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November 2026



Eager Eagles did a tremendous job cleaning up the highway. Thanks 4-Hers!

Members present: Saber Allen, Caleb Bender, Keira Bender, Kinsey Bender, Parker Clark, Sawyer Clark, Kinder Collins, Gavin DeBruycker, Natalie DeBruycker, Kinsley DeBruycker, Nolan DeBruycker, Ivan Donnelly, MaClay Donnelly, Chase Harlow, Laney Harlow, Elias Jacobsen, Tessa Jacobsen, Norman Jacobsen, Arden Jacobsen, Colton Jordre, Kailey Jordre, Brennon Linne, Callen Linne, Knox Pearson, Korbin Pearson, Ronnie Pearson, Kameryn Schilling, Everett Skinner, Isaac Skinner, Luci Williams, Jayna Wilson, Hazel Idland

Teton County "Save the Dates":

Nov 3.....4-H Council Meeting, 6 pm, Fairfield Public Library
Nov 13.....4-H Parent/Volunteer Orientation & Training- Fairfield Public School Library
Dec 7.....Livestock Committee Meeting, Fairfield (NewLife Church) 6 to 7 pm
Jan 4.....4-H Council Meeting, 6 pm, location TBD
Jan 12.....Market Beef Possession Fee, Photo and Paperwork Deadline
Jan 31.....Teen Camp Counselor application due **Need 3 Adult Volunteers for Camp 2027**
Mar 13.....County Communications Day
Mar 30.....Market Swine Possession Fee, Photo and Paperwork Deadline
Apr 6.....Market Lamb and Goat Possession, Fee, Photo and Paperwork Deadline

Statewide 4-H Events:

Jan 2027....Montana 4-H day at the state capitol and MT History Center-More details to come!

MEET OUR 2026-2027 TEEN AMBASSADORS

SAME 4-H SPIRIT. BIGGER IMPACT.

We're excited to welcome this year's group of Teen Ambassadors! These 4-H teens are passionate about leadership, service, and helping to make Teton County 4-H the best it can be. You'll see them at county events, club meetings, and taking an active role in 4-H planning committees to make 2027 even better.

INTRODUCING... OUR 2026-27 TEEN AMBASSADORS



Jackson Toeckes	Annie Diekhans	Nolan DeBruycker	Isaac Toeckes	Hannah Meyer
Challenging Champs	*Challenging Champs*	*Eager Eagles*	*Challenging Champs*	*Spring Creek*

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN AMBASSADOR NEXT YEAR?

The Teton County 4-H Teen Ambassador Program is a great opportunity for teen members (13 and up) to grow their leadership skills, represent 4-H, help plan county activities, and make a difference in their community. Ambassadors attend leadership training, serve on a county 4-H committee, support events such as Communications Day and Fair, and gain valuable experience for scholarships, resumes, and future careers. Applications for next year due Oct 2027.

RECORD BOOK *Winners*

SENIOR
Annie Diekhans

JUNIOR
Colton Jordre

PRE-JUNIOR
Kailey Jordre

Congratulations to our Record Book winners! Your dedication to documenting your experiences and accomplishments truly reflects the 4-H motto, "*To Make the Best Better!*"

These members' books showed exemplary scoring on organization, neatness, completion of "My 4-H Year", participation in 4-H and non-4-H activities, and the quality of project journals and financial records. Judges also looked for thoughtful reflections, personal goals, accurate records, and evidence of learning and growth.



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Clover is a FREE online interactive, learning curriculum on the national 4-H website made for everyone. Leaders can log-on and assign courses or members can log-in and enjoy learning about a variety of interesting topics!

Ag Agent's Corner: *"Extra, Extra - Read all about it!"*
by Jenn Swanson

- ***The Teton County Horse Club is now the Teton County Horse Committee!***
  So what's new in 2026-2027?
  - ***Once monthly horse practices to be held around the county!***
  - ***A group backcountry ride in July 2027***
  - ***A horse exhibition at the Weatherbeater on Tuesday of Fair Week 2027!***
  - ***New committee officers:***
    - ***President: Shelby Strutz***
    - ***Vice-president: Tammy O'Haire***
    - ***Treasurer: Kate Banner***
    - ***Secretary: Hannah Meyer***



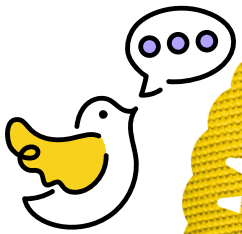


- ***Spring Creek Club to host its 2nd annual Livestock Judging Contest!***
  - *All 4-H members enrolled in livestock projects are welcome, in Teton County and other counties in Montana*
  - *Exact date coming soon (on a Saturday in December or January, to be determined) at the Weatherbeater Arena*
  - *Delicious lunch provided!*
  - *Registration will be through Judging Card website (same as last year)*
  - *This is a perfect time to practice judging before the KMON Livestock Judging Contest in Great Falls on Jan 19-20, 2027*
  - *Contact Jon and Misti Redland family or other Spring Creek leaders for more information and watch for the December version of this newsletter*









Question: What happened to the Teton County's 4-H Week Celebration in October?

Answer: *Road construction between Fairfield and Choteau!*

Get Ready!

The 4-H Week Celebration will be back in 2027, with club skits, slide show, great food, and lots of laughs!





You're Invited!

All Teton County 4-H Members enrolled in sewing or quilting are invited to

Donation Quilt, Sewing Day!

Coordinated by Annie Diekhans

November 8th | 10 AM – 4 PM

Lunch will be provided!

851 19th Ln. NE. Power

RSVP to Deanna at 406-750-2052 (text)



SERVE WITH US!

BE A VOLUNTEER!

Make a Difference!

Friday, November 13, 2026

Fairfield Public School

Mandatory New Volunteer Training 5:30 PM

Dinner from 6:30 - 7:00 PM

Experienced Volunteer Panel with Q & A 7:00 - 8:00 PM

We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future. - Franklin D. Roosevelt



Club Leader Corner

WHAT DOES "BEYOND READY" MEAN FOR COMMUNITY CLUBS?

WHAT YOUR CLUB DOES

- Running Meetings
- Working on committees or project teams
- Trying new projects or contests
- Leading service projects
- Mentoring younger members

HOW IT BUILDS "BEYOND READY" SKILLS

- Builds communication, planning, and confidence
- Develops teamwork, collaboration, and accountability
- Encourages curiosity, creativity, and resilience
- Teaches responsibility, empathy, and civic engagement
- Strengthens leadership, patience, and role-modeling skills

SOURCE: UNIVERSITY OF UTAH EXTENSION

BEYOND READY FOCUS FOR TETON COUNTY 4-H: FOSTERING BELONGING

How does your club welcome new youth and adults at your meetings? Consider creating mentoring pairs between new and experienced members.

Use games and play to create opportunities for everyone to share their name (even the parents) and what sparks their interest.

What is a spark?

Sparks are passions, interests, and talents that inspire and energize young people. 4-H is a place where youth can explore and discover their spark!



~ Choteau Tack Swap ~



Sat, Dec 5, 2026: 10 am to 1 pm

at *Teton Weatherbeater Arena*

FREE event during Choteau's Christmas Stroll

ALL are welcome!

Bring your tack to barter, trade or sell!

RSVP FOR VENDOR SPACE:

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Join Montana 4-H members from across the state for Leadership Academy, a series of interactive online workshops designed to help youth build skills they can use in 4-H, school, and their community. Workshops are delivered virtualy via ZOOM.

Meeting one Sunday each month beginning in November, Leadership Academy is led by the Montana 4-H State Ambassador Officer Team and advisors. Each workshop focuses on a different leadership skill and gives youth opportunities to learn, practice, share ideas, and connect with other 4-H members.

Throughout the series, youth will know themselves, communicate, work together, solve problems, and take action as they grow their confidence and discover how they can make a difference.

Leadership Academy is open to youth of all ages interested in learning about leadership, with workshop activities and content designed especially for emerging leaders ages 11–14. It is NOT required to be an enrolled 4-H member.

Click the **Register Now** button below and complete the short registration form. Once registered, you will automatically receive an email with the Zoom meeting link and information for all five Leadership Academy workshops.

We recommend that each participant register individually so they receive the Zoom meeting information directly.

Register Now for Montana Leadership Academy

Join a 4-H Committee this 4-H Year!!

Teton County 4-H Committee	Description	Meetings	# of Members (Suggested Minimum)
Standing Committees			
Budget & Audit	Develops and then recommends to the 4-H Council an annual budget, which is voted on at 4-H Council	Meets 1-2 times each year in late Summer and/or Fall	4-H Council Treasurer, 1 agent, 1 adult member, 1 youth member
Communications Day	Develops an agenda, contacts potential judges, reviews scoring rubrics, and helps set up and tear down on the day of the event	Meets 1-2 times each year in Fall and/or Winter, to plan Teton County's Communications Day in April	1 agent, 1-2 adult members, 1-2 youth members
Fair	Designates annual Fair theme, creates the schedule of Fair activities, develops the Fair publicity plan	Meets 1-2 times each year in Spring, to plan Teton County's 4-H Fair in June	1 agent, 1 or 2 adult members, 1 or 2 youth members
Awards	Designates annual awards plan for 4-H competitions; may be the same members and meet at the same time as the Fair Committee	Meets 1-2 times each year in Spring, to plan Teton County's 4-H Fair in June	1 agent, 1 or 2 adult members, 1 or 2 youth members
Livestock	Attends to livestock project areas including animal husbandry education, livestock quality assurance education, safety and rules regarding the 4-H Livestock Sale and Carcass Competition	Meets on the first Monday of every other month (Oct, Dec, Feb, Apr, Jun, Aug)	Ag agent, Officers (Pres, VP, Treasurer, Secretary), livestock superintendents, 1 or more adult members, 1 or more youth members
Horse Committee	Oversees equine education events, rules, regulations and safety of 4-H horse-related events and contests – in the case of an active horse project club, may be comprised of the horse project club members	Meets 3 to 4 times per year, or as needed	Horse project club leader, 1 or more adult members, 1 or more youth members
Textile	Oversees textile educational events, offerings and competitions	Meets 1 or 2 times per year, in Fall and/or Spring	1 agent, 1 or 2 adult members, 1 or 2 youth members
Record Book	Establishes guidelines for 4-H members' record book completions; reviews record books submitted for record book quality contest	Meets 1-2 times each year in the late Summer and/or Fall	3 adult members
Special Committees			
Exchange	Currently inactive; will activate when needed. An active committee is not needed to enroll in the Exchange project.	Meets only as needed to review Exchange policy	Ad hoc

Have You Enrolled in 4-H Yet?

The following 4-H youth and adults have completed their enrollment for the 2026-2027 4-H year. If your name is NOT listed below, you are not enrolled for the current 4-H year. Please enroll via ZSuite. If you need assistance, please contact the Extension Office. Members in bold are new 4-H members. Welcome to Teton County 4-H!

Big Sky Roots

Keaton Cherry
Teak Cleveland
Trygg Cleveland
Jennifer Fischer*
Payslee Fischer
Joslynn Forseth
Oliver Forseth
Elise Freeman
Henry Freeman
Trent Greyn
Kelsey Hirsch-Freeman*
Hazel Idland
Kody Idland*
Nicole Idland*
Brennon Linne
Callen Linne
Joplin Little
Waylon Little
Molly McInerney
Rylie McInerney
Shannon McInerney*
Haven Murphy
Walker Murphy
Brody Music
Case Music
Helen Music*
Rhett O'Haire
Tamara O'Haire*
Zane O'Haire
Betty Smithmyer
Melissa Smithmyer*
Rayner Smithmyer
Kasyn Standley
Katelin Standley*
Tenley Standley
Travis Standley*
Austin Steyee
Rhett Steyee
Shelby Strutz*
Shiloh Strutz
Silas Strutz

Gen. Volunteers

Brian Bedord
Lisa Bedord
Fred Ginther
Alan Peace
Linda J Rice
Brent Roeder
Andy Watson*

Challenging Champs

Deanna Burgmaier
Annie Diekhans
Benjamin Diekhans
Calvin Diekhans
Luke Diekhans
Kelsy Diekhans
Bradley Fleshman
Emmeline Fleshman
Olivia Johnson
Cathy Maurer
Kamri Neuman
Kinlie Neuman
Wyatt Pethal
Eva Redd
Blaise Skierka
Michaela Skierka
Leona Somerfeld
Kessler Sparing
Walker Sparing
Whitley Sparing
Abigail Toeckes
Caleb Toeckes
Isaac Toeckes
Jackson Toeckes
Jessica Toeckes
Laura Toeckes
Laura L.N. Toeckes
Doug Ulsh
Dylan Ulsh
Ashli Weekes*
Bentley Weekes
Colton Weekes*
Emberlyn Weekes
Tensli Weekes

Eager Eagles

Saber Allen
Claeb Bender
Case Bender
Keira Bender
Kinsey Bender
Alice Chesser
Charles Chesser
Parker Clark
Sawyer Clark

Eager Eagles

Kinder Collins
Cru Davis
Quincee Davis
Gavin DeBruycker
Kelly DeBruycker
Kinsley DeBruycker
Melissa DeBruycker
Natalie DeBruycker
Nolan DeBruycker
Ryan DeBruycker
Ivan Donnelly
MaClay Donnelly
Tucker Gagne
Chase Harlow
Delaney Harlow
Harper Hirst
Arden Jacobsen
Elias Jacobsen
Norman Jacobsen
Tessa Jacobsen
Colton Jordre
Kailey Jordre
Karra Jordre*
Lachlan Miller
Alexis Morris
Ashle Morris
Jorja Morris
Owen Morris
Sage Morris
Heidi Pearson
Knox Pearson
Korbin Pearson
Ronnie Pearson
Kamryn Peltzer
Chris Skinner
Christina Skinner
Everett Skinner
Isaac Skinner
Livia Skinner
Chris Tacke
Jackson Tacke
Loren Tacke
Brad Williams
Luci Williams
Trish Williams
Jayna Wilson

Old Agency

Susan Anderson
Bryden Bradley
Gunner Bradley
Kayla Breen
Cathy Campbell
Janelle Campbell
Addi Christensen
Liam Drumm
Grant Hodgskiss
Hannah Hodgskiss
Hayden Hodgskiss
Leane Hodgskiss
Natalie Hodgskiss
Dawn Kelly
Charlie Long
Claire Long
Laudi Long
Lauren Long
Ledger Martin
Carli Neal
Seeley Neal
Ledger Martin
Cynthia Rice
Trent Taylor
Tana Tschida
Taran Tschida
Casen Yeager
Chelsee Yeager
Rusch Yeager

Spring Creek

Caleb Bacon
Daniel Bacon
Josiah Bacon
Beckett Bardwell
Samson Bardwell
Adlai Boroff-Sporkin
Esther Boroff Sporkin
Oren Boroff-Sporkin
Kami Bouma*
Amara Breen
Kayla Breen
Brian Carlson
Iris Carlson
Lily Carlson
Rose Carlson
Ryker Dellwo
Sloane Dellwo

Spring Creek

Gibson Franks
Sawyer Franks
Addy Grubb
Aliyah Grubb
Alidy Johnson
Brooks Johnson
Annika Konen
Heidi Konen
Isla Laisnez
Boaz Lytle
Elsie Lytle
Kit Lytle
Polly Lytle
Theo Lytle
Donald Meyer*
Hannah Meyer
Loraine Meyer
Kesler Moore
Mark Moore
Abraham Parker
Isaiah Parker
Anna Paulson
Leah Paulson*
Tiffany Paulson*
Becky Preston*
Calvin Preton
Jon Redland
Libby Redland
Mesa Redland
Misti Redland
Spencer Redland
Addy Scott
Dawson Scott
Sawyer Scott
Susan Snyder
Adaya Sweetman
Eli Sweetman
Elianna Sweetman
Kai Sweetman
Madi Sweetman
Wyatt Sweetman
Alisha Williams
Aubrie Williams
Elizabeth Williams
Katie Williams

*Adult volunteers who need to take the mandatory training for new volunteers.
The training will be held on Friday, November 13 at 5:30 p.m. and includes dinner.

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- 406-350-5373

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- Teton@montana.edu

Mark Your Calendar!

Fair Dates

2027 June 23-26

Camp Dates

2027 July 11 - 13 @ Camp Rotary

Adult Volunteers Needed: two adult female and one adult male

Rec Lab

Spring 2027

4-H Congress, Bozeman

2027 July 14-16

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