

4-H NEWSLETTER-AUGUST 2023

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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.

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. A great learning experience for all.

Member	4-H Club	Competitive Event or Committee
Molly Arnold	Shepherd Pioneers	Quilting – 2 nd
Wade Bekkedahl	Hesper Hustlers	Delegate
Madason Bender	Worden Riverdale	Ambassador
Naomi Cass	City Kids	Public Speaking – 4 th
Kimber Crockett	Shepherd Pioneers	Horse Judging – Team – 1 st Horse Judging – Individual 8 th
Cale Hockhalter	City Kids	Demonstration – 12 th
Miranda Johnson	Shepherd Tumbleweeds	Ambassador
Brooklyn Kuhr	Hesper Hustlers	Quilting – 1 st
Kerstin Luhman	Huntley Eagles	Delegate
Claire Murnin	Whips & Sticks	Career Communications – 1 st
Grace Sedlacek	Hesper Hustlers	Quilting – 6 th
Cadence Sims	Ruff Riders	Ambassador
Bailey Stott	Shepherd Pioneers	Horse Judging – Team – 1 st Horse Judging – Individual – 1 st
Clay Stott	Shepherd Pioneers	Horse Judging – Team – 1 st Horse Judging – Individual – 7 th
Tanner Stott	Shepherd Pioneers	Horse Judging – Team – 1 st Horse Judging – Individual – 6 th
Jasmine Teter	Project Rockin Wranglers	Career Communications – 6 th
Jorden Trupka	Ruff Riders	Fashion Review – 2 nd

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 23-30, are the dates for the 2023 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 and the creative use of leisure time. In addition to workshops, leadership is a key focus.

Black Hills Recreation Leaders Lab, for 77 years, has cultivated leaders who have become widely known experts in their fields of leadership, youth development and recreation. Often referred to as Rec Lab, BHRL is an experiential learning environment, offering relevant, marketable knowledge and skills that positively influence your impact on the world.

BHRL provides life enhancing skills and wisdom to make wholesome recreation choices regarding personal, professional, and family leisure time. The unique camp setting and group living atmosphere provides participants with opportunities for personal growth, enhanced self-esteem, group unity, and professional connections.

The conference is an excellent leadership education opportunity and can be a unique life experience for many. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first served 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, 2022.
- 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.

4-H EXHIBITORS PICK UP MONTANAFAIR PACKETS AUGUST 7

Remember to pick up your MontanaFair packets on Interview Judging Day, **Monday**, August 7 between 9:00 am to 7:00 pm in the **Expo Building at MetraPark**. Even if you are not participating in Department 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. (KLP/6/9/15)

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.

2023 DEPARTMENT N INTERVIEWS-CLUB JUDGING SCHEDULE AUGUST 7

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 Tumbleweeds	Ruff Riders
Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Yellowstone Silver Spurs
Kountry Kritters	Pine Ridge Red Ryder
Norther Lights	Explorers
Laurel Roadrunners	Hesper Hustlers
Worden Riverdale	Compass AllStars
Huntley Trailblazers	Project Longhorns

EVENING JUDGING SESSION

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

Club Name	Club Name
Big Sky Thunderbolts	Shepherd Wranglers
Shepherd Pioneers	Huntley Eagles
Whips & Sticks	Cool Clovers
City Kids	Yellowstone Mavericks
Lockwood Humble Bs	Project Rockin Wranglers
Shepherd Firecrackers	

Contact Chris Martin @ 248-1425 prior to August 7 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 20 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm.** If you are unable to pick up your exhibits, please arrange 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 crops, wool, gardening, sewing, crafts, artwork, and many other categories. ~ Roni

JOIN THE YELLOWSTONE COUNTY AMBASSADORS FOR SOME FUN AT FAIR!

Wednesday, August 16:

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! Prizes will be given out.

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

#MT4HFAIR2023

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.

2023 Ice Cream Booth Club Work Shifts

Saturday, August 12

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 13

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 14

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 15

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 16

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Shepherd Wranglers & Whips and Sticks
3:00 - 5:00 p.m. Yellowstone Silver Spurs
5:00 - 7:00 p.m. City Kids
7:00 - 9:00 p.m. City Kids

Thursday, August 17

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 18

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 19

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Compass All Stars & Shepherd Firecrackers
1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Compass All Stars & Shepherd Firecrackers

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.

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 2023: 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 7 and in Department N during fair. Questions: Call Chris Martin at 406-248-1425.

MONTANAFAIR POTENTIAL JUDGES FOR 2024

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 6, 2023. 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 7, 2023. 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
Premier Land Company	1800 Minnesota Ave., Billings MT 59101
Montana Homes for Heroes	7026 Tiffani St., Shepherd MT 59079
Reisig Agency and Cattle	Box 30, Hardin MT 59034
Thomas Carnival	PO Box 92469, Austin TX 78709
Pasco Ready Mix	PO Box 2332, Havre MT 59501
Huntley Feeders	2255 Rd 5 N, Huntley MT 59037
Steiger Grain	Rte. 1, Box 25, Pompey's Pillar MT 59064
Jacobs Livestock sales	7445 Hwy 312 E, Billings MT 59105
Maverick Show Goats	7514 Horseman Way, Shepherd, MT 59079
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 7, 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

Dawson Seibold
Sherri Horsman
Jazmyn Brelje
Hope Goodburn
Jordan Trupka
Jeff Martin
Kobe French

Department N Clerk

Jorden Trupka
Cass Kronewitter
Cadence Sims
TJ Martin
Ella Rollins
Madison Simons

DEPARTMENT A (livestock) POST MONTANAFAIR MEETING

The post-MontanaFair meeting for livestock will be held **Wednesday, September 6, 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 10. 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 15, at 4:00 pm, Expo arena. The Large Animal Round Robin Training Clinic will be held Wednesday, August 16, following Swine Showmanship at approximately 5:00 pm, in the 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 16 at 6:30 pm. **Entries are due to the 4-H MontanaFair office by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, August 16.** 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 19, 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 406-671-7493
Shayne Vandivort at 406-373-5473
Bill Cook at 406- 670-0689
4-H Extension Office at 406-256-2828

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	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

Melody Harris
Kim Bender
Connie McQuire
Alma Longmire

Department A Clerk

Ashlee Fraker
McKenna Robertus
Andee Baker
Brenda Hermanson

Department A Clerk

Cathy Muessig
Brandon Muessig
Miranda Johnson
Heather Arkell

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 29**. 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 member reported on 4-H camp; members talked about their time at the Audubon Community Service Project.

City Kids: Asked for members to consider running for a club officer position – elections will be in September. Record books are due in September.

Huntley Trailblazers: Members shared what each was taking to MontanaFair. Members watched a scrapbook and poultry showmanship demonstration.

Lockwood Humble Bs: The club outing will be at Lake Elmo. Members are reaching out to area businesses to coordinate a club fundraiser.

Pine Ridge Red Ryder: Club members are planning a hike in September. Working with another 4-H club at Homesteader Days.

Ruff Riders: Member gave reports on Jackpot shows they attended. Club t-shirts were distributed to members.

Shepherd Pioneers: Members were reminded of many MontanaFair events and to finish record books which are due in September.

Shepherd Tumbleweeds: Members planned their club decal for the year and ordered stall signs.

Yellowstone Mavericks: Members have planned a fall fundraiser. Some members participated in Soil Your Undies and will dig them up in August to see how soil deteriorated them.

Yellowstone Silver Spurs: MontanaFair information was dispersed to members. Members planned horse stall decorations.

4-H MONTANAFAIR STICKER CONTEST RESULTS

Great job to all of the members who entered the 2023 MontanaFair sticker contest! Thanks to everyone who voted. The totals were close. The winner was Annabelle Fournier!

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

JOIN THE YELLOWSTONE COUNTY AMBASSADORS FOR SOME FUN AT FAIR!

AUGUST 11-19, 2023

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Wednesday, August 16th: Hawaiian Day

-JOIN US BY DRESSING UP IN YOUR FAVORITE HAWAIIAN SHIRT!

- **Wednesday, August 16th : Dance to Follow the Costume Animal Parade**

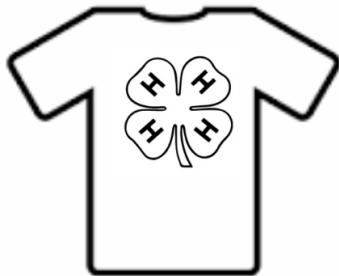
-COME HAVE A GOOD TIME AND LEARN SOME NEW DANCES!

-PRIZES WILL BE GIVEN OUT. . .

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BECOME 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!



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AUGUST 2023 4-H CALENDAR



4-H Building Cleaning Schedule:

Shepherd Pioneers: August 27-September 9

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Interview Judging Day in the <i>Expo Center</i>	8	9	10 MontanaFair 	11 MontanaFair	12 MontanaFair
13 MontanaFair 	14 MontanaFair	15 MontanaFair	16 MontanaFair	17 MontanaFair	18 MontanaFair	19 MontanaFair
20	21	22	23	24	25 September Newsletter Articles Due	26
27	28	29	30 5:30 "Soil Your Undies" Soil Health Workshop <i>4-H Building</i>	31	Sept. 1	2
3	4 Office Closed for Labor Day	5	6 6:00 pm Dept. A Post Fair Meeting <i>4-H Building</i>	7 5:30 pm Dept. N Post Fair Meeting with 4-H Council to follow. <i>4-H Building</i>	8	9