

## 4-H NEWSLETTER-MAY 2024

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<https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/index.html>

### 4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

Thank you to everyone for selling 3,534 boxes of fruit this year!

Now is a great time to start working on your 4-H record books! Go to the <https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/recordsheets.html> to find links to fillable forms. We can also mail them to you if you request them. Each 4-H member should fill out My 4-H Record and one animal/non-animal record for each enrolled project even if you do not participate in MontanaFair. You can try a mobile-friendly website that mirrors the Montana 4-H record sheets using ZSuite technology on the [State 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/support/record_books/zsuite.html) or at [https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/support/record\\_books/zsuite.html](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/support/record_books/zsuite.html)

The Lockwood Humble Bs 4-H club is the recipient of a \$250 Montana 4-H Foundation People Partner Grant. The grant will fund two permanent picnic tables at the 4-H Building.

Roni Baker

### ATTENTION! ENROLLMENT DROPS & ADDS MUST BE MADE BY APRIL 30

ALL members and volunteers enrolled in 4-H have access to their records through ZSuite and will be solely responsible for adding, dropping, and verifying the accuracy of their projects include the level of the project. Members may make changes to their PROJECTS up until April 30, 2024, after which time the online program will be locked and NO changes can be made to projects. **No exceptions!**

Verifying the accuracy of projects and levels is very important as it can affect your MontanaFair entries and eligibility.

Please access your ZSuite profile and add and/or drop projects in your enrollment. To do this you will choose to “Update Enrollment” and then click on the CLUBS tab. Click on the green box “Add projects”. After selecting each project, you want to add, click on the blue “add project”. When you have finished adding all desired projects be sure to click on the pink “submit” box at the bottom to save all added projects. If you wish to drop projects, locate the Project name you want to drop. To the right of the project name, you will see an “X” to click on. A box will display asking for confirmation to delete the project. Click on the red “yes” box to confirm deletion of the project. After deleting the project(s), be sure to click on the pink “submit” box at the bottom to save all changes.

If you have questions, please ask your organizational leader, or call the Extension office for assistance at 406-256-2828.

### ACTIVE PROJECT LEADER/VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS

Again, this year, leaders and volunteers will be asked to complete a form that outlined and recorded the minimum requirements for being an “Active” leader. The purpose is to evaluate an adults involvement in the program and their eligibility for event scholarships, awards, etc. **(This information will be used in considering MontanaFair ticket requests.)** Please complete the form in the ZSuite platform currently used for enrollments and events and be submitted directly to our office. If you need a printed form, contact the office.

To record participation and satisfaction of the requirements, leaders and volunteers will log into their ZSuite profile and go to the “Event” tab, you will then choose “Active Project Leader/Volunteer Participation”. **The first question on the form is “Have you completed the mandatory volunteer orientation?” If you cannot answer “yes” you will be unable to**

**move forward and submit your request until it has been completed. To be considered an active leader you MUST complete the orientation.** Forms will be accepted until 12pm on July 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

The remaining items on the form are:

- **Attend and list the dates of three club meetings.**
- **Attend at least one County, Regional or State meeting or training.** Some examples are Horse and Colt, Sale, Livestock, Dept. N, Fruit Sale, Animal Quality Assurance, Committee Officer, etc.
- **Give a project or activity report at a club meeting. Provide the date and topic.**
- **List additional activities that are planned between July 12, 2024, and Aug. 9, 2024.**
- **\*\*Project leaders must hold at least three project meetings/workshops related to your project areas. List the dates, project area and a brief description of what you did.**

**OR**

**\*\*Volunteers must sign up and fulfill one club adult responsibility and provide a brief description of what you did.** Some examples are Community Service, Showcase, Communication Day, Camps, Awards, Family Fun Night, Ice Cream Booth, Club T-Shirt order, organizing Club Jackpot Show, organizing club or county workshop, recreation committee, fair decorations, club activities, organizing a fundraiser, etc.

## GRADUATION WELL WISHES

Our congratulations and well wishes to all 4-H members who are graduating from high school this year. We wish you the best! Those graduating are:

### **Graduate**

Molly Arnold  
Kenadie Berg  
Ciara Berkman  
Eli Broadbrooks  
Kimber Crockett  
Anna Dumas  
Jakob Hansen  
Cooper Koffler  
Bo Ledesma  
Kabreena Lindeen  
Birgit McMorris  
Keyara Mills-Low  
Harlie Murphy  
Sennett Pizzolato  
Ciana Prewett  
Angel Reed  
Raven Reed  
Ella Romeijn  
Brooklyn Sims  
Tanner Stott  
Madeline Wagenaar

### **4-H Club**

Shepherd Pioneers  
Hesper Hustlers  
Ruff Riders  
Northern Lights  
Shepherd Pioneers  
Shepherd Pioneers  
Huntley Eagles  
Ruff Riders  
Project Longhorns  
Huntley Eagles  
Yellowstone Mavericks  
Compass All Stars  
Worden Riverdale  
Northern Lights  
Project Longhorns  
Explorers  
Explorers  
Lockwood Humble B's  
Ruff Riders  
Shepherd Pioneers  
Northern Lights

## COMMUNICATION DAY SUCCESS!

There was a large turn out at the 2024 Communication Day! Members participated in up to three categories of Demonstration, Speech, Video presentation, Short Take, Interview and Commercial.

Olivia Arenson  
Wade Bekkedahl  
Naomi Cass  
Annabelle Fournier  
Ronan Gallagher  
Jack Holberg

Alexander Baze-Hogan  
Brenna Buchholz  
Cahill Clark  
Theodore Fournier  
Delilah Hale  
Soren Hultgren

Traden Beddes  
Brynlee Buchholz  
Callen Clark  
Ella Gallagher  
Cale Hockhalter  
Rex Koivu

Tristen Beddes  
Evan Cass  
Colt Clark  
Iris Gallagher  
Michaela Hockhalter  
Annalee Krise

Hannah Krise	Aidan Lentz	Zoey Luhman	Hadleigh Lynch
Keyara Mills-Low	Sawyer Moser	Claire Murnin	Cooper Murnin
Brandon Myers	Saphron Myers	Amanda Parks	Matthew Parks
Sabrina Parks	Brooklyn Reed	Heaven Reed	David Reynolds
Mae Russell	Path Terrill	Roan Terrill	Jubilee Waskow
Stevie Williams			

Thank you to the judges who scored all participants.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE/SERVICE LEARNING

It is springtime and it makes everyone want to get outside and enjoy the weather. Now is the perfect time to get active and do some community service. There is not a set day to go clean up at Metra this year, but I would encourage your club or you individually to head down there (or somewhere else) and pick up some garbage, tree branches, etc. We have a great partnership with Metra.

## 4-H FRUIT SALE TOP SELLERS

Thank you and congratulations to these 4-H members. We appreciate their efforts during this fundraiser whose proceeds benefit the Yellowstone County 4-H Council. Money raised provides 4-H members and leader project materials, helps sponsor 4-H members to attend state, regional and national activities, funds 4-H project workshops and clinics, funds 4-H awards and recognition programs (pins, certificates, etc.), provides scholarships for Citizenship experiences, 4-H camp, and sponsors opportunities for 4-Her's to develop life skills, including communication skills and responsibility.

4-H Member	4-H Club	# of boxes sold
Isabelle Brito	Shepherd Pioneers	128
Olivia Arneson	Cool Clovers	92
Jacob Baeten	Laurel Roadrunners	47.75
Amy Schmidt	Lockwood Humble Bs	39
Kaiya Rosenberg	Laurel Roadrunners	38.5

## 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a 4-H Council Meeting Thursday, May 2, at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.

## OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND 4-H CONGRESS IN JULY

Were you 13 years old by October 1, 2023, and are interested in attending 4-H Congress in Bozeman this July? The following briefly describes the activities and events that are available at State 4-H Congress. Please read them carefully. Congress will be July 9-12, 2024.

**Demonstration** - You must have received a blue ribbon at the county Communication Day contest. We may take any number of competitors.

**Career Communication** - You practice the skills of applying for a job including an application, cover letter and resume. Contact Roni if you are interested.

**Public Speaking** - You must have received a blue ribbon at the county Communication Day contest. We may take any number of competitors.

**Fashion Revue** - We may take more than one participant. Selection is made at the county Showcase event.

**Horse Judging** - We may take a team of four. Contact Roni if you are interested.

**Livestock Judging** - We may take a team of 4 or individual members to compete in judging classes and giving reasons. Contact Roni if you are interested.

**Stir-Ups Contest** - This is a fun, challenging food program where members plan a meal, prepare a low-fat main dish, display the meal, and create a notebook. We can take individuals or teams. Contact Roni if you are interested.

**Gavel Games** - This is a Parliamentary Procedure contest. Teams of four compete. If you are interested in this program, contact Roni at the Extension Office.

**Quilting** - Quilts judged at the county Showcase event are eligible to attend Congress.

**Horse Skillathon** - A team of four can compete in this contest about horse knowledge. Contact Roni if you are interested.

**Video** - Learn communication skills through creating, editing, and presenting a video. Contact Roni if you are interested.

4-H members interested can attend as a delegate (a member of age wanting to attend) or by competing in Career Communications, Demonstration or Illustrated Talk, Fashion Review, Gavel Games (Parliamentary Procedure), Horse Judging, Horse Hippology (Skillathon), Livestock Judging, Public Speaking, Quilt Contest, Stir-ups, or Video. Descriptions of each contest can be found on the [State 4-H website Congress page](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/mt_4h_statecontests/index.html) at

[https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/mt\\_4h\\_statecontests/index.html](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/mt_4h_statecontests/index.html)

Contact Roni Baker by May 10.

## 4-H CAMP APPLICATIONS DUE MAY 3

The 4-H Camp application can be printed off the county 4-H website at

<https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/index.html>

The completed registration and payment is due in the extension Office by May 3, at 5:00 pm (NOT postmarked by).

## FINDING YOUR INITIALS IN THE NEWSLETTER

Look for your initials (first and last) and birthdate in the newsletter. A sample looks like this: (ac/05/12/98). If you find your initials, call the Extension Office at 406-256-2828 and 4-H Council will mail you a \$10 check.

## 4-H ADULT AWARDS

The Montana 4-H Foundation and 4-H Center have consolidated the award nomination for adults into one form. The awards categories are:

**Tribute to Volunteer Excellence Awards:** The 4-H Center will recognize individuals from each 4-H District in two award categories. The Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer recognizes individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for 10 years or more. The Volunteer of the Year recognizes individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years.

**Hall of Fame Award:** The 4-H Foundation honors individuals such as community leaders, alumni, former or current directors or former or current staff for their outstanding lifetime efforts to generate opportunities for 4-H youth by giving, volunteering, or community support of 4-H.

**Outstanding 4-H Alumni Award:** The 4-H Foundation recognizes 4-H alumni who have made a significant impact on 4-H by promoting, supporting, and enhancing the benefits of youth and adult involvement in the program or a specific 4-H project area.

For details regarding qualifications, requirements and forms visit the [State 4-H website](http://www.montana4h.org/programs/awards/adult-awards.html) at

<http://www.montana4h.org/programs/awards/adult-awards.html>. **Nominations are due May 15.**

## MONTANAFAIR EXHIBITOR HANDBOOKS ONLINE

The 2024 MontanaFair Exhibitor handbooks for Department A and N will be available on the [MontanaFair website](http://www.montanafair.com/) at [www.montanafair.com/](http://www.montanafair.com/). On the Yellowstone County website, there is a link to the handbooks under the MontanaFair heading. You can begin writing down your entries on the MontanaFair entry worksheet that can be printed off the Yellowstone County 4-H website under the MontanaFair section. This will help you be prepared when entry opens on the MontanaFair website.

## MONTANAFAIR CAMPER SPACE CONTRACT & PAYMENT DUE JULY 12

We will be mailing camper space invoices mid- to late-June. **Those wanting a spot must have reserved, paid, and returned all paperwork to the Extension Office by July 12, 2024.**

Make checks payable to METRA and mail with a signed contract to the Yellowstone County Extension Office, PO Box 35021, Billings, MT 59107. No refunds after August 1, 2024, per MetraPark policy.

Camper reservation requests must be completed electronically. The office will no longer accept phone calls or emails. Visit the [link to make a reservation request](https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8ADVikDjYyZ5218) at [https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_8ADVikDjYyZ5218](https://montana.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_8ADVikDjYyZ5218).

Completing a request does not guarantee a space reservation.

## CLOVERBUD CAMP MEETING

Cloverbud Camp 2024 will be held on Tuesday, June 18 at the 4-H Building. The camp theme will be "Construction". If you are interested in helping, please email Roni ([rbaker@yellowstonecountymt.gov](mailto:rbaker@yellowstonecountymt.gov)) or Stephanie ([sjohnson@yellowstonecountymt.gov](mailto:sjohnson@yellowstonecountymt.gov)).

## AMBASSADOR & TEEN LEADER CORNER FOR MAY

- The Ambassadors would like to remind everyone to sign up for 4-H camp. The information has been posted in past newsletters and on the website. Sign-ups are currently open and will close soon.
- Thank you to those that applied for project scholarships.
- Aiden Lentz is continuing to raise money for picnic tables at the 4-H building. If you and/or your club are interested in donating to the project, please reach out to the extension office.
- Congrats to our graduating seniors! We will be doing a Senior Wall again at fair, please watch for more upcoming info on how to be included.
- Due to scheduling issues, there was no teen leader meeting for April or May, but we would like to get together and hang out. Please join us on Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> at Pizza Ranch in the Heights. Everyone can buy their own pizza and we can enjoy some time to hang out and play some games.
- The next Teen Leader's meeting will be June 9<sup>th</sup> at Fireside Lanes for some bowling at 6:00. The county will pay for bowling and bring snacks, but you will need to RSVP for bowling by June 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 to the Yellowstone County Extension Office, 256-2828. We will be inviting others from our district to join us as well.

## SUPPORT 4-H BY CHOOSING THE 4-H LICENSE PLATE

The 4-H license plate is still available. Be sure to ask for the application at the Motor Vehicle Department when you renew/purchase your next license.

## EXTRA PRODUCE? MAKE SOME MONEY AT THE FARMER'S MARKET

The Healthy by Design Farmer's Market is held Thursdays beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June through the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October from 4:00 to 6:00 pm in South Park. The goal of the Gardeners' Market is to provide an outlet for consumers to purchase fresh, healthy, local, and affordable fruits and vegetables. This could be a good opportunity for a 4-H'er and/or their family to make some extra money selling their produce when they have time throughout the summer.

There is no cost to set up at the Gardeners' Market - vendors must complete a market training prior to selling at the market. It is not necessary for vendors to sell at the market every week. If you want to sell your products, inform the Market Manager of your intent to sell at least two days in advance. For more information visit the [Healthy by Design gardeners market website](https://www.healthybydesignyellowstone.org/what-we-do/current-initiatives/gardeners-market/) at <https://www.healthybydesignyellowstone.org/what-we-do/current-initiatives/gardeners-market/>

## APPLY TO HOST AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT IN YOUR HOME

Are you interested in other countries? Host families come in all shapes and sizes and reflect the diversity of the US. What they have in common is their eagerness to open their home and hearts to a young person from another culture. States' 4-H accepts applications from host families year-round for the month-long and year-long programs.

Host a delegate from Japan or Korea! Montana families have the opportunity to host the following 4-H youth:

**Summer 2024:** Delegates are hosted from July 22 - August 17.

- 16 Japanese females and males ages 12-1, and 1 adult chaperone.

**Academic Year '24-'25:** Delegates will arrive in August 2024 for a 10-month stay.

- 1 Korean youth aged 15-18.
- 1 Japanese youth aged 15-18.

Experience cultural exchange and broaden your global experience! To apply to host visit the [States' 4-H International Exchange Program website](https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/) at <https://www.states4hexchange.org/apply/host/>

Please contact Christine Sommers Austin, Montana State 4-H International Programs Coordinator at [c.sommersaustine@montana.edu](mailto:c.sommersaustine@montana.edu) or 406-994-3504 for further information.

## MONTANA CONSERVATION CORPS PROGRAM

Montana Conservation Corps invites YOU to join them for a summer of camping, hard work, new friends, and cool adventures. You'll team up with a crew of other teens and 2 highly skilled leaders in some of Montana's wildest places. Youth programs are NO COST, for Montana residents only, and provide teens with 72+ volunteer hours, technical skills, leadership and communication competencies, and new relationships with teens from across Montana. Expedition crews work, serve, and learn in some of Montana's wildest places!

There is something for everyone at MCC, whether you're looking to jump start a conservation career, improve our public lands, grow as an individual, or simply get outside. You will walk away with valuable hands-on technical skills, applicable job skills like communication and teamwork, and interpersonal skills that will help you achieve success in a wide variety of careers.

MCC offers summer expedition programs to teens ages 14-18 and is currently in the recruitment process. Program length varies. Visit the [Montana Conservation Corps](https://mtcorps.org/join/positions/) website for more information: <https://mtcorps.org/join/positions/>

## 2024 YOUTH TRAPPER CAMP

Are you taking the wildlife project or just like animals? Visit the [Montana Trappers Association](http://www.montanatrappers.org/programs/yc/general-info.html) or <http://www.montanatrappers.org/programs/yc/general-info.html> for information about the 2024 Youth Trapper Camp. The camp is geared towards family participation. Campers will attend classes on trapping methods, ethics, regulations, fur handling, health, and safety. Camp instructors come from the MTA education Program and Montana FWP.

Camp will be held June 14-16, 2024, in Augusta, MT. Cost is \$50/camper. Limited scholarships are available to the first 60 youth registrants who request help prior to April 15. Applications are accepted on a first come, first accepted basis by May 15.

## NATURAL RESOURCES YOUTH CAMP

For 38 years, the Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp has provided youth an opportunity to study in an outdoor classroom. We invite youth aged 14-18 and 13 (if graduated from eighth grade) to spend one week in the rustic setting of Lubrecht Experimental Forest east of Missoula and learn about Montana's natural resources. The accommodations are comfortable, the food is great, and the instruction and friendships are the best.

Today's scientific principles, economic realities, historical heritage, and social perspectives help these future leaders in their quest to gain natural resources a perspective that is informed and progressive. Campers learn about forests, streams, soils, geology, rangeland, wildlife, and recreation and spend half-day rafting the Clark Fork River's Alberton Gorge. In between the field sessions, professionals who volunteer from various natural resources-based agencies and industries, specialty evening programs, guest speakers, hands-on learning-through-discovery and campfires provide for a lasting summer camp experience.

Camp will take place July 14-19, 2024. Registration forms are available at the [Montana Natural Resource Camp](https://www.montana.edu/extension/forestry/mnryc/index.html) at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/forestry/mnryc/index.html>. Deadline is July 1. Scholarships are available for camp fees or transportation costs. Questions? contact Christina Oppegard, MSU Extension Forestry at 406-243-2773 or [christina.oppegard@mso.umt.edu](mailto:christina.oppegard@mso.umt.edu).



## LET'S HAVE A 4-H/FFA FAIR THEME CONTEST!

Think of a creative theme for the 2024 MontanaFair and submit it to the Extension Office by April 30. We will then put it out to everyone to vote. We can then do our sticker contest based on the theme as well as decorate at the fair.

## 4-H SUPPORTERS

Many businesses and organizations in our community support 4-H. Each month I have been listing several of those supporters in the newsletter. I would encourage you to tell them thank you and support them in return. If you would like to submit names for this article, please send them to Roni.

4-H Supporter	Mailing Address
Albertsons	2334 Central Ave, Billings MT 59102
Betaseed	6734 Hesper Rd, Billings, MT 59106
D & S Construction Inc.	5243 Powmer Rd, Billings, MT 59105
Rocky Mountain Rain Gutters	PO Box 186, Worden, MT 59088
J & L Livestock	4935 Powmer Rd., Billings, MT 59105
Albertsons	1212 Grand Ave, Billings, MT 59102
Ross Company Trucking	4990 Metzger Rd., Laurel, MT 59044
Auto Acres	PO Box 960, Billings, MT 59103
Pioneer Poultry	3806 Pioneer Rd, Billings, MT 59105

## DEPARTMENT N – POST SHOWCASE MEETING MAY 2

The post Showcase meeting will take place at 5:45 pm in the 4-H Building. The Department N Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited to attend the meetings.

## 2024 SHOWCASE WINNERS

Junior Shopping in Style Overall Winner: Alexa Kuhr

Senior Shopping in Style Overall Winner: Jacob Baeten

Cloverbud Shopping in Style Winner: Teddy Fournier

Beginner Shopping in Style

Buying placing: Annabelle Fournier

Overall Appearance placing: Morgan Ready

Junior Shopping in Style

Overall Appearance placing: Ella Gallagher

Senior Shopping in Style

Buying placing: Jordan Trupka, Brooklyn Kuhr

Overall Appearance placing: Ariel Petersen, Lauren Petersen

Junior Sewing Overall Winner: Morgan Ready

Senior Sewing Overall Winner: (tie) Jacob Baeten & Jordan Trupka

Beginner Sewing

Construction placing: Inara Leonard, Annabelle Fournier

Display Overall Winner: Lauren Petersen

Beginner Display

Construction placing: Alexa Kuhr

Senior Display

Construction placing: (tie) Naomi Cass & Brooklyn Kuhr

Duct Tape Overall Winner: Ella Gallagher

Repurpose/Redesign Overall Winner: Ariel Petersen

## 2024 QUILT SHOW WINNERS

Some members had multiple entries within a category.

Overall Judges Choice

Technique: Hazel Russell

Process & Understanding of Project: Scarlett Preble

Youth Class/Cloverbud: Paul Kuhr

1<sup>st</sup> Year in project placings: Rayna Griffith, Garrett Ready

3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Year in project placings: Molly Arnold, Alexa Kuhr, Morgan Ready, Morgan Ready

5<sup>th</sup> Year and up in project placings: Ariel Petersen, Brooklyn Kuhr, Lauren Petersen, Kimber Crockett, Lauren Peterson, Ariel Petersen

People's Choice Quilt: Ariel Petersen

Adult Class: Candice Fournier, Jen Kuhr, Amy Ready, Brie Griffin

## SMALL ANIMAL, LIVESTOCK & SALE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wednesday, May 22, the Small Animal Committee will meet at 6:00 pm, Sale Committee will meet at 6:30 p.m. and the Livestock Committee will meet immediately following Sale Committee. All meet in the 4-H Building. Everyone is welcome.

## MAY SHEEP AND GOAT WORKSHOP

The sheep and goat workshop will be held Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 am in the SuperBarn at MetraPark. Bring your market lamb, dairy goat, or market goat. We will go over basic animal care, fitting, bracing, and showmanship. We do realize this is also Mother's Day. If you have any questions, please call or text Heather Arkeel at 406-208-4463.

## HORSE & COLT MEETING

The Horse & Colt meeting will be on May 15, at 6:00 pm. At this meeting we will be discussing job descriptions for MontanaFair duties. Duties will be assigned at the June Horse & Colt meeting. We encourage anyone involved in Horse & Colt projects to attend our monthly meetings.

## HORSE ID CARD REQUIREMENTS & POLICY FOR MEMBERS & LEADERS

**All** MontanaFair 4-H horse exhibitors must turn in a completed Horse ID card with proof of current 4 in 1 vaccination (influenza, tetanus, and eastern and western sleeping sickness) attached to the card. Cards must be turned into exhibitor's horse leader who will verify that the ID card is complete and deliver it to the Extension Office with Assessment Result Sheets by June 15. Horse ID cards must be signed by the member, parent, leader and include a picture of the horse and rider. Cards received after the June 15 deadline will not be accepted and horses without completed cards on file will not be allowed to show at MontanaFair. Only one ID card per Horse Project will be accepted. (English and Western Horsemanship are different projects, and two different horses may be used.)

Questions? Please reference the [2023-24 Horse & Colt Policy](https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/4-hpolicies.html) on the county website at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/4-hpolicies.html>.

## HORSE FINAL ASSESSMENTS FOR MONTANAFAIR

4-H members will be assessed at the club level by a horse leader or teen horse leader. The assessment sheets are not to be turned into the county office but are to be kept in the member's record book. The assessment Results Sheet signed by the horse or organizational leader showing the new levels and projects for all members will be turned into the Extension Office. These sheets with all level changes are to be completed by June 15 each year. Members will show in the level above what has been completed. Leaders can decline to assess a member; however, members must be assessed to attend MontanaFair. The member may ask the Horse & Colt committee for another registered Horse Leader to assess them.

## MAY EDUCATIONAL HORSE WORKSHOP

We will be covering anatomy and conformation on Thursday, May 16, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in the 4-H Building at Metra Park. The workshop is open to all 4-H youth interested in learning more about horses! Contact Bonnie DeVerniero with any questions at 406-694-5234.



## SADDLE UP FOR 4-H HOURS ON HORSEBACK PROGRAM

It's time to Saddle-up and start logging your riding hours! Registration In ZSuite under the "Events" section in your household account. Leaders may register all club members participating or individuals may register themselves. You may list multiple horses on one log to count towards total hours. However, let us know the names of all horses so we can recognize you and them!

Keep track of the hours you ride your project horse from May 1 to September 30, 2024. Hours to log are strictly hours in the saddle. Please be aware when you are at horse shows you are not on your horse the ENTIRE time. Keep track of the time spent actually riding. Showmanship and lunging do not count. Bareback can be counted. **Small Equine-Self Determined Mini Horses and Colt to Maturity Projects in the yearling and 2 year old may count groundwork time while training and showing.** Please indicate if your horse is one of these projects on the registration!

Participation can also be added into your record book next to your "What I did & What I learned" sections. Awards are presented at Family Fun Night in November.

## 2024 HORSE SHOWS AND CLINICS

Contact your club Horse leader for more information.

Event	Date	Location
Tack Sale	April 28, 10 am to 5 pm	4-H Building at MetraPark
No Glitz No Glamour Show	May 4-5	Miller's Horse Place
Ah Nei Recreation Area Group Ride	May 11	Shepherd
All Breed Ranch Horse Challenge	May 31-June 2	SuperBarn at MetraPark
Quarter Horse Show	June 7-9	Cottonwood Arena in Silesia
Carson James Horsemanship Clinic	July 5-7	Lewistown Fairgrounds
Big Sky State Games	July 13-14	Check BSSG website
Lewistown Open Show	July 20	Lewistown Fairgrounds
Rockin' the Project Show	July 20	SuperBarn at MetraPark
Montana State 4-H Working Ranch Show	September 13-15	TBA
Montana State 4-H Horse Show	September 20-22	TBA

## SKILLATHON – REGISTER IN ZSUITE

Skillathon will be held in conjunction with small animal judging on Saturday, May 11, 2024, in the 4-H Building at MetraPark. Large and small animal skillathon will be available to participants. We begin at 8:30 and run until Small Animal Judging (also held in the 4-H Building on May 11) is finished. An alternate date of May 9, from 3:00-6:00 pm is available for 4-H related conflicts only. Skillathon and animal judging are required if you intend on entering Dept A All Around at MontanaFair. You do not have to enter All Around to participate in the Skillathon. Registration is open in ZSuite under the "Events" section in your household account.

A Skillathon or "Livestock Learning Laboratory" is an excellent method of involving youth in challenging, learn-by-doing activities. The purpose of the Skillathon is to evaluate member knowledge, their skill in applying that knowledge and their attitudes and understanding of the knowledge and projects. It is designated in a series of mini-learning stations with a facilitator at each station. Members rotate from station to station, attempting to perform specific tasks. There will be an interview/scoring judge at each station. Twenty points will be available at each station. You must sign up for Skillathon on your Department A Fair entry as Division 3, Class (select) 1-6.

## SMALL ANIMAL JUDGING CONTEST – REGISTER IN ZSUITE

The Small Animal Judging Contest will be held on Saturday, May 11, 2024, in the 4-H Building at MetraPark. Check-In at 11:00 a.m. and the contest will start at 12:00 noon. Registration is open in ZSuite under the "Events" section in your household account. You must sign up for Small Animal Judging on your Department A Fair entry as Division 2, Class (select) 1-3.

Remember, this contest is required for the Department A **All Around Contest for small animals at fair**. This year we will do some team and group judging. Classes may consist of, but are not limited to, poultry, rabbit, pocket pet, cat, dog, feed analysis and/or knowledge test. There will be two classes of reasons.

## ROCKIN' THE PROJECT SMALL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP JACKPOT

Project Rockin' Wranglers had a great turn out for their first show with members from 5 counties, totaling 25 exhibitors and 44 animals shown. Yellowstone County exhibitors placed as follows:

### Peewee Exhibitors

Pocket Pet: 1<sup>st</sup> Sarina Parks, Yellowstone. 2<sup>nd</sup> Emma Teter, Yellowstone.

Poultry: 2<sup>nd</sup> Emma Teter, Yellowstone. 3<sup>rd</sup> Holly Ross, Yellowstone.

Cat: 1<sup>st</sup> Holly Ross, Yellowstone. 2<sup>nd</sup> Emma Teter, Yellowstone.

### Beginner Exhibitors

Pocket Pet: 1<sup>st</sup> Sawyer Moser, Yellowstone.

Cavy: 1<sup>st</sup> Amanda Parks, Yellowstone. 2<sup>nd</sup> Oliva Arneson, Yellowstone.

Poultry: 3<sup>rd</sup> Amanda Parks, Yellowstone.

Rabbit: 3<sup>rd</sup> Maverick Sorensen, Yellowstone.

Cat: 2<sup>nd</sup> Maverick Sorensen, Yellowstone.

### Junior Exhibitors

Pocket Pet: 1<sup>st</sup> Matthew Parks, Yellowstone.

Poultry: 2<sup>nd</sup> Rex Koivu, Yellowstone.

Rabbit: 1<sup>st</sup> Rex Koivu, Yellowstone.

Cat: 1<sup>st</sup> Rex Koivu, Yellowstone.

### Round Robin Exhibitors

Peewee: Grand - Sarina Parks, Yellowstone.

Junior: Grand – Reserve Rex Koivu, Yellowstone.

## SWINE, SHEEP & MARKET GOATS EAR TAGGING FOR 2024 MONTANAFAIR

Any 4-H or FFA member wishing to enter a market swine, sheep, or goat in the 2024 MontanaFair must be enrolled in the project level and the species market animal by **April 30** and ear tag their animals on **Saturday, May 4**. **The tagging site will be the Public Auction Yards (PAYS) in Billings from 8:00 - 11:00 am.** (SMW/01/20/14)

## 2023-2024 ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE POLICY & WORKSHOP SCHEDULE \* **NEW GUIDELINES**

All 4-H and FFA members exhibiting any animal in Department A (Junior Livestock) at MontanaFair are required to attend an MSU Extension **ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING (AQA)** (per state guidelines) provided by the 4-H Committee or an FFA Advisor/Agriculture Educator prior to the first MontanaFair entry deadline or exhibitors do not show. Yellowstone County has two 4-H age brackets for AQA training. Exhibitors must attend AQA as Beginners/Juniors (4-H age 8-13), and as a senior member (4-H age 14-19). This age is based on the exhibitors "4-H Age" – the age as of October 1 of the current 4-H year. Exhibitors must take Animal Quality Assurance the first year they reach each age bracket or the first year they are exhibiting in an animal project. All classes will include the same teaching materials and use the same forms and paperwork. Class content is determined by a committee and updated every two years. A parent or legal guardian must also attend the AQA Training.

There will be hands on, group activities. Please plan on arriving on time with a parent with both staying for the complete 1½ hours. If you and your parent are not in attendance for the complete training, you may be asked to attend another session. Plan on attending a session early in the year so conflicts do not occur in your family schedule. **More workshops will NOT be added after the June 19 class. It is the final opportunity for 2024.**

The sessions in May and June are in person workshops at PAYS.

**Saturday, May 4: 9:00-10:30 am at PAYS (Public Auction Yards)**

**Wednesday, June 19: 6:30-8:00 pm at the 4-H Building**

## MSU EXTENSION 4-H HORSE HELMET POLICY & WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Participants in the 4-H Horse Project are required to attend a Horse Helmet Workshop once as a beginner/junior 4-H member (8-13) and again as a senior 4-H member (14 and up). This age is based on the exhibitors "4-H Age" – the age as of October 1 of the current 4-H year. Exhibitors must attend a Horse Helmet Workshop the first year they reach every age bracket or the first year they are exhibiting in an animal project. A parent or legal guardian must also attend the Horse Helmet Workshop.

After attending a 4-H Helmet Workshop, riders may choose whether they will wear a certified helmet. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of the 4-H member to see that the headgear worn complies with such standards and is in good condition. The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development encourages the use of ASTM certified/SEI approved safety helmets in all equine events. Protective headgear may be used in all classes and shall not be discriminated against. Helmet use is encouraged in all 4-H horse activities any time a 4-H member is around a horse. A certified equestrian helmet with safety harness fastened in place is required in over fence classes and gymkhana events, activities, and practice sessions. Gymkhana refers to horseback speed events (timed or un-timed) that do not use livestock. Events that usually fall in this category include, but are not limited to: barrel racing, pole bending, keyhole races, stake races, rescue races, pony express race, etc. Events that are not intended to be included in this policy are events such as calf roping, team roping, goat tying, and team penning that may be timed but use livestock. **More workshops will NOT be added after the May 4 class. It is the final opportunity for 2024.**

**Saturday, May 4: 11:00 am-12:00 pm at PAYS (Public Auction Yards)**

## PREPARING YOUR CATTLE FOR THE SHOW RING

The American Angus Association recently produced a two-part video for its junior members to answer some of the questions about how to best prepare cattle for the show ring. You can watch these videos by going to the links provided below:

[National Junior Angus Association Fitting and Showing Part 1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCyJ0mKCIUU) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCyJ0mKCIUU>

[National Junior Angus Association Fitting and Showing Part 2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5f51j5CWUn4) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5f51j5CWUn4>

## NILE MERIT HEIFER PROGRAM

This year the NILE will select recipients for the Merit Heifer Program and match them up with donors from across the region. Applications are being accepted via email. No hard copies will be accepted. Visit the [NILE website](https://thenile.org/events/livestock/nile-merit-heifer-program/) at <https://thenile.org/events/livestock/nile-merit-heifer-program/>

The NILE Merit Heifer program is a "live animal" scholarship that strives to help youth get a start in the beef cattle business by awarding heifer calves to participants chosen based on merit, future goals, and ability to care for the animal. Any youth ages 12-16 as of June 30, 2024, who are a 4-H or FFA member, may apply. Applicants are not limited to Montana residents.

During the program duration, participants are responsible for raising the heifer, arranging for her to be bred, completing the record keeping procedure and bringing the animal back one year later as a bred replacement heifer for exhibit at the NILE Stock Show in October.

## CLUB CORNER

The following club secretaries turned in club minutes this month:

**City Kids:** Members plan a community clean up day at an area park.

**Lockwood Humble Bs:** Member will be doing a community clean up at Lake Elmo.

**Pine Ridge Red Ryder:** A committee was formed for MontanaFair club decorating.

**Project Rockin' Wranglers:** Members are planning for their two animal jackpot/show.

**Ruff Riders:** Members enjoyed an educational demonstration on bee hives and beekeeping.

**Shepherd Pioneers:** Members gave project reports and county communication day participants were recognized.

**Worden Riverdales:** The club members put together fruit baskets for local businesses in Worden.

We've all heard the expression "April showers bring May flowers" and our Yellowstone County volunteer, Brenda Hermanson, definitely brings a little sunshine to our events to help our members grow as well. Like many of our volunteers, Brenda started as a "4-H mom" and saw the value of the program, so she continues to give back and help young people become successful, active members of their community. Many of you may recognize Brenda from fair. She works as a Department A clerk wearing her crazy printed pants, dressing for the animal show of the day.

You may not know she is also an active leader that heads up the county's Interstate Exchange program that allows members to learn about 4-H and cultural differences in our country by pairing with another state to spend time in each other's homes. This could be an expensive experience that would not be reasonable for many families, but because of Brenda's years of experience and passion to see the members have these experiences she created a fun environment that allows the Interstate Exchange members the opportunities to raise money for the program. While raising the funds for the exchange trip, the members and their families learn to work as a team and grow close bonds and friendships in their own county as well. It takes a lot of time to organize so many different personalities and schedules to accomplish the tasks necessary to make a successful exchange program and we appreciate her efforts! Thank you to Brenda and all our volunteers for all you do!





# PROJECT ROCKIN' WRANGLERS 4-H CLUB

## Rockin' The Project Sheep and Goat Invitational

Saturday June 22, 2024, MetraPark SuperBarn, Billings, MT

Weigh-Ins and Check-Ins from 6:30-8:30 a.m. Market goat classes to start at 9:00 a.m. market sheep, then other goat showmanship to follow. Concessions will be available. This is a prize payout show.

Entries must be postmarked by June 7, 2024. Entry forms can be emailed or found on our Facebook event page under Rockin' the Project Sheep and Goat Invitational. Judges are Kyle Russell and Nicky Litherland.

### Entry Fee:

Market goat, market lamb, \$15.00 per entry Showmanship Classes \$10.00  
Stall Fee \$50.00, separate cash or check deposit will be returned after inspected at check out.  
Late entries will be accepted up to 8:00 a.m. the day of the show with a \$10.00 late fee per entry.

Showmanship age as of October 1, 2023. Pee Wee 5-7; Beginner 8-10; Junior 11-13; Senior 14-18.  
For questions or entry forms please call or text Heather (406)208-4463 or Kayla at (307)251-4931.

### Rules for Rockin' the Project Sheep and Goat Invitational

1. All animals must be healthy and free of fungus, lice, mites, open sores or lesions, pink eye, or other communicable disease etc. No refunds will be given without a signed veterinary note.
2. Market sheep must be slick shorn, market goats must be clipped no more than ¼ inch, other goats must be clean before check-in.
3. This is a blow and go show, no adhesive or paints allowed. Hide conditioners are allowed.
4. Covers, tubes, and wraps must be removed at inspection and weigh-in, all animals will be visually inspected.
5. Rockin' the Project Jackpot Invitational reserves the right to refuse animals based on observation alone. They reserve the right to ask participants, parents/guardians, spectators to leave. No refunds will be given if asked to leave.
6. Judge's decisions are final. Anyone found arguing with the judge(s), show help or conducting poor sportsmanship will be asked to leave and forfeit entries, prizes, and deposits.
7. Entries coming from outside of Yellowstone County are responsible for proper travel documents.
8. All animals must be show broke and under control while in the ring. No excessive hitting, pinching, dragging or lifting animals will be allowed. Ethical care and treatment of all animals will be observed at all times. Animals must not be tied in stalls unattended. No drugging or injections are allowed.
9. Market goats showmanship will start at 9:00 am, followed by market goat classes, market sheep showmanship and classes, then other goat showmanship. Participants must be lined up in order before the gate opens. Once the gate is closed no late exhibitors will be allowed in the ring. Showmanship classes will be senior, pee wee, beginner then junior. Exhibitors are responsible for listening for class calls.
10. Stalls, parking, electricity and wash racks are available on a first come, first served basis.
11. Every exhibitor is responsible for cleaning up after themselves and their animal(s) in the wash areas, alleyways and common areas. Failure to do so will result in forfeiting Stall deposit.
12. No bedding will be provided. Any bedding already on Billings Metra premises is not for participant use. Participants must bring their own bedding, and clean their stalls, trailer spots, and/or fitting areas before their check out inspection. Deposits will be returned upon inspection sign off. Exhibitors must come to the show office to ask for a final inspection.
13. Exhibitors, guardians and spectators are responsible for any loss, injury, or damage that occurs to their animal, self, owner/agent or equipment.
14. Upon entering exhibitors and spectators give Project Rockin' Wranglers 4-H Club and photographers permission to use all photos and video taken for promotional purposes.
15. Late entries will have an added \$10.00 per class and will be accepted until 8:00 am the day of the show. Late entries must be paid in cash.
16. The other goat showmanship class is defined as dairy breeds, pygmy, Nigerian, angora or other non-meat breeds. This is not a class for bracing showmanship, boer, wetherbred or meat breeds for market class type goats.

# Rockin' The Project Sheep and Goat Invitational

ENTRY FORM – One entry form per exhibitor

Invitation is extended to: Yellowstone, Carbon, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Wheatland, Musselshell-Golden Valley, Fergus-Petroleum, Rosebud-Treasure, Garfield, and Bighorn County 4-H members.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibitor as of 10/01/2023: \_\_\_\_\_

Classes	Tag Number	No. of entries	Price per entry	Total
Market Lamb			\$15	
Market Goat			\$15	
Other Goat Showmanship			\$10	
Market Goat/Showmanship			\$10	
Market Sheep Showmanship			\$10	
Trailer/Stall Fee			\$50 (separate check provided at check in)	\$0
Late Entry Fee			\$10/class	
			<b>Total due</b>	

## Mail Entries to:

Project Rockin' Wranglers 4-H Club  
2831 South 35<sup>th</sup> Road  
Pompey's Pillar, MT 59064

Make checks payable to Project Rockin' Wranglers 4-H Club and postmarked by June 7, 2024, to avoid late fees.

Trailer/Stall deposit must be paid at check in, DO NOT include it with entries.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the rules. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes / No Media release (circle one)

Initial

Initial

Participant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



# MAY 2024 4-H CALENDAR



**4-H Building Cleaning Schedule:**  
Call the Extension Office to Schedule.

Hesper Hustlers: April 20-May 3  
 Lockwood Humble Bs: May 18-31

City Kids: May 4-17

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 4-H State Award Applications Due	2 5:30 Post Comm. Day 5:45 Post Showcase 6:00 Dept N followed by 4-H Council <i>All at the 4-H Building</i>	3 4-H Camp Application Due	4 8:00 Swine, Sheep & Goat tagging 9:00 Animal Quality Assurance 11:00 Horse Helmet <i>All at PAYS</i>
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 Skillathon / Sm. Animal Judging <i>4-H Building</i>
12 9:00 Sheep & Goat Wkshop <i>SuperBarn at MetraPark</i>	13	14	15 6:00 Horse & Colt meeting <i>4-H Building</i>	16 6:00 Horse Workshop <i>4-H Building</i>	17 June Newsletter Articles Due	18 Dog Show 4-H Building
19	20	21	22 6pm Small Animal Comm. 6:30 Sale Comm. followed by Livestock Comm. <i>4-H Building</i>	23	24	25
26	27 <b>Memorial Day Office Closed</b>	29	29	30	31	