



Teton County 4-H News



March 2018



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UPCOMING EVENTS

Livestock Committee Meeting

The Livestock Committee meeting will be **March 26 at 5:30 pm in the Courthouse Annex in Choteau.**

Camp Counselors Meeting

Are you 14 or older? Would you like to help plan camp and serve as a camp counselor? We had our first meeting on Monday, February 12 and developed a planning task list and timeline. Attending the meeting were Kwin Briscoe, Justin Forseth, Nicholas Konen, Conner Klick, Kasey Simons, Daniel Asselstine, Zane Somerfeld, Luke Ostberg, Caroline Roeder, Quincy Holmquist, Hanna Antonsen and adults Marla Holmquist, Lynda Allen, Brent Roeder, Karen Forseth and Jane Wolery.

The next meeting will be in a NEW location – **Greenfield School, on Tuesday, March 6 from 5-6:30 p.m.** Light snacks will be provided. Bring well-developed theme ideas! Camp for counselors is July 16-19. There will be monthly planning meetings and a 24+-hour leadership retreat in early June.

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4-H members grades 6-8 are invited to attend the GROW camp, *formally known as Junior Leadership Camp (JLC)*. Making the best better, GROW will offer various workshops on things like parliamentary procedures, time management, communications, leadership and community service. There will be lots of fun games, including a scavenger hunt! The dates are Friday, April 13 and Saturday, April 14 in Great Falls. Registration runs **March 1- 23** and cost is \$45. Late registration is due **March 30** and cost is \$90. Registration information will be sent by email to all grade 6-8 4-H members and is available in this newsletter. Lodging and most meals are provided with your registration. If you have any questions about the GROW agenda, please call Jane or Brent at 466-2491.

Montana 4-H Rec Lab: **Late Registration due March 9!!**

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.

March 9 \$115 Thompson Falls March 23-25 [See more information on page 4!!](#)

LQA

Travis Standley will conduct annual Livestock Quality Assurance training on **April 2** for Teton and surrounding county 4-H members. He will cover the basics and focus on nutrition. If you have special topics you want to be covered, please let Brent know (466-2491). **Location to be determined.**

WHAT SHOULD YOU BE DOING NOW?

Members:

- Polishing your Communications Day presentations
[Click here for resources](#)
- Completing goals for projects
- Completing lessons from the project books you got from your leader or online
- Updating your record book
- Make a list of entries you want to work on between now and fair
- Look at the calendar for upcoming events
- April** is True Leaders in Service month. The Ambassador Officer team has chosen Books for Africa as the state-wide service project.
[Click here for more information](#)

Leaders:

- Helping members prepare their entries for Communications Day **March 16**. [Click here for resources](#)
- Encouraging older members with appropriate skills to mentor younger or less skilled members with their Communication Day projects. [Click here for resources.](#)
- Working on yearly program plan with club. [Click here for resources.](#)
- Training officers and members in parliamentary procedure. [Click here for resources.](#)

Families:

- Saving the dates **April 13-14** if you have 4-H members grades 6-8. GROW Camp (formerly 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

NEW!!

Record books are now due
AUGUST 15
from ALL members!

CHANGES IN MARKET ANIMAL PROCESSING

Below is a letter that Brent sent to processors in February. We've included it here so that livestock members are also informed of changes in processing.

Subject: Harvesting 2018 Teton County Fair Market Animals

Date: February 16, 2018

To: Vandevanter Meats
Christiaens Meats
Benchland Processing
Hart's Custom
Jake's Sausage Shop
Butcher Block
L & M Lockers

From: Teton County 4-H Livestock Committee
MSU Extension Teton County

Subject: 2018 Teton County Fair

Another year has come and gone and we're already deep into planning the first 4-H fair in the state. The dates for the Teton County 4-H Fair will be June 21-23. The youth livestock sale will be on Saturday, June 23. In the past, animals have all been trucked to Vandevanters in Columbia Falls on Sunday. In recent years, we have not back hauled beef to local processors because we lack the labor and equipment. At the request of numerous supporters of our 4-H market animal sale, only pigs and goats will be shipped to Vandevanters this year. Steers will be processed at Christiaens Meats in Valier and lambs at Benchland Processing in Fairfield. This creates the following issues that need to be addressed:

- 1) Coordinating three sets of trailers that are hauling four species going to three locations.
- 2) Judging carcasses on all the species will take some coordination.
- 3) The 4-H program will not be back hauling carcasses for food safety and liability reasons. Processors will need to arrange pick-up of carcasses.
- 4) We will collect kill fees from the buyers at the time of the sale to avoid complications.

While these changes will create more work for everyone post sale, we hope the buyers will appreciate the extra effort we're making on their behalf and the youth of our county. Please feel free to call me with questions or concerns regarding these changes. As we get closer, I'll get firm dates from the harvesters on when carcasses will be ready for pick up.

Brent Roeder

TREE PRUNING AND GRAFTING WORKSHOP

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.

FOR THE RECORD by Jane Wolery

NEW, NEW and MATTERS to YOU!

The 4-H Council approved the record book committee's recommendation that ALL Teton County 4-H Record Books are **DUE** on **AUGUST 15**. (In the event or year that August 15 falls on a weekend, records will be due the first following weekday.) The reasons for this are many, but you can think of it as a gift to you, the 4-H member and family. You can begin your school year without needing to still complete record books. Remember that to show, sell or exhibit in the following year's fair, you **MUST** meet this new deadline.

At the beginning of March, we are five months into the 4-H year. If you have not started your record books already, you should schedule a time to sit down *this weekend* and bring them up-to-date. Record books can either be started on October 1 of each year or as soon as you have anything new to record after submitting your record books on August 15.

After many years of record book experience, not only as a 4-H member myself, but as a leader, Extension Agent and parent, I have some suggestions:

1. In August, September or October (as soon as you know which projects you are taking for the coming year): Print copies of the record book forms you need. These include:

- ✿ My 4-H Year
- ✿ Non-Animal Project Form (one for each non-animal project)
- ✿ Animal Project Form
- ✿ Record Book Completion Checklist

All of these forms can be printed from our website: <http://msuextension.org/teton/4HRecordBook.html>

2. Between August 15 and October 15: You need to write three goals for your 4-H year and three goals for each project you are taking.

The ART of Setting Goals

- ▶ **Action** I want to train
- ▶ **Result** my 4-H heifer to lead
- ▶ **Time** by the end of March



3. Keep your records in a binder or on a clipboard, perhaps near where your family pays its bills monthly. Use these records as a "sloppy copy" and after each club meeting or project meeting, jot down some quick notes about what you did, what you learned, and update your 4-H Year record.

4. Time management: update your record book monthly at the same time as your parents pay bills or set aside a set time every month (for example: the first Saturday of every month) to update records. If you want update less often (which makes details more difficult to remember) update your record book on every major holiday that public school is recessed. Generally students do not have homework to do over those vacations, so it can be an ideal time free of other similar tasks.

REC LAB INFORMATION

County Agents, Leaders and Ambassadors from District 1 look forward to hosting the **2018 Montana 4-H Rec Lab, "The Magic of 4-H" in Thompson Falls March 23 - 25, 2018**. 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. Montana 4-H Rec Lab is open to youth 13 years of age or older as of October 1, 2017. [Registration information can be found here.](#)

The District 1 2018 Rec Lab Committee has partnered with the **Thompson River Animal Care Shelter (TRACS)** for this year's Community Service Project. Animal care facilities across the state of Montana often have needs that 4-H can assist with and provide positive youth development opportunities. Most shelters operate as non-profits and rely on donations from their communities to meet the needs of the animals they care for. During the community service time at Rec Lab this year, TRACS will present information on the many ways 4-H can assist animal care facilities in their home communities AND, depending upon availability, bring some animals out and about for socialization with the 4-H youth and volunteers in attendance.

We are asking attendees to review the list of items needed by the Thompson River Animal Care Shelter and consider bringing any of the items listed to Rec Lab. These items will be donated to TRACS to meet some of their current material needs. [Community service FLYER can be found here.](#)

Questions concerning the 2018 4-H Rec Lab Community Service Project can be directed to Dave Brink at the Mineral County MSU Extension Office, (406) 822-3545, or email dbrink@montana.edu.

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!



ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!

Record books are due

AUGUST 15

from ALL members!!

JOANN



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](#)

Also, 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 member that might be interested: [click here for more information](#)

Official Rules: [click here](#)

MARKET SWINE, LAMB AND GOAT DEADLINES

Market Swine is due **APRIL 6**

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

(We are hoping to have a portable weigh scale available for check-out SOON!)



SWINE PROJECT RESOURCES

The new MSU Agriculture & Natural Resources 4-H Specialist, Renée Gebault King, shared these resources:

- [Show Pig 101](#) by Mark Hoge, @ \$60 (valuable info, even if the fashion and hairstyles are a little outdated!)
- Idaho 4-H Swine Showmanship <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=22e-p02oH08> (Idaho 4-H has other species-specific showmanship videos on YouTube, too)
- Showmanship Q&A <http://extension.wsu.edu/wallawalla/wp-content/uploads/sites/26/2013/07/Swine-Fitting-Showing-Questions.pdf>
- NDSU video on YouTube https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bbhez_qS21s&t=216s
- Sure Champ videos (note separate tabs for beef, swine); Make Your Own Luck DVD also available to purchase @ \$10 <http://surechamp.com/preptowinvideos/>
- Purina Mills online collection <https://www.purinamills.com/education/show-feed>

General swine resources:

- PIGEducate.com Site of Dr. Dave Madsen, former Purdue University vet who now lives/works in Montana (fee to subscribe on monthly or annual basis)
- SwineResources.com Site of Dr. Don Sanders, former Ohio State vet; book and DVD available (\$37)
- The [Ohio State Swine Resource Manual](#) is full of good info

CLUB MINUTES

Challenging Champs

Janessa Willekes started off the meeting with the American Pledge. Wyatt Ulsh continued with the 4-H Pledge. Roll call response was which chore you don't mind doing around the house. Treasurer, Zane Somerfeld, reported we have a fee of \$164.00 to be paid out of our \$2,783.78 account. Janessa Willekes and Amara Bodkins moved to pay this bill. Lissy Willekes read the minutes of the last meeting. Zane Somerfeld and Janessa Willekes moved to accept the minutes as read. Jersey Somerfeld gave a report on her quilting project. Casey Simons gave a report on his Beef Project and stated it is going quite well. Janessa Willekes also gave a report on her steer. There was no old business to discuss. We discussed changing our club's by-laws. This was moved and seconded by Sydney Simons and Janessa Willekes. The club leaders mentioned livestock judging and the steps needed to participate. February 11 is our next meeting at our usual 5:30 time. Jersey Somerfeld will present the club activity. Janessa Willekes and Tyler Ellsworth moved to adjourn the meeting.

Lissy Willekes, Secretary

Old Agency

February 19th, 2018, Old Agency met at the Choteau Schools' cafeteria. There were 8 adults and 19 members present. Ellie read the secretary's report. Andrew moved to approve the minutes. Kale seconded it. Motion passed. Claire reported on giving the Valentines we made to the nursing home.

Old business: Dues are due April 1 - after that they will double. Shrimp peel is on April 7. We should arrive at 5:30. Communication Day is March 16. The deadline for registration is March 10. Taylor discussed with other clubs the status of the Fireworks Fundraiser. Because we are the largest club, we will probably provide food. Livestock Quality Assurance training is on Monday, April 2 at 2 pm. First timers entering a market animal in the fair are required to take this class! Natalie, Claire, and Addi gave a demonstration on how to make slime. Each showed a different method and received positive feedback. The shooting sports contact is Brian Bedford at 590-9092. Project questions contact Kande Yeager at 899-2008. Daniel moved to adjourn the meeting. Bellamy seconded. Motion passed. Snacks provided by Cathy Campbell.

Ellie Lee, Secretary

HOST A JAPANESE 4-H MEMBER

There are several Japanese 4-H members looking for host families for July 22-August 17. To apply, families can go to <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/> or contact Stephanie Davison, Coordinator of Citizenship, Sustainable Communities and International Programs at MSU, <mailto:sdavison@montana.edu>. The Japanese 4-H members range in age from 12-14 year old and have a variety of interests. The Extension Office has a list of the Japanese members with their names, ages, gender, interests and any allergies they may have. You do NOT need to have children in your home or be a 4-H family to host an international 4-H member.



Leaders' College

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR ALL 4-H VOLUNTEER LEADERS, WHETHER NEW OR EXPERIENCED.

THE SKILLS AND UNDERSTANDING GAINED WILL BENEFIT YOU AS YOU WORK WITH THE YOUTH IN YOUR 4-H PROGRAM.

LEVEL 1

MARCH 24 | THOMPSON FALLS
9:00 AM - 3:15 PM | \$10 Reg. Fee
Click here to REGISTER (reg by March 11)

- POSITIVE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT (PYD)
- MODELS OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT
- EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING
- ESSENTIAL PROGRAM ELEMENTS
- STAGES OF DEVELOPMENT

LEVEL 2

April 28 | RONAN | 9:00 AM -4:00 PM
Additional registration info will be available at Level 1 training

- ESSENTIAL ELEMENTS REVIEW
- STATUS & POWER
- YOUTH/ADULT PARTNERSHIPS
- LEADERSHIP STYLES
- VIBRANT YOUTH GROUPS
- COMMUNICATION & RELATIONSHIPS
- 4-H RECOGNITION MODEL



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. Because 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.

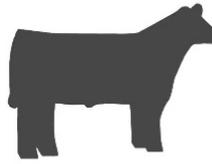
ISO: RIBBONS, ROSETTES AND PLAQUES AND PROJECT BOOKS (Oh my!)

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!



2018 Spring Fling Jr Beef Show

March 17, 2018
Blue Ribbon Pavilion
Deer Lodge, MT



Belt Buckles awarded in every division plus
other awards

Local Class for the Tri-County Steers and Heifers

Ranch Class for steers with no club influence (must have signed
affidavit from producer with entry form)

4 divisions of Showmanship

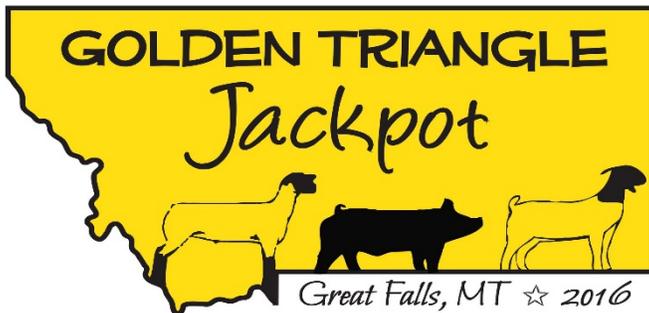
Entry Fee: \$25 per animal and \$10 for showmanship.

Look for entry forms and more information late January 2018.

For more information contact:

Jodi Pauley 406-560-5966 or Nicole Blubaugh 406-240-3288

*Sponsors include: CHS, Storey Hereford Ranch, Giddy Up Tack, Solo
Show Stock, Pintlar Show Stock, Hidden Meadow Ranch and
Peoples Bank of Deer Lodge*



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.



HI-LINE SHOW PIGS

*Yorkshire *Berkshire *Hampshire
*Duroc *Exotic

S*A*L*E S*A*L*E S*A*L*E S*A*L*E

March 25 11 am Preview 12 pm FREE lunch 1 pm Sale

Havre Bigger Better Barn

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

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](#).



April 13-14, 2018
Great Falls, MT
For youth in grades 6, 7 and 8

Name (as it will appear on name tag): _____

Cell Phone: _____ Email: _____

Parent or Guardian Name and Primary Phone: _____

Chaperone (all 4-H members must list a chaperone):

Chaperones must accompany youth, be 21 or older and be a certified 4-H volunteer.

Cost:

__Registration (March 1-23, 2018)	\$45.00
__Late Registration (March 24-30, 2018)	\$90.00
Total	\$_____

Other Information

Dietary and Allergy Information:

Please explain any allergy or dietary accommodations you need: _____

Do you need other accommodations? Please explain: _____

**Registration (check-in) will be 5:30-6:00 P.M. on Friday, April 13, 2018. Eat before arriving!
Camp will conclude on Saturday, April 14, 2018, at 5:00 p.m.**

Transportation to and from camp is up to individual campers unless your county has made other arrangements. Participants will be sleeping at KOA. A bus has been arranged for evening and morning transport to and from MSU Extension Cascade County and KOA. You will need to bring sleeping bag, pillow, personal toiletries, swimsuits (may possibly have hot tubs available) and casual clothing.

Each participant will receive a confirmation letter along with directions following the registration deadline.

The letter will be sent to your email address if you have provided one; otherwise, it will be sent through the mail.

Meals provided:

Saturday Breakfast and Saturday Lunch and snacks each day.

Registration Checklist March 1-23, late registration (fees double) March 24-30:

- Registration**-completed on 4HOnline or paper copy
- Registration fee**-\$45 per participant March 1-23 or \$90 March 24-30
- Check made payable to **Junior Leadership Camp**
- Medical release form** for each youth and adult participant

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