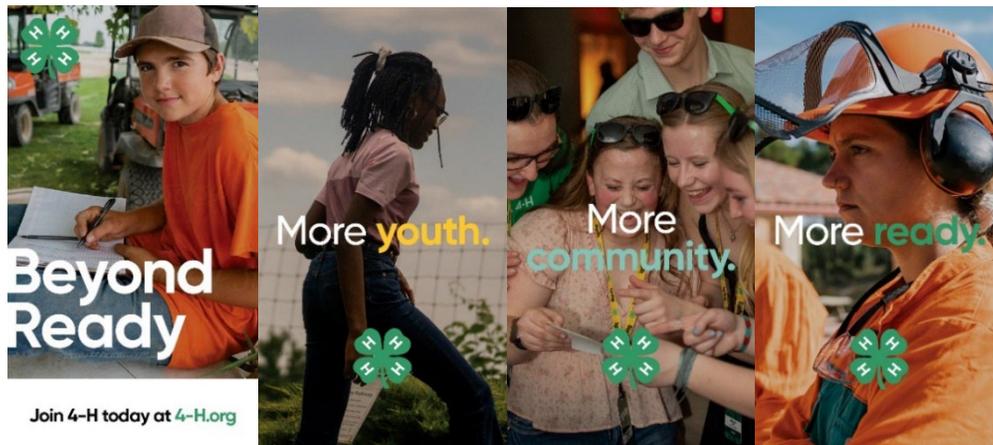


# Teller County 4-H Newsletter

# BEYOND READY

“To Make the Best Better”



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## Notes from Extension

Greetings Teller 4-H,

I would like to welcome Mackenzie Marsolini, Madeline Smart, and Jim Dickey as new volunteers in Teller 4-H. Mackenzie will be helping with Cloverbuds, chaperoning at Camp Eagle, and is interested to see what other opportunities are available. Her daughter is a new Cloverbud in the WP Pathfinders club too! Madeline has been helping with our growing horse project and has been a welcome addition providing additional coaching to our members. Jim will be volunteering in shooting sports and attending training in Pueblo later this month to obtain his 4-H shooting sports certification. Thank you Mackenzie, Madeline, and Jim for your time and expertise to support youth in the community!

Additionally, I would like to congratulate Darren and Christine Kaberna on successfully completing horse rater training! Twelve 4-H horse leaders spent a full day in Salida getting certified in turn making the riding tests more easily accessible for members.

Sincerely,

Darian

## Important Dates

March 22	Camp Eagle Counselor Training
March 23	Extension office closed
March 27	4-H Foundation Project Scholarship Applications Due
March 27-29	Youth Fest
March 30	Extension office closed
April 6	Extension office closed
April 10-11	Meat Quality Assurance
April 13	County Council and Leadership Club Meeting
April 15	Drop/add date for general (indoor) projects
April 22	Camp Eagle Counselor Training
April 27	Record Book Workshop
May 1	Drop/add date for animal projects
May 1	Deadline to register horses and dog in 4-H Online
May 2	Camp Eagle Counselor Training (tentative)
May 3	Small Market Animal Weigh-In (Sheep, Goat, Swine)
May 8-10	Camp Eagle (all age groups)
June 16-19	State 4-H Conference
July 24-Aug 2	Teller County Fair

## Teller 4-H News

### **4-H Foundation Project Scholarships**

The Teller County 4-H Foundation is a local non-profit made up of a handful of dedicated community members who believe in the value of 4-H and support youth in the program in different ways including camp scholarships, project scholarships, and post-secondary education scholarships. I have attached this year's scholarship application in PDF or you can use the link [HERE](#) to make a copy of the file for yourself in MS Word or use the link [HERE](#) to make a copy for yourself in Google Docs.

Read all instructions carefully and be sure to meet the required deadlines so that your application can be considered for a scholarship. I suggest being at least a few days ahead of schedule to ensure the proper postmark date as I have seen mail take more than a day to be postmarked. The Foundation will review applications at their spring meeting and notify all applicants of their status shortly thereafter.

We thank the Teller County 4-H Foundation for their continued support!

Please reach out if you have any questions.

### **Meat Quality Assurance**

- Who: Members in their first year in a market or breeding animal project OR members who have been in market or breeding animal projects previously but have aged up to the next 4-H age group. **If you are supposed to complete MQA this year, you should have received an invitation from Naomi. If you are unsure, please reach out. If we made a mistake with our records since very little historical information is available prior to 2025, please reach out.**
- When: Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 to 7:30 **OR** Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> from 1:30 to 3:30
- Where: Pikes Peak Community Center (Divide)
- Why: 4-H members perform Meat Quality Assurance (MQA) training to ensure the production of safe, wholesome food, upholding consumer confidence, and maintaining high animal welfare standards. It teaches youth proper medication, feeding, and care practices.
- How: The MQA program is run in an “open house” format allowing 4-Hers to rotate to different display boards and answer questions. Members will need an 80% to receive the certificate and are able to make corrections until a passing score is attained.

### **Market Small Animal Weigh-In**

- Who: market swine, market goat, market sheep project
- When: Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30PM
- Where: Teller County Fairgrounds
- Why: Weighing your animal at this time of year provides a crucial baseline to plan growth, optimize feed, calculate costs, and determine average daily gain.
- How: Details for entering and exiting the fairgrounds will be shared a week or two before the event. The fairgrounds are an active construction site currently, and are always changing.

### **Camp Eagle**

- Who: all ages of 4-Hers including Cloverbuds!
- When: Friday, May 8<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, May 10<sup>th</sup>
- Where: John Wesley Ranch on Highway 67 in Divide
- Why: This has been a long-standing tradition for Teller 4-H and gives us a chance to learn and get to know one another outside of Fair. There are workshops, crafts, guest speakers in addition to fun evening events. The weekend concludes with a brief program and Mother's Day brunch on Sunday morning. More details to follow!
- What: History of Rodeo Theme and the importance of GRIT
- Cost: \$40/weekend camper or \$20/day if not spending overnight (THANK YOU to the 4-H Foundation donation and club contribution for keeping this camps costs down!)

### **Big R Producing Partners Program**

Big R is a long-time supporter of young producers in both 4-H and FFA and each year offer gift cards to support youth with their animal projects. Funding is limited so get your information in as soon as possible. They are using an online form this year which can be found [HERE](#). List the Colorado Springs – Broadmoor store as your store and include Naomi's contact information ([milesn@tellercounty.gov](mailto:milesn@tellercounty.gov) and 719-686-5421) as they reach out to verify your 4-H participation and animal projects before awarding the gift card.

## Modified Extension office schedule

It is a **BUSY** time of year for Extension and 4-H so we will need to adjust office hours accordingly throughout the spring and summer.

- Friday, March 20 – 8A to 1P
- Monday, March 23 – CLOSED
- Tuesday, March 24 through Friday, March 27 - 8A to 1P
- Monday, March 30 – CLOSED
- Monday, April 6 – CLOSED
- Tuesday, April 7 through Thursday, April 9 – 8A to 1P

## Project E-Record Information

E-Records may not be the most exciting part of your 4-H experience, but they are an important part of your project and develop important skills such as reporting, goal setting, inventory and budget management, and self-reflection. The e-record is a required component of project completion. As with many things in life, starting early is going to be more manageable and less stressful than procrastinating!

Notes:

- **General Project** record books are due during indoor project judging at the Teller County Fair on **Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**.
- **Animal Project** record books are due at the **end of August** and a “pre-fair check” is required for you to exhibit your animal(s) at the Teller County Fair. More details to follow.

Helpful Links:

- [CO 4-H Project Website](#) – all e-records in PDF and MS Word
- [Google Doc Links for all e-records](#) – make a copy for yourself in Google Docs
- [General Project Exhibit Requirements](#) – The Teller County Fair follows State Fair Exhibit requirements for all general projects. Know your project requirements!

Support:

- Contact the Extension office with any questions. We are happy to help you!
- The Extension office can print copies. Let us know what you need!
- A record book workshop will be held on Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM at Extension.

## **Camp Eagle (continued)**

### REGISTRATION - CAMPERS AND ADULT CHAPERONES

- Registration closes Thursday, 4/30
- Payment due Monday, 5/4

## **Teller County Fair**

**SAVE THE DATE! The Teller County Fair is July 24<sup>th</sup> to August 2<sup>nd</sup>**

Visit <https://tcafes.org/> for the updated schedule just recently posted and other information coming soon.

## **Other 4-H News**

4-H offers many opportunities to participate in events outside of your Teller County including camps, conferences, livestock shows, and project clinics.

### **4-H Animal Events**

During this busy time of year, it is challenging to track all the 4-H animal events going on around the state so Dawn Sanchez, State 4-H Animal Sciences Specialist, created a useful tool as a “one stop shop” to find 4-H animal events at

<https://padlet.com/dawnsanchez2/4-h-animal-opportunities-21azu0b9tcdbyso>

### **Youth Fest**

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at the CO State Fairgrounds. This camp is organized by the CO State 4-H Officer Team. Campers are intermediate age and there is usually an opportunity for seniors to sign up as counselors. Build leadership skills, connect with members from other counties, and have a great time! More details to follow once available.

## Highlights

*If you would like to share a highlight with the Extension office for the Teller 4-H newsletter, please send photos and brief description to [darian.founds@colostate.edu](mailto:darian.founds@colostate.edu).*

The Teller 4-H Horse Members have been busy participating in shows in Douglas County. Twelve members participated on February 21<sup>st</sup> competing in showmanship, horsemanship pattern, horsemanship at the rail, reining, and ranch riding. The Douglas horse events are VERY COMPETITIVE, but Teller managed to bring home some amazing placings! Thank you Volunteers and Families for your support!!

In the 14-18 age group:

Showmanship - Dylan 5th

Ranch Riding - Dylan 5th

Reining - Dylan 2nd

Reining - Bella 6th

In the 8-13 age group:

Showmanship - Marigold 6th

Ranch Riding - Marigold 2nd

Reining - Marigold 4th

Western Horsemanship - Addy 4th



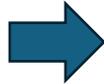
## Stay Informed

- Ensure that your 4-H online profile is up to date.
- Stay informed by reading the newsletter and other communications from the Extension office.
- Reach out if you have questions.

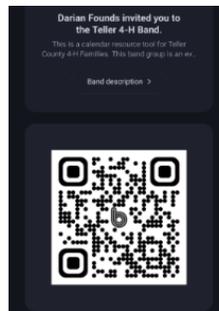
A Teller County CSU Extension calendar for local 4-H events can be found at <https://teller.extension.colostate.edu/calendar/>. This calendar does not have specific details as Teller 4-H meetings are not open to the public.

Join Teller 4-H Band! Accessible on your computer OR an app on your phone. You can also add events from Band to your personal calendar.

Click Here to join



<https://band.us/n/a1aebbBcoeu5E> OR SCAN QR Code below



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Monday – Friday                      8:00AM to 4:30PM (subject to change)

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