



"In the midst of winter I found there was, within me, an invincible summer" Albert Camus

## Do the Due!

A big shout out to Eager Eagles for being the first club to pay their leader and member dues and their 1% fee! Also, thanks to Challenging Champs for paying their 1% fee. Please remember that dues will **DOUBLE** after **April 15** if not paid. The dues are forwarded to Montana 4-H Foundation and Montana 4-H Council and help provide many of the resources we all use across the state. The 1% fee pays for the auditing and tax preparation for our nonprofit status and is forwarded to the Montana 4-H Foundation who holds our IRS general exemption number (GEN).

## Happy Campers

4-H Camp planning is underway with our 4-H Camp Counselors. Dates and times of meetings will be sent to those who registered. So far on the list are the following: Taylor Asselstine, Bellamy Beadle, Kwin Briscoe, Justin Forseth, Nolan Forseth, Quincy Holmquist, Conner Klick, Nicholas Konen, Madeline Konen, Jacob Major, Katie Major, Rebekah Major, Luke Ostberg, Trever Severinsen and Maggie Toeckes.

## The Next 31...

**Communication Day Registration** deadline **March 20** [Click here to register](#)

**Communication Day** Choteau Baptist Church 3:30 pm **March 29**

**Livestock Committee** Courthouse Annex Choteau 6:30 pm **April 1**

**4-H Council** Choteau Library 6:30 pm **April 16** (note the later start time)

# Special Events

## Volunteers Make a Difference

There are two positions available in Teton County for adults who are, or could become, certified 4-H volunteers. Both positions roles coaching and guiding teens. We are looking for a **4-H Camp Co-Director** and an **Ambassador Coach**. The Camp Co-Director would entail attending monthly meetings (about two hours in length) from January-May, attending a 24-hour retreat in June (need not be at the entire retreat) and attending 4-H Camp, July 15-18. The Co-Director would join the adult leadership team that includes Marla Holmquist and the Extension Agents.

We have a great counselor team. This position can be rewarding in terms of building relationships and seeing growth in teen capabilities.

The Ambassador Coach position is really what you make it in terms of working with the teens who are 4-H Ambassadors. The Coach would help them plan their leadership activities, perhaps on an individual basis, and can be through phone calls, etc. or through meetings. The position could take ten hours or fewer yearly, unless the Coach wants to grow the program into something bigger or assist with the application and interview process. The returning ambassadors are Hanna Antonsen, Daniel Asselstine, Caroline Roeder and the new ambassadors are Bellamy Beadle and Kwin Briscoe.

If you are interested in either position, or if you have someone who you think might be great if asked directly, please contact Jane at 590-2492. You may call before 8 a.m. and after 5 p.m., if that works better for your schedule.

## Shout Out to Our Volunteers! by Jane Wolery

At a recent 4-H meeting in Teton County, I listened as an adult leader talked about the 4-H Leader she had when she was a child. I heard the emotion catch in her throat as her fondness for this volunteer was evident and deep. I, too, have the utmost respect for the 4-H Leaders I had growing up: the lessons they taught, the level of expectation they set, the training and guidance they offered. Their influence ran deep and wide through several generations of my community. I think as adults we often overlook the influence we have on youth. We do not always think what we are doing is anything special. We forget the cumulative effect of our efforts adds up to something spectacular! Indeed, developing a relationship with a caring adult can be one of the most important aspects of the 4-H program.

The relationship that you, as 4-H volunteers, leaders and adults, develop with youth can be one of the most meaningful factors in their lives. Today, take a moment to reflect on the importance and significance of what you provide as a volunteer in the 4-H youth program. We are grateful. And, years from now, some adult will remember that when they were a child, you invested in them and they might have a tear in their eye and become a little verklempt as they do. THANK YOU!!!



# True Leaders in Service

**Jason Asselstine** shares his love of outdoors and hunting with youth by organizing and teaching archery classes each year. Jason became certified to teach archery several years ago and each winter has organized weekly classes for 4-6 weeks to help train youth ages 8 and older skills in archery. Jason teaches skills related to safety, vocabulary, equipment and ethics. He allows for plenty of experiential learning as youth use bows to practice and get feedback on their form. Every True Leader has at least one sidekick.

**Mark Major** assists Jason in his efforts, giving extra guidance and tips to youth, helping with facilities and set up. **Brad Asselstine** has helped with archery as needed through the years as well.

These leaders are great examples of how important project leaders are for youth to build skills. Project leadership can take many different forms. These leaders have developed a system that works for them and youth by planning weekly project meetings for a limited time. They have a big following of youth who are interested and who rely on them for training and practice opportunities. They hit the bullseye!



## How to Nominate a True Leader

Teton County 4-H would like to give you an opportunity to recognize 4-H volunteers, certified leaders, members, alumni and friends. You can nominate someone or a group of people for an individual act or a longtime effort. Please attach a photo of the person(s) being nominated or email photo to [teton@montana.edu](mailto:teton@montana.edu). Each month, one individual or group will be selected a **True Leader in Service** and announced in our monthly newsletter and on our Facebook page. We want to celebrate our True Leaders in Service! To nominate an individual or group, please go [here](#).

# Special Events

## International Exchanges

If you have ever considered hosting an exchange student but did not want to commit to a full school year, the two exchanges below may be of interest to you. Please contact Jane if you want more information. Also, please keep in mind that 4-H members from our county may want to participate in these exchanges at some point. The IPYA program is for former 4-H members ages 18-30 who are interested in a cultural immersion program. Delegates stay with a series of host families for three to six months, primarily in rural settings and are expected to participate in daily family activities including work as it occurs on a farm or ranch. Help spread the word to 4-H alum!

## IPYA Hosting

Montana International 4-H Youth Exchange (IPYA) delegates need hosts from **July 12, 2019** (end of Congress) for about 2-3 weeks at a time. These young adults from European countries want a better understanding of Montana farm and ranch practices, although families do not need to live on a farm or ranch to host. There are 13 young adults from eight countries coming to Montana, with stays ranging from five weeks to three months. Contact [sdavison@montana.edu](mailto:sdavison@montana.edu) for more information.

## Japanese Exchange Hosting

Students from Japan who are mostly 12 and 13 years of age need to find host families July 21 through August 17. If someone is interested in hosting, they should go to <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/> to apply.

## Academic Year Program Hosts Needed

Host families needed for high school students from Japan, South Korea or Eurasia (FLEX program). Students are here from **August 2019 through May/June 2020**. Contact [sdavison@montana.edu](mailto:sdavison@montana.edu) for more information.

## JOANN Stores Show 4-H Support

Show 4-H some love.

Purchase your **Clovers for Kids** at local  
JOANN stores from **March 1 - April 30**



JOANN offers a special 15% off rewards coupon to 4-H staff, leaders, members, and families. Full details about the program can be found [here](#). The rewards card is operated through an app on your smart phone and does not require participants to reregister each year. A small portion (2.5-5%) of qualified purchases go back to the 4-H program from this.

## Cloverbud Camp

Become a superhero with your Cloverbud at camp! Camp will be June 7-9 at the Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp at Loon Lake in Ferndale. Youth campers must be accompanied by a parent or guardian, at camp, at all times. For more information or registration form, contact the Extension Office.

## Lambs for Sale

Jason Lytle has mixed breed (Texel, Suffolk, Hampshire and Romney) lambs for sale. Please call him at 406-599-8928. Jason lives in Choteau.

## Pigs and Goats for Sale

Lotadoe Acres is offering Yorkshire\*Hampshire-Yorkshire cross pigs for sale as well as show quality Nigerian Dwarf milking goats. Please check out the Lotadoe Acres Facebook page or go to [lotadoeacres.com](http://lotadoeacres.com). Please contact Shanun or Jamie Rammel at 590-2992 for more information.

# Project Events

## Shooting Sports

Archery Pre-Qualifier

Park County April 13-14

Muzzle-loader Qualifier

Park County April 28

Park County 3-D Shoot

Livingston May 4

Archery Qualifier

Park County May 5

Lake County 4-H Shooting Sports Camp

Loon Lake May 17-19

4-H Shooting Sports Nat'l Championships

Grand Island, NE June 23-28

## Leader Training

All disciplines

Billings April 5-6



# For the Good of the Order

## Sharing is a GOOD thing....

Anyone who attends state and national events are invited (and encouraged!) to attend Council meetings and share their experiences as Council pays at least half of registration fees for these events.

## Record Book Status

By now you may have heard that we are trying to find a new platform for record book completion. Our office is working with the State 4-H Curriculum Committee to help ZingBooks design record books for Montana 4-H. They will look fairly similar to what we already have, but the platform should be much easier and smoother. It can be accessed from most electronic devices and the voice dictation features (talk to text) on phones should work to fill in forms, for those who want to use that option. There should also be options for taking photos right in the digital record book forms. We have been consulting with the software engineers. We hope to have something for Teton County 4-H members to try soon. We will rely on your feedback to improve the program and to determine if that is the direction the state will take. Paper record book forms will still be available for those who prefer that method.

For now, continue to update your "old" standard record books per usual. We will let you know as soon as the pilot program of ZingBooks is ready to release.

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# For the Good of the Order

## Social Media Guidelines

Does your club or project group like to use Facebook as one of their communication tools? Please know that 4-H has specific guidelines for best practices for social media. It is suggested that you do a **closed** Facebook group rather than a “page.” That way it is not open to the public and 4-H volunteers can control who has access to that group. Set it up so that potential group members must ask for permission to join. Please be cautious with your posts. Even though it is a closed group, make sure you consider that everything posted is public and permanent. 4-H volunteers running the page will need to consult with the MSU Extension Office in Teton County to make sure we have media releases on file for everyone in your group. Remember that younger siblings and parents who are not enrolled or other guests at events will not have any media releases on file and would need them in order to be included in photos posted. It is also the recommendation not post any sort of identifying information for youth, not to tag them in pictures or use captions with names. Set up the page so that only group administrators can post to the group. If someone else wants to post something, that post is approved by the group administrator before it goes live. Also, the MSU Extension Office in Teton County needs to be made an administrator of the page as well. In order to add us as administrators, please contact **Sharla Hinman** at 466-2492 or [sharla.hinman@montana.edu](mailto:sharla.hinman@montana.edu) for details.

Social media can be a great way to promote events on both a county and a statewide level. However, it is important to keep a few things in mind when navigating channels:

- **ACCESS.** Volunteers can be very helpful in promoting local club information, group pages, and events. If a person other than an Extension professional is given administrative access to a Montana 4-H related group or page, this person must be a **CERTIFIED VOLUNTEER**. Furthermore, at least one Extension professional must be an administrator on the page in order to ensure that all published content aligns with the 4-H mission and brand.
- **SELF PROMOTION.** Social media is an effective way to thank the sponsors of an event. This can be done by tagging them in a post using the '@' before their name to link to their page. Some volunteers might be tempted to use 4-H pages and content to promote their own pages, products, or services. Unless they sponsored the event, this is not acceptable. No 4-H page can be used for the profitable gain of an individual.
- **CONTENT.** In order to engage your audience, keep all content relevant to your county, club, or event. Avoid "random" posts that do not promote the story of Montana 4-H.
- **COMMUNICATION.** All communication that is generated from social media must occur on the county's page where it can be reviewed by an Extension professional. If additional contact information is provided, it too must be to an [extensionprofessional@montana.edu](mailto:extensionprofessional@montana.edu). *The use of private email to communicate in the name of Montana 4-H is strictly prohibited.* For more information, please see these two links:

<http://www.montana4h.org/resources/marketing.html>  
[http://www.montana4h.org/resources/4-H\\_brand.html](http://www.montana4h.org/resources/4-H_brand.html)

# Social Media Guidelines

- **EMPOWER.** Help people understand 4-H by using language that informs them and encourages them to support and engage with our organization.
- **EDUCATE.** Tell people what they need to know. Give them the information they need, along with the opportunities to learn more.
- **GUIDE.** Be a tour guide for the readers. Communicate in a friendly, knowledgeable and helpful way.

As we try to grow the reach of Montana 4-H, it is important to always use the hashtags #Montana4H, #4HGrowsHere and #Trueleaders. A hashtag is a label for content. It helps others who are interested in a certain topic quickly find content on that same topic. In other words, using the hashtags mentioned above can expose Montana 4-H to a national audience.

We live in a highly visual society, and you can use this to your advantage. Post high quality pictures. It is okay to edit pictures to remove empty space and highlight the subject matter. However, **be sure that all youth featured in posted photos have a signed media release form.**

Share posts from Montana 4-H. This is extremely easy and beneficial. Not only does it help grow our network, it also guides people to useful information that they may not have found otherwise (ex: Volunteer Group).

Utilize the resources available to you at montana4H.org and 4-H.org regarding best practices and safety. Reach as many people as possible. Research shows that the best time to post is between 12pm-3pm. Switch it up! Don't always post the same type of content. Rotate between links, pictures, videos.

## More on 4-H and Social Media from National 4-H Council:

By posting on any MSU Extension/4-H page you agree that we may use your likeness or comments to promote the 4-H brand. We reserve the right to remove content and/or block you from the community page if your posts are deemed inappropriate due to the following:

1. Contain language, images or video that is determined to be profane, obscene, vulgar or lewd;
2. Use language that can be perceived as derogatory or discriminatory (including comments about sex, age, race, sexual orientation, political or religious affiliation);
3. Spamming comments posted regarding the same content matter, links, video, or any other media;
4. Use of specific names of individuals, clubs or identifiable names with language that defames, abuses, or threatens;
5. Promotion of any advertisement for products or services, causes, or solicitation of funds, exceeding more than one post per week

<https://4-h.org/social/>

<https://nifa.usda.gov/sites/default/files/resource/4-H%20Name%20and%20Emblem%20User%20Guide%202014.pdf> .

# Club News

## **Old Agency Michaela Gunderson, Secretary**

On February 4, 2019, the Old Agency met in the Public Library for our club meeting at 6:30. The meeting started when Sam led the Pledge of Allegiance and Dillon led the 4-H pledge. In attendance were Daniel and Taylor Asselstine, Delayne and Bellamy Beadle, Hannah Myers, Dillon Harrell, Claire Long, Michaela and Blake Gunderson, Addi Christensen, Hanna Antonsen, Natalie and Hayden Hodgskiss, and Sam Collyer. The minutes were read, Claire moved to approve them, Addi seconded and the motion passed. The treasurer's report was read by Hanna. Taylor moved to accept it and Natalie seconded. Motion passed. We then discussed creating a committee for concessions. Members on this committee are Claire, Natalie, Bellamy, Taylor, Barb and Lauren Long. Jane will be providing training on the proper etiquette for serving concessions. The Shrimp Peel was the next item on the agenda. You must be 13 and older to serve and the date is April 6th. If you are interested, let the leaders know and we will figure out if we have enough members to do it. We tabled concessions/cleanup until the next meeting. Dillon motioned to give gifts to the seniors and Claire seconded. There was a committee formed including Taylor, Blake, Claire, Natalie, Addi, and Dillon. The club paid for our dues this year. We have also tabled the fireworks fundraiser. This meeting, we made Valentine's and they are to be delivered Monday, the 11th after school in Mrs. Christensen's room. Rec Lab was also discussed. Lastly, Claire moved to pay the ACE bill and Blake seconded. Bellamy moved to adjourn the meeting and Natalie seconded. Meeting adjourned.

## **Spring Creek/Eager Beavers Matthew Haas, Secretary**

On January 14, 2019 Kyle led the Pledge of Allegiance and Maili led the 4-H pledge. Roll call was something we want to accomplish in 4-H this year. Matthew read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were approved without changes. Kate gave the Treasurer's report. There is a current balance of \$1655.35. Kate will be added to the Spring Creek bank account and Chuck Willekes will be removed. Matthew Haas will be removed from the Eager Beaver account and Susan Snyder will be added.

Celia and Kyle provided the activity which was a true and false game where one side of the room was true and the other was false. If you got the fact wrong, you were out. For announcements, the Legislative Breakfast is January 22, meat judging practice times were noted, KMON judging is January 18-19, Rec Lab registration is due February 15 and the cooking class (biscuits and pies) will meet with Susan to determine a time.

Under Old Business, we decided to keep the Eager Beaver account dormant and use the Spring Creek account and our four H activities are: Head: Jeopardy and Committee: Kyle, Matthew, Celia, Leah and Kate; Heart: nursing home Valentines and Committee: Brigid, Lila and Audrey; Hands activity is Kayaking and Committee: Matthew, Maili, Payson and Celia; and the Health activity is Skiing and Committee: Lila, Matthew, Rocky and Carson. In New Business was the Valentine's activity of helping at the nursing home (Heart activity).

Rocky demonstrated his PVC bow, Lila demonstrated photos taken and edited with her phone, Brigid gave a demonstration on how to swing a baseball bat and Nick demonstrated how to draw Mickey Mouse.

Our next meeting will be February 11 at 5:30 pm at the library. Kyle, Matthew and Sterling will give demonstrations and Carson will provide the meal.

## **Eager Eagles Madeline Konen, Secretary**

On February 11, 2019, before the meeting, during dinner, Jane Wolery gave a quick talk about Rec Lab and the new record book technology Teton County is piloting. At 6:20 p.m. President Justin Forseth called the meeting to order. Secretary Madeline Konen read last meeting's minutes, and Treasurer Nolan Forseth gave the treasurer's report. A thank you note for Lynn Allen, who provided the bread for the meeting, was passed around for the club to sign. Next were reports: Waverly Konen gave the cooking report, Mrs. DeBruycker gave the Cloverbuds report, Emilee Lear gave the shooting sports report, Madeline gave an update on sewing and the Legislative Breakfast, Mrs. Forseth gave a Livestock Committee report, Nicholas Konen and Nolan told us the placings for the meats and livestock judging contests, Trever Severinsen told us about the Citizenship Seminar, Justin gave a report on the first camp counselor meeting, and Ayden DeBruycker gave the horse report. Justin reminded members to get their dues paid, and then went over upcoming dates: Awards committee; the Council Meeting; Rec Lab; Demonstration day; swine, lamb and goat paperwork; Livestock Quality Assurance; and Fair. Justin also told us that 4-H is looking for hosts for foreign exchange students and that MSU has a Facebook page. Mrs. Wolery talked about demonstrations and Mrs. Konen reminded members to work on project books. Justin thanked everyone for all the food brought for dinner and the food pantry. Justin gave us the date for the next meeting, and we voted to have corndogs for dinner at the meeting. Madeline told the club to think of ideas for what the club might need for their gift from Extension. After the meeting was adjourned, Trever presented a slideshow and candy from his trip to New Zealand for Christmas.

# Council News

The 4-H council meeting was called to order by president Michael Konen at 6:20 pm on Tuesday February 12, 2019. In attendance were Jane Wolery, Danelle Crary, Josh DeVos, Kelly DeBruycker, Michael Konen, and Jen and Taylor Asselstine via conference call. There were no pledges or introductions.

## **Minutes:**

The previous meeting's minutes were printed for each council member in attendance. Danelle Crary moved to dispense with reading of the minutes. Jen Asselstine seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Danelle Crary then moved to approve the minutes as presented. Jen Asselstine seconded. There was no discussion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

## **Treasurer's Report:**

Jen Asselstine presented the treasurer's report. The balances were reported as of date 2-11-19. Savings Account = \$25,599.93 with no activity except accrual of interest. Checking Account = \$14,119.00. Jen reported that one check to KMON was voided per Sharla Hinman's request. 4-H members wrote the checks to the Extension Office instead of to the 4-H Council by mistake, so Extension paid KMON. Jen reports that all financial records are up to date and in order.

## **Correspondence & Announcements:**

Two thank you notes were received and Kelly DeBruycker read them aloud to 4-H Council. Delaynie Beadle wrote a thank you expressing her gratitude to the 4-H Council for helping support her trip to National 4-H Congress. The Konen family wrote a thank you expressing their gratitude to the 4-H Council for funds to pay for their registrations at the Legislative Breakfast. Jane states that she will invite Hanna Antonsen and Delaynie Beadle to the 4-H Council spring meeting in order to present on their experience at National 4-H Congress.

## **Committee Reports:**

### **Livestock:** (Report by Danelle Crary)

The Livestock Committee had a brief meeting on 2-12-19, prior to Council. They chose a livestock judge for the 2018-2019 4-H fair. They also discussed wood chip options for pens. They are considering getting the wood chips from a sawmill instead of purchasing.

### **Exchange, Budget & Audit and Textiles:** No report

### **Fair:** (Report by Jane Wolery)

Fair committee met prior to the last council meeting. The 2018-2019 fair schedule was decided.

### **Awards:** (Report by Danelle Crary)

Awards committee met 2-12-19 and will continue discussion tonight after the conclusion of 4-H Council meeting. They are discussing the establishment of guidelines for awards to reflect more equality throughout the entire 4-H program.

### **Record Book:** (Report by Danelle Crary & Jane Wolery)

Record Book committee met 10-16-18. It was decided to continue with the August 15 deadline date for completion of record books. A variance option is also available for those members who may have extenuating circumstances that prevent them from completing their record books by the August 15 deadline. Teton County is going to be a pilot county for ZingBooks (a new electronic format for record books). The office is in the process of working with software engineers for ZingBooks and the state 4-H curriculum committee. 4HOnline, a different software provider, has been considering developing a records book platform but there is no progress to report.

### **Horse:** (Report by Jane Wolery)

Horse committee met on 2-10-19. They decided at this meeting to form a Horse Project Club. This will be similarly run like the Shooting Sports Project Club. The Horse Project Club was created for those youth that only want to participate in horse as their 4-H project. If youth want to participate in other 4-H projects outside of the horse project they will also need to belong to a community club. Youth belonging to both the Horse Project Club and a community club would hold a dual membership. The project club will not have the same duties as a community club. However, it will still be youth driven, have project goals, and have a community service project.

The question was asked if members of the Horse Project Club would need to complete record books. Jane stated that if they did not complete, they would not be allowed to show, sell or exhibit in the fair the following year.

The completion of record books is highly encouraged; however, if members do not plan to exhibit there is no further penalty. Members would be encouraged to complete their horse project books for the fair. Jane also stated that currently the Horse Project Club is operating under the Horse Committee EIN number. This will most likely continue for the remainder of the current 2018-2019 4-H year and a possible change to this will continue to be discussed.

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# Council News

## **Communications:** (Report by Jane Wolery)

Communications committee has met. Communications Day is scheduled for Friday March 29, 2019 at the Baptist Church in Choteau. The judges for the event have not yet been secured. It was decided that the food would be a taco bar and families that register for Communications Day will be contacted to assist with the meal. Jane states that registration for Communications Day is usually 7-10 days before and that 4-H members can either contact Jane or the extension office to register. Jane states that she will check with Jamie Smith about any online registration availability.

## **Other Reports:**

### **Shooting:** (Report by Jen & Taylor Asselstine)

The final shooting sports meeting is tonight. The final archery meeting is Tuesday, February 19. This meeting was added secondary to a few missed meetings due to inclement weather. Taylor reported 13 youth at the last archery meeting.

### **Ambassador:** (Report by Jane Wolery)

Ambassador interviews have been completed. Teton County has two new ambassadors: Kwin Briscoe and Bellamy Beadle. They join previous ambassadors Daniel Asselstine, Hanna Antonsen and Caroline Roeder.

### **Montanans for 4-H Legislative Breakfast:** (Report by Taylor Asselstine)

Taylor states that attending the Legislative Breakfast was a great experience. She states that the night before the breakfast speakers went over their speeches and the state ambassadors taught etiquette for the breakfast. Taylor states that she ate breakfast with legislators and enjoyed visiting with a foreign exchange student from the Ukraine (that is currently living with a family in Bozeman) and sitting with Mrs. Gillespie, wife of state senator Bruce 'Butch' Gillespie.

### **Newsletters:** (Report by Jane Wolery)

Sharla Hinman has taken over the responsibility of the Teton County 4-H monthly newsletters. She is utilizing a new software program and would appreciate any feedback. The newsletter now has a new format and set pages for organization. Jane states that our newsletter and web pages also now need to be "low vision" compliant.

Consequently, there is a "text only" version available. This is all to make materials as accessible as possible.

### **MSU Extension Teton County Ag, Natural Resources, 4-H, Youth Development Position:** (Report by Jane Wolery)

Teton County has hired a new agent! His name is Mat Peterson-Walter. He was previously employed with Musselshell and Golden Valley counties, comes to us with a few years' experience and has a background at an Ag Research Station. Mat plans to arrive in Teton County mid-March. Jane states that she has informed him about LQA and the recent Horse Committee meeting. He plans to hit the ground running upon his arrival.

### **New Business:**

Action as needed based on committee reports

None

### **Cap on project materials/curriculum, \$ amount** (Report by Jane Wolery)

Discussion began by Jane stating that the Extension Office needed more guidance by the 4-H Council on how much should be spent per project. Jane brought Clover Project Selection Guides as a resource for cost of materials. She states that currently the cost of project materials and curriculum was formerly paid through the Boe Brothers' donation, and this year is being paid through the new Sun River Electric grant. Jamie Smith, in the extension office, is very prudent with the ordering of project materials in order to save money and is comfortable ordering most supplemental materials. She currently may not order certain supplemental curriculum for certain projects (more extensive sewing books, quilting books, and robotics resources) due to cost. She determines if they are purchased, that the family/member use the materials for several years. Also, she has asked that if these more expensive materials are purchased that they be recycled back to the Extension Office after project completion in order to share with other members. The main issue is the new Robotics Microcontroller materials. The cost is \$99.95 per curriculum book and the resources are not transferable to other members. Therefore, Jamie has been tentative about making the decision to buy these materials. There was discussion to split the cost between the 4-H Council and the member enrolled. Michael Konen suggested that since we have the funds in the budget for curriculum materials that the Microcontrollers be paid at 100%. There was discussion that if any curriculum or project materials were over \$50 the Extension Office would split the cost with the member/family or if the cost of materials were less than \$50 the 4-H Council would pay at 100%. Jen Asselstine made a motion stating that the 4-H Council will continue to pay for projects/materials listed in the Clover Guide. Any project materials less than \$50 will be paid at 100%. Any project materials more than \$50 will be purchased at the discretion of the Extension Office staff. Danelle Cray seconded the motion. There was no discussion. Motion proceeded to a vote. Motion passed unanimously.

# Council News

## **Leaders Training Guidelines clarification with and without grant funds (Report by Jane Wolery)**

The question at hand is how to operate grant funds within the Volunteer Training budget. For the 2018-2019 4-H year, Volunteer Leader Training is budgeted at \$2,000, due to grant from Sun River Electric. In the past, 4-H Council has paid 100% of lead adult volunteer registration (not including travel and meals) if chaperoning members to events. They are considered a chaperone if there are more members other than the chaperones own children attending an event. If it is only an adult volunteer and the children from their household attending an event, it is considered parenting and registration fees would not be covered. Danelle Cray states that continuing to pay registration fees at 100% for adult chaperones may encourage new leaders to volunteer. However, she also feels that this could also be an abused privilege if a member is inviting a lot of extra family to attend events. Kelly DeBruycker suggested that the dispersing the funds for chaperones be evaluated on a case by case basis with the 4-H Council. Michael Konen states that he feels that the 4-H Council should continue to pay all adult chaperones at 100% until the funds in the budget are depleted. The 4-H Council can then evaluate for any abuse and re-evaluate disbursement of funds with the new budget year. Jane Wolery suggested that each chaperone, in each case, could submit a paragraph stating what funds may be required for that specific event then decide on a case by case basis how much funds would be given. She also suggested that a cap could be set per request of funds.

Danelle Cray made a motion stating that the 4-H Council pay 100% of adult chaperone and or volunteer leadership training registration fees until the \$2,000 in the 2018-2019 4-H Council Budget is depleted or until the end of the 2018-2019 4-H year. If concerns arise regarding the funds requested, it would be at the discretion of the 4-H Council to decide how the funds would be distributed. There was no more discussion. Jen Asselstine seconded the motion. The motion proceeded to a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

## **Clarification on livestock and advertising and judges' fees**

*What has been done?*

Currently, the 4-H Council pays for 100% of ads for the fair. The Livestock Committee reimburses the 4-H Council for ½ of the ads related to livestock. The Livestock Committee currently pays 100% of their judges' fees and housing. However, 4-H Council may have paid for the livestock judges' housing last year simply due to a clerical error.

*What to do in the future?*

Should the Livestock Committee form a budget? Should the Livestock Committee now pay for 100% of their advertising? Danelle Cray asked what the current ad expenses are for livestock. Jane stated that she did not have the exact number at this time. Danelle feels that at this time the Livestock Committee continue to pay for ½ of the ads and 100% of the judges' fees and housing. However, she will take this business to the next Livestock Committee meeting, in order to form a more concrete plan, and discuss Livestock Committee paying 100% of livestock ads. Michael Konen states to move this business to Livestock Committee and requested a report upon their decision.

## **Club Changes**

Horse Project Club

See discussion earlier in minutes.

## **Request for Funds (Report by Jane Wolery)**

Robotics

A new volunteer, Ed Garon, has approached Jane stating that he would be willing to lead the Robotics Project.

This is a project that does not have a leader due to the more specialty knowledge required. There is a possibility that a newly returned 4-H alum would assist. Ed would like to start meetings and lesson plans and is requesting a budget of \$510 to get started and to possible sustain the program for a couple of years.

The budget is to be broken down as follows:

Lab books = \$35 High Speed Motors 2 = \$25 Microcontroller 1 = \$35 Microcontroller accesso = \$65

Simulation Software 10 = \$200 Facility use = \$5 each meeting for a total of \$50 Misc. Expenses (parts) = \$100

There was discussion on what part of the budget these funds would come from. Jen Asselstine suggested that the funds come out of the project curriculum budget. Michael Konen suggested that the funds come out of the volunteer training budget. Danelle Cray made a motion stating the 4-H Council fund the new robotics group at the requested amount of \$510 and that the funds be distributed from the project curriculum budget. Jen Asselstine seconded the motion. No further discussion. The motion proceeded to a vote. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

## **PA System (Report by Jane Wolery)**

Jane states that the current PA system, purchased by 4-H Council in 2009 for \$1500, is broken and at a repair shop in Missoula. It is needed for the 4-H Fair in June and it will be 3 weeks before the repair shop can even get started looking into its repairs. Jane states that the Grizzly Marathon Entity, headed by Barb Bouma, has the same PA system. She is wondering if they might consider renting it to 4-H for the fair. Jane states she will discuss this possibility with Barb Bouma. Jen Asselstine states that at the November 13th budget and audit meeting, \$1000 was set aside for the purchase of a new computer for the treasurer. However, Jane recently presented Jen with two older model computers from the Extension Office. Jen states that if Quicken can be transferred over to either of those computers, a new computer would not need to be purchased and the \$1000 could then be used toward the purchase of a new PA system. It will be known in about a week if one of the two older computers will work for the treasurer. Michael Konen states that PA system business be tabled at this time and placed under unfinished business for the next 4-H Council meeting.

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# Council News

## Question on grand and reserve banners

The current banners used for pictures with grand and reserve recipients at the fair are getting quite tattered and are not of very high-quality material. All council members evaluated the current banners and agreed that new, higher quality banners should be purchased. Josh DeVos made a motion to purchase new grand and reserve banners. Danelle Crary seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion proceeded to a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

## Budget Review and Second Reading

Jen Asselstine made a motion to approve the budget as proposed and final. Taylor Asselstine seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion proceeded to a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

## Other

No other

## Next meeting time/place: Early April? Location

The next meeting will be held Tuesday **April 16 2019 in Choteau at 6:30 p.m.** Location to be determined. At this meeting the 4-H Council will meet the new Ag Agent. Outstanding business will include livestock ad fees and the PA system.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m. by President Michael Konen.

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# Extension Events

## Solid Finances

The Solid Finances webinar series continues this month with “Rethinking Savings” on March 6. Elizabeth Kiss from Kansas State University Extension is the presenter and this session will assist you in examining your savings preparedness and share tools to assess—or develop—a savings plan that works for you. Then on March 13, it’s “Coupons, Rebates and Store Rewards Programs” with Carrie Johnson from North Dakota State University Extension. She will teach you how to make the most of these types of resources.

These FREE sessions are broadcast from 12:05 pm to 12:55 pm and you can click here for more information.

## Small Business Webinars

On March 7 at 11 am, the Small Business Webinar series presents “Finding Customers on Instagram”. This free presentation will feature small business owners and consultants. The webinar is live and begins at 11 am. For more information and to view other resources, please go here.

## Thrive

Thrive is for people who want to take charge of their emotional well-being to lead happier, more satisfying lives. It teaches skills from cognitive behavior therapy, a method that has been demonstrated to help many people deal with stress, depression and anxiety symptoms. To participate, you must be a Montana resident, be 18 years or older and have internet access. You take a short survey to see if you are eligible to need a bit of support for emotional well-being. Visit [thriveformontana.com](http://thriveformontana.com). The program relies on videos and tailored feedback. It is a customized experience and is available when you are. If you would like more information, contact Jane at 590-2492.



# 2019

## MARCH

- 1-3: State Match (Shooting Sports): Bozeman
- 11: Spring Creek Meeting 5:30 pm
- 20: Communication Day Registration **DUE**
- 29: Communication Day 4:00 pm: Choteau Baptist Church

## APRIL

- 1: Livestock Committee Meeting 6:30 pm Courthouse Annex Choteau
- 8: Market Swine paperwork, fees and photo **DUE**
- 13-14: Archery Pre-Qualifier: Park County
- 16: Council Meeting 6:30 pm: Choteau/Teton County Library
- 22: Market Lamb and Goat paperwork, fees and photo **DUE**
- 28: Muzzle-loader Qualifier: Park County

## MAY

- 29: Fair Entry **DUE**

## JUNE

- 20: Textile Judging
- 25-30: Teton County Fair: Choteau

## JULY

- 9-12: 4-H Congress: MSU Bozeman
- 15: Counselors to camp
- 16-18: 4-H Camp: Camp Rotary



## Fair Dates

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

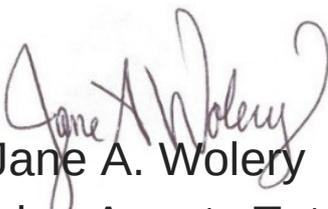
- 2019** June 25-30
- 2020** June 22-28
- 2021** June 21-27
- 2022** June 20-25
- 2024** June 24-30



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