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Record Books

In order to be advanced to the next year and have your 4-H year count, 4-H members must turn in their record book to organizational leaders to be checked for completion. Completion criteria is available on the Teton County website at <http://www.msueextension.org/teton/> under 4-H then record books. In order to enter projects and show and sell animals, record books must be submitted to your organizational leader or the extension office and be completed by May 1, 2010.

A New 4-H Year

The new 4-H year begins October 1. Organizational leaders will receive enrollment forms and end of the year information by the mid-September.

The process will be delayed somewhat this year as we work through the new leader enrollment/certification process.

Organizational leaders need to submit a list of members who have completed their record books by September 1.

4-H Council Meeting

The meeting will be held on **September 1**, in Pendroy at 7 p.m.

4-H Treasurer's Books Due

4-H treasurer's books are due in the office on **September 1**. These include all clubs and organizations.

Fair Judge Ideas

Do you have good ideas for fair judges? If you do, please send their name, address, phone number, e-mail and project area to the Extension Office. We are updating our files and are always in need of ideas for new fair judges.

Greytak Calendars Available

Greytak calendars will be available for purchase at the end of September. The calendars cost \$10 and a portion of the sales

goes directly to Teton County 4-H. Clubs wishing to sell the calendars as a fundraiser call the office for details.

Food Drive Organizers Needed

It is the time of year when 4-H members often think of community service projects. Several clubs join together to plan food drives for the Teton County Food Pantry. If you club would like help organizing a food drive in your area, please contact Jane.

For the Choteau area, several clubs work together and the food drive provides a leadership opportunity for members. We need 3-5 4-H members to volunteer to organize the food drive in the Choteau area this fall. Please call Jane at the office, or attend the September 1 4-H Council meeting in Pendroy to volunteer. The food drive is planned by teen 4-H members.

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 photograph 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 your can be used, you must do so in writing and submit to the Teton County Extension Office.

National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week is **October 4-10**. Clubs around the county celebrate in a variety of ways-decorating school lockers of 4-H members, having club membership drives, doing window displays, etc. A kit is available at <http://4-h.org/d/Pages/Layouts/brandnetwork.html>. If you would like to purchase 4-H supplies/items, the catalog can found at www.4hmall.org.

Mini-Congress

Mini-congress will be held on **October 15** in Choteau for 4-H members ages 9-14. There will be many interesting and fun workshops to attend. Stay tuned for more information.

Fall Fundraiser for Pavilion

The fundraiser will be held on **November 1**. 4-H clubs are invited to donate baskets for the live or silent auctions. The money raised will be used to replace the ceiling and furnace in the building. Hostesses are also needed for table. Please contact Kayla Breen at 466-5533 or Jane Wolery at 466-2491 for more information.

Ambassador Fall Training

The training will be held on **October 16-18 at Fairmont Hot Springs**. Please call the extension office by **September 10** if you would like to attend or for more information.

4-Health

Are you a parent of 8-12 year old 4-H members? Are you concerned about how you provide nutritious meals for your family? Would you be willing to discuss the challenges you face feeding your children? As part of a research project with MSU, Teton County 4-H parents are invited to participate in a grant-funded focus group session on **September 30** in our county. Location and times will be determined at a later date. **If you are interested, please contact Jane.**



Clover Connections-Local News

District 3 Make It Yourself With Wool Contest

The contest will be held on **November 14, 2009**, in Great Falls, at the First Congregation United Church of Christ. The following ages (as of December 31, 2009) can enter the contest:

- Pre-teens, ages 12 and under
- Juniors, ages 13-16
- Seniors, ages 17-24
- Adults, age 25 and older
- Made for Others, any age

Fabric and/or yarn must be 100% wool or wool blend with a minimum of 60% wool for each fabric or yarn used. The entire garment body (back, front and sleeves) must be wool or wool-blend fabric.

Please note that entries are due to either of the Co-Directors by **October 31, 2009**. There is a new Montana entry fee of \$3.00 per swatch of fabric used. These funds will cover the cost of testing your wool fabric for content. The \$3.00 is in addition to the non-refundable fee that goes to the National Make It Your With Wool Competition of \$10 for each entry.

If you have questions, please contact Amanda Powell at 406-265-8046 and aspowell11@hotmail.com or Rosella Higgins at 406-357-4268 and rahiggins64@hotmail.com.

Starting a New Club

If you are considering starting a 4-H club, the publication, "Ready, Set, Go! Starting and Supporting 4-H Clubs," can be a useful guide. This publication is available at your Extension Office.

There are two major types of clubs – a community club and a project club. A community club involves members of all ages and interests. Members attend a general club meeting and participate in one or more project groups which meet at different times. A project club centers around one project and all club members participate in that one project. Additional club activities may be scheduled for group building, family involvement and community service.

There is a step-by-step guide for starting a 4-H club. One step is to apply for a 4-H club charter. To receive a club charter, a club must have five or more members enrolled, have one or more local adult leaders, be organized with club officers and submit a yearly program plan to the county Extension Office.

If you are interested in starting a club this year or just want to learn more about how to go about starting a club, please contact the Extension Office. Starting a club is not that complicated and you may find that a smaller club, or a group with the same focus, may meet your needs.

-Jane Wolery

New Exchange Members & Leaders Wanted

Do you want to travel, build friendships, learn new things and have a great time? Join the Teton County 4-H Exchange. A new exchange cycle will be beginning this fall. It is a two-year family commitment and one of the most memorable experiences of your life. Come to a get-acquainted campfire at the Gundlach's on Sept. 13 at 6:30 pm.

Exchange is looking for future members willing to begin fundraising and exchange leaders for 2009-2011. This is a wonderful chance to work with Teton County's best, brightest and most fun group of kids. Contact Dianne Bremer, Karen Gundlach or Jane Wolery for more information or to volunteer.

Could You be the Next President or Treasurer?

We are currently seeking nominations and volunteers for council president and treasurer positions. These are two-year positions, for a total of 8 meetings or 16 hours of meeting in a two-year time period. The president is responsible for reviewing the agenda prior to the meeting, using parliamentary procedure, keeping the meeting on track and conducting the meeting. The treasurer is responsible for management of the 4-H Council accounts and holdings, paying bills, depositing funds, handling premiums at fair. If you, or someone you know, would be qualified and interested in these positions, please contact the nominating committee of Diane Gollehon (current treasurer) or Krista Briscoe (current president).

4-H Meats Team Practices

Randy Bodgen will be hosting practices at the Cascade County Extension Office in the Westgate Mall. Each practice will last 2-3 hours. The first meeting on **Sunday, September 27 will begin at 1 p.m.** and cover contest basics and team rules and requirements. The second meeting will be held on **Sunday, October 11, at 1 p.m.**

Clover Connections-4-H Information

State Youth Leadership Positions Open

The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development is recruiting energetic, involved 4-H members to serve on three different governing bodies: (1) the Montana 4-H Council, (2) the Montana 4-H Foundation, and (3) the Montana 4-H Youth Cabinet. The application is available at the Extension Office or online at <http://montana4h.org/#programs:7> at the bottom of the page. Please call the office for more information.

Black Hills Recreation Leaders Laboratory

The 63rd Annual Leadership Conference will be held **October 3-9** at the Outlaw Ranch near Custer, South Dakota. The conference is for anyone 16 years and older. Registrations are available at the Teton County Extension Office. **Registrations can also be turned in until Sept. 1.**

Montana 4-H Tribute to Volunteer Excellence Nominations

This award acknowledges leaders who have made a unique, innovative, special contribution or impact to the 4-H program, positively affecting the lives of youth, and creating a standard of excellence that helps motivate and encourage others.

The volunteer must be a current 4-H volunteer leader. The nomination deadline is **September 15**. Forms are available from the extension office or on the state 4-H website at www.montana4h.org under programs and volunteers.

Outstanding 4-H Alumni Nominations

Nominations for the award are due **September 1, 2009**. Forms are available from the extension office or on the state 4-H website at www.montana4h.org under awards and recognition and then Outstanding 4-H Alumni.

Rocky Mountain Sewing & Craft Festival

The Festival will be held September 24-26, in Billings. The festival offers a variety of classes for sewers and crafters. Registrations are available at the office or at <http://www.co.yellowstone.mt.gov/extension/rmscf/rmsf09.pdf>

Montana 4-H Leaders Forum

This event takes place in **Sydney on September 25-26**. Register by September 1 to receive the early bird registration fee of \$70. Registrations received after September 1 will be \$85. A scholarship is available for first time attendees.

Registration and workshop information is available at the following website, <http://www.richland.org/extension/4H/leadersforum/index.html>

Montana 4-H Horse Show

The Montana 4-H Horse Show will be held in Lewistown on **October 2-4**. Information will be available at the following website: <http://www.tein.net/~msufergus/Statehorshow/index.htm> For questions, please call the Fergus-Petroleum MSU Extension Office at 406-535-3919.

Montana 4-H Volunteer Screening Process Memorandum

To: MSU Extension Agents
From: Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development
Regarding: Montana 4-H Volunteer Screening Process

The safety and wellbeing of youth and adult participants in the Montana 4-H Program is paramount to the continued success of the program.

Through consultation with volunteers, agents, Extension Administration, MSU Safety and Risk Management, and MSU Legal Counsel, the Montana 4-H program will be changing volunteer screening procedures to include criminal background checks of 4-H volunteers that serve in a direct youth contact capacity with the program. These changes have been discussed and presented at the two most recent 4-H Agent Updates and Extension Annual Conferences.

Policies and procedures for this process are being developed with input from the aforementioned groups. Upon approval, policies and procedures will be available in late summer.

Anticipated cost will be approximately \$12 per volunteer, with this cost being assumed by the volunteers themselves or the county 4-H program.

Implementation of the new screening procedure is the 2009 - 2010 4-H year beginning October 1, 2009.

Teton County Livestock Committee Minutes

The Teton County 4-H Livestock Committee met August 13, 2009, at the Choteau Public Library. Those in attendance were Doug Ulsh, Cody Ulsh, Danelle Crary, and Extension Agent Mark Major.

The meeting was called to order by President Doug Ulsh. The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. The treasurer's report was given. Since the last report, \$310 in late fees were collected and expenses were \$3584.01 for fair related items. The current balance is \$3704.45. There is a credit at Front Range Supply of approximately \$400 for returned wood chips.

Committee Reports:

A new Capital Improvements committee will be formed at the next meeting.

Announcements:

The Haywood Foundation has a \$500 sheep award. Applications are due by November 15. Contact the Extension Office for more information.

August 29 is the State Cowboy Action Shoot at Simms.

Old Business:

Improvements for 2010 will include getting electricity in the pig barn and multi-purpose building including outlets on the outside posts. Mark will get Gerald Torgerson to bid on this. Mark will also check with the Weatherbeater board about a previously discussed electrical expansion in the Weatherbeater.

The schedule for the shipping of market animals from the fair was evaluated. Crossroads Meats were finished with pigs by noon and have requested that the steers ship earlier

so they can begin harvesting them when they finish with the pigs. Brad Hodgskiss needs to be kept in close communication regarding any shipping scheduling.

Jared Long, the livestock judge for the 2009 fair, did a very good job placing but the committee would like to pursue a judge that interacts well with the crowd and also speaks directly with the 4-H members. Potential judges for next year are currently being sought.

The schedule for the fair seemed to work fine with the horse show change. Having two swine weigh-in times worked fine. The morning weigh-in saw approximately 1/3 of the pigs, but 9 a.m. was too early. Next year the times should be 10-11 a.m. and 6-8:30 p.m.

The Carcass Event was briefly discussed. Hands-on activities at this event are the most effective at getting the 4-H members to participate. Recommendations for next year will be discussed at the next meeting.

New Business:

The total proceeds from the 2009 livestock sale were \$119,738.75. This was down from last year due to fewer animals and a slight decrease in prices. This year, steers average \$1.67, lambs \$4.00 and pigs \$3.84.

Suggestions and comments from the fair were reviewed. One of the suggestions was to have the large animal livestock judge also judge Round Robin. Mark will make this part of the contract with the livestock judge.

There is some interest in an alpaca project and potentially showing alpacas at the livestock show. Mark will invite those interested to the next meeting for further discussion.

The hold pens for the pigs that were borrowed from the Montana State Fair worked very well. Mark will talk with

Milford Wearley about a possible FFA project to build some for our fair. Sue Thompson is in charge of the pens at the Montana State Fair and could be contacted for specific measurements of the pens.

Animal insurance is a continued concern. Currently, the livestock committee is responsible for the death loss of an animal between sale and slaughter. Discussion will follow at the next meeting.

Classification and sorting of carcasses was done using state guidelines. This was done in accordance with a previous livestock committee motion and will continue for next year.

Having a buyer's social in place of the Chuckwagon Dinner was suggested. With the strong discussions relating to this matter last year, the Chuckwagon Dinner will continue to be offered at this time.

Discussion of ear tags for 2010 was tabled until the next meeting. One suggestion was to have the 4-H member's back tag number be the same as the animal tag number.

There has been some confusion with late fees and fair entries. To clarify this, it was moved by Danelle to make late fees for the Weatherbeater fair entries \$5.00. Late fees for possession of animal and turning in paperwork to the office will be the same. Code seconded. Motion passed.

There has been confusion with possession deadlines and fair entry deadlines in regards to lambs and swine. Danelle moved to set the possession and animal entry form deadline for lambs and swine to two weeks prior to the fair entry

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deadline, which is usually May 1. Cody seconded. Motion passed. This would make the possession date and animal entry form deadline approximately April 16 or so depending on the year.

The livestock committee hired a refrigerated truck to transport carcasses to local processors from Crossroads Meats this year. The truck and two men from New Rockport Colony cost \$375. There were evidently other trucks hired privately that cost around \$100. A subcommittee to organize this for the future will be established at the next meeting. The committee felt that it was very important to transport the meat to the various butchers.

The Butcher Block in Great Falls is talking about putting in a larger cooler. This could be a possible future outlet for one species to go.

Elections for President and Secretary will take place at the next meeting. If you are interested in either of those positions, please contact the Extension Office.

Educational Offerings:

Cowboy Action Shooting is considering forming a project club this winter.

All present commented on how great the beef meetings worked out. It may be possible to pursue other members to present on specific species this year.

The next meeting will be October 8, 2009, at the Choteau Library.



Horse Committee Minutes

The Teton County 4-H Horse Committee met August 13, 2009, at 6 p.m. at the Choteau Public Library. Those in attendance were Susan Beck, Shelby Beck, Tammy Townsend, Danelle Crary, and Extension Agent, Mark Major.

Danelle called the meeting to order.

Danelle read the minutes of the previous meeting. Susan moved to approve the minutes as read. Tammy seconded. Motion passed.

Mark reported that the current balance in the horse fund is \$1156.88. A detailed breakdown of expenses will be presented at the next meeting.

Old Business:

The Horse Showcase that took place on June 13 was discussed. Attendance of 4-H horse members was down, but the kids participating did an excellent job. The educational format in which the members shared what they have learned had very good feedback from the audience. The timing of this event was very desirable. This event will be tentatively planned again for next year with a recommended 5 p.m. start time rather than 4 p.m. The overall format of the event needs to be a little more organized and the order in which the members share their information.

The 4-H Horse Show was discussed next. There was positive feedback on having the patterns available prior to the horse show and having trail inside the Weatherbeater. It also worked well to have the horse show on Wednesday rather than Thursday.; this eliminated the worry of hurrying to get done before pigs started to arrive at the Weatherbeater. Getting feedback from the participants is important. The bareback class does not have pattern, only rail work. Having the patterns available a week before the show is adequate.

Assessments were reviewed. The forms that are turned into the Extension Office following an assessment will be set up differently. They will include the

member's name, date, list of horse projects enrolled in, a line to indicate level assessed at, a place for leader doing the assessment to sign. Currently, leaders must attend an assessment training in order to do assessments. This training is good for one year. Horsemanship level 7 does not have criteria to assess on. At this time, assessment for level 7 will be waived. The deadline for horse members to have their assessments completed will be more strictly enforced in the future.

New Business:

Materials pertaining to horse projects that are included in 4-H registrations was discussed. Mark will check on what is included in the packets and make sure that it is clearly stated that horse members must be assessed by the date of the Horse Showcase in order to show at the Teton County 4-H Horse.

The judge for the 2009 horse show, Cameron Lobdell, did an adequate job. A judge that talks to the audience as well as entrants in the show would be more desirable. Each horse committee members is asked to bring two names for potential 2010 judges to the next meeting.

Interview judging now occurs after the Horse Show. Horse members participating in the Horse Show must still do either the horse interview or an educational display at the interview judging at the Pavilion. Mark will put this in the fair book.

Horseless horsemanship continues to have interest. It is important to encourage these members to work on this project early so they will be prepared to participate in the Horse Showcase or the Horse Show.

The DVD, *Every Ride, Every Time*, has a very important message. It is crucial for all horse members to view this. The best approach to get members to watch this DVD will be discussed at the next meeting.

The next meeting is scheduled for October 8, 2009, at the Choteau Public Library.

New 4-H Projects Available

Check out the new 4-H projects available this year in the Clover:

Wind Energy

- Youth will learn how the energy of wind is transferred to machines to do work for us. Youth will also learn to think as an engineer and design and improve projects. Youth will use engineering skills to perfect their own designs. Some of the activities include a wind powered boat, making a Beaufort scale, observing and measuring wind, and creating and testing a pinwheel.

Babysitting

- The babysitting curriculum familiarizes teens with the responsibilities of babysitting and provides the necessary information for them to become capable, caring, trustworthy and competent sitters. They will learn how to keep children safe and happy, talk with parents and adults, make responsible decision, and handle emergencies. Youth will also engage in hands-on activities, learn from guest speakers, do role plays, use their creativity and have fun while learning.

Communications

- This series gives youth skills to increase communication with those around them in all settings: school, family, and giving presentation at all levels.

Theatre Arts

- This project allow both youth and adults to express themselves through acting, voice, puppetry and by learning stagecraft skills.

Visual Arts

- Youth will enjoy many artistic experiences and develop skills for a lifetime through activities focusing on elements and principles for art. Children will learn art through cutting and pasting, painting, sculpting, drawing, printing, construction with fibers and other materials.

Exploring 4-H

- Exploring 4-H is for beginning members in second through fourth grade, providing a “treasure” for youth to explore the joys of 4-H by discovering their interests, potential 4-H projects, and finding 4-H where they live.

As you look through the 2009-2011 Clover, notice new books available for existing project.

September 2009

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 4-H Council meeting -Pendroy	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 Exchange campfire -Gundlach's	14 Tribute to Volunteer Excellence nominations due	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				Rocky Mountain Sewing & Craft Festival Sept. 24-26		
					Montana Leaders' Forum-Sydney	
27	28	29	30			



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Dates to Remember

- Sept. 1 4-H Council meeting-Pendroy
Club treasurers books due in the office
- Sept. 13 Exchange campfire-Gundlach's
- Sept. 14 Tribute to Volunteer Excellence nominations due
- Sept 24-26 Rocky Mountain Sewing & Craft Festival
- Sept 25-26 Montana 4-H Leaders Forum-Sydney
- Oct 2-4 State 4-H Horse Show
- Oct 4-10 National 4-H Week
- Oct 8 Horse Committee meeting
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