While raising your poultry projects for the fair, the egg or chicken coming first doesn't matter because you are learning to have fun with your poultry project. While raising your chickens you will learn how to responsibly care for your flock, keep records, and bounds of knowledge about your chickens. Chickens are a great project for new or first-year 4-H members because there is minimal cost and upkeep for the species.

Raising poultry for the fair can be tricky. When you are purchasing your foul, make sure that you do from a reliable source. It is encouraged that chicks be purchased from a producer who participates in the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP), that all participating flocks are tested for some important diseases of poultry. When preparing to purchase your foul, you want to make sure that you have sufficient space to raise your young birds. Often, they will require a heat lamp if the nights are getting too cold, as well as a food and, water source.

When selecting your birds of choice, you want to keep ownership dates, and the date of the White Pine County Fair in mind. Ownership for chickens is June 1 of the current fair year, and the dates for fair are August 18-20, 2017. If you would like to show turkeys, the ownership date is May 15 of the current show year. Chickens are judged in a pen of three, while turkeys are judged as a pen of two.

To get ready for the show it is important that you handle your birds daily and start practicing the National Standard showmanship routine until you and your birds are comfortable with the movements. It is also important that your birds look their best, and yes, that means giving them a bath. Most birds keep themselves clean, and will only require the cleaning, of their feet, legs and head, while others may require more grooming by you. If you have any questions about raising chickens or turkeys for the fair, please contact Jasmine and she will be more than happy to help you get started.
Baaa, Ram, Ewe

Starting a lamb project can seem daunting; however, raising a market lamb can be an unforgettable experience. Market lamb projects require commitment. By considering a market lamb for a project, 4-H members will be able to complete a project with minimal risk, and financial reward, if raised correctly.

Historically, sheep have been used to produce both wool and meat. Your lamb will probably be a breed or cross that has been bred especially for meat production. While selecting your lamb, you will be looking for a lamb that weighs between 50 and 70 pounds, and depending upon the feed, lambs on average will gain roughly one pound per day.

Before purchasing your market lamb make sure that there is adequate space. Lambs can be kept in a dry lot pen, or on pasture. Shelter is also recommended for the animal to be able to escape the elements, if needed. Lambs need to be fed 2 times per day and ample clean water to grow to their potential for show. Getting the lamb ready for show will require the 4-H member to work with their lamb on a regular basis to make sure it is calm and able to be handled for a long period of time.

To ensure that your lamb will be able to be shown at fair, you should monitor your lamb’s weight with a set of scales at two-week intervals throughout the entire feeding period to make sure your lamb is gaining weight for fair requirements. In the White Pine County Fair to be able to sell your lamb the weight should be between 100-140 pounds, and be born after February 15, of the current year. Market lambs must be tagged by July 15 of the exhibiting year. If you are interested in showing a market lamb, please contact Jasmine via email or phone and she can point you in the right direction to get started.

New Clubs Alert!

There are two new project clubs that are on the verge of starting. These clubs are awesome and build upon the diversity of White Pine County!

Legos Club #2!

Leader: Charlotte Lopez and Jennifer Trice
Focus: This project club is different from the one that was featured in last month’s newsletter. This is a club where 4-H members can bring their own Legos to the meeting and work on their projects for fair. During each meeting, members will improve their engineering abilities and work towards their project for fair, while avoiding the last minute mess.

Fees: $0
Age restrictions: 5-19

NOTE: If Cloverbuds participate parents must be present for the whole trip/meeting.

Contact Jasmine for more information

Ambassadors

Leader: Jasmine Shoning
Focus: The White Pine County 4-H Ambassadors have gone through a renovation. 4-H Ambassadors will have unique leadership opportunities to improve their knowledge of 4-H, their public speaking abilities, and community involvement. Ambassadors will help organize 4-H events, promote 4-H, improve communication skills, and recruit new members. Keep an eye out for the applications, they will be coming soon!

Fees: $0
Age restrictions: 11-19

Contact Jasmine for more information
Barn Yard Jokes That Will Make You Squeal!

1. Chickens rise when the rooster crows, but when do ducks get up?
2. What did the farmer call the cow with no milk?
3. What do you call puppies in the snow?
4. What kind of pigs know karate?
5. What did the pony say when it had a sore throat?
6. What is a caterpillar afraid of?
7. What do you get when a chicken lays an egg on top of a barn?
8. What do you call a pampered cow?


Nevada Youth Range Camp

University of Nevada Cooperative Extension and the Nevada Section of the Society for Range Management are now accepting applications for the Nevada Youth Range Camp to be held June 18-24 in central Nevada’s Desatoya Mountains. Applications must be submitted by April 28.

Now in its 57th year, the Nevada Youth Range Camp provides an opportunity for youth ages 14-18 in Nevada and eastern California to learn about Nevada’s desert and mountain rangelands and diverse ecosystems. Campers will stay at the Smith Creek Ranch, which has been recognized for its ecologically responsible approach to livestock management on public lands. While there, campers will learn from range management professionals who are knowledgeable in the ecology and management of the Great Basin’s desert and mountain rangelands.

Campers will learn basic surveying and map reading, identification and the importance of rangeland plants, evaluation of sagebrush and woodland ecosystems, wildlife surveying techniques, evaluation of stream health, and many other topics related to rangelands. Students can also enjoy the wildflowers and green vegetation produced by the Desatoya Mountain Range’s recent snowmelt through outdoor activities, including swimming, fishing, hiking, volleyball, horseshoes, campfires and photography. Interested students must submit an application and a letter of recommendation from an adult other than a parent, relative or sibling. The cost to attend the camp is $200 and includes meals and camp activities. Two applicants from White Pine County will be sponsored to attend the camp by the White Pine Conservation District. Serious applicants must contact Juan Carlos Cervantes, White Pine County Extension Educator, before April 14, first come, first serve.

If you are interested in going to range camp, for more information and to apply, go to nevada.rangelands.org or contact Kathryn Dyer at 775-861-6647 or kdyer@blm.gov. Completed applications with enclosures can be emailed to kdyer@blm.gov, or sent to NV Youth Range Camp, c/o Bureau of Land Management, ATTN: Kathryn Dyer, 1340 Financial Blvd., Reno, NV 89502. Approved applicants will be notified within two weeks of receipt of the application.
Unless stated differently, all meetings are held at the White Pine County Library.

**4-H Events Calendar**

**March**

Mar. 2: Ely Cloverbuds 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 10: Crochet Project Club 4:00 - 5:00 p.m.
Mar. 13: White River Community Club Meeting @ Lund Community Center- 5:30 p.m.
Mar. 14: Legos - 3:40 - 5:00 p.m.
Mar. 14: Sewing -@ St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Mar. 15: Blue Ribbon Community Club Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
Mar. 16: Ely Cloverbuds - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Mar. 18: White Pine 4-H Open House - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Mar. 22: Legos #2 - 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Mar. 25: Painting - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Mar. 28: Legos - 3:40-5:00 p.m.
Mar. 28: Sewing -@ St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Mar. 30: Ely Cloverbuds - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**April**

Apr. 10: White River Community Club Meeting @ Lund Community Center- 5:30 p.m.
Apr. 11: Legos - 3:40 - 5:00 p.m.

Apr. 11: Sewing -@ St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Apr. 12: Legos #2 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Apr. 13: Ely Cloverbuds - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
Apr. 19: Blue Ribbon Community Club Meeting - 5:30 p.m.
Apr. 22: Outdoor Education - 2:00 - 4:00 p.m.
Apr. 25: Legos - 3:40-5:00 p.m.
Apr. 25: Sewing -@ St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church - 4:00 - 6:00 p.m.
Apr. 27: Ely Cloverbuds - 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

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Persons in need of special accommodations or assistance must call or notify Jasmine Shoning 775-293-6597 at least three days prior to the scheduled meeting or event.

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