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Congratulations to the 2011 Outstanding 4-H Leaders:
Rookies of the Year:
Margaret “Tinker” Clarke & Cheryl Raboin
2-5 Year: Melanie Herring
6-10 Year: Katy Johnson
11 & Over: Dwaine Scott
Thank you for your time and efforts given to Goshen County 4-H!

Mother & Daughter Tea
Sunday, February 5 at 2 pm
The Gathering Place, Ft. Laramie
Hosted by 4-H Leaders
Lee Hageman and Lori Schafer!
Cost: $10 per person
RSVP to the Extension Office by January 27.
Payment must accompany reservation
*Limit 20 participants*

Market Beef Tagging
When: Saturday, January 28
9 AM - 12 NOON
Where: Goshen County Fair Grounds
Who: All 4-H & FFA Market Beef Exhibitors
Exhibitors must tag their project in order to exhibit at the 2012 Goshen County Fair.

Upcoming QA Dates:
Monday, February 27: LEVEL 1
Tuesday, February 28: LEVEL 2
Wednesday, February 29: LEVEL 3
Remember, Quality Assurance is mandatory this year!
All trainings begin at 6:30 PM at the Extension Office
RSVP by Friday, February 24

Entrepreneurs Program
Join us for the new round of 4-H Entrepreneurs in 2012! Youth participate in a series of educational opportunities to prepare and write a business plan for funding.
This program is limited to 10 participants.
RSVP to the Extension Office by:
Friday, February 24
Dates Are: Monday, March 12, 6:30 PM
Monday, March 26, 6:30 PM

Re-enrollment Deadline:
February 1, 2012

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January 17 (Corrected Date!)
February 21
March 20
@ 6:00 P.M.

Items for Council Agenda should be submitted to Secretary Dana Yetter the Friday before the Council Meeting. This includes presentations from members.

LEADER TRAINING:
Quality Assurance
Level 1

Leaders, you can lead Quality Assurance training for your club! Come to this training to learn Level 1 and how to present the material for your club!

Who: All Leaders are welcome
When: Tuesday, January 17 at 5:15 PM
Where: Goshen County Extension Office

New Leader Orientation

Orientation for New Leaders will be held at the Extension Office on the following date:
Wednesday, March 28 at 6:30

Orientation is open to all new and returning Leaders who want a refresher.

All new Leaders must go through this training. This is required for new Leaders, regardless of type.

This training will count toward the 5 hours of training every 5 years.

RSVP to the Extension Office by Friday, March 23

Cloverbud Leader Meeting

Need some new and exciting projects for your Club’s youngest 4-H members? Do you want to learn more about the Cloverbud Program?

This meeting will cover these topics, county Cloverbud opportunities and more!

When: Monday, February 20 at 6:30
Where: Extension Office

This training will count toward the 5 hours of training every 5 years.

RSVP to the Extension Office by Thursday, February 16.

Club Fundraisers

- MUST turn in a “Fundraising Request Form” to Extension Office for approval PRIOR to all fundraising activities
- The form is Not optional
- Required to contribute 10% net profit to Goshen County 4-H Foundation
- Money contributed to 4-H Foundation goes back to 4-H members through sponsorship of trips, trainings, camps, scholarships, contests and more!

Wyoming 4-H Judges Certification Program is back!

- Would you like to become a certified 4-H judge for static exhibits?
- Would you like to know more about 4-H to become a better judge?
- Are you interested in judging more?

If so, then this opportunity is for you!
The 2012 certification workshop will be held April 21 in Cheyenne!

You can become part of a list of quality judges who recognize the goal of 4-H is youth development. If you or someone you know are interested in judging county fairs, please contact the Extension Office to find out how to register.

All Trainings will run from 10:00am to 3:00pm. Early bird registration will be $25.00, $35.00 after April 2, 2012. Fee includes lunch and handbook. For a brochure or registration information contact the Extension Office.

Congratulations,
ASHLEY TOSH, of Bear Creek Guys & Gals 4-H Club, on winning the State 4-H Clover Christmas Coloring Contest! Ashley’s picture was used for Christmas cards from the State 4-H Office.
Congratulations, Ashley!
4-H JUDGING TEAMS

Each year, Goshen County 4-H competes in state judging contests and you could be a part of the fun 2012! 4-Hers learn teamwork and cooperation as members of a judging team while developing decision making skills. Plus, it’s fun and participants get to travel around the state and even the country! Be sure to enroll in a judging project in 2012!

Meats Judging: Contest is held in April in Laramie. Details coming soon! COACH NEEDED!

Wool Judging: Contest is held in April in Laramie. Details coming soon!

Produce Evaluation (AKA Vegetable Judging): will start in the spring. The State Contest will be held during Showcase Showdown, June 26-27 in Laramie.

Horse Judging: Practices will begin in the spring. State Contest will be held at Showcase Showdown, June 26-27.

Livestock Judging: Practices will begin in the spring. The State Contest will be held at the Wyoming State Fair.

Open Dog Clinics

Each clinic will include Agility, Obedience, Rally and Showmanship. Always check the newsletter for additional Dog Project opportunities.

Sunday, January 29, 2 pm Rendezvous Center:
*Special Showmanship Clinic featuring guest presenter Kayla Corcoran*

February 26, 2 pm: Rendezvous Center
March 18, 2 pm: Rendezvous Center
April 29, 2 pm Pavilion: *Special Agility Presentation featuring guest presenter Rachelle Jensen*

May 6, 2 pm: Grass Arena
May 27, 2 pm: Grass Arena
June 3, 6:30 pm: Grass Arena
June 10, 6:30 pm: Grass Arena
June 17, 6:30 pm: Grass Arena
June 23: GOSHEN COUNTY DOG FUN MATCH
July 8, 6:30 pm: Grass Arena
July 15, 6:30 pm: Grass Arena
July 22, 6:30 pm: Grass Arena

Dog vaccinations must be current and 4-H members must wear athletic types of shoes (soft sole) to practices.

FORESTRY JUDGING

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 Judging is something that you would like to check out!

Interested members could learn more about forestry 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. Several Extension Educators across the state are excited and ready to help you get started today!

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. If you are interested in this exciting opportunity or would like more information, please contact Tina Russell (Extension Educator):
Email: jtoth1@uwyo.edu
Extension Office Phone: (307) 332-2135

NEW!

RABBIT JUDGING

Rabbit Judging is for all 4-H youth interested in the rabbit fancy! Learn how to evaluate a rabbit as if you were the judge. The skills you will obtain will improve your showmanship score and arm you with the knowledge to purchase high quality show rabbits for your stock.

The Albany County 4-H Rabbit Judging Team invites youth from surrounding counties to join us for 2-3 hours once a month to take an in-depth look at all things rabbit, including: body type profiles with common faults, individual breeds with proper posing techniques and point schedules, and be given the chance to be the judge yourself.

Our goals for the 2012 year include competing with the Colorado Judging Team to get experience in the activity and raise enough funds to get the team(s) to the 2012 ARBA Convention in Wichita Kansas. All interested parties should contact the Rabbit Judging Team Leader, Jami Salo at 307.760.2063 or jami_salo@yahoo.com. We look forward to hopping through a great year with you.
**SCHOLARSHIPS**

There are many 4-H scholarships for graduating Seniors. Remember, the only way to be awarded a scholarship is to apply!

**Wyoming 4-H Scholarships:** Deadline: February 15, 2012. Check out www.4-h.uwyo.edu/Scholarships.asp for details.

**Goshen County 4-H Scholarships:** Deadline is April 15, 2012

- Jesica Hovis Memorial Scholarship
- Goshen County 4-H Educational Fund (Mildred Kidney)
- Junior Leaders Scholarship
- Marlene Schlager Memorial Scholarship
- Goshen County Homemakers Scholarship

For specific information and requirements on these scholarships please contact the Extension Office.

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**NEW 4-H FAMILY ORIENTATION**

Everyone is invited to this introduction to the Goshen County 4-H Program! We will review important dates, forms and requirements. We will review Record Books, Projects, Leaders and opportunities! This is an invitation for new 4-H families and could be helpful to returning families!

*Please plan to bring a side dish to share!* RSVP to the Extension Office by **Wednesday, February 29.**

When: Monday, March 5 at 6:30 PM
Where: Extension Office

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**SPRING GARDEN CONFERENCE**

March 9-10
Spend a day learning more about one of the following topics: Poultry, Horticulture or Season Extension! Participate in fun and hands-on sessions with experts! Contact Jeff Edwards at the Extension Office for more details!

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**Women In Agriculture Conference**

Kearney, Nebraska February 23-24, 2012
Early-Bird Registration of $100 due by February 10. After February 10, cost is $120. The conference is a mix of educational and entertaining workshops dedicated to helping women renew their overall effectiveness. Contact the Extension Office for details or visit: [http://wia.unl.edu](http://wia.unl.edu)

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**Agriculture in Wyoming**

The James C. Hageman Sustainable Agriculture Research Education Center (SAREC) invites you to the Relevant Agricultural Issues Network Series, RAINS for short. The first monthly session will be held **Thursday, January 19 at 5:30 p.m.** and will feature a special guest presentation from Jason Fearnehough, Director of the Wyoming Department of Agriculture. Light Supper served at 5 p.m.

For more information, please contact Jeff Edwards at the Extension Office or Kelly Greenwald at SAREC at 837-2000.

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**SUPREME COW PROGRAM**

This fun program consists of educational sessions, an essay, an interview and exhibition at the Goshen County Fair.

The dates for the educational sessions are:
- Tuesday, February 14
- Tuesday, March 13
- Tuesday, April 10

4-H Members planning to participate should enroll in the Breeding Beef project!

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**Poultry Round Table**

All youth enrolled in the Poultry Project are invited to attend this exciting event that will encourage proper selection, feeding, caring and daily management practices for the Poultry Project.

*Wednesday, February 15 at 6 PM*  
Extension Office.

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**Dog Showmanship Clinic**

The 4-H Dog Project will begin the year with a Showmanship Clinic on January 29 at 2:00 p.m. in the Rendezvous Center. Kayla Corcoran, Wyoming State Fair Senior Dog Showman, will be the presenter. She will include all areas of dog showmanship including handling, grooming, and dress. Bring your dog, treats and/or toys, and showmanship leash (if you have one). We hope all dog members will come meet her, learn, and have fun with their dog.

Re-enrollment Deadline: **February 1, 2012**
August 5-8
Branson, MO

FILMFEST 4-H is a national film festival open to all 4-H members ages 11 and up! This event connects participants to professionals in the film industry and celebrates filmmakers through hands-on workshops with professionals and screenings!
Categories this year are for Narrative, Animation, Documentary and 4-H Promotional.
Contact the Extension Office for more details!

Join fellow 4-H Film-Makers in the first-ever SouthEast Area (SEA) Film Making Workshop on Saturday, February 25 in Cheyenne! We will be filming, creating and editing short films using Camtasia software. All necessary equipment provided. This event is open to all Albany, Goshen, Laramie, Niobrara Platte County 4-H members.
Cost is $10 which will include materials and lunch.
Registration materials are available form at the Extension Office and online. Please register at your Extension Office by Wednesday, February 15.
Contact your Extension Office for details.
When: Saturday, February 25, 10 AM-2 PM
Where: Cheyenne Public Library

MANNERS MATTER!

MANNERS MAKE LIFE BETTER

Say What? When?

Please When you want something
Thank you When you get it
You’re Welcome When someone thanks you
Excuse Me When you burp, yawn, interrupt a conversation, bump into someone, etc
Yes, Please When you want something that is being offered to you
No, Thank you When you don’t want something that is being offered to you
I am sorry When you mess up

FREE WOOL

Thanks to the generosity of an anonymous donor, the Extension Office has wool available for 4-H members. Drop by the Extension Office to see the selection!

Let the USDA’s Super Tracker help you keep your New Year’s resolution about getting and staying healthy. This is an easy online tool that helps you

- Get your personalized nutrition and physical activity plan.
- Track your foods and physical activities to see how they stack up.
- Get tips and support to help you make healthier choices and plan ahead.

A healthy 2012 is a just a click away: www.choosemyplate.gov
JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2012

Important Dates for Goshen County 4-H

JANUARY 2012
2: Extension Office Closed, Happy New Year
7: Market Beef Tagging, 9 AM-12 NOON, Fairgrounds
12-15: WRLF, Cheyenne
16: Extension Office Closed, Wyoming Equality Day
17: Leaders Training: QA, 5:15 PM, Extension Office
17: Leaders Council Meeting, 6 PM, Extension Office
28: Market Beef Tagging, 9 AM-12 NOON, Fairgrounds
29: Dog Clinic, 2 PM, Rendezvous Center

FEBRUARY 2012
1: Market Beef Ownership Deadline
1: Re-enrollment Deadline
5: Mother-Daughter Tea, 2 PM, Gathering Place
12: Jr. Leaders, 3 PM, Extension Office
15: Poultry Round Table, 6 PM, Extension Office
20: Cloverbud Leader Meeting, 6:30 PM, Extension Office
21: 4-H Council, 6 PM, Extension Office
25: 4-H Video Workshop, Cheyenne
26: Dog Clinic, 2 PM, Rendezvous Center
27: Quality Assurance Level 1, 6:30 PM, Extension Office
28: Quality Assurance Level 2, 6:30 PM, Extension Office
29: Quality Assurance Level 3, 6:30 PM, Extension Office

MARCH 2012
5: New 4-H Family Orientation, 6:30 PM, Extension Office
9-10: Spring Garden Conference
12: 4-H Entrepreneurs II, 6 PM, Extension Office
13: Supreme Cow Program
18: Dog Clinic, 2 PM, Rendezvous Center
20: 4-H Council, 6 PM, Extension Office
25: Pancake Supper, Rendezvous Center
26: 4-H Entrepreneurs II, 6 PM, Extension Office
28: New Leader Orientation, 6:30 PM, Extension Office

Stay connected with 4-H on Facebook!
www.facebook.com/GoshenCounty4H