



Teton County 4-H News

February 2018

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UPCOMING EVENTS

4-H Council Meeting

The 4-H Council meeting will be **February 8 from 6-8 pm at Faith Bible Community Hall in Fairfield**. The final reading of the proposed constitutional revisions and the budget will occur at this meeting. If you would like a copy of the draft constitution contact Jane at jwolery@montana.edu or text 590-2492.

Archery Meetings

Dates: February 5, 12, 19 Time: 5:30 and 7:00 pm

Location: LDS Church, Choteau

You must be signed up for the 4-H Archery program to participate.

Please bring your own bow, if you have one. There will be bows available to use if you do not have one. Please contact Jason Asselstine at 750-1342 for more information.

Camp Counselors Meeting

It's time to start planning a fabulous 4-H camp! If you are 14 or older, you are invited to apply to be a Camp Counselor this year. Camp is scheduled July 16-19 for counselors. The first planning meeting is **Monday, February 12, from 5:00-6:30 pm in the Fairfield Elementary School Library**. Even if you don't know that you can commit to the camp dates right now, we still invite you to help with the planning process. We need your ideas and energy! We will not ask for a firm commitment until early May. We are planning a snack/light meal, so we do need to know if you will be attending on **February 12**. Please text/call Jane (590-2492). Also, if you would like to carpool, contact Jane as well.

Montana 4-H Rec Lab

This event provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication and team building skills in an action-packed and interactive setting. Rec Lab programming is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp and community leader.

Register by February 23 \$100 or March 9 \$115 Rec Lab 2018 will be in Thompson Falls March 23-25

[Click here for more information.](#)

Junior Leadership Camp

Save the date NOW for this year's Junior Leadership Camp! It will be held April 13-15 in Great Falls for youth ages 11-13 and registration is due **March 27**. This is a great opportunity to enhance personal growth and skill building. More information will be coming but for now....save the date!!

WRLF

The Western Regional Leaders' Forum is March 1-5 in San Diego. This valuable and fun learning and networking opportunity is supported by the Montana 4-H Foundation with up to \$500 for each volunteer (for a total of \$5000). [Click here for more information.](#) This is open to certified volunteers and staff.

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WHAT SHOULD YOU BE DOING NOW?

Members:

- Researching Communications Contest options
[Click here for resources](#)
- Completing goals for projects
- Completing a few lessons from the project books you got from your leader or online
- Looking through your previous fair ribbons, rosettes and plaques to see if there are any appropriate to recycle to the Extension Office
- Looking through your previous project books as well to see if any of them can be recycled to the Extension Office

Leaders:

- Inspiring members to compete in the Communications Contest **March 16.** [Click here for resources](#)
- Encouraging members to develop a communication skill at the club level—doing a demonstration, standing and clearly speaking to make a report, learning the proper skills to make a motion, etc. [Click here for resources.](#)
- Working on yearly program plan with club. [Click here for resources.](#)

Families:

- Saving the dates **April 13-14** if you have 4-H members ages 11-13. Junior Leadership Camp is in Great Falls this year!
- Guiding your 4-H member through skills using project books
- Hosting or leading a project meeting

4-H Families

Receiving paper newsletter
can use all links
by viewing the newsletter
online at

www.msueextension.org/teton/4HNewsletter.html

Are You 4-H “Lost”?

We understand that there is A LOT going on—not only in your life—but in the world of 4-H! If you need help understanding what you should be doing when or how to do what...PLEASE contact us at the Extension Office. We are always here for you! We can come to a club meeting to help clarify record books, give suggestions on community service projects or yearly program plans or help you find answers to the questions you have. We have many resources available in our office, so please let us know if we can help.

HALTER BREAKING by Brent Roeder

The winter weather has prevented many of you from starting the **halter breaking** process for your steers and heifers. Here's a pretty good overview of the process from the Judging Connection. While it's not exactly how we did it growing up, it would be a good starting place for a beginner.

The first thing that you want to do when you bring your show steer or heifer home to halter break is to have a pen ready that is about 20' by 30'. It can be a little smaller but wouldn't go much bigger. It must have adequate shade (not a major issue if you live up north) and a good solid place to tie up. Put a nylon halter on the calf and let the lead drag for a couple of weeks while he calms down and gets used to the new surroundings. As he walks and steps on the lead, he will learn how to deal with resistance which will help in the halter breaking process. Start introducing range cubes by putting a handful in his feed bowl at feeding time. Cattle really like them once they get used to the texture. Spend as much time as possible around the pen. Let him get to know you. Go in the pen and clean up manure but not crowding him. Just make your presence known by doing everyday activities near the pen. When you first tie your calf up, make sure you tie him up in a way that you can get to him and untie him quickly if need be. I use a type of slip knot where I can pull one end and he immediately comes untied. Tie him about head high with not much slack, maybe about 8" to 12" of slack in the lead. Never tie with a lot of slack when he can get tangled up. The first time he's tied, only leave him about 30 minutes and stay close by to make sure he doesn't fight the lead too much. You can gradually build up the length of time he is tied. While he is tied, start hand feeding a few range cubes. Once he starts accepting them from your hand, he will really look forward to getting a "treat". Hands-on is very important. When he is tied, use your grooming brushes and brush and rub all over him. They usually like to be rubbed and brushed around the tail head area and under their neck (just watch out if you have a kicker). When you untie him, try walking him. Start taking a few steps around the pen, stop and give a range cube and praise and try a few more steps. Always do this in an enclosed area and never in open ground. If he ever gets away from you, he'll know he can and will continue to try. In most shows, if your project gets away from you three times, you will be excused from the show ring. It's all mental - if he doesn't know he can get away, he won't try. When it is time to turn your steer or heifer calf loose, always let it go "on your terms", never on its terms. Hold onto it, talking softly and try rubbing its head, letting it smell you. Slowly drop the lead.

As the weather gets warmer and days get longer, dedicating a small portion of each day to working with a horse project or other fair animal will pay huge dividends come fair time. If you want some help selecting pigs, lambs, or goats for a fair project, don't hesitate to call the office or ask for help.

Upcoming Workshops...LQA & Tree Pruning

I'm happy to announce that Travis Standley will be conducting a **Livestock Quality Assurance** training on **Easter Monday, April 2nd at 2 pm** for Teton and surrounding county 4-H members. We haven't set a location yet, but plan on attending if possible. Travis will cover the basics and focus on nutrition, but if you have any special topics we need to cover, let me know.

There are numerous nutrition programs offered to 4-H members feeding market and breeding animals. The Extension Office has an application from Fleet Supply for discounts on show feed, supplements and supplies. In the past, both Mountain View Coop and Front Range Supply have allowed 4-H members to purchase feed on an account and pay the bill after the fair when they sell their animal. Kurt Moore at Front Range Supply said they will also be carrying Show-Rite feed from Westfeeds/Hubbard this year and Mountain View Coop will continue to carry their Payback Champion line. Some stores offer deals and others already have the savings for 4-H members built into the price they are charging you, so check with your feed dealer.

If you have an interest in horticulture, Brent Sarchet of Lewis and Clark County, will be conducting an in-depth **fruit tree pruning and grafting workshop** at the Arlene Harris farm west of Fairfield on **Good Friday, March 30th from 10 am till 4 pm**. Many people have read about the benefits of pruning, but few have ever seen the results. The afternoon grafting workshop will be a hands-on program where you can bring a cutting from a favorite old apple tree at home and graft it to a new root stock to get a new young tree.

JOANN



JOANN Fabrics has teamed up with 4-H! This is an exciting 3-year partnership that has the potential to greatly benefit Montana 4-H.

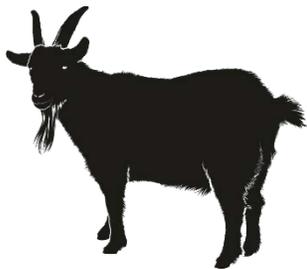
During the month of February, JOANN stores will run a 4-H Paper Clover Campaign. Customers will have the option to purchase a \$1 or \$4 clover, and with the \$4 donation, customers receive \$4 off their next purchase. Montana has seven JOANN stores: Great Falls, Missoula, Butte, Bozeman, Helena, Kalispell, and Billings.

Also, current & lifetime 4-H members, parents of members, volunteers and 4-H staff can save 15% off total in-store and online purchases every day with 4-H Rewards. JOANN will give a minimum of 2.5% of every eligible transaction to 4-H. 4-H Rewards Card: [click here](#)

4-H and JOANN will be hosting a **nation- wide fashion contest** that is open to 4-H'ers ages 14-19. The winner will not only get to tour JOANN Fabric and Craft headquarters, but they will also attend the Kent State Fashion Show April 27-29. This is a big deal!

Montana 4-H has amazingly talented youth that participate in sewing projects. Please pass this information along to any 4-H'er that might be interested: [click here for more information](#)

Official Rules: [click here](#)



4-H GOAT BOOT CAMP

Presented by Cascade County 4-H Livestock Leaders

May 12 at Leardini's 10:00 am

50 Whitetail Lane, Ulm

Clinic Information: Clinicians Perry and Courtney Frank from Standing on the Rock Boer Goats of Missoula will answer goat questions from feeding, marketing, fitting, showing and other topics. 4-H members are encouraged to bring their goats, fitting stands and clippers. If you just have a goat—that's ok! A goat lunch will be provided at noon.

Fee: The fee is **\$5 per 4-H member**. The fee is non-refundable. Registration forms are available from the MSU Extension Teton County and must be received by MSU Extension Cascade County by **May 9 at 4:30 pm**. Please contact Michelle Leardini at 751-4918 or Heather Lewis at 788-8761 with questions.

MARKET SWINE, LAMB AND GOAT DEADLINES

Market Swine is due **APRIL 6**

Market Lambs and Goats are due **APRIL 20**



DOG CLASSES OFFERED

Chouteau County Dog Leaders, Cathy Bessette and Eric & Nicki Dryden (750-1719), have agreed to teach Dog Obedience and Showmanship classes, in Great Falls, this coming spring. Contact Chouteau County 4-H Program Assistant Corrine 622-3751. This is an open invitation to all surrounding 4-H counties. The following classes will be offered based on member interest and dog's ability. Cathy and Nicki will evaluate all dogs to ensure their proper class placement.

- Beginning Obedience
- Showmanship
- Rally Obedience
- Team Training
- Brace Training
- Novice Obedience
- Graduate Obedience
- Open
- Dog Agility



Members interested in taking Dog Obedience or Showmanship Classes will need to sign-up under a separate project number when enrolling in 4-H Dog. **REQUIRED:** A class fee (payable at your Extension Office), a Dog Obedience Registration Form, Proof of DHPP and Rabies vaccinations, a properly fit chain training collar and 6-foot leather leash one week before class start date. Also highly recommended, but optional, is a Bordetella Vaccine. All other specified equipment required will be addressed in class or by contacting Nicki (750-1719) ahead of time. Enrollment forms will be available at your County Extension Office January/February 2018. A syllabus that outlines the All-County Dog Obedience and Showmanship Guidelines for participation can be obtained from your Extension Office upon declaring your Dog Obedience Project. CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED, GET ENROLLED EARLY!

NEW OPPORTUNITIES

Bobcat Den

Montana is one of the most entrepreneurial states, and we are excited to pilot a new program in Montana 4-H. The Bobcat Den is a program to help 4-H youth develop their entrepreneurial skills and move their business ideas forward to the next level of success. Participants will have the opportunity to meet as a group and to connect with small business owners from across the state to develop their ideas and projects. Participants must be willing to travel to attend workshops and be committed to setting and accomplishing their goals. Applications are due by **Friday, February 16**. If you have questions, please contact committee members Roni Baker (256-2828), Nikki Bailey (962-3522), Roubie Younkin (228-6239) or Mandie Reed (632-4728).

Montana Teenpreneur Challenge

Calling all high school 4-H members who run small businesses! [Montana Teenpreneur Challenge](#) is looking to find and reward our state's next generation of business-savvy entrepreneurs. Are you already exhibiting the grit, perseverance, resilience it takes to be successful in business? Are you ready to accept the *Challenge*?

For the time it takes to shoot a short smartphone video and write a summary about your existing business, you could be eligible to share a purse of \$2,500, attend an all-expenses-paid entrepreneurship boot camp, receive professional mentoring, and be recognized for your entrepreneurial spirit at a luncheon with the Governor.

To learn about submission guidelines, judging rubrics, helpful tips, last year's winners, and more...go to our [Montana Teenpreneur Challenge](#) webpage. Act quickly...entry deadline is **February 18**!

CLUB MINUTES

Challenging Champs

Lissy Willekes started the Pledge of Allegiance and Javy Somerfeld started the 4-H Pledge. We answered roll call with what our favorite 4-H project is. Members present: Javy, Jersey and Zane Somerfeld; Lissy and Janessa Willekes; Wyatt Ulsh; Sydney and Casey Simons; Tyler and Amara Bodkins. Zane gave us the Treasurer's Report with a balance of \$2,843.37 in our club account. We re-voted for positions in office. Results: Casey Simons: President; Javy Somerfeld: Vice President; Zane Somerfeld: Treasurer and Lissy Willekes: Secretary.

We decided to call each member of our club a few days before each meeting as a reminder. We're hoping this will increase attendance. We elected Jersey Somerfeld and Janessa Willekes as the 'club callers.' They a list of whom to call. We also decided to have people arrange an activity after each meeting. On January 14th at 5:30 we will have a potluck at the school with Janessa and Lissy Willekes providing the activity. Casey Simons moved to pay the club's 1% assessment fee of \$28.43. Janessa seconded, and motion carried. Everyone was reminded about gym cleaning after home games. It is a great way to help the community! Janessa moved to adjourn the meeting with a second from Amara Bodkins.

Lissy Willekes

Spring Creek

Audrey said the Pledge of Allegiance and Jonathon said the 4-H pledge. Roll call was "say something exciting about the new year." Visitors/New Members: Kohen and Lucy Armstrong, Mr. Paulson, Mr. Armstrong. There were 9 members and 8 adults. Awards: Celia was Star of the Month and Sareena placed at the Speech and Debate meet.

Announcements/Reports and Old Business were discussed. New business: We are in charge of Meat and Greet at the 4-H Fair. Ideas for Service Hours: ask Extension Office of any opportunities. Shovel driveways of snow.

Activity was presented by Jonathan and Celia. The club played Three is Free, a dice game. Next Meeting was announced to be on Feb. 13th at the Library, and will be hosted by the Murnanes. The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 PM.

Ila McDougle, Secretary

Old Agency

Our meeting was on December 21st, 2017, at the bowling alley. Kale led the Pledge of Allegiance and Andrew led the 4-H Pledge. Ellie read the secretary's report. Addi moved to approve the minutes. Dillon seconded it. Motion passed.

Old business including Harley box delivery, caring tree and dues were discussed. Blake moved to approve old business.

Taylor seconded it. Motion passed. Discussed doing Valentine's Day crafts at our next meeting on January 25th, 2018.

Bellamy moved to adjourn meeting. Michaela seconded it. Motion passed.

Ellie Lee

Eager Eagles

The Eager Eagles met November 13, 2017 at Faith Bible Community Hall. Nolan Forseth and Hannah Konen moved to call the meeting to order, and Korbin Pearson lead the club in the pledges. We took roll call and read the minutes from the previous meeting. Jane Wolery's letter about the previous 4-H year was read. Waverly Konen gave the cooking meeting report and Shea Ostberg reported on the Make It With Wool Contest. Kande Yeager reported on the horse meeting and Waverly Konen reported on the corn maze club outing. Kelly DeBruycker gave the Cloverbud report. Old Business: Returned and discussed record books, distributed project books, distributed 2017 Cloverbud certificates, discussed dues, reminders for club meetings and reading *4H News Now*. New Business: discussed Greytak Calendars and Rec Lab. Next, we had a chance to ask questions about 4-H. Jane Wolery told us about the Livestock Committee, enrollment, being "4-H lost", record books, submitting 4-H card designs, and fabric donated to the Extension Office. We had 87 pairs of socks for our service project. Marlene Konen gave a presentation about a trip to Greece and Turkey. Our next meeting is February 12, 2018. Taylie Pearson and Nolan Forseth moved to conclude the meeting.

Prairie Stars

January 8 at the Greenfield School. We started with a potluck dinner at 6:30 pm. Jane Wolery talked about the importance of record books. Jane shared "ART" as a way to set goals. "A" is for Action and describes what you want to do. "R" is for Result and describes what you want when your project is done and "T" is time which is either how much time you spent on your goal or when it needs to be completed. During the regular meeting the cancelled December ice skating party was rescheduled for February 19 from 2-4 pm. The demonstration extravaganza February 16 at 6:00 pm at Greenfield school will feature homemade pies and desserts. Ashley Pearson is Chair of the Demonstration Committee. All members who participate will go to Big Sky Waterslides this summer! The Demonstration Committee met after the regular meeting. Tracie Roeder will call people for judging.

Myles Allen, Reporter



Steer & Heifer Show April 21, 2018 and Lamb, Hog, and Goat Jackpot June 2, 2018 for Jr Showman at the Livestock Pavilion in Great Falls, MT. Over \$5,000 in jackpot money and tons of giveaways!

Please email or call Alena Standley, 406-799-9955, alenas@mfbf.org for an entry form or follow on them on Facebook.



HOSTING OPPORTUNITY

If you or anyone you know is interested in hosting a student from **Costa Rica or Finland** in 2018, the application deadline is **February 19**. Hosting dates for both programs are from **June 26-July 21**. Students are usually about 15-17 years old and associated with their country's 4-H program.

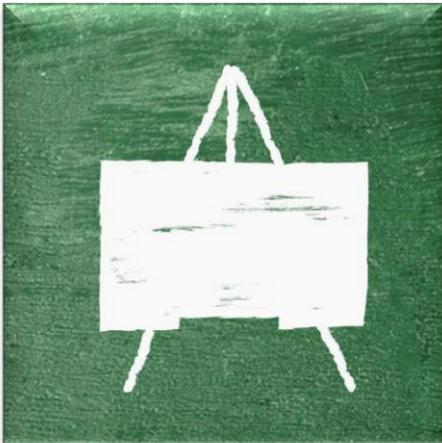
FYI – these groups fly to Washington, D.C. and then to their host states. Because the delegations are small with a single chaperone, the students are not allowed to fly alone to their host state. This means that any state that hosts must have two or more families lined up (per country).

To apply, go to www.states4hexchange.org.

4-H Clover Communications



Speech:
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Demonstrations and
Illustrated Talks



Commercial

SAVE THE DATE!
FRIDAY, MARCH 16

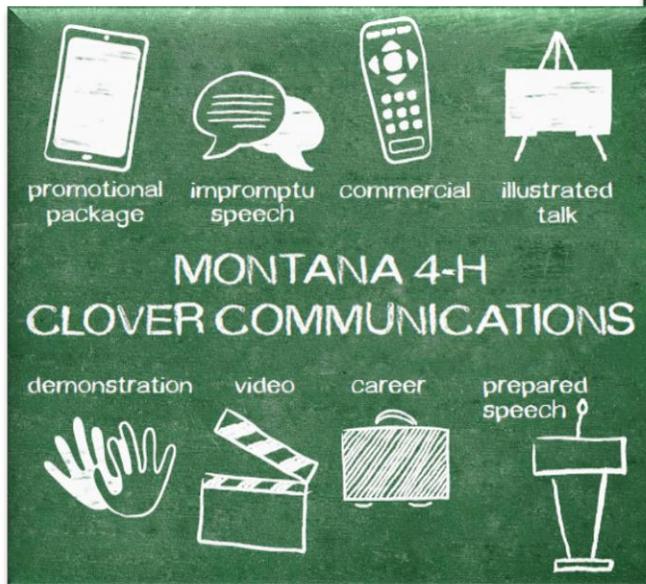
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Register Here

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Contest Tips, Techniques and
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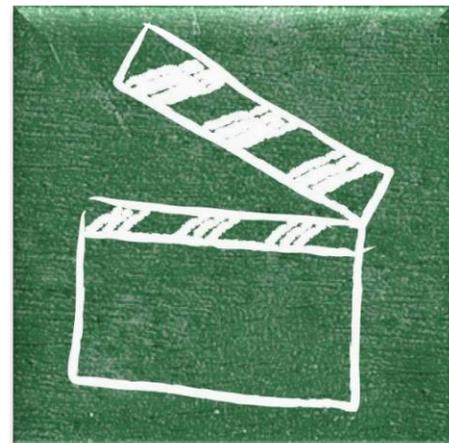
**SHARE IN THE FUN
AND LEARN
IMPORTANT SKILLS!**

If you need assistance preparing, contact:

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Career Communication



Video

PLEASE HELP!

HELP DESIGN 4-H THANK YOU CARDS

We are getting low on Teton County 4-H thank you and general cards. We like to give 4-H members an opportunity to design cards we our stock is getting low.

If you are interested in submitting a design, please review the guidelines below:

1. Size: must fit on 5.5 x 4.25 inches
2. Color: one or two colors (black and 4-H green may be used)
3. Use the official 4-H Clover (guideline for use found [here](#))
4. Use the words Teton County
5. One design should use the words “thank you” and the other can be general



WANTED: 4-H CAMP CO-DIRECTOR

Looking for a way to stay young? Work with teens who are 4-H Camp Counselors to plan a fun-filled, safe, educational 4-H camp! Know you are contributing to leadership skills of youth and stretching your own capabilities. Join Marla Holmquist as a camp director as well as Jane and Brent to provide coaching for one of the most important skill-building events of the 4-H year. Please contact the Extension Office if you are interested.



NEED A LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION?

Jane and Brent are asking that 4-H members needing letters of recommendation to PLEASE allow for enough time for them to think, write, edit and return to you. An email containing the application specifics and the date the recommendation letter is needed would be greatly appreciated. Also, please plan on a week to 10 days for them to process your request. **PLEASE NOTE:** Jane and Brent are unable to provide letters of recommendation for either the Anne Wiprud or Boe Brothers scholarships as they are administered through our office. Also, since both Jane and Brent may have children applying for one or both of those scholarships next year, our office has arranged to not be involved at all with the process at that time. We have asked Wendy Wedum from the MSU Extension Pondera County Office to administer the process next year and to shadow the process this year so she is familiar with it.

ISO: RIBBONS, ROSETTES AND PLAQUES AND PROJECT BOOKS (Oh my!)

In the spirit of “Reuse, Recycle, Reduce” and practicing good stewardship of our monies, the Extension Office is asking our 4-H families to look through previous Fair ribbons, rosettes and plaques and project books for any that can be returned to us for reusing in the future. Thank you!



4-H Council Budget

Each year the 4-H Budget and Audit Committee review past expenses and budget and proposes a budget for the new year. Below is the proposed budget. It was read at the recent council meeting and will receive a second reading at the next council meeting February 8. The meeting will be held from 6-8 pm at the Faith Bible Community Hall in Fairfield.

4H Council Budget	2016-17	2016-17	2017-18
	Proposed	Actual	Proposed
INCOME			
4-H Camp	\$ 2,800.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,500.00
4-H Youth Education and Travel	\$ 900.00	\$1,100.00	\$900.00
Awards	\$ 5,000.00	\$4,900.00	\$5,000.00
Boe Brothers	\$ 10,100.00	\$10,300.00	\$10,500.00
Donations/Memorials	\$ 1,600.00	\$700.00	\$700.00
Dues and 1% Fee	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,400.00	\$1,500.00
Fair Income		\$1,300.00	\$700.00
Financial Fee			
Grant			
Greytak Calendars	\$ 260.00	\$350.00	\$300.00
Interest Income	\$ 40.00	\$15.00	\$0.00
License Fee	\$ 300.00	\$80.00	\$100.00
Livestock Judging Income MAGIE		\$0.00	\$0.00
Buyer's Meat and Greet	\$ 1,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00
Other Inc.		\$580.00	\$0.00
Transfer from Savings			
Total	\$ 24,000.00	\$23,825.00	\$23,200.00
EXPENSES			
Advertising	\$ 1,500.00	\$425.00	\$500.00
Ambassadors	\$ 600.00	\$1,200.00	\$600.00
Awards	\$ 2,500.00	\$2,300.00	\$2,500.00
Camp	\$ 3,500.00	\$3,600.00	\$3,500.00
Donations		\$0.00	\$0.00
Dues and 1% Fee	\$ 1,200.00	\$2,170.00	\$2,200.00
Exchange		\$0.00	\$0.00
Fair	\$ 3,500.00	\$4,300.00	\$3,500.00
Grant Expenses		\$8,700.00	
Greytak Calendars	\$ 260.00	\$450.00	\$350.00
Insurance	\$ 300.00	\$330.00	\$350.00
Judges	\$ 1,000.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,200.00
Livestock Judging Money Used		\$670.00	\$0.00
Buyer's Meat and Greet	\$ 1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00
Youth Travel	\$ 1,000.00		
Office Supplies	\$ 300.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
Other	\$ 250.00	\$130.00	\$200.00
Project Curriculum	\$ 1,500.00	\$2,200.00	\$2,000.00
Volunteer Certification	\$ 450.00	\$102.00	\$500.00
Volunteer Leaders Certification Shooting Sports	\$ 150.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
Youth Education and Travel	\$ 4,000.00	\$3,400.00	\$4,000.00
Total	\$ 23,210.00	\$32,477.00	\$23,100.00

TRIBUTE TO VOLUNTEER EXCELLENCE AWARDS

The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development recognizes individuals from each 4-H District in two award categories. Each county may nominate one volunteer per category. The Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer recognizes individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for 10 or more years. The Volunteer of the Year recognizes individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years. These individuals have made an innovative change or impact in the 4-H program, positively affecting the lives of youth, and creating a standard of excellence that helps motivate others. Each District recipients will receive a plaque and a \$100 cash award for a 4-H program, activity or event of their choice. Two letters of recommendation are required. Recipients serve as the pool to select the Montana 4-H Salute to Excellence nominees. Contact [Meghan Phillippi](#) with any questions.

HALL OF FAME AWARD

The Montana 4-H Foundation honors individuals such as community leaders, alumni, former or current directors or former or current staff for their outstanding lifetime efforts to generate opportunities for 4-H youth by giving, volunteering or community support of 4-H. Recipients will receive an individual plaque as well as be included on an historical plaque with the Montana 4-H Foundation. Recipients will be recognized at the Montana 4-H Leadership Forum with dinner for two and hotel stay. A letter of support from the county 4-H Council or Extension Agent is required. Contact [Sandra Germann](#) with any questions.

OUTSTANDING 4-H ALUMNI

The Montana 4-H Foundation recognizes 4-H alumni who have made a significant impact on 4-H by promoting, supporting and enhancing the benefits of youth and adult involvement in the program or a specific 4-H area. Recipients will receive a plaque and will be honored at the Montana 4-H Leadership Forum with dinner for two and a hotel stay. A letter of support from the county 4-H Council or Extension Agent is required. Contact [Sandra Germann](#) with any questions.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Anne Wiprud Memorial: Due March 30, 2018 **Boe Brothers:** Due March 30, 2018

The Anne Wiprud and the Boe Brothers' Scholarships have been sent directly to 4-H seniors and the county high school counselors. If you have NOT received your applications, please contact the Extension Office or [click here](#).

4-H Foundation

The 4-H Foundation has 22 scholarships available for current and past 4-H members. The application is due **April 1**. One application needs to be completed for all scholarships. Check out the scholarships [here](#).

COMMITTEE NOTES

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE

January 11, 2018 at 5:30pm

Teton County Annex Building

Members Present:

Danelle Crary, Brent Roeder, Clayton Forseth, Terry Stephens, Colton Stephens, Ashle Morris and Karen Forseth.
Meeting was called to order at 5:40pm at the County Annex Building by Danelle Crary.

Minutes:

Minutes from previous meeting were moved to be approved by Terry. Ashle seconded.
Motion approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Current Balance of \$7,375.56 in Account. Check written to Front Range Supply for Ear tags: \$72.40. Beef assessments of \$2,160 was received but not deposited yet.

Old Business:

1. Brent working with local FFA Chapters to work on a pig alleyway. Not likely to be started until later in the spring.
2. Six large bales of flax hay will be chopped and available for livestock show animals. Flax hay is to be more absorbent and much cheaper. 10 bags of regular shavings will be purchased for use in sale ring.
2. Ryan Perry will be asked back to auctioneer for the 2018 Livestock Sale.
3. Brent is still trying to contact Seth Keas or Riley McKenney for a large animal judge.
4. Carcass awards will be combined into Bill Richter Memorial awards.
5. Livestock possession dates and fees:
 - Market Beef: Date was moved to January 8th due to bad weather on 2nd. \$80. 25 assessments were collected.
 - Market Swine: April 6. \$60
 - Market Sheep: April 20. \$40
 - Market Goat: April 20. \$40
 - Breeding Animals: Late May. \$10/species
6. Processing/Hauling/Judging/Back Hauling:
 - No definite decisions made at this point. Considering: Beef to Christiaens in Valier, Swine to VandeVanter's, Lamb/goat to Larson's in Power.

New Business:

LQA:

April 2, 2018 at 2:00 pm will be the date for this year's LQA training. Location and content will be determined later.

MAGIE:

Nolan Forseth and Nicholas Konen are signed up for KMON livestock judging. There was some discussion about starting a meats team for next year. Practices would begin on September 16, 2018.

Next Meeting:

March 26, 2018 at 5:30pm at the Courthouse Annex

Meeting adjourned at 6:23 pm

COMMITTEE MINUTES

AWARDS COMMITTEE

The Teton County 4-H Awards Committee met January 18, 2018 at the Cozy Corner Cafe in Fairfield. The meeting was called to order at 6:15pm. Those present were Craig and Quincy Holmquist, Danelle Crary, Tracie and Caroline Roeder, and Extension Agents Jane Wolery and Brent Roeder.

Donation Letter

The annual donation letter was discussed. It was agreed that a fresh look to the letter would be beneficial. Jane stated the Extension Office wants to add a sheet explaining for what the donation monies are used. Extension would pay to include the sheet and that would be noted on the bottom of the letter. The Committee decided the added sheet would be beneficial, but only put it in every few years. Brent added that promotion of our programs is useful, especially with MSU Extension starting to make cuts. The clover designations for awards donations is working well. Previously, sponsor names were individually written on rosettes/trophies which was very time-consuming. It also removed the ability of reusing them. When the process was changed, donations increased. Jane noted another county had similar results. Most donations in Teton County are either in the \$100 or \$25 range. Ribbons and trophies that are in good condition are currently being reused. A solicitation is going out to the 4-H membership to turn their ribbons in and they will be reused. This helps with Awards budget.

Donor List

Clubs and individuals are encouraged to submit names of potential businesses or individuals to the Extension Office so they can be added to the Donor list.

Award Selection

The motion "to keep the awards budget as is at \$5000 with the option to increase awards across all (93) top award winners." from the previous Awards Committee meeting was used to direct the award selection. If the top award value were raised to \$35/award instead of the current \$20, an additional \$1620 would need to be raised. A custom medallion made in Lewistown was presented for consideration. They are a quality metal cutout costing \$5-\$10 depending on the size and detail. They would be considered a keepsake/heirloom award. A photo luggage tag was also presented for consideration at a cost of around \$5. Other ideas were to build credits until the member wanted to redeem them, engraved glasses and uncirculated silver dollars. Data shows that the 4-H chair has been the most popular award. Brent reminded the group that an important consideration is the sustainability of the awards program from year to year. Rosettes will continue to be awarded and they cost around \$2 each. After much discussion, the Committee decided that the medallions would offer a personalized award with the year included on them. Any extras could be sold or used in another award capacity during the year. The Committee also thought that chairs would be a good option as they could easily be embroidered by families to personalize them. The other award that seemed appropriate was a photo plaque. An engraved plate on the bottom would state "Teton County 4-H Fair Champion" and no year would be put on it. The photo could then have the year and other information to personalize it. The final option would be a \$20 gift card for Teton County. The possibility of getting businesses to donate a \$20 gift card was briefly discussed. This would defeat the purpose of the award process as Awards Committee wants donors to donate to the award pool. Quincy moved to have dated medallions plus a rosette for all 93 top awards. All 93 top award winners will also choose from a photo plaque, 4-H chair, or \$20 gift card. This will begin with the 2018 Fair. Tracie seconded. Motion passed unanimously. Jane will design the medallions and determine if 93 will be ordered or less depending on fair entries. Jane will see if Black Sheep can order any of the awards, otherwise they will be ordered from 4-H catalogs. The \$20 Teton County gift cards will be acquired at First Security Bank. Once a final award list and cost has been determined, it will be taken to Council for approval.

Award Guidelines Subcommittee

It was agreed that award guidelines should be established. Jane and Danelle volunteered to create guidelines to present to the Awards Committee at the fall meeting.

Other

The silent auction at the fair was discussed. It has not been successful and will not continue. The Fair Committee had stipulated a three-year trial and if unsuccessful, it would be discontinued. Tracie noted that another county allows the division winners to sell their item during the Livestock Auction. It is a good opportunity for non-livestock members and it gives buyers the chance to purchase something of a potentially lower value than a steer. Brent indicated that it would need to be taken up with the Livestock Committee.

PLEASE SUBMIT!

4-H families: We are trying to increase our Fair sponsorships this year. Please think about people who may want to contribute to our program and send their names and mailing addresses to the Extension Office (teton@montana.edu) by **April 1**. Also think about businesses you frequent who could also be invited to support our programs. Thank you!



4-H Market Hog Giveaway Program

Sponsored by Habets Show Pigs of Conrad.

One show quality market hog will be awarded to a 4-H member enrolled in the market swine project for the 2017-18 4-H project year. Selection will be based upon the 4-H member's ability to provide and care for the animal and their willingness to participate in the 4-H market swine program. To be eligible, all application forms must be completed and **postmarked by February 20, 2018**. Application forms must be signed by both parents/guardians to be considered. The successful applicant will be notified and must make arrangements to pick up the market hog by March 16, 2018. Requirements and applications can be obtained by contacting Habets Show Pigs at 278-9154 or 289-0054 or on Facebook at Habets Show Pigs.



HI-LINE SHOW PIGS

*Yorkshire *Berkshire *Hampshire
*Duroc *Exotic

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March 25

Havre Bigger Better Barn

11 am Preview

12 pm FREE lunch

1 pm Sale

Teri Horinek Hingham, MT
406-397-3332 or 406-390-4028

February 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Upcoming Events
				1 People Partner Grant due	2	3	February 1 People Partner Grant due 5 Archery Meetings 6 Air Rifle 8 4-H Council Meeting 12 Archery Mtgs/Camp Counselor Mtg 13 Air Rifle Advanced Training 16 Bobcat Den applications due 18 Mt. Teenpreneur Challenge due 19 Office Closed /Archery Meetings 20 Habets Market Hog deadline/Air Rifle Adv Training 23 Rec Lab registration due 27 Air Rifle Advanced Training
4	5 Archery	6 Air Rifle	7	8 Council Mtg 6-8 pm	9	10	March 2 Late Rec Lab registration 16 Communication Day 23-25 Rec Lab: Thompson Falls Livestock Committee Mtg 26 Jr Leadership Camp registration due 27 Boe Brothers/Anne Wiprud Scholarships due/Pruning Workshop
11	12 Camp Counselor Mtg Archery	13 Air Rifle Advanced Training	14	15	16 Bobcat Den Applications due	17	April 1 4-H Foundation Scholarships due /Suggested Fair donors due 2 LQA Training 6 Market Swine papers due 7-12 National 4-H Conference 20 Market Sheep/Goat papers due
18 Mt Teenpreneur Challenge due	19 OFFICE CLOSED Archery	20 Habets Hog Give- away Deadline Air Rifle Advanced Training	21	22	23 Rec Lab registration due	24	May 1 State 4-H Awards due 12 4-H Goat Boot Camp
25	26	27 Air Rifle Advanced Training	28				June 9-16 Citizenship Washington Focus 18-24 Teton County 4-H Fair July 10-13 4-H Congress 17-19 4-H Camp



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