

4-H NEWSLETTER-AUGUST 2022

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4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

Everyone attending Congress had an enjoyable time and learned more about 4-H. The results show our members worked hard this year - congratulations.

Congratulations to Kory'ien (Boomer) Taylen who is the recipient of a 4-H Montana State Award in Leadership.

Roni Baker
Yellowstone County 4-H/Youth Agent
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CONGRESS ATTENDEES AND RESULTS

The following members represented Yellowstone County at 4-H Congress in Bozeman. Several placed in competitions.

Member	4-H Club	Placing or Committee
Lukas Arkell	Ruff Riders	
Kaylin Arnold	Shepherd Pioneers	Quilt Show - 2 nd
Ciara Berkman	Ruff Riders	
Naomi Cass	Compass All Stars	
Cale Hockhalter	City Kids	Technology Committee
Miranda Johnson	Shepherd Tumbleweeds	Opening/Closing Ceremony Committee
Cooper Koffler	Ruff Riders	Stir Ups - 1 st
Aidan Lentz	Lockwood Humble Bs	
Jack Lentz	Lockwood Humble Bs	
Clair Murnin	Whips and Sticks	Livestock Judging Individual - 8 th
Ariel Petersen	Hesper Hustlers	Set Up Committee
Lauren Petersen	Hesper Hustlers	Awards Program Committee
Madilyn Rider	Ruff Riders	
Brooklyn Sims	Ruff Riders	
Cadence Sims	Ruff Riders	Awards Program Committee
Bailey Stott	Shepherd Pioneers	Jitterbug Contest - 1 st
Tanner Stott	Shepherd Pioneers	Quilt Show - 4 th ; Jitterbug Contest - 1st
Jasmine Teter	Project Rockin Wranglers	
Jorden Trupka	Ruff Rider	Set Up Committee

OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARDS

A committee is beginning to work on Outstanding Member awards. Your help is needed. Contact Roni at the Extension Office if you want to give input to the committee or serve on the Outstanding Member Awards Committee.

BLACK HILLS RECREATION LEADERS CONFERENCE

September 24-30, are the dates for the 2022 annual conference held at the Outlaw Ranch near Custer, SD. This camp is for adults and teens 16 or older. This educational organization is dedicated to teaching leadership and personal growth through recreation. In addition to workshops, leadership is a key focus.

The 2022 conference theme is The Power of "Re". The Keynote Session will feature Kirk Weisler. Remember, refresh, reconnect, recommit, and refocus with Kirk. With over eighteen years of executive coaching, speaking, research, and

professional experience, Kirk's perspective is simple and unpretentious, and his suggestions are applicable and undiluted. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Information and registration forms are accessible at the [Black Hills Recreation Leaders Laboratory website](https://www.bhrl.org/) at <https://www.bhrl.org/>

4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development is recruiting energetic, involved 4-H members to serve on three different governing bodies: (1) the Montana 4-H Council, (2) the Montana 4-H Foundation, and (3) the Montana 4-H Youth Cabinet. Requirements follow:

- You must be at least 14 years of age by October 1, 2021.
- You must not have served as a state 4-H ambassador officer.
- You must have been involved in the Montana 4-H program for at least 3 years.
- You must be willing to serve a 2-year term if a junior, a 1-year term if a senior this fall in high school.
- You must be willing to actively participate in all meetings-both virtual and real time.
- You must have the approval of your county agent.

For more information and applications, contact the Extension Office.

VOLUNTEER WITH EAGLE MOUNT

Eagle Mount Billings provides adaptive recreation for people with disabilities throughout the year. We cannot successfully run our programs without volunteers.

It is time for Fall Volunteer Sign Up and they would love to see some 4-Her's out with them!

Fall programs also consists of programs like Golf, Cycling, Horsemanship! All programs are occurring on weekday evenings from 5:30 - 7:30pm. A volunteer does not need to be an expert at programs to lend a helping hand.

Volunteers can sign up **NOW** for fall programs at [Eagle Mount's website](https://forms.gle/VbfdmTDGwTz2KtGi8) at <https://forms.gle/VbfdmTDGwTz2KtGi8>

4-H EXHIBITORS PICK UP MONTANAFAIR PACKETS AUGUST 8

Remember to pick up your MontanaFair packets on Interview Judging Day, **Monday, August 8** between 9:00 am to 7:00 pm in the **Expo Building at MetraPark**. Even if you are not participating in Dept. N Interview Judging, you can stop by the 4-H Fair office in the Expo and pick up your MontanaFair packet. Be sure to read all information carefully.

Park behind the Expo where the Grandstand used to be. Enter through the back door to check in. You will bring your exhibits through this door also.

PROCEDURE FOR INTERVIEW JUDGING

1. **REGISTRATION TABLE:** Pick up your entry blanks and tags during your clubs' assigned time. If you did not complete all the items you listed on your entry blank, be sure they are crossed off at the registration table and the tags for those items are discarded.
2. **TAGGING:** Pins, staples and tape will be available at the tagging tables. You will need to securely attach each tag to your exhibit.
3. **JUDGING:** Choose a project to be judged and stand in that specific project line (e.g., photos are judged in the Photography category. Each waiting line is identified.) until you are directed to a judge. Once judging is done, get your next project and repeat the process until all your projects have been judged.
4. **RIBBONS:** When the judge has finished marking your entry blank and tag with the placing, you will take the project to the ribbon area where a ribbon will be attached.
5. **DISPLAY:** Once ribbons have been put on your projects, take them, and display them in your club's booth.
6. **Please take all food items to the "Food Display Area" in Dept. N.** Food items will be displayed on shelves, risers, tables, in glass cases and in refrigerated cases.

PARENTS please note: The interview judging process is a wonderful learning opportunity for your member. It takes time to communicate with the judge the new skills learned and for the judge to evaluate and teach. Please plan for your

member to be involved with the judging for 1-2 hours. This will be a great opportunity for you to assist where needed and visit with other 4-H families.

2022 DEPARTMENT N INTERVIEWS-CLUB JUDGING SCHEDULE AUGUST 8

***Important* Judging will end at 1:00 pm for the early session and at 7:00 pm for the evening session. PLAN AHEAD and Check-In EARLY to allow yourself time to wait in line if necessary. Judges will be leaving their shifts at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm.** Check-in will be open for members from 8:30 am until 6:45 pm.

EARLY JUDGING SESSION

9:00 am - 1:00 pm. **Please Check-in EARLY as judges leave at 1:00 pm**

Club Name	Club Name
Shepherd Wranglers	Whips & Sticks
Huntley Trailblazers	City Kids
Ruff Riders	Lockwood Humble B's
Big Sky Thunderbolts	City Slickers
Shepherd Pioneers	Kountry Kritters
Worden Riverdale	Northern Lights
Huntley Eagles	

EVENING JUDGING SESSION

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Please Check-in EARLY as judging leave at 7:00 pm**

Club Name	Club Name
Out of County/FFA	Cool Clovers
Yellowstone Silver Spurs	Explorers
Project Longhorns	Yellowstone Mavericks
Project Rockin Wranglers	Laurel Roadrunners
Compass All Stars	Pine Ridge Red Ryder
Hesper Hustlers	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
Shepherd Tumbleweeds	

Contact Chris Martin @ 248-1425 prior to August 8 if you cannot make your club's scheduled time.

CHECK OUT OF EXHIBITS

ALL exhibits must be removed from the 4-H Department N area on **Sunday, August 21 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.** If you are unable to pick up your exhibits, please make arrangements for someone else to do so. Be sure to provide a list and description of each item to the person picking them up.

MONTANAFAIR ENTRIES

I would encourage members and parents to enter items at the MontanaFair in the Open classes. All the forms and entry information are at www.MontanaFair.com by looking under "Exhibitors". You can enter gardening, sewing, crafts, artwork, and many other categories. ~ Roni

JOIN THE YELLOWSTONE COUNTY AMBASSADORS FOR SOME FUN AT FAIR!

Wednesday, August 17:

Hawaiian Day - Dress up in your favorite Hawaiian shirt.

Dance to follow the Costume Animal Parade - Come have a good time and learn some new dances!

Become a part of the purple shirt posse. Throughout the week the ambassadors will be giving out stickers of our purple shirts to members we see going above and beyond, or simply being a good sport.

Follow us! Give us a follow on Facebook and Instagram for daily updates on all things going on at the fair. Also make sure to tag us in any pictures you take at fair and use our hashtag!

Facebook: Yellowstone County Ambassadors

Instagram: ystone4hambassadors

#MT4HFAIR2022

4-H ICE CREAM BOOTH CLUB SHIFTS AT MONTANAFAIR

All clubs in Yellowstone County are required to work the ice cream booth during fair. **Funds raised in the ice cream booth go to the 4-H Council to provide funds for 4-H projects and activities.** Each club working a two-hour shift will be given gate admission tickets as needed. The schedule below indicates your club's assigned times. Each club should bring along a receipt book or scratch pieces of paper to write orders on. Thank you for making the 4-H Ice Cream Booth a success. (KJO/06/22/11)

2022 Ice Cream Booth Club Work Shifts

Saturday, August 13

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Big Sky Thunderbolts
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Explorers
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Huntley Eagles
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Huntley Eagles
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Shepherd Tumbleweeds

Sunday, August 14

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Worden Riverdale
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Worden Riverdale
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Shepherd Tumbleweeds
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Yellowstone Mavericks

Monday, August 15

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Laurel Roadrunners
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Laurel Roadrunners
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Huntley Trailblazers
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Project Rockin Wranglers
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Project Rockin Wranglers

Tuesday, August 16

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Cool Clovers & Out of County
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Northern Lights
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Pine Ridge Red Ryder
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Lockwood Humble B's
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Lockwood Humble B's

Wednesday, August 17

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Compass All Stars
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Shepherd Wranglers
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Yellowstone Silver Spurs & Whips & Sticks
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. City Kids
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. City Kids

Thursday, August 18

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Shepherd Pioneers
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Shepherd Pioneers
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Northern Lights
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Ruff Riders
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Ruff Riders

Friday, August 19

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Kountry Kritters
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Kountry Kritters
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Hesper Hustlers
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Hesper Hustlers
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Project Longhorns

Saturday, August 20

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. City Slickers
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. City Slickers
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Yellowstone Mavericks

5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Yellowstone Silver Spurs
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Big Sky Thunderbolts

ICE CREAM BOOTH DUTIES

Everyone working in the Ice Cream Booth should read this list of duties before working in the booth. There will be a sign in sheet at the booth when you arrive.

- At least 7 people (two adults and five 4-H members) are needed from each club for every two-hour shift. Five will serve the ice cream and one will take orders and one will handle the money. For sanitation purposes, people handling the money should not also be scooping ice cream.
- Must be at least 12 years old to work in the booth - Organizational Leader can decide differently.
- Must be at least 16 years old to run the cash box - Organizational Leader can decide differently.
- Remember to wash your hands before starting your shift.
- You must wear one of the 4-H aprons.
- Everyone must wear the plastic gloves provided.
- Long hair must be tied back.
- No eating or drinking in the ice cream booth.
- All 4-Her's on duty must stay in the ice cream booth and work until their shift is over.
- Workers are required to wear appropriate clothing. No spaghetti strap tops, no stomachs showing, no sagging pants. If you are not dressed appropriately, you will be asked to put on a T-shirt that will be provided.

****ADULTS ARE THERE TO SUPERVISE****

WHEN SERVING ICE CREAM

- Be polite and smile! Say thank you!
- Always use a napkin to pick up and serve the cone.
- Scoop one **good size ball of ice cream**.
- Always clean the scoop between servings.
- Wipe off counters when not busy.
- Change water as needed, using cold water from laundry room.
- Set out more napkins and cones as needed.

TO CLEAN UP

- Start cleaning up 15 minutes before your shift ends.
- Clean out all the spilled ice cream from inside the freezers and throw it away.
- Wipe down the outsides of all the ice cream freezers.
- Wipe down the counters.
- Restock napkins and cones on the counters.
- Change scoop water and refill with cold water.
- Sweep floor in ice cream booth and surrounding area.
- Empty garbage as needed.

After your club has cleaned up, the adult in charge of your club must find the fair clerk on duty. The fair clerk will okay the cleanup, and only then will the clerk count your money and let you sign out.

Tickets for the purchase of ice cream from the Ice Cream Booth will be available at the Extension Office. You can give them to family and friends and let them enjoy our ice cream at the Fair. **PRICING FOR 2022:** Flavor of the Day: \$3 for a cone/\$4 for a cup; all other flavors \$4 for a cone/\$5 for a cup.

Presale tickets will be available for purchase on Interview Judging Day, August 8. Questions: Call Chris Martin at 406-248-1425.

ICE CREAM BOOTH COUPONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

How about a special treat for your 4-H leader, 4-H members, grandpa and grandma, a special neighbor, or someone who helped you with your 4-H project? You can purchase and give ice cream tickets to family and friends and let them enjoy our ice cream at the MontanaFair.

PRICING FOR 2022: Flavor of the Day: \$3 for a cone/\$4 for a cup; all other flavors \$4 for a cone and \$5 for a cup. For \$15 you may purchase five ice cream booth tickets to use as you wish. Tickets will be available for purchase at Department N Interview Judging Day, August 8 and in Department N during fair. Questions: Call Chris Martin at 406-248-1425.

MONTANAFAIR POTENTIAL JUDGES FOR 2023

Your input on names of people who are qualified to be judges in all areas of the MontanaFair is needed. Bring the names and full contact information for potential livestock judges to the Livestock Meeting on September 7, 2022. These dates are set early so judges can be contacted early. Names of potential judges can be given to the Extension Office at any time, but we will discuss and recommend livestock judges at the September meeting. Names and contact information for Department N judges need to be brought to the Dept. N meeting on September 1, 2022. Your input is very important.

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
Ag Pro Solutions, B-Diamond	1028 N Anderson, Glendive MT 59330
Aspen Painting and Cleaning	250 Clarks Fork Dr, Laurel MT 59044
Blue Cat Bar & Grille	139 Northern Avenue, Huntley MT 59038
Briess Malt	1457 Hwy 14A, Powell WY 82435
City Service Valcon	PO Box 30335, Billings MT 59107
Hjelvik Seeds and Betaseed	6734 Hesper Rd, Billings, MT 59106
Huntley Feeders	2255 Rd 5 N, Huntley MT 59037
Huntley Project Mini Storage	PO Box 177, Huntley MT 59037
Jacob Livestock sales	7445 Hwy 312 E, Billings MT 59105
Maverick Show Goats	7514 Horseman Way, Shepherd, MT 59079
North Montana Feeders	4841 Hwy 89, Choteau MT 59422
Sletten Construction	1000 25 th St, Great Falls MT 59403

DEPARTMENT N (non-animal) POST MONTANAFAIR MEETING

The Post MontanaFair meeting for Department N will be held on **Thursday, September 1 at 5:30 pm** in the 4-H Building.

ACTIVITIES IN DEPARTMENT N DURING MONTANAFAIR

In Department N (Expo Small Bay) we want to have as many activities going on as possible. If you are interested in doing a presentation, workshop, talk about the 4-H program, trips, or activities, please contact Roni at the Extension Office at 406-256-2828. A list of activities being held in Department N will be posted each day in the department. Come learn about 4-H Congress, Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington D.C., National Congress in Atlanta or one of the other many opportunities available in 4-H.

DEPT N DAILY SCAVENGER HUNT

Visit Department N each day during MontanaFair to participate in "The Hunt". There will be a list of 10 items which are hidden in various club booths. The items will be moved to different booths each day. Complete a form identifying when where you located the items, and your name will be put into a daily drawing for prizes. Prizes include night show tickets, ride tickets and 4-H items.

DEPARTMENT N CLERKS

4-H has an outstanding group of clerks this year! If you have any questions, look for one of the following people:

Department N Clerk

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Dawson Seibold
Sherri Horsman
Jazmyn Brelje
Ella Rollins
Amanda St. John

Jorden Trupka
Amy Horsman
Hope Goodburn
Sam Rollins
Justin St. John

DEPARTMENT A (livestock) POST MONTANAFAIR MEETING

The post-MontanaFair meeting for livestock will be held **Wednesday, September 7, 6:00 pm** in the 4-H Building.

SHEEP STARTER FLOCK AVAILABLE

Youth interested in beginning their own sheep flock have a unique opportunity through the Montana Columbia Sheep Breeders Association. The association is giving away a starter flock consisting of four registered Columbia ewes of various ages. Youth between the ages of 11 and 16 that are interested in this opportunity can visit the [Montana Columbia Sheep Breeders Association](http://www.mtcolumbiasheep.org/starter-flock.html) at <http://www.mtcolumbiasheep.org/starter-flock.html> contact Luanne Wallewien at wallywld@northerntel.net or call 406-937-2775 for details and application materials for starting their own flock. Applications must be postmarked no later than August 1.

ADVICE FOR HORSE MEMBERS EXHIBITING AT MONTANAFAIR

For MontanaFair, follow the dress code on the Yellowstone County Horse Supplement and in the Exhibitors Handbook, not the dress code in your project book. Be sure to read the rules in your packet at check-in.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Borrowed from Dr. Doug Householder, Texas A&M University

One family has this set of rules hung in the dressing room of their horse trailer:

When I compete, I

- Have a performance goal...never a "beat someone else" goal.
- Evaluate my own performance.
- Respect and learn from other competitors more skilled than myself.
- Don't criticize other exhibitors, officials, or judges.
- Do my best today.
- Enjoy my friends and become more skilled through today's competition.
- STAY HOME IF I CAN'T FOLLOW THE RULES!

HORSE HELMETS AVAILABLE IN EXTENSION OFFICE

You can purchase white Troxel horse helmets through the Extension Office for \$20.

MANDATORY HORSE MEETING AND HORSE MIXER INVITATION

A mandatory meeting for all horse members and parents participating in MontanaFair will be held in the SuperBarn at 3:00 pm on Thursday, August 11. A Horse Mixer will be held at 6:30 pm, Thursday, August 11 at the SuperBarn. There will be food! Come help us celebrate the opening of MontanaFair. All 4-H members are invited.

REEDS SKIPPA DANDY VERSATILITY AWARD

The Reeds Skippa Dandy Versatility Award will again be awarded following the MontanaFair 4-H Horse Show this year by the Taylor and Marcotte families. The traveling trophy and ribbon metal are awarded to the **High Point Horse** in memory of Reeds Skippa Dandy, who spent 18 years in the 4-H program with three separate 4-Her's; Joey Lynn (Taylor) Henry, Jay Taylor and Amanda Marcotte. Dandy was the pure definition of "Versatility".

To qualify for this award, a one-horse/one-rider combination must compete in at least four different disciplines from the following: showmanship, western, english, trail, bareback, hunter hack, pleasure driving, ranch horse, reining, games, and team penning. Good luck to you all. ~ From the Taylor and Marcotte Families

PROCEDURE FOR REPORTING EXCESSIVE ADULT INVOLVEMENT

Please use common sense in all situations. Know the whole story and do not make assumptions about what is going on in the incidents you are observing. For example, excessive adult involvement does not include a parent holding an animal for the next class when the exhibitor is in the ring showing another animal or when a parent is helping lead a steer to tie-outs. Examples of excessive adult involvement include a parent cleaning a pen or a professional fitter grooming an animal.

At the time of the incident, the **4-H/FFA member or adult** needs to:

- A) Contact the Division Chairperson and discuss the incident they observed. The Division Chairperson will then visit with Roni Baker, Extension Agent and/or the Dept. A Superintendent(s), about the incident. OR
- B) Contact Roni Baker, Extension Agent, and
- C) discuss the incident they observed. This can be done through the 4-H Fair Office in the Expo Center. Roni will then visit with the Division Chairman in that species and/or Department A Superintendent(s). OR
- D) Contact the Dept. A Superintendent(s) and discuss the incident they observed. This can be done through the 4-H Office in the Expo Center. The superintendent(s) will then visit with the Division Chairman in that species and/or Roni Baker.

First Infraction

The youth and adult need to talk to the person(s) involved in the infraction. The division Chairperson needs to write up information about the incident as reported, time, date, species, witnesses, etc. This document will be filed in the fair Livestock Office. The incident will be investigated. The people involved (member(s), adult(s), leader(s), witnesses, Division Chair(s), Extension agent and Superintendent(s) will discuss the incident.

Second Infraction

A written warning will be given to the person(s) involved-either youth or adult. Depending on the seriousness of the infraction, the Fair Livestock Committee can determine the extent of the consequences for the second infraction. Consequences can include just a warning, no participation in the sale, loss of premiums, adults will be expelled from the barn for the remainder of the fair, etcetera. The letter from the 2nd infraction must include two signatures. One signature from the Extension Agent and one from a Livestock Committee Chairman or Superintendent.

Third Infraction

If a third infraction occurs, the consequences for the adult(s) and youth may be serious and have a lasting effect. Consequences may include expulsion, loss of sale proceeds, losing the option to sell at the fair, expulsion from future fairs or any other consequence determined by the committee.

The Fair Livestock Committee will consist of the 4-H Extension Agent, Dept. A Superintendent(s), Division Chairperson(s), Jr. Chairperson(s) and the Sale Committee President.

ROUND ROBIN TRAINING CLINICS AT MONTANAFAIR

Want to brush up on your showmanship techniques? The Small Animal Round Training Clinic will be held on Tuesday, August 16, at 4:00 pm, Expo arena. The Large Animal Round Robin Training Clinic will be held Thursday, August 16, at 5:00 pm, Expo arena.

MONTANAFAIR ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIRMENTS

Be sure your animals are healthy when coming to the MontanaFair. Animals need to be lice free, in good condition and healthy overall to come to the MontanaFair.

EXHIBITING SPORTSMANSHIP AT MONTANAFAIR

Parents, please show good sportsmanship and respect to the judges at the MontanaFair. DO NOT argue with the judge; their word is final. Please set a good example.

ENTER YOUR ANIMAL IN THE 4-H COSTUME ANIMAL PARADE

Anyone can enter in the Costume Animal Parade with an animal that is entered in MontanaFair. The parade is Wednesday, August 17 at 6:30 pm. **Entries are due to the 4-H MontanaFair office by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, August 17.** You can get entry forms from the 4-H Office in the Expo. You did not have to enter it in your MontanaFair entry.

MARKET ANIMAL EXHIBITORS

Market Animal Alert! If **any** medication **or** medicated feed has been used, **make sure** that withdrawal times have been met **before** your animals are taken to the MontanaFair. If you have any questions on withdrawal time, read the label on feed sacks, bottle of medication, or consult a veterinarian. If an animal tests positive, **it may be condemned** and that could affect our livestock sale in the future.

4-H-FFA MONTANAFAIR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE

It is in everyone's best interest to contact buyers for the MontanaFair Junior Livestock Sale on Saturday, August 20, at 12:30 pm. This could include your relatives, doctor, dentist, veterinarian, grocery stores, gas stations, banker, insurance agent, etc. If you know of someone you would like the Sale Committee to contact and/or send tickets for the buyer's dinner, please contact any of these committee members:

Sale Committee Member & phone number
Trish Hays at 671-7493
Shayne Vandivort at 373-5473
Bill Cook at 670-0689
4-H Extension Office at 256-2828

MONTANAFAIR THANK YOU NOTES TO BE SENT

After the MontanaFair is over, it would be very appropriate for each 4-H family to send thank you notes to the following individuals for their support of 4-H and the MontanaFair.

Yellowstone County Commissioners PO Box 35000 Billings MT 59107	MetraPark Board PO Box 2514 Billings MT 59103
Western Ag Reporter (Buyer's dinner partial sponsor) PO Box 30758 Billings MT 59107	Project Mercantile (Ice cream floats) 2416 Main Street Worden MT 59088
Yellowstone Valley Electric (Gate tickets partial sponsor) PO Box 249 Huntley MT 59037	Valley Farmer's Supply (Ice cream floats) 1545 Northern Avenue Worden MT 59088
Albertsons (Sale dinner dessert) 511 Central Avenue, Billings MT 59102 2334 Central Avenue, Billings MT 59102 611 N 27 th Street, Billings MT 59101 670 Main Street, Billings MT 59105 1212 Grand Avenue, Billings MT 59102 3137 Grand Avenue, Billings MT 59102	Yellowstone County Farm Bureau (Sale dinner and Ultrasound) c/o Bonnie Kinsfather 1712 S 64 th Street Billings MT 59106

DEPARTMENT A CLERKS

This year we have great team of clerks. If you have any Department A questions, ask the following people:

Department A Clerk

Kim Bender

Julie Fisher

Brenda Hermanson

Shelby Shaw

Department A Clerk

Coreen Cook

Terri Gabel

Cathy Muessig

McKenna Robertus

Department A Clerk

Gina Loose

Brandon Muessig

Andee Baker

Connie McGuire

MONTANAFAIR PREMIUM CHECKS

Premium checks will be voided 120 days after issue date. MetraPark will be enforcing the 120-day cancellation notice. Any checks not remitted for deposit/cash will be null and void after check issue date has expired.

MONTANAFAIR PREMIUM ERRORS

If there is a problem with your premium dollars for the MontanaFair, call the Extension Office by **October 31**. All errors

must be resolved before this date because the MontanaFair accounts are closed out until the next year.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE CHECKS

Checks from the sale of market animals will be mailed 45-60 days after MontanaFair, PROVIDED the Yellowstone County Extension Office has received notification that your buyer's thank you has been mailed to them. Some clubs will notify their animal volunteer who then notifies the Extension Office. If a club volunteer does not gather the information collectively from members, YOU are responsible for contacting the Yellowstone County Extension Office at 406-256-2828.

BLUE RIBBON INTERVIEWING SKILLS

Read and practice these skills before your interview at MontanaFair.

Why should you develop good interviewing skills? Interview skills are a necessity of life. As you grow up you will be interviewed for scholarships, jobs, committees, etc. You will also want to interview other people you wish to hire to do jobs for you. Some examples are babysitter for your children, person hired to mow your lawn or paint your house.

Tips for Making a Good First Impression. How to Introduce Yourself.

1. Dress appropriately
2. Look at the interviewer
3. Shake hands with the interviewer
4. Smile!
5. Introduce yourself. "My name is _____."

What to do after the Introduction

1. Sit down
2. Lean slightly forward
3. Look at the interviewer

The Actual Interview – At some point you will be asked about your project. This is your big chance to impress the judge! Be excited about your project. Explain why you chose this project and why it interests you. Tell the interviewer about any problems you encountered, and how you overcame them. Be prepared to talk about your project for at least 3 minutes. Make a list of things you can talk about, and practice talking about them before the actual interview.

Remember, if YOU are not excited and enthusiastic about your project, how can you expect the interviewer to get excited about it? It is okay to be nervous-most people are. The judges understand-they have been there before themselves. Don't let the nervousness ruin your chances for a good interview.

Closing of the Interview-Wait for some indication from the interviewer that the interview is finished. Thank the interviewer, smile, shake hands again, and exit.

Role Play-Practice shaking hands and introduce yourself. Practice telling someone else about your project. Practice will help you to be more comfortable at your interview.

What's Not Cool? Believe it or not, all of these have happened during the 4-H interviews:

- *Thumb sucking or fingernail biting
- *Gum chewing
- *Bad grooming...dirty hands or fingernails, unwashed or uncombed hair, dirty clothing
- *Hair twirling
- *Wimpy handshake...but a wimpy one is better than none
- *Eating food or drinking pop
- *Avoiding eye contact with the interviewer
- *Holding your head up with your hand
- *Looking bored or disinterested
- *Not knowing why your project is neat, special, great or exciting. If it wasn't at least interesting to you, why would you bother to spend so much time doing it?

You may be asked questions like:

- *What did you like best about this project?
- *Why did you choose this project?

- *Have you taken this project before?
- *What other things did you make or raise this year?
- *What makes this a good project?
- *What did you learn from this project?
- *How much did it cost?
- *Did you receive help making (raising) your project?
- *Do you plan to take this project again?
- *If you don't like this project, what will you try next year?

SHOWMANSHIP TIPS

Tidy Up-Waiting to go into the ring? Make sure your animal is clean and you are neat, too. Spit out the gum!

Dress Nicely-You and your clothes should be neat and presentable. Remember you are selling yourself and your skills; your appearance and salesmanship are very important to the Auction.

Smile-You will look like you are enjoying yourself. A smile is also a good tool to mask frustration if your animal is not doing what you would like it to do.

Brush-After the judge touches your animal, remember to brush the hair back. You might not think the judge is looking, but they are! Besides, why are you carrying that brush around? Use it!

Look at the judge as you enter the ring and frequently as you show; remember to smile.

Footwear-For your safety, wear sturdy leather, hard soled shoes. If an animal steps on your foot your injury will be less serious.

PRACTICE THE 4-H PLEDGE

We remind members and leaders to embody the 4-H Pledge during this busy time at MontanaFair. Council, (2) the Montana 4-H Foundation, and (3) the Montana 4-H Youth Cabinet. I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

CLUB CORNER

The following clubs turned in club minutes this month:

Blue Creek Jumping Bucks: A guest speaker discussed common diseases and treatments for the trees at Lillis Park for our club's Parkland Gleaning Project.

Huntley Trailblazers: Members are considering paint ball as an outing. Members identified a booth theme for fair and set a decoration budget.

Lockwood Humble B's: Members learned about what happens at Interview Judging Day. A leader and member presented a sample judging! Members made decorations for the club booth and stalls.

Northern Lights: Members watched demonstrations, signed up to work the Ice Cream booth and had a BBQ.

Project Rockin Wranglers: members discussed club plans for Huntley Homesteader Days.

Shepherd Pioneers: Members discussed the successful Homesteader Days club fundraiser and signed up for Ice Cream booth shifts.

Shepherd Wranglers: Members were reminded about their Ice Cream booth shifts.

4-H MONTANAFAIR STICKER CONTEST RESULTS

Great job to all of the members who entered the 2022 MontanaFair sticker contest! Thanks to everyone who voted. The totals were close. The winner was Kaiya Rosenberg!

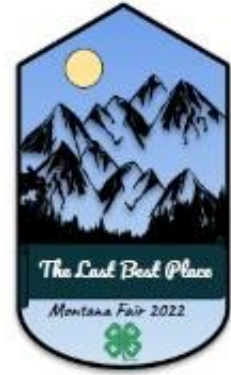
Her stickers will be given to all exhibitors when they pick up their packets for fair. I hope to see them around on water bottles, laptops, etc.



Brynlee Trudnowski



Miranda Johnson



Kiarra Kennedy



Kaiya Cardwell



Erin Robertson



Kaiya Rosenberg



Marley Seely



Keegan Kennedy

2022 4-H/FFA MontanaFair Schedule

(updated 7/29/22)

MONDAY, AUGUST 8 – INTERVIEW JUDGING

All exhibitors entered in 4-H and FFA at the fair pick up packets from 9 am–7 pm

9:00 am-1pm and 4-7:00 pm Interview Judging of Dept. N (non-livestock) Exhibits – Exhibitors with many exhibits will be contacted.

Clubs will be assigned a morning or evening time. Please come at your scheduled time-check in ½ hour prior to your scheduled time to tag your exhibits.

Department N Club Exhibits can be set up during this time also.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10

4-8 pm Department N Club Exhibit set up

5:30 pm Department N Best of Class nominees who want to sell in “Buy A Piece of 4-H” set up in Expo Small Bay

THURSDAY, AUGUST 11

8:00 am-3:00 pm Horse Check in @ SuperBarn

3:00 pm Mandatory Horse Meeting @ SuperBarn

10-12 and 3-4 pm Poultry and Rabbit Check in @ Expo

4-5 pm Cavy Check In @ Expo

4:00 pm Horse: Division 70, Class 1; Division 71, Class 1-5; Champion of Champions @ SuperBarn

6:00 pm Cavy Show and Showmanship @Expo Cavies check out after Show

6:30 Horse Mixer @ SuperBarn

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12

8:30 am Horse: Division 70, Class 2-38 @ SuperBarn

7:00 am-3:00 pm Open Market Beef check in @ Expo

10-12 & 1-4 pm Poultry and Rabbit Check in @ Expo

11:00 am Horse: Division 70, Class 44-48; Trail (Jr. & Sr. Colt to Maturity and Green Horse) @ SuperBarn Outdoor Arena

12:00-3:30 pm Pocket Pet check in @ Expo

4:00 pm Mandatory Small Animal (Rabbit, Poultry, Pocket Pets) Meeting @ Expo

5:00 pm Pocket Pet Show @ Expo Pocket Pets check out after Show

SATURDAY, AUGUST 13

7:00-9:00 am Open Market Lamb and Open Market Goat check in and Weigh in @ Expo

8:00 am Junior Angus Show @ Expo

8:00 am Rabbit Show and Showmanship

8:30 am Horse: Division 70, Class 39-43 @ SuperBarn

8:30 am Horse: Division 70, Class 49-55; Horse Show; Trial (Horsemanship Lv. 1-3 & Miniatures) @ SuperBarn Outdoor Arena.

Horses check out after Class 43 is complete but before 2:00 pm

10:30 am Open Market Lamb Jackpot Show @ Expo-followed by Open Market Goat Jackpot Show

Open sheep and goats not staying must check out by 4:00 pm

1- 5pm Draft Horse Expo @Infield

2:00 pm Open Steer Jackpot Show @ Expo

4:00 pm Open Horse Show

5:00-7:00 pm 4-H Sheep, Goat, Llama/Alpaca check in @ Expo

5:00-7:00 Breeding Sheep Classification Sheep and Goat pictures

By 9:00 pm Open Cattle check out

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

8:00 am Open Horse Show

8:00 am Poultry Showmanship, Egg Show, Jr. Pigeon Show, Fancy Feather, Game & Ornamental Bird, Meat Pen, Market Breeds, Waterfowl, Turkeys, and remaining Poultry Show @ Expo

Poultry check out after Show or 6:00 pm

9:00-11:00 am 4-H/FFA Beef and Dairy Cattle check in @ Expo

10:00 am-12 pm Beef Ultrasound @ Expo
1:00 pm Sheep Ultrasound followed by Goat Ultrasound @ Expo
1 – 5pm Draft Horse Expo @ Infield
6:30 pm Quiz Bowl in Department N @ Expo Small Bay

MONDAY, AUGUST 15

9 am Meat Goat Showmanship, Show; Breeding Meat Goat Show @ Expo
Market Goats not in the Sale, staying for Round Robin or in Obstacle Course may check out
11:00 am Archery Shoot @ SuperBarn
1:00 pm Beef Showmanship @ Expo
Breeding Beef Show begins 30 minutes after the conclusion of Showmanship; Dairy Cattle Showmanship. Breeding Beef Cattle check out after Show

TUESDAY, AUGUST 16

9:00 am Market Steer & Heifer Show; pictures @ Expo. Beef not in the Sale check out after show.
1:00 pm Sheep Showmanship followed by Market Lamb & Breeding Sheep Show @ Expo
4:00 pm Small Animal Round Robin Training Clinic @ Expo
5:00 pm Large Animal Round Robin Training Clinic @ Expo
5:00 – 7:00 pm Sheep not in the Sale Check out
6:30 pm Department N Awards Program and Showcase @ Expo Arena

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

5:00-8:00 am Swine Check in @ Expo
8:30 am Dairy Goat, Pygmy Goat, Nigerian Dwarf Goat Shows; followed by Goat Cart Class & Goat Showmanship @ Expo
1:00-3:00 pm Foods Festival/Edible Arts Display @ Expo Small Bay
2:00 pm Swine Showmanship & pictures @ Expo
5:00 pm Dairy Goat, Pygmy Goat, Nigerian Dwarf Goats check out after show
6:30 pm Costume Animal Parade @ Expo
8-10 pm 4-H Dance

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

8:00 am Market & Breeding Swine Shows @ Expo
2:00 pm Llama and Alpaca Show @ Expo large arena
3:00 pm Small Animal Round Robin @ Expo small arena – Small Animals Check out after show
Goat and Llama Obstacle Course to follow Small Animal Round Robin – in Large Arena
6:00 pm Open Swine Jackpot Show @ Expo

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

7:00-9:00 am ALL large and small animals NOT in the Sale MUST check out
10:00 am Large Animal Round Robin–Senior, Beginner, Junior @ Expo and SuperBarn
12:00 pm All Class Judging @ Expo small bay
2:00 pm Beef Fitting Contest or after Round Robin has finished.
5:00 pm Round Robin Large Animals not in the Sale MUST check out
5:00 pm Root beer Floats – Expo
6:30 pm Department A Awards @ Expo.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

9:00 am Open Mini Horse and Pony Show
11:00 am Junior Livestock Sale Preview @ Expo
11:30 am Junior Livestock Sale Buyer Lunch @ Montana Lottery Winners Club Patio behind Expo
12:15 pm Junior Livestock Sale Exhibitors must have animals ready
12:30 pm Junior Livestock Sale @ Expo
1:00 pm Open Mini Horse and Pony Show

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

11:00 am-1 pm Department N check out Best of Class Items and unsold “Buy A Piece of 4-H” Items

NEW & EXPANDED Herdsmanship Contest!

The Herdsmanship Contest, held during MontanaFair, has been expanded this year with new opportunities, awards, and great prizes for everyone!

Prizes

In the past years, only clubs have been recognized in the Herdsmanship Contest. Beginning this year, clubs as well as individuals will be recognized. The overall individual herdsman in each of the listed species (Horse, Cattle, Goat, Swine, Sheep, Llama/Alpaca, Rabbit, and Poultry) will be recognized and awarded with a buckle. In addition to the traditional plaque that is awarded to the overall club winner, the club will also receive a prize of \$100 to treat the students. The club booths in Department N will also be recognized, and the two club booth winners will receive a prize of \$100.

The Department N prizes will be announced and awarded on Tuesday, August 16th, at the Department N Awards Program and Showcase at 6:30 PM in the Expo Arena. The winner for the 2nd half of the week will be announced at Department N check out day. The Department A prizes will be announced and awarded on Friday, August 19th, at the Department A Awards at 6:30 PM in the Expo Arena.

Judging Criteria

The judging criteria has remained similar.

Department A: The herdsman and clubs will be judged by the following criteria: neatness of stalls and alleys, professional and positive attitude, and care of animals and equipment. Educational displays are not required; however, they are strongly encouraged.

Department N: Club booths will be judged on the following criteria: originality/creativity, use of MontanaFair theme or general theme, and appearance.

More information about each of the categories will be available upon voting time.

How to Vote

To help this method be successful, we ask that you please read the criteria descriptions before casting your vote. Represent 4-H well through honesty and fairness. When voting, please choose the best fit choice that meets the criteria posted.

Department A: One of the biggest improvements in the herdsmanship contest is EVERYONE will have a say in who wins! There will be a QR code for each species posted in that species barn area. Example: Swine Herdsmanship Voting QR code will be clearly labeled and posted in the swine area. This will allow for members, Cloverbuds, family, and the visiting public to vote on the best herdsman and the best club.

There will be flyers posted for each species with clear instructions on how to use the QR code. Once you have scanned the QR code, click on the link provided. Then, you can vote on the herdsman and the club that best meets the criteria. More information about each of the categories will be available on the link.

We are aware that some people would love to vote but cannot access the QR code for various reasons. For this reason, we will have paper voting forms available at the 4-H/FFA Department A office and forms must be returned in the Expo upon completion.

Department N: The voting process is similar to Department A. There will be flyers posted and labeled “Department N: People’s Choice Award” with clear instructions on how to use the QR code. Once you have scanned the QR code, click on the link provided. Then, you can vote on the club of your choice that best meets the criteria. More information about each of the categories will be available on the link.

We are aware that some people would love to vote but cannot access the QR code for various reasons. For this reason, we will have paper voting forms available for Department N: People’s Choice Award. The forms will be available at Department N office and must be returned to the Expo upon completion.

Voting Committee

While everyone is given a chance to cast their vote, there will also be a chosen committee that walks around several times throughout the week and judges both Department A and Department N on the criteria listed. The purpose of the Voting Committee is to ensure that the person receiving the reward is the most deserving and has met the proper criteria. Throughout the week, the committee will have several qualified members that will cast their votes honestly and fairly.

We realize that this could turn into a popularity contest. The committee is in place to make sure that does not happen. The committee is the check and balance system to the people’s votes.



Why

You may be wondering why there are so many changes? Many people were not aware that the Herdsmanship Contest existed. One of the goals is to bring back that tradition as well as the tradition of decorating the barn and celebrating our clubs and projects. The new QR code idea was sparked by some of our county’s leaders to get everyone (members, cloverbuds, families, and the public) involved. The new prizes such as the individual buckles and monetary prizes for clubs were proposed to recognize and celebrate those who go above and beyond in their project pride.

Like everything new, there may be some bumps to work out. As we go about this new process, have patience and trust in the change.

AUGUST 2022 4-H CALENDAR



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Interview Judging Day at the <i>Expo</i>	9	10	11 MontanaFair 	12 MontanaFair	13
14 MontanaFair 	15 MontanaFair	16 MontanaFair	17 MontanaFair	18 MontanaFair	19 MontanaFair	20 MontanaFair
21	22	23	24	25	26 September Newsletter Articles Due	27
28	29	30	31	Sept. 1 5:30 pm Dept. N Post Fair Meeting with 4-H Council to follow <i>4-H Building</i>		