YELLOWSTONE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER- NOVEMBER 2026

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM RONI BAKER

Thanks to the NILE 4th Grade Ag in the Classroom Volunteers. Carlee and Tenille Bomar donated goats, chickens and eggs. Trish Hays donated sheep and wool. Wade Bekkedahl and Grace Sedlachek taught the range station and helped at the animal station. Wendy Thatcher worked all three days at the animal station. Sarah-Jane French, Stillwater County Agent taught at the animal station. Special thanks to Stephanie Johnson for presenting the information and organizing the animal station.

Thank you to the Interstate Exchange families for providing meals for the interns and staff as well as selling programs.

Good Luck to all the new club officers for this 4-H year.

A new Treasurer of 4-H Council is needed. Spend the year learning with the current Treasurer. There is a stipend for this position. Contact Roni for more information.

The Extension Office will be closed: Tuesday, November 3 for Election Day, Wednesday November 11 for Veteran's Day, and Thursday, November 26 for Thanksgiving.
Roni Baker, Yellowstone County 4-H/Youth Agent ronibaker@montana.edu

4-H FAMILY ORIENTATION NIGHT TUESDAY DECEMBER 1

All are welcome to attend Family Orientation Night on Tuesday, December 1, at 6:00 pm in the 4-H Building. Please RSVP with the number of family members attending by calling the Extension Office (406-256-2828) by 5:00 pm on **Monday, November 30**, but if you forget do not worry-we will purchase extra pizza and drinks.

- **Favorite 4-H Project Station**: Learn about some of the many diverse projects offered in Yellowstone County 4-H.
- **Record Book Station**: What is a record book? As a group, you'll fill out a giant sample record book and learn about 4-H recordkeeping.
- **Demonstration Station**: Watch 4-Her's give demonstrations and YOU be the judge. Learn what judges are looking for and how to give a good demonstration.
- **Teen Leadership and Summer Camp**: Learn about the 4-H teen program and activities and learn about 4-H summer camp.
- **Award Station**: Learn about the 4-H Awards program.
- **Opportunities in 4-H**: Older 4-Hers will share their favorite 4-H experiences from travels in and out of state to scholarships and more!

4-H EVENT/ACTIVITY PAYMENT AND DEADLINES

Deadlines are set by the Extension Agent, 4-H Committees, and Fair chairmen. **Deadlines will be adhered to** facilitate event planning, to meet state deadlines, for funding documentation, and multi-county committee meetings, etc. **PLANNING COMMITTEES OFTEN MEET THE DAY AFTER THE DEADLINE**. Payment and scholarship requests (if applicable) are also due by the deadline unless other arrangements have been made with Roni. Lack of payment by the deadline may result in the registration/entry not being accepted.

It is the responsibility of the 4-H family to check with the Extension Office to confirm our receipt of forms & payment (if applicable). We will not call, text, or email you.

ARE YOU CHANGING CLUBS THIS YEAR? PAPERWORK IS REQUIRED.

Families changing clubs this year are REQUIRED TO COMPLETE the Changing 4-H Clubs Form that can be found and printed off the County 4-H website under "How to Enroll" at

https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/Enrollment.html. It is the family's responsibility to have the form completed, signed off by the Organizational Leader of the club you are departing and the Organizational Leader of the club you are joining. It is the FAMILY's RESPONSIBILITY to provide a copy of the completed form to the Extension Office. Your family will not be in active status until the Extension Office has received the Changing 4-H Clubs Form.

DESIGN YOUR OWN PROJECT

Design Your Own project offers an opportunity to design and carry out a project of special interest to you. This means selecting a topic, deciding goals, obtaining resources and designing records. The member is responsible for developing the project with advice or direction of an adult. This can cover any subject or be related to a current 4-H project. An individualized learning plan should be approved by a parent, 4-H adult volunteer leader, or 4-H agent. Request the Design Your Own project booklet from the Extension office. The Design Your Own worksheet can be found on the Project Record Sheets page of the Yellowstone County 4-H website at https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/recordsheets.html.

4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The next 4-H Council meeting Thursday, November 5, 6:30 pm in the 4-H Building at Metra. All are invited.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT NOVEMBER 21 AT THE MONTANA PAVILION

Family Fun Night is a carnival type fund-raising event. Each 4-H member is asked to:
Sell pre-event gate tickets (raffle ticket). Bring a cake or pie for the cake walk or food booth. Work at their club booth and bring glassware for the dime toss. Just a reminder-your raffle ticket is your admission ticket. Everyone needs one to get into Family Fun Night.

Important dates to remember are:
November 20 Booth Set Up 5:00-7:00 pm
November 21 Family Fun Night 5:00-8:00 pm. Dance - Everyone (all ages) welcome 9:00-10:30 pm

FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT THE MONTANA PAVALION
4:30 pm – Presentation of awards

County Awards	Outstanding Leaders	Club Secretary
5, 10, 15, 20, 25 and 30-year leaders	Alumni	Saddle Up Hours on Horseback
10-year members	Friend of 4-H	Family Fun Night Club Booth Winners
Outstanding Members	4-H Friendship	

5:00 pm - Family Fun Night begins. Public is welcome to attend.
8:00 pm - Door prize winners announced. Silent auction closes. Club booth awards.
9:00 - 10:30 pm - 4-H Dance - $1 entry fee. Family friendly dance for everyone.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT SILENT AUCTION BASKET SALES

Once again, this year the Interstate Exchange Group will have baskets for sale at Family Fun Night. The money raised by each person goes into their fund to pay for their annual trip. Clubs DO NOT have the option to sell baskets as a club fundraiser. Every year there are some awesome baskets. Be sure to check them out and bid on them in the Silent Auction. Please be prepared to pay at Family Fun Night (**cash or check only**).

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FAMILY FUN NIGHT BINGO PRIZES

The Bingo booth gives nearly 100 Bingo prizes! We are asking for donations of small prizes for the adult winners that range in price from $5 to $10 dollars. Some ideas include gift cards, new movies, music, coffee mugs and coffee cards, men's items, candles, etc. You can also provide cash donations that will be used to purchase items. Please coordinate getting items/cash to the Extension Office by November 1. Questions? Call Kat Pfau at 406-670-1944.

LOTS OF GLASSWARE NEEDED FOR FAMILY FUN NIGHT WASHER TOSS BOOTH

Shepherd Tumbleweed will be doing the Washer Toss booth at Family Fun Night. Due to the booth's popularity each year, **LOTS** of glassware is needed-they are extremely low! Please take all glass donations to Family Fun Night set up,

Friday, November 21, from 5:00 – 7:00 pm. Thank you for donating!

INTERNATIONAL HOSTING & EXCHANGE OPPORTUNITIES FOR 2027

Delegates live with host families and experience aspects of daily life that allow them to more deeply understand both their host culture and their own culture. Here are the opportunities for you to travel to another country:

Japan 8 week: June 9-August 6
Japan 4 week: July 7-August 6
South Korea: July 7-August 6
Norway: June 17 – July 17
Taiwan: June 30-July 30
Costa Rica: June 24-July 23
Argentina: Dates pending

For more information regarding these programs and for application access, please contact Dave Brink, Interim State Coordinator, MT4HIEP at david.brink@montana.edu or (406) 822-3545. **Montana's application deadline for 2027 summer outbound exchanges is December 1, 2026.**

There are opportunities for Montana 4-H families to host international youth from participating countries, both short-term, 3–4-week programs, and academic year programs (AYP). Families that are interested in hosting, have hosted in the past, or are curious about hosting, can obtain more information under the Host a Student section on S4HIEP website at https://www.states4hexchange.org/. It is an exciting way to learn about different cultures and teach youth about our own culture.

CITIZENSHIP SEMINAR YELLOWSTONE DELEGATE APPLICATION

Yellowstone County will send selected delegates to the Citizenship Seminar in Helena, January 17-19, 2027. To be considered as a delegate, members must write a bill and participate in an interview (**only 4-H'er's 13 and older by October 1, 2026, are eligible to apply)**. An informational letter and sample bill have been emailed and mailed to you. The Yellowstone County 4-H Council and the Yellowstone County 4-H Foundation will help to pay the expenses for delegates from our county to attend. Application deadline is December 11.

CITIZENSHIP SEMINAR - HELENA – Offers a close-up view of the State's political process. Participants will meet with senators and representatives to discuss issues, visit historical sites, and attend workshops focused on teaching life skills, policies, and practical solutions to domestic problems. Interact with 4-H members from across the State that have different customs, interests, and values. You will study various aspects of citizenship and how you as a responsible citizen can influence your community, your State, and your nation.

A Bill Writing Workshop will be held at the 4-H Building at MetraPark on December 3, 2026, 7pm. Interested applicants will learn how to write a bill and hear from other 4-H'er's who have previously represented our county. Parents are welcome and encouraged to stay and listen. If you cannot attend and would like help writing your bill, call the Extension office at 406-256-2828 and we can set up a time to meet with you.

4-H CAMP COUNSELOR AND COUNSELOR IN TRAINING REGISTRATION IS OPEN

The tri-county 4-H camp will be held June 8-11, 2027. At the Beartooth Mountain Christian Camp. Applications for Counselors and Counselor-In- Training (CIT) will be completed through the 4-H member's ZSuite account under the Events section. Counselors and CITs must be 14 years of age on June 8. Counselors must have been a CIT for one year.

Application deadline is Friday, December 11 by 5:00 pm. The camp fee is $115 or $65 with a scholarship request. More details can be found in the ZSuite registration.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY AMBASSADOR TEAM SELECTION

Application information has been mailed to all members 4-H age 14 and older. Do you wonder what Ambassadors do in the county and what it means to be part of this elite team? We will host a meet and greet session on Sunday, November 22, at 5:30 pm in the 4-H Building. The current ambassadors will answer your questions, and you can sit in at their regular monthly meeting. We will have pizza and drinks. You do not need to attend the meet and greet to apply. Please contact Roni or Stephanie at the office if you have further questions. Application deadline is December 11.

RECYCLE 4-H MATERIALS

As you begin the new 4-H year, please return any project manuals that have not been written in which you will not be using this year. We can use them for other 4-H members, which allows us to keep our enrollment fees to a minimum!

2027 GREYTAK CALENDARS

The Montana calendar featuring Don Greytak's pencil drawings are available for purchase. Sale of this calendar generates funds for educational programs for Montana 4-H Youth and for students studying agriculture at Montana Colleges and Universities. Your club may sell these calendars for $15 each. Your club will earn $5 for each calendar sold. For more information, contact the Extension Office at 406-256-2828.

2026-2027 4-H COUNCIL BUDGET

The 4-H Council budget for the upcoming 4-H year, which began October 1, will be voted on at the November 4-H Council meeting. Ask your Organizational Leader to see the budget if you are interested in what 4-H Council spends money on during the year. You can also contact Roni at the Extension Office for a copy.

ONLINE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY FOR AGES 11-14

Join Montana 4-H members from across the state for Leadership Academy, a series of interactive online workshops that help youth build skills they can use in 4-H, school, and their community. Meeting one Sunday each month beginning in November, workshops are led by the Montana 4-H State Ambassador Officer Team and advisors. Throughout the series, youth will know themselves, communicate, work together, solve problems, and take action while building confidence and connecting with other 4-H members. Open to youth of all ages, with activities and content designed especially for emerging leaders ages 11–14. It is NOT a requirement to be enrolled in 4-H.

- Nov 1, 2026, 06:00 pm: Know Yourself - Self Awareness – What makes you, YOU? Discover the strengths you bring to a group, what makes your leadership style unique, and one skill you want to grow.
- Dec 13, 2026, 06:00 pm: Make Connections - Communications – Good leaders listen first! Put your communication skills to the test as you practice listening, asking great questions, and getting your ideas across.
- Jan 10, 2027, 06:00 pm: Better Together - Teamwork – Good teams need everyone. Take on fun challenges while discovering how to share ideas, include others, encourage teammates, and help a group succeed.
- Feb 7, 2027, 06:00 pm: Figuring it Out - Problem Solving – Be ready for anything to happen. Tackle a challenge, explore different solutions, make a plan, and learn what to do when Plan A doesn't quite work.
- Mar 7, 2027, 06:00 pm: Make it Happen - Initiative – Don't just have an idea, put it into action. Sot an opportunity to make a difference and turn your idea into a first step you can take.

To register go to Zoom at https://tinyurl.com/4cuuhj5m. Once registered, you will automatically receive an email with the Zoom meeting link and information for all five Leadership Academy workshops.

MSU FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

Apply for admission to Montana State University. Applications are available on the Montana State University Bozeman website at: http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate-admissions/

Once you have applied, there are a variety of **scholarships** (with variable criteria) that will be awarded by some academic colleges and departments to new freshmen entering in the fall of 2028. Freshman Departmental Scholarship application can be found on MSU Bozeman's Undergraduate Scholarships website at http://www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships/

MONTHLY CLUB MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS

The following clubs turned in club minutes by the newsletter deadline:
Big Sky Thunderbolts: Members planned their Festival of Trees community service event.
Compass All Stars: Members were presented with a presentation covering how to write a good thank you note.
Lockwood Humble Bs: Members set the date of February 13, for their club demonstration day.
Pine Ridge Red Ryder: Members discussed the follow up report to MSU which details how their grant funds were used.
Shepherd Pioneers: The club purchased a banner. The cub enrollment deadline was set.

Shepherd Tumbleweeds: Several members presented their club demonstration for the year.
Worden Riverdale: Members who attended the NILE talked about their experiences.

4-H CLUB SECRETARY MINUTES TURNED IN FOR 2025-2026 4-H YEAR

Secretary minutes submitted October-September for the last three 4-H years. Ideally each club should have 11 since not many clubs meet during the month of August due to MontanaFair.

Club	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Big Sky Thunderbolts	0	0	0
Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	7	9	2
City Kids	8	0	5
Compass All Stars	0	8	9
Cool Clovers	0	0	0
Hesper Hustlers	5	0	1
Huntley Eagles	0	0	0
Kountry Kritters	0	0	0
Laurel Roadrunners	5	0	0
Lockwood Humble Bs	8	11	11
Northern Lights	5	0	2
Pine Ridge Red Ryder	8	10	7
Project Rockin' Wranglers	3	5	8
Ruff Riders	3	1	1
Shepherd Pioneers	10	10	11
Shepherd Tumbleweeds	4	0	2
Shepherd Wranglers	2	0	0
Whips & Sticks	0	1	0
Worden Riverdale	6	9	10
Yellowstone Mavericks	3	9	6
Yellowstone Silver Spurs	7	2	0

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
Fagan & Cook	1555 Campus Way St, Ste. F, Billings MT 59102
Kings Ace Hardware	1540 13th St W, Billings MT 59102
Conney Livestock Trucking	328 Cooney Rd, Harlowton MT 59036
Animal Health International	1380 Minnesota Avenue, Billings MT 59101
Yellowstone Valley Parts & Equipment	4959 US Hwy 312, Billings MT 59105
Thomas Carnival	PO Box 92469, Austin TX 78709
Albertsons	3137 Grand Avenue, Billings MT 59102
Family Beginnings	134 Grand Avenue, Billings MT 59102

DEPARTMENT N MEETING

The Department N meeting will be Thursday, November 5, at 6:00 pm at the 4-H Building.

DEPARTMENT N (NON-ANIMAL) MEETINGS FOR PROPOSED 2026 MONTANAFAIR HANDBOOK CHANGES

All meetings will be held at the 4-H Building.
November 5, 2026: Department N Meeting at 6:00 pm followed by 4-H Council meeting.
December 3, 2026: Department N at 6:00 pm: ALL PROPOSED DEPARTMENT N HANDBOOK CHANGES WILL BE

DISCUSSED, PASSED FORWARD FOR A FINAL VOTE OR KILLED.
Council Meeting at 6:30 pm or immediately following the Department N meeting. THE FINAL VOTING OF ALL (Department A & Department N) HANDBOOK CHANGES FOR MONTANAFAIR 2027 WILL BE HELD AT THIS MEETING.

A quorum will consist of enrolled Yellowstone County 4-H members and adult volunteers/leaders. Only those who attended the Post MontanaFair Department N Meeting or November meeting will be allowed to vote on Final Handbook Changes for the 2027 MontanaFair.

2027 EVENTS DAY INITIAL PLANNING MEETING

The first meeting for the spring 2027 Events Day will be held during the Department N meeting on December 3, at 6:00 pm. This will include planning for Showcase and Public Review, Communication Contest Day, and a variety of workshops. **Each club needs to have a Showcase and Communication Contest representative attending the Dept. N meeting to plan for this big event.** This would be a good meeting to encourage a teen leader to attendo along with an adult leader. With each club helping, the event is always a big success!

CERAMICS WORKSHOP DATES

Sheri will NOT be able to host ceramics workshops from January through May. Let's get 4-H members projects started and you can take them home to work on or finish them when Sheri hosts workshops again in June and July of 2027. Please reserve your workshop spot by calling Sheri at 406-633-5531. Space is limited.

Dates for **November** include Saturday, November 7 from 10 am to 1 pm only, Saturday, November 14 from 10 am to 1 pm OR 1 to 4 pm. Dates for **December** include Saturday, December 12 from 10 am to 1 pm OR 1 to 4 pm and December 19 from 10 am to 1 pr OR 1 to 4 pm.

SHOOTING SPORTS MEMBERS GET SIGNED UP EARLY IN ZSUITE

4-H members should get signed up soon after ZSuite enrollment opens on October 1, to participate in the 2026-2027 4-H year shooting sports weekly workshops which start in December. Weekly archery, air pistol, air rifle, and BB gun workshops teach progressive learning, so it is vital to start on time. If you are not enrolled and approved in the project in ZSuite, you cannot attend the workshops. No exceptions.

All 4-H Shooting sports curriculum is only to be used by a 4-H member enrolled in county shooting sport programs lead by a 4-H certified shooting sports leader. No shooting sports projects that involve firearms, air guns, or archery equipment may be taken independently without a certified leader.

To enroll in 4-H shooting sports air/small bore pistol and rifle, archery, shotgun, or hunting/wildlife projects, youth must be 9 years old by October 1, 2026. To enroll in the BB gun safety project youth must be 8 years old by October 1, 2026. To enroll in the Western Heritage Project youth must be 12 years old by October 1, 2026. The shooting sports policy can be viewed on the Yellowstone County 4-H website under the 4-H Policies heading at https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/index.html.

If you have not connected to a Shooting Sports Leader yet, please contact the Extension Office for phone numbers.

SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER MEETINGS

Are you interested in leading a shooting sports discipline or just curious what is happening around the county regarding shooting sports? Join us on the third Thursday of the month (September-April) at 6:00 pm in the 4-H Building.

SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAININGS FOR 2025-2026

To be a 4-H Shooting Sports Certified Leader in the State of Montana, the following must be satisfied:

1. Be at least 21 years of age.
2. Be enrolled as a leader in their respective County. Passed a background check and successfully completed the Montana 4-H Volunteer Training Modules.

3. **All training attendees must complete the four National 4-H Shooting Sports modules in ZSuite to be certified at the end of the practicum day**. **The code for ZSuite will be shared with the leaders that sign up to take the trainings.**
4. Be trained and certified in any discipline(s) that they are teaching at the county level.
5. Participants must attend the entire training and successfully complete all aspects to receive their respective discipline certification.
6. Certification is good for seven (7) years. If the discipline is not taught in the first 2 years, the course must be retaken.

Miles City: December 4-5, 2026. Disciplines offered: Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun
Kalispell: December 4-5, 2026. Disciplines offered: Rifle, Pistol Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunting Skills

For more information and to register, visit your ZSuite household and look under the Event section. Please call the office if you need assistance.

DEPARTMENT A (ALL LIVESTOCK) MEETINGS FOR PROPOSED 2026 MONTANAFAIR HANDBOOK CHANGES

All meetings will be held at the 4-H Building.
November 4, 2026: ALL PROPOSED DEPARTMENT A HANDBOOK CHANGES WILL BE DISCUSSED, PASSED FORWARD FOR A FINAL VOTE OR KILLED.

Small Animal Committee at 6:00 pm
Sale Committee at 6:30 pm
Livestock Committee Meeting immediately following the Sale Committee meeting

December 3, 2026: Council Meeting at 6:30 pm. THE FINAL VOTING ON ALL (Department A & Department N) HANDBOOK CHANGES FOR MONTANAFAIR 2027 WILL BE HELD AT THIS MEETING.

In order to vote on yearly rule and policy changes, you *must be enrolled in a Yellowstone* County 4-H or FFA chapter as a member, leader or FFA alumni member. Adult livestock leaders and junior exhibitors must have attended the discussion of the proposals at the Post MontanaFair Department A and/or the September Livestock Meeting. Exhibitors (ages 8-19 years) must be enrolled in the livestock program.

*Horse members, horse leaders and Organizational Leaders enrolled in the prior and current 4-H year can vote at the Horse & Colt Committee meetings. Any rule or policy change must be submitted to the Extension office on the rule/policy proposal form. Horse related changes will be voted on at the October Horse & Colt Committee meeting.

*During post fair meetings Leaders and Junior Exhibitors in the Horse Project should vote on their related changes. Leaders and Junior Exhibitors in the Small Animal Livestock Committee should vote on their related changes. Leaders and Junior Exhibitors in the Large Animal Livestock Committee should vote on their related changes.

DOG OBEDIENCE WORKSHOPS BEGIN IN NOVEMBER

We are starting early this 4-H year so we can help members and dog teams succeed in learning appropriate handling skills, communication, and basic obedience before we begin the 8-week obedience curriculum starting Wednesdays during March and April 2027. This allows leaders to get to know your dogs, your training needs, and for participants to get an early start. Lacey Wood will be our county dog leader this year and is excited to be back! It is her goal that every participant fulfills as many of their goals with their canine as possible and have fun doing so.

All workshops will be held in the 4-H Building on the grounds of MetraPark. All members enrolled in Dog Obedience are encouraged to attend. Bring your dog **AND** proof of vaccinations to workshops. Vaccinations must be dog age appropriate and up to date for rabies, parvo/distemper and bordetella.

- **Saturday, November 14 from 11 am to 1 pm**: One hour of member and dog knowledge assessment and an introduction to the project. Assessments of all dogs are mandatory. Our goal is to ensure all dogs are safe and

comfortable. This gives us valuable information to help all kids succeed as much as possible and to help build working teams and take note of individual needs.

- **Saturday, December 19 from 1 to 4 pm**: One hour of handling skill building and two hours of open drop-in dog rally practice.
- **Thursday, January 28 from 6 to 7 pm**: Introduction to pet obedience and confidence building.
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At workshops we will be going over basic class rules, equipment and how they work, safety concerns, and identifying available space, kennel options, and the curriculum. This will also cover class expectations regarding commitment, 4-H workbooks, and upcoming events.

Questions? Contact Lacy Wood at 720-984-8239 or email muddymuttstraining@gmail.com.

DOG OBEDIENCE CLASSES IN 2027

Watch the newsletter and your email for upcoming information on registering for Dog Obedience classes.
Registration will be in ZSuite.
Save these dates on your calendar:
Wednesday, February 24 at 6 pm: Final Dog Assessments and dog obedience class begins.
Wednesday nights during March and April from 6 to 8 pm: Dog obedience classes
Classes will be held in the 4-H Building.

LIVESTOCK JUDGING RESULTS

These 4-H members participated in the Keith Steinbeisser Memorial Livestock Judging Contest, October 4 in Sidney.
Novice Division: 5th - Mason Turner; 9th - Mackenzie Turner
Junior Division: 2nd - Harrison Cook; 4th - Maci Vogel; 6th - Madison Turner; 9th - Carlee Bomar; 10th - Corbin Murnin
1st Place Junior Team: Harrison Cook, Maci Vogel, Carlee Bomar, Corbin Murnin
3rd Place Junior Team: Madison Turner, Jolie Murnin, Kora Selle, Sheyanne Shepard
Senior Division: Individual 3rd - Cooper Murnin; Team 3rd - Cooper Murnin.

Additional team members included Georgia Schlosser, Owen Schlosser and Coltin Shepard.
Congratulations to our members. If you are interested in livestock judging, call Devin Murnin at 406-696-1502.

2026 NILE CONTESTS PARTICIPANTS

The following 4-H members competed in the respective contests at NILE this year.
Horse Judging:
Senior – 1st Isabelle Brito
Junior – 1st Joy Mortensen, 2nd Julie Mortensen, 3rd Caleb Mortensen, 7th Madison Turner. These members also placed 1st as a Junior Team.
Livestock Judging:
Overall – 5th - Maci Vogel
Junior 4-H Team – 2nd Carlee Bomar, Corbin Murnin, Madison Turner, Harrison Cook
Additional team members included Kora Selle, Sheyanne Shepard, Owen Schlosser, Georgia Schlosser, Cooper Dumas, Denim Calentine, and Colton Shepard.

NOVEMBER 2026 4-H CALENDAR

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Oct. 30 **Outstanding Member Acceptance response by 5 pm**	**Oct. 31**
Nov. 1 6 pm Online Leadership Academy	**2** Club Year-end Financial Summary Report due in Extension Office	**3** **Office Closed Election Day**	**4** 6 pm Dept. A Rule Change voting meetings *4-H Building*	**5** 6 pm Dept. N Followed by Council *4-H Building*	**6** 4-H Fall Leadership Training in Butte Nov. 6-8	**7** 10 am-1 pm Ceramics at *Anttila's*
8 1-3 pm Outstand Member Discussion Groups *4-H Building*	**9**	**10** 6-8 pm Outstanding Member Discussion Groups *4-H Building*	**11** **Office Closed Veteran's Day**	**12**	**13**	**14** 10 am-1 pm OR 1-4 pm Ceramics at *Anttila's* 11 am Dog Obedience Workshop *4-H Building*
15 **Member & Leader Enrollments due in ZSuite**	**16**	**17**	**18** 6 pm Family Fun Night representative meeting *4-H Building*	**19** 6 pm Shooting Sports Leader meeting *4-H Building*	**20** **Newsletter Articles Due** 5:00-7:00 Set up club booths for Family Fun Night	**21** 4:30 pm Awards Program 5-8 pm Family Fun Night *Montana Pavilion at MetraPark*
22 5:30 pm Ambassador Meet & Greet *4-H Building*	**23**	**24**	**25** 6 pm Small Animal 6:30 Sale Comm., then Lg. Animal *4-H Building*	**26** **Thanksgiving Office Closed**	**27** Tractor Supply Paper Clovers start (through Dec. 13)	**28**
29	**30**	**Dec. 1** 6 pm 4-H Family Orientation Night *4-H Building*				