

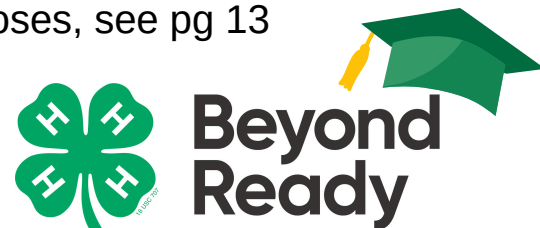
May 2026



Special Edition: 2026 Graduates

On the Horizon

- May 1.....Fair registration opens on Fair Entry see pg. 3
- May 1.....4-H Congress registration opens on ZSuite see pg.
- May 3.....Swine LQA at Pearson’s, Sunday at 3 p.m.
- May 4.....4-H Council Meeting at New Life Church in Fairfield, Monday at 6 pm
- May 17.....4-H Poultry and Rabbit Show (practice for fair!) see pg. 8
- May 19.....4-H Camp registration closes
- May 29.....Fair registration closes
- Jun 7-10.....4-H Camp at Camp Rotary in Neihart, MT
- Jun 15.....4-H State Congress registration closes on ZSuite
- Jun 24-28.....4-H Fair Week! Exhibits, Interviews, Livestock Shows and Sale**
- Jul 6..... Western Heritage Competition registration closes, see pg 13
- Jul 7-9.....4-H Congress in Bozeman, see pg 10
- Jul 18.....Western Heritage Competition
- August 15.....Record Books Due for completion



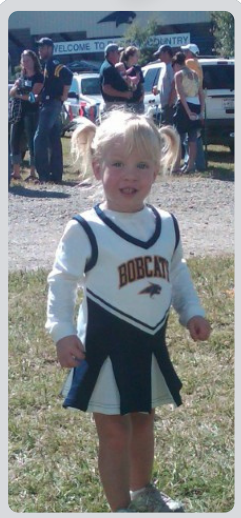


Congratulations Seniors!



Ayden DeBruycker

“4-H has meant the world to me! I am proud to have been an Eager Eagle 4-H club member for 10 years. I joined 4-H because of the wide variety of projects and learning opportunities it provided. 4-H allowed me to become involved in my community and have meaningful volunteer experiences, to learn how to become a successful leader, to develop skills in agricultural and animal-related projects, to have confidence in public speaking, and to gain life skills needed for my future. 4-H allowed me to learn by doing, which is how I learn best. I have applied this knowledge and skill set to my everyday life as well as passing it on to younger 4-H members. 4-H helped shape my work ethic, independence, and responsibility while always providing a sense of belonging and achievement. My active ten-year involvement helped me find my joy and spark, leading me to pursue a degree in veterinary medicine. I will forever be grateful for my participation in Teton County 4-H!”



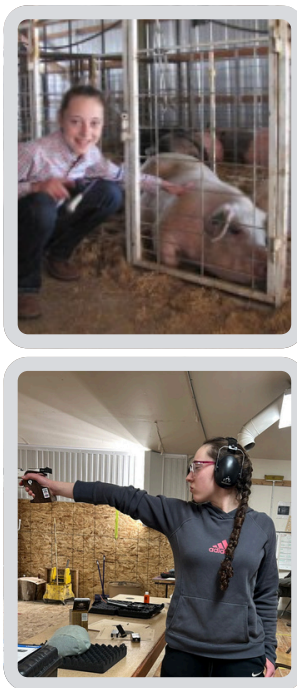
Waverly Konen

“My all-time favorite 4-H activity is camp. As a camper I had an absolute blast with my friends, shout out to my fellow seniors Grace, Katie and Ayden! As a counselor I had even more fun, while receiving the best leadership learning I have had so far. My two words of advice to younger 4-Hers is to go to 4-H camp and start public speaking now even if that simply means saying something at your club meeting, it is beneficial and much easier to learn now.

P.S. record books are really helpful when writing scholarships so do them, even if you don't want to!”



2026



Leah Paulson

“To me, 4-H is all about relationships and opportunities. Trying new things and learning how to excel at them is what 4-H is meant to do! It is a safe place to mess up, learn, and grow. When I think of 4-H, I think of the relationships built, the things I’ve tried, and the fun and adventures had. I could never replace the mentorship that my 4-H leaders and coaches have given me. My life will always be enhanced by the things I have learned in 4-H.”

Katy Morris

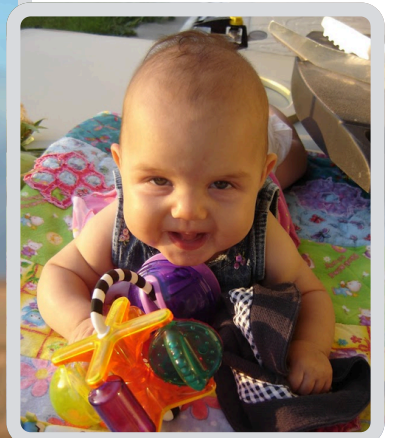
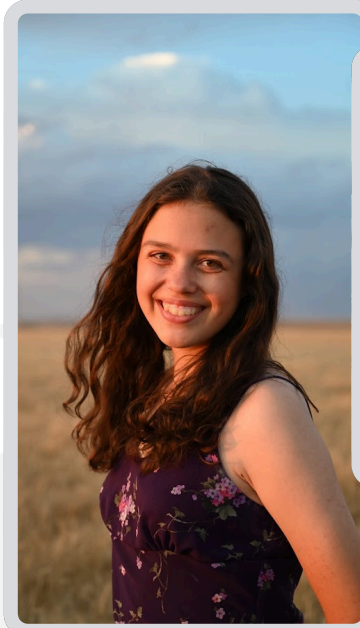
“4-H has taught me leadership, responsibility, and confidence. It has helped me grow through hard work, teamwork, and dedication. Throughout my years in 4-H, I’ve built lifelong skills, and found a community that feels like family. Head, Heart, Hands, and Health have shaped who I am and who I’m becoming.”



Rebekah Wall



Kaylee Otto



Grace Toeckes

Ag Agent's Corner: A big shout out to senior **Katy Morris** for putting on an event in true 4-H style! from Jenn Swanson



- Senior 4-H member **Katy Morris** spearheaded and taught an all-species 4-H Livestock Quality Assurance meeting for large animal members, on Sun Apr 26, 2026, at the Weatherbeater Arena.
- Katy (with help from the whole Morris family) planned, set up, presented, and cleaned up a wonderful event that provided tips on care, feeding, and showmanship of large animals. Way to go, Katy!!



- Katy enlisted the sponsorship of **Hubbard Feeds** (Thank you, Hubbard!) who provided a tasty lunch for **44 large animal members** and some parents and siblings, too!



CONGRATULATIONS

to these 4-H Foundation Scholarship Recipients!

Waverly Konen

Ayden DeBruycker

Bellamy Beadle



**Apply for 4-H
Scholarships!**

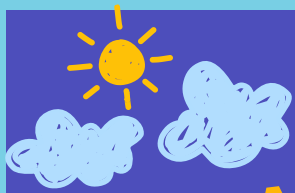


**MONTANA 4-H
FOUNDATION**

**Unlock
Opportunities,
Empower
Dreams**

Discover scholarship opportunities that are open to all 4-H members, breaking down barriers to higher education.

Go to  <https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/scholarships.html> or click here for more information, scholarship criteria and to Apply!

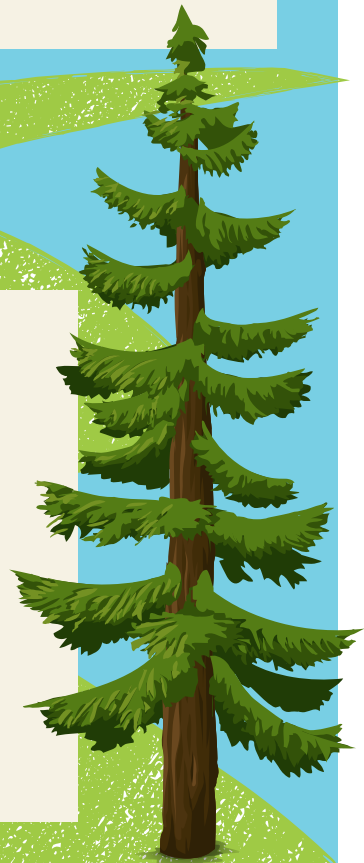


**Two Adult
Female
chaperones
needed!**

Chaperone
registration is on
ZSuite



Parents will need to
provide
transportation to
and from Camp
Rotary.



TIME TO REGISTER FOR 4-H CAMP!

4-H Camp will be at
Camp Rotary in Neihart
from

Sunday, June 7 -
Wednesday, June 10



Registration Information:

Camp Registration is listed under
Events on ZSuite as 2026 Camp
Registration Teton/Cascade County
and will close on **May 19th**.

A packing list will be sent to
registered campers.

Fair Registration

Due Friday, May 29, 2026

[Click here to register for Fair](#)

[Click here for step-by-step video instructions](#)

You can also stop by the Extension Office for one-on-one assistance or to pick up a printed copy of instructions.

Important things to know before you register for Fair.

- Register for the in-person interview and static exhibit item separately.
- Register for one interview per project type.
 - *For example, Teton Jane wants to enter five photos in the fair. She will create one photography interview entry and five photography entries. In total, she will have six entries-one interview and five photos.*
- Each entry will receive a ribbon and cash award (premium).
- Entry Class: You will use this to select the type of item you are bringing to fair. All static exhibit classes have the same choices:
 - Poster or educational display
 - Project journal pages from the record book
 - Any item created as part of project
- Enter all of your family's entries (interviews, livestock, and static entries) before completing registration.
- Your progress is automatically saved. Changes can be made to exhibitors and entries before clicking 'submit.'
- Once you click 'submit', any further changes will need to be made by the Extension Office.

Definitions:

Exhibitor: The 4-H youth who will be participating in the fair

Exhibit: The individual item brought to fair

Entry: The individual item or animal brought to fair

Project: The learning category the 4-Her registered for at the beginning of the 4-H year

Be at the Fair or Be Square!

Set-up Team (Tue, Jun 23, 5:30 pm until done)

Banner, Ariana	Donnelly, Ivan	Little, Waylon
Banner, Billy	Donnelly, MaClay	Morris, Jorja
Carlson, Lily	Drumm, Liam	Morris, Katy
Carlson, Iris	Gagne, Tucker	Morris, Owen
Cherry, Keaton	Grubb, Addy	Morris, Sage
Crabb, Tate	Grubb, Aliya	Neal, Seeley
DeBruycker, Ayden	Harrell, Charley	O'Haire, Zane
DeBruycker, Gavin	Hodgskiss, Grant	Paulson, Anna
DeBruycker, Kinsley	Hodgskiss, Hayden	Pearson, Knox
DeBruycker, Natalie	Hodgskiss, Hannah	Pearson, Ronnie



Scott, Addy
 Scott, Dawson
 Skinner, Everett
 Skinner, Isaac
 Skinner, Livia
 Elianna Sweetman
 Ulsh, Dylan
 Weekes, Tensli
 Williams, Luci

Clean-up Team (Sun, Jun 28, 9 am until done)

Bardwell, Beckett	Davis, Cru	Linne, Callen	Schilling, Kameryn
Bender, Caleb	Davis, Quincee	Long, Charlie	Sweetman, Eli
Bender, Keira	Harlow, Chase	Long, Laudi	Taylor, Trent
Bender, Kinsey	Jacobsen, Elias	Lytle, Elsie	Tschida, Tana
Bradley, Bryden	Jacobsen, Tessa	Lytle, Polly	Toeckes, Grace
Clark, Parker	Jordre, Colton	Lytle, Theodore	Toeckes, Isaac
Clark, Sawyer	Jordre, Kailey	Martin, Ledger	Toeckes, Jackson
Collins, Kinder	Kelley, Dani	Neuman, Kamri	Yeager, Casen
Cornelius, Ella	Kelley, Hanna	Neuman, Kinlie	Yeager, Justyce
Cornelius, Izzy	Linne, Brennon	Redland, Mesa	Yeager, Rusch

2026 Teton County Club Rotations

Challenging Champs

- Provide hospitality for Interview Judges
- Create the 4-H Exhibit Hall Display after Interview Judging

Eager Eagles

- Pre-Interview Exhibit Hall Set Up, Maintenance during Fair week, Post-fair Exhibit Hall Clean Up
- Recruit Greeters for Exhibit Hall

Old Agency

- Meat and Greet (coordinate 4-H baked goods and set up and staff the buffet line, clean up after Meat and Greet)

Spring Creek

- Concessions (option to make and sell yummys - or- recruit food trucks!)
- Weatherbeater Daily Facility Maintenance

CLEAN-UP CLUBS Needed!

Contact Jenn Swanson to get your 4-H Club signed up to clean after the Get Your Kicks at 6 events.

It's a great family activity and an EASY-PEASY club fundraiser (pays \$150 per clean up; takes about 45 minutes!)

JUL 2 - AUG 13



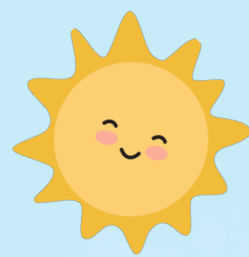
2026

**THURSDAYS
RAIN OR SHINE**

**AT THE BANDSHELL
CHOTEAU CITY PARK**

- Jul 2 ~ Kyle Schobe & the Walk 'Em Boys
- Jul 9 ~ Montana Sky ~ Release the Squirrels
- Jul 16 ~ Payson Allaire ~ The Gated Community
- Jul 23 ~ Adam & Amy Pope ~ The Big Ska Country
- Jul 30 ~ John & Joanne Lowell ~ Trinity Seeley
- Aug 6 ~ Off the Grid ~ Goldy Vox
- Aug 13 ~ Pinky and the Floyd

FREE!



BE DRIVEN TO LEAD

July 7-10, 2026



MONTANA 4-H CONGRESS: DRIVEN TO LEAD

Montana State University / July 7-9, 2026

LEARN MORE AT:

www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/events/mt_4h_congress



Montana 4-H Congress is the largest statewide leadership experience for Montana 4-H teens. Youth from across the state gather at Montana State University to grow their skills, explore their passions, and build lifelong friendships through engaging learning and fun.

Join youth, just like you, from across Montana.

Montana 4-H Congress is an unforgettable experience where teens build leadership skills, discover new interests, and make lasting connections.



WHO CAN ATTEND?

- Any Teton County 4-Her age 13 - 19
- All competitions are open to anyone, competing at the county level is not required

*** Parents will need to provide transportation and plan to attend as a chaperone. There are activities that parents can be involved in to learn more about 4-H in Montana at the state level.**

Teton County 4-H Council will cover half of the cost of attendance.

REGISTRATION WILL BE OPEN IN ZSUITE **MAY 1-JUNE 15**



Teton County 4-H Teen Leadership Spotlight



Seeley Neal, Old Agency, 2026 Rec Lab

Seeley Neal from Old Agency participated in the statewide 4-H Rec Lab event in March which was held in Columbus, Montana. At this event, she participated in workshops and learned to render beef tallow to. Rec Lab is a 4-H event that is held each spring to provide 4-Hers age 13 and up an opportunity to come together with other 4-H teens from across the state to take part in workshops, dances, games, make new 4-H friends and to begin learning leadership skills to bring back to their county. Rec Lab is a great first experience for teens curious about participating in statewide 4-H events.

Teton County 4-H council will pay half of the registration fee for youth attending Rec Lab. Parents attending will pay the full registration fee. If a parent brings their child, and one other 4-H youth they can attend for free if they are willing to be the primary chaperone for both 4-H youth. Clubs can also fundraise and cover the cost of attendance for any 4-H youth in their club.



**If you'd like to attend
Rec Lab in March
2027, contact the
Extension Office.**



Teen Leaders Compete!



Jessica and Annie won!



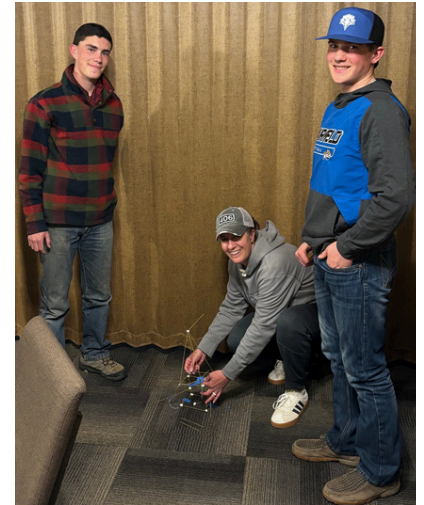
Kelsy, Annika, and Ayden were creative



Isaac and Grace were all smiles

The 2026 Teton County Teen Counselors and Ambassadors gathered for a workshop in March to learn about group dynamics. While competing to build the tallest tower the fastest they learned about the Stages of Team Development. All groups go through the predictable stages of forming, storming, and norming, before they can get to performing. Adult club leaders, Kelsy Diekhans and Kelly DeBruycker joined in the tower building fun!

If you are 12 or older, consider joining the Teton County 4-H Teen Leadership Team in September. More information will be in the July 4-H newsletter. This is a great way to gain experience for scholarship applications, make new friends, and prepare for your future!



Jack, Kelly, and Nolan had good ideas



All great 4-H events involve dancing! The 2026 teen leaders closed out the night with one of their favorite group dances. Plan to come to the 4-H Fair Dance to learn this Teton County 4-H favorite on **Friday, June 26 at 8 pm.**

2026-2027 Leadership Opportunity!
Seeking a 4-H Council Vice President for the 26-27 4-H Year. Nominate someone from your club! If they are willing to participate they should plan to attend the September 2026 4-H Council meeting.



Beyond Ready

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WESTERN HERITAGE COMPETITION



**SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2026,
8:00 AM – 5:00 PM**

**SUN RIVER RANGERS SHOOTING SOCIETY 16663
MONTANA HIGHWAY 21, AUGUSTA, MONTANA 59410**

\$40.00 PER PERSON. COST COVERS MEALS AND AWARDS

NON COMPETITOR MEAL COST IS \$20.00/PERSON

THE DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS MONDAY, JULY 6, 2026

IN ORDER TO COMPETE, THE 4-H PARTICIPANT MUST BE ENROLLED IN THE
WESTERN HERITAGE PROJECT.

REGISTRATIONS CAN BE PICKED UP FROM THE EXTENSION OFFICE.



Contact Info/Resources

Teton County MSU Extension

Mailing Address:

- PO Box 130, Choteau, MT 59422

Phone (voice call):

- 406-466-2491

Text only:

- 406-530-5373

Email (send club minutes, most questions/issues):

- teton@montana.edu

Other:

- <https://www.montana.edu/extension/teton>
- <https://www.facebook.com/TetonCoExt>
- <https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h>



Fair Dates

2026 June 23-28

2027 June 21-27

4-H Congress, Bozeman

2026 July 7-10

Camp Dates

2026 June 7-10

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