Hello all-

Thank you to all members, parents, leaders, and friends who attended Achievement Day on November 5th. I hope everyone had fun.

Congratulations to all award winners! Your Community Leaders should have your re-enrollment forms for the new year. Please return those to the Extension Office by January 15th, 2012. After January 15th we will be using the new mailing list. If we do not have your New enrollment form you will not receive the newsletter or other mailings until we receive it.

Please make sure to send a Thank You note to your award donor. With out their support and generosity we would not have nice awards to give out.

Now is a great time to be thinking about new projects you may want to try in 4-H. I encourage all of you to try one new project or activity this year.

Sincerely,

Shawna Potter MA
UW Educator
Carbon County 4-H/Youth

In December be watching your mail for your 2012 4-H Calendar and Guidelines Booklet. These are both filled with valuable information you will need throughout the year.

Congratulations to our Junior award trip winners!
Kelton Koehn
Mychaela Jackman
Riley Little
Kagan Gilbert
Kenny Raymond
Caroline Heward
Do you like the awards you are receiving for your 4-H Projects?

Writing Thank You notes is a simple and inexpensive way to show the donors you appreciate getting the awards they provide. The note does not have to be long or fancy. A few sentences telling them thank you and what you plan to do with the award make a great note. You can even include a picture of yourself with your award or project.

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Jones,

Thank you very much for the scholarship I received for my fair exhibit! I truly appreciate your support and generosity of the 4-H Program. This scholarship will help me pay for higher education. Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Shawna Potter

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**4-H Happenings**

**Weigh/Tag Days**

**Beef**
- Jan 22-LSRV 1pm, LSRV Scales
- Jan 28-Hanna/Elk Mountain 1pm, location TBA
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- Jan 29-Encampment 2pm, location TBA

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**BEEF**

- **February 1st** is the ownership deadline for all beef projects.
- Market beef must be tagged and weighed on one of the Carbon County Weigh/Tag days.
- Market **Steer** classes will be placed according to hip height. In order to sell, the animal must weigh 22 pounds per inch with the maximum pay weight to be 1350 pounds.
- Market **Heifer** classes will be placed according to hip height. In order to sell, the animal must weigh 21 pounds per inch with the maximum pay weight to be 1350 pounds.

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**Thank You!**
Check out the Carbon County 4-H Newsletter online! go to http://www.uwyo.edu/ces/County/Carbon/newsletters.html and click on the newsletter you wish to look at! Keep and eye out in your next newsletter for more ways to view your 4-H newsletter!

Clover Christmas Coloring Contest

Sponsored by: Wyoming State 4-H Office

Your picture can be our next Holiday Card!

The Wyoming State 4-H Office wants your Christmas/Holiday drawings

The winning entry will be our 2011 Holiday Card!

Winner will receive 25 cards

Entries due on Thursday, December 8, 2011!

CONTEST RULES

• Must be a Clover Bud or 4-H Member 12 years or younger.
• Entries must include the 4-H clover (or word “4-H”) and a Holiday scene
• Entries must have child’s name, county and age.
• Scanned entries may be submitted to 4-H@uwyo.edu
• Entries may also be sent to:
  Wyoming State 4-H Office
  Dept. 3354
  1000 E. University Ave.
  Laramie, WY 82071
Attention Graduating Seniors!

The Wyoming State 4-H Foundation offers several different scholarships for which you may be eligible. This year the application is in PDF and Word format that can be typed, saved, and submitted for more convenience! To review all scholarships available and to apply, visit http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/scholarships/index.html

All Wyoming State 4-H Foundation Scholarship applications are due February 15, 2011.

Carbon County 4-H Foundation also has many scholarships available. Please stop by the Extension Office for applications. These are due April 1st.

Citizenship Washington Focus (CWF) is held each June in Washington D.C. Delegates will learn about the democratic process, meet new people, see the sights of Washington D.C., meet Wyoming’s U.S. Congressional Representatives, and experience our national government from a new perspective. This trip features tours and several nighttime events. Be ready to have a good time! There is not an application process - just let Shawna know you would like to attend. The cost of the trip is approximately $1,200-$1,500 and some donor funds are available through the Wyoming State 4-H Foundation. To be eligible for this trip you must be 15-18 years old.

Do you love to be outside?
Do you like to learn about natural resources?
Would you like the opportunity to travel to competitions?

Maybe Forestry or Range Judging is something that you would like to check out!

Interested members could learn more about forestry or range judging, practice and compete at local, state or national competitions. Practicing will be fun and there will be opportunities to go outside and use your skills.

The 2012 National 4-H Forestry Invitational is in West Virginia in July. Wyoming state winners may have a partially funded trip to compete at this contest. There are also regional and national range judging contests.

If you are interested in more information, contact Mae Smith (Carbon County Extension Educator) or your community club leader so they can let Mae know.
Selecting a Project

What is a Project?
Projects are hands-on activities that help youth develop life-skills. For members this means getting to learn something new while having fun, making new friends, and learning about becoming a better citizen.

How do I select a project?
Selecting a project is an important step. Projects should reflect your interests. When selecting a project you must keep four factors in mind:

✔ Time—Youth are involved in many activities outside of 4-H. How much time are you willing to dedicate to each project? Some projects require more time commitment than others.

✔ Interest—What are you interested in? What skills do you already have? What do you want to learn?

✔ Space—How much space does the project require? Do you need a backyard, barn, stalls, etc?

✔ Resources—Are there adults or leaders available to help you learn about the project? Does this project have any financial limitations? (Some projects cost a lot more than others) Will you be able to provide transportation?

How many projects can I take?
If you are a younger or newer member you should only enroll in a few projects, so that each project is made to the best of your ability. As you get older and more experienced in 4-H, your projects and 4-H experiences will expand. Here are a few things to keep in mind when selecting the number of projects you wish to enroll in:

✔ Ability of the 4-H’er

✔ Amount of money involved/available

✔ Time available to 4-H’er/leader/parent
4-H PROJECTS - 2012

Aerospace
>Archery
*Breeding Beef
*Breeding Sheep
*Breeding Swine
Cake Decorating
Cats
Child Development
Citizenship
Computers
Crocheting
*Dairy Cattle
*Dairy Goats
Dogs
Electricity
Entomology
Fabric & Fashion
Food and Nutrition
Gardening
Geology
GIS/GPS
Health
Horse Judging
Horses
Horticulture
Hunting
Interior Design
Knitting
Leathercraft
Livestock Judging

* Market Beef
* Market Sheep
* Market Swine
* Meat Goats
  Meats Judging
> Muzzleloading
  Nature and Ecology
  Photography
> Pistol
  Pocket Pets
  Poultry
  Quilting
  Rabbits
  Range Management
  Recreation
> Rifle
  Robotics
  Ropecraft
  Self-Determined
> Shotgun
  Sportfishing
  Vegetable Judging
  Veterinary Science
  Visual Arts
  Web Pages
  Wildlife
  Woodworking
  Wool Judging
  Youth Leadership

* Breeding, Dairy, and/or Market must be specified when enrolling in livestock projects

> Archery, Muzzleloading, Pistol, Rifle and/or Shotgun must be specified when enrolling in shooting sports
Thank you to everyone who attended Achievement Day. Hope you all had fun. Congratulations to all award winners, you did a great job! Special thanks to Jane Hill for the games and decorations!
What is Citizenship:

As social beings, humans tend to flourish only in community. We depend on each other more than we realize. There is no such thing as a self-made man or woman. Citizenship means giving back to the communities of which we are a part, acknowledging our debt to both the living and to those who came before us.

Citizenship in 4-H:

Ask the club members to interview a veteran, immigrant, or person who lived through the Great Depression. Together make a list of questions they could ask such as:

- How do you feel about the United States of America?
- Tell me about your life?
- What was a difficult time for you?
- What does being a U.S. citizen mean to you?

Have the members write about or draw what they discovered, report their findings and post the results on a bulletin board or make a display for fair or other community event.

We participate in the roles and tasks that must be filled for a healthy collective; whether that collective is a household, a nation, state, or something bigger. We do what needs doing rather than leaving it for someone else. We seek to elevate not only our own well being but the well being of all. Since home is the first place that we learn to rely on each other, this is where we begin learning what it means to live in community with others.

Character Counts
Citizenship

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.
- Margaret Mead

Clover Connection

Head - Make sound decisions.
Heart - Be loyal and care about your community.
Hands - Do something productive.
Health - Take care of those that may be in need.

Like this activity? Find more like it in the “Good Ideas Book” at your local Extension Office
Attention Leaders

Leader’s Council Meeting

Reminder to all 4-H Leaders, Parents, Junior Leaders, and Members, the Carbon County 4-H Council meetings are held the 2nd Tuesday of each month. Check your calendars for times and locations. Anyone can attend!

December 13
Rawlins, Carbon Building Rm 368
6 PM

Don’t forget!
The Fair Board meets the 2nd Tuesday of each month (the same day as the Leaders Council Meetings) at 1:30 PM at the Fairgrounds! All members and leaders are invited to attend! If you would like to discuss something specific with the Fair Board be sure to call Maxine at 328-7811 to be added to the agenda.

Carbon County 4-H Clubs

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Dates to Add to Your Calendar

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February 15 – State 4-H Scholarship Deadline

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