



Upcoming Events & Information

Record Book Committee

There will be a record book committee meeting on **May, 13 at 5 p.m. in the Extension Office.** Committee members are welcome to attend via conference call. If you plan on calling in, please arrange at least one day in advance with Jane.

Exchange Club Meeting

The exchange group will have its next meeting on **May 16, on 4 p.m.** and will be held at Skyler Anderson's house. Check your email for directions and other details. If you have any questions, call Tammy or Dianne.

Horse & Livestock Committee Meetings

The Horse Committee will meet at **6 p.m.** and the Livestock Committee will meet at **7 p.m.** Both meetings will take place on **May 20** in the Alice Gleason Room of the Chateau Public Library.

Attention Sun River Rough Riders!

We will be holding a working session prior to our shoot on **Saturday, May 22.** We will start at 10:00 a.m. at the range, located six miles west of Simms on Highway 21. Please **bring a lunch** and some **work gloves.** We will be picking up some trash and preparing the range prior to their state shoot. We will hold our meeting and shoot two stages after lunch. We are holding this work session to thank the Sun River Rangers for allowing us the use of their range. Please attend. See you there! Major McCormick

Montana 4-H Congress

Montana 4-H Congress provides youth from across the state an opportunity to meet on the Montana State University Campus for four days and participate in an event like no other.

The following members will represent Teton County as the delegation to State 4-H Congress: Cody Ulsh, Weston Willekes, Colton Stephens, Kaylee Briscoe, Chelsea Lekan, Shelby Beck, Katie Townsend, Connor Hodgskiss, Dana Dale, Allyssa Ostberg.

Members interested in attending Montana 4-H Congress need to register their intent with Teton County Extension by April 30, 2010.

Carcass Evaluation & Events

Please note that we will be judging carcasses in Shelby at Crossroads Meats on **Thursday, July 1.** Members are invited to attend a session with the carcass judge at **2:30 p.m.**

Our carcass event will be **Monday, July 12 at 6:00 p.m.** in the Courtroom at the Teton County Courthouse. **Remember that 4-H livestock members must attend one of these events to be eligible for the carcass awards.**

4-H Camp

The Teton County 4-H Camp counselors are planning a Magical World of 4-H for you at 4-H camp, **July 14-16.** 4-H members are encouraged to register by **June 1,** using the form provided in this newsletter. The camp has been a highlight for many young 4-H members.

The counselors this year include Alisha Breen, Cody Ulsh, Connor Hodgskiss, Dana Dale, Dominic Streich, Jena Sinton, Katie Townsend, Kaylee Briscoe, Kimball Briscoe, Lexie Sullivan, Mackenzie Carlson, and Sarah Young. The camp director is Cindy Luoma. Camp "directors in training" are Dawn Sullivan and Caroline Rogers. The camp cook is Leona Somerfeld.

The camp team is fun and dynamic and will be planning a great experience for 4-H members. Feel free to invite camp counselors to talk with your 4-H members about camp. We would love to fill the cabins this year with 4-H members to make it a magical and memorable experience.

Helpful Financial Resources

For financial information form MSU Extension visit: <http://www.montana.edu/extensionecon/familyeconomics.html>

Teton County 4-H News

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Chuckwagon Dinner

The Challenging Champs and Golden Prairie 4-H Clubs are hosting the Chuckwagon Dinner at the fair. The club is requesting that livestock families bring a dessert to the dinner to share with buyers.

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4-H Exchange

The 4-H Exchange group would like to raise money for our trip coming up this summer. We are available to do cleaning, yard work, and almost any other jobs you are needing to be done. Please contact Dianne Bremer at 467-2847 or Tammy Townsend at 467-3302.

2009-2010 Club Rotations

Weatherbeater Concessions

Prairie Stars & Eager Beavers

Pavilion set up-Fair

Eager Eagles & Old Agency

Pavilion clean up-Fair

Spring Creek & Teton Wranglers

Chuckwagon Dinner

Challenging Champs & Golden Prairie

Camp Rotary clean up

Falcons

Old Agency 4-H Club News

The Old Agency 4-H Club met on Thursday, April 1. We decided to do the food at the Threshing Bee next year. There were eight people at Cowboy Action Shooting last month. They used lever action 22's, shotguns, and revolvers. Our club will be making a float for the fourth of July parade. During this meeting, we also filled plastic eggs for the Chamber Easter Egg Hunt. Our next meeting will be either May 8 or May 14.

Sincerely,

Daniel Asselstine

Thank you!

Thank you to the Spring Creek, Old Agency, Golden Prairie, Eager Beavers and Falcons 4-h Clubs for their donations of food and volunteer labor for the Choteau Community 4th of July Fireworks Fundraiser in April. These 4-H members and their adult leaders served more than 250 people a Sloppy Joe and hotdog luncheon and raised \$886 for the annual 4th of July fireworks show in Choteau. Overall, the fundraiser netted \$6,308 for the fireworks display. Hats off to our 4-H youngsters who are such great community volunteers (and to all the moms and dads who helped them, too!)

Melody Martinsen, chairwoman

Fireworks Fundraiser

Create Some Magic for the Fair

All 4-H members, families and clubs are encouraged to create magical messages to promote the Teton County 4-H Fair. You can advertise the fair through radio, posters, flyers, direct mail, signs or appropriate use of social networking site or electronic media. If you need ideas, please contact the Extension Office.

4-H Club/Organization Bylaws Needed

We are asking each club and 4-H organization to send us copy of the group's bylaws. If you can locate them, we'd like you to send them to us. If you cannot locate them, a template for bylaws is available on our website. **By August 15**, each club should have bylaws on file in our office. If you do not know where your bylaws are, now might be a good time to create some for your club. If you need help, please contact Jane.

Dog Workshops Offered in Conrad

Dog workshops will be offered in Conrad on a weekday evening, beginning in May. The workshops will focus on obedience and showmanship, with some discussion of health, grooming, etc incorporated as well. These classes will be offered once a week through mid-July at no cost, for any 4-Her who would like to attend. **If you are interested in these workshops, please contact Melissa Habets at 576-1039.**

4-H Livestock News

Marias & Teton Feeder Show

The Marias & Teton Feeder Show is scheduled for **June 5 in Shelby**. Belt buckles, cash and loot prizes will be awards. The goal of the Feeder Show is to allow 4-H members to show their animals prior to their fairs. The registration for the show is attached to this newsletter and is due **Friday, May 28, 2010**.

Russell Country Classic

Judith Basin County Fairgrounds - Stanford, MT
Saturday, May 29, 2010

10:00 AM - Registration Begins

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM - Hip height

1:00 PM - Shows begin

Open to MT 4-H, FFA, and Jr. Breed Assoc. Members

Completed Entry Forms are Due Monday, May 24

Please contact the Teton County Extension Office for registration information.

Townsend Valley Jackpot Show

Broadwater County Fairgrounds – Townsend, MT
Sunday, June 6, 2010

8:00 AM – Registration begins

8:30 – 9:00 AM – Lamb weigh-in & steer hip height

9:30 AM – Lamb Show begins

Open to Montana 4-H, FFA and Jr. Breed Association Members

Completed entry forms are due/postmarked Monday May 24

Please contact the Teton County Extension Office for registration information.



4-H Horse News

Teton County Horse Clinic

Deb Porcarelli is offering horse clinics in April and May at the Weatherbeater arena for 4-H horse members. These are for all levels, English and Western. Deb will assist with basic horsemanship and problems you may be having with your riding or new things that you would like to learn. Deb's clinics are fun and a great way to get ready for assessments and fair. The dates are **May 16 and May 22 and they will all be held from 1:00 – 4:00. Helmets will be required. The cost is \$10 per rider. Call Tammy Townsend at 467-3302 to register.**

Attention Horse Project Members

Waiver forms are due back in the Extension Office. The 4-H insurance will not cover horse project members until the form is received in the office.

If you did not watch the video and/or attend the training last year, or if this is your first year in the horse project, you will need to check out Every Ride, Every Time and watch it before you sign the form. Contact Mark with any questions.

Teton County Horse Showcase

All are invited to a Horse Project Showcase. This is an opportunity for 4-H horse project members to share with others what they have learned over the course of the year. They will be able to discuss each of their projects. We welcome parents, families, and friends to join us at **5:30 p.m. on Saturday, June 12 at the Weatherbeater.**

Teton County Horse Assessments

4-H horse project members must be assessed by a trained horse leader by **June 12**. Trained leaders include Genny Barhaugh, Barb Bouma, Danelle Cray and Tammy Townsend. Please contact one of these leaders to schedule an appointment.

Horse Share for Kids' Sake

The L H Ranch at Gold Creek is a seven-generation family cattle ranch and the home base for the "Children Bound for the Stars" and its youth programs which positively impact youth through animal interaction. This year we are launching a new program, "Horses for Kids' Sake." Each year the ranch hosts two major "Horseback Weekend" fundraisers for the children's program. One is the first week of July when the cattle are moved into the mountains, onto the National Forest grazing lease, and one in the first week of October, when they are moved home. If you are interested in cattle drives, BBQs dances, campfire activities, horseback games and more, call 406-288-3430 or email childrenbound4thestars7genmtrnch@yahoo.com

Montana 4-H Opportunities

Loon Lake Teen Camp

Please save the date for the upcoming Loon Lake Teen Camp 2010! It will take place on **June 15-18** at the Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp near Bigfork. This camp will serve all interested youth 4-H age 13 and older. Please contact Extension Agents Katelyn Anderson, 375-6611, or Campbell Barrett at 258-4203 for more information. Contact the Teton County Extension Office for registration information.

LOL with UR 4-H Peeps

4-H Mini-Congress for District 3

11-13 year olds

October 21 & 22

St. Leos Church in Lewistown, MT

Four workshop sessions w/ three class choices each

Games & tie die t-shirts

Wii tournament

International Exchange Hosts Needed

Montana 4-H welcomes 35 Japanese delegates this summer from July 21-August 19. We are looking for families with kids ages 10-18 to host a Japanese youth. Families with no children or younger children may host an adult chaperone. This is a great opportunity to learn about another culture first-hand. Delegates come to experience life in a typical American family so planning special activities is not necessary. They also come with health insurance and their own spending money. To apply, contact the Teton County Extension Office, Beth Foster at 406-461-3014 or Stephanie Davison at 406-334-3502.



Try Some New Kitchen Skills and/or Sew Something Special for Someone in Need

All 4-H age youth are invited to a set of workshops on **June 9, beginning at 9 a.m., at the Valier High School**. Please note that participants must be 4-H age, but not necessarily 4-H members. Anyone who has an interest in learning new cooking or sewing skills is invited to attend. Any adults who are willing to help youth with these hands-on workshops are also invited.

The Foods workshop will begin at 9 a.m. in the Valier High School Home Ec Room. Participants will learn how to dehydrate a variety of foods for fun and healthy snacks. Some of the items we are tentatively planning are fruit leather, beef jerky, and various dried fruits. We also plan to make a batch of low sugar freezer jam, if time allows. This will be a hands-on class, and some of the skills learned will be food safety, knife safety, following directions, and tips on successful dehydrating and freezing. Participants will take home samples of the foods they made, recipes, and new skills in the kitchen. Following the Foods workshop, participants may stay for our free lunch, join the sewing workshop, or head for home.

The Sewing workshop will also begin at 9:00. This workshop will teach basic cutting, piecing, and finishing techniques on quilts that participants will make, and 4-H will donate to children in crisis in this area. The materials will be donated and patterns provided, but participants need to bring a sewing machine that works well and that they know how to run; thread; extra needles; scissors, and basic sewing supplies. We will also need to borrow cutting boards, rotary cutters, cutting rulers, irons and ironing boards, extension cords, and multi-plugs (please put your name on items that you bring). **Anyone who would like to donate fabric or batting is encouraged to do so.**

There is no cost to the workshops, thanks to donations. A grant from the Montana McDonalds Foundation funded the dehydrators and groceries for the Foods workshop. Donations from Gary and Leo's IGA, Nations Security, the Creative Needle, Cooperative Neighbors 4-H Club, and other individuals, businesses, and groups will provide the sewing materials and lunch groceries. **Further donations for quilting supplies will mean we can serve more children in need. If you intend to donate fabric and/or batting, please contact the Pondera Extension Office ASAP**, so we can determine how much we need to purchase in addition to donations. Pre-registration is not required, but will help us plan how to set up, how much food and fabric we need, and how many to plan for lunch.

To RSVP, pledge a contribution, get directions, or ask questions, please contact Pondera County Extension Agent Adele Stenson at 271-4052. Please join us and invite your friends and family to be a part of two great workshops, and take home new skills, new friendships, and the opportunity to put "your hands to larger service."

Magic and New

This Teton County Fair Information Is for You

We've been pulling a few tricks out of our sleeves to make your 4-H fair experience easier this year. First, we have moved the deadline to the end of April. We hope that seeing the deadline on your calendar all month will make it easier to remember and will make late entries and late fees disappear.

We have also posted all necessary materials on our website, www.msuextension.org/teton and new this year the forms are, for the most part, interactive. It is like magic! You should be able to complete the forms electronically, save it and e-mail them to our office. Poof! Be sure to save forms with unique names (for those with more than one person in the family) and then attach to an e-mail and send. You can always use a simple naming strategy, such as lastnamefirstnamefairentry.pdf or lastnamefirstnamestyleshowscript.pdf. If you have trouble, please call our office for technical support. You can print and complete by hand and deliver/mail to our office, if you rather not get caught in the wizardry of the web.

Even the exhibit tags are available electronically and can be completed by typing in the form and then printing. You can print in any color you prefer for your exhibit tags, so long as we can read the information. You can also print the form blank and fill it out by hand if you choose. We will have exhibit tags available for those who wish to have the hardcopies and will also have extras at fair as usual.

The fair book, fair entry forms, style show entry forms, style show script forms and more can be found on-line. For anyone who would prefer a copy on disc or paper, please contact our office by April 15. We can put .pdf files on disc, if you have a computer, but not reliable or fast Internet access. Many families only need a few sections of the fair book, so it seems wasteful to print the entire book if an electronic copy will serve purposes. We are trying to make paper waste disappear as we look forward to magical moments at the fair.

The food safety information for any clubs and/or families preparing food to serve to others during the fair is also on-line. New this year 4-H families attending the Chuckwagon Dinner are asked to bring **one dessert per member in a pan that is at least 9x13 or prepare it on-site if it is a potentially hazardous food item.**

If all of that isn't spell-binding enough, brochures/schedules, buyer invitations and proxy agreements for the livestock auction are all found on the website. If you need printed copies, we are just a phone call away.

In April, we will send an electronic survey with a variety of meeting times to see if anyone would benefit from a conference call or electronic meeting when we could explain the fair registration process. We are also available for individual consultation, if you need help.

Make the checklist on the website your **first** and **last** stop as you complete your entries. The checklist will avoid any illusions as to what forms you need to submit.

Please let us know if there is anything else magical we can pull out of our hat to make your fair experience easier.

We Need You

We are currently looking for leaders or members who are willing to serve as 4-H Council vice-president and secretary. Both positions hold two-year terms.

The **vice-president** should attend as many 4-H Council meetings as possible and conduct meetings in the president's absence.

The **secretary** should attend as many 4-H Council meetings as possible, take minutes and submit them, preferably electronically, to the Teton County Extension Office.

Both positions can be filled by a youth or an adult. The positions can also be shared by a youth/adult combination.

There are four meetings a year, for a total of eight meetings in the two-year term. Meetings are typically two hours in length and rotate throughout Teton County.

Cynthia Rice and Terry Stephens are on the nominating committee. If you are interested in serving, please contact either of them or the Extension Office for more details.

Fair Pavilion Information-Static Exhibits_____

We Need You!

We are in need of helpers during fair week June 21-26. **Please call the office at 466-2491 to volunteer.**

Monday, June 21

Pavilion Setup for Judging:
Eager Eagles & Old Agency
Help hauling tables, water, etc.

Thursday, June 24:

Judges Helpers: Ambassador team and others

Decorating for Public Display at the Pavilion

2 adults and 2 members per club. Please call the office to designate. Community members welcome as substitutions.

Friday, June 25:

Style Show set up-chairs, speakers, etc. Dog show set-up

Bring on the Exhibits!

Please plan to arrive at the Chateau Pavilion fifteen minutes prior to your scheduled club times on **Thursday, June 24.**

12:30 p.m. Judges orientation

Interview Judging

1:00 p.m. Spring Creek

1:30 p.m. Eager Eagles

2:00 p.m. Challenging Champs

2:15 p.m. Old Agency

2:30 p.m. Teton Wranglers

3:00 p.m. Falcons

3:30 p.m. Eager Beavers & Prairie Stars

4:00 p.m. Golden Prairie & Sun River Rough Riders

Textile Judging

Textile show registrations are due **June 5**. The textile show judging for quilts and garments will take place by scheduled appointment starting at **2:00 p.m. on Thursday, June 10. Date Change...The textile judging has been moved to June 17.**

The Textile Show will be held on **Friday, June 25, at 7:00 p.m.**

Photography Exhibits

Display all photos neatly and indicate on front of photo/display whether the photo is film or digital. Prints that are 8x10 or smaller, need to be matted only (no frame or glass) on matte board or poster board. Photos should measure no larger than 16x20" as a maximum. Prints larger than 8x10 can be mounted/framed at the discretion of the exhibitor.

Dress for Fair

The fair is a time when we have many volunteers and a great audience supporting 4-H members' accomplishments. Please consider wearing "interview" appropriate attire on Thursday to interview judging. Dress clothing is appropriate for the interviews and recommended. Please avoid wearing t-shirts, tank tops and faded jeans. Consider instead wearing pressed button-front shirts, dress slacks and belt or other dress clothes. Please remember this is one of the main events highlighting 4-H in our county. How you dress/behaves reflects on you, your family, your club and the entire 4-H program in our county. Let's look sharp this year!

Dog Show

The dog show will be held on **Friday, June 25, at 5 p.m.**

Family Dance

The family dance will be held on **Friday, June 25 from 8-11:30 p.m.**

Pavilion Greeters:

We need each club to volunteer at least 3 people to take a time as a greeter at the Pavilion. Call Jane to schedule.

Fair Weatherbeater Information-Animal Exhibits_____

We Need You!

We are in need of helpers during fair week June 21-26. **Please call the office at 466-2491 to volunteer.**

Monday, June 21

Weatherbeater Set-up:

6:00 p.m.

Friday, June 25:

Animal Show Helpers

You??

Saturday, June 26:

Animal Show Helpers

You??

Announcers for Livestock Sale

You??

Runners-Livestock Sale

You??

Clerks-Livestock Sale

Terry Stephens & Jamie Smith

Registration Table-Livestock Sale

Karen Gundlach, Cynthia Rice

Invoicing-Livestock Sale

Karen Gundlach, Cynthia Rice & Rhea Brutosky

Photographs

We ask that 4-H members arrange to have their pictures taken with their exhibit. A backdrop will be available at the Weatherbeater for animals.

Weatherbeater Setup

All 4-H livestock members should plan to attend the Weatherbeater set up for the Teton County 4-H Fair on **Monday, June 21, at 6:00 p.m.** Bring gloves, buckets, rags and muscles. We'll ask for "crew chiefs" again this year, so think about how you would like to help.

Helping Hands

This year, 5-D Processing is offering four \$25 awards to those members who have gone the "extra mile" to help another 4-H member. A nomination form will be available at the registration table at the Weatherbeater. We would like you to think of someone who has helped you out over the past year with your animal.

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Weatherbeater Concessions

Eager Beavers and Prairie Stars 4-H Clubs are in charge of fair concessions.

Livestock Shipping

Swine will be shipped Sunday, June 27 at 6:00 p.m. Steers and lambs will be shipped Monday, June 29, at 9 a.m.

4-H members and representatives must check in with the livestock committee representative. An assessment fee of \$50.00 will be collected if the 4-H member does not load and clean on shipping day, unless the member has chosen another 4-H member as a representative to clean up in his/her place. The representative cannot already be scheduled to clean for that animal group.

Dress for Animal Shows

During the animal shows and SALE, you are asked to follow the dress code from the fair book. Many spectators express that they prefer the traditional white long-sleeved, button-front shirt, tucked into dark jeans. Many members went into the sale ring last year with shirt tails hanging. Please remember this is one of the main events highlighting 4-H in our county. How you dress/behaves reflects on you, your family, your club and the entire 4-H program in our county. Let's look sharp this year.



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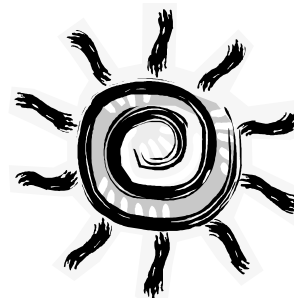
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Dates to Remember

May 13	Record Book Committee meeting
May 16	Exchange Club meeting Horse Clinic with Deb Porcarelli- Note date change
May 20	Horse Committee meeting Livestock Committee meeting
May 22	Horse Clinic with Deb Porcarelli Cowboy Action Shooting working session
June 5	Marias & Teton Feeder Show-Shelby Textile entries due
June 10	Textile judging
June 12	Horse Project Showcase
June 17	Textile judging-Note date change
June 23-27	Teton County 4-H Fair
July 1	Carcass Judging
July 6-9	4-H Congress
July 12	Carcass Education event
July 14-16	Teton County 4-H Camp
Oct. 21-22	District 3 Mini-Congress



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