

#### Do Your Dues!

Just a reminder....club dues and 1% fees are required in the Extension Office by **April 15**. Dues will **double** after that date if not paid.

### **Bleat the Rush!**

Market swine possession, paperwork and photo are due in the Extension Office April 6. Market lamb and goat possession, paperwork and photo are due in the Extension Office April 20. Please don't wait until the last day...or minute!

### **Attention High School Seniors**

Because the office is currently understaffed, Jane is particularly busy. If you will need letters of reference, please request them from her as soon as possible. If there is a deadline for letters of recommendation, allow her three weeks advance notice.

### The Next 31...

- Communications Day March 28 Choteau Baptist Church 1:30 pm
- Livestock Committee Meeting March 31 6 8 pm Courthouse Annex Choteau
- Market Swine possession, paperwork and photo deadline April 6
- Market Sheep and Goat possession, paperwork and photo deadline April 20

## Livestock

### **Livestock Quality Assurance (LQA)**

The Livestock Committee has set a county LQA training for two Mondays, **April 6** at the Choteau Baptist Church from **5-7 pm** and **April 13** at **10 am** at the New Life Church in Fairfield. Livestock project members need to take an LQA class every two years in order to be eligible for county/state carcass awards. The following members still need an LQA training: (if you have taken an LQA class in the last two months, we need your proof of attendance.)

Claire Long Kamber Bender Leisal Rammell Kaylie Bender Bo Lytle Tristan Rammell Keira Bender **Andrew Major** Payten Rapp Kwin Briscoe Jacob Major Trever Severinsen Addison Christensen Katie Major **Casey Simons Carson Crary** Bekah Major **Sydney Simons** Tyler Ellsworth Tessa McFarlin **Paisley Stewart** Sadie Grove Luke Ostberg **Grace Toeckes** Blake Gunderson Addie Pearson Jackson Toeckes Kale Gunderson Korbin Pearson Maggie Toeckes Blake Hodgskiss Ronnie Pearson Mikayla Toeckes Madison Irons **Taylee Pearson** Wyatt Ulsh Pistol James Jed Poole Janessa Willekes Charlie Long Joshua Rammell **Tanner Willekes** 

### **Livestock Committee Minutes**

February 10, 2020, 6:00PM New Life Church, Fairfield

**Members Present:** Danelle Crary, Clayton and Karen Forseth, Josh deVos, Brent Roeder, Ashle, Mike, Alexis and Jorja Morris, Todd Banner, and Jane Wolery.

Meeting was called to order at 6:10pm by Todd Banner.

**Minutes:** Minutes from previous meeting were moved to be approved. Minutes approved. Treasurer's Report: Beginning balance was \$12,240.61. \$2,810 was received for Beef Assessments and three Swine Assessments at \$30 each. Expenses paid totaled \$121.71 to 4-H Council for 1% dues. Current balance is \$14,928.90.

### **Old Business:**

- 1. Beef ownership papers showed three inspections to be further researched.
- 2. Emily Bouma confirmed as brand inspector for the fair.
- 3. Last year's judge is unavailable for fair. Karen will contact another recommendation and if that person is available, committee will vote via email. If they are not, email will be sent for further instruction.
- 4. Report on processors:
- A. Christiaens in Valier can handle 18 steers. Carcasses available to judge by July 3.
- B. Ranchland in Butte will not be available.
- C. Bearpaw Meats in Chinook can harvest, cool and process entire fair. 182 miles from Choteau. They will bring processed meat back to Choteau for a fee of approx. \$10/head to offset costs. All species. Carcasses available for judging prior to July 4th. USDA Certified.
- D. Vandevanter Meats in Columbia Falls. As per usual.
- E. Tizer Meats in Helena State certified not USDA. 120+/- miles to Choteau. Harvest, cool and process. Don't know if they will haul processed meat back to Choteau. Tabled until 1-2 reviews of Tizer Meats come through. When they do, committee will vote between

Tizer and Bearpaw Meats via email asap. The approved processor will be booked at that point.

- 5. LQA workshops scheduled forApril 6 in Choteau at the Baptist Church at 5 pm. The second will be held April 13 in Fairfield at the New Life Church at 10 am. A committee of Karen and Ashle will work out the details.
- 6. Animal numbers and arrangement of space at fair tabled.
- 7. Bedding issue: Josh researched options. North 40, Western Ranch and Big Sky Sawmill. Josh moved to go with Big Sky Sawmill for a load of sawdust as the provided bedding. Mike seconded. Todd suggested XB Trailer Sales to provide dump trailer with advertising. Bedding would be easy to bring in and clear out that way. He would contact XB. Motion Carried.
- 8. Renegade Jackpot/Equipment Contract: Karen moved to approve the Equipment Contract as presented. Brent seconded. Motion carried pending approval from MSU Legal Department.
- 9. Labeling of equipment briefly discussed. Tabled for further research.

#### **New Business:**

1. Karen moved to add Todd Banner as a signer on the Teton County 4-H Livestock Committee Checking

Account #\*\*\*\*144, remove Colton Stephens. Ashle Morris and Danelle Crary will remain on account as signers. Danelle seconded. Motion carried.

- 2. Fair Schedule: Josh moved to approve fair schedule as presented. Ashle seconded. Motion carried.
- 3. Barn etiquette: Reminders to members will be posted in newsletters, discussed at LQA and detailed with the superintendents.
- 4. Superintendents:

Brent Roeder-Lambs and goats

Josh deVos-Swine

Ashle Morris-Swine

Karen and Clayton Forseth-Beef

Josh moved to approve superintendents as they are written, with swine, a third person was going to be asked. Clayton seconded. Motion carried.

Next Meeting: March 31, 2020 in Choteau at the Annex at 6pm.

### **Market Animals Available**

We have received several notices of market swine and lambs available for sale. If you are in need of an animal, please contact any of the following people. Please note that the Extension Office in no way endorses or otherwise guarantees the quality of these animals but serves only to pass along the information as requested. Thank you.

Hampshire/Suffolk Lambs Emma Clark 406-450-4415

Duroc/Yorkshire/Hampshire swine Cindy Miller 406-220-2122

Park City Show Pigs Mike Baker 406-860-7718 or Steve Witt 406-696-5665

### **Upcoming Shows**



The Spring Fling Jr. Beef Show will be held **April 5** in Deer Lodge. If you are interested, please contact the Extension Office for registration information.



The Golden Triangle Preview and Show will be held at the Expo Park in Great Falls April



The Renegade Jackpot will be held at the WeatherBeater in Choteau April 19

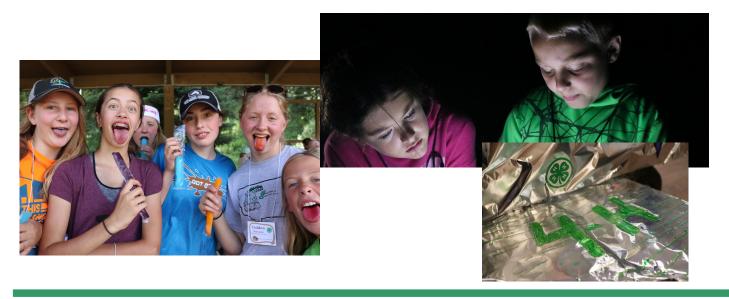
For more information on any of these shows, please see the individiual FaceBook pages.

## **Club News**

### **Eager Eagles by Alexis Morris**

The Eager Eagles started their meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, February 10, 2020. The meeting started off by Nolan Forseth leading us in the American and 4-H pledges. Secretary Alexis Morris read the roll call and read the minutes from the last meeting. We congratulated Teton County Meats Judging Team for taking second place at the KMON Judging Contest in Great Falls. Also Kaare Pearson was honored by the Montana Pork Growers Association for a pig he bred and sold for 4-H last year! The pig's carcass was awarded 1st place in the heavy weight class. We also congratulated Justin Forseth and Madeline Konen for winning an essay contest with Sun River Electric. Both won a trip to Washington D.C. this summer! Nolan Forseth gave the treasurer's report. As of now, we are at \$454.19. If you haven't paid your dues, make sure you have that handled. All the members in the cooking club talked about what they made prior to the meeting. Alexis and Katy Morris talked about the recent livestock committee meeting. Make sure to check your assessment fees so you are paying the right price. The camp counselors had their meeting on February 11 at the LDS Church in Fairfield. If you are wanting to be a counselor, call the Extension Office! Madeline Konen spoke about Teton County 4-H Council. As the new president of the 4-H Council, she reminded members and families that anyone can attend these meetings. It is a great opportunity to give a voice to any committee that members may be on and to our Eager Eagles club. They could help shape decisions at the county 4-H level. There are some dates to remember - April 6 Market Swine Possession/Photo due, April 20 Market Lamb and Goat possession/Photo are due. Teton County Fair registration is due May 29. There are scholarships out there for 4-H seniors, contact the Extension Office. We had an update on the hat and glove challenge. There was not a good response by the other clubs in the county. Therefore, we will be donating the items to the rescue mission. **New Business:** 

Livestock LQA: Any new livestock member will be required to take an LQA class prior to Fair. Communications Day is coming up on Saturday, March 28 at the Choteau Baptist Church. Dinner will be served. Remember there is the Renegade Jackpot Steer Show in Choteau on April 19. Please contact Chelsee or Kande Yeager for more information or see their Facebook page. Feel free to contact the Extension Office for any questions and answers. Continue to work on record books and completion of your project books! The next meeting is Monday, March 9 at Faith Bible Youth Hall at 6:30 pm.



## State Events

Rec Lab 2020 "Perfect Vision for the Future " will be held **April 24-26** in Hobson. Registration Fees are:

\$75 if registered by **March 25**, \$100 if registered by **April 8** and \$150 if registered by **April 21** T-shirts will not be ordered for late registrants.

Registration includes lodging, snacks, meals, t-shirts, workshops (some workshops have a small additional fee), and exciting speakers. You must register by **March 23** in 4HOnline or by paper and submit a payment of 1/2 the registration costs to the MSU Extension in Teton County Office. Members must pay for all of the additional workshop fees. Checks should be made payable to Teton County 4-H Council. 4-H Council will only pay 1/2 of the registration costs if registrations for those received by March 23.

This is an ideal event for members to attend a state event and form relationships with 4-H peers form across the state, broadening their own skills and widening their network. Youth participants must be 13+ as of October 1, 2019 and Adult chaperones must be as least 21 years of age.

Find out more about Rec Lab and the 40+ workshops to take.



**Lane Nordlund** 

### **Keynote Speakers**

Born and raised in Central Montana, Lane has been involved in production agriculture his entire life. TV viewers can watch Lane every morning or catch him on the Montana Ag Network for live broadcasts consisting of the most informative agricultural news in the West. Radio listeners can tune in for the statewide Montana Talks Ag with Lan Nordlund

which airs within Montana Talks Hosed by Aaron Flint. Lane also reports for Cattlemen to Cattlemen on RFD TV, Market Day Report and Rural Evening News.

Lane also produces and Agriculture podcast called the LaneCase which focuses on rural and agriculture issues in the Western United States.



**Kyle Shobe** 

Kyle Shobe is a Fergus County 4-H Alumni and shared his musical talent as the 4-H Campfire Song Leader. He has been the Cheyenne Frontier Days Track Announcer since 2007, along with announcing many other rodeos in the western states. His band, Kyle Shobe \* the Walk 'Em Boys, has made appearances in Montana, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Texas, Arizona, California and South Carolina. Kyle began to engage in the

lightning-fast speech of an auctioneer at age 6 and was named "World Livestock Auctioneer Champion" in 2010.

# Scholarships Boe Brothers/Anne Wiprud

The Anne Wiprud and Boe Brothers Scholarships have been sent directly to 4-H seniors and county high school counselors. The scholarship applications are due **March 31, 2020**. If you did not receive an application, please contact the Extension Office at 466-2491.

### **New Montana 4-H Foundation Process**

The 4-H Foundation has 22 scholarships available for current and past 4-H members. The application is due April 1. One application needs to be completed for all scholarships. <u>Find out more about 4-H Foundation scholarships.</u>

The Montana 4-H Foundation is now using the Kaleidoscope application for applying for scholarships. Transcripts, recommendation letters and County Extension Agent signature are **all required** prior to submitting the application, so plan ahead.

The Extension Office has a **tutorial available** about Kaleidoscope. Please contact the office if you would like the tutorial sent to you. Please keep in mind:

- \*Applicants must add three projects in order to move to the next page (page 9 of tutorial)
- \*Applicants must add three activities in order to move to the next page (page 10 of tutorial)
- \*All essays have a maximum word count of 300
- \*All browsers **except Internet Explorer** should work with the application If you have specific questions regarding this scholarship program, please email

mt4h@montana.edu or call 406-994-5911

If you have technical questions regarding the Kaleidoscope application, please click "Need Help?" in the application.

## **Adult Awards**

4-H is made possible through the outstanding support of adults who provide their time, resources and support to improve the lives of Montana 4-H youth and strive to constantly make the best better. Through the following award categories, Montana 4-H recognizes outstanding contributions of volunteer leaders, staff and alumni at the county and state levels. The three adult awards are **Tribute to Volunteer Excellence**, **Hall of Fame** and **Outstanding 4-H Alumni**. Find out more about these awards. All awards are presented at the Montana 4-H Leadership Forum in the fall or another statewide event. **Nomination Guidelines:** Each county may nominate one individual for each category to be considered for awards. Nominees may qualify for more than one category. Priority consideration will be given to volunteers who have not received a statewide award within the last five years. Nominations are due **May 1**. If you would like to nominate a volunteer, please contact the Extenison Office.



## For the Good of the Order

### Make a Record!

All 4-H members in Teton County must submit their 4-H record books to their club leaders to be reviewed for completion. Record books are due to your club leader by **August 15**. Find record book forms This year **record books can also be done digitally through ZSuites**. Find digital record book information.

Each 4-H member will need:

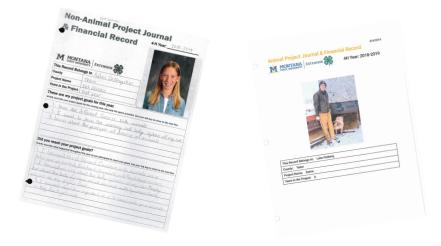
- \* One "My 4-H Year" journal
- \* One "Project and Financial Journal" for every non-animal project taken
- \* One "Animal Record" journal for each animal project taken.

Please contact the Extension Office if you are unable to print the forms, or if you have questions. In order for your record book to be complete you must:

- \*Enroll in and complete at least one project.
- \*Identify at least three goals for the 4-H year. Clearly record achievements.
- \*Identify at least three goals for each project completed. Clearly record achievements.
- \*Submit your book which includes, as a minimum, the My 4-H Year journal, followed by the 4-H Non-Animal Journal, and if an animal is owned, the 4-H Animal Journal. You are encouraged to include other things to personalize your book like photos and articles, while still maintaining a professional record.
- \*Complete all sections of the "My 4-H Year" journal.
- \*Participate in at least three additional learning activities during the 4-H year and record them in your journals. Examples include the fair, speeches, demonstrations, judging, public presentation, tours, workshops and camps.
- \*List any awards and honors, both 4-H and others, received.
- \*Complete one 4-H Non-animal Journal for each non-animal project in which you are enrolled.
- \*If an animal is owned, keep records for it on the 4-H Animal Journal according to the type of project carried. Examples include breeding, market, and companion animals, including pets.

4-H members must COMPLETE their record books according to the completion criteria or they will not be allowed to exhibit or sell any item at the following Teton County 4-H Fair.

Record books are used to determine *years completed* in 4-H. The number of years a 4-H member has completed *may affect scholarship selection results*. Record books will be reviewed for completion by club leaders. A book will be reviewed for completion by a non-related certified volunteer. If there is not a non-relative within the club, then the books will be submitted to another club leader or the Extension Office for completion review



### **4-H Council Minutes**

The 4-H Council meeting was called to order by President Madeline Konen at 6:05 pm on February 18 in the Teton County Courthouse conference room. Attending were Madeline Konen, Taylor Asselstine, Jennifer Asselstine, Jane Wolery, Ayden DeBruycker and Kelly DeBruycker. The American and 4-H pledges were recited. Roll call was signed by those in attendance. Minutes: The minutes from November 5, 2019 were reviewed. Jen Asselstine moved and Taylor Asselstine seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed. Treasurer Report: Jen Asselstine noted the savings account balance is \$25,605.05 and checking account has \$22,842.49. Three large deposits from Boe Brothers had been made. There had been no request for funds. Committee Reports: Livestock: (Jane Wolery). The Livestock Committee has met twice. They are looking into meat processors and animal bedding options for fair. They also updated the signers on their checking account. **Exchange:** (Jane Wolery). 4-H Exchange has not been active in Teton County for several years and the bank contacted the Extension Office about the inactive account. At the November 2019 Council meeting it was decided that the Exchange account funds would be transferred to the 4-H Council account and earmarked for 4-H Exchange. Jane stated two leaders, Jolene Moore and Lynda Allen, may possibly lead 4-H Exchange. Jane feels it is difficult currently for her to commit additional time to the Exchange program in the absence of an Ag Agent. However, she is reviewing the state exchange guidelines. She mailed the current Exchange guidelines to Jolene and Lynda. The Exchange account will remain dormant until August 2020 or until Teton County has an Ag Agent. Jane did consult with the MSU state extension office regarding the above. Fair: (Jane Wolery). The theme for the 2019-2020 Teton County 4-H Fair is "You Have to Believe It to See It" "4-H- A Vision for Your Future." The livestock committee will use last year's fair schedule. There were minimal changes for project interviews and swine weigh-in. Awards: (Jane Wolery). The awards committee met and will use last year's awards plan. The only change is that specialty awards will consist of plagues, chairs & \$25 options. Jane brought forth discussion regarding ten-year member awards. Blankets, costing about \$30, have been used for several years. Other suggestions were an insulated mug or Hydroflask-like water bottle, a blanket and a mug together, sweatshirts or jackets. Council directed Jane to give suggestions to the awards committee. **Textiles:** (Madeline Konen). The committee has not yet met. Madeline states the committee will plan the style show for fair and maybe a couple of workshops prior to fair. **Record Books:** (Jane Wolery). Zsuite is currently available as an electronic record book for members. Kelly DeBruycker noted the current "Animal Journal" record does not work well if a member uses the same horse for multiple projects and because horses are not market animals. She asked who would be the contact person to perhaps develop a horse project "Animal Journal". Jane stated that Jamie Smith in our Extension Office is on state record books and curriculum committees. Kelly will take the information back to Horse Club. (Update: The state committee overseeing record books declined having separate horse record books for a variety of factors. Teton County Extension will provide better directions for horse record books.) Horse: (Kelly & Ayden DeBruycker). The horse committee met February 16. The horse show is June 20 at the Choteau rodeo grounds (or the Weatherbeater if weather necessitates). 4-H Council decided to give \$250 to help pay for a judge and \$200 to assist with awards. Horse Club will also speak with North 40 about a monetary donation again this year. The award process for the Teton County 4-H Horse Show will remain the same as last year. Potential judges and ring stewards are being contacted. The Working Ranch Horse Show will again combine with Cascade County at the 406 Arena in mid-July. **Communications:** (Jane olery). Communications Day is March 28 beginning at 1:30 pm at the Choteau Baptist Church (dinner included). Kayla Breen will be a judge and two more judges are being sought. Other Reports: Robotics, Math Models, Coding for Kids (Jane Wolery). Robotics: The Extension Office purchased Robotics Kits and hoped to get a club started but nothing has transpired. Jane noted there is a 4-H member working independently at the extension office with the current robotics kit.

Another family is interested as well as a volunteer. **Math Models:** Five students are meeting remotely February 24 with a Mathematical Sciences professor from MSU. She will discuss finding a community issue to solve using math. Students will be considering community challenges, so please forward ideas to Jane. Coding for Kids: Dillon Monday from MSU Bozeman will teach computer coding using a raspberry pi coding box. The raspberry pi coding boxes are being shipped to the extension office so the students can begin. So far, six 4-H members will be involved and vounteer Ed Garon will assist. Madeline Konen suggested holding another robotics exhibition during interview judging day of the fair. Jane will explore getting that organized. **Unfinished Business: Budget Approval:** Council members held the second review of the 2019-2020 budget. Taylor Asselstine moved and Ayden DeBruycker seconded to approve the 2019-2020 4-H Council budget as presented. Motion passed. Council & Livestock Split Advertising: The livestock committee finalizing their budget. The budget will likely remain the same for the 2019-2020 4-H year, but a final budget has not been presented and approved. By-Laws Update: See November 5, 2019 4-H Council minutes for the details on changes made to the Teton County 4-H Council Constitution. There was discussion on the order of the Roman numerals under section 8 labeled "committees part b". The Roman numerals will be placed in correct numerical order. Jen Asselstine moved and Taylor Asselstine seconded to approve the changes as presented. Motion passed. **Treasurer** Term & Voting: Nominations were opened for the Teton County 4-H Council Treasurer position. Taylor Asselstine nominated Jen Asselstine and there were no other nominations. President Madeline Konen closed nominations. Jen Asselstine was elected treasurer for 2 more years. **New Business: Rec Lab:** Rec Lab will be in Hobson April 24-26 and members must be 13 years or older to attend. Our district is in charge of decorations and Sharla Hinman is taking the lead in creating those. If anyone is interested, they can contact Sharla at the Extension Office. The theme is "20/20 Perfect Vision for the Future." Many of the decorations will be used at the Teton County 4-H Fair. Action as Needed Based on Committee Reports: The only action needed is approval by 4-H Council to approve funds to Horse Club for a horse show judge. Jen Asselstine moved and Taylor Asselstine seconded that 4-H Council give funds to the horse committee to pay for a horse judge, from the judging line item in the budget. Motion passed. Signers for Accounts: The current account signers for 4-H Council are Lauren Long, Darynne Delaynie Beadle and Jennifer Asselstine. Delaynie Beadle is now at college and at least two signers are needed on the account. Taylor Asselstine made a motion and Ayden DeBruycker seconded to remove Darynne Delaynie Beadle from the 4-H Council bank account signatory and add Bellamy Beadle to the account as the new signatory. Motion passed. Old PA System: The 4-H Council purchased a new PA system with the \$3,000 Sun River Electric Cooperative grant money. Discussion ensued on what to do with the previous PA system which is 10 years old. Repairs of roughly \$300 were made in 2018. Discussion was whether the 4-H Council should form a new policy for the old and new PA systems. Madeline Konen states she was approached about using the new system for the Renegade Jackpot Show in April. A written policy for loaning out either system will be tabled until after fair. Kelly DeBruycker made a motion and Taylor Asselstine seconded that the old PA system be loaned to the Yeager family for use at the Renegade Jackpot Steer Show in April. Motion passed. 2020 Friends of 4-H **Plagues:** It was decided to continue with the green metal plagues in the shape of the state of Montana. The cost is about \$30 per plaque including shipping. Jane stated that we need to choose Friends of 4-H for the 2019-2020 4-H year. Several ideas were discussed. Taylor Asselstine made a motion and Kelly DeBruycker seconded to choose three Friends of 4-H for the 2019-2020 year. Motion passed. Diane Gollehon: Diane Gollehon has audited the 4-H Council books for the past several years. Jen Asselstine made a motion and Ayden DeBruycker seconded to purchase a \$30 gift certificate to Copper Creek Coffee in Choteau as a thank you. Motion passed. Money for Weatherbeater Window: There is a large crack in one of the Weatherbeater concessions windows. The Weatherbeater Board has two options: first, replace the entire window for \$1130.00 or replace only the broken glass (cost was not available). The Weatherbeater Board asked if 4-H Council would donate some funds for fixing the window. Council members felt replacing of the glass was a more reasonable option.

4-H Council the discussion was tabled until the glass replacement cost is known. Awards Policy: This issue was tabled until the Awards Committee policy is finished, recorded and available. The next meeting will be held in the Fall of 2020 in Fairfield. Taylor Asselstine moved and Jen Asselstine seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm.

## **Save the Date! Teton County 4-H Camp July 14-16**

4-H members and non-4-H members invited!















## 2020

### **MARCH**

March 1	Applications to host a Costa Rican 4-H member DUE	
March 28	Communications Day Choteau Baptist Church 1:30 pm	
March 31	Boe Brothers/Anne Wiprud scholarship applications <b>DUE</b>	
March 31	Livestock Committee Courthouse Conference Room 6-8 pm	
APRIL		
April 1	4-H Foundation scholarship application <b>DUE</b>	
April 6	Market Swine Possession/Paperwork/Photo DEADLINE	
April 6	LQA Choteau Baptist Church 5-7 pm	
April 13	LQA New Life Church Fairfield 10-12 am	
April 15	Club/Committee dues/1% fees <b>DUE</b>	
April 19	Renegade Jackpot (beef only) Choteau WeatherBeater	
April 20	Market Lamb/Goat Possession/Paperwork/Photo DEADLINE	
April 24-26	Rec Lab Hobson, MT	
	MAY	
May 1	State Award Application <b>DEADLINE</b>	
May 1	Montana 4-H Adult Award nominations <b>DUE</b>	
May 29	Fair Registrations <b>DUE</b>	
	JUNE	
June 25-30	Teton County 4-H Fair	
	JULY this calendar	
July 6-8	Pre-Congress on your	
July 8-12	Montana 4-H Congress refrigerator!!	
July 13-18	4-H Camp	
AUGUST		
August 15	Record books <b>DUE</b>	
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### Fair Dates

The Fair is scheduled the last full weekend in June that includes a Sunday.

2020	<b>June 22-28</b>
2021	<b>June 21-27</b>
2022	<b>June 20-25</b>
2023	<b>June 19-25</b>
2024	June 24-30



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