
January 9, 2015

Sweetwater County 4-H

I pledge my head to clearer thinking,
my heart to greater loyalty,
my hands to larger service,
and my health to better living,
for my club, my community, my country and my world.

Happy New Year!

January is a great month to reflect on goals for the next 12 months. Please take a few minutes this month to reflect on what our motto means and how you can apply it in your life outside of 4-H. How can you be of service? Can you slow down and think more clearly in a stressful situation? There are so many ways that our 4-H motto can be of use to you outside a Club Meeting.

We had a wonderful time at Achievement Night on November 21st and we hope to see more of you join us next year. Special thanks goes to the Sundowners for donating their amazing talent so we could dance into the night.

2015 promises to bring more exciting and positive change to Sweetwater County 4-H. One of those changes will be weekly short emails highlighting upcoming events, important information and more details as we learn to navigate the new 4-H Online system and discover its many capabilities. If you have not registered online yet, please do, so we can get Club Leaders access to accurate member information. When you have the time please take a moment to thank Pam for taking point on working with this new system and keeping our records up to date as well as helping those who have experienced difficulty with the new system.

[Register on line HERE](#)



Upcoming Events

January 17

**4-H Craft Day – WWCC Room
1309 9am – 12 pm**

Open to all! Bring a friend and learn a new skill, you could even walk away with a project you could enter in the Fair! Projects range from free to \$10 dollars. You can also make your own bouncy ball for free!

Important Announcement

January's Leader's Council Meeting will be on January 26, 2015 at 6:30 pm in room 1309 of the WWCC. Please plan to attend. We will be beginning our discussions of Council Effectiveness AND creating a new and improved Livestock and Auction Committee. We need your brains. Be there.

Happy New Year from the entire Extension Office!

Leaders at Achievement Night!

Check out these amazing leaders! We are lucky enough to have leaders who have been with us one year and one, Mickey Thoman, who has been with us 53 years. Here they are celebrating at Achievement Night at the Events Complex on Friday the 21st of November. Make sure you are in the picture next year!



Where are your Club Charters?

Very few of you have turned in your records from last year and even fewer have turned in this year's Charter paperwork. Clubs functioning without Charters are not protected by UW liability insurance, cannot have legal bank accounts **and will not be permitted to enter completed projects for Fair 2015.**

Swine 101

Interested in learning more about how to have a great Swine Project? You are in luck, our very own BJ Flor is offering his 4 part series Swine 101 again this year. The first class, Pig Farming 101 is designed for the first or second year swine grower, but all are welcome and encouraged to attend. All meetings are at WWCC in room 1309.

Pig Farming 101 – January 27, 6-8 pm

Breeds of Pigs – February 24, 6-8 pm

How to Choose Your Project Pig – March 24, 6-8 pm

Cuts of Meat – April 7, 6-8 pm

Day Camp! March 28! Mark your Calendars!

To kick off April's Month of the Military Child we will be having a one day Family Camp at WWCC. Families and children 5 and up can come for a full day of activities complete with lunch and snacks. Free to military families and all are welcome. A small fee may apply for civilian families. More details to come.

State Leaders Conference

You're Invited to the 2015 State Leaders' Conference!

Friday Night see the Peterson Brothers LIVE!

February 13-15, Eastern Wyoming Community College, Torrington, WY

Registration:

<http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/volunteers/state-leaders-conference/index.html>

Early Bird (thru 1/10) \$65.00

Regular (1/10-1/24) \$75.00

Late (1/25-1/30) \$85.00

Youth Day Camp at Conference - \$30.00, Saturday only \$15.00

Lodging:

America's Best Value Inn

\$77.68/night =tax (breakfast included)

Scholarships Available!

Shooting Sports

Please make sure your members are enrolled by February 27 to ensure that they will be able to make enough practices to compete at County Shoot!!!

Please note the following for all Shooting Sports Leaders:

All Practices that make a member eligible for County Shoot must be scheduled, regardless of your club situation. Please publish your practice schedule so that ANY shooting sports member can attend. Unpublished practices will not count toward eligibility for County Shoot. This is non-negotiable. This is an attempt to avoid last year's unpleasantness regarding the definition of a "counted practice".

Please email a schedule of ALL practices to Sharon AND Burke no later than January 23rd. (Folks who are out in "the wilds" – please schedule your practices and publish them so other members are aware of your practices and may arrange to attend) Without the written schedule, practices will not count towards the county shoot requirement. All members must attend at least 3 county scheduled practices in each discipline in order to be able to compete at County Shoot. ALL members will be allowed to attend any scheduled meeting anywhere.

Please feel free to add practices to your initial schedule and publish to Sharon and Burke two weeks in advance so all members can be notified and have the opportunity to attend.

Please turn completed sign in sheets from each practice in to Burke by May 8 for processing prior to County Shoot.

Please note, any member without documentation of attending 3 SCHEDULED practices in each discipline may NOT compete at County Shoot. There will be no exceptions for any reason. This is a safety issue as determined by the County Educator and the Shooting Sports Development Committee.

Those with questions or concerns regarding this policy, please contact Sharon or Burke.

Free to Good Home

Micro mini pig – 6 month old male comes with kennel, bed, bowls and feed. Interested? Please call Georgia at 307.212.2476. Little guy needs a home asap.

In Memorium

December brought not only the holidays, but a loss to our 4-H Community. Charmain Eno passed away suddenly early in the month. Her generosity and dedication to Sweetwater County 4-H will be greatly missed.



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