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Skills Under Construction: Teton County 4-H Fair

- The Teton County 4-H Fair will be held at the Choteau Pavilion and Weatherbeater Arena June 24-27, 2009.

The four-day fair is filled with events that showcase the talents of Teton County youth. The fair starts with the 4-H Horse Show held throughout the day on Wednesday, June 24. The horse members show their skills in a variety of areas – showmanship, English, Western, bareback equitation, ranch riding and more. All the events are free of charge and open to the public.

On Thursday, June 25 4-H members from across the county will interview with judges about projects they have made and skills they have learned throughout the 4-H year. Projects over the past years have been amazing ranging from rebuilt tractors to award-winning cheesecakes and everything in between. Following the judging the projects will be displayed at the Choteau Pavilion for viewing enjoyment. The projects will remain at the Pavilion until mid-afternoon on Saturday.

The swine show kicks off the third day of the fair on Friday, June 26. The swine project is one of the most popular projects in Teton County. Up to sixty members have shown pigs at the fair in previous years. Swine shows can be quite entertaining. The sheep show follows the swine show. Friday afternoon small animal shows progress at Weatherbeater arena with goats, cats, dogs, poultry and rabbits.

Friday evening 4-H members produce a style show, modeling outfits they have constructed. The event is combined with a quilt show for a captivating textile event. Friday evening winds down with music and dancing at the Choteau Pavilion.

Saturday, along with viewing projects at the Pavilion, people can enjoy the beef show at the Weatherbeater. As the fair concludes on Saturday, 4-H members sell their market animal projects at the 4-H Livestock Sale. 4-Hers in the market project learn a variety of aspects of animal husbandry and meat production. Anyone interested in purchasing 4-H raised livestock is invited to the sale and the Chuckwagon Dinner held from 4:45-6:30 p.m. prior to the sale.

The Teton County Fair is planned by the Teton County 4-H program and the MSU Teton County Extension Office. To obtain more information, view the website at www.msuextension.org/teton. The county fair provides a grand opportunity to witness the skills and education of 4-H youth in Teton County. \

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