



"Today you are you, that is truer than true. There is no one alive who is youer than you."

Dr. Seuss

Is your Market Animal On-track for the Fair?

To find out, you'll want to attend upcoming Beef, Swine and Lamb/Goat workshops provided by our own 4-H livestock superintendents. If you are taking a market animal to the Fair, these workshops provide essential information and animal handling tips. Please see pages 2 and 3.

Agent Notes

Jenn gives you the inside scoop on the Fair and Shelby talks about camp developments. See page 4.

Thank You, Clubs!

This year all clubs and committees paid their dues and 1% fees BEFORE the deadline. Honoring deadlines makes the work of the Extension office much easier to manage and we appreciate your help!

Teton Treasures

Our new feature recognizing good works and generosity we treasure. See page 5.

2023 Teton County Fair, "Critters and Crafts"

Find out where you need to be, and when, at this year's Fair. Be sure to note the Fair Schedule, Livestock Members' Duty roster and Club Rotation chart.

Congratulations, Seniors!

Photos of this year's Graduates and their younger selves starting on page 10.

The Next 31 Days

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|---------------|---|
| May 1-June 15 | Register for State 4-H Congress (July 11 to 14, 2023) |
| May 7 | Beef LQA, Sunday, 2-4:00 p.m., Weatherbeater Arena or North Montana Feeders |
| May 13 | Swine LQA, Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to noon, Pearson's House |
| May 15 | Camp counselor meeting, Monday 6:30 p.m., Fairfield Public Library |
| May 21 | Second Lamb/Goat LQA, Sunday, 3:00 p.m., location to be determined |
| May 24 | Fair Registration Deadline, Wednesday, 5:00 p.m., Extension office |

Livestock Quality Assurance (LQA)

Recall that livestock projects require attendance at an approved Livestock Quality Assurance (LQA) educational event during the first year of the project and every other year thereafter. We are excited to let you know about three opportunities to satisfy your LQA requirement and/or get credit for 1 to 3 of the required 7 learning activities in your livestock Project book. (You can attend the workshop just to learn and get credit for project activities, even if you don't need LQA this year! See the table on page 3 to find out how many activities you will get credit for.)

Beef Workshop / Livestock Quality Assurance Event:

Ashle Morris and Chelsee Yeager, in collaboration with Cody Yeager, are providing a Beef-specific workshop and LQA event. Save the date - it's scheduled for **Sunday, May 7th from 2 to 4 p.m.** The location will be either the **Weatherbeater Arena (in case of rain or muddy conditions) or North Montana Feeders on Hwy 89 north of Choteau.** Please **RSVP to Ashle (406-699-3210) or Chelsee (406-868-2625), and they will keep you posted as to the location.**

At either location, it is optional to bring your steer for a weight check! Cody Yeager will be present to provide feed advice in case your steer's weight is off-target. This is a great time to share information with others who love raising market beef and get tips on showing!

Swine Workshop / Livestock Quality Assurance Event:

Ryan and Kelly DeBruycker and Kaare and Heidi Pearson are collaborating to provide a Swine-specific workshop and LQA event. Save the date - it's scheduled for **Saturday, May 13, from 10 a.m. to noon at Kaare & Heidi Pearson's house: 560 Hwy 431, Fairfield, MT 59436.** Lunch will be provided after the workshop. **Please RSVP to Heidi Pearson at 406-231-2117,** so they can plan accurately for food.

Additional Lamb Workshop / Livestock Quality Assurance Event:

Our first Lamb Workshop already took place at Snyder Ranch on March 17. If you missed that one, here's a second opportunity to get credit for LQA or project activities. About 10 of 13 lamb project members are in their first year of lamb project, so we encourage you all to attend for the chance to weigh your lamb and continue learning about health concerns and lamb handling.

Goat project members are also welcome. Brent Roeder is putting on this lamb workshop. **Save the date - it's scheduled for Sunday, May 21, at 3 p.m., location to be determined. Please RSVP to the Extension office (teton@montana.edu, or Jenn's cell: 406-868-4570) and we will notify you when Brent picks the location.**

Livestock Quality Assurance (LQA) continued

Virtual LQA Option:

If you cannot attend your species-specific event, there will be an alternative method for satisfying the LQA requirement. Colorado State University (CSU) is including us in their virtual LQA program, which consists of a workbook and an online quiz (80% proficiency required, but multiple attempts allowed.) This will satisfy members' LQA requirements but will NOT count towards the 7 activities in the beef project books. The link to the workbook and quizzes for CSU's virtual LQA will come out in mid-May - but we highly recommend attending your species-specific in-person livestock workshop if you can.

New this year:

When you attend the LQA workshop for your market animal species, you will get credit towards the 7 activities in your project book.

| Level in Market Animal Project Book | Years in Project Book Level | LQA Attendance Activity Credit | Remaining Project Book Activities Needed for Fair |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|---|
| 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| 2 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| 3 | 1 | 1 | 6 |
| | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| | 3 | 3 | 4 |



Agent Notes



A Note From Jenn

Hello 4-H Families!

We're getting super excited about the 2023 Teton County 4-H Fair. This year's Fair theme is "Critters and Crafts". Something NEW this year - we want to create an opportunity for a few of our amazing Pavilion exhibitors to be highlighted at the livestock auction on Saturday, June 24, at the Weatherbeater. This is completely voluntary and will only happen if we have interested participants. As such, we're asking 4-H members to indicate during Fair registration whether they have a Pavilion project that they would like to be offered at auction, if their project is selected by a judging panel. Just complete the portion of the registration form asking which Pavilion project should be considered. Of course, tangible items such as quilts, leatherwork, visual art projects, etc., are most suited for auction.

Also, we're inviting all 4-H clubs/members, particularly those involved in cooking or baking projects during the year, to contribute a fresh baked good (such as cookies, cake, or bread) to the Buyer Appreciation Meat and Greet reception on Saturday, June 24, 2023, at 5 p.m. at the Weatherbeater. All 4-H members who want to do so should contact the office so we can help prepare a mini-story board highlighting the baker(s) and their club. This will be displayed by the baked item for all to see and appreciate.

Looking forward to a fun Fair!

A Note From Shelby

I am very excited to be a part of Teton County's 4-H camp for the 2023 season. I had the opportunity to take part in a national 4-H Camp training where I learned about implementing positive youth development strategies that range from trauma informed practices to social skill development. I am looking forward to sharing the knowledge that I learned with the 2023 team. The dynamic team of counselors are a fun group of talented young leaders who will work diligently to make the summer's program one full of engaging workshops and fun activities.

With the guidance and leadership of Marla Holmquist, all of the great Teton County 4-H Camp traditions will continue. One essential part of this important legacy is to share and pass the experiences on to the next generation of camp participants and leaders. We are looking forward to 4-H families joining us for camp at Camp Rotary near Neihart. This will be a great chance to learn more about what makes 4-H camp special. Not only that, but this will be a great opportunity for meeting new friends and having fun. Please contact the Teton County Extension office at 406-466-2491 or email teton@montana.edu to learn more about how your whole family can participate.

Teton Treasures

This month, the Teton Extension team would like to give a shout out to Justin Paulson, Gene Christensen/Old West Lumber, and the members of the 4-H Livestock Committee and Weatherbeater Board for collaborating on a Weatherbeater improvement project.

With a contribution from the Livestock Committee and the blessing of the Weatherbeater Board, Justin researched new windows for the kitchen area and they were purchased at wholesale cost from Old West Lumber. Justin installed the new windows and boy do they look great. Now it's possible to clearly see folks standing in line for concessions! Stay tuned - the kitchen spiff up continues with window trim, paint, and other details ongoing before Fair.

Volunteer Training

THANK YOU to the 9 volunteers who have completed the Clover Academy Leader Training! This means there are still 41 people who need to complete their training. The training consists of four fifteen-minute online modules. You can watch them all at once or separately. All returning volunteers will have until September 30, 2023 to complete the training and will not be allowed to enroll for the 2023-2024 4-H year until the orientation is completed. All new volunteers must complete the orientation before becoming active in ZSuite. Be sure to press the 'Mark Complete' button after every module. It may take the system a moment to refresh and let you proceed. Often just hitting the refresh button is enough, but sometimes it will require you to log out and log back in before it will refresh.



Critters and Crafts, 2023 Teton County 4-H Fair Schedule

| Tuesday June 20 | |
|--|---|
| Pavilion | Weatherbeater |
| 5 pm: Fair Set Up | 5 pm: Fair Set Up |
| Wednesday June 21 | |
| Pavilion | Weatherbeater |
| 1 to 5 pm: Interview Judging for Pavilion Exhibits | |
| Thursday June 22 | |
| Pavilion | Weatherbeater |
| 4 to 7 pm: Pavilion open to the Community | |
| | 5 to 7 pm: Swine Weigh-in |
| Friday June 23 | |
| Pavilion | Weatherbeater |
| | 8:45 am: Presentation of Flags |
| | 9 am: Swine Show–Market and Showmanship |
| 11 am to 9pm: Pavilion open to the Community | |
| | 12 noon: Lamb and Goat Weigh-in |
| | 1:30 pm: Goat Show-Market, Showmanship, Breeding |
| | 2 pm: Lamb Show-Market, Showmanship, Breeding |
| 4 pm: Small Animal Show | |
| 6pm: Style Show, | 5 to 7 pm: Beef Weigh-in |
| | 7 to 9 pm: Campfire for 4-H Families and the Community |
| Saturday June 24 | |
| Pavilion | Weatherbeater |
| | 8:45 am: Presentation of Flags |
| | 9 am: Beef Show-Market, Showmanship, Breeding |
| 9 am to 1 pm: Pavilion open to the Community | |
| | 1 pm: Round Robin |
| 1 to 5 pm: Pavilion Exhibit Pickup (Pavilion will be locked at 5 pm) | 5 to 6 pm: Buyer Appreciation Event: Meat and Greet |
| | 5 to 6 pm: Registration for Livestock Sale |
| | 6 pm until finished: Livestock Auction |
| Sunday June 25 | |
| Pavilion | Weatherbeater |
| | 6:30 am: Superintendents arrive to organize shipping of market animals |
| | 6:45 am: Optional – 4-H market animal project members may attend, if desired-but do not move animals; report to your species superintendent |
| | 9 am: Fair Clean-up Party |

2023 Teton County 4-H Fair Livestock Member Duty Roster

| Setup Duty | Cleanup Duty |
|---------------------|-------------------|
| Bender, Kamber | Banner, Avery |
| Bender, Kaylie | Banner, McCoy |
| Bender, Kinsey | Bradley, Bryden |
| Christensen, Addi | Cornelius, Ella |
| DeBruycker, Ayden | Cornelius, Izzy |
| DeBruycker, Natalie | Tate Crabb |
| DeBruycker, Nolan | Egbert, Crew |
| Hodgskiss, Blake | Egbert, Kingston |
| Hodgskiss, Brody | Gagne, Tucker |
| Lightner, Louis | Greyn, Trent |
| Lightner, William | Heagy, Bromley |
| Lobdell, Audrey | Hodgskiss, Grant |
| Long, Charlie | Hodgskiss, Hayden |
| Long, Claire | Major, Andrew |
| Lytle, Boaz | McFarlin, Tristan |
| Lytle, Polly | Miller, Mali |
| Lytle, Theodore | Miller, Nick |
| Martin, Ledger | Neal, Seeley |
| Morris, Alexis | Neuman, Kamri |
| Morris, Jorja | Neuman, Kinlie |
| Morris, Katy | Pearson, Addie |
| Morris, Owen | Pearson, Knox |
| Taylor, Trent | Pearson, Korbin |
| Yeager, Casen | Pearson, Ronnie |
| Yeager, Justyce | Scott, Addy |
| Yeager, Rusch | Ulsh, Dylan |

2023 4-H Club Rotations

| Club | Club Rotation | Club Rotation Description |
|---------------------------|---|---|
| Prairie Stars | Fair Concessions | The club with the concession's assignment can choose to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan and operate concessions and keep the profits. OR Work with a licensed food purveyor to provide concessions. |
| | | If club is providing concessions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It is recommended to work with the county sanitarian to obtain a food permit and food safety guidance upon menu review. Clubs should train their workers in food safety, customer service, money handling, and making change. |
| | | If club is working with a Food Purveyor: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The club should request in-county food purveyors first and can check with the Teton County Sanitarian for a list of licensed food purveyors. The club should contact Food Purveyor(s) to see if assistance from club is needed. |
| | | Using the Weatherbeater Kitchen: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs who plan to use the kitchen or who plan for others to use kitchen should clean and sanitize the kitchen before the start of the fair. |
| Eager Eagles | Fair Project Display | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Projects are displayed, and decorations are put up immediately following interview judging. Please wait until all judging is completed. |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs decide how to best exhibit fair entries (can be by club, by project type, etc.). A champions area is generally created to display the exhibits that were ranked as rosette and division winners. The office will supply tablecloths, easels, risers, magnets/pipes, etc. No tape, nails, staples, etc. can be used on the Pavilion wall. |
| Challenging Champs | Fair Cleaning at Pavilion | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clubs cleaning the Pavilion following fair may either do so on Saturday night or on Sunday following the fair and should communicate their plan with the Extension agents. A cleaning list will be supplied with specific details for both cleaning the Pavilion and organizing 4-H/Extension supplies. Depending on the number of people who assist, this assignment will take 2-4 hours. |
| Old Agency | Fair Facilities Management and Greeter Scheduling | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arrange Pavilion greeters (work with Extension to determine schedule) |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Plan and provide hospitality for judges at Pavilion during interview judging (work with Extension to arrange budget/payment/times). Hospitality for judges varies depending on time of judging. Could include a light snack (bars, fruit) and water or a light meal. |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Manage the physical facilities at the Weatherbeater and Pavilion. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily loading of paper towels, soap, dumping garbage, Sweeping off bleachers, keeping areas clean and tidy, Cleaning cement pad. Water spray bottle can be used to keep dust down. Managing inside and outside areas for cleanliness, safety, traffic, etc. Safety announcements can be made prior to and during fair. |
| Spring Creek | Camp Rotary Cleaning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Rotarians set the date for cleaning at Camp Rotary. As a user of Camp Rotary, Teton County is expected to participate. This assignment generally requires a smaller group of people with 4-10 able to complete the task. The Extension Office will forward information as it is received about the cleaning event. It is best to take gloves (cleaning and work), buckets, and rags. Wear comfortable shoes and cleaning clothes. |

Record Books Due August 15, 2023

Record books are due to your club leader by August 15 so they can be checked for completion. Your local club leader may set individual club deadlines. Guidelines for what is considered a complete record book, forms and other information are on our webpage.

You can complete your record book in ZSuite or on paper. A complete record book must be submitted in order for 4-H members to exhibit, show or sell at next year's fair.

Record Book Help

If you would like help with your 4-H record book the Extension office will be available after school until 4:45 p.m. on Thursdays, through May. Bring your record book forms with you. There will be some available at the office if needed.

Camp Fee Schedule (2023 Camp July 25 to 27)

| REGISTRATION DATE | 4-H MEMBER | NON-4-H MEMBER |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Until May 25, 2023 | \$45 | \$90 |
| May 26- June 10, 2023 | $\$45 + 15 = \60 | $\$90 + 15 = \105 |
| June 11-June 17, 2023 | $\$45 + \$25 = \$70$ | $\$90 + \$25 = \$115$ |
| June 18-June 30, 2023 | $\$45 + \$45 = \$90$ | $\$90 + \$45 = \$135$ |

There will be an optional camp t-shirt available to campers for an additional \$14.

4-H Camp Counselors: \$25 registration fee and t-shirt provided. Adult volunteers: no fee and t-shirt provided.



4-H is about more than the *ribbons and awards*
it's about the **PEOPLE, EXPERIENCES,**
the *life-long skills,* the **memories,** the
COUNTY FAIRS. IT'S ABOUT being a
role model, *giving back,*
and
MAKING THE BEST BETTER.



Congratulations, Seniors!



Maili Miller



Nolan Forseth



Jersey Somerfeld



Maggie Toeckes



Alexis Morris



Shea Ostberg



Congratulations, Seniors!



Gage Banner



Dakota Gibson



Dallas
Grossman,
also
graduating,
but not
pictured



Golden Holmquist



Presely Holmquist



Trever Severinsen



Addie Pearson



Eager Eagles 4-H Club March Minutes

President Addie Pearson called the meeting to order on March 13, 2023, at 6:45 p.m. Nolan Forseth lead the pledges and Secretary Waverly Konen did roll call and read the minutes. Nolan Forseth made a motion to approve the minutes as read. Nolan DeBruycker seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The treasurer, Ayden DeBruycker, informed us that we have \$799.96 in our checking account and \$213.18 in our savings account.

Our next cooking meeting is Friday, March 24, 2023, at the Konen home.

Nolan DeBruycker, who is in shooting sports, told us he made it in the top five in many of that last shooting competitions he participated in.

Livia Skinner informed us that at the February horse meeting they practiced loping.

There was a livestock meeting in January and the committee is still choosing and contacting the superintendents for each animal at the fair.

The Cloverbuds next meeting will be held March 14 at Logan Clark's home.

Our Show Rite feed tags earned the club \$84.00. We were reminded to continue to save Show Rite feed tags as a fundraiser for our club this year, as well.

The members of the Eager Eagles 4-H club who are participating in demonstrations are Nolan DeBruycker, Ayden DeBruycker, and Annika Konen.

We took a picture of the 4-H club with the check from Montana Farmers Union as a thank you. We are sending it to them for a grant they gave us. Because we are sending a thank you to them, we will receive an extra \$50.

We also wrote a thank you to the Fairfield Junior Women's Club for giving back the money (\$60) we spent to have two tables for our bake sale at the Christmas stroll.

Swine possession date is April 3, 2023, and Lamb and Goat possession date is April 17, 2023. Packets have been sent out by the Extension Office to those members. There will be Livestock LQA information sent directly to livestock members.

There is record book help available at the Extension Office on Thursday after school until 4:45.

Check the March newsletter on the Extension website if you are interested in lamb or pig sales.

After Nolan DeBruycker motioned to adjourn the meeting, Nolan Forseth seconded the motion. The club voted, and President Addie Pearson adjourned the meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Monday, April 10, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in New Life church.



Old Agency 4-H Club March Minutes

On March 11, 2023, the Old Agency 4-H club had a meeting in the Pavilion. The American pledge was led by Ella Cornelius and the 4-H pledge was led by Noah Chambers. There was no roll call question and there were 18 members present. Addison Christensen read the secretary's report, while Kale Gunderson moved and Clair Duty seconded it. Natalie Hodgskiss read the treasurer's report in which the club's balance is \$3,630.78. The treasurer's report was moved by Seeley Neal and seconded by Josyln Chambers.

Old Business

The sign-up date to be a 4-H camp counselor was January 31, but if you are interested contact the Extension Office as soon as possible.

There are some International 4-H members who are coming from abroad. If you would like to host them, contact the Extension Office.

Communications Day was on March 18.

New Business

The Extension Office is helping kids with their record books on Thursdays after school, until 4:45 p.m., if you are interested.

The swine possession date was April 3.

Lamb and goat possession date was April 17. If you are looking for a goat, contact Dawn Kelly.

If you have an animal, please do not forget to submit the market animal agreement form, 3 photos of your animal, your breeder information, and the livestock fee before your animal's possession date. Fees for the animals are \$120 for beef, \$100 for swine, and \$80 for lambs and goats.

The Morels have offered to butcher any buddy animals, but in order to make it on their list, please contact them as soon as you can.

This year, the LQA for livestock is different. Jenn Swanson has brought a proposal to the council to "Allow in-person attendance at approved local, relevant, high quality, educational events to substitute for 1 or more of the annual project activities." The policy stated is referring to any market animal project. If they attend an LQA workshop, market animal project members will get credit for 1-3 project book activities. These members are encouraged to attend workshops to possibly gain more hands on experience.

The club is in charge of this year's Fireworks Fundraiser Sloppy Joe Meal.

Kale Gunderson moved to adjourn the meeting and Ledger Martin seconded it.

Meeting adjourned.

After the meeting, the club cleaned the Pavilion.



Teton County 4-H Livestock Committee Minutes

Date: February 8, 2023

Time and Place: 6:00 PM Faster Basset, Fairfield, Montana

Attendance: Ashle Morris, Kelly DeBruckyer, Ryan DeBruckyer, Ayden DeBruckyer, Todd Banner, Katie Egbert. Zoom Attendee: Jenn Swanson Phone Attendees: Carli Neal, Chelsee Yeager

Minutes: Kelly DeBruckyer summarized the minutes. Ryan DeBruckyer made a motion to approve the minutes as summarized. Kelly DeBruckyer seconded the motion. The motion proceeded to a vote and was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: (Ryan DeBruckyer)

- Beginning Balance: \$15,260.13 (prior meeting)
- Account Receivable: \$1,905.00 (Beef Assessments Collected)
- Account Expenses: \$0
- Closing Balance: \$17,165.13

Old Business:

· **Processing:**

o Ashle spoke to Bo Somerfeld about how he transports carcasses back to local processors for Cascade County. He has taken a refer trailer and someone follows him with a skid steer to load carcasses and deliver to local processors. Bo committed to doing this for Teton County this year if we wanted. Vandevaners will still most likely deliver carcasses back to Choteau for those carcasses processed at Vandevaners.

o Would the livestock committee be responsible for this extra charge? Would we charge the additional delivery fee to the buyer? Would we charge the delivery fee to the seller?

o Jenn Swanson would like to investigate further with buyers and processors. It is good to keep business local. Jenn will work with Jamie Smith to send an emailed survey out to buyers to get their feedback. Jenn thought she could have an email out within one week's timeframe.

o Livestock Committee members will split up to call processors. Chelsee suggested contacting the processors first to see if they even have the capacity to handle at the end of June. Jenn will call Morells and Katie will contact Butcher Block and Cascade Meats. Ryan will call Ken Hart.

· **Meat and Greet:**

o Columbia Grain's Chris Harvey is going to help with Meat and Greet financially and physically. We are set to borrow the country club grill. We will set up at the west end of the Weatherbeater at 5 p.m.

o Prairie Stars will coordinate with a food truck for concessions.

o If anyone wants to donate please contact the 4-H office.

· **Sale:**

o We are considering moving up the sale from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. since we have fewer lots to sell.

o The ring set up went well last year but just need to remember to bring in the additional bleachers.

o Katie motioned to move the sale up to 6 p.m. and Chelsea seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.



Teton County 4-H Livestock Committee Minutes continued

- **Swine Check In:**

- o Check in will be on Thursday. We have 29 pigs entered and 13 lambs. They will be stalled inside the pig barn.

- **Cattle Check In:**

- o We would like to have them in place and weighed by Friday evening. There were concerns with traveling during the heat of the day. It was suggested that the cattle need more time to acclimate to the environment before showing them.

- o Ashle and Katie will discuss of times and placement to figure out this detail.

- **Weatherbeater:**

- o It has been suggested to improve the kitchen facilities. Justin Paulsen is on the Weatherbeater Board and Meat and Greet committee member. It was suggested to donate \$1000.00 to help improve the facility with a window in the kitchen and add a 3-bay sink with 2 drains. It was made a motion, and Ryan DeBruckyer seconded the motion. It was voted on and approved with a contingency of a written proposal from the Weatherbeater with a completion date by June 1.

- **LQA:**

- o 4-H Council agreed to give credit for 1-3 project book activities if these programs are attended.

- o Beef: Chelsea – Beef LQA

- o Swine: Kaare Pearson LQA

- o Lamb/Goat: Susan Snyder LQA

- **Superintendents:**

- o Please email Jenn Swanson or Ashle Morris if you are interested in being a superintendent

- **Awards:**

- o Ribbons and Monetary Awards are still being planned

- o Will get sponsors for belt buckles

- o It has been recommended by Todd Banner to supply the kids with something of appreciation for buyers.

- o It has been recommended to have pictures taken with the buyers. Maybe this is something the photography kids could also help with.

- o It has been recommended to have more newspaper publicity around the fair and sale and recognition of buyers.

- o It has been recommended to have a thank you/appreciation/marketing float during 4th of July parade.

- **Other Business:**

- o Ryan requested that Jason Lytle be a co-signor on the bank account.

- Ayden DeBruycker motioned to adjourn the meeting. Todd Banner seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

- **Next Meeting:** TBD



Teton County 4-H Council Minutes

Monday, April 10, 2023

Teton County Courthouse Conference Room

The Teton County 4-H Council meeting was called to order by Co-Presidents Myles Allen and Presley Holmquist at 6:39 p.m. in the Teton County Courthouse Conference Room in Choteau on April 10, 2023. Those in attendance were Ag Extension Agent Jenn Swanson, FCS Extension Agent Shelby Jones, Treasurer Rachel Christensen, Secretary Misti Redland, Co-Presidents Myles Allen and Presley Holmquist and Lynda Allen. The Pledge of Allegiance and the 4-H pledge were recited. Introductions – Shelby Jones, our new Family Consumer Science Extension agent, was introduced to those in attendance.

Roll Call – Roll call was taken by Secretary, Misti Redland. Voting members were established as follows.

Teton County 4-H Council Voting Members

1 Co-President – Presley Holmquist, Vice-President – Myles Allen in VP's absence

Treasurer – Rachel Christensen, Secretary – Misti Redland

Club Voting Members

Old Agency – none, Spring Creek – none

Challenging Champs – none, Eager Eagles – none

Prairie Stars – Lynda Allen, Top Shots – none

Horse Club – none

Presentations – None

Minutes – The minutes were emailed to officers and those who attended and then passed out at the meeting for a final check. Rachel Christensen noted that her name was misspelled, and Jenn suggested that her attendance should be noted to have on record that she was there. Lynda Allen moved to accept the minutes with the suggested amendments and Rachel Christensen seconded the motion. The motion proceeded to a vote and was passed unanimously.

Treasurers Report – Rachel Christensen reported that as of the day of our meeting our funds are:

Checking account - \$43,541.94

Savings account - \$25,616.88

Lynda Allen moved to accept the Treasurer's report as read and Rachel Christensen seconded the motion. The motion proceeded to a vote and passed unanimously.

Correspondence and Announcements – The Extension office has acquired judges for the Boe Brothers and Anne Wiprud Memorial scholarships.

Committee Reports

Livestock – None

Fair – None

Awards – None



Teton County 4-H Council Minutes continued

Communications – Rachel Christensen reported that there were 6 presenters on Communication Day. Ayden DeBruycker won Grand Champion in the Senior division and Annika Konen won Grand Champion in the Junior Division. The presentations were informative and entertaining. Lunch was catered by Mari Shore and was well received by the parents. It was said that it was very nice to have the pressure of bringing food taken off the parents and that it was nice to be able to enjoy the day and focus on the 4-H members and their presentations. This is the first year that lunch has been catered.

Record Books – None

Budget and Audit – None

Meat and Greet – Natalie DeBruycker asks Old Agency 4-H Club members to make posters advertising the Meat and Greet. It will begin at 5:00 p.m. followed by the Livestock Sale at 6:00 p.m.

Project meetings – None

Rec Lab – Nobody from our county attended Rec Lab.

Old Business

Fair – Jenn Swanson reported that the judges for both large and small animals have been secured. There was a question about concession options from Lynda Allen. The discussion that followed included possible food vendors from the surrounding areas. Concessions will be available on Saturday with the vendor, menu, and time of service to be agreed upon by the vendor and the club that is on the concession rotation. The vendor should be notified that the Meat and Greet will begin serving heavy hors d'oeuvres at 5:00 p.m. and it is up to them whether they choose to stay and serve during that time. Jenn Swanson reported that indoor project division winners will have the option to auction off their project during the Livestock Auction. She also reported that the theme for the Fair this year will be Critters and Crafts.

Jenn will work with the Extension office to get a list of this year's club rotation sent out to club leaders this week.

Livestock Quality Assurance – Jenn Swanson reported that there was a sheep LQA event held recently. It was well attended. Susan Snyder provided a list of attendees, and they will be given the appropriate credit as well as be signed off by Jenn. It is important to note that some LQA events are held virtually and that if you attend those events, you will not be given credit since it is hard to monitor attendance of that format.

New Business

Mandatory Volunteer Training – Some 4-H volunteers are required to take training to be leaders of certain projects such as Shooting Sports. Jenn Swanson proposed that in the future, mandatory volunteer training/development/enrichment be paid for or partially funded by the 4-H Council. Rachel noted that in the past it has been in the budget listed as Volunteer Training. Going forward, the Council will look to see if this item is on the current budget and will be working on how we can support Mandatory Volunteer Training.

The Extension office sent out an email on March 23, 2023, requesting 4-H Council Members to vote on a motion to pay \$75 per registration, as well as actual fuel expenses to two new Shooting Sports leaders to attend mandatory training. It should be noted for the record that the majority voted "yes".

4-H Camp – There was a meeting on March 27, 2023, and Presley Holmquist reported that they got to know each other through games and team building exercises. They also decided to use a different theme than the fair theme. Marla Holmquist will be co-director, Cathy Campbell will be the cook, and they are hoping that Carli Neal will be the camp nurse.

The **next meeting** will be on June 1, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in Choteau. Venue to be determined.

Rachel Christensen moved to adjourn the meeting and Lynda Allen seconded the motion. The motion proceeded to a vote and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Montana State 4-H Congress 2023

The 4-H Network: Connecting Across Montana

- Registration will open May 1
- Registration Deadline is June 15
- Event MSU Bozeman Tuesday July 11- Friday July 14
- Pre-Congress and Officer Selection Sunday July 9 - Tuesday 11
- State Contests Wednesday July 12

Montana 4-H Congress provides youth from across the state an opportunity to come together on the Montana State University campus in Bozeman for four days and participate in an event like no other. Congress offers both youth and adults a venue in which to learn, be challenged, and most of all, have a great time with their peers. Montana 4-Hers have been attending an event like Congress for decades. Congress has become an important tradition and is the signature event for the Montana 4-H Program.

Host International 4-H Youth

Call to Action! Consider hosting the following 4-H youth:

- 2 Norwegian Delegates for approximately 4 weeks, mid- to end of June
- 13 Japanese Delegates for approximately 4 weeks, mid- to end of July
- 2 Japanese Delegates for the Academic Year Program (AYP) beginning in August (lasting approximately August through June)

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it is a **CHANGE** that goes on,
DEEP and **PERMANENT**,
in the **IDEAS** of **LIVING**.”*
-Mary Ritter Beard



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- teton@montana.edu (send club minutes, most questions/issues)
- 406-530-5373 (text ONLY, checked M-F, 8-5, PLEASE do NOT call)
- <https://teton.msuextension.org/>
- <https://www.facebook.com/TetonCoExt>
- <http://montana4h.org/>

Fair Dates

2023 June 20-25

2024 June 24-30

2025 June 24-29

2026 June 22-28

4-H Congress, Bozeman

2023 July 11-14

Camp Dates

2023 July 24-29



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