

4-H NEWSLETTER-OCTOBER 2024

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4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

All the input from everyone at the Department A & N Post MontanaFair meetings is appreciated. MontanaFair handbook changes will be voted on at the 4-H Council Meeting December 5, at 6:30 pm.

Save the Date: 4-H Family Fun Night is Saturday, November 23, 2024, in the Montana Pavilion at MetraPark.

Remember to email both Brandy (brandy.butler@montana.edu) & Leslie (leslie.idstrom@montana.edu) when sending emails to the 4-H Office. Either can assist you with any question.

Roni Baker - Yellowstone County 4-H Youth Extension Agent

SIGN UP NOW FOR YELLOWSTONE COUNTY INFORMED

Get alerted about emergencies and other important community news by signing up for Yellowstone County Informed. The system enables Yellowstone County Department of Emergency and General Services (DES) to provide you with critical information quickly in a variety of situations, such as severe weather, unexpected road closures, missing persons, and evacuations of buildings or neighborhoods.

You will receive time-sensitive messages wherever you specify, such as your home, mobile or business phones, email address, text messages and more.

Here's how to sign up:

- Go to yellowstonecountymt.gov/des/
- Click on the **Yellowstone County**
- **Informed** icon.
- **Create your account** following the prompts to provide a username, password and valid address.
- Add **phone numbers** you wish to use.
- Accept the **terms of use**, and the account will be created. You will periodically get tests.

4-H COUNCIL ASSISTANT TREASURER NEEDED!

Are you looking to level-up your family's 4-H experience? Are you interested in learning more about 4-H? Are you wanting to help the 4-H community in a meaningful way? If you answered 'yes' to any of those questions, then you may be a great candidate for the next Yellowstone County 4-H Council Assistant Treasurer. This position is a 1-year learning period before you step into the 2-year position of Council Treasurer, so it is a 3-year commitment in total. This experience has been an invaluable learning experience for me, and I would encourage veteran 4-H parents OR new 4-H parents to consider serving the county in this way. If you have any interest, please contact Roni Baker at 406-256-2828 or Caroline Brito at 406-850-2211 for more information and details about this position.

4-H WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGES FOR YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

Remember to check the [Yellowstone County 4-H website](http://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/) at www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/ when looking for forms and information. You will find photos of recent events and reminders of upcoming activities on the [Yellowstone County 4-H Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/yellowstonecounty4h) at www.facebook.com/yellowstonecounty4h. Visit the [Yellowstone County Ambassadors](https://www.facebook.com/yellowstonecountyambassadors/) page at www.facebook.com/yellowstonecountyambassadors/ to learn about events and activities our Ambassadors will be hosting for members. If you have not visited these pages and clicked "Like", please do so soon!

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 [Yellowstone County 4-H website](http://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/Enrollment.html) under “How to Enroll” at 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.

ZSUITE 4-H ENROLLMENT OPEN

This year all members and leaders will enroll themselves through the ZSuite program. Instructions for enrollment can be found on the [state 4-H website](http://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/resources/4henrollment/index.html) at www.montana.edu/extension/4h/resources/4henrollment/index.html. Should you have questions, please use the ZSuite Live Chat Support found in the lower righthand portion of the screen. Remember to pay your enrollment fees to your club!

DESIGN YOUR OWN PROJECT

Design Your Own project offers an opportunity to develop and carry out a project of individual design. 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 project can cover any subject and may be related to any current 4-H project. Examples include bookkeeping and outdoor cooking. Design a project of special interest to you, as the success depends on your initiative. Those who select a worthwhile topic and become intrigued often do some of the best and most rewarding work. Members must submit a complete project outline to the Extension Office by March 1.

SUCCESSFUL RECORD BOOKS

Start your record book at the beginning of the 4-H year. Write goals for the year at the BEGINNING of the year. You should try to write at least three goals for each part of the book.

My 4-H Year: The front page must be completed including three goals and leader’s signature. Every section must have something listed, including promotion and communication. If nothing was done in an area or section of a record sheet, write “none”. You should have a project journal for every project listed on the My 4-H Year sheet. Your picture should be attached.

Non-Animal Project/Financial Journal: Project/financial journals are needed for every project. Project sheets need to contain the name of the project and the year these records were kept. Every section needs to have something written in it. Including three goals and financial records. Transfer financial totals to back page.

Animal Record & Journal: Animal journals need to be included for every animal project, including cat, dog, and pocket pet. These are for all animal projects, not just market projects. Include animal category (i.e., beef, dog, etc.), your name and the years the records were kept, plus a leader or parent’s signature. One Animal Record & Journal can be used if the same animal is used in more than one project. Each section should be complete or if noting applies, write “none”.

To help organize your records, either make a “sloppy copy” of your forms or use a calendar as you go through the year. Keep up with this and then the job of completing your record book at the end of the year is easy.

Make sure your record book is complete. This is a “record” of your 4-H story. It is fun to look back at what you did while in 4-H. Make it complete enough that a person who is not familiar with your project could pick up your record book, look through it, and it will make sense to that person.

Additional things you may wish to include (not required) in your record book:

- Additional pictures of any of your 4-H experiences, projects, etc.
- Ribbons or pictures of ribbons.
- Certificates or awards received.
- Other items you wish to add to your book.

AMBASSADOR CORNER

We want to send a huge THANK YOU to all our parents, leaders and volunteers as this 4-H year comes to a close. Our program wouldn't be the same without you! We have great leaders that have helped to teach great members and we encourage everyone to recognize those outstanding members by nominating them for a county award.

Our team has lots to look forward to in the upcoming year. We are looking forward to seeing the continuation of a teen leader program that we are helping to improve. In the next few months, we are looking forward to visiting with many of you at Family Orientation Night, Family Fun Night (with another dance), Fall Training, AG in the Classroom as well as a Club Officer Event. Watch newsletters, emails, and social media for details to come.

As National 4-H week approaches we hope you all will help us celebrate this great program by sharing what you are doing. Please join us on October 8 for 4-H night at McDonalds! Come have dinner and 20% will go to Yellowstone County 4-H when you order on the app or kiosk in the store. Our team will be at many of the stores in Billings to welcome you and visit with the public about our program! ~ Your Yellowstone County Ambassadors

RETURN UNUSED 4-H PROJECT BOOKS TO EXTENSION

If you have any 4-H project books that are not being used and have not been written in, PLEASE return them to the Extension Office. We re-use them to keep costs down.

LEADERS, 4-H NEEDS YOUR INPUT!

As we begin a new 4-H year, we want to remind you that decisions are made by those who regularly attend county meetings. We encourage you to participate in this process.

If you are new to 4-H, Council and Committee meetings are an important resource filled with knowledgeable people and information about various 4-H projects and programs. So, what are you waiting for? Jump in and get your feet wet! Our meetings are posted in the newsletter calendar; we'd love to have you join us! It's also a great way to meet others involved in similar projects to share information.

4-H AWARDS BALLOT NOMINATIONS DUE OCTOBER 31

Clubs that wish to turn in their ballots nominating individuals or businesses for the 4-H Friendship Award, Friend of 4-H Award, Outstanding 4-H Teen Leader Award, Outstanding 4-H Leader, and Outstanding 4-H Alumni Award, please do so by October 31. These special awards need input from everyone. Ballots were included in club enrollment packets and were emailed to organizational leaders. We know you can think of someone. Talk to your club organizational leader.

CLUB YEAR-END FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS DUE OCTOBER 31

Club Organizational Leaders have received a copy of the annual Year-End Financial Summary Report. The report provides an open, public record of each club's finances and fulfills state and federal audit requirements. Completed reports are due to Extension by October 31. Clubs will not receive project books until the reports are submitted.

***Remember to balance the Year-end Financial Summary to the bank account statements, NOT the checkbook register!**

With the IRS ruling governing 4-H funds, it is imperative we have this report so your club can retain a checking account. Failure to meet the deadline may result in the loss of your club's charter and/or the closing of your club financial account(s).

NATIONAL 4-H WEEK OCTOBER 6-12, 2024

National 4-H Week is October 6-12, 2024. This week gives us a chance to highlight remarkable 4-H youth and showcase their experiences. You can wear your 4-H t-shirt, plan an event, put up window displays, handout flyers, post about 4-H on social media, decorate 4-H member's school lockers, recognize 4-H members at a school sports game or any other ideas you may have.

This year's National 4-H Week theme "Beyond Ready" focuses on building a ready generation in a world of change.

A toolkit with suggestions and resources can be found on the [National 4-H website](https://www.4-h.org/resources/professionals/marketing-resources/4-h-week-toolkit/) at [4-h.org/resources/professionals/marketing-resources/4-h-week-toolkit/](https://www.4-h.org/resources/professionals/marketing-resources/4-h-week-toolkit/) Be sure to click on the long list of ideas on how to celebrate National 4-H Week in our county. These tools are designed to help you leverage National 4-H Week in the media, on social media and in your community.

REGISTER FOR FALL TEEN LEADERSHIP TRAINING NOVEMBER 1-3, 2024

You are invited to attend the Fall Teen Leadership Training that will be held in Billings, November 1-3, 2024, at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center. Youth participants must be 14 on October 1, 2024, to participate.

Fall Training is the annual leadership development retreat for Montana 4-H Ambassadors and Teen Leaders. The event is planned, implemented, and evaluated by the State Ambassador Officer Team. Youth will leave the weekend prepared and excited to take the knowledge and skills they have gained and apply them in their counties. It is also a great place to have youth leaders exchange ideas and create a statewide network of resources. They have planned a very exciting event this year with a great leadership speaker and some great hands on workshops for ambassadors and teen leaders to build their skills.

Registration cost is \$185, including lodging (2 - 4 people to a room) meals Saturday and Sunday breakfast and program costs. Single rooms will be available at an additional cost of \$125. Yellowstone County 4-H Council will pay \$160. 4-H attendees do need to pay \$25 and for your own t-shirt if you want one.

Register in ZSuite by October 18. **You can register in [ZSUITE](https://www.4h.zsuite.org/) at [4h.zsuite.org/](https://www.4h.zsuite.org/) any time and your registration will roll over to the new 4-H year that begins October 1. Please be sure to enroll for the new 4-H year by updating any personal information and completing all waivers prior to the start of this event. You can complete/update your club/project enrollment after the event if needed.**

FAMILY FUN NIGHT SILENT AUCTION BASKET SALES

Once again, the Yellowstone County 4-H Interstate Exchange Group will have baskets for sale at Family Fun Night November 23. The money raised by each person helps to pay for their 4-H Interstate Exchange trip. Clubs will not have the opportunity to sell baskets as a club fundraiser.

Every year there are some awesome baskets. Be sure to check them out and bid in the Silent Auction. Please be prepared to pay at Family Fun Night.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FAMILY FUN NIGHT BINGO PRIZES

The Bingo booth gives out nearly 100 bingo prizes throughout the night. We are asking for donations of small prizes for adult winners that range in price from \$5 to \$10. 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 having all donations 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 Tumbleweeds 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 contact Kathy Peck 406-670-8756 (call or text) to coordinate delivery of glassware. Thank you for donating!

RECOGNIZING GOOD DEEDS AT MONTANAFAIR

The following names were placed in the "Good Deed Box" in the Expo Center during MontanaFair. These young people were kind, helpful, courteous, and friendly. We know MANY others should be recognized also! Next year take a moment to drop a name in the box!

Keona Muessig
Hadleigh Lynch
Amy Schmidt

Mason Hoban
Tucker
Karter Shivar

Carson Adkins
Alexander Baze
Eliana Johnston

Bayley Becker
Morgan O'Daniel
Paisley Vogel

Danica Albrecht
Easton Albrecht

Heaven Reed
Reece Reinhardt

A few comments from the Good Deeds box:

Does an amazing job keeping our sheep and goat area clean.

Helped the entire group clean stalls.

Helped even though just a Cloverbud.

Allowed chairman to use their animal to educate others.

OUTSTANDING MEMBER/CLOVERBUD NOMINATIONS ACCEPTED NOW

It is time to Nominate 2023-2024 Outstanding 4-H Members/Cloverbuds! Outstanding Member Nominations can be completed online on the [Yellowstone county 4-H website](http://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/4-hopportunitiesandevents.html) at www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/4-hopportunitiesandevents.html. Just type in the information and hit the submit button!

An outstanding 4-H Member/Cloverbud must have 4-H related achievements that measure above and beyond other members and 4-H expectations. To compete for county awards a member must have a gold seal on their record book. Anyone can nominate a Member (another member, leader, parent, or self-nomination). A nominee provides four reason specific examples regarding why the member is outstanding in a specific award area. Nomination deadline is 5:00 pm Friday, October 18.

A hard copy Nomination Form can be printed off the [Yellowstone county 4-H website](http://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/4-hopportunitiesandevents.html) at www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/4-hopportunitiesandevents.html and faxed (406-256-2825), emailed, or mailed to the Extension Office by the deadline. Questions? Call the Extension Office at 406-256-2828.

SERVICE LEARNING LOGS DUE OCTOBER 4

Service Learning Logs are due to the Extension Office by Friday, October 4, 2024 (must be postmarked by). The last day to enter volunteer hours is September 30. Awards will be given at Family Fun Night. Questions? Call Chris Martin at 406-248-1425.

ATTENTION ALL 4-H CLUBS: ADVICE FOR STARTING THE NEW 4-H YEAR OFF RIGHT

Plan your year; give guidance but let the kids make choices-don't forget to have fun! Recruit help! Elect new officers!

- Community Service (Choose at least 1 project per club.) Ask the 4-H office for ideas.
- Fundraisers (decide how to raise money for 4-H camp, MontanaFair, club events, etc.) The 4-H office has materials about fundraising.
- Field Trips (learn & have fun)
- Guest speakers (informative & fun)
- Club Demonstrations (relaxed atmosphere-have each member do one; prepare for Communication Day.)

4-H CLUB OFFICER ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The officer and committee systems are a good way of dividing jobs and responsibilities among club members in an orderly way. The number of officers needed is determined by the size and type of club. Club officers are usually elected annually, near the beginning of the 4-H year. A leader or parent should be responsible for helping officers carry out their responsibilities. Encourage the officers to attend officer training when it is offered at the county or state level.

President: Prepares the agenda with other officers and leaders and presides at club meetings.

Vice-President: Assumes duties of President in their absence. Has responsibility to see that committees are working on assigned tasks.

Secretary: Keeps complete and accurate records/minutes of each club meeting. Writes all club correspondence. Keeps club attendance and all other club records up to date.

Treasurer: Handles all club money. Keeps accurate and up to date financial records. All checks should be co-signed by club treasurer and an additional account signer.

Historian: Maintains and updates the club’s history book to preserve information for future club members.

Reporter: Writes news stories about meetings and special events for the local newspaper.

The Extension Office has handbooks for each of these offices. Ask your leader to pick one up or stop by the office yourself.

4-H LICENSE PLATES

Montana 4-H License Plates are still available. All application or renewal of license plates is handled by the county treasurer. Cost of the plate is \$35 which supports the 4-H program at the county and state level.

MONTANA 4-H FOUNDATION INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING GRANTS AVAILABLE

Available Funds: \$2,000 in grant money.

Application Deadline: November 1 (main deadline) and April 1 (if funds remain).

Source of Funds: Montana 4-H Foundation at MSU-Bozeman

Grant Criteria: Innovative youth or adult volunteer leader educational programs. Program efforts currently conducted are not eligible. Programs currently being conducted in other states qualify. Project must have potential to be replicated in other Montana counties. Project can reach existing or new audiences.

Application team and teaching team (can be different) must include an Extension staff person, an adult volunteer, and a teen volunteer.

Project and evaluation must be completed within one year of submission deadline. Full grant criteria and the online application can be found on the [Montana 4-H Foundation website](#) or www.mt4hfoundation.org/. Contact Roni Baker at the Extension office to discuss ideas!

YOUTH LOAN PROGRAMS FROM THE MONTANA & U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

The **Junior Agriculture Loan** is available to youth ages 9-11 with a maximum of \$3,500 for up to five years. Youth ages 12-21 may borrow a maximum of \$8,500 for up to five years. Application forms are available on the [Montana Department of Agriculture website](#) at agr.mt.gov/Topics/E-G/Grants-Pages/Junior-Agriculture-Loans or by calling Walt Anseth @ 406-444-5420 or WAnseth@mt.gov

The **Rural Assistance Loan Program** is available to individuals 18 years of age and above for a maximum of \$75,000; terms vary by loan type. Information about this and other rural assistance programs can be found on the [Montana Department of Agriculture website](#) at agr.mt.gov/Topics/Q-Z/Rural-Assistance or by calling 406-444-3144.

Farm Service Agency (FSA) makes loans to individual young persons to start and operate income-producing projects of modest size in connection with their participation in 4-H clubs. The project being financed with an FSA Youth Loan needs to provide an opportunity for the young person to acquire experience and education in agriculture-related skills. Youth between 10-20 years old may apply for loans up to \$5,000. For more information visit the [USDA Farm Service Agency website](#) at www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/youth-loans/index

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY MEMBER & LEADER NUMBERS FOR THE PAST 5 YEARS

The following is an update on our end of year enrollment data. Be sure to encourage your members and leaders to join again. Recruit new families to your club.

Year	Members	Leaders	Clubs
2019-20	533	242	25
2020-21	473	230	25
2021-22	477	211	25
2022-23	482	201	25
2023-24	457	175	23

4-H SUPPORTERS IN YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

Many businesses and organizations in our community support 4-H. Each month several of those supporters are listed in the newsletter. You are encouraged to write/tell them thank you and support the businesses in return. If you would like to submit names for this article, please send them to Roni.

4-H Supporter	Mailing Address
Staley's Tire	9300 S Frontage Road, Billings MT 59101
Billings Kubota	5548 Holiday Avenue, Billings MT 59101
Signal Peak Energy	100 Portal Drive, Roundup MT 59072
C & B Operation	5121 Midland Road, Billings MT 59101
Premier Land Company	1800 Minnesota Avenue, Billings MT 59101
Yellowstone Valley Parts & Equipment	4959 US Hwy 312, Billings MT 59105
Drange Apiary	2751 Alpine View Drive, Laurel MT 59044

DEPARTMENT N (NON-ANIMAL) MEETINGS FOR PROPOSED 2025 MONTANAFAIR HANDBOOK CHANGES

All meetings will be held at the 4-H Building. Watch for location changes in the 4-H newsletter.

October 11, 2024: MontanaFair rule change proposal forms due in the Extension Office by 5:00 pm (not postmarked by)

November 7, 2024: Department N Meeting at 6:00 pm

December 5, 2024:

Department N at 6:00 pm: DEPARTMENT N HANDBOOK CHANGES VOTED ON AT THIS MEETING.

Council Meeting at 6:30 pm or immediately following the Department N meeting.

All (Department A and N) handbook changes proposed by the committees will be voted on at this meeting.

All members, leaders and parents are encouraged to attend the meetings and provide input. (MLP/11/07/11)

MONTANAFAIR DEPARTMENT N PREMIUM CHECKS AND ERRORS

Please note that checks will be mailed approximately 30 days **after** the end of fair AND checks will be **voided 120 days after issue date**. **MetraPark will be enforcing the 120-day cancellation notice**. Any checks not deposited or cashed will be null and void 120 days after issue date. If there is a problem with your premium dollars for the MontanaFair, call the Extension Office by **October 31**. Errors must be resolved before this date because the MontanaFair accounts are closed out for the year.

CERAMICS WORKSHOP DATES

New ceramics dates! Lots of new items in greenware and bisque. Good projects for winter months. Dates are Saturdays October 12, November 2, and December 7. Times are 10:00 am to 1:00 pm or 1:00 to 4:00 pm.

Please call Sheri Anttila at 406-633-5531 to let her know if you have any questions, need directions to her home, and which class/time you will be attending.

2025 SHOWCASE INITIAL PLANNING MEETING

The first meeting for the spring 2024 Showcase and Public Review will be held during the December Department N meeting on December 5, at 6:00 pm. **Each club needs to have a Showcase representative attend the Dept. N meeting to plan for this big event.**

This would be a good meeting to encourage a teen leader to attend along with an adult leader. With each club helping, the event is always a big success!

SHOOTING SPORTS MEMBERS GET SIGNED UP EARLY IN ZSUITE

4-H shooting sports members should get signed up soon after ZSuite enrollment opens on October 1, in order to participate weekly workshops starting in December. Weekly archery, air pistol, 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.

4-H shooting sports curriculum is only to be used by a 4-H member enrolled in a county shooting sport program 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, youth must be 9 years old on October 1 of the 2024-2025 year. The only exceptions are the BB Safety course, which is open to those turning 8 years old by October 1 of the 2024-2025 year, and the Western Heritage Project requirements.

If you have not yet connected with a Certified Shooting Sports Leader, please do so now. Workshops start in early November. Contact the Extension Office for phone numbers.

SHOOTING SPORTS OPEN HOUSE

Did you know that 4-H offers 7 different shooting sports disciplines? From BB gun, to archery, to shotgun and muzzleloader. Come meet the county shooting sports leaders, learn what each discipline involves, and find out when and where they shoot. The shooting sports open house will be held on Thursday, October 24 from 6:00 to 7:30 at the 4-H building.

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 2024-2025

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.

Kalispell – December 6-7, 2024. We will offer Coordinator, Archery, Rifle, Pistol, Muzzleloader, Hunting Skills, and Shotgun

Belgrade – December 13-14, 2024. We will offer Coordinator, Archery, Rifle, Pistol, and Shotgun
Havre, Circle, and Malta. TBD. We will offer Archery, Rifle, and Pistol

For class information and registration forms, please visit the [State 4-H Shooting Sports Training](http://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/events/shooting_sports/shooting_sports_training/index.html) webpage at www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/events/shooting_sports/shooting_sports_training/index.html

DEPARTMENT A (ALL LIVESTOCK) MEETINGS FOR PROPOSED 2025 MONTANAFAIR HANDBOOK CHANGES

All meetings will be held at the 4-H Building. Watch for location changes in the 4-H newsletter.

October 11, 2024: MontanaFair rule change proposal forms due in the Extension Office by 5:00 pm (not postmarked by)

October 23, 2024: Horse and Colt Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm

November 6, 2024: LIVESTOCK HANDBOOK CHANGES WILL BE VOTED ON AT THESE MEETINGS:

Small Animal Committee at 6:00 pm

Sale Committee at 6:30 pm

Livestock Committee Meeting immediately following the sale committee meeting.
December 5, 2024: Council Meeting at 6:30 pm
All (Department A and N) handbook changes proposed by the committees voted on at this meeting.

The Livestock Leaders Committee will preside over the 4-H Livestock program as deemed necessary and will be comprised of the following people who will be eligible to vote at meetings (Exception: In order to vote on yearly rule and policy changes, you must have attended the discussion of the proposal at the post fair meeting and/or the September meeting.)

- A. **4-H members** enrolled in the Livestock Program
- B. **Junior Leaders** – a member enrolled in the 4-H Livestock Program who is 14 years of age or older and is a member in the Livestock Program.
- C. **Livestock Leaders** – Adult volunteers enrolled as leaders in a livestock project who work with members to gain knowledge. Leaders are encouraged to attend the monthly Livestock Leaders Committee meetings and should encourage their members to do the same. They should inform themselves and members of upcoming activities, decisions, and deadlines.

A quorum will consist of members eligible to vote and who were present at the discussion meetings. Discussion meetings are held 2-3 weeks after MontanaFair. Handbook changes are voted on at the November 3rd Livestock Meetings. Council will vote on changes at the December meeting.

All members, leaders and parents are encouraged to attend the meetings and provide input.

HORSE & COLT 2025 MONTANAFAIRBOOK CHANGES

Changes must be submitted on the MontanaFair Proposed Rules and Policy Change Form by October 11, 2024, to the Extension Office by 5:00 pm (not postmarked by).

Proposed Horse MontanaFair handbook changes will be voted on at the October 23, 2024, Horse and Colt meeting in the 4-H Building at 6:00 pm. Anyone who was an active 4-H member or leader during the 2023-2024 year can vote at the meeting.

RETURN YOUR SADDLE UP RIDING HOURS BY OCTOBER 4

Saddle Up forms are due to the Extension Office by Friday, October 4, 2024 (must be postmarked by). The last day to log riding hours is September 30. Awards will be given at Family Fun Night. Questions? Call Johanna Heupel at 406-670-9932.

MONTANA 4-H HORSE HELMET POLICY 2024-2025

A certified equestrian helmet with safety harness fastened is required in over fence classes and speed events at shows and any practice sessions (clinics, open riding).

Participants in the 4-H horse project are required to attend a helmet education workshop and/or view the video “Every Time, Every Ride” once as a junior 4-H member (4-H age 9-13) and once as a senior 4-H member (4-H age 14 & over). The Montana 4-H Center for youth encourages the use of ASTM certified/SEI approved safety helmets for all equine events. Helmet use is encouraged in all 4-H horse activities any time a 4-H member is around a horse. Watch for scheduled horse helmet workshops in the January 2025 4-H newsletter.

2024 PATRICK K. GOGGINS JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE-BUYER THANK YOUS

Be sure to let the individual or business who bought your animal know how much you appreciate their support. **Sale checks will be mailed 45-60 days after the sale AND after it is confirmed that your buyer thank you(s) has/have been sent** (remember to let your club livestock leader or the Extension Office know you have delivered/mailed your thank you to your buyer).

2024 CHAMPION OF CHAMPIONS STEER SHOW WINNERS

Each year the Eastern Montana Fair Board invites Grand and Reserve Champion market steers from 14 eastern Montana Counties to the Champion of Champions Steer Show. The competition was held in August during the Eastern Montana Fair in Miles City. Jake Cook with Huntley Project FFA, was Reserve Champion at MontanaFair and Grand Champion at

the Champion of Champions. Yellowstone County Reserve Champion at Montana Fair was Bayley Bender of the Worden Riverdale club, and she also won the Reserve Yellowstone County Champion at Champion of Champions. Congratulations to both of our Yellowstone County winners!

NILE JUNIOR FED MARKET SHOWS

Jr. Fed Market Lamb and beef shows are on Saturday, October 12. Jr. Fed Market Swine and goat shows are on Sunday, October 13. The Junior Fed Sale will take place Monday, October 14 at 4:00 pm. To enter online visit [the Nile website](http://thenile.org/) at thenile.org/.

SMALL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP JACKPOT SHOW

2T Livestock is hosting a Small Animal Showmanship Jackpot Show and Round Robin for all ages. The show will be held Saturday, November 2, in the 4-H Building. The registration will be emailed to all small animal project members. Questions can be directed to Kyle Russell at 208-539-2047.

CLUB MINUTES

City Kids: Elected officers for 2024-2025. Set a date to clean the 4-H Building. Members were interviewed and shared what they enjoyed as hobbies and their favorite food.

Northern Lights: Members turn in their record books by the October meeting. Club transitioned to new Organizational Leaders and thanked the outgoing Organizational Leaders for their 10 years of running the club.

Shepherd Pioneers: Club is cleaning the 4-H Building in September and will have pizza for dinner. Members signed Thank Yous to send to people that helped make fair a huge success.

BEYOND READY

120 years ago, we were ready,
Ready to get our hands dirty,
Ready to push the power of youth forward.
And as our inspiration grew, so did we.
When we expanded into every corner of America,
We were ready.
Ready to ask questions about the world,
To show up for our community,
To become the leaders we were always meant to be.
And when we evolved into the unstoppable force we are today,
We were ready.
Ready to open our arms to every opportunity,
Every path,
And every child –
Generation after generation.
Over six million of us have been inspired by 4-H.
It's time to inspire six million more.
We were ready then. We're beyond ready now.
After all, it's always been in our DNA.
Beyond ready for school.
Beyond ready for work.
Beyond read for life –
And everything that comes with it.



4-H NIGHT

PRESENTED BY YOUR LOCALLY OWNED
AND OPERATED MCDONALD'S OF
MONTANA

**ORDER
IN THE
APP**

**TO
SUPPORT
YOUR
LOCAL 4-H
PROGRAM**

An illustration of a pink McDonald's french fry container filled with golden fries.

**OCT. 8
5PM-
8PM**

20% OF ALL DIGITAL SALES GO TO 4-H

- Download the McD App and place an order on October 8th from 5-8pm
- 4-H Digital Ambassadors will be present to help!



OCTOBER 2024 4-H CALENDAR



4-H Building

Shepherd Pioneers: October September 21 - October 4

Cleaning Schedule

Kountry Kritters: October 5-18

Whips & Sticks October 19 - November 1

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3 NO Dept N Mtg. 6:30 4-H Council <i>4-H Building</i>	4 Saddle Up & Community Service Logs due in Extension Office by 5pm	5
6	7 National 4-H Week October 1-7	8 5-8 Visit any McDonalds tonight and order via App or inside Kiosk to support our local 4-H program.	9	10	11 Fair rule change Proposals Due in Extension	12 10 am-1 pm OR 1-4 pm Ceramics at <i>Anttila's</i>
13	14 OFFICE CLOSED COLUMBUS DAY NILE Livestock Judging Contest	15 NILE Horse Judging Contest & NILE Meat Judging Contest	16	17	18 Newsletter Articles Due Outstanding Member Nominations Deadline by 5 pm	19
20	21	22	23 6:00 Horse & Colt <i>4-H Building</i>	24 6:00 Shooting Sports Open House <i>4-H Building</i>	25	26
27	28 Outstanding Member Acceptance form due in Extension by 5 pm	29	30	31 Club Year-end Financial Summary Report due in Extension	Nov. 1 Fall Leadership Training in Billings Nov. 1-3 	2