



# JB CO 4-H NEWSLETTER

## NOVEMBER 2025



### Monthly Club Meetings

Geyser - November 16th 4pm at Geyser School

Stanford - Please check with your club leader

Utica - No Club Mtg in November - see pg 4 for your December club event!



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Libby Mauws and Harper Mauws receiving their Project Completion Certificates at the 2025 Achievement Day. Kate Hedstrom, Lauren Deegan, Heidi Fiedler and Emma Vincent assisted Sidney during the awards presentation.

### JB Co 4-H Ambassadors

4-H members who are 14+ by 10/1/25 and have been enrolled in 4-H for at least two years are eligible and encouraged to apply for a 2026 county ambassadorship. Applications are due **November 1st** and can be found on the 4-H Forms page of our website.

### Achievement Day 2025

Thank you to the Utica Sapphires for hosting our 2025 Achievement Day on October 5th. We appreciate each of the families and members who showed up to recognize the hard work of our 4-Her's. For those who were not in attendance, we hope you will join us next year as we celebrate each and every 4-H member!

#### THE HIGHLIGHTS!

- 16 First Year Member pins were awarded!
- 67 First Year Project pins were awarded
- 8 Ten Year Member pins were awarded
- 3 Eleven Year Member pins were awarded
- 8 Cloverbuds were recognized
- 341 Projects were completed in 2025!



### RE-ENROLLMENT

**The new 4-H Year began on October 1 and it's time to re-enroll for the new year. Changes have been made to the re-enrollment policy - see pg 2 for details.**

Log into your ZSuite account

- Update your household demographics.
- Select your 2026 projects and needed resources. Project resources that are selected in ZSuite prior to November 30th will be ordered by our office and delivered to your club leader.
- Reach out to our office or your club leader with any questions on re-enrolling, selecting projects or project resources.



Scrambler members stuffing their scarecrow for the Annual Scarecrow Festival in Stanford



The Stanford club welcomed new members during their October meeting



**Inviting friends to your next club meeting or event is a great way to show them what 4-H is all about!**



## 2025 Ultrasound Winners

Congratulations to the 2025 Judith Basin County Fair Ultrasound contest winners!

**Swine** - 1<sup>st</sup> Lane Fiedler, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ashton Nachtigal, 3<sup>rd</sup> Trytan Polzin

**Lamb** - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Marci Neill, 3<sup>rd</sup> Lauren Deegan

**Steer** - 1<sup>st</sup> Rebecca Kassube, 2<sup>nd</sup> Brantley Spraggins, 3<sup>rd</sup> Royce Holzer

**Goat** - 1<sup>st</sup> Norah Stromberg

The results were emailed to members. Let us know if you'd like another copy.

## JB Co. 4-H Policy Changes

The JB Co. 4-H Policies were updated by the 4-H Council and there are several changes that members should be aware of. The policy in it's entirety can be found on our website or a copy can be requested from our office. A few items to note:

- **Enrollment** - Enrollment must be completed by November 30<sup>th</sup>. A late fee of \$25 per member/per month will be assessed starting December 1.
- **Project Add/Drop** date is now May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- **Members** intending to enter an exhibit at fair **must attend at least 50% of all club meetings or events** during the current 4-H year.

This list is not a complete list of changes, so again we encourage members to review them on the 4-H Handbook and Resources page or request a copy from the office. Copies have also been distributed to your Club Leader.

## National 4-H Week Events

Stanford Scramblers participated in the Stanford Scarecrow Festival, promoting 4-H for Nat'l 4-H Week



Geyser club recognized 4-H members at a home volleyball game during Nat'l 4-H Week.



Utica Sapphires treated Hobson School to cupcakes in celebration of Nat'l 4-H Week.



## 2026 County Demonstration Day

Judith Basin County Demonstration and Illustrated Talk Day is scheduled for February 15, 2026. Registration will begin on ZSuite in January - watch for details in the December newsletter.

Members considering attending MT 4-H Congress or applying for an Ambassadorship are required to do a demonstration or illustrated talk.

ALL members, including Cloverbuds are highly encouraged to participate in this event!

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

With over 200 4-H projects offered, we are always looking for volunteers to invest in the youth of Judith Basin Co. There are endless ways to get involved and make a positive impact. We would love to help you get started!

Welcome to our newest Club Leader, Amber Milburn. Amber assumed the role as Club Leader for the Geyser Lucky Clovers.

**A huge thank you to Suzanne Harwood** for giving so much of your time and talent serving as the Lucky Clovers Club Leader!

## JB Co. 4-H Council & Fair Board Mtgs

The next JB Co. 4-H Council meeting is October 29<sup>th</sup> 7:00 pm at the Ext. Office. The Council welcomes input from our 4-H families and encourage all to attend these bi-monthly meetings.

The Fair Board will meet on November 17<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm in the Ext. Office. This meeting is open to the public.

## JB County Livestock Judging

County Livestock Judging date is currently being determined and will be announced sometime in November. Livestock Judging is open to all members.

## A Note to New Families

The first 4-H year can be overwhelming with so many opportunities. Whether its questions about events, projects, member expectations or fair, please reach out to our office or your club leader. Our aim is for each member have a successful 4-H year!

The Extension Office communicates with families by several means including emails, monthly newsletters via email, website announcements, posts on ZSuite and social media. Please let us know if you are not receiving emails including the monthly newsletter. We are also happy to mail you a paper copy.

Feel free to contact our office 566-2277 ext 7 or email [sidney.stratton@montana.edu](mailto:sidney.stratton@montana.edu) or [judithbasin@montana.edu](mailto:judithbasin@montana.edu) or visit our website [www.montana.edu/extension/judithbasin](http://www.montana.edu/extension/judithbasin)



### Judith Basin County 4-H

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## Sapphire Club Holiday Event!

The Utica December club meeting and annual holiday events will be December 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a full day packed with fun and holiday cheer for your community!

- Swag making fundraiser
- Caroling in Hobson
- Cookies for Seniors
- Club Meeting



Best of luck to Lauren Deegan and Peyton French at National 4-H Congress in Atlanta later this month! Peyton and Lauren qualified to compete at the National 4-H Event during MT 4-H Congress in July.



The Sapphire members spent a day doing fall clean up around Hobson. Way to serve your community!

