

August 2026

WESTERN HERITAGE SHOOT

Brian and Lisa Bedord hosted the 2026 Western Heritage Shoot on Saturday, July 18, 2026, in Simms, Montana.

Congratulations
to our contestants

Senior Central Fire

Leah Paulson

Senior Rimfire

Gibson Franks

Intermediate Rimfire

Hannah Meyer

Junior

1st- Josiah Bacon

2nd- Owen Morris



On the Horizon

August.....Record books due to club leaders to be checked for completeness. Check with your club leader for specific date

Sept 1.....State Horse Show and Working Ranch Horse Finals Registrations Close

Sept 10-13.....State Horse Show, Fergus County Fairgrounds, Lewistown

Sept 18-20.....State Working Ranch Horse Finals, Cottonwood Equestrian Center, Joliet

Oct 4-10.....National 4-H Week

Nov 6-8.....Fall Teen Leadership Training weekend, Billings MT



Beyond Ready

2026 Western Heritage State Shoot

Brian and Lisa Bedord hosted approximately 30 attendees including 21 competitors at the Western Heritage Shoot in Simms, Montana on July 18, 2026. The Competition was established 20 years ago by former Montana 4-H director, Todd Kesner. What began as a Montana 4-H Project has since grown into a national program. Registered 4-H members ages 9-19 are challenged to participate in three areas: Shooting, Western Heritage Education, and Public Presentation. This year's event also welcomed guests from Flathead County, who attended to observe the program as they work to reestablish a Western Heritage program in their county.

Congratulations to this year's five category winners: Leah Paulson for Senior Central Fire, Gibson Franks for Senior Rimfire, Hannah Meyer for Intermediate Rimfire, and Josiah Bacon and Owen Morris for the Junior.

A special thank you goes to the Sun River Rangers Shooting Association and Scott Francis with the State 4-H Center for their support in making this event a success. 4-H Members and volunteers interested in becoming involved in the Western Heritage program can contact Brian Bedord at 406-590-9092 for more information.



Record Books are due to your club leaders in August. After review at the club level, each club can put forward their top three books per age division for quality judging at the county level.



Need help with your 2025-2026 Record Book?

Come to the Extension Office and we will work with you one on one to complete your record book. Please call the Extension Office to schedule a time so that we can give you the attention you need.

Teton County 4-H Policy: A complete Record Book must be submitted (electronically via Zsuite or on paper) each year in order for 4-H members to exhibit, show or sell at next year's Fair. A variance request will need to be submitted before June 1, 2027 if you were unable to complete your Record Book by your Club's due date.

Christmas IN ~~July~~ ~~June~~ 4-H CAMP

JUNE 7-10, 2026



2027 4-H Camp Needs Adult Volunteers!

**Camp Rotary
Neihart, MT**

Monday, July 12 – Wednesday, July 14

Positions Needed:

**Camp Director
Female Chaperone
Male Chaperone
Camp Cook
Camp Cook Helper**

**Call the Extension Office
406-466-2491
to Volunteer**

Congratulations!

TO ALL OF OUR 2026

TETON COUNTY 4-H FAIR

EXHIBITORS, BUYERS & SUPPORTERS

Your hard work, dedication, and positive attitude made our fair a huge success!

DIVISION WINNERS



Quilting

Benjamin Diekhans with Alaskan Quilt



Food & Nutrition

Calvin Preston with Fruit Surprise Cookies
Claire Long with White Velvet Cake



Gardening

Claire Duty with Fairy Garden



Visual Arts

Ledger Martin with Pencil Drawing



Photography

Hannah Hodgskiss with Horse Photograph



Shooting Sports-Archery

Colton Jordre with Wooden Bow Stand



Woodworking

Polly Lytle with Wooden Adirondack Chair



Market Beef Interview

Jorja Morris

Market Goat Interview

Chase Harlow

Market Lamb Interview

Kameryn Schilling

Market Swine Interview

Ayden DeBruycker

BEST IN CLASS WINNERS



Sewing & Textiles/Quilting

Annie Diekhans with Quilts, Skirt and Recycled Sweatshirt

Gloria Roark Sewing Award

Annie Diekhans with Quilts, Skirt and Recycled Sweatshirt



Food & Nutrition

Natalie DeBruycker with Cake Pops
Esther Boroff-Sporkin with Healthy Pancakes

Florence Weist Memorial Baking Award

Claire Long with White Velvet Cake

Maryetta Hodgskiss Specialty Bread Award

Ellie Sweetman with Chocolate Sourdough



Photography

Addy Grubb with Flower Photograph



Woodworking

Polly Lytle with Wooden Adirondack Chair



Gardening

Trevor Woodhouse with Flowerpot



Robotics

Calvin Preston with Dinosaur Robot



Welding

Calvin Diekhans with Picnic Table for Power Sports Complex

Douglas Roark Welding Award

Calvin Diekhans with Picnic Table for Power Sports Complex



Market Animal Interviews

Addy Grubb with Market Lamb Interview
Katy Morris with Market Swine Interview
Keaton Cherry with Market Beef Interview

LIVESTOCK AWARDS



BEEF

Senior Showmanship

Grand- Katy Morris
Reserve- Jorja Morris

Junior Showmanship

Grand- Keaton Cherry
Reserve- Liam Drumm

Pre-junior Showmanship

Grand- Aliya Grubb
Reserve- Cru Davis

Market Beef

Grand- Keaton Cherry
Reserve- Katy Morris

Beef Breeding

Grand- Aliya Grubb
(Heifer over 1 and under 2 years)
Reserve- Katy Morris
(Heifer over 1 and under 2 years)



SWINE

Senior Showmanship

Grand- Jack Toeckes
Reserve- Katy Morris

Junior Showmanship

Grand- Owen Morris
Reserve- Keaton Cherry

Pre-junior Showmanship

Grand- Sawyer Clark
Reserve- Zane O'Haire

Market Swine

Grand- Zane O'Haire
Reserve- Katy Morris



LAMB

Senior Showmanship

Grand- Katy Morris

Junior Showmanship

Grand- Bryden Bradley
Reserve- Polly Lytle

Pre-junior Showmanship

Grand- Aliya Grubb
Reserve- Addy Grubb

Market Lamb

Grand- Aliya Grubb
Reserve- Addy Grubb

Lamb Breeding

Grand- Aliya Grubb
(ewe lamb under 1 year)
Reserve- Dylan Ulsh
(ewe-lamb pair)



GOAT

Senior Showmanship

Grand- Chase Harlow

Junior Showmanship

Grand- Liam Drumm

Pre-junior Showmanship

Grand- Kinder Collins

Market Goat

Grand- Liam Drumm
Reserve- Chase Harlow



POULTRY

Junior Showmanship

Grand- Lily Carlson
Grand- Hannah Meyer
Reserve- Sawyer Scott

Pre-junior Showmanship

Grand- Ellie Sweetman
Reserve- Charles Chesser

Poultry Conformation

Grand Dual Breed- Lily Carlson
(Rhode Island Red)
Grand Ornamental Breed- Hannah Meyer
(Silver-laced Polish)
Grand Egg Breed- Sawyer Scott
(Lavender Orpington)
Grand Meat Breed- Charles Chesser
(Cornish Cross Broiler)
Grand Bantam Breed- Ellie Sweetan
(Silky Bantam)



DOG

Showmanship

Grand- Harper Hirst
(Miniature Dachshund)
Reserve- Billy Banner
(Border Collie)

Obedience

Grand- Ariana Banner
(Border Collie)
Reserve- Harper Hirst
(Miniature Dachshund)



CAT

Showmanship

Grand- Ayden DeBruycker



ROUND ROBIN

Senior Showmanship

Katy Morris

Junior Showmanship

Keaton Cherry

Pre-junior Showmanship

Aliya Grubb



RABBIT

Senior Showmanship

Grand- Elizabeth Williams
(Silver Fox)
Reserve- Aubrie Williams
(Silver Fox)

Junior Showmanship

Grand- Alisha Williams
(Holland Lop)

Rabbit Conformation

Grand- Alisha Williams
(Californian)
Grand- Aubrie Williams
(Silver Fox)
Grand- Elizabeth Williams
(Champagne d'Argent)



4-H County Fair



June 25th-27th



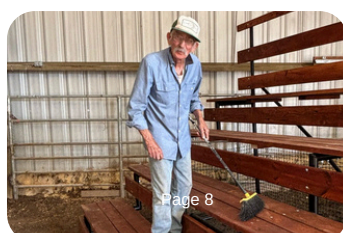
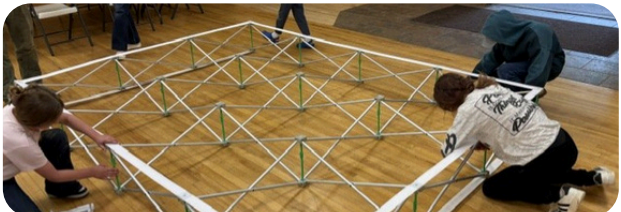
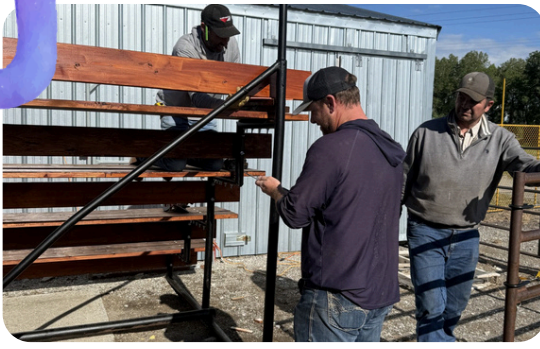
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THANK YOU



We couldn't have done it without you!





RELIVE THE FAIR

Share the Memories!

See more pictures from Fair and share your own pictures on PhotoCircle.

CLICK THE LINK BELOW TO GAIN ACCESS TO THE ALBUM!



JOIN THE PHOTO CIRCLE

It's easy!



CLICK THE LINK

Use the link to join our PhotoCircle album.



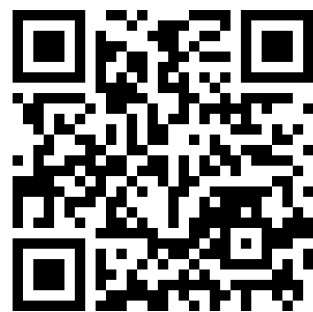
SEE & SHARE PHOTOS

View all the amazing Fair photos and upload your own!



KEEP THE MEMORIES GOING

The more we share, the more memories we all get to enjoy!



SCAN TO JOIN THE ALBUM!



PhotoCircle

Click Here or go to
<https://join.photocircleapp.com/VB7XMF4BX>
to see the Fair Photo Album



Teton County livestock members, families, and supporters,

As I've had the last month following our fair to reflect on the week, I am still filled with so much pride. I saw many good things; teamwork among members and adults, handshakes, smiles, and laughter. Bringing the youth of the county together takes a village of volunteers, extension staff, supporters, donors, and families. I believe Teton County certainly has the best village, and I am thankful to be a part of it. I hope you all can find some pride as well. The steers were the best set of market steers we've had since I've been a volunteer, top to bottom. Our market lamb program keeps growing and was also the best set of lambs we've had. The pigs were fed well, kept a good weight, and you could see how much they had been worked with. Our goat members showed up and showed well. We also said goodbye to some top notch senior livestock members this year. It has been so much fun watching them give advice, help the younger members, and develop into good people. I wish them the best of luck and will miss them in the show ring. With a grateful heart, I want to thank you all, encourage you to keep working hard, and look forward to next year.

Ashle Morris
Livestock Committee President



4-H FAIR LOST & FOUND

Call the Extension Office if you recognize any items.
Unclaimed items will be donated after August 31.

SWEATSHIRTS



T-SHIRTS



HATS



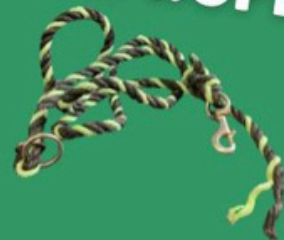
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BELT



LEAD ROPE





Anna Paulson, Seeley Neal, and Izzy Cornelius accompanied by Carli Neal as chaperone attended Montana 4-H Congress in Bozeman on July 7-9, 2026. They joined youth from across the state on the Montana State University campus to compete in contests, workshops, entertainment, social events, and much more.

ABOUT 4-H CONGRESS

- ✿ A three-day event held each summer on the Montana State University campus in Bozeman.
- ✿ Open to youth ages 13-18 who are 4-H members or junior or teen leaders.
- ✿ A chance to learn new skills, showcase talents, make new friends, and build leadership experience.
- ✿ Youth help plan and lead the event through the Congress Planning Committee.

CONGRESS HIGHLIGHTS



CONTESTS

Compete in individual and team contests that showcase your skills.



WORKSHOPS

Explore new topics, build knowledge, and gain confidence.



ENTERTAINMENT

Enjoy dances, talent shows, games, and fun activities.



FRIENDSHIPS

Connect with youth from across Montana and create lasting memories.

GET INVOLVED

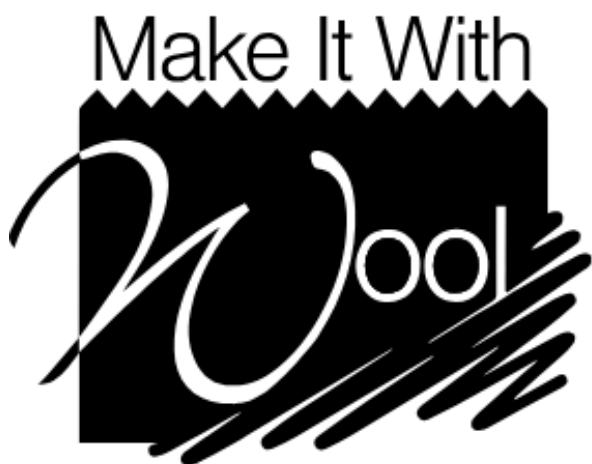
Talk to your 4-H leader or Extension office to learn more about attending 4-H Congress and how you can be part of this exciting experience!

Next year's 4-H Congress will be held July 14th -17th, 2027



Learn more about 4-H Congress and view contest categories at:

https://montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/events/mt_4h_congress/index.html



The **Make It With Wool** contest is held annually across the US. Winners from each state get the opportunity to compete at the National Competition. The contest promotes the beauty and versatility of wool fibers by having entrants of all ages create garments by sewing, knitting, crocheting, or felting. Garments are judged based on quality and marketability.

Montana Make It With Wool Website

Contact the Teton County Extension Office for an application
The Montana Entry Form, Fees and Samples are due by
October 1, 2026

Contest Date for Teton County: **October 18, 2026**

All contestants participating in the county/district level competition will receive wool yardage.

Learn about Waverly's experience participating in the 2025 Make It With Wool competition.



Waverly Konen, 2026 High School Graduate

“When I started picking out a pattern and fabric for my most recent sewing project, a green wool jumper, I had no idea that I would **win a trip to Denver, Colorado, to compete at the national level of the Make It With Wool Contest.** In the Mile High City, competitors from all over the country showed off their outfits to the judges, participated in workshops, attended the Denver Stock Show, and held a fashion show for members of the American Sheep Industry. I enjoyed getting to see all the possibilities there are with wool, meeting new people who were very encouraging, and getting to see Denver. And now I have a beautiful and versatile jumper to wear!” - Waverly

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

2027 June 21-27

4-H Congress, Bozeman

2027 July 14-17

Camp Dates

2027 July 12-14

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