Livestock Quality Assurance - June 9
For ALL 4-H Members!
6:00 pm Fairgrounds Activity Building
Youth planning to sell your market: beef, sheep, swine, meat goat, poultry, or meat rabbits at the 2016 Albany County Fair Junior Livestock Sale must attend a livestock quality assurance meeting if: 1) You are new to 4-H. 2) It is your first year with a market project. 3) You are changing age groups, Jr. to Int. or Int. to Sr. (Junior 8-10, Intermediate 11-13, Senior 14-19). A child’s age is based on January 1 of the current 4-H year. Please call if you have questions.

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. Forms may be picked up at the Extension Office or online at: http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/projects/dogs/files/dogid.pdf
All forms are due on May 2, 2016 by 5 pm, at the Extension Office. Late forms will not be accepted.

Self Determined Forms Due
A self determined project is one you design yourself. This project allows you to pursue subjects not offered in traditional 4-H projects. Members have exhibited a variety of projects such as llamas, solar system, the Great Depression, welding, chaine-maille’ jewelry, etc. There are endless opportunities for you to show your skills and explore your interest with a self determined project. Before you begin a project, you must complete the required paperwork and turn it in to the Extension Office for approval by 5 pm May 2, 2016.
Forms are available at the Extension Office or online at: http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/projects/selfdetermined/files/self_determined.pdf

Market Swine, Sheep and Goat
Weigh-In June 4 - 8 am - Noon
Early Weigh-In June 1 - 4 - 7 pm
Albany County Fairgrounds Swine Barn - Please use North Fairgrounds Gate
Will enter this gate during county fair also.

Congratulations!
To Susana Villasenor and Cannon Stuckert on being chosen for the International Youth Exchange to Ghana this summer. 20 youth from the Western US were selected.
4-H Council Meeting Minutes - March 1, 2016

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Pledges
Roll Call: Bunk House Bunch 3, Corduroy Queens & Kings 3, Critter Creek 3, Harmony Hustlers 3, High Plains 5, Howell Hoot Owls 2, Rock Creek Valley 1, Stompin Steamboats 2, Yellow Jackets 1, & JR Leaders 2. Quorum Met.

Reading/Approval of Minutes – Read and requested changes. Changes made and passed.
Committee Reports
Executive Committee: Nothing to report.
Awards Committee: Group will have first meeting in May.
Carnival Committee: Went really well with minor issues. Pepsi donated all soda. We had a wonderful turn out with cake donations.
Junior Awards Trip: Committee will meet this summer.
Junior Leaders: talked about camp. They would also like to work on meeting younger members/kids for team bonding.
Recruiting Committee: Nothing new to report.
Record Book Committee: Nothing new to report.
Publicity: Nothing new to report.
Fund Raising: Nothing new to report.
Nominating Committee: No Committee needed at this time.
4-H Foundation will be meeting March 22 at 5:30.
Jr. Leaders: 4H Camp with have the Olympics theme.

Old Business:
Backpack Program update – No update, 100+ supplies were brought in during Carnival.
State 4H Leaders’ Conference – Mary, from Albany County.
Spring Bazaar – March 26th, 2016 8am-3pm
Set up by Stompin’ Steamboats on Friday night, Corduroy Queens & Kings helping with concessions, High Plains will clean up.

Other: None

New Business:
- Other - Nothing new to report.

Announcements
Next 4H Council meeting is Tuesday, April 5th, 2016
Fabric & Fashion Sewing Evening - March 9th
Swine Project meeting - March 3rd
New to 4H will possibly meet in March but may not be needed.
Meats & Livestock judging practices
Visual Arts - March 31st 6pm
Rabbit March 28th.
Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Albany County Fair Board Corner

The Albany County Fair Board is busy working through the details and changes for 2016 Fair.
The Fair Board started work on the budget. Moving forward we will be posting meeting minutes and the budget online.
You are invited to join us for the next Albany Fair Board Meeting Tuesday April 11, 7:30pm at the Fair Grounds. We have moved to our summer schedule, please note the time change is 7:30pm.
The tentative 2016 Albany County Fair has posted on our web site www.albancountyfair.org
**Archery**

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Lincoln Community Center  
(209 S Cedar St)  
Three available times to shoot:  
6-7 pm  7-8 pm  8-9 pm  

On April 2nd High Plains Archery is hosting a 3D shoot at the Hansen arena starting at 8am. This is a fun event that you can put in a record book!! They also could use help setting up Friday night. What a way to say thank you for letting us use their facility. Reminder please send thank you cards and don't forget to donate. Any questions on shoot go to highplainarcheryclub.com they also have a Facebook page.

**REMINDER-Please pay your archery fee if you have not done so!**

**Archery Key Leader:**  
Connie Bierman  399-8092

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**Cat**

**April 9th**  
2 pm  
Extension Office Meeting Room  

Please bring cat, harness, carpet square, carrier. We will practice showing. Please let me know if you are coming by 3pm on April 8th.  
Please call with questions.  

**Cat Key Leaders:**  
Connie Bierman  399-8092

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**Cake Decorating**

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Watch your email for details  

**Cake Decorating Key Leader:**  
Liz 307-760-9220

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**Dog**

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Albany County Fairgrounds Activity Building  

- Watch for more info on a May dog show  
- Reminder-please pay your $15 dues if you have not yet done so.  
- Please bring spray bottle with water & vinegar, paper towels and treats to practice.  

**Dog Key Leader:**  
Vicky Walker  742-7662

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**Horse**

Practices are held from 6-9 pm  

- **Hansen Arena Practices**  
  - April 5  
  - April 12  
  - April 19  
  - April 26

Collection and suppling your horse  
Open ride  
No Practice  
Reining  

**Contacts:**  
Cath Harris  760-1728  
Tage Benson  742-6044  
tagebenson@aol.com  
Jack Settlmire  399-2247  

A safety certification form must be completed for each horse you plan to take in 4-H and must be turned in to the office ASAP. This form does not need to be completed each year.  
Reminder that we are wanting to get all horse/rider safety certifications done by the end of April - if you have not done yours, please schedule a time with Tage Benson to get it completed. The absolute due date for them is June 1st.

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**State Horse Camp**

June 16-19, 2016, in Douglas, WY at the State Fairgrounds. On-line registration opens April 15.

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**Horse Judging**

Please see Facebook under Albany County Horse Judging for practice schedules.  

**Key Contact:**  
Cath Harris  cmccabe@uwyo.edu  760-6674

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**Meats Judging**

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Extension Office Meeting Room  

**Meats Judging Key Leaders:**  
Harley 307-340-0410  
Zoey 307-315-4889

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**Photography**

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5:30 pm  

Ludwig Photography, 224 Ivinson Ave.  
Bring your camera!  

**Fair Change:** Limit of 10 photos entries per member  

**Photography Key Leader:**  
Leslie Lund  399-6898  
email: wyogirl.leslie@gmail.com

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Muzzle Loading

April 5
5:30 pm
Rifle Range on North 9th

Muzzle loading Key Leader:
Glen Zwieg 745-4206

Rifle & Pistol

New Shooters - Tuesdays
April: 5, 12, 19, 26

Previous Shooters - Thursdays
April: 7, 14, 21, 28

Shooting Range (Fairgrounds - west end of beef barn)
Two practice times are available: 4-6 pm or 6-8 pm

Rifle & Pistol Key Leader:
Roy Kern 760-1892

Shotgun

First Year Members
Organizational Meeting
Wednesday, April 13th
5:30 pm
Laramie Trap Club - 525 State Highway 230

April Shotgun Practices (for all members)
13  20  27
5:30 pm
Laramie Trap Club

Shotgun Key Leader:
Roy Kern 760-1892

Supreme Cow Phase II Kids...

When your supreme heifer calves this year, call April Sims @ 307-378-2309 or Kelly Lawson @ 307-760-5957

Swine

April Swine Meeting
April 20th at 6:30 pm
Extension Office Meeting Room

We will have Steve Smith from Ranchway feeds coming to talk about feed. All members are invited to attend the meeting and encouraged to attend.

Taryn Russell
307-460-0128  trusse10@uwyo.edu

Visual Arts

April 28
6 pm
Extension Office Meeting Room

Topic to be determined followed by time to work on projects.

Visual Arts Key Leader:
Emmalee 307-703-0001

Cloverbuds

April Cloverbuds meeting will be April 21st at 6:00 PM in the Extension Office Meeting Room.
Each year, Wyoming 4-H shooting sports members (14-18 years old) have the opportunity to be a representative at the National 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational. The selection process occurs by completing the application and submitting it to the State 4-H Office no later than April 30th. Adults are also needed to chaperone youth participants and the same selection process occurs. Please contact the Wyoming State 4-H Office at 4-H@uwyo.edu or 307-766-3430 for more information.
COLORING CONTEST

"Ag Books for Kids 2016"
Deadline is April 8, 2016

Kindergarten and 1st Grade Students and Teachers...

CRITERIA:
1. Kindergarten and 1st grade Wyoming students are eligible.
2. Read the book "Farm Life: We Love It, We Love It!" by Roma and Sheridan Chaney.
3. Choose a color for each picture provided by the book. "Ag Books for Kids" is a program that places agriculture books in elementary school libraries across Wyoming.
4. Contact your county Farm Bureau representative to schedule a coloring contest for your classroom.

PRIZES!
- State winner receives a $50 cash prize & the book "Farm Life: We Love It, We Love It!"
- Farm Bureau District winners receive a $25 cash prize & the book "Farm Life: We Love It, We Love It!"

Poster Contest

"Ag Books for Kids 2016"
Deadline is April 8, 2016

PRIZES!
- State winner receives a $50 cash prize & the book "Farm Life: We Love It, We Love It!"
- Farm Bureau District winners receive a $25 cash prize & the book "Farm Life: We Love It, We Love It!"

Creative Writing Contest

"Ag Books for Kids 2016"
Deadline is April 8, 2016

4th and 5th Grade Students and Teachers...

Dear Farmer or Rancher Letter CRITERIA:
1. 4th and 5th grade Wyoming students are eligible.
2. Instructions: Creatively write a letter to a farmer or rancher with regards to what is interesting to you about agriculture, particularly in this book. Also include what you learned about agriculture from reading this book.
3. The entries will be judged according to the six writing traits: word choice, sentence fluency, conventions, idea development, organization, and voice.
5. Entries should be handwritten.
6. On the cover page, please include: student's name, grade, age, teacher's name, county, school's name, address, and phone number.
7. Standards: Writing curriculum, non-fiction: expository writing.
8. Entry deadline is April 8, 2016.
9. Your county Farm Bureau representative will make arrangements to pick up the entries for judging.

Visit: http://www.wyfb.org/yf-a-r/ag-books-for-kids

2016 Laramie Spring Clean-Up Day

Saturday, April 23

Safety vests and trash bags will be provided from 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at City Hall, 406 East 4th Avenue.

Lunch will be served to volunteers 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. behind Fifth Street.

Bring work gloves and wear appropriate clothing!

Volunteer Sign-Up & Groups Work

Sign up at City Hall on April 22nd or call 709-3939.

City Solid Waste Truck Locations — 8 a.m. to noon:
- Washington Park (70th and Rainbow)
- Westmont Ferrying Lot
- 20th Street and Armory Road
- Downtown (Parking Lot North of the Train Depot)
- Snowy Range Road at Fillmore Street (entrance from McDonald’s)

Dumpster Locations — 8 a.m. to noon:
- Central Avenue (North of Center Street)
- Ogden Park and Spa Park
- LIE Parking Lot adjacent to Reynolds
- 20th Street and Spring Creek Drive
- Brightwood Drive at the east side of 7th Street

Trash bags and safety vests will be available at the following locations:
- City Hall: 70th and Rainbow
- Ogden Park: 20th and Armory
- LIE Parking Lot: 20th and Armory
- Brightwood Drive: 20th and Armory

DAY ON: April 22nd, 30th and May 6th Nielson Avenue, 7:30 a.m. to 9 a.m.

NOTE: Landfill hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Basic household waste will be hauled for all Laramie County residents. Standard fees will be assessed for disposal of commercial waste, business waste, recycling, high density cardboard, cardboard, paper, cans, and any other item that requires special handling. Commercial waste, e-waste, or 40" or larger TVs will be collected for a fee. Call the Social Services Department at 307-746-9378 for an appointment in display of hazardous incinerated waste.
Save the date!

for the 2nd 307 Show Clinic of the season!
June 9-10, 2016 (Thursday & Friday)
Crook County Fairgrounds
Sundance, WY.
Cost: $25 per participant
Clinicians will specialize in showmanship, fitting, daily care, and nutrition for cattle, sheep, goats, & pigs.

Contact Britney Miller at 307-337-7262 or your county Extension Specialist for more information.
Sponsored by the Wyoming & Crook County 4-H and UW Extension Service.

The third annual “Summer Adventure Camp” is fast approaching. This year the camp will be held at the YMCA of the Big Horns-Camp Roberts, outside of Buffalo, WY from June 15 through June 17, 2016 (7845 US highway 16 West, Buffalo, WY 82834). The camp is for youth ages 8-13, with a few slots available for junior leader/camp counselor ages 14-18. The camp is designed to introduce youth into natural resource careers, as well as outdoor adventure.

This year’s camp will include a number of fun, exciting, and educational activities including canoeing/kayaking, mountain biking, pond & stream fishing, shooting-sports, hiking, bat discovery, Big Horn Mountain history exploration, dam construction and hydrology exploration, and much, much more. Hurry and get signed up today. Space is limited.

Early registration: $130 by May 16
Late registrations: $150 May 16 - June 1
Scholarships for youth of military families are available through Operation Military Kids.

To receive an informational/registration packet contact Donna Nelson in the Johnson County Extension Office, 307-684-7522 or by email at danelso33@uwyo.edu

Wednesday, June 22, 2016
Hilton Garden Inn, Laramie
Submit an original video to be shown during Wyoming 4-H Showcase Showdown Film Festival!
Videos will be screened during the awards banquet or the dance.

What is it?
Wyoming 4-H Film Festival provides a venue for 4-H members to express their creativity and showcase their filmmaking skills.

Wyoming 4-H 2016 Film Festival Rules
- Videos are to be NO LONGER than 5 minutes in length
- Videos are to follow the 4-H Code of Conduct
- Filmmakers must be ages 8-18 as of January 1, 2016
- All film entries must be created and produced by the filmmaker(s)
- All footage must be original
- Films must have been created within the past 2 years

Entries due: June 10, 2016
Send entries (films!) to Brittany Johnson, Laramie County 4-H at 810 W. 19th Street, Suite 100, Cheyenne, WY 82001
Exhibition & Show Swine Import Requirements

As a reminder, it is a state of Wyoming and a federal (USDA-APHIS) rule that all swine entering the state must be officially identified, must have a certificate of veterinary health inspection and a WLSB entry permit before coming into Wyoming. Compliance with these rules is mandatory for all importers of swine, and violations will be addressed. WLSB import requirements can be found on the WLSB website at: [http://soswy.state.wy.us/Rules/RULES/8634.pdf](http://soswy.state.wy.us/Rules/RULES/8634.pdf)

All swine must have a certificate of veterinary inspection, issued in the previous thirty (30) days, showing a permit obtained from the Wyoming Livestock Board, within the previous ten (10) days. All swine imported will be placed under quarantine on the farm of destination for a Pseudorabies re-test to be completed within thirty (30) to sixty (60) days after import. Wyoming will not accept swine that have moved through more than one market in the last thirty (30) days prior to arrival in Wyoming.

All swine must be individually identified with ear tags, breed association-approved ear notches to tattoos are acceptable identification for purebred breeding swine. Brucellosis: Swine for exhibition purposes entering Wyoming must originate directly from a validated Brucellosis-free herd or stage, or if over 3 months of age, be negative to the Brucellosis card test within thirty (30) days prior to date of entry (test must be by state--federal approved laboratory). Pseudorabies: Swine for exhibition purposes must originate from a Qualified Pseudorabies Negative Herd or Stage 5 or 4 state and further, must be transported directly from the Qualified Pseudorabies premise or Stage 5 or 4 with no stops, drop-offs, pick-ups, at any site that is not a Qualified Pseudorabies Negative premises and will be quarantined on arrival for Pseudorabies re-test thirty (30) to sixty (60) days from date of entry. Swine not originating from a qualified Pseudorabies negative herd stage 4 or 5 state, must be tested for Pseudorabies within thirty (30) days prior to entry and will enter Wyoming under quarantine and isolation from all other swine for re-test no sooner than thirty (30) days and no longer than sixty (60) days from date of entry.

NOTE: All swine brought into the state for purpose of resale for 4-H and FFA projects will be quarantined to the person holding the sale, or the Wyoming individual importing the animals. It is the responsibility of the sale management or the importer to notify this office with complete names and addresses of all buyers and the swine’s destination. This information will also include the individual identification of the swine received. After this office receives the above information and after all swine are accounted for, the notice of quarantine will be lifted from sale management or the original importer. New quarantines will be issued to the new buyers.

Good luck to the meats judging youth at the State Contest on April 30th!
There are basic areas that need to be considered when selecting your show pig. They are muscle, structural correctness, capacity, frame and style and balance.

**Muscle**
There are several indicators of muscle in pigs. The first place to look for muscle is the ham. The widest portion should be through the center of rump and ham. Select a pig that has a bulging forearm. Well muscled hogs are wide based and large boned. When viewed from the top look for an hour glass shape to the top. This will be a trim, heavy muscled hog. It should be long and full in the rump, with the center of the ham being the widest part of the body. The shoulders should be wider than the loin, but not as thick as the ham. The loin will be uniform in width. When the hog walks there should be no evidence of fat over the top of the shoulders and the shoulders should move. Also, there should be no fat behind the shoulders or elbow pocket.

**Structural Correctness**
Structural correctness refers to how a pig’s skeleton is put together, more specifically the bone structure. To be sure your pig is structurally correct, pick a pig that moves with ease and smoothness. Pigs should take long strides. They also should have a proper angle to the pasterns and have flex to the joints like the hock, knee and shoulder. These joints should flex and the pig should take a long, flexible, fluid stride.

The pasterns should have an angle of 45 degrees and the hock should be at about a 22 degree angle for the best possible movement off the back end. Strong legs are important in market hogs. The bone should be large and the legs should be clean and solid looking.

**Capacity**
Pigs need to have adequate capacity to allow their internal organs to function properly and efficiently. They need to have a wide chest floor, a good spring of rib, and be deep sided in both the fore and rear flank. Remember that a deep sided hog can still be trim and neat in appearance.

**Frame**
A moderate framed hog will grow well and have adequate size. Select a long bodied, tall hog that stands well on its feet and legs. It should be large boned and show a lot of capacity, being boldly sprung at the ribs.

**Style and Balance**
A hog that has style and balance is one that holds its head up when it walks, and is smooth in its overall appearance. It will be clean in the shoulder blades, jowl and underline. Hogs that are balanced stand wide and tall on straight legs, are uniform in the arch of their back, and their shoulder blades are close together.

Select a trim hog that is free of excess fat. Fat gives the appearance of smoothness and shortness. A trim hog is clean behind the shoulders and down the top. The base of the ham should be firm, at the base of the hams (cut up or v shaped) with the tail setting high, and the tailhead prominent.

*Sources with permission from Show Pig Selection, Darrell Rothlisberger Rich County Utah State University Extension*
# 2016 Swine Sales

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These are for information only and not an endorsement of any. There are other producers and sales. This is not an ALL inclusive list.
Market Goat Selection

The selection of a goat for a project is one of the most important decisions made by a feeder. The type of goat you select at the beginning of the project will have a major influence on the results at the end of the project. However, one must remember that a winning goat is a combination of good selection, good nutritional management, proper grooming, and outstanding showmanship.

People differ in their ability to select prospective animals. Some have a natural eye for selecting young animals, while others never develop this ability. Do not hesitate to take advantage of a person with these skills. It may be your county agent, FFA instructor, parents, or another leader in the county. Also, many breeders are willing to assist you in your selection program.

When selecting young goats one must be conscious of age and fat thickness. Young goats that are bloomy and fat always look good, while young goats that are thin do not look as good. Learn to look past fat and recognize muscle so that you can pick those goats that are genetically superior.

Anytime you purchase goats, it is important to know a little about the producer you are buying from. Do not hesitate to ask questions about their goat’s bloodlines and the age of the goats in question.

When selecting goats there are five major areas of emphasis that need to be considered. They are structural correctness, muscle, volume and capacity, style and balance, and growth potential.

Structural Correctness
Structural correctness refers to the skeletal system or bone structure of an animal. Goats should be up-headed, with the neck extending out of the top of the shoulders. Goats should travel and stand wide and straight on both their front and rear legs, and their legs should be placed squarely under the body. They should have a strong level top, and a long rump with a slight slope from their hooks to their pins. Goats should be heavy boned and be strong on their pasterns. Open shouldered, weak pasterned, steep rumped goats should be avoided.

Muscle
Generally, goats that walk and stand wide are going to be heavier muscled. Goats should have a deep, heavily muscled leg and rump, with the widest part of the leg being the stifle area, when viewed from behind. They should have a broad, thick back and loin that is naturally firm and hard handling. Goats should be wide through their chest floor, with bold shoulders and a prominent forearm muscle. The chest and forearm of a goat are the best indicators of muscling in thin goats.

Volume and Capacity
Volume and capacity refers to the relationship of length of body with depth of body and width of body. Goats should be long bodied, with adequate depth and spring of rib. Try to avoid selecting goats that are short bodied, narrow based, and flat ribbed.

Style and Balance
Style and balance refers to the way all body parts blend together, how the shoulder blends into the rib cage, the rib cage to the loin, the loin to the rump, and how eye-appealing a goat is. When viewed from the side, a goat should be smooth shouldered, level topped, trim middled, and straight legged. A goat that is balanced, pretty, and holds his head up, is the first one you notice when you walk in the pen.

Growth Potential
The ability of an animal to grow rapidly is very important. Generally, the larger framed goats, as indicated by a long head, neck, cannon-bone, and body, will grow faster, be larger, and more competitive in the show ring.

Source: with permission from Market Goat Selection, Darrell Rothlisberger, Rich County Utah State University Extension
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SHOW LAMB SELECTION

MUSCLE
Select show lambs with good expression of muscle. Pick a lamb that has firm, hard muscle tone in the legs, loin, and rump, where the higher priced cuts are located. Look for muscle from different views and areas.

From the Rear
Leg -The widest portion should be through the center of the leg or stifle area. A larger outside muscle right above the stifle joint is very desirable. A muscular lamb will stand and walk wide. This requires good development of inside leg muscle. A lamb can stand wide and not have a lot of inside muscle. They may just be structurally wide. Be sure to check for inside muscle.
Top -A lamb needs to be wide across the top. The loin needs to be large and muscular. Look for a large rib cage which indicates a lot of capacity. Width is an indicator of muscle. However, be sure to feel your lamb to be certain that it is not fat. Feel down the back bone to determine the expression of the loin muscle. A good indicator of muscle is when you can feel a groove down the top of young lambs. This is like feeling the groove between your fingers when they are close together.

From the Side AB
Choose a lamb that has proper length in the areas of the higher priced cuts, legs, loin and rump. The back portion of the top or hind saddle (B) should be longer than the front part, rack or back (A). To calculate this, measure from the last two ribs to the pin bones, (where the tail connects to the body).
This should be two or more inches longer that the front part, depending on the lamb’s size.
Length of the loin is important. Measure from the last two ribs to the hook bone. Length and width of the loin are important. Short bodied, compact animals are undesirable. Be careful not to get carried away with length. If you select a lamb that is too long it may be weak topped.

From the Front
A bulging muscle from the knee to the shoulder is desirable. Large bone circumference of the cannon bone is a gauge of muscle, too. The larger the bone, the more area there is to attach muscle to. Select a lamb with a relatively long, thick cannon bone. The shoulder should be slightly prominent. Avoid getting a lamb with too large a shoulder as this will take away from a smooth, balanced appearance.

STRUCTURAL CORRECTNESS
Show lambs should be correct in their skeletal or bone structure. The lamb’s neck should be erect and extend out of the top of the shoulder. The top line should be long, level and straight. The legs should have a large circumference or diameter of bone. Its pasterns should be strong, and it should stand with its feet and legs wide apart. When it walks it should move with long, smooth steps, and track out wide. Do not select lambs that are open shouldered, weak topped and have steep rumps.

STYLE AND BALANCE
These two characteristics describe how a lamb blends together. The front and rear ends should match. Looking at the lamb from the side view, it should have a clean, trim chest. The shoulder should be smooth while the top line should be long and level. A trim middle is desirable. Because lambs are shown with less than 1/4 inch wool, it is desirable that they have a tight, wrinkle-free hide. The most noticeable lamb in a pen holds its head up and looks long and straight with a level hip. Its walk is proud and wide based with a thick leg.

LOOK FOR POTENTIAL
Select a lamb that shows good potential. Large framed, long bodied lambs, with a long neck, cannon bone, and thick loin show the most potential for growth. Lambs that are long in the loin and level in the rump have an advantage over others in the show ring.

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Livestock Quality Assurance

All 4-H members who plan on selling any market animal at the 4-H Livestock Sale during fair are required to take Quality Assurance classes. Class topics cover areas of appropriate care and handling of animals and how this impacts product quality. This year we are offering an online option through the University of Nebraska as well as two face-to-face classes in Laramie. **All training must be completed by the fair entry deadline of July 15th.**

A youth must take it once in each 4-H age group they are registered in (once as a junior 8-10, once as an intermediate 11-13, once as a senior 14-18). Ages are based on the youth’s 4-H age (age as of January 1st of the 4-H year: The age the youth was on January 1, 2016).

Information on the class options are below. If you have a question about what classes you have completed, what option would be best for you, or what your 4-H age is please email or call the Extension Office.

**Online Option**
- There is a $5 fee per youth per class to use this option. You must pay this fee to register for the class. You can use a credit or debit card or there is an option to pay by check. There are no refunds for youth who complete classes in the wrong age group.
- Each youth will need to complete the class individually, completing as a group is not an option because the program tracks each youth individually. Youth will be directed to complete at least three modules for the class to be considered complete.
- Each youth will need their own email address.
- Print off your completion certificates and keep them for your records. The Albany County Extension office will get a record of all classes completed but it’s always good to have your certificates.
- If you have trouble registering or with the course you will need to contact UNL directly (1-855-308-8037) or lqa@unl.edu; M-F, 8 am-4:30 pm CST).

**Face to Face Classes**
- June 9, 6:00pm RSVP by June 1st
  Albany County Fairground’s Activity Building and Extension Office
- This is a hand's-on class that has activities for each age group.

**Snowy Range and Rock Creek FFA may be offering times also that would work for 4-H members**
Laramie County April 18 & June 2
Goshen County June 3 Level 1 - 10am, Level 2 - 1 pm, Level 3 - 3pm
Platte County - April 6 Level 1 - 4:30pm, Level 2 - 6:30pm and April 7 Level 3 - 6:30pm
You need to call the other counties and ask permission to attend--not just show up.

Please slow down when you are driving at the fairgrounds!!

The posted speed limit is 15 mph.

There are a lot of children between the shooting range and the activity building, I would hate for someone to be injured.

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**CLASSIFIED INFORMATION**

Classified ads must apply to 4-H projects or to 4-H members or leaders.
Ads may be modified by Extension Staff to fit in the ad space available.
All ads must be submitted to the Extension Office no later than the 3rd Friday of every month.
Ads will remain posted for two months or until the office is notified that the product is no longer available.

For Sale: Holland Lops. Show quality junior buck ($40) and senior proven brood doe ($50) for sale with pedigrees. Grand Champion bloodlines for both. E-mail WyomingArtist@gmail.com if interested.

4H fair pigs for sale. Born February 4. To see or for other questions call Shawn or Heather at 307-223-2440. Available in April
April Birthdays

- Will Brinegar
- Shade Brokaw
- Colby Clay
- Timothy Joel Coffey
- Kemsley Gallegos
- Mason Jones
- Lacie Kirlin
- Connor Kling
- Drake Lindsey
- Zariel Mallery-Coulter
- Cooper Marlatt
- Cody Murphy
- Emerald Niswender
- Evelynn Pratt
- Tristan Rogers
- Mason Sanders
- Jentry Sims
- Rachel Taro
- Madison Terrell
- Porter Trabing
- Leonardo Uribe-Baldivis Jr
- Ponciano Villasenor
- Kellen Vohland
- Alexis Wheeler
- Ava Yniguez

Livestock Scale Available for Checkout

A club may check the extension scale out overnight for $10 per use. The scale will be checked for operability when it is brought back to the office. It is expected the scale will be transported to one location and all the club members will bring their animals to that location. If this does not work for individuals, arrangements can be made to bring your animal to the fairgrounds or Mary Louise will come to you.

Project Assistance Available

4-H Council has funds available to help members with their 4-H projects. A limit of $100 can be awarded per member. This money cannot be used for the purchase of market animals. For an application, please contact the Extension Office.

The Fair Board has loan funds set up to assist 4-H and FFA members in the financing of their livestock projects. This money is only a loan, and must be paid back, with interest, upon sale of your animal. Applicants must make applications to the fund by October 15th for beef projects and by May 1st for lamb, goats and swine projects. For more info, contact Jimmi in the Fair Office at 742-3224 or 760-4870.

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Record Book Corner

Many projects are in full swing. You are attending project meetings, researching, practicing, working on the project. Maybe you are working on your animals housing. You are researching feed, etc for buying your animal, spending time looking for the right animal, and the financial cost of all that. Make sure you are recording ALL of that in your record book! Time spent now recording this information helps you really see what you investing, as well, it helps you keep accurate records (not questing/estimating next September). If you have questions regarding keeping records please feel free to contact Colette Christensen medrad@wyoming.usa.com 307 640 1088 or Mary Louise.
Information for
May FootNotes is due by April 22nd

Sincerely,

Mary Louise Wood

Mary Louise Wood, 4-H/Youth Extension Educator

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Sue Golding

Sue Golding, Administrative Assistant

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8 am-Noon & 1-5 pm

FootNotes Available Online At:
http://www.uwyo.edu/ces/county/albany/newsletters.html
AND at https://wy.4honline.com

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| Cake Decorating | Fair Board Meeting |   | Shotgun |   |   |   |

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3 April Fools
UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING EXTENSION OPEN HOUSE

April 7, 2016
Albany County Fairgrounds
3510 South 3rd St.
5:30 - 7:30 pm

You are invited to join us for an open house on Thursday, April 7th, from 5:30-7:30 pm at the Albany County Fairgrounds in Laramie. The open house will feature a wide variety of educational opportunities for the public. A few of the topics that will be offered include:

- Identification of native plants and insects of Albany County
- New research happening at the Laramie and SAREC Research Stations
- How to eat healthier on a smaller budget
- Tips and techniques for planting a garden or landscaping this summer

Stay for as long or as short as you would like.

Refreshments will be served

For more information contact the extension office at 307-721-2571 or bsebade@uwyo.edu

Albany County 4-H Council
April 5th    6:30 pm    Extension Office Meeting Room
(Each 4-H Club is asked to send two representatives to EVERY Council meeting)

Albany County Fair Board
April 11th    7:30 pm    Fairgrounds