



## **Upcoming Events & Information**

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### **Thank You to Outgoing Council Officers**

Thank you to our outgoing 4-H Council president, Cynthia Rice and treasurer, Jeff Martinsen. We appreciate your two years of service. Welcome to our new president, Connor Hodgskiss and treasurer, Dawn Smith-Sullivan.

### **National 4-H Week**

**National 4-H Week is October 2-8, 2011.**

### **4-H Demonstration Committee Meeting**

The Demonstration Committee will meet on **Thursday, October 6, at 5 p.m.** in the Extension Office at the Teton County Courthouse. Members of the Demonstration Committee include Sally Heuscher, Susan Heuscher, Beth Ann Hodgskiss, Connor Hodgskiss and Susan Snyder. If you would like to join the Demonstration Committee, please attend the meeting.

### **4-H Fair Committee Meeting**

The Fair Committee will meet on **Thursday, October 6, at 5 p.m.** in the Extension Office at the Teton County Courthouse. Members of the Fair Committee include Members of the Demonstration Committee include Kayla Breen, Sally Heuscher, Susan Heuscher, Dusti Hicks, Joy Ostberg, Dawn Smith-Sullivan, Colton Stephens, Terry Stephens, Lexie Sullivan and Amanda Willekes. If you would like to join the Demonstration Committee, please attend the meeting.

### **Fall Food Drive**

Calling all 4-H members to participate in the 4-H food drive on **Saturday, October 15, in the workout room behind Bridges** (old At Home Flooring store). We will start 8 a.m. We encourage all members to participate. Lunch and beverages will be provided! We also need adults willing to drive for the event. Please contact Mark Major at 590-2493 for more information. Thank you!

### **4-H Budget & Audit and Council Meetings**

The Budget and Audit meeting will be held on **November 3 at 5:30 p.m. at John Henry's restaurant** in Choteau. The 4-H Council meeting will follow at **6:30 p.m.**

### **Livestock and Horse Committee Meetings**

The meetings will be held at the Teton County Sheriff's Office conference room on **Thursday, October 27**. The Horse Committee meeting will be held at **6 p.m.** and the Livestock Committee meeting will be held at **7 p.m.** **Everyone is invited to attend.**

### **Exchange Project**

The deadline to register for the next two year cycle of Exchange is **October 31, 2011**. **Please sign up for the Exchange Project (project number 0811) when you complete your enrollment form.**

### **Record Books**

In order to have your 4-H year count as completed, your organizational must check your record books. A list of criteria for a complete record book is available in this newsletter.

### **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.**

### **Photo Discs Available**

Photo discs are available for families who would like pictures from the 4-H year. In order to reduce waste, we will produce them on demand. Please contact the office to request your photo disc. Please make your request in advance to give us time to burn your DVD's.

### **Treasurer's Book Due in October**

Club and committee treasurer's books **MUST** be reviewed in the Teton County Extension Office during the month of October. 4-H club and organizations that fail to comply, risk losing their charter and association with Montana or Teton County 4-H. Financial records, including your checkbook, receipts and bank statements, will be due **October 1-31**, with no exceptions.

**Clover Classes...Coming soon**  
**Watch for details.**

# Teton County 4-H News

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## Spring Creek Club News

The Spring Creek 4-H Club will hold their October meeting on **Sunday, October 9th, at 1:30 p.m.** in the Alice Gleason Room at the Chateau/Teton Public Library. We will be electing officers at this meeting.

## New Exchange Members & Leaders Wanted

Are you interested in meeting people from another part of the county, traveling to see new things, showing off our state, and just plain having fun with a groups of 4-Hers?

The official enrollment will be in October, when you enroll for 4-H. Members must be 12 years or older as of October 1, 2011, enrolled in a Teton County 4-H club, enrolled in one other project besides exchange, attend 2/3 of club functions, complete the exchange project book and host of member of another exchange.



## Harvest Howl for Camp Rotary

The fundraiser will be held on **Friday, November 4, 2011** at the Four Seasons Arena in Great Falls. The doors open at 5:30 p.m. and there will be music and dancing until 11 p.m. Tickets are available online at [www.harvesthowl.org](http://www.harvesthowl.org) and at Kaufman's Menswear. This fundraiser helps provide improvements at Camp Rotary.

## 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](mailto: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.msueextension.org/teton/forms.html>.

## Record Book Winners

Congratulations to the following members for their outstanding work on their record books. They have each received a \$20 cash award for their top-notch work! Pre-Junior winners include Zane Somerfeld and Brigid Miller. The Junior winner is Connor Crary and the senior winner is Chottie Crary and Susan Heuscher.

Most of these record books will be on display at the courthouse during National 4-H Week. If you would like to learn how to keep tidy, accurate records 4-H style, please contact the Extension Office.

## PALS of Pavilion Fundraiser

The fundraiser will be held **Sunday, November 13 at 1pm**. Any club wishing to "host a theme table" or "provide an auction basket" please contact Kayla Breen or any other PALS member. This fundraiser provides improvements that to the Pavilion that we enjoy using each year during the county fair.

## Presentation at Fairfield Community Hall

All are invited to a special presentation by national best selling author Mary-Ann Kirkby. Her book I Am Hutterite recounts her experience growing up on a Hutterite Colony and her family's experience leaving the colony when she was ten. This spellbinding presentation will be in the Fairfield Community Hall on **Sunday, October 16 at 2:00 p.m.**

## Workshop Proposals Sought for Rec Lab 2012

Rec Lab will be held in Lewistown on March 16-18, 2012. The theme will be "**100 Years of Green,**" **Proposals are due October 1, 2011.**

District 3 4-H leaders and members are actively planning Rec Lab, and are looking for workshop proposals to fill out this exciting event. Please consider proposing a workshop for inclusion in this event.

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

Please call the Teton County Extension Office for more information.

# 4-H Livestock Opportunities

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## 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.



## Show Us Your Show Animal Contest

Nasco is sponsoring a "Show Us Your Show Animal" contest. It involves a photo of the exhibitor with their show animal and a short essay. Entries are due **October 3, 2011**, and prizes include clippers and gift certificates to the Nasco catalog. For more information, click on the following link.

[http://www.enasco.com/page/SG\\_Contest\\_0411LP/?utm\\_source=ShowingGrooming&utm\\_medium=banner&utm\\_campaign=SGcontest042011](http://www.enasco.com/page/SG_Contest_0411LP/?utm_source=ShowingGrooming&utm_medium=banner&utm_campaign=SGcontest042011)

# 4-H Opportunities and Information

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## Student Ag Expo

The event will be **November 3-5 in Billings Montana** at the Holiday Inn/Grand Montana. This event will tie into several Montana FFA activities but the traditional Ag Days events as well as the NILE Livestock are open for 4H members. 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](http://4-h.uwyo.edu/WRLF_12.asp)

## Civil Rights Policy Statement

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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.

## 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.

## Young Ag Leadership Conference

The conference will take place **October 7-9 at the Yogo Inn in Lewistown**. The YALC is a collaborative effort between nine of Montana's agricultural organizations, offering attendees a chance to discuss current ag issues, take part in various workshops, meet with industry leaders and network with fellow young people who live Montana agriculture. Anyone aged 18-40 and interested or involved in any facet of agriculture is encouraged to attend. Please contact the office for more info.

## 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 valuty 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.

# National 4-H Week - October 2-8

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## 1 Year

Doug Anderson, Laurel Anderson, Valerie Anderson  
Delbert Bradley, Amanda Copenhaver, Cory Coperhaver, Pandora Dshner, Brenda Evans, Rodney Evans, Karen Forseth, Diane Hausmann, Lena Heuscher, Tim Kelly, Tamera Maddox, Les Meyer, Cari Ostberg, Stephen Ostberg, Jean Schroeder, Phil Schroeder, Rhonda Schwenke, Sabrina Selander, Gerry Smith, Susan Snyder, Colton Stephens, Lance Stott, Amie Talkington, Jennifer Ulsh, Betty Wolery

## 2 Years

Gilbert Anderson, Jason Asselstine, Jennifer Asselstine, Darren Beadle, Jerry Breen, Ron Bremer, Nick Bremer, Joe Coble, Joe Cooper, Jennifer French, Steve French, Fred Ginther, Paula Gunderson, Jeff Howard, Robyn Kelly, Tim Kelly, Heidi Konen, Michael Konen, Juli Kostelnik, Carolyn Major, Mark Major, Jo Lynn Miller, Alan Peace, Stacy Reynolds, Caroline Rogers, Heather Sand, Ben Selander, David Selander, Shayna Sinton, Kristina Sons, Ethan Young

## 3 Years

Brian Bedord, Lisa Bedord, Shelby Daley, Dusti Hicks, Cathy Maurer, Paige Selander, Pete Townsend

## 4 Years

Melissa Anderson, Dianne Bremer, Gina Dale, Andra Gasvoda, Scott Gasvoda, Becky LaValley, Dale Sand, Kelsey Young

## 5 Years

Krystal Hayes, Jeff Martinsen, Melody Martinsen, Brent Roeder, Tracie Roeder, Tim Sinton, Dawn Smith-Sullivan, Hendrika Willekes

## 6 Years

Deb Coverdell, Mark Coverdell, Dusty Crary

## 7 Years

Danelle Crary, Brodie Gollehon, Chris Ostberg, Joy Ostberg, Bruce Ruckman, Janae Ruckman, Mary Salmond, Doug Ulsh

## 9 Years

Diane Gollehon, Lyle Hodgskiss, Chuck Stephens, Terry Stephens, Tammy Townsend, Jane Wolery

## 10 Years

Jill Smith, Cliff Young, Colleen Young

## 12 Years

Sally Heuscher, Nikki Ley

## 13 Years

Beth Ann Hodgskiss, Denna Lekan

## 14 Years

Cynthia Rice

## 15 Years

Sheree Kelly, Lisa Sinton

## 16 Years

Genny Barhaugh, Kayla Breen, Karen Gundlach

## 17 Years

Cathy Campbell

## 18 Years

Cindy Luoma

## 20 Years

Barb Bouma, Linda Grossman

## 21 Years

Linda Rice

## 26 Years

Leona Somerfeld

## 30 Years

Diane Inbody

## 35 Years

Deanna Burgmaier

# Teton County 4-H Council Minutes

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The meeting was called to order by President Cynthia Rice. Members present were Barb Bouma, Sally Heuscher, Jeff Martinson, Terry Stephens and Extension Agents Mark Major and Jane Wolery. Sally led the American pledge and Terry led the 4-H pledge.

The minutes from the previous minutes were read by Cynthia. Terry moved and Sally seconded that we accept the minutes as read. Motion passed.

Jeff gave the Treasurer's report. The executive committee had approved a loan to the exchange group to purchase cherries for their cherry sale. The loan should be repaid by Sept. 9. Sally moved and Terry seconded to accept the Treasurer's report. Motion passed.

## **Committee Reports:**

Livestock- Terry reported that the committee met and talked about the fair. The "Kiss-A-Pig" and "Old Goat" raised \$361.61 which will be donated to the Taylor Challenge. Mark also reported that the committee is working on getting more water to the new wash racks and fixing the pig waterers.

Exchange- Jane reported that the exchange went well and everyone made it home safely. They will meet on Sunday at Hodgskiss' to organize the new group and review the policy.

Record Books- the committee met and judged the books submitted for quality. The winners were: Pre-juniors Zane Somerfeld and Brigid Miller; Junior Connor Crary; and Seniors Chottie Crary and Susan Heuscher.

Horse- Barb reported that the committee met and agreed that the fair went well. The committee would like to move the horse show to a date later in the summer. This is primarily a safety issue, as our fair is early in the year, and the members don't have a lot of time to prepare because of school and weather. The committee is looking at possibly the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> week of August. This issue was discussed among the council and it was decided that it should be brought before the fair committee.

4-H Camp- Numbers were up. The younger counselors did a great job and the directors were great. The office purchased a book for Cindy Luoma as a thank you for all her years of service. There is an extra copy of the book in the office to show to people to highlight the positive aspects of camp.

4-H Congress- We had a small delegation this year, but paired up with other counties for meetings. Our livestock judging team got second, but the team that won has already gone to Denver, so our team has the option to go. If the team does decide to go, the council will look at helping with expenses.

## **Unfinished Business:**

Jeff moved and Terry seconded that council donate \$100 to the Taylor Challenge. Motion passed.

4-H Treasurer books/GEN Paperwork- We met the deadline on the new tax issues. All club and committee Treasurer books have to be in the office in October for review.

Council Constitution- The executive committee passed a few changes to the constitution because of the new GEN

paperwork.

Rec-Lab 2012- Our district is hosting this in Lewistown March 16-18. The theme is "100 Years of Green". Jane has been attending meetings and our county is in charge of evaluations. They are calling for workshop proposals.

Ten Year Awards- We have been giving water bottles to the 10 year members, but it was agreed that we could come up with something better. A fleece blanket was one suggestion, as well as an emergency kit for a vehicle.

## **New Business**

Shooting sports- There will be a training in Great Falls in mid September. Mark got a grant from the NRA for about \$2000. The members involved in pistol and rifle will meet in November through March and then the Cowboy Action shooting will start up.

National 4-H Congress- Susan Heuscher will be attending this year.

Montana Leadership Forum- Terry is attending this at Big Sky.

Alberta Leaders Forum is in January in Edmonton.

Applications are available for leaders wishing to attend.

WRLF will be held in Cheyenne, WY Jan 12-15.

4-H Enrollment materials were handed out.

Tribute to Volunteer Excellence- These awards are given out at Leaders Forum in September. Jane would like ideas on who we should nominate for next year. Cynthia and Terry will meet and work on this.

We have extra water bottles from camp and caps from fair.

We will put these out with the other awards at fair for members to choose.

Harvest Howl for Camp Rotary is Nov. 4 in Great Falls.

The food drive will be held in Choteau on Saturday, Oct. 15.

Susan Heuscher, Connor Hodgskiss and Chottie Crary and Sarah Hodgskiss are in charge.

Club rotations for fair were discussed. We will look at setting up the Pavilion later in the week and possibly see if this could be done by a Choteau club to take travel time off people from farther away in the county.

Would it be possible to have the theme for the year be "100 year of 4-H: Past, Present and Possibilities", as this is the Centennial theme. We could get the old pictures from Frank Kelly blown up and hang at various events.

The office ran ads to encourage people to join 4-H in the Fairfield and Choteau papers the first part of September. Barb moved and Sally seconded that we run the same type of ad in conjunction with a volunteer appreciation ad during 4-H week. Motion passed.

Elections were held and Terry moved and Jeff seconded that by acclimation the new President is Connor Hodgskiss and the new Treasurer will be Dawn Sullivan. Motion passed.

The next meeting will be in Choteau. Jane will Doodle people about the date and time.

Meeting adjourned.

# 2011 Montana Make it With Wool Contest

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It is time to start preparing for the Make It With Wool contest to be held this Fall. Get out your favorite pattern and start hunting for that perfect piece of wool fabric. It would be great to make a wool outfit for the contest this Fall and then already have an item finished for your sewing project this next 4-H year.

When looking for that perfect fabric remember it needs to be a minimum of 60% wool to qualify for the MIWW contest.

Wool can be purchased at local fabric stores, mail-order resources, Internet sites, sewing magazines, ASI website, Mohair Council of America or from Jean Harrison, Montana State MIWW Director.

It is imperative that you have your wool tested at the Montana Wool Lab. Unfortunately, a lot of wool on the market is being sold at a much higher wool percentage than it actually contains. Therefore, you must send a sample of your wool (5x5-inch square) to Jean Harrison, our Montana MIWW Director, at 615 Highland Avenue, Dillon, MT 59725, along with \$3.00 for each fabric to be tested so the test

results can come in before you start sewing.

The Make It With Wool District #3 covers Blaine, Broadwater, Cascade, Chouteau, Glacier, Hill, Judith Basin, Lewis & Clark, Liberty, Meagher, Pondera, Teton and Toole counties.

The District #3 MIWW contest is scheduled for **November 12, 2011 at the First Congregational United Church of Christ in Great Falls.**

The categories are Preteen (12 and under); Junior (13-16); Senior (17-24); and Adult (age 25 and over); and Made for Others.

First place winners in the Junior, Senior, Adult and Made for Others categories advance to the State competition which will be held during the Montana Wool Growers Convention held in **Billings on December 2 and 3.**

Pamphlets and Entry Forms are available at your local Extension Office. **Entry forms and fees are due two weeks prior (October 28) to competing in a district contest.**

For more information, please contact either of the District #3 Co-Directors, Amanda Powell at 406-265-8046 or Rosella Higgins at 406-357-4268.

# 2011 Montana MIWW Quilt/Afghan Contest

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Again this year, there will be a Make It With Wool Quilt/Afghan Contest held in conjunction with the Montana State Make It With Wool contest in **Billings on December 2 and 3.**

Quilters, knitters and crocheters are encouraged to create a work of art for the MIWW Quilt/Afghan contest. I would encourage you to do double duty and create a wool quilt or afghan for this contest and then use it for your 4-H project this next year.

The categories are Wall hanging/Table runner; Throw (approximately 56" x 72"); Twin; Queen; King; and Afghan.

The requirements for the quilts are:

Quilt top fiber content must be at least 60% wool

Batting must be at least 60% wool or 100% cotton

Backing must be at least 60% natural fiber (wool, cotton, linen or silk)

Quilt may be constructed by an individual or by a group

Any construction technique or combination may be used (machine and/or hand)

Label back with name and address

The requirements for the afghans are:

Yarn must be at least 60% wool

Item can be knitted or crocheted

Label back with name and address

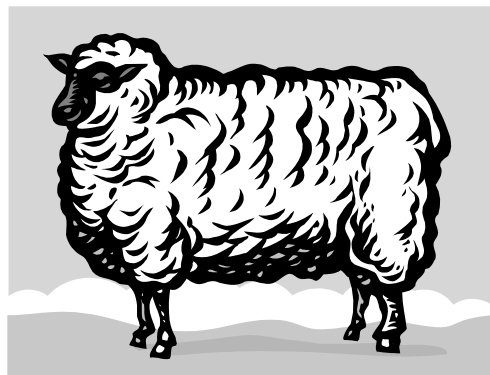
Pamphlets and Entry Forms are available at your local Extension office.

For more information, please contact:

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# Teton County 4-H 2011 Calendar\_\_\_\_\_

## October

- 1-31 4-H Club and organizations financial records due
- 1 New 4-H year begins  
Rec Lab workshop proposals due
- 2-8 National 4-H Week
- 6 Demonstration Committee meeting-5 p.m.  
Fair Committee meeting-6 p.m.
- 10 Office Closed in observance of Columbus Day
- 15 Food Drive/Choteau
- 27 Horse Committee meeting  
Livestock Committee meeting

## November

- 3 Budget & Audit Committee meeting 5:30 p.m. John Henry's  
4-H Council meeting 6:30 p.m. John Henry's
- 12 District 3 MIWW contest-Great Falls

## December

- 2-3 State MIWW contest

## January

- 1 Citizenship Washington Focus applications due  
Susan Duffner Scholarship applications due

## June

- 18-23 Teton County 4-H Fair

**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

- Oct. 1-31 4-H Club and organizations financial records due
- Oct. 1 4-H year begins  
Rec Lab proposals due
- Oct. 2-8 National 4-H Week
- Oct. 6 Demonstration Committee meeting  
Fair Committee meeting
- Oct. 10 Office Closed-Columbus Day
- Oct. 15 Food Drive Choteau
- Oct. 27 Horse Committee meeting  
Livestock Committee meeting
- Nov. 3 Budget & Audit Committee meeting  
4-H Council meeting
- Nov. 12 District 3 MIWW contest-GF



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