

4-H NEWSLETTER-APRIL 2022

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4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

Thank you to everyone who helped to make the Fruit Sale a success. Kim Sindelar-Thompson continually does a great job organizing this huge fundraiser. Club leaders who help coordinate their club's Fruit Sales are invaluable. Thank you to everyone who helped put the sale baskets together and deliver them. Thanks for all your time and hard work!

National Volunteer Week is April 17-23, 2022. 4-H members should acknowledge the great volunteers that work with you in 4-H.

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, 2022, 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 a "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.

4-H AND WHAT IT STANDS FOR. *REMEMBER TO INCLUDE THE DASH BETWEEN THE 4 AND THE H!*

We would like to remind everyone what the four H's represent. *When writing about the 4-H program don't forget to include the dash between the 4 and the H.*

The 4-H pledge represents what each member and leader stand for. Below is a break down by Michigan State University Extension of the pledge and how it relates to youth.

The first "H" in 4-H stands for Head; "Head to clearer thinking." One of the key concepts in 4-H is education; allowing youth the opportunity to learn new things through projects and programs. 4-H allows youth to be actively engaged in their own learning. In addition, 4-H makes youth participants, rather than recipients, in the learning process. One of the main goals in 4-H is for youth to develop life skills that help them succeed. Some of these life skills include leadership, responsibility, dedication, communication, and self-confidence.

The second "H" in 4-H stands for Heart; "Heart to greater loyalty." In 4-H, youth are taught to be reliable and loyal in their heart and understand what it means to take responsibility for their projects and to follow through. 4-H also gives youth positive relationships with adults and peers through leaders and teens. Caring for others and their projects is also a trait that relates to the "H" for Heart.

The next “H” in 4-H stands for Hands; “Hands for larger service.” 4-H’ers are busy with their hands all year long learning new things and caring for their projects with hands-on experiences. Another way 4-H’ers use their hands is by giving back to the community. Part of 4-H is teaching youth the importance of serving the community, country, and world.

The last “H” in 4-H stands for Health; “Health to better living.” Knowing how to cook and grow food, and appreciating art allows 4-H’ers to gain an understanding of how the world works and how to live healthy. Projects such as photography, canning, arts, and crafts, sewing, collections, and cooking help youth realize what it takes to have a healthy lifestyle and how to spend their leisure time. 4-H also strives to make sure youth are physically and emotionally safe.

By putting all the “H”s together, we get the 4-H pledge:

I pledge

*My **Head** to clearer thinking*

*My **Heart** to greater loyalty*

*My **Hands** to larger service*

*My **Health** to better living*

For my club, my community, my country, and my world.

4-H BUILDING FOOD AND DRINK. *EVERYONE PLEASE TAKE NOTE!*

When using the 4-H Building for a club meeting, shooting sports, etc., remember that any supplies, food, and drink (including bottled water) in cupboards or the refrigerator are NOT to be used. If you didn’t put it in there, please don’t use it. These items were purchased for an event, class, meeting, etc., not for public use.

Also, do not use the kitchen area or appliances for your personal use when at events in the 4-H Building. Please remember to respect other’s property when at the 4-H Building. Thank you in advance for your support.

TOP 5 FRUIT SELLERS FOR 2022!

Thank you for your efforts and support of 4-H programs!

Number of boxes sold	Member	4-H Club
108	Isabelle Brito	Huntley Trailblazers
81	Cooper Koffler	Ruff Riders
63	Kaiya Rosenberg	Laurel Roadrunners
48	Trevyn Beard	Project Longhorns
47	Aiden Lentz	Lockwood Humble Bs

CLOVERBUD CAMP MEETING

A planning meeting for the 2022 Cloverbud Camp will be held on Thursday, April 7 at 5:30 p.m. in the 4-H Building. Come and share your ideas to plan this fun event. Everyone is welcome! Cloverbud Camp will be held June 21, 2022.

DOES YOUR EMPLOYER RECOGNIZE YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS?

Check with your employer to see if they reward employees for doing volunteer work. Many businesses (i.e., Walmart, Exxon Mobil, and First Interstate Bank) will give a nonprofit organization (4-H) a donation for the number of hours their employee volunteers. One club received \$250 for their club program.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK APRIL 17-23, 2022

National Volunteer Week takes place April 17-23, 2022. National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 and has grown exponentially each year, with thousands of volunteer projects and special events scheduled throughout the week. Today, as people strive to lead lives that reflect their values, the expression of civic life has evolved. Whether online, at the office, or the local food bank; whether with a vote, a voice, or a wallet – doing good comes in many forms, and we recognize and celebrate them all.

Anyone can nominate a volunteer for national recognition as a Point of Light in their community by visiting the [Points of Light website](https://www.pointsoflight.org/dailypointoflight/) at <https://www.pointsoflight.org/dailypointoflight/>.

STATE AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

May 1, 2022, is the due date for State Awards application. Members who are 14 and older as of October 1, 2021, are eligible. The Montana 4-H State Awards program is in place to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of 4-H members who have reached a standard of excellence in a variety of project and activity award areas. State Award winners have gone above and beyond regular project work with a focus on leadership, communication, and community service. 4-H members may self-nominate.

If a member is selected as a state winner, they are eligible to attend National 4-H Congress in Atlanta, Georgia, November 25-29, 2022.

There can be more than one winner in a project, or activity area. A member can apply in any project or area; an application must be completed for each project or area in which they want to be considered. State award selection committees look for excellence in 4-H work, leadership, citizenship, and community service. All state and scholarship winners are announced at State 4-H Congress in July.

To apply for state awards, members must use the Montana State 4-H Awards application. You can get an application off the [Montana State 4-H website](http://www.montana4h.org/programs/awards/state-awards.html) or <http://www.montana4h.org/programs/awards/state-awards.html>

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 1.**

MONTANA 4-H CONGRESS

4-H Congress will be held July 13-16, 2022, in Bozeman on the MSU Campus. Members aged 13 and older as of October 1, 2021, may apply. Certified 4-H Volunteer chaperons at least 21 years of age are needed for this trip. Interested members can sign up in ZSuite. If you are eligible to attend this event it will appear under Events in your ZSuite dashboard. Locate Montana 4-H Congress and click on the blue Registration button. *Registration deadline is June 15*.

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY FOR MEMBERS 12 AND OLDER

Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy April workshop on Sunday, April 10, 2022. Meet at the Yellowstone County Courthouse Room 105 at 2:00 pm to watch together, have fun & meet new people-youth and adults are welcome! If you want to watch via WebEx, a link will be emailed out as we get closer to the April 10 date.

The leadership academy is a network of Montana 4-H members age 12+ as of October 1, 2021, interested in exploring and developing their own leadership skills while serving their county 4-H program in new ways.

Participants will have the opportunity to join with other 4-H'ers from around the state as well as the Montana 4-H Ambassador Officer team, virtually and in person, when possible, to work on skill building, planning, and mentorship.

Each month the officer team members will be presenting a different workshop topic found to be important in growing their leadership abilities. Workshops should be paired with a local county leadership meeting to work on county projects that serve the local 4-H program and community.

All workshops are Sunday afternoons from 2:30 to 3:45 pm.

April 10: Lead with a Purpose

County Leadership groups will meet face-to-face whenever possible and engage in the virtual statewide workshop together. This time can be viewed as a leadership club meeting. County ambassadors can aid in planning and facilitating these local workshop meetings.

ROCKING THE RECORD BOOKS WORKSHOP APRIL 9

Want to take your record books to the Gold Seal level? Mark your calendars for Saturday, April 9, 10:00 am to 12 noon in the 4-H Building. Bring your record books, project books, and any questions you may have. Members, parents, and leaders are strongly encouraged to attend.

There will be drawings for some cool 4-H prizes! Questions? Contact Sarah Waskow at 406-598-4140 - swaskow7@gmail.com or Caroline Brito at 406-850-2211 - caroline@epic-mt.com.

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. You may find yourself protecting native habitat in Glacier National Park, building fences at Big Hole National Battlefield, maintaining trails in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness, or helping to reduce the threat of wildfire across Montana.

You will learn valuable trail, team, and leadership skills, complete 160 volunteer hours, and earn a \$200 service award for completing the program. No experience is required, but a commitment to your crew is. Get outside, have fun, and work hard!

MCC offers summer expedition programs to teens ages 12 through 17 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/>

2022 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.htm) or <http://www.montanatrappers.org/programs/yc/general-info.htm> for information about the 2022 Youth Trapper Camp. It is scheduled for June 10-12, 2022, at the Kiwanis Camp at Beaver Creek Park south of Havre. The camp teaches ethical trapping methods, trapping rules and regulation, trap setting and fur handling. Camp is limited; some scholarships are available. Applications are accepted on a first come, first accepted basis by May 15.

NATURAL RESOURCES YOUTH CAMP

For 36 years, the Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp has provided youth an opportunity to study in an outdoor classroom. 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 10-15, 2022. Registration forms are available at the [Montana Natural Resource Camp](https://forestry.msuextension.org/mnryc/index.html) at <https://forestry.msuextension.org/mnryc/index.html>. Deadline is July 1. Scholarships are available for camp fees or transportation costs.

Questions? contact Christina Opegard, MSU Extension Forestry at 406-243-2773 or christina.oppegard@mso.umt.edu.

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
BCL Enterprises	2103 N 8 th Rd, Huntley MT 59037
Customary Designs	9216 Kautzman Rd, Billings MT 59101
Teddy Bear Dental	1711 13 th St W, Billings MT 59102
C & B Operations	5121 Midland Rd, Billings MT 59102
Millers Horse Palace	7215 Mossmain Ln, Billings MT 59106
MH Equipment & Truck Repair	5400 US Hwy 312, Billings MT 59105
Briess Malt	1457 Hwy 14A, Powell WY 82435
Albertson's	3137 Grand Avenue, Billings MT 59102

4-H CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022

Secretary	Club
Jazmyn Brelje	Big Sky Thunderbolts
Sarah Boetticher	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
Emmy Serock	City Kids
Celia Jaeger	City Slickers
Sadie Armour	Compass Allstars
Hanna Marchant	Cool Clovers
Angel Reed	Explorers
Haylee Adams	Hesper Hustlers
Kerstin Luhman	Huntley Eagles
Isabelle Brito	Huntley Trailblazers
	Kountry Kritters
Kaitlynn Gardner	Laurel Roadrunners
Jack Lentz	Lockwood Humble B's
Kaydin Kumpula	Northern Lights
Bradlie Joseph	Pine Ridge Red Riders
Zoe Sorensen	Project Longhorns
Alishia Coles	Project Rockin Wranglers
Angel Tatsakron	Ruff Riders
Anna Dumas	Shepherd Pioneers
	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Maycee Mosher	Shepherd Wranglers
Claire Murnin	Whips and Sticks
Wade Lile	Worden Riverdale
Sarah Robertson	Yellowstone Mavericks
Jillian Urso	Yellowstone Silver Spurs
Bridget Peterson	Yellowstone Spark Walkers

Vice President	Club
Bo Martin	Big Sky Thunderbolts
Clara Thompson & Lyndin Marble	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
Naomi Cass	City Kids
Shakira Oster	City Slickers
Audrey Allen	Compass Allstars
Lane Longmire	Cool Clovers
Raven Reed	Explorers
Lauren Petersen	Hesper Hustlers
Kabreena Lindeen	Huntley Eagles
Addison Jahner	Huntley Trailblazers
Koral Connelly	Kountry Kritters
Aurora Anttila	Laurel Roadrunners
Amy Schmidt	Lockwood Humble B's
Madline Wagenaar	Northern Lights
Emma Barnhart	Pine Ridge Red Riders
Trevyn Beard	Project Longhorns
Boomer Taylen	Project Rockin Wranglers
Cooper Koffler	Ruff Riders
Isabel Shimek	Shepherd Pioneers
Keegan Kennedy	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Makenna Cook	Shepherd Wranglers
Cooper Lane	Whips and Sticks
Harlie Murphy	Worden Riverdale
Tyler Williams	Yellowstone Mavericks
Rachel Spint	Yellowstone Silver Spurs

Treasurer	Club
TJ Martin	Big Sky Thunderbolts
Bryar Knox	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
Shawn Rasch	City Kids
Sophia Johnson	City Slickers
Audrey Allen	Compass Allstars
Lane Longmire	Cool Clovers
Heaven Reed	Explorers
Sara Ackerman	Hesper Hustlers
Westin Lindeen	Huntley Eagles
Haylee Jahner	Huntley Trailblazers
Brayden Connelly	Kountry Kritters
Hestin Ingram	Laurel Roadrunners
Zane Muilenburg	Lockwood Humble B's
Eli Broadbrooks	Northern Lights
Allie Joseph	Pine Ridge Red Riders
Stephanie Prewett	Project Longhorns
Paten Taylen	Project Rockin Wranglers
Brooklyn Sims	Ruff Riders
Bailey Stott	Shepherd Pioneers
	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Charlotte Rome	Shepherd Wranglers
Cooper Murnin	Whips and Sticks
Quinn Logan	Worden Riverdale

Sarah Robertson	Yellowstone Mavericks
Tyler Kennah	Yellowstone Silver Spurs
Bridget Peterson	Yellowstone Spark Walkers

MONTANAFAIR CAMPER SPACES

The Extension Office will begin taking reservations **on behalf of MetraPark** for 2022 MontanaFair camper spaces on Thursday, April 1, 2022, at 8:00 am. Individuals may only request a space for themselves. An individual may not call to reserve multiple spaces. 4-H and FFA members exhibiting in Department A and N at MontanaFair and MontanaFair 4-H officials may request a camper space. A limited number of spaces are available on a first requested, first filled basis.

Spots will be paid for at a flat rate of \$75 for full hook-ups (Electric, sewer, H₂O). This is the price whether you spend a few nights or the entire time.

You can reserve a space by calling, leaving a voice message, faxing, emailing (yellowstone1@montana.edu) a request to the Extension Office. We cannot guarantee receipt of voice mail, faxes, or emails. Every reservation is time stamped when received. Calls, voice messages, faxes and emails received before 8:00 am will not be accepted.

Metra requires completed contracts and payment be delivered to the Extension Office **BEFORE** placement of camper. Campers/trailers can be towed for lack of contract or payment. Those not in compliance will be towed. *Please be a good patron and camping neighbor while using MetraPark facilities.*

2022 MONTANAFAIR DEPARTMENT HANDBOOKS

MontanaFair Department handbooks and online registration will be available on the [MontanaFair website](http://www.montanafair.com/) at <https://www.montanafair.com/>. The Extension Office will print limited copies from the MontanaFair website for those of you without internet capabilities. The handbooks should be posted in early May. Handbooks will also be available on the [county 4-H website](http://www.montanafair.com/) at <https://yellowstone.msuextension.org/4h/index.html>.

FAIR CLERK APPLICATIONS

Applications and Job Descriptions for the 2022 Fair Clerks are available at the Extension Office. The applications must be returned to the Extension Office as soon as possible.

4-H NEWSLETTER

Remember you can access the 4-H Newsletter at the [Yellowstone County 4-H website](http://www.montanafair.com/) at <https://yellowstone.msuextension.org/4h/index.html>

Be sure to save it as a favorite bookmark! Select the appropriate heading to view the newsletter, calendar, meeting notes, etc. Our goal is to have 4-H forms, events, and general information on the Yellowstone County 4-H website. So, if you have misplaced your newsletter, you can find the information online!

Contact Roni anytime at her e-mail address: ronibaker@montana.edu

But remember...if you don't receive a reply from Roni, she probably didn't get the email. Our firewall blocks out many emails. If you do not receive a response from Roni, please call us to verify.

DEPARTMENT N (NON-ANIMAL) MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 7, at 6:00 pm. We will be planning for MontanaFair, Showcase, Communication Day and begin working on other ideas. Your help and input are needed.

SHOWCASE REGISTRATIONS DUE APRIL 8

Showcase will be held on Saturday, April 23. Members in Clothing & Textiles projects can show items they have made or purchased in their project. Participants take part in a public fashion show where they are judged. Members can enter Sewing, Ready-to-Wear, Quilt, Duct Tape, Costume, Display and Refashion/Repurpose/Redesign.

Registrations will be mailed out to all members enrolled in any Sewing and Textiles projects. Registrations are due in the Extension Office by Friday, April 8, by 5:00 pm (NOT postmarked by). Registration forms may also be printed off the [county 4-H website](https://yellowstone.msuextension.org/4h/index.html) at <https://yellowstone.msuextension.org/4h/index.html>.

DESIGN THE SHOWCASE PROGRAM COVER AND WIN \$15 CASH

The Showcase Committee will award \$15 to the 4-H member that designs the winning entry for this year's Showcase program cover. Entries should be approximately 8" x 5" and in **black or blue ink**. So, show your creativity and win \$15. Entry deadline is Friday, April 15.

ANNUAL 4-H QUILT SHOW

The Annual 4-H Quilt Show will be held in conjunction with the Showcase on Saturday, April 23. Any 4-H'er or member of a 4-H family may enter the quilt show. Registration deadline is April 8, by 5:00 pm in the Extension Office (not postmarked). Finished quilts must be dropped off in the Extension Office by Friday, April 15. Members do not need to be enrolled in the quilt project to enter. Any qualifying quilt entered in this show will be eligible to be shown at the state 4-H Congress. Entry forms were mailed and can also be printed off the [Yellowstone County 4-H website](https://yellowstone.msuextension.org/4h/departmen.html) at <https://yellowstone.msuextension.org/4h/departmen.html> or picked up at the Extension Office.

CERAMICS WORKSHOP FOR MARCH

There will be a ceramics workshop on Saturday, April 9 at Sheri Anttila's home from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm or 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Call her at 406-633-5531 to schedule a time.

SWINE, SHEEP & MARKET GOATS EAR TAGGING FOR 2022 MONTANAFAIR

Any 4-H or FFA member wishing to enter a market swine, sheep, or goat in the 2022 MontanaFair must be enrolled in the project by **April 30** and ear tag their animals on **Saturday, May 7**. **The tagging site will be P.A.Y.S. from 8:00 - 11:00 am.**

2021-2022 ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE POLICY & WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

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 added to those guidelines whereas there will be three 4-H age brackets for AQA training. Exhibitors must attend AQA as Beginners (4-H age 8-10), again as a junior (4-H age 11-13), and finally as a senior member (4-H age 14-19). This age is based on the exhibitors "4-H Age" – the age as of Oct. 1 of the current 4-H year. Exhibitors must take Animal Quality Assurance the first year they reach every 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 determined by a committee and updated every two years. A parent or legal guardian must also attend the AQA. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

At in-person workshops there will be hands on, group activities. Please plan on arriving on time and staying for the complete 1½ hours. If you 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 16 class. It is the final opportunity for 2022.**

The session in May is face-to-face at this time at PAYS. For the virtual sessions, people will log into the WebEx meeting (WebEx link information will be sent out via email prior to each session) to learn the information then go to the online program, pay their own \$12 fee, and take the online class. A copy of the completion certificate must be provided to the Extension Office.

Wednesday, April 27: 6:30 pm Virtual training
Saturday, May 7: 9:00-10:30 am at PAYS (Public Auction Yards)
Thursday, June 16: 6:30-8:00 pm at the 4-H Building

The Public Auction Yards (PAYS) is located at 1802 Minnesota Avenue.

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 Oct. 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. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

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 7 class. It is the final opportunity for 2022.**

Wednesday, April 20: 7:00-8:00 pm at the 4-H Building

Saturday, May 7: 11:00 am-12:00 pm at PAYS (Public Auction Yards)

The Public Auction Yards (PAYS) is located at 1802 Minnesota Avenue.

SADDLE UP FOR 4-H-HOURS ON HORSEBACK PROGRAM

It's time to join the "Hours on Horseback" program. Keep track of the hours you ride your project horse from May 1 to September 30, 2022. This is the easiest way to track just how much time you put into your project and shows your riding consistency. It can also be added into your record book next to your "What I did & What I learned" sections. This year you can also track your time for your 1- and 2-year old colt to maturity projects. Awards are given at Family Fun Night in November. Enrollment forms are posted on the [Yellowstone County 4-H website](https://yellowstone.msuextension.org/4h/departementa.html) at <https://yellowstone.msuextension.org/4h/departementa.html>

STATE HORSE EVENTS 2022

March 30 at 10:00 pm - Virtual Horse Show at virtualhorseshow.com

April 23 Spring Horse Show Series at Creekside Ranch in Huntley. Sign up with Edee Weigel at 406-698-0299.

May 14 Spring Horse Show Series at Creekside Ranch in Huntley. Sign up with Edee Weigel at 406-698-0299.

May 21 ApHC & Open Horse Show in the SuperBarn at MetraPark.

June 4 All Breed Ranch Horse Challenge in the SuperBarn at MetraPark.

June 14-17 Carbon County Horse Camp.

June 18 Spring Horse Show Series at Creekside Ranch in Huntley. Sign up with Edee Weigel at 406-698-0299.

July 9-10 Big Sky State Games Pony Show

July 16-17 Project Rockin Wrangler Show Show in the SuperBarn at MetraPark.

September 3-4 Working Ranch Horse Show in the 406 Arena in Great Falls.

September 9-11 State Horse Show in the Cottonwood Arena in Silesia.

LIVESTOCK SALES AND SHOWS

Please remember that many local 4-H members raise livestock to sell. If you are looking to purchase from a member, call the Extension Office and speak to Roni. (SP/03/21/11)

Montana Prime Pick Show Lamb sale. April 2, 2022, online. For more information or to schedule a barn visit contact Trish Hays at 406-671-7493. Exciting new AI Sires! You may also visit the [Hays Show Lambs website](https://haysshowlambs.com/) at <https://haysshowlambs.com/>.

Drange Meat Goats sale. April 16, at 1:00 pm - 8357 Danford Road, Laurel. Contact Jodie Drange at 406-855-3767.
Big Sky Show Pigs. Sale by Private Treaty. Call 406-769-2121.
Crissy Hopf. Sale by Private Treaty. Call 406-939-1459.
Grunzie Family Show Pigs. Private Treaty by appointment starting March 15. Chinook, MT. Call 406-262-3827.
Rafter H Show Pigs. Private Treaty by appointment on March 26 and 27. Questions? Nicole at 406-853-3587 or Brett at 406-853-6506.

WESTERN RANCH SUPPLY SHOW CLINIC AND JACKPOT

Western Ranch Supply will be hosting a show clinic and jackpot in Great Falls, MT June 24-26. This is a great opportunity for young stockmen to advance their knowledge in fitting and showmanship by having one of WRS's MorrMan's Show Tech representatives demonstrate the product and answer any questions. Members can fill out their registration form by visiting the [Western Ranch Supply](https://bit.ly/3taOsYQ) website at <https://bit.ly/3taOsYQ>. Questions? Contact Western Ranch Supply's West End Store at 406-252-6692.

USED ANIMAL EQUIPMENT

People often contact the Extension Office looking for clippers, halters, chutes, saddles, etc. If you have any items for sale, let us know and we will put it in the file at the office. If you're looking for something, call us!

CLUB CORNER

The following clubs submitted minutes this month:

Blue Creek Jumping Bucks: Members received new club t-shirts. We scheduled club member demonstrations.

City Slickers: For National Volunteer Week club members will help at the BARK shelter in April.

Explorers: Discussed upcoming events, club Family Fun Night booth and changing club meeting day and time.

Huntley Eagles: Discussed planning a fundraiser, deadlines for upcoming events and changes to MontanaFair.

Huntley Trailblazers: Members voted on club t-shirt design and the Egg My Yard fundraiser in April.

Lockwood Humble Bs: For the club service project we will help clean the little league baseball fields in April.

Northern Lights: Club voted for new animal fair banners. Members reminded to take AQA and Horse Helmet.

Pine Ridge Red Ryder: Club demonstrations were held. Members were reminder of AQA and Horse Helmet workshops.

Project Rockin Wranglers: Members decorated valentines for a local nursing home. We began planning our jackpot show.

Shepherd Pioneers: Members did demonstrations and commercials. Top fruit sellers were recognized. We planned our club clean-up of the 4-H Building.

Shepherd Tumbleweeds: Members were reminded to add Market project if they want to sell at MontanaFair. Club apparel forms were distributed.

APRIL 2022 4-H CALENDAR



Cleaning Schedule: Huntley Trailblazers & Project Longhorns: March 20-April 2
 Laurel Roadrunners: April 3-16 Cool Clovers & Explorers: April 17-30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				March 31 State Foundation Scholarship Deadline	1 MontanaFair Camper Space Reservations Yellowstone County Foundation Scholarship Deadlines	2
3	4	5	6	7 5:30 Cloverbud Camp Mtg 6:00 Dept. N with Council to follow <i>4-H Building</i>	8 Showcase Registrations Due	9 10:00 Record Books Workshop <i>4-H Building</i>
10 2:00 State Leadership Workshop <i>Courthouse Room 105</i>	11	12	13	14	15 Communication Day Registrations Due Newsletter Articles Due	16
17 National Volunteer Week April 17-23	18	19	22 6:00 Horse & Colt Meeting 7:00 Horse Helmet Workshop <i>4-H Building</i>	21 6:00 Small Animal Workshop <i>4-H Building</i>	22	23 8:30 Showcase <i>Laurel United Methodist Church</i>
24	25 6:00 Interstate Exchange <i>4-H Building</i>	26	27 6:30 Animal Quality Assurance <i>Virtual</i>	28	29 Project Add &/ or Drop Deadline in ZSuite	30 8:30 Communication Day <i>Valley Baptist Church in Huntley</i>