



CASCADE COUNTY 4-H CLOVER CONNECTION



May 2023

Newsletter Drawing



Everyone who emails Allyssa (allyssa.peak@montana.edu) by Monday, May 8 with a description of the sun symbol above will be entered in a drawing to win a 4-H themed prize. The winner will be able to choose from multiple awesome 4-H items. Please include the description of the page you found the symbol, something you learned from the newsletter, and the name(s) of the 4-H'er(s) to be entered into the drawing. **Congratulations to the April Newsletter Drawing winner, Jayden P. from the Giffen Coulee 4-H Club!**

Thank You!

Thank you to the following people and businesses who donated to the Cascade County 4-H Program in the past month!



- The Zeller Family Trust
- Opportunity Bank
- The Merja Family
- 7 Bar Heart Registered Angus
- Hoven Equipment Company
- Pomp's Tire
- William & Holly Kessler
- Wilbur-Ellis
- Brittany Calvert



Fashion/Sewing Revue & Quilt Show Results



We had a great turn out for the Fashion/Sewing Revue and Quilt Show in April! Congratulations to all the participants, and thank you to our

judge, Katrin!

Fashion/Sewing Revue

- Mitsuru B., Montana Sunsets | Traditional Fashion – Red
- Elizabeth D., Big Sky Explorers | Traditional Fashion – Blue*
- Amaia P., Tiger Butte | Home Fashion – Blue
- Oona P., Tiger Butte | Traditional Fashion – Cloverbud

Quilt Show

- Emilia D., Big Sky Explorers | Blue*
- Adley E., Galloping Guns | Blue
- Avery E., Galloping Guns | Blue

**Qualified to compete at Montana 4-H Congress*

Thank You, 2022-2023 Ambassador Team!



The 2022-2023 Cascade County 4-H Ambassador Team had an amazing year! The Ambassadors helped with multiple

county events, attended state leadership trainings, and planned and executed an amazing service project. Thank you to the team: Elizabeth D. – President, Victoria K. – Leaders Council Representative, Emilia D. – Foundation Representative, Kyona Y. – Publicity Chair, and Seth J.

Congrats, Seniors!

Congratulations to the following Cascade County 4-H members who are graduating high school within the next month!



- Tylee B. – Giffen Coulee
- Marshall B. – Eden Livestock
- Baylee H. – Circle S
- Haley H. – Tiger Butte
- James L. – Ulm Pishkun
- Kayleen M. – Chesnut Valley
- Reid O. – Great Divide
- Hannah R. – Ulm Pishkun
- Blair W. – MSDB
- Hayden W. – Trouble Shooters

Cascade 4-H Foundation Scholarship Recipients
 Congratulations to the following current and past Cascade County 4-H members who were awarded Cascade 4-H Foundation scholarships this year!



Cascade 4-H Foundation Scholarship

- Ryan Banks
- Jessica Banks-McDowell
- Tylee Boadle
- Baylee Herman
- Haley Hoerner
- Elizabeth Juhl
- Victoria Kirby

Fred Sanborn Memorial Livestock Scholarship

- James Lewis

Montana State Fair Registration

Registration for the 4-H portion of the Montana State Fair opens May 1! The 4-H portion of the State Fair includes static exhibits, domestic animal shows, small livestock shows, and contests in communications (public speaking), sewing, quilting, and foods. An email was sent to all enrolled families on May 1 explaining how to register for the State Fair.



Office Closure

The MSU Extension Cascade County office will be closed on Monday, May 29 in observance of Memorial Day.

Leaders Council Meeting



The next meeting of the Cascade County 4-H Leaders Council will be held on Tuesday, May 9 at 6:00pm at the Extension Office and via WebEx. Meeting information was sent to all enrolled youth and adults via email.

Cascade County 4-H Camp – Camper Registration

Camper registration for the 2023 Cascade County 4-H Camp is now open on ZSuite! Registration is due May 14 by 11:59pm. This four-



day event, held at Camp Rotary in Neihart, MT, provides a variety of workshops such as crafts, dance, games, shooting sports, and activities such as recreation, hiking, and campfires. Campers sleep in cabins with an adult chaperone and teen director. Camp dates are June 11-14. The cost of camp is \$60 per camper. The fee covers all food, workshops, and a camp T-shirt. This fee can be paid online via card with an added fee or by exact cash or check made out to Cascade County 4-H Leaders Council at the Extension Office. **Cloverbuds are not allowed to attend camp.**

Cinco de Mayo 4-H Dance

The Chestnut Valley 4-H club is holding a Cinco de Mayo dinner and dance on May 6 from 6-10pm at Wedsworth Hall located at 13 Front Street in Cascade. The cost is \$3 to attend.



Montana 4-H Congress



Registration is now open for Montana 4-H Congress on ZSuite! Congress will be held on the MSU Bozeman campus July 11-14. Congress is

open to all youth 13 years and older as of October 1, 2022. Montana 4-H Congress provides youth from across the state an opportunity to come together on the Montana State University campus in Bozeman for four days and participate in an event like no other. Congress offers both youth and adults a venue in which to learn, be challenged, and most of all, have a great time with their peers. Montana 4-H'ers have been attending an event like Congress for decades. Congress has become an important tradition and is the signature event for the Montana 4-H Program. More information about Congress can be found at [Montana 4-H Congress - Montana 4H - Montana State University Extension | Montana State University](#). Registration is due June 15. The Cascade 4-H Foundation has funds set aside to help offset the cost of this event. Parents are not responsible for driving their child to Bozeman for Congress.

Project Day

The May 6 Project Day is the last Project Day of this 4-H year. Registration is now open on ZSuite, and is due by 11:59pm on Wednesday, May 3. Email Allyssa at allyssa.peak@montana.edu if you are interested in teaching Project Day workshops next 4-H year.



Available Workshops

Cloverbuds 9-10:30am

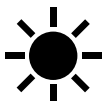
Gardening 10:30am-12pm

StarBase Spike Prime Ev3 Robotics 9am-12pm

Livestock Goat Milking and Cheeses 10:30am-12pm

Record Book Office Hours 9am-12pm (drop in)

Sewing 9am-12pm



Mandatory Volunteer Leader Training

New this year, the Montana 4-H Center has rolled out new 4-H Volunteer Leader Training on ZSuite. This training covers important aspects of being a great 4-H volunteer leader. Returning volunteers have until September 30, 2023, to complete this training, and new volunteers must complete the training before they can be marked active in ZSuite. For more information on how to complete the training, please email Allyssa at allyssa.peak@montana.edu.

Record Book Deadlines



It's time to start thinking about completing your Record Books for the 2022-2023 4-H year! Record Books are an important part of 4-H that teach youth responsibility and record keeping, as well as providing youth a chance

to reflect on what they did and learned in the 4-H program this year. Record Book questions can be answered by your club volunteer and youth leaders, project leaders, or by attending Record Book Office Hours. The first Record Book Office Hours will be held at the May Project Day from 9 am-12 pm. Drop in any time during those hours to ask questions.

Due Dates

June 20 – Livestock Record Book Check

July 6 – Shooting Sports Record Book Check

August 20 – Record Books due to Organizational Leaders (Leaders may require Record Books be due to them earlier)

September 1 – Narratives and Award Nominated Record Books due to Extension Office for Memorial, 25-Year Leader, and Special Achievement Awards

Special Achievement, Memorial, and 25-Year Leader Award Opportunities



Cascade County 4-H has many awards available to Cascade County 4-H members. **New this year, Special Achievement awards do not require a narrative to be written.**

Descriptions of all available awards can be found at [4-H Record Book Awards - MSU Extension Cascade County | Montana State University](#).

Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting



The next meeting of the Cascade County 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders Committee will be held on Thursday, May 4 at 6:00 pm at the Extension Office. The last meeting until

September will be held on June 1 at 6:00 pm at the Extension Office.

Archery Practicum – Nationals Bound?

Two Cascade County 4-H members, Mitsuru B. and Victoria K. participated in the Montana 4-H Archery Practicum in Livingston in April. Both Mitsuru and Victoria will now participate in the Montana 4-H Archery Nationals Qualifier in May with hopes of qualifying to represent Montana at the National 4-H Shooting Sports competition in Nebraska this summer.



Livestock Leaders Meeting



The next meeting of the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Leaders will be on Tuesday, May 2 at

7:00pm at the Extension Office.

Livestock at the May 6 Project Day

The May livestock Project Day workshop will be taught by Michelle Leardini. Michelle will milk a goat and teach youth how to make yummy cheese and ice cream. The class size is limited to 12 and will take place 10:30 am – 12:00 pm at the Extension Office on May 6. Register by going to ZSuite events and register for “May Project Day”.

Community Livestock Shows

The Golden Preview Show will be June 3 at the Montana ExpoPark in Great Falls. Classes are for sheep, goat, swine, and beef. Contact Alena at 799-9955, Todd at 868-4893, or Jodi at 214-7253 for more information.

The Renegade Jackpot will be May 27-28 in Great Falls, MT. Classes include sheep, goat, swine, and beef. Contact Calon at 590-8903, Kande at 899-2008, or Chelsea at 868-2625 for more information.

Beef Project Workshops



Cody Loch is hosting 4-H beef project workshops for 4-H members enrolled in 4-H market beef or breeding beef projects. Dates and locations are May 13 at Newman Stables (625 40th Ave. S,

Great Falls, MT 59405) at 9:00 am and June 3 at Cody Loch’s residence (54 Fort Mountain Rd., Great Falls, MT 59404) at 11:00 am. Bring your beef for the May 13 workshop where special guest, Doreen Gillespie will present. The June 3 special guest is Dan Vanek. Cody and Dan will assist 4-H members to clip their beef. Also remember to bring yourself, 4-H member, record book, and notepad for all the workshops. Register by logging in to ZSuite, go to events, and sign up for the “May 4-H Beef Workshop” and “June 4-H Beef Workshop.” All workshops are free. Thank you to Cody for organizing these great learning opportunities.



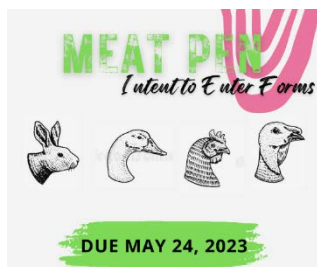
Market Goat, Sheep, and Swine Weigh-In



The Cascade County 4-H Livestock Leaders are hosting a 4-H Market Goat, Sheep, and Swine Weigh-In on Saturday, May 13 at Western Ranch Supply (4000 River Dr. N, Great Falls,

MT 59405) from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. The top three animals in each species with the highest average daily gain will be awarded cash prizes. First place will be awarded \$50, second \$30, and third \$20 at the 2023 Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show and Sale. Times are strictly followed. 4-H members do not have to be present on May 13. The second weigh-in will be at the Cascade County 4-H Livestock Show on Thursday, July 6. Monies will be awarded on Saturday, July 8. Western Ranch Supply will give 4-H members who attend the weigh-in a 10% off show supply coupon. Register by going to the “4-H Market, Goat, Sheep, and Swine Weigh-In” on ZSuite.

Intent to Enter Forms



Intent to Enter forms are available at the MSU Extension Cascade County Office for goats, sheep, rabbits, and poultry. Ear tags (goats and sheep), a tattoo kit (rabbit), and leg

bands (poultry) are also available at the Extension Office. Animals must have a form of identification (ear tag, tattoo, or leg band). Full body photo(s) showing the ear tag for goat and sheep in the animal is required with the Intent to Enter form. Important dates for each species can be found in the upcoming dates section of the newsletter.



Intent to Enter Reminders:

- The 4-H member and a parent must sign the form.
- Fill out the form completely. Animal descriptions of color, unique markings, and complete mailing address of the breeder. Forms missing information will not be accepted.
- A photo showing the full body of the animal with the ear tag installed that clearly shows the ear tag number is required. 4-H members are encouraged to get their ear tags early and take pictures before the weather gets bad.
- Intent forms can be turned in before the deadline for all species.
- Note: The Intent to Enter does not automatically enter your market animal in the Cascade County 4-H Show and Sale. **You must fill out a separate Cascade County Livestock Show Entry Form.**



Horse Leaders Meeting

The next meeting of the Cascade County 4-H Horse Leaders will be on Tuesday, May 2 at 5:30 pm at the Extension Office.

Horse Identification Cards

All horse Projects shown by 4-H members in 4-H classes must be owned by the member or member's immediate family, or the member must have access to the project horse(s). All project horses must be declared by June 1 to the MSU Extension Cascade County Office through electronic submission on ZSuite and indicate enrolled projects. The horse(s) must be in the primary care of the 4-H member from June 1 through mid-September. Please go to ZSuite events and register your horse(s) by going to the "Horse ID Card" event. Horse ID cards are due June 1, 2023.



Jan Larsen Clinic

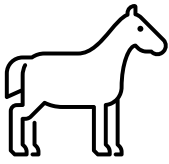
The Cascade County 4-H Horse Leaders are hosting a clinic with renown clinician, Jan Larsen. The clinic will be from June 2-4. Jan is a multiple world, reserve world, national, and state champion trainer in many disciplines including western pleasure, hunter under saddle, trail, western riding, working hunter, hunter hack, pleasure driving, halter, youth and amateur horsemanship, showmanship, and hunt seat equitation. The clinic will be at Neversweat Ranch (376 US Highway 87, Belt, MT 59412). The Cascade County 4-H Horse Leaders are covering most of the registration cost for 4-H members. A small registration fee of \$25 per 4-H member will need to be paid to register for the clinic. Sign up through ZSuite events. Overnight stalling will be \$10 per horse and additional lunches for parents, guardians, siblings, etc. will be \$5 per lunch. Registration closes on May 24.



Schedule:

- Friday, June 2 at 2:00 pm – Horse Leaders Only
- Saturday, June 3 at 9:00 am – Horseless Horse and Horsemanship Level 1
- Sunday, June 4 at 9:00 am – Horsemanship Levels 2-7

Horseless Horse Practices



Horseless Horse practices are open to all enrolled in horse projects. Riding will be the second and fourth Sunday of the month at Brook Gerard's home at 256 Ulm Vaughn Rd. Great Falls,

MT 59404. Weather and ground permitting.

Working Ranch Horse Practices



The next working ranch horse practices will be at the Neversweat Ranch (376 US Hwy 87, Belt, MT 59412) on Monday, June 5;

Monday June 19; and Monday, June 26 from 5:30-8:30 pm.

May

- 1 – Enrollment Closes
- 1 – Sheep and Goat in Possession and Ear Tagged
- 1 – Rabbit and Poultry Meat Pens in Possession
- 1 – Dog Obedience/Showmanship Classes Begin
- 2 – Horse and Livestock Leaders Meetings
- 2 – Ambassador Meeting
- 3 – Sheep and Goat Intent to Enter and Full Body Photo Due
- 4 – Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting
- 5-6 – Horse Camp
- 6 – Project Day
- 9 – Leaders Council Meeting
- 10 – Late Sheep and Goat Intent to Enter Due with Late Fee
- 13 – Market Goat, Sheep, and Swine Weigh-In
- 13 – Beef Project Workshop
- 14 – Camper Registration Due
- 20 – Babysitting Class
- 24 – Meat Pen Intent to Enter for Poultry and Rabbit Due
- 29 – MSU Extension Cascade County Office Closed
- 31 – Late Meat Pen Intent to Enter Due with Late Fee

June

- 1 – Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting
- 1 – Horse ID Cards Due
- 2-4 – Jan Larsen Clinic
- 3 – Beef Project Workshop
- 5 – Working Ranch Horse Practice
- 6 – Horse and Livestock Leaders Meetings
- 10 – JD Day at Camp
- 11-4 – Camp
- 19 – Working Ranch Horse Practice
- 20 – Livestock Project Book Review
- 25 – Record Book Office Hours
- 26 – Working Ranch Horse Practice

July

- 4 – MSU Extension Cascade County Office Closed
- 6-8 – Livestock Show and Sale
- 9-11 – Pre-Congress, Bozeman
- 11-14 – Montana 4-H Congress, Bozeman
- 16 – Record Book Office Hours
- 21 – Cascade County 4-H Horse Show
- 22 – Cascade and Teton Counties 4-H Working Ranch Horse Show
- 27 – State Fair Static Exhibit Judging
- 28-August 5 – Montana State Fair

August

- 13 – Record Book Office Hours
- 20 – Last Day Record Books can be Due to Organizational Leaders

September

- 1 – Award Nominated Record Books Due to Extension Office
- 4 – MSU Extension Cascade County Office Closed
- 8-10 – Montana 4-H Working Ranch Horse Finals, Vaughn
- 22-24 – Montana State 4-H Horse Show, Joliet
- 30 – Mandatory Leader Training Due on ZSuite

