpose of the State 4-H Leaders’ Conference is to:

- Offer a variety of workshops for 4-H adult volunteers and youth leaders to develop project skills, learn about club management and enhance leadership skills.
- Provide opportunities to share and learn from other participants at the conference.
- Have fun meeting other 4-H teams and leaders from across the state.
- Celebrate the accomplishments and contributions of volunteers at the Awards Program.

**Target Audience:**
Adult volunteers with 4-H experience ranging from 0 to 70 years or more! Teens are also invited to attend the conference and teach, share, learn, etc.

**Types of Proposals:**

Whatever the topic, we would encourage workshops to include activities, exercises, discussions, etc. that engage the learner in hands on, minds on ways. Workshops can be led by one individual or a team of people working together. Please note special equipment is the responsibility of each presenter. (Most but not all means have internet and white boards.)

Workshops will be scheduled in 60 minute blocks and 90 minute blocks of time on Saturday, February 19th. Presenters will need to wrap up their workshop (including time for questions and answers) so that 30 minutes remain for the next presenter to set up.

**October Birthdays**

- Mikayla Alexander
- Silja Alexander
- McKenna Barham
- Trinity Cruz
- Hunter DeBree
- Alexandra Dockter
- Tryan Gill
- Marcuss Greene
- Kirby Hales
- Wyatt Johnson
- Hogan Kelley
- Brendan Kelly
- Felix Martinez
- Cheyenne Nelson
- Zavier Peterson
- Ashley Predmore
- Cody Predmore
- Corina Slyman
- Tyler Smith
- Angelina Streeter
- Tessa Thompson
- Ciara Vasquez
- Garrett Webb
- Zoey White
- Jaedon Williford
- John Yniguez
Albany County 4-H Council Awards Nomination Form

Nominations are due to the Extension Office by Friday, October 9th

Nomination for: ___ Outstanding Leader ___ Outstanding Alumni ___ Friend of 4-H ___ Hard Luck

Name of Nominee: _________________________________________________________

Number of Years of Service to 4-H: ________________________________

Outstanding Accomplishments:

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Thanks for All You Do...
A Note from Mary Louise
October 4, 2015 to October 10, 2015 is National 4-H Week. It is held annually to celebrate, promote and share 4-H’s efforts in helping today’s youth become tomorrow’s leaders. 4-H provides young people a safe environment to explore, learn and discover. It’s where kids find their true passions, gain confidence, and give back to the community.

With 4-H’s connection to youth across the world, what better theme than “4-H Grows Here”? Many of you are leaders in your school and community. Now reach out to your friends and neighbors, demonstrating this leadership, and do what you can to communicate this idea and recruit new members and leaders to Albany County 4-H.

Look at all the exciting stuff that is occurring next week!! Check out the council minutes, watch Facebook, watch for texts and check your e-mail in box. Let’s get the word out about 4-H!!

The 4-H Code of Conduct
When members, volunteers and parents attend an event where 4-H is represented, we must follow the Code of Conduct. These are guidelines for understanding what behavior is expected while performing with the course of the 4-H Youth Development Program.

Upon enrollment as a member, or appointment as a volunteer in the 4-H Youth Development Program you must:

★ Respect individuals rights, safety, and property of others.

★ Be committed to the core values, educational goals and standards of the 4-H Youth Development Program.

★ Not act in a detrimental way to the 4-H Youth Development Program or in conflict with its policies or procedures.

★ Not participate in the use of obscene and discriminatory language at any 4-H activity.

★ Not possess or use weapons, alcoholic beverages and/or illegal drugs (or be under the influence thereof) when involved in any 4-H event, meeting or activity.

Please review the importance of the Code of Conduct and the core values of the 4-H Youth Development Program as we begin a new 4-H year.

MANNERS MATTER!
Five Steps to Good Conversation

Do you ever feel like you don’t know what to say? Or like you’re always saying the wrong thing? Do you have trouble starting conversations or keeping them going? Follow these steps to build your talking skills.

1. Act interested by asking questions.
2. Listen to the answers.
3. Make comments or ask follow-up questions.
4. Share something about yourself.
5. Watch to see how your listeners react.
Never Underestimate Caring

“Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around.”

~ Leo Buscaglia

Compliments, smiles, and kind words are always nice gifts to receive on a daily basis. These simple things make us feel special when someone gives them to us.

Have you ever stopped to think if you give them out to others? Sometimes, we don’t think about the words we say, the smile we give, or the compliments we make. We don’t think about how they could impact someone. The compliment you give could change someone’s day for the better. Try to think back when someone you know made you feel special? Why did it make you feel that way?

Often times people will remember how you made them feel. You remember when people made you feel good about yourself right? You can pinpoint a time when someone made you feel bad too. Everyone can remember a time when someone made them feel either good or bad about themselves, because we have all been impacted by someone’s words or actions.

Next time you see someone, give them a smile and a compliment. You don’t know how you could effect their entire day. It will make them feel good about themselves, and don’t we all want to feel special? Giving a nice compliment or smile might just be the reward they need for the day that they have had.

4-H Activity: Kings and Queens of Caring

Materials: Pipe cleaners and colored beads.

Procedures:
1. Ask the youth to define reward and give examples. Discuss why people receive rewards and how it makes them feel. Explain the expression “A good deed is its own reward.”
2. List examples of caring and compassionate behavior. Emphasize that caring is contagious and both the person caring and the one cared-for receive rewards.
3. Hang the pipe cleaner in a permanent spot visible to everyone.
4. Then say: “Every time I spot one of you performing a caring deed for someone, we will add a bead to the pipe cleaner. Once we have 20 beads on the pipe, we will take a vote and decide who has been the most caring for the day. If you are chosen, you will be given the caring bracelet for the day.” You might designate the “King/Queen of Caring.”
5. Continue the activity with a new pipe cleaner and new beads and a new “King” or “Queen” when the pipe cleaner has another 20 beads on it.

Taken from the Good Ideas Book for Character Counts!

Like this activity? Find more like it in the “Good Ideas Book” at your local Extension Office.
**Information for November FootNotes Due By October 16th**

Sincerely,

Mary Louise Wood, 4-H/Youth Extension Educator & Sue Golding, Administrative Assistant

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**Upcoming Deadlines/Events**

- October 1 ............... Start of 2016 4-H Year
- October 2 ............... **Record Books due for completion and judging**
- October 3 ............... Murdoch’s BBQ & Day with 4-H
- October 4-10 .......... National 4-H Week
- October 6 ............... 4-H Council Meeting
- October 7 ............... 4-H National Youth Science Day
- October 12 .......... Office Closed - Columbus Day
- October 20-22 ........ Record Book Judging
- October 22 .......... Ag Appreciation Dinner
- October 13 ........... Cloverbuds
- November 22 .......... Achievement Day
- November 11 .......... Office Closed - Veteran’s Day
- November 26-27 .... Office Closed - Thanksgiving Holiday

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Remember to re-enroll for the 2015/2016 4-H year at [http://wy.4honline.com](http://wy.4honline.com)
Volunteer Leader Training

All 1st year leaders and leaders that need to be rescreened must complete either an online training or attend a meeting. The next training will be at the Fairgrounds Activity Building Dining Room on Tuesday, November 5th at 6:30 pm. Supper will be provided. To access the online training, please go to http://4-h.uwyo.edu/, click on For Volunteers, then under Training Opportunities, select New Leader Orientation. This is a fast and easy way to complete this requirement. Our office will be notified when you’ve completed the training.