



Upcoming Events & Information

4-H Council Meeting

The Teton County 4-H Council meets quarterly in various locations throughout the county to conduct business related to 4-H. Any enrolled member or leader is invited and encouraged to attend. The meetings are from 6:30-8:30 p.m. and are scheduled according to the best fit of date for those who respond to a meeting poll. At least one leader and member for each club are encouraged to attend.

Please select all dates that you can attend a meeting in the meeting poll at the following link.

<http://www.doodle.com/pv2adb4gw4he5ig8>

CloverKids

Attention all Teton County Cloverbuds! We invite all Teton County Cloverbuds (registered 4-H members between the ages of 5-7) and a parent/adult to come join us in a night filled with learning and activities based on the four "F's" in 4-H: Fun, Friends, Food, and the Fair.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, **December 13, from 6-7 pm at Jennifer Asselstine's home** (4223 N Hwy 89-6th house on east side of road past Stage Stop Inn.). If you are planning on joining us, need directions or have questions please call Carolyn Major @ 466-3553, Jen Asselstine @ 466-3280 or the Extension Office by **December 11**. **Meetings are being hosted in various parts of the county, based on volunteers hosting.**

A New 4-H Year

Enrollment materials have been distributed to organizational leaders. **Organizational leaders need to submit a list of members who have completed their record books as soon as possible.**

If you have unused 4-H literature, please return it to the office, so that we can reuse it.

Market Beef Paperwork, Fees and Photos Due

Market beef paperwork, fees and photos of the animal with the tag in its ear are due **January 6, 2012**. Paperwork and tags will be sent out the first week of December.

New this Year for County Presentation Day

County presentation day (demonstrations and illustrated talks) will be held on **Saturday, March 31**. If you are interested in learning a great life skill of organizing your thoughts and presenting them to others, please contact Jane at the Extension Office for more information. We are happy to provide educational sessions for groups, families or individuals as they prepare a demonstration or illustrated talk.

Newly Elected 4-H Officers

Are you the new president, vice president, treasurer, secretary or reporter for your 4-H club? Want to know how to do your job? If so, make an appointment with Jane Wolery at the Extension Office to receive individual officer training. Appointments can be scheduled at times and locations convenient to 4-H members. Jane is also willing to attend club meetings to talk about the responsibilities of each officer.

4-H Fun Day!

We are in the process of planning a 4-H Fun Day in **Power on December 21** starting at noon and one in **Fairfield on December 22** starting at noon. We would be happy to have older 4-H members involved in planning or teaching. Adults are invited to plan or teach as well. Please call us if you are interested and watch your mail for more information on 4-H Fun Days in December.

Greytak Calendars Available

Greytak calendars are available for purchase. The calendars cost \$10 and a portion of the sales goes directly to Teton County 4-H.

People Partner Grant

This grant provides financial support for programs that enhance quality of living for community members. Applications are due **February 1**. For more information visit www.montana4h.org/#program:31

Rec Lab

This event will be held in Lewistown on **March 16-18, 2012**. Transportation may be available. Watch for details.

Teton County 4-H News

Eager Eagles Club News

The Eager Eagles called their second meeting to order on November 14th at 7:10 pm. Pledges were given and roll call was taken. Reports from the cooking and exchange groups were given. We then discussed dues and enrollment. If you haven't paid your dues (\$5.00 per member) yet, please make sure to do so soon. You can pay Joy, Tammy, or Heather Sand. We also talked about going to the nursing home in Choteau to sing Christmas carols on Dec. 4th at 2pm. We also decided on our club Christmas project. This year we are going to donate presents to the kids at the rescue mission. It was also mentioned that every year they always have a shortage of presents for teenage kids. Our annual bake sale fundraiser will be on **December 3rd from 9 am-3 pm at the Fairfield Community Hall**. It is asked that each club member bring 3 items. We then discussed a fun activity to do the month of January. We voted to go bowling in Choteau on either the 15th or 22nd. Skyler is going to call to make arrangements. The meeting was adjourned at 7:41pm. Our next meeting will be on **January 9th at 7pm at the Fairfield School cafeteria**. -Andrew Hicks - reporter

Old Agency 4-H Meeting Minutes

The Old Agency meeting was called to order by Jena Sinton, President on November 15, 2011 at 4 p.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Church.

Members present: Jena Sinton, Susan Heuscher, Ashley Christian, Delaynie Beadle, Alisha Breen, Hannah Antonsen, Michaela Gunderson, Katelyn Antonsen, Bellamy Beadle, Taylor Asselstine, Katie Major, Rebecca Major, Elsay Bechtold, Wilbur Bechtold, Daniel Asselstine, and Liam Breen.

Liam led the American pledge. Susan led the 4-H pledge. Our roll call was "What are your favorite winter activities?" Minutes were not read from the last meeting, as the secretary wasn't present. We had \$2564.93 in our treasury. It was also reported that books were reviewed by the Extension Office for the year. We spent \$150 on baskets for the Pals of the Pavilion. The one that the older members put together had a saucer chair, a Snuggie, a journal, a book light, and bookmarks. The basket by the younger members had a globe donated by Betty Ann Wolery, a book light, bookmarks, a collection of eight Classic Starts book, a blanket, and Bobby the bookworm.

We decided that we would do 4 Caring Tree tags – one older boy and girl, and one younger boy and girl. We will meet to buy the items on December 3 (Christmas stroll) at noon at the Choteau Trading Post. We will spend up to two hundred dollars on the tags total. Jane Wolery brought up the

topic that every year when they have the free movie at the Roxy people just leave their trash and mess. We talked about asking Sue Schilling if Old Agency 4-H Club could be a help to pick that up and be a role model for the people who go to the movie. Michaela volunteered to ask Sue if it would be okay for us to help.

We discussed if we should keep our contract on Adopt -a-Highway and it came out as a yes. The section of the highway we have is from the Stage Stop Inn and two miles north of town.

We decided that we would do a secret Santa gift giving this year and would have our Christmas party at the bowling alley. Ashley Christian volunteered to contact the Alley Cat to see about dates. Secret Santas will take place from December 10-21 and the gift for the party will have a limit of \$7. We are still deciding on a date for a winter fun day such as going snowshoeing or sledding.

Clover Class options were announced and there will also be a project day on Wednesday 23 of November.

We ended our meeting with elections. Alisha was elected president, Daniel was elected vice president, Jena was elected treasurer, Elsa, Wilbur, Becca, Hanna, Katelyn, and Ashley will share the reporter position and Michaela and Delaynie will share the secretary job. We will have our next meeting in December. -Submitted by Delaynie Beadle

Challenging Champs Club News

The Challenging Champs 4-H Club met at 9:00 am on Friday October 28, in front of the Power School to go and clean the highway. There were 16 members, 4 leaders and 2 parents helping. When we were done we met in the Home Ec Room for a pizza party. We held our November meeting then. We discussed the County Presentation Day on March 31, 2012 and are encouraged to do a demonstration this year and going to the event. The Cloverbud Program is getting together every month, our Cloverbuds are welcome to go but we feel we have a good program in Power. We will be Trick or Treating for food for the Teton County Food Pantry on Halloween Night. We are to drop off the food at the Power Ambulance Barn to be taken to Choteau. It is the Jones Family's month for recycling. Our Christmas Party is on **Dec. 7 at 6:30 at the Community Hall**. Everyone needs to bring a potluck dish. Our club wants to do the Caring Tree tags again this year. Each family wants one or two tags. Our club will help with the crafts at the Scholarship Dinner/Tree Lighting Santa's Workshop on November 27 at the Community Hall. The Challenging Champs are looking into making a "Welcome to Power" sign by the 4-H Club. Jane Wolery is offering a workshop for new club officers, we need to contact her if we are interested. Our 4-H Activity Posters we made last month and put up for National 4-H Week were a success. Our next meeting will be our Christmas Party.

Respectfully submitted by Javy Somerfeld, secretary

4-H Livestock Opportunities & Club Information

Teton County Shooting Sports

Air rifle and air pistol shooting nights are underway! We started our shooting nights on Nov. 29. We will shoot **Dec. 6 and Dec. 13**, then take a break for Christmas. We start back up on **Tuesday, January 17** and run for seven weeks. Shooting is every Tuesday night. If you're interested in participating, contact Mark at the Extension office.

Cowboy Action Shooting

Cowboy Action shooters! We are planning to do a long range shoot over Christmas break. I am currently trying to get one of the long range shooters from the Sun River Rangers (adult club) to host this. Details will follow soon! Have a great month!

Golden Triangle Preview Jackpot

The feeder show will be held in Great Falls on **April 28, 2012**. It is open to 4-H and FFA members. Stay tuned for more information.

Fairfield Days Gone By

The Fairfield Days Gone By celebration has been set for **June 8 and 9**. Organizers are interested in having 4-H members design and ride on a float to celebrate the 100 Years of 4-H in Montana. They are also looking to 4-H groups for a bake sale and other items. We have a limited number of "I love 4-H" pins that could be passed out during the parade. Please contact Jane Wolery or Darrel Sand at d2sand@3rivers.net for more information.

Working Ranch Horse Project

Pondera County 4-H currently holds project meetings. Members enrolled in Horsemanship levels 1-3 can participate. This is a great opportunity for horse members. If you are interested, please contact Mark at the Extension office.

Record Books

We encourage you to think about working on your record books throughout the 4-H year. It will make it much more pleasant to do them either monthly or quarterly than to wait until the end of the 4-H year.

If your club needs information or a lesson on how to complete record books, please contact jwolery@montana.edu. There are several 4-H members who are very skilled at record books who might be willing to do a lesson for your club or Jane can schedule a time to meet your club on record books, too.

Reproducing the record book forms in color has become costly. Our county is encouraging members to use the electronic forms that are available on our website at <http://www.msuextension.org/teton/forms.html>. The forms are available in Word format and fillable .pdf. Be sure to download and save the forms before entering information. Please contact us, if you have any questions.

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Each Extension employee and 4-H Leader has an important role in ensuring that our programs are open and accessible to all in accordance with the goals of the program, and for maintaining a positive and equitable environment. The challenge, for each of us, is to seek out diversity. We are all responsible to recruit and retain people who are traditionally underrepresented in our programs and employee groups. We each become more effective in teaching and learning when we are open to a diversity of ideas, cultures, experiences and backgrounds. Not only are our lives enriched, but we also build healthier communities for learning and living.

MSU Extension and 4-H are pleased to partner with you to achieve the important goals of equity and fairness to all.

4-H Accommodations

As a youth organization, 4-H strives to meet our members at their own levels of interest, capacity and capability. All 4-Hers are encouraged to visit with the Extension Agents regarding their goals for their 4-H career, so that we may help link them to activities, events and opportunities that will be of value to them. If a 4-H member requires adjustments or accommodations – ranging from food allergies to wheel chair accessibility to sign language interpreters – we will gladly try to make those accommodations. We rely upon the members and their families to request these modifications of services. To make such a request, you may indicate in writing, or verbally, that you or your child needs accommodations. We are happy to work with you to adapt the 4-H program to fit your needs.

Teton County 4-H News

The Cost of 4-H

The Teton County Extension Office understands that we all have different resources available to us at different times. If your family or 4-H member wishes to participate in some of the educational aspects of 4-H, but does not currently have the means to do so, please contact the office to brainstorm possibilities. We may be able to help offset the cost of 4-H camp registration, for instance, or find a sponsor to help with a particular learning project. We may not always be able to help, but we definitely will not be able to help if we do not know help is needed.

Also, if you are looking for enrichment opportunities for your child, but are unable to pay for lessons, etc., consider the Opportunities for All Scholarship. For more details, contact the Extension Office.

4-H Club Organizational Leaders

The 4-H year started on October 1, 2011. By now, we hope that you have been able to have at least one club meeting, if not two. Officers for your club should have been elected. Please send a list of the current club officers – president, vice president, secretary, treasurer – to the office. As well, if you have reporters, recreation or song leaders, please let us know which 4-H members will fill that role, too. Our office is willing to provide officer training, either at a club meeting, or individually with members. We can arrange times with students during study halls, after school, etc.

We would like to have a copy of your meeting schedule for the year, or at least be included on correspondence with your club as to meeting schedules. We would like to attend at least one club meeting for each club this year, if possible, but really need to get dates on our calendars in order to facilitate that goal.

Please be sure that your completed yearly financial summary (from the reviews) are signed by the club treasurers. You will be receiving an invoice in January for the one percent fee for belonging to the Montana 4-H Foundation's group exemption number (GEN) and for membership dues. We are combining the two items in one bill to simplify bookwork for your club. Please let us know if there are other ways we can simplify tasks.

Thank you for the work you do as volunteers and as organizational leaders of clubs. Your effort is critical to the recruitment and retention of 4-H members and fundamentally important in training the next generation of active, educated and engaged citizens.

Holiday Inspiration

As your 4-H club celebrates the holiday season this year, we encourage you to think about providing healthy foods and activities. Food can become such a big, and often unnecessary, focus of gatherings. Often food at meetings has high sugar, high fat and low nutrient content. If offering food at meetings this season, consider fruits and vegetables, low fat dairy/protein options.

Last year in the 4-Health class, participants were surprised how much fun and “impromptu” obstacle course can be and how active you can be. We set up buckets at the bottom of a stairway and participants had to throw balls from the top to the bottom, they ran down the stairs to retrieve their ball until they got it to stay in the bucket and then they moved on to a hoop toss in the hallway, where they had to throw a soft ball through a small hoop set quite a distance away and run to retrieve the ball each time. There were about five stations in the circuit and lots of laughs and activity while completing the course. Just remember food doesn't have to be the only focus this season. Be creative! Be active! Be fun!



4-H Opportunities and Information

Members Needed for Montana Curriculum Advisor Team

Members, including agents, volunteers and youth, are needed for the Montana Curriculum Advisor Team. If you are interesting in serving on this committee, please contact the Teton County Extension Office for more information.

Western Regional Leaders' Forum

Wyoming will host the upcoming WRLF on **January 12-15, 2012**. Join 4-H leaders throughout 13 states in the Cooperative Extension Service Western Region for networking, learning, socializing, and swapping ideas for your club and county 4-H programs. *Mark Major will be attending. If you are interested in attending, please contact Mark.*

Early bird registration will be \$225 September 1 to November 1 and jump to \$325 from November 2-December 15. Registration information, links and additional details are available on the Wyoming State 4-H website at http://4-h.uwyo.edu/WRLF_12.asp

American Youth Leadership Program with Mongolia

This summer, there is an opportunity for teens and adult to participant for the 2012 Enhancing Global Perspectives: American Youth Leadership Program with Mongolia.

- Applications are due **January 15, 2012**
- Twenty-six youth and five adult participants will be selected along with four alternates (2 males and 2 females)
- The exchange trip will be **June 21 - July 19, 2012** (approximately)
- Youth participants must be at least 15 years old and not older than 17 years old by the trip departure date and must have at least one semester of high school left following the trip
- All participants must be U.S. citizens and reside in one of the 13 states in our western region
- There is no program fee and out of pocket expenses will be minimal
- Participants must attend the pre-trip orientation May 17-20 at the University of Wyoming in Laramie Wyoming

Details and application materials are available on the Wyoming 4-H web site at <http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/>

4-H Exchange Programs

Outbound applications (delegate or chaperone) are due January 1, 2012: IFYE, Japan, Australia, Norway. Applications must be accompanied by a deposit with the check made out to the Montana 4-H Foundation. Applicants who are not selected to participate will be refunded their deposits. Phone interviews for all applicants will be conducted in mid-January. Applications are available on the 4-H website.

Inbound – 34 host families are needed for Japanese delegates arriving July 21, 2012. Additional host families are needed for year-long FLEX and Japanese high school program and IFYE delegates. If you are interested, contact Stephanie Davison at sdavison@montana.edu or Beth Foster at gbfosterinmt@msn.net. Applications are available on the 4-H website.

The University of Wyoming is managing the outbound trip to Mongolia in 2012. If you are interested, please apply DIRECTLY to them. Information is available at <http://www.uwyo.edu/4-h/>.

CWF applications are due January 1, 2012. Program dates are June 9-16, 2012. Look for the new *Passport to the World* curriculum available from Extension Publications.

MSU Scholarship Opportunities

MSU has significantly expanded the number of available scholarships for incoming freshmen from Montana. Award amounts can range from a one-time \$1,000 scholarship to a \$3,000 scholarship that can be renewed annually for four years. High school seniors who plan to attend Montana State University in the fall of 2012 are encouraged to apply as soon as possible for scholarships through the MSU Premier Scholarship Program. The program has been greatly expanded to offer more money to a greater number of new students from Montana for the fall of 2012. For more information about our **Premier Scholarship Program** for Montana Freshmen, you can go to <http://www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarshipsres.shtml>

4-H Council Meeting Minutes-November 3, 2011

The Teton County 4-H Council meeting was called to order by Vice-President Susan Heuscher at 6:30p.m. at John Henry's in Choteau. We dispensed with pledges. The reading of the previous meetings minutes was dispensed, Beth Ann Hodgskiss moved and Jeff Martinsen seconded that we approve those minutes as written. Motion passed.

A brief treasurer's report was given by treasurer Martinsen. He has met with our new Treasurer Dawn Sullivan and familiarized her with the treasurers duties and books. Rhea Brutosky has reviewed the treasurer books for the 2010 – 2011 4-H year. Balances on hand are checking \$5,854.91, savings \$6,731.04 and CD \$16,556.32. Heuscher reported that she has not received any information regarding her final bill for National Congress. The Teton County 4-H Council pays 2/3 of the expenses remaining after the Montana 4-H Foundation pays a portion. She requested the funds for her upcoming trip to National 4-H Congress, being held November 24th – 29th in Atlanta, GA.

Under correspondence and announcements Kyra Bouma was mentioned for her awards at the State 4-H Horse Show and also the Teton Wranglers Livestock Judging team was mentioned for their showing at the NILE. Jane Wolery reported that the Harvest Howl, a fund raiser for Camp Rotary, is November 4th in Great Falls. Wolery also reminded everyone to keep in mind the People Partner Grants for clubs wanting to do good works in their communities.

Committee Reports:

Livestock – We have a tentative judge for the 2012 fair.
Exchange – Hodgskiss reported that there are 14-16 4-H members signed up and that she and Tammy Townsend are the leaders.

Fair – Heuscher reported that the fair committee approved the date change of the horse show. The theme for the 2012 fair was discussed, we want to stay with the 100 year centennial theme, it is being considered to have projects in the pavilion displayed by clubs using the fair entries and the 100 year theme.

Awards – no meeting

Budget & Audit – see below

Textiles – no meeting

Record Books – no meeting

Horse – Danelle Crary reported that the horse committee has asked to move the horse show from the fair in June.

Interview judging will also be moved to the same date as the horse show, most likely to be held in August 2012.

This request has been presented to council sent to fair committee, approved by them and sent back to council for final approval. Crary moved and Sally Heuscher

seconded that the council accept this change. Motion passed.

Unfinished Business:

The new GEN paperwork/By-laws and the responsibilities to us and all clubs was reviewed. All clubs got their reports in on time, and the office was just waiting on a few more supporting documents from one club. Under the new GEN (group exemption number) a 1% fee is being charged on the year end balance of the 4-H year for each club under the GEN. Martinsen moved and Hodgskiss seconded that the extension office will bill each club for both their 1% fee and dues at the same time, so just one check can be made by clubs and that the council pays the 1% fee in one check while waiting to collect from clubs. Motion passed.

Wolery reminded everyone that Rec Lab is being held in our district in 2012. It is planned to be in Lewistown March 16th-17th. Our county's job is to be in charge of evaluations, some of the ideas Wolery brought included using media from the different eras to complete the evaluations.

A discussion was held on the planned trip for the Teton County livestock judging team traveling to the Western Round Up in the Denver area. Three of the four members would like to attend this event. The policy of the council is to pay two-thirds of the costs for 4-H members attending such functions. The team will also need a coach and chaperone, Rocky Forseth has accepted the coach's position, we are still seeking a chaperone. Everyone attending will travel in one vehicle. Martinsen moved that the 4-H Council pay for two thirds of the 4-H member's expenses and the chaperone's registration, as has been past practice. Barb Bouma seconded. Motion passed.

The theme – "100 years of 4-H" was discussed again under unfinished business. Do we want to use this theme for all the 4-H year and do we want to keep our policy of having the fair and 4-H camp theme being the same? Hodgskiss stated that she does not want to have the choice of theme taken away from the camp planning committee. Hodgskiss moved to rescind the motion from the October 2009 council meeting that states "Camp committee will choose a theme and that theme will be used for the next year." Martinsen seconded. Motion passed. The rescinding of this motion will allow both camp and fair committees to choose their own themes. Final item under unfinished business was club rotations. A club has requested to not be assigned with another club. After discussion it was decided to stay with our current policy and club rotations. If any club needs they may trade duties with another club.

4-H Council Meeting Minutes-continued

New Business:

The treasurer's books have been reviewed by Brutosky. The suggestion of an outside review was discussed. Wolery will make calls to see if we can find someone to review the treasurer's books between the incoming and outgoing treasurer.

Outgoing treasurer Martinsen presented the proposed 2011 – 2012 budget. We ended the 2010 – 2011 year under budget. After review and some minor changes to the proposed budget Hodgskiss moved and Crary seconded that we accept the 2011 – 2012 budget. Motion passed. There will be a second reading of the budget at the winter council meeting for final approval.

Wolery informed us on the National 4-H regulations for clubs. A recognized club is to have at least five members from three different families, to meet at least six times per year and the youth in the club are to hold the officers positions. Wolery will follow up to see that Teton county clubs are in compliance.

Under the succession training bullet Wolery suggested we invite someone new to future meetings.

Wolery gave detailed information on the upcoming Clover Classes. She has applied for a grant to assist in the expense of these classes. The classes are short informative events that usually target one skill. Members do not need to be enrolled in corresponding 4-H projects to take these classes. Wolery is also looking for more individuals to teach these classes. Crary suggested that our 4-H Ambassadors assist with the Clover Classes.

The demonstration committee has moved the date of Demonstration Day to March 31, 2012, helpers are needed. A project day is being considered for November 23rd and for December 22nd -- one in Fairfield and one in Choteau. Wolery ask if the council wanted to again sell Greytak calendars for 2012. It was decided that we will again have a limited number available for purchase at the extension office.

To keep current on what is being offered for youth educational events check the monthly 4-H newsletter. The next council meeting is planned to be held January 2012 in Fairfield, the date, place and time yet to be determined.

Being no further business Crary moved and Martinsen seconded the meeting be adjourned.

Barb Bouma, acting secretary

	2010-2011 Proposed	2010-2011 Actual	2011-2012 Proposed
INCOME			
Boe Brothers	\$9,000.00	\$8,608.00	\$8,000.00
Awards	\$4,000.00	\$5,256.00	\$4,500.00
Fair Concessions		\$10.00	
Camp	\$1,400.00	\$1,300.00	\$1,400.00
Interest Income	\$100.00	\$90.00	\$100.00
Donations			
Misc/Dues	\$1,800.00	\$1,991.00	\$1,800.00
Transfer from Savings	\$1,620.00		\$2,400.00
Total	\$17,920.00	\$17,255.00	\$18,200.00
EXPENSES			
Awards	\$3,000.00	\$3,495.00	\$3,500.00
Ambassadors	\$500.00	\$456.00	\$500.00
Dues/Donations	\$2,000.00	\$1,380.00	\$1,500.00
Insurance	\$300.00	\$286.00	\$300.00
Judges	\$700.00	\$348.00	\$500.00
Materials	\$2,000.00	\$1,138.00	\$1,500.00
Misc/Office	\$500.00	\$677.00	\$600.00
Camp	\$2,100.00	\$3,009.00	\$3,500.00
Youth Education/Travel	\$2,500.00	\$1,244.00	\$2,500.00
Adult Education/Travel	\$130.00	\$50.00	\$100.00
Exchange	\$250.00		
Fair	\$3,300.00	\$2,562.00	\$3,000.00
Publicity	\$400.00	\$272.00	\$400.00
Programs/Meetings			
Other			
Leaders Certification	\$240.00	\$396.00	\$300.00
Shooting Sports			
Total	\$17,920.00	\$15,313.00	\$18,200.00

Horse Committee Minutes

The Teton County 4-H Horse Committee met October 27, 2011 at the Teton County Sheriff's office. Those in attendance were Barb Bouma, Danelle Crary, and Extension Agent Mark Major.

Barb called the meeting to order.

The minutes were approved by unanimous acclimation.

There were no changes in the treasurer's report so the balance in the horse fund remains at \$446.15.

OLD BUSINESS:

The treasurer's books have been audited. It has been requested that there be two signatures on the account. Barb will ask Melody Martinsen to fulfill the request.

Barb gave an update on the 4-H horse show change. It was taken to the 4-H Council and then the Fair committee. The Fair committee approved the change and it will now go back to Council on Nov. 3 for final approval. Potential dates for the show are sometime the week of August 13-18. The one main concern with changing the date of the horse show is the participation in the Round Robin. An application process was discussed but tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Possible clinics for 2012 were discussed. Clinics for July will be looked into.

A judge for the horse show is being sought. Doug Householder, Cody or Shawn Sorenson are possibilities.

Interview judging for the horse members was discussed. It was decided that interviews be held during the horse show.

The questions for the interview judging will be re-evaluated and the number of questions reduced to 10, interspersing safety and riding related questions. It was suggested that the judging sheets for the show be simplified and based on 100 points instead of 20. Barb will meet with Rhea to make this change.

OTHER:

The State committee has adopted the Utah Working Ranch Horse Project. A letter announcing this has been sent to all Extension offices in the state.

There is a horse judging opportunity on November 12 in Columbia Falls.

The next meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2012 at the Teton County Sheriff's Office.



Livestock Committee Minutes

The Teton County 4-H Livestock Committee met October 27, 2011 at 7pm at the Teton County Sheriff's Office. Those in attendance were Dale Sand, Barb Bouma, Danelle Crary, Nikki Ley, Bruce Ruckman, and Extension Agent MarkMajor.

The meeting was called to order by President Nikki Ley.

Barb moved to approve the minutes of the previous meeting as written. Dale 2nd. Motion passed.

There was no treasurer's report.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Election of President and Secretary ensued. Dale Sand was nominated to serve as President. He was unanimously voted into the position and took over the meeting. Mark Major has contacted Doug or Cody Ulsh to serve as Secretary. If anyone else is interested or has a nomination, contact Mark. The position of Secretary will be finalized at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mark discussed possible improvements to the wash rack water system. There are three options 1) put a cistern inside the Weatherbeater, 2) run a hose from the hydrant inside the Weatherbeater to the wash rack, 3) have a water tank in a pickup with a pump across the fence from the wash rack. Option 3 appears to be the best for the situation.

Mark will be repairing the pig waterers (Ys and hoses) and will ask any 10th year swine members to help with the project.

The Carcass Event for 2012 will be held at 7:30pm to

help accommodate more members. An ultrasound demonstration by Dale Sand was discussed as possible education during the event. Discussion will carry forward.

Terry Stephens and Mark will check with Walco about ear tags for the market animals.

Round Robin will now include pre-juniors as previously decided.

NEW BUSINESS:

The dates for the 2012 fair are June 19-23.

Options books for market animals and the presentation of these books at fair interviews was discussed. It can be confusing to judges as to which options were completed in which year. Mark will create a form on which the member can list the options that were completed during the current 4-H year and this will be presented to the judge at the time of interview.

The Livestock Agreement Letter was reviewed for changes.

Educational offerings includes the new Clover Classes. Check the newsletter for upcoming classes. The possibility of ultrasounding market animals in February and making projections for interested 4-H members will be discussed at the January meeting.

Barb moved to adjourn. Nikki 2nd.



Are You on Our List?

Below is membership by club. Volunteers may not be listed if we are waiting for information on your background check or if all the necessary paperwork was not completed. If you have not received your enrollment forms from your club organizational leader, please contact the office to have a copy forwarded to you. **If your name is not listed below, you are not yet enrolled in 4-H.** **denotes club organizational leader

Challenging Champs

Deanna Burgmaier
Andrew Jensen
Carrie Jensen
Christopher Jensen
Clayton Jensen
Maggie Jensen
Mark Jensen
Ridger Jones
Cathy Maurer
Hailey May
Kinsey May
Casey Simons
Sydney Simons
Levi Smoot
Javy Somerfeld
Jersey Somerfeld
Leona Somerfeld
Zane Somerfeld
Cody Ulsh
Doug Ulsh
Jennifer Ulsh
Trey Ulsh
Wyatt Ulsh
Alexia Willekes
Elyssa Willekes
Hendrika Willekes**
Janessa Willekes
Levi Willekes
Luke Willekes
Cliff Young
Colleen Young
Ethan Young
Kelsey Young

Eager Beavers

Cheyenne Browning
Bailey Deshner
Pandora Deshner
Brigid Miller
Jo Lynn Miller
Maili Miller
Anne Rice
George Rice
Cynthia Rice**
Linda Rice
Cameron Stott
Kate Stott

Eager Eagles

Brooke Anderson
Dillon Anderson
Doug Anderson
Gilbert Anderson
Hunter Anderson
Laurel Anderson
Melissa Anderson
Skyler Anderson
Valerie Anderson
Helen Barnett
Steven Barnett
Joel Beck
Dianne Bremer
Joe Cooper
Clayton Forseth
Justin Forseth
Karen Forseth
Nolan Forseth
Rocky Forseth
Diane Hausmann
Andrew Hicks
Dusti Hicks
Golden Holmquist
Honore Holmquist
Marla Holmquist
Olivia Holmquist
Presley Holmquist
Quincy Holmquist
Abigail Konen
Hannah Konen
Heidi Konen
Madeline Konen
Nicholas Konen
Michael Konen
Denna Lekan
Cindy Luoma
Mariah Maddox
Tamera Maddox
Cari Ostberg
Chris Ostberg
Cordell Ostberg
Joy Ostberg**
Luke Ostberg
Shea Ostberg
Stephen Ostberg
Wyatt Ostberg
Taylor Pearson

Eager Eagles

Austin Rogers
Caroline Rogers
Chesney Rogers
Darrah Rogers
RJ Rogers
Carson Sand
Dalton Sand
Dale Sand
Delanie Sand
Heather Sand
Anne Townsend
Katie Townsend
Pete Townsend
Tammy Townsend**

Falcons

Cassidy DeBruycker
Reegan DeBruycker
Samara DeBruycker
Amanda Willekes
Chuck Willekes
Danielle Willekes
Marshall Willekes
Shane Willekes

Golden Prairie

Dakota Daley
Delani Daley
Shelby Daley **
Tony Daley
Alyssa Selander
Julia Stott
Morgan Selander

Old Agency

Hanna Antonsen
Katelyn Antonsen
Susan Antonsen
Daniel Asselstine
Jason Asselstine
Jennifer Asselstine
Taylor Asselstine
Bellamy Beadle
Darren Beadle
Delaynie Beadle
Amy Bechtold
Elsah Bechtold
Wilbur Bechtold
Alisha Breen
Jerry Breen

Old Agency

Kayla Breen
Liam Breen
Michaela Gunderson
Paula Gunderson
Lena Hesucher
Sally Heuscher**
Susan Heuscher
Carolyn Major
Jacob Major
Kathryn Major
Mark Major
Rebekah Major
Charles Sinton
Jena Sinton
Lisa Sinton
Shayna Sinton
Tim Sinton
Betty Wolery
Jane Wolery

Prairie Stars

Berit Bedord
Brian Bedord
Lisa Bedord
Kimball Briscoe
Kirtland Briscoe
Kwin Briscoe
Dana Dale
Gina Dale
Fred Ginther
Alan Peace
Ashley Pearson
Benjamin Roeder
Brent Roeder
Caroline Roeder
Tracie Roeder**
Steven Smith
Isaiah Wendeln
Josiah Wendeln

Spring Creek

Barb Bouma
Kyra Bouma
Carson Cray
Charlotte Cray
Connor Cray
Danelle Cray
Dusty Cray
Sierra Gramm

Spring Creek

Beth Ann Hodgskiss
Connor Hodgskiss
Lyle Hodgskiss
Sarah Hodgskiss
Nikki Ley
Melody Martinsen
Jeff Martinsen
Tate Ley
Jeff Martinsen
Madison Martinsen
Melody Martinsen
Luke Murnane
Maria Murnane
Sareena Murnane
Matt Park
Becky Rappold
Johnny Rappold
Celie Salmond
Mary Salmond
Molly Salmond
Abby Smith
Jill Smith
Susan Snyder**
Watson Snyder
Colton Stephens
Terry Stephens
Anna Stutz
Sam Stutz
Charley Yeager
Darby Yeager
Darlene Yeager
Garret Yeager
Tori Yeager

Teton Wranglers

Corey Hayes
Krystal Hayes
Taylor Hayes
Reece Mattfeld
Jayelyn Ruckman
Bruce Ruckman**
Janae Ruckman
Claire Ruckman
Kylee Ruckman

Project Leaders

Curly Anderson
Diane Inbody
Gerry Smith

2011-2012

Teton County Committee & Activity Listings _____

Audit & Budget Committee

Kayla Breen
Cynthia Rice
Dawn Smith-Sullivan

Awards Committee

Hanna Antonsen
Katelyn Antonsen
Alisha Breen
Kayla Breen
Susan Heuscher
Watson Snyder

Exchange Committee

Beth Ann Hodgskiss
Denna Lekan
Cynthia Rice
Lisa Sinton

Fair Committee

Hanna Antonsen
Katelyn Antonsen
Alisha Breen
Kayla Breen
Sally Heuscher
Susan Heuscher
Dusti Hicks
Joy Ostberg
Heather Sand
Colton Stephens
Terry Stephens
Alexia Willekes
Levi Willekes

Textile Committee

Cynthia Rice
Abby Smith
Jill Smith

Livestock Committee

Barb Bouma
Danelle Crary
Nikki Ley
Anne Rice
George Rice
Dale Sand
Terry Stephens
Doug Ulsh

Horse Committee

Barb Bouma
Kyra Bouma
Chottie Crary
Danelle Crary
Pandora Deshner

Record Book Committee

Danelle Crary
Pandora Deshner
Sally Heuscher
Susan Heuscher
Dusti Hicks
Beth Ann Hodgskiss
Connor Hodgskiss
Sarah Hodgskiss
Melody Martinsen
Leona Somerfeld

*Demonstration Day

Sierra Gramm
Connor Hodgskiss
Susan Snyder

*Event committee

***If you are not on a committee list and would like to be, please call the office.

Only certified leaders have been enrolled and assigned to committees.

If you turned in your enrollment to the office and your name does not appear on the list:

-your information has not been entered into the background check software, yet.

OR

-your application was not complete and you will receive information on how to complete it.



What is a 4-H Club?

4-H is the premier youth development program of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). Originating in the early 1900's as "four-square education," the 4-H's (head-heart-hands-health) seek to promote positive youth development, facilitate learning and engage youth in the work of their community through the Cooperative Extension Service to enhance the quality of life. For more than a hundred years, 4-H has been dedicated to creating opportunities for youth that broaden skills and aspirations nurturing the full potential of youth.

4-H CLUB DEFINITION:

A 4-H Club is an organized group of at least five youth from three different families who meet regularly with adult volunteers or staff for a long-term, progressive series of educational experiences.

4-H CLUB PURPOSE:

The purpose of a 4-H club is to provide positive youth development opportunities to meet the needs of young people to experience belonging, mastery, independence, and generosity—the Essential Elements—and to foster educational opportunities tied to the Land Grant University knowledge base.

STRUCTURE OF A 4-H CLUB:

- ◆ Enrolls at least 5 youth members from at least 3 families.
- ◆ Conducts a minimum of 6 regular club meetings per year, with many holding 9-12 regular meetings throughout most or all of the year, and often supplemented by project meetings, camps, fairs, and other 4-H learning activities.
- ◆ Selects youth officers or youth leaders to provide leadership to the club.
- ◆ Meets in any location—a home, community center, military installation, library, public housing site, school, afterschool program, and/or many other places.
- ◆ Adapts to and supports mobility of youth and parents—linking them to 4-H programs in other counties and states.
- ◆ Meets interests and needs of youth in same-age or cross-age groupings and using single project or multiple project formats.
- ◆ Is advised by adult staff or volunteers who have been screened and trained.

WHAT IS A 4-H PROJECT?

A 4-H Project is a planned sequence of age-appropriate and research-based learning opportunities. As a result of long-term active engagement in the project, the youth gains knowledge and develops skills based on planned goals and identified outcomes. 4-H project work is guided by trained adults who help youth set goals and provide access to appropriate curricula and resources.

Clover Classes

New this year! We have a slate of Clover Classes lined up for Teton County 4-H members. We are always interested in more educational offerings for our 4-H members. If you have a skill or project you'd like to teach, please contact our office. You can do a one-time class or a series of classes to complete a project. Classes can range from 30 minutes to several hours. You must pre-register for classes.

Clover Classes!

Class registrations will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. If class is full, please ask to be placed on a waiting list. Many instructors have offered to repeat classes if warranted. In most cases parents are welcome to attend, but may not be able to participate due to space constraints.

Knitting! *Wednesdays beginning November 2 4-5 p.m.*
The 4-H knitting group will be meeting at the upper room of the Chateau Library on Wednesdays. All levels are welcome. Contact Sally Heuscher or Cynthia Rice for more information.

Air Rifle/Air Pistol! *November 2011-March 2012*
Teton County 4-H leaders and members will work on the three basic shooting positions, shooting safety and other elements of precision shooting.

Pie Baking! *December 10, 2011 9-11 a.m.*
Gerry Smith will instruct 4-Hers on pie baking at her home. Learn how to master making a pie crust. Limited to first 4 to register, but ask to be placed on waiting list if the class is full.

Angel Food Cakes! *December, date TBA*
Terry Stephens will instruct 4-H members at her home on how to make an angel food cake from scratch, as well as a bit of science behind the structure of an angel food cake. Limited to first 8 to register, but ask to be placed on waiting list if the class is full.

Beef Nutrition and Breed Selection! *December 30, 2011 1 p.m.*
Krista Briscoe will teach 4-H members about beef nutrition and beef breeds at the Weatherbeater building.



If interested in taking any classes, please email tonext@3rivers.net or call 466-2491 to register.

Clover Classes

Easy Artisan Bread! January 10 at 4 p.m.

Denise Chalfon will teach 4-Hers at her home how to make easy artisan bread, as well as how to grind wheat for baking. Class is limited to the first 8 to register, but ask to be placed on a waiting list if class is full.

Post It! January 16, 2012 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Shelby (Beck) Strutz will share tips on making posters that she learned along the way preparing 4-H demonstrations that were ranked top in the state four years in a row. 4-H members will have the opportunity to create a post of their own. Class is limited to the first 10 to register, but ask to be placed on waiting list if class is full.

Woodworking! January 12, 19, 26 & Feb 2 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Curly Anderson will teach 4-H members about woodworking and hand tools at his shop. 4-H members will be able to complete a bird house in these four sessions. Class is limited to the first 4 to register, but ask to be placed on waiting list if class is full.

Super Simple Skirt! February 11, 2012 9:30 a.m.-afternoon

Marlene Konen will teach beginning sewers how to make a skirt. Members may need to supply a sewing machine, thread, scissors and yardage of fabric.

Cake Decorating! March, date TBA

Jenny Lee will work with 4-H members on cake decorating skills. Class size will be limited. If interested in this topic, please contact the Extension Office with ideas of what you would like to learn about cake decorating.

Cowboy Action Shooting! March-September 2012

The Western Heritage Project will meet monthly to learn about the history of the Old West, clothing, firearms, shooting safety and outdoor enjoyment.

In Pieces! Spring, date TBA

Gerry Smith will instruct members in a beginning quilt project, possibly a Mother's Day Bag or potholder. Limited to the first 4 to register, but ask to be placed on waiting list if class is full.

Lap It Up! Spring, date TBA

Gerry Smith will teach intermediate sewers how to make a small lap quilt project. Limited to the first 4 to register, but ask to be placed on waiting list if class is full.

Livestock Quality Assurance! Spring, date TBA

Teton County Extension Mark Major covers the finer points of good stewardship for 4-H animals.

Tell a Story! Date TBA

Annie Zion will teach child development and storytelling skills. Please call the Extension Office if interested in this topic.

Making a Meal That Matters! Date TBA

Peggy Guthrie will teach 4-H members how to prepare a meal that they can be proud to serve to guests. 4-H members will eat together and learn the art of dinner conversation and a few tips on manners.

Rock Your Bones! Date TBA

Becca Hanna, paleontologist/yogini, will teach an interactive lesson on rocks and bones with a fitness component. Please call the Extension Office if interested in this topic.

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Clover Classes

Photography For All—Spring 2012

Master Photographer Dave Wedum will share tips and tricks in photography. Come and join us!

Automotive Mechanics 101—Spring 2012

Brad Asselstine will teach students how to perform a basic oil change on an automobile.

Sport Fishing—Spring 2012

Come and learn the basics of casting, lures, line, and leader! Instructors will focus on the basics and review this 4-H project for all who want to learn.

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Teton County 4-H 2011-2012 4-H Calendar_____

December

- 2-3 State MIWW contest
- 10 Pie baking class with Gerry Smith
- 13 CloverKids-Cloverbud project meeting at Asselstine's house
- 21 4-H Fun Day-Power
- 22 4-H Fun Day-Fairfield
- 26 Office Closed
- TBA Angel Food Cakes with Terry Stephens
- 30 Beef Nutrition and Breen Selection with Krista Briscoe

January

- 1 Citizenship Washington Focus applications due
Susan Duffner Scholarship applications due
- 6 Market Beef paperwork, assessment fee and photo due
- 26 Horse (6 p.m.) and Livestock (7 p.m.) Committee meetings
-Teton County Sheriff's Office
- TBA Easy Artisan Bread with Denise Chalfon
- TBA Woodworking with Curly Anderson

February

- TBA Woodworking with Curly Anderson

March

- 13 Presentation Day
- 16-18 Rec Lab in Lewistown
- TBA Cake Decorating with Jenny Lee

June

- 18-23 Teton County 4-H Fair

July

- 10-13 State 4-H Congress
- 16-20 4-H Camp (tentative dates)

If you have dates for the calendar, please notify the Extension Office. This calendar provided as a guideline only. Deadlines will be printed on forms in the county newsletter and online. If you would like an agent to attend your club meeting, please call to schedule.



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Dates to Remember

- Dec. 2-3 State MIWW contest
- Dec. 10 Pie baking class with Gerry Smith
- Dec. 21 4-H Fun Day-Power
- Dec. 22 4-H Fun Day-Fairfield
- Dec. 26 Office Closed
- March 16-18 Rec Lab in Lewistown
- July 16-20 Teton County 4-H Camp, exact dates TBA



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