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**Record Books Due:**

**September 10**

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**HUGE THANK YOU...**

- To all of those who helped pack, unpack and repack our State Fair exhibits! You made easy work out of a difficult project and it would have been impossible without your help!
- Brodie Mackey & Kathy Miller for serving as Dorm Chaperones during State Fair! Hope you had fun!
- Parents, Leaders and Adults for getting our kids ready for competitions!
- YOU KIDS - Adults always hear such good things about you during both County & State Fairs! You make us proud!

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**Farewells...**

Annie Humphrey (Fair Intern) and Brodie Mackey (4-H Intern) have returned to college for the year. Thanks so much for all your help, smiles and enthusiasm this summer!

Jeff Edwards, Crop Specialist Educator, has accepted a position as the State Pesticide Applicator Testing Coordinator and will begin his responsibilities at SAREC in Lingle this month. While he will no longer be based in our office, he will still enjoy your bug questions! Thank you, Jeff for all you have done for Goshen County Extension. You will be missed!

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The Youth Show Committee members would like to extend a **BIG** thanks to all the volunteers who helped to make the 2012 Goshen County Fair another HUGE success! Without the contributions of time, energy, talent and commitment to the exhibitors and their projects by countless individuals, the Goshen County Fair would not be possible. We thank the Fair Board for providing great facilities and hosting such an incredible event.

The young people of our county make the efforts of so many worthwhile! Outstanding job Goshen County 4-H and FFA exhibitors, we are proud of you!

Goshen County Fair Youth Show Committee  
Megan Brittingham, Jay Clapper, Jeff Edwards, Jason Groene, Paul Miller and Lori Schafer

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**EXTENSION OFFICE HOURS**

The Extension Office is open from 8 am-12 Noon and from 1 pm-4 pm. In the coming months, the Extension Office may be short staffed at times due to meetings, conferences and teaching. We recommend and encourage you to call before you visit us! Thank you for your patience during this busy time in our office!

Club Secretary, Treasurer and Historian Books are due October 8.

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Leaders Council Mtg.
September 18
October 16
November 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.

Agenda Items Include:
⇒ County and State Fair Review
⇒ 4-H Building Report
⇒ Wyoming 4-H 100 Year Celebration
⇒ Leader Hours
⇒ 4-H Week
⇒ Extension Office Update

Leader Reminders
⇒ Leaders, if you will have a change in club leadership, please contact the Extension Office. We can help you!
⇒ The Resource Library has many great resources for clubs to utilize this winter at their club meetings. There are DVDs, videos, books and games that may help prepare youth for projects. Some items are available for purchase and others are available to borrow.
⇒ If you have something to include in the newsletter, please submit it by the 15th of the month.

LEADER TRAINING:
"HOW WAS YOUR 4-H CLUB MEETING?"
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18 AT 5:15 PM

Burnout is something you can gauge on your way home from your 4-H Club meeting. Picture a horrible 4-H Club meeting. You get to your car and drive home. How do you feel once your home? How do you feel about next month’s 4-H Club meeting?

As 4-H volunteers, we provide positive youth development opportunities to the members of our club by providing opportunities for mastery, independence, generosity and belonging. But, how do these elements fit into our own life? Actions speak louder than words - and those actions are reflected in our interactions with the youth, other volunteers and even co-workers.

Enthusiastic volunteers create an enthusiastic 4-H Program and it is hard to imagine that youth benefit from adults who are wiped out, discouraged and burned out. Let’s discuss strategies and encouragement to apply the essential elements to one another.

All Leaders are welcome!
When: Tuesday, September 18 at 5:15 PM
Where: Extension Office

Only the candle that is burning, can burn out!

Fundraising
Don’t forget: all fundraisers must have approval from the Extension Office! Even when the money is donated!
When the fundraiser is complete, the Fundraiser Receipt (available at the Extension Office) must be completed, too. Even if the funds are donated.

Funds that will be used for club education and activities will donate 10% to the Goshen County 4-H Foundation.

This must happen for every fundraiser, every time. Even if the funds are donated!

2012 Council Committees

Pancake Supper: Adventurous Pioneers, Bent Barrels Crooked Arrows, Hawk Springs Tumbleweeds, Leaders, Breeders & Feeders
Fair: Bear Creek Guys & Gals, Goshen Drifters
Silent Auction: Goshen Livestockers
State Fair Packing: Horseshoe Acres, Lone Star
Harvest Carnival: Gleaners Union, Rough Riders
Achievement Program: Lingle Aggies, Prairie Center, Southeast Cowpokes

All Goshen County Extension Service checks written to members, leaders or clubs must be cashed within 120 days of the date written. The checks will be voided after the 120 days have expired and will not be reissued.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Club Officer Books (Secretary, Treasurer and Historian) are due on Monday, October 8 at the Extension Office.
State Fair Results

Goshen County had so many outstanding youth winners at the Wyoming State Fair, we cannot print them all here! However, they are available online!

4-H Building Exhibit awards, Showmanship, Dog Show, Cat Show, Fashion Revue, and HerdsmanSHIP results can be found at the State 4-H site:

www.wyoming4h.org

All other livestock results can be found at:

www.wystatefair.com

Don’t forget to write those Thank You Notes!

YOU ARE GRAND CHAMPION KIDS!

5 Points of Thank You Notes

Donors, Buyers, Presenters, Volunteers and Sponsors always appreciate a well written thank you note! Please make sure you write your Thank You Notes so we can continue to have great community support for 4-H and Fair and so you can be eligible for Fair Awards next year!

1) A statement to the people you are thanking. Is it one person? A couple? A family? A business? Always address the person by name.

2) Who is doing the thanking? You? Your club?

3) Mention something noteworthy about the event or gift. Great belt buckle! Awesome chair! What did you learn? How will you use your award? This is the time to tell a few details.

4) It’s nice to sincerely remark about the donor/buyers generosity.

5) Always end in an upbeat and pleasant tone!

Thank You Notes are due September 30th!

RADIO THANK YOU ADS

Our friends at KGOS/KERM are offering all 4-H and FFA members the opportunity to record thank you ads for just $10! Contact Marie at the station at 532-2158 to set up your recording time!

Thank You Notes are due September 30th!

Does not replace written Thank You Notes.

DOG DEVELOPMENT

All 4-H Dog Project members, parents and leaders are encouraged to attend this meeting to provide input and suggestions on this year’s Dog Project. We will also review suggestions to be taken to the State 4-H Dog Project Development Committee meeting.

All are welcome!

When: Thursday, September 20 at 6:30 PM
Where: Extension Office

Record Books are Due Monday, September 10 by 4 PM
AWARD NOMINATIONS

Honor outstanding 4-H individuals and supporters by taking a moment to think about deserving people in your club and our community and consider nominating them for a 2012 4-H award.

Awards include:
- Outstanding Rookie 4-H Leader
- Hard Luck
- Outstanding 4-H Leader (2-10 years)
- Friend of 4-H (Individual)
- Outstanding 4-H Leader (10+ years)
- Outstanding Club Officer
- Outstanding 4-H Alumni
- Friend of 4-H Business
- Outstanding Junior 4-H Member*
- Outstanding Intermediate 4-H Member*
- Outstanding Senior 4-H Member*

*Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Casey Essert and Empire Realty, Outstanding 4-H members of each age division will receive $100.

Thank you, Mr. Essert and Empire Realty!

Nominations are due to the Extension Office by September 18.

Nomination Forms are available online!

Achievement Day

All Goshen County 4-H members, leaders and families are encouraged and invited to attend this year’s Achievement Program scheduled for October 21 at the Rendezvous Center.

At Achievement Day, we will recognize years of membership (including Cloverbuds), Junior Leaders, Junior Superintendent, CITs (Counselor-In-Training), 4-H Week Window Decorating Contest, Judging Teams, Outstanding Club Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Business Friend of 4-H, Individual Friend of 4-H, Outstanding Alumni, Rookie Horseman of the Year, Outstanding Leather Craft member, the Hard Luck Award, Outstanding Club Officer, Outstanding 4-H members in each age division and those members earning inclusion in the Wyoming 4-H Honors Club.

This year, we will not be presenting awards for record books.

Harvest Carnival

All 4-H Clubs are asked to prepare a game booth for this year’s Harvest Carnival on Sunday, October 7, 2-4 PM at the Ag Hall!

This is a fun service for the entire community and kick’s off this year’s 4-H Week festivities! Clubs will keep 90% of their profits and donate 10% to the Goshen County 4-H Foundation!

When you have selected your game booth, please contact the Extension Office and let us know your idea - it may already be taken!

Thanks to Rough Riders and Gleaners Union 4-H Clubs for helping to organize this fun, community event!

Window Decorating Contest

4-H Council is sponsoring the Window Decorating Contest and will be awarding cash prizes to the clubs who create the top 3 window displays! Judging will happen during 4-H Week.

The theme this year is 100 Years of Wyoming 4-H. This should be done in a way that encourages young people to want to join 4-H so they can join the fun!

4-H Clubs are encouraged to come up with special ways to celebrate 4-H Week, too. Leaders have ideas, too! Ideas can be something special for 4-H Supporters, 4-H Day at school and wear a 4-H shirt, create and develop a radio advertisement that will air, share your 4-H story with the newspaper, plan your community service for that week! Let folks in the community know the good things 4-H members are doing!

4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING FUNDRAISER

The 4-H Senior Livestock Judging Team needs your help as they travel to Louisville, Kentucky this November to compete in the National Contest! Please plan to purchase a raffle ticket, good for your choice of 1 Ribeye, 2 Tenderloins or dinner for 2 at the Bucking Horse Steakhouse. Contact Andrea Gurney, Jessica Middleswarth, PD Miller or Danielle Schainost for tickets. Tickets will also be available at the Extension Office.
4-H Members must complete a Portfolio (Record Book) in order to complete the current 4-H year and receive credit for their membership. This year, no books will be judged for competition, instead all Record Books will be judged for completion only. For a Record Book to be considered “complete” it must be finished in at least 8 of these 15 categories:

- Project Record
  - Goals
  - Size & Scope
  - Market Summary
  - Knowledge & Skills
  - Project Summary
  - Health Record
- Awards & Recognition
  - Awards
- Leadership
- Community Service
- Participation & Non 4-H Experiences
  - County Opportunities
  - State Wide Opportunities
  - 4-H Activities
  - Non 4-H Activities
- Story
- Photographs & Clippings

Youth nominated for Outstanding Member awards must have an up-to-date and complete Record Book that will be reviewed by the selection committee. Outstanding Member Awards will be presented at the Achievement Program on Sunday, October 21. Other awards presented at Achievement Day include “Hard Luck Award,” “Outstanding Club Officer,” and so many more! Nomination Forms are due September 18.

Record Books are Due: September 10 by 4 PM

JOIN Goshen County Jr. Leaders

Goshen County 4-H Jr. Leaders are dynamic, creative, enthusiastic 4-H teens who have committed to the Revolution of Responsibility and learn and practice the 4-H slogan “Learn By Doing” through planning and leading innovative and exciting programs like Leaders Banquet, Cloverbud Camp and 4-H Camp!

Jr. Leaders attend conferences, camps and meetings to learn new and exciting leadership techniques and bring new ideas to our 4-H Program. Teens must be 13 as of January 1, 2013 to join. For more information, please contact the Extension Office.

Next Meeting:
When: Sunday, September 16 at 3 pm
Where: Extension Office
What to Bring: A snack to share. (Drinks provided.)
What we’ll Do: Start planning for Leaders Banquet.
**Brag Board**

**Kady Covalt, Bent Barrels Crooked Arrows & Rough Riders:** Attended the Raton, New Mexico Shooting Sports Reward Trip based on high scores at this year’s State Shoot. She will be there the first week of September, with, Allen Lindenmuth, 4-H Volunteer, chaperone and Dad.

**Brittany Randall, Bent Barrels Crooked Arrows & Hawk Springs Tumbleweeds and Aleighica Keeran, Bent Barrels Crooked Arrows:** These young ladies were selected as members of the State 4-H Leadership Team for 2012-2013 year based on an application and interview. They were announced at Showcase Showdown. They will participate in leadership development trainings and events and will be attending National 4-H Conference in Washington DC next spring!

**Andrea Gurney, Lingle Aggies, Jessica Middleswarth, Goshen Livestockers, PD Miller, Prairie Center and Danielle Schainost, Goshen Livestockers:** State 4-H Livestock Judging Champions! They won the state contest during this year’s contest at the Wyoming State Fair! This November they will be headed to compete in the National 4-H Livestock Judging Contest in Louisville, Kentucky with the coach, 4-H Volunteer Clint McWaters!

**David Becker, Southeast Cowpokes, Kylee Brothwell, Gleaners Union, Paige Miller, Prairie Center and Skyler Miller, Prairie Center:** Champion Junior Livestock Judging Team at the State 4-H Contest held during the Wyoming State Fair! They are coached by 4-H Volunteer, Clint McWaters.

**Kenny Randall, Hawk Springs Tumbleweeds & Bent Barrels Crooked Arrows:** Kenny has been selected to attend the Big Game Hunt, November 2-4 in Hulett, Wyoming. Kenny won this opportunity through an application process offered through the Wyoming State 4-H Foundation. Kenny will be joined by Lawrence Randall, 4-H Volunteer, Dad and chaperone.

**Chloe Haas, Bear Creek Guys & Gals, Candee Coxbill, Goshen Livestockers and Kadra Clark, Prairie Center:** Chloe received 2nd Place High Intermediate Individual for modeling her constructed-to-wear project at the Wyoming State Fair. Candee received 3rd Place High Intermediate Individual for modeling her constructed-to-wear project, too! Kadra received 1st Place High Junior Individual for modeling her ready-to-wear project!

**Kendall Haas, Bear Creek Guys & Gals, Durward Randall, Hawk Springs Tumbleweeds & Bent Barrels Crooked Arrows, Jordan Stoddard, Bear Creek Guys & Gals:** Earned 2nd Place Jr. Livestock Skill-a-thon team at this year's State contest held during Showcase Showdown!

**Bree Peterson, Lingle Aggies, Kenny Randall, Hawk Springs Tumbleweeds & Bent Barrels Crooked Arrows, Durward Randall, Hawk Springs Tumbleweeds & Bent Barrels Crooked Arrows, Dally Wilkins, Lingle Aggies:** 3rd Place Junior Produce Judging Team at the State Contest held during Showcase Showdown! Dally earned 2nd Place Overall Junior Individual and Durward earned 3rd!

**Bree Peterson, Lingle Aggies and Kenny Randall, Hawk Springs Tumbleweeds and Bent Barrels, Crooked Arrows:** These Entrepreneurs both earned money for their business from the Youth Business Ventures Contest at Showcase Showdown!

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**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.
SEPTEMBER 2012

Important Dates for Goshen County 4-H

SEPTEMBER 2012

6:    Jr. Livestock Sale Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM, Extension Office
10:   Record Books Due, 4 PM, Extension Office
16:   Jr. Leaders, 3 PM, Extension Office
18:   Nominations Due
18:   4-H Council, 6 PM, Extension Office
20:   Dog Development Committee, 6:30 PM, Extension Office
25:   Flea Market, 4 PM, Extension Office
30:   Thank You Notes Due, Extension Office
30:   Tosh Family Benefit, 6:30 PM, LaGrange Community Building

OCTOBER 2012

7-13: National 4-H Week
7:    Harvest Carnival, Fairgrounds
8:    Officer Books Due, 4 PM, Extension Office
16:   Leader Training, 5:15 PM
16:   4-H Council, 6 PM, Extension Office
21:   Achievement Day, Rendezvous Center

NOVEMBER 2012:

18:   Leaders Banquet, 4-H Building
20:   4-H Council, 6 PM, Extension Office