Dear 4-H Families & Friends:

It’s the most wonderful time of the year! We hope you enjoy your friends and family during the holiday season and look forward to 2017 and all that 4-H has to offer to its members. Many events are already planned so be sure to get them on your family calendar. The newsletter is full of information for the New year.

Sue, Lennie, and I thank all of you very much for your support and all you do to promote our 4-Her’s and “Making the Best, Better”. All of us here at the 4-H Office and UW Extension wish you a very Happy Holiday and New Year!

Joddee Jacobsen
UW Extension Educator
4-H/Youth Development

Happy Holidays

CANINES FOR CHARITY
4-H FUNDRAISER

Natrona County 4-H has for the second year partnered with Canines for Charity for their annual Casper Mountain Sled Dog race scheduled this year for January 28-29 at the Ramkota. Natrona County 4-H will be the beneficiary of their fundraising banquet on January 28th for 2017.

Please check with your club community leader to see what we need to make this event a success. A big thank you to the clubs who have already gotten their items to the 4-H Office.

2017 4-H Carnival
March 11th, Industrial Building on the Fairgrounds
Natrona County 4-H Foundation

Eligibility: Open to any Natrona County 4-H or FFA member that is a first time applicant for this scholarship and
◆ has a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and
◆ has been an active 4-H or FFA member for at least three (3) years and
◆ is currently enrolled or has successfully completed the current 4-H or FFA year.
◆ An enrolled 4-H leader who is currently enrolled as a full-time college student and has a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5
◆ Applications will be available in January at the 4-H Office or online at (click on forms at the left side of the screen):
  http://www.natronacounty-wy.gov/4h

A CURRENT SEALED OFFICIAL/CERTIFIED HIGH SCHOOL OR COLLEGE TRANSCRIPT MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKET MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE 4:00 P.M., FEBRUARY 28, 2017

On October 24th the Natrona County 4-H Foundation hosted its annual public meeting, where they reviewed finances, received updates on the Canines for Charity fundraiser and elected new officers. Dusty Porter was re-elected for a two-year term as President and Randy Buffington was re-elected as treasurer.

Longtime Foundation member Terry Stretesky announced his retirement from the board. The Natrona County 4-H Foundation would like to thank Terry for his dedication to the 4-H Foundation and Natrona County 4-H. Joan Wing was nominated and approved by the Foundation to fill his vacant position.

The Natrona County 4-H Foundation would like to remind all 4-H members that grant funds are available for project resources, club needs and more. Contact the 4-H Office for more information or a grant application.

State 4-H Foundation Scholarships
The Wyoming State 4-H Office has updated the 4-H Scholarship application and materials for this year on the website 4-H Foundation web site:

http://www.wyoming4h.org/4hfoundation/scholarships/

Just click on the scholarship applications link to find out the criteria, then the application page to complete the application. There are many available scholarships, up to $30,000 total for new and first time qualified applicants!

Applications are due by February 15, 2017. Please call the State Office if you have any questions. Their number is (307) 766-5170.

State 4-H Foundation Scholarships

SHEEP COMMITTEE FUNDRAISER

Tickets are available at the 4-H Office for the Sheep Committee Expansion Fundraiser. All sheep families are encouraged to help sell these tickets that will help us make improvements in the sheep area at the Fairgrounds Arena this summer.

Gun Raffle Tickets will sell for $10.00 each or 6 for $50.00. The winner of this raffle will have the choice of a rifle, shotgun or pistol of their choice, retail value up to $1,000.00.

Also being raffled is an Engel 80 Quart Cooler. Tickets are $5.00 each or 6 for $25.00.

All money and left over tickets need to be turned in to the 4-H Office by Friday, December 16th, the drawing will be held on Saturday, December 17th. If you have any questions regarding this raffle, please contact Jo Keith at 258-1269.

MEATS & WOOL JUDGING PRACTICES BEGIN

We are looking forward to another great year of Natrona County 4-H Meats and Wool Judging. Both of our Senior Teams are coming off of State Champion years. We encourage all 4-H members to come learn about the interior of those animals they are raising or the food and fiber they are producing or using.

As usual, Meats and Wool practices will be held on Sunday afternoons from 12:45-4:00 p.m. at the Casper College Ag Pavilion. Meats will begin first and Wool begin a few weeks thereafter. Meats practice will begin January 15. Tentative Practice schedule is as follows:

- January 15 & 22 – Regular Practice
- January 29 - Help with Sled Dog Races. No 4-H Practice
- February 5, 12, 19 & 26 – Regular Practice
- March 5, 19 & 26 – Regular Practice
- March 12 – 4-H Carnival Weekend – No 4-H Practice
- April 2, 9, 23 & 30 – Regular Practice
- April 16 – Easter – No 4-H Practice

We do not yet know when State Contests will be. We suspect they will be one of the latter two dates in April.

For questions please call: Jack Stewart 251-0033, Burt Andreen 258-2484, Todd Romsa 262-4444, or Ed Selby at 267-7619
The 4-H Quality Assurance (QA) Class teaches youth about the quality of meat and food products that come from livestock. Quality assurance for livestock producers means making a promise to the consumers from food production animals. Quality assurance is a pledge or promise to:

1. provide a food animal product preferred by consumers, and
2. provide a safe, wholesome food animal product. Food animals are those whose products (meat, milk, and eggs) have the potential to become part of the food chain.

The promise made is that products from livestock will be the highest possible quality and 4-H/FFA youth producers will do everything possible to make these products safe to eat and that our sale is of the highest quality.

Quality Assurance is a requirement to sell in the 2017 4-H/FFA Livestock Sale.

Requirements for Sale eligibility:

► All FFA (13 and younger), Junior and Intermediate 4-Her’s will be required to take one QA clinic each year to sell an animal(s) in the Natrona County Jr. Livestock Sale at the Central Wyoming Fair.

► FFA & Senior members (ages 14-19) will be required to take one year of QA education to sell an animal(s) in the Natrona County Livestock Sale at the Central Wyoming Fair. If the first year of a livestock project is taken as a Senior, the QA clinic must be taken that same year.

Natrona County Quality Assurance Clinics for 2017:
Thursday, March 23rd, 4:30-6:30 p.m. @ ARLC
Saturday, May 13th, 10 a.m. to noon @ ARLC

Please RSVP to the 4-H Office (235-9400) for these clinics so we will be sure to have enough materials for everyone.

If you are unable to attend one of these dates, there are several other options available to you. Call the 4-H Office for links to on-line classes that are available.

MARKET BEEF EAR TAGGING

Beef Weigh-in & Ear tagging
January 21st @ CWF Arena Annex
10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

All market beef must be weighed and tagged on this date, NO EXCEPTIONS.

♦ 4-H/FFA members must be enrolled in the market beef project by 3:00 p.m., on Friday, January 20th to be eligible to tag their animals.

♦ If you have a loan on your project animal from anyone other than a family member, you need to specify who your loan is with.

♦ Bring a copy of your title from the Brand Inspector. NOTE: Whoever is listed on the brand inspection title is the legal owner of the animal. It is the seller’s obligation to contact the brand inspector and have the animal(s) inspected. If the animal is home raised, you will be issued a title that day.

♦ $5.00 per animal tagging fee.

Anyone wishing to help should contact Velvet Hiser (277-5952) to volunteer.

Jr. Livestock Sale Committee
Meeting Agenda
December 20, 2016
6:00 p.m., Midwest/Edgerton Room @ ARLC

Meeting Facilitator: Aaron Emery
I. Call to order
II. Approval of minutes from last meeting
III. Present treasurer’s report
IV. Open issues
   a. Selling of Champion Animals
   b. Sale weights/Sale method
   c. Survey results
V. New business
   a. None scheduled
VI. Adjournment

WANTED...
Horse Project Co-Superintendent
Leslie Chapin is the current Horse Superintendent and would like someone to work with her and take on the role of Horse Co-Superintendent.

A job description and application is available at the 4-H Office
HAVE YOU RE-ENROLLED?

http://www.4honline.com/

There are still many families who haven’t re-enrolled for the new 4-H year. It is important that your enrollment is current and up to date, please take the time to complete your enrollment so you don’t miss out on upcoming activities and deadlines. You will need to log on to 4honline.com, you DO NOT need to create a new family profile, please use the one you created last year (e-mail and password). Years in 4-H, age, grade in school, etc. will automatically be updated, you will still need to check and make sure everything is correct. If you have forgotten your password, you will be able to re-set it or we can do that for you. Be sure and keep this information somewhere handy so that you can log on to your account whenever you need to.

♦ Livestock judging, meats judging, wool judging, horse judging and produce judging are now listed under the “Activities” tab.
♦ We will NOT be taking on-line payments this year. Enrollment fees for both leaders and members will be $12.00 and must be paid before your membership is activated. Checks can be made payable to: Natrona County 4-H, 2011 Fairgrounds Road, Casper, Wyoming 82604.
♦ There are many tools that you can use to manage your 4-H enrollment. You are able to add or drop projects without having to call the 4-H Office or filling out extra paperwork. You are able to access current publications such as newsletters and notifications. Take the time and explore the different areas of your enrollment, it’s surprisingly easy.
♦ If you have not re-enrolled by December 31st, you will be dropped from our mailing list.

If you have any questions, send me an email and give me a call. sanderson@natronacounty-wy.gov 235-9400

SHOOTING SPORTS NEWS

Shooting Sports practices will be starting soon. Required orientation meetings for Archery and Air Rifle/Pistol shooters are scheduled for the following dates at the ARLC in the Mills/Evansville Rooms at 6:30 p.m.

Both new members and previously enrolled members will be required to attend one of the orientation meetings for each discipline in order to participate in the scheduled practices.

Airchery Orientation Meetings—January 4th & 6th
Air Rifle/Pistol Orientation Meetings—January 11th & 13th

If you are a new shooter or haven’t shot a .22 rifle in 4-H before, you will be required to attend three air rifle practices before you will be allowed to shoot. Our goal in doing this is to provide the safest shooting environment possible.

Final enrollment for Archery and Air Rifle/Pistol members will be February 15th. No new shooters will be accepted after this date.

State 4-H Shooting Sports Development Committee Meeting
Saturday, February 25th
Casper (time & place TBA)
Our annual 4-H Achievement Night was held on November 19th with over 250 people in attendance. Listed below are some of the awards that were given that evening.

**Outstanding 4-H Members**
Jacob Castlebury, Danica Itzen, Maggie Forbes, Cortni Pickett, Jonathan Danford, Kylan Montgomery, Aletta Ziehl

**Outstanding Shooting Sports Members**
Harper Pollock, Peter Smith, Rachael Hoven, Jace Brezzina, Aletta Ziehl, Thomas Hampton

**Sportsmanship Awards**
Makenzie Anderson, Caleb Barclay, Ben Campbell, Carter Castlebury, Maribel Fernandez, Billy Keith, Telani Knoelk, Chayse Schierkolk, Elizabeth Snyder, Roseanna Todd

**ConocoPhillips Quest for Knowledge**
Sara Loghry, Tavia Ossa, Kara Hopkins, Jarrett Kellch, Ryan Loghry, Abbi Faxon, Mylee Forster, Brayson Burch, Aletta Ziehl, Bailey McCartney, Mandi Tvedt, Sheridan Stewart, Kylan Montgomery, Phebe Zeller

**Record Book Judging Contest**
Noah Danford, Brea Mills, Paige Hill, Alyssa Kilby, Jonathan Danford, Maggie Forbes, Ryan Loghry, Aletta Ziehl, Devyn Mosteller, Kylan Montgomery

**Herdsmanship Awards**
Beef..........................................................Rockin’ Wranglers
Goat..............................................................Young Guns
Poultry..........................................................Trail Busters
Rabbit..........................................................Meadow Acres
Sheep..........................................................Young Guns
Swine...........................................................Trail Busters
Overall Herdsmanship ..................Rockin’Wranglers

**Carnival Spirit Award**.................................Meadow Acres

**Community Service Award** .........................Trail Busters

**Outstanding 4-H Leaders**
Aaron Emery, Burt Andreen, Mike Steffens

**Golden Leader**
Rose Jones

**Rookie of the Year**
Rachel Emery, Kandi Ossa

**Friend of 4-H**
Pizza Ranch

**Patron of 4-H**
Velvet Hiser

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If you see your name on the list below, you have an award and/or a check to be picked up from Family Night. The checks have an expiration date on them, so be sure and pick them up ASAP.

**CHECKS**
- Logan Anderson
- Roman Benitez
- Caleb & Cayden Bentley
- Lauren Blackwelder
- Kassidee Bohnet
- Julia Borrmann
- Taylor Bourquin
- Gage & Kassidy Brooks
- Kristin Bullard
- Kendall Burch
- Andrew Canchola
- Tobee Collins
- Carlice Cutch
- Sheridan Decker
- Brady Dona
- Corbin Dow
- Morgan Eckhardt
- Kelsey Elrod
- Maribel Fernandez
- Izabella Garris
- Abby & Maggie Gazda
- Ellary Golumb
- Cash Good
- William Gottsch
- William Gutierrez
- Felicity Hall
- Casey & Cooper Hanneman
- Vivian Hanneman
- Owen Hansen
- Emma & Jackson Hardy
- Paige & Peyton Hill
- Thomas Horbuka
- Kavin Hoff
- Jansen Homecker
- Brock Johnson
- Kaylee Johnson
- Madisyn Keith
- Noah & Rachel Katzmann
- Cheradyn Kettley
- Emerson Kopp
- Chance & Chase Leinonen
- Amanda Lindahl
- K.C. McComb
- Austin McPherson
- Karter Miller
- Tessa Milne
- Sebastian Moncada
- Katrina Muelder
- Lucas & Nicholas Nelson
- Samantha Neumeyer
- Abigail Nunez
- Kylie O’Brien
- Ronnie Owens
- Amelia, Charity, Samuel & Tristan Palmer

**AWARDS**
- Makenzie Anderson
- Jason Cook
- Brennon Cooper
- Spencer Cuthbertson
- Jose Fernandez
- Maribel Fernandez
- Angela Herrera
- Cynthia modification
- Sage Wright

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**December 10**  
Horse Member Christmas Awards Party, 6:00 p.m., Casper Room @ ARLC  

**December 15**  
Junior Leader Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Oregon Trail Room @ ARLC  

**December 20**  
Livestock Sale Committee meeting, 6 p.m., Midwest/Edgerton Room @ ARLC  

**December 26**  
HOLIDAY, 4-H Office Closed  

**January**  

**January 2**  
HOLIDAY, 4-H Office Closed  

**January 16**  
HOLIDAY, 4-H Office Closed  

**January 21**  
Beef Ear Tagging & weigh-in Arena Annex @ CWF  

**January 23**  
4-H Leaders Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Mills Room @ ARLC  

**January 27-28-29**  
Sled Dog Races on Casper Mountain  
Canines for Charity Fundraiser @ Ramkota  

**February**  

**February 13**  
Horse Committee meeting, 6:00 p.m.  

**February 15**  
State 4-H Foundation Scholarships due in Laramie  

**February 20**  
HOLIDAY, 4-H Office Closed  

**February 21**  
Livestock Sale Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Midwest/Edgerton Room @ ARLC  

**February 27**  
4-H Leaders Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Mills Room @ ARLC  

**March**  

**March 11**  
4-H Carnival Industrial Building @ CWF  

**March 23**  
Quality Assurance Class, 4:30-6:30 p.m. @ ARLC  

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**Especially for Leaders...**  
Throughout the year, I'll share some ideas for monthly club meetings to help you help your clubs be the best they can be. Please share ideas that have worked well for your club and make this the best 4-H year ever!  

**December Ideas for 4-H Club Meetings**  

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Christmas Tree Rice Krispie Treats Recipe

Christmas Tree Rice Krispie Treats are the delightful treat that kids love. Hardly any work at all!

Ingredients

- 3 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 10 ounces marshmallows, 1 package (about 40), or 4 cups mini marshmallows
- green food coloring
- 6 cups Rice Krispies
- Sprinkles
- 20 small pretzel stick

Directions

- Grease or spray a 9x13-inch pan and set aside.
- In a large pan, melt butter and marshmallows over medium-low heat, stirring constantly. Once it is almost smooth and melted, add green food coloring little by little until you achieve your desired tree color. Once completely smooth and perfectly green, remove from heat and stir in Rice Krispies. Continue to stir until all the cereal is coated.
- Press evenly into prepared pan (I always spray my hand with nonstick cooking spray to do this, but you can also use a piece of wax paper). Immediately sprinkle with sprinkles. Let cool for at least 30 minutes.
- Cut one cut down the middle of the pan (the long way). Then, cut each of those rows into triangles (you should have 4 scraps leftover, one at each side of each row).

Yarn Wrapped Christmas Tree Ornaments

What you need:

- green yarn
- pom poms in various sizes and colors
- glitter pom poms are optional but certainly fun
- cardboard
- scissors
- white school glue
December Birthdays

Casen Bentley
Shelby Blackwelder
Kassidy Brooks
Charlotte Buckner
Kindle Burch
Ben Campbell
Caitlyn Daniels
Brady Dona
Reese Gearhart
Danike Harris
Mackenna Harris
Danica Itzen

Brynne Kilby
Georgia McNutt
Gavin Peterson
Mikayla Propp
Cadence Shipley
Elizabeth Slaymaker
Afton Stewart
Roseanna Todd
Jaden Vroman
Jessica Watson
Katie Wiginton

CAT SHOW

4-H Cat Show
Saturday, February 25th
Casper Room at the ARLC

Special prizes for costumes and lots of fun classes will be offered at this show. Be sure and invite all your “Feline Friends” to attend. A registration form and more information will be published in the January newsletter.