



Clover Connections Teton County 4-H News

January 2009

ATTENTION MARKET BEEF PROJECT MEMBERS:

Your market steer must be in your possession on **January 1**. BOTH market animal agreement forms and an assessment/shipping fee of \$60.00 made payable to the Teton County Livestock Committee are due on **January 5**. Fees will double January 6-31. Members who have not submitted both the market animal agreement forms and assessment/shipping fees before February 1, 2009, will be dropped from the project.

A photograph of the market beef, with the tag visible, should be sent to the extension office by **January 10**. If the photograph is received between January 11-19, a late fee of \$20.00 will be collected. If the photograph is received between January 20-31, a late fee of \$40.00 will be collected. If a photograph is received after January 31, the 4-H member will be dropped from the project. Please call the extension office if you have questions.

Currently, 40 members have enrolled in the market beef project and 12 members have enrolled in beef breeding.

Please remember to change the ownership of your animal with a bill of sale at the time of purchase.

Club Dues

Please remember that individual club dues should be submitted to each club organization. One check from the club made payable to the Teton County 4-H Council, should be sent to the office.

Your club will receive an invoice in January based on your club enrollment. Payment is due by April 1. Club dues will double if received after April 1.

Treasurer Books Due

Please turn in your club or committee treasurer books to the office as soon as possible. We audit all funds raised or held in the name of 4-H in our county on a

yearly basis. Spring Creek, Eager Beavers, Eager Eagles, Teton Wranglers, the Livestock Committee and Old Agency books have been reviewed. **Falcons, Challenging Champs and Horse Committee books have NOT been reviewed.**

Please include bank statements, invoices, receipts, checkbook registers, treasurer's reports to clubs, etc. If you have any questions, please call.

Awards Committee

The awards committee will meet at 4:00 p.m. on **January 8** at the Teton County Extension Office.

Fair Committee

The fair committee will meet at 5:00 p.m. on **January 8** at the Teton County Extension Office.

Mini Congress-We Need You!

It is Teton County's turn to host mini-congress. We host this event once every five years. The event is designed to provide exciting learning opportunities for youth. The event rotates around District Three (Teton, Cascade, Chouteau, Judith Basin, Fergus-Petroleum counties) and the district leadership this year has encouraged us to open the age range up to 9-14 year olds.

We need you to serve on the committee to plan the event. All the planning is done by the county – dates, locations, presentations, activities, etc. If you want to serve on the planning committee, please let Jane know soon.

The first **mini-congress** planning meeting will be on **Monday, January 12 at 5:30 p.m. at DJ's in Fairfield. This will be a no-host event, so bring cash if you want anything to eat.**

Members and adults alike are needed on this committee. This is a great opportunity for us to work

together as a county and organize an event that is exciting and worthwhile for our youth members and those across the district.

Council Meeting

The next 4-H Council meeting will be held Monday, **January 12 at 7 p.m.** at DJ's in Fairfield. This is a no-host event. Plan to purchase your own order. It would be great to have each club represented at the 4-H Council meetings. Consider electing a 4-H member to be the council representative. The meetings typically last 2 hours and include much information about opportunities in 4-H, plus offer leadership experiences for youth and leaders. The budget will be heard for a second reading at the January meeting.

Horse Committee Meeting

The Horse Committee will meet on **January 13, at 6 p.m.** in the Alice Gleason room at the Choteau Public Library.

Livestock Committee Meeting

The Livestock Committee will meeting will be held on **January 13 at 7 p.m.** in the Alice Gleason room at the Choteau Public Library.

4-H Camp

If you were 14 or older by October 1, 2008, you are eligible to become a camp counselor. Camp counselors typically meet once monthly from February to June to plan the entire camp program. The council will be considering several suggestions in changes for camp. Stay tuned for more information on 4-H camp . . .



Clover Connections-Local News

Eager Beavers Club News

The Eager Beavers 4-H club meeting will be held **January 11, at 1:30 p.m.** Please call Cynthia Rice for the location. We're a happy club with a small membership. Come join us.

Seeking Teton County 4-H Camp Director

We are currently seeking qualified applicants for the volunteer position of Teton County 4-H Camp Director. The camp director works closely with the Teton County Extension Agent(s) to select counselors, train counselors and plan 4-H camp. The camp director should have experience and understanding for working with youth, particularly teens. The camp director is responsible for being at camp all days/nights, plus an additional day/night prior to camp to work with camp counselors. This position description could change as camp is currently in a state of change in Teton County. If you are interested in filling this position, please call Jane Wolery for more details. To apply, please submit a piece of writing detailing your interest and abilities to fill the position.

Attention Cowboy Action Shooters!

The first meeting for 4-H members enrolled in Cowboy Action Shooting will be on Saturday, **March 21, at 3 p.m.** in the Alice Gleason room of the Chateau Public Library. This will be an introductory meeting and will give an overview of the new Western Heritage Project in Teton County. If you plan on participating in Cowboy Action Shooting for 4-H this year, please attend this meeting. Parents are encouraged to attend. In order to facilitate this project, I will need the help of several 4-H leaders. Please contact Mark at the Extension Office if you would like more information.

Exchange News

Please think of the exchange club if you need help cleaning your yard this fall, have an event that our club can serve at, or any other work project that our 13 able-bodied young people could do for you. **Contact Karen Gundlach at 467-3767 or Dianne Bremer at 467-2847.**

Congratulations to Sarah Hodgskiss for being selected as the Young Speaker at the Montana State Legislative Breakfast. The breakfast will be held on January 20, 2009, in Helena.

Bethann Hodgskiss has volunteered to be Teton County's contact person for legislative breakfast. Please call her if you'd like to attend.

Teton County 4-Hers Attend National 4-H Congress

Krista Briscoe, Lena Heuscher and Logan Ley attended National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia on November 27-December 3, along with 13 other Montana delegates. To attend National 4-H Congress, 4-H members must have won an event at the Montana State Congress or a 4-H State Award (the highest award in 4-H.) Logan won a State Award in Teen Leadership, Krista won a State Award in Beef and lean won a State Award in knitting.

While in Atlanta, they attended various workshops and assemblies. Some of the speakers included Miss America, the CEO of AgCo Companies and Barbara Chamberlin. The group participated in various community service activities in the surrounding Atlanta area. They toured the World of Coca Cola, The Georgia Aquarium and the CNN Broadcasting Company.

Submitted by Logan Ley

Photo Release

If you are at a 4-H event in Teton County and have not specified in writing that you do not want your picture taken or used for publicity or promotion, we will assume the right to use photos as deemed appropriate for the 4-H program. If you would like to specify that no pictures of you can be used, you must do so in writing and submit to the Teton County Extension Office.

Clover Connections-Livestock Opportunities

Livestock Quality Assurance

Livestock Quality Assurance training in April. The training will take place in Choteau in the CHS FFA room on **April 6**. On **April 7**, the training will be held in Cindy Luoma's room at FHS. LQA training will begin at 4:30 p.m. All members enrolled in the horse program are required to attend this training. The following is a list of 4-H members who received animal quality assurance training in 2008. In order to qualify for carcass awards, you must receive the training every two years. If your name is not on the following list, and you would like to qualify for carcass awards, you must attend the animal quality assurance class.

Lexi Bremer	Hanna Heckman
Nick Bremer	Tate Ley
Kaylee Briscoe	Katie Luoma
Kirtland Briscoe	Kelli Luoma
Krista Briscoe	Kayla Nuckolls
Tryg Brosten	Anne Rice
MacKenzie Carlson	George Rice
Cantor Coverdell	Susan Rice
Cassidy Coverdell	Ben Roeder
Kaylynn Coverdell	Claire Ruckman
Kourtney Coverdell	Jayelyn Ruckman
Chottie Crary	Kylee Ruckman
Connor Crary	Celie Salmond
Layne Durfee	Molly Salmond
Tyler Durfee	Amanda Steen
Melissa Gasvoda	Dominic Streich
Cache Giles	Kim Taylor
Cole Giles	Annie Townsend
Carlene Hanson	Katie Townsend
Shawmarie Hanson	Cody Ulsh
Corey Hayes	Trey Ulsh
Mariah Hayes	Charley Yeager
Taylor Hayes	Darby Yeager

Cowtown Beef Breeders Show Livestock Judging

Where: Miles City

When: Friday, February 6, 2009

Cost: \$7 per person, includes lunch

Registration: Due January 30, 2009

Call the office for registration information.

New 4-H Horse Helmet Policy Adopted

This year, the Montana State 4-H Horse Committee has adopted a new helmet policy. Members enrolled in the horse project received the 4-H Horse Project Waiver with their enrollment forms. This form states, "Participants in the 4-H Horse Project are required to attend a helmet education workshop ad/or view the video "Every Ride Every Time" once as a junior 4-H member (9-13) and once as a senior 4-H member (14 and up)." We will be holding helmet education sessions to meet this need in Teton County on **April 6 in Choteau in the CHS shop room at 6 p.m. and on April 7 in Fairfield in the FHS counseling room at 6 p.m.**

KMON Judging Contests

The 4-H and FFA KMON Judging contest will be held on **January 16-17, 2009**. The contest consists of career development workshops on Friday, January 16, at Cascade High School. The meats identification, crops judging and livestock judging workshops will be held on Saturday, January 17, at the Fairgrounds in Great Falls. All teams must be accompanied by an adult.

A registration fee of \$3 per person per event is due with your pre-registration paperwork on **January 8**, to the Cascade County Extension Office. Lunch will be available at a cost of \$4, which is to be included with your paperwork and registration fee. A registration form is attached to the newsletter. Please call the extension office for more information at 466-2491.

Teton County 4-H/FFA Alumni Livestock Judging Clinic

The livestock clinic sponsored by the Teton County 4-H and FFA Alumni will be held on **January 3, at the Choteau Weatherbeater**. Registration will begin at 8:00 a.m. and the clinic will begin at 9:00 a.m. Results will be posted at 2:30 p.m. The cost of the clinic is \$10 per participant. Lunch will be served. Classes for the clinic participants include senior (ages 14 and up), junior (ages 11-13) and an audit class. Participants younger than 11 years of age, older members with little experience in livestock judging and leaders and parents may sign up for the audit class. Prizes will only be awarded in the junior and senior classes.

The clinic will be a good learning opportunity and will provide participants with practice before the KMON judging contest. Please call the Teton County Extension Office to register for the event by **December 31**.

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Winter Fair

There will be a youth all breeds heifer show, feeder steer show and beef showmanship during the Winter Fair in Lewistown on **January 22-25, 2009**. The cost per entry is \$15 and entries are due by **January 16**. Registration forms and more information are available on the following website: www.montanawinterfair.com

People Partner Grants

The People Partner Grants provide incentives and financial support to groups and individuals for programs that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities.

4-H groups and individual members may apply for the grants. Grants are also open to non-4-H youth groups and individuals. Applications should meet the following criteria:

- Youth should be involved in determining, planning, conducting and evaluating the project.
- Project should make it possible for people to accomplish something educational and worthwhile that helps them reach a higher quality of life.
- There is community support and acceptance of the project, as evidenced by "partners" listed in the grant applications, additional funding sources, and resource persons and agencies involved.
- The project has lasting benefits.

Grants must be submitted to the Montana 4-H Foundation and postmarked by **February 1, 2009**. Grants up to \$500 are awarded. Please contact the extension office for an application.

Montana 4-H Citizenship Seminar

Members 14 and older by October 1, 2008, may apply to attend on **March 1-3, 2009**. Learn how the legislative process works, how to write a bill, and enhance your speech and debate skills during this event in **Helena**. Applications will be due **February 1, 2009**. Please call the extension office for the application.

International Programs Deadlines Soon

Outbound applications for all international programs are due January 15, 2009. Applications to Australia, Costa Rica, Finland, Japan and the IFYE program are available on the web at www.montana4h.org.

Citizenship Washington Focus

The event takes place on June 7-14, 2009, and is for members 15 and older by October 1, 2008. This event is for those interested in learning the ins and outs of Washington D.C. and the legislative process. Meet with Montana's political representatives, tour Washington D.C. and meet other 4-Hers from around the country. Applications are due **February 1**. Please contact the extension office for more information.

Possible Livestock Changes for Fair

The following changes are being considered by the livestock committee:

- **Ultrasounding** would be done during weigh-in **instead of holding carcass judging** at Crossroads Meats. The results could be held until after the sale, or distributed before the livestock sale.
- **Buyers would not be required to have their animals killed at Crossroads Meats**. The livestock committee is considering shipping to the processor of the buyers' choice.

If you have questions or would like to comment on the changes listed above, please contact Mark at the extension office or attend the next livestock meeting on **January 13, 2009**.

Shiloh Sharps Rifle Raffle

The Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Advisory Committee is selling raffle tickets for a \$2500 gift certificate toward a Shiloh Sharps rifle thanks to a generous donation from the Shiloh Sharps Rifle Company in Big Timber. Tickets are \$25 a piece or 5 tickets for \$100. Only 1000 tickets will be sold. Proceeds benefit the Montana Shooting Sports Program by sponsoring volunteer leader training workshops, providing scholarship funds for National 4-H Tournament qualifiers and assisting with the purchase of much needed state training equipment. Tickets may be purchased by contacting Todd Kesner at tkesner@montana.edu or 4069-994-6816.

Clover Connections-4-H Opportunities

Rec Lab Workshop Proposals Being Accepted

Proposals for workshops for the 2009 Rec Lab which will be held **March 20-22 in Forsyth, Montana**. Proposals are open for teen and adult presenters and are due **January 2**.

The theme selected for the upcoming Rec Lab is "Take the Green Challenge." Keep in mind the participant age range is 13-19 year olds. Please call the open for proposal forms.

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, in person, on the phone, that you or your child needs accommodations. We are happy to work with you to adapt the 4-H program to fit your needs.

2008-2009 Club Rotations

Weatherbeater Concessions	Old Agency Falcons
Pavilion set up-Fair	Teton Wranglers Golden Prairie
Pavilion clean up-Fair	Challenging Champs Prairie Stars
Chuckwagon Dinner	Eager Eagles Spring Creek
Camp Rotary clean up	Spring Creek

4, 40, 400 Challenge

The MT 4-H Foundation is currently challenging 4-H members, clubs, and counties to meet the 4, 40, 400 County Challenge in honor of the Foundation's 40th anniversary in 2009! The challenge is for 4-H members to donate \$4 each, clubs to donate \$40 each, and for counties to donate \$400 each to the Montana 4-H Foundation. The Foundation exists to support statewide 4-H programs and projects and gives out about \$100,000 a year in support of these statewide efforts. Some counties have already started in on the challenge in clever ways. A club in the Fort Shaw area of Cascade County, has decided that members will take an extra exhibit or two (resulting in at least a \$4 premium) to the fair, and raise the \$4 per member that way. Other ideas from agents include selling an extra "county critter" at the fair, or even resell an animal with proceeds going towards the challenge. The clubs in Madison/Jefferson County were challenged to meet the \$40 club challenge by their county representative. Many of them have already sent in their checks. All clubs meeting the challenge will receive a certificate of completion that can be displayed in historian books or elsewhere. The Foundation's hope is that rather than deplete already limited budgets that members and clubs get creative with fundraising activities and events. Let us know your creative fundraising activities and we may choose to showcase **your club or county** in the edition of Clover Connections in 2009!

Teton County 4-H Council has sent \$400 to the Montana 4-H Foundation in support of this effort.

Please contact the office if you would like electronic record book forms. They are available in Microsoft Word format. It would be easy to keep your record book update with about 10 minutes a month.



Clover Connections-4-H Club Officers

The officer positions in each 4-H club can be a great way to help youth learn responsibility, and develop and practice new skills. Each position in a club is valuable from participant to president. Below is a list of expectations we have of each member in the 4-H clubs:

Participant/Member:

- Arrive prepared to participate – notebook, pen/pencil, calendar, etc.
- Contribute ideas for the club to consider
- Make motions on ideas presented
- Participate in discussion
- **Attend the majority of 4-H club meetings**

Historian:

- Keep the history of the club in the form of a scrapbook, video journal, webpage, etc.
- May be appropriate to scan information from older scrapbooks to digitally preserve information
- Clip articles related to club members to store with club history

Reporter:

- Take minutes during the meeting
- Write press releases on club happenings
- Submit articles and photos to the local newspapers on club events
- Work with secretary to determine who will submit club information to the Extension Office for the monthly newsletter

Secretary:

- Record accurate minutes for each meeting and circulate copies of the minutes for the members to review at each meeting
- Keep accurate attendance records for club meetings
- Write correspondence on behalf of club
- Help develop a written plan for club activities each year

Treasurer:

- Using a checkbook register, keep accurate track of finances for club
- Pay all bills in timely fashion
- Keep all receipts for all money transactions of the club
- Give a written record, at each monthly club meeting, for the expenses and income for the club – use form on page 24 of the Treasurer's book to prepare this form for each club meeting
- Submit all financial records to the Extension Office for review annually
- See additional information on treasurer's books in this newsletter

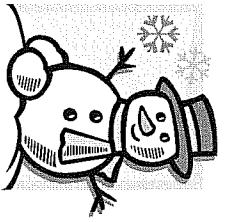
Vice President:

- Serve as the club parliamentarian
- Chair the program planning committee, which means you should work with other club members to develop a plan of activities and goals for the year (You could even arrange for guest speakers at each monthly meeting and keep a club calendar)
- Consult with the club president on meeting arrangements and plans
- Preside over meeting if president is absent

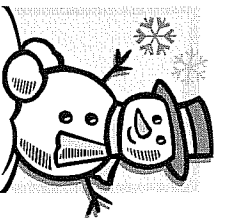
President:

- Work closely with the organizational leader to create written agendas for each club meeting and distribute for members to use during the meeting to take notes (read the newsletter carefully as you plan agendas)
- Preside over the meeting in a courteous, yet efficient manner
- Vote on matters only when there is a tie
- Appoint members to committees as needed

There are workbooks available for each of the officer positions that can be very helpful when they are actually read and used. Copies of the officer books were included for each organizational clubs and more are available at the office.



January 2009



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy New Year! Office closed	2	3
4	5 Beef paperwork & assessment fee due	6	7	8 Meetings: Awards comm. Fair comm.	9	10
11	12 Mini-Congress planning meeting 4-H Council mtg. Beef photo due	13 Meetings: Horse comm. Livestock comm.	14	15	16	17
18	19 Office Closed Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	20 Legislative Breakfast	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 4-H Update-Lewistown	28	29	30	31



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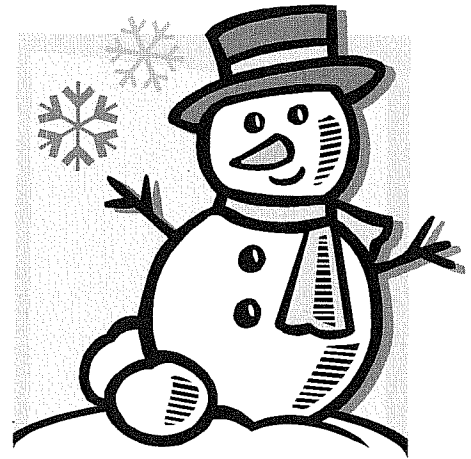
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- January 1 Beef possession deadline
- January 8 Awards committee meeting
Fair committee meeting
- January 9-11 Alberta 4-H Leaders Conference
- January 12 Mini-congress planning meeting
4-H Council meeting
Beef tagging deadline-photo due
- January 13 Horse committee meeting
Livestock committee meeting
- February 1 People Partnership Grant applications due
Citizenship Washington Focus applications due
- March 21 Cowboy Action Shooting meeting
- May 1 Swine & lamb possession deadline
- June 24-28 Teton County 4-H Fair



Jane A. Wolery

Mark B. Major

MSU Teton County Extension Agents

Return with payment by January 8, 2009

KMON JUDGING CONTEST PAYMENT FORM

Please complete the following registration and payment information and return to the Cascade County Extension Office. **PAYMENT OR PURCHASE ORDER MUST ACCOMPANY REGISTRATION FORM.** Payment is transferrable but not refundable.

Name of FFA Chapter or 4-H County _____

Advisor/Leader _____ Day Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

Number of participants in each contest: *Please check your figures!*

_____ registered for Career Development @ \$3.00 per person Total \$ _____

_____ registered for Livestock Contest @ \$3.00 per person Total \$ _____

_____ registered for Crops Contest @ \$3.00 per person Total \$ _____

_____ registered for Meats Contest @ \$3.00 per person Total \$ _____

_____ lunch tickets @ \$4.00 per person Total \$ _____

Total Amount owed \$ _____

Make payable to Fairfield FFA Alumni

Adults who will assist with contests (list below):

Name	Contest	Phone
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

(Individual will need to pick up a clipboard at check in and act as a group leader for a contest)

BY: THURSDAY, JANUARY 8, 2009, MAIL TO:

Cascade County Extension
1807 Third Street Northwest
Great Falls, MT 59404
(406) 454-6980 phone (406) 454-6984 fax

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2009 KMON Judging Contest Registration

Everyone will register as individuals. (See exception on meats)

When scores are tabulated, the top 3 scores from your county will be combined to comprise the team score.

COUNTY _____

Adult Accompanying Group _____

Phone _____

LIVESTOCK	CROPS	MEATS
		List age beside member name and designate as a team in order to determine qualifying team for 2010 Denver Western Roundup

RETURN REGISTRATION With Payment and Payment Form BY: Thursday, January 8

TO: Cascade County Extension Office
1807 Third Street Northwest
Great Falls, MT 59404
Phone 454-6980 Fax 454-6984

Make Checks or Purchase Orders Payable To: Fairfield FFA Alumni