

4-H NEWSLETTER-JUNE 2024

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4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

All MontanaFair entries are completed online at www.montanafair.com. 4-H members are exhibitors at MontanaFair. 4-H does not manage MontanaFair's online entry process nor can 4-H access MontanaFair's online entry program. Please be certain to read all rules and policies for MontanaFair – it is your responsibility to read the handbook. Please reference the Department A and Department N Handbooks to determine what Divisions and Classes you should be entering.

Congratulations to Anna Dumas with the Shepherd Pioneers! She was the recipient of the Steers in Trailer Sales Scholarship awarded through the Montana 4-H Foundation.

Roni Baker
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THANK YOU FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE 4-H PICNIC TABLES

Thank you to all of the clubs who donated money to purchase two picnic tables! A huge thank you to the Shepherd Pioneers and Laurel Roadrunners, who each donated \$200. We were awarded a Montana 4-H Foundation People Partner Grant for \$250. The Yellowstone County 4-H Foundation donated \$500, and after any other club donations, the Yellowstone County 4-H Council will be donating the balance – THANK YOU! It has been proposed that we purchase an additional picnic table, for a total of three. Three tables will cost \$2,300. **Any additional donations to help with the 3rd picnic table can be sent to** the Lockwood Humble B's care of: Aidan Lentz at 4774 David Mark Trail, Billings, 59101. We are excited about the additions to our county fairgrounds. The tables will be located next to the 4-H Building.
Aidan Lentz

REGISTER FOR THE 2024 CLOVERBUD CAMP

Registration for the Tuesday, June 18, 2024, Cloverbud Camp "Construction" is now open in ZSuite under "Events". Registration and payment deadline is 5:00 pm Wednesday, June 5.

The camp fee is \$5 and covers snacks, lunch, supplies and accident insurance. You can pay online at the time of registration or make payment in the Extension Office by 5:00 pm Wednesday, June 5.

Please plan to have your Cloverbud at camp by 9:30 am and pick them up by 3:00 pm. Dress in appropriate clothing for the day (sunscreen, hat, jacket, and tennis shoes). Please pack a second set of clothes – the kids will get wet! Activities are planned for both indoor and outdoor.

MONTANAFAIR ENTRIES ARE COMPLETED ONLINE- PLEASE READ

MontanaFair entries are completed online at the [MontanaFair website](http://www.montanafair.com) or <https://www.montanafair.com/>.

Department A and Department N MontanaFair Handbooks can be found online at www.montanafair.com and on the County 4-H website. For those of you without internet capabilities you can come to the Extension Office and use a computer to complete your online entry.

All 2024 entries must be completed and submitted online before 5:00 pm Friday, June 28 to avoid an additional late fee of \$50 per exhibitor. Late entries must be completed and submitted online before 5:00 pm Friday, July 5.

All late fees must be paid via a check made payable to Yellowstone County 4-H Council and mailed or dropped off to the Yellowstone County Extension Office by 5:00 pm Friday, July 12.

There are no exceptions to any above deadline.

MontanaFair will assess a \$20 exhibitor fee when you enter online. This \$20 fee will be paid online with a credit or debit card. Cloverbud do not pay a fee.

Parents of exhibitors need to purchase gate admission tickets online as they enter the exhibitor in classes. Tickets are \$6 each and will be paid before submitting the entry. Tickets will be printed by MetraPark and included in the exhibitor packets at 4-H/FFA check-in starting on August 5 at Department N Interview Judging Day in the Expo. Enrolled leaders will complete the Yellowstone County 4-H Volunteer/Project Leader Participation Requirement Form in their ZSuite profile under Events, to determine the number of tickets they will receive for gate admission at MontanaFair. These are confirmed with club Organizational Leaders.

Department A and N Entry worksheets can be printed off the [Yellowstone County 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/index.html) at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/index.html>

Completing the worksheet in advance can help make your online entry quicker.

Reminder - you can only enter in projects in which you are enrolled - that includes all livestock projects.

Open Class entries and other Department entries must also be completed online. Those classes have separate deadlines and fees.

Be sure you have entered what you want to before you send your entry form electronically. Please write down your exact sign on information - you will need it if you need to make changes to your MontanaFair entry.

Print a copy of your completed entry form so you know what you have entered.

In Department N (non-livestock), and Department A (livestock) members may lose their premium money if they scratch more than 4 items they entered.

Please visit the Yellowstone County website for the Department N and A schedules for both departments. Some things may be added (e.g., club workshops).

If you plan to enter a livestock showmanship class, you **MUST** put it on your entry - you cannot add it at fair. The divisions you can enter are beginner, junior or senior.

All Yellowstone County pre-fair events must be included in your Department N (Showcase, Communication Day, County Shoot) or Department A (Cat Show, Dog Show, Skillathon, Small Animal Judging) online entry. If your pre-fair county events are not listed on your entry, you will not receive premium money for those exhibits.

Members wishing to participate in the Quiz Bowl need to enter individually. Teams will be made randomly.

ARE YOU NEEDING HELP SUBMITTING YOUR MONTANAFAIR ENTRY?

If you need assistance with your MontanaFair entry contact Stephanie Johnson at the Extension office to set up an individual appointment. **DO NOT come to the office without a scheduled appointment.** Please bring a list of projects you plan to sign up for in Department N (non-livestock) and Department A (Livestock). You can get a Handbook from the 4-H Office or print one online at [MontanaFair](https://www.montanafair.com/) or <https://www.montanafair.com/>.

2023 MONTANAFAIR THEME & STICKER CONTEST

We are holding the fair sticker design contest again! We need your entries! For the past 3 years we have had a 4-H Fair Sticker for each youth exhibitor that entered the MontanaFair.

The overall theme for MontanaFair is “Barn in the USA”. Use your imagination to design a sticker for this year. Your sticker design needs to be 3”x3”. The official 4-H logo and “MontanaFair 2024” will be added to the winning design. Designs must be emailed as an attachment to ronibaker@montana.edu by June 30. Entries will be voted on by 4-H members and the winner receives a \$50 gift card. Use the “Barn in the USA” theme for your decorations and other areas for the fair.

2024 DEPARTMENT N INTERVIEWS-CLUB JUDGING SCHEDULE AUGUST 5

***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
City Kids	Northern Lights
Shepherd Pioneers	Project Rockin Wranglers
Shepherd Firecrackers	Yellowstone Mavericks
Lockwood Humble B’s	Whips & Sticks
Big Sky Thunderbolts	Cool Clovers
Worden Riverdale	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Huntley Eagles	

EVENING JUDGING SESSION

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

Club Name	Club Name
Ruff Riders	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
Shepherd Lonestars	Project Longhorns
Hesper Hustlers	Pine Ridge Red Ryder
Explorers	Yellowstone Silver Spurs
Laurel Roadrunners	Compass AllStars
Kountry Kritters	Shepherd Wranglers
Out of County exhibitors	

Contact Chris Martin at 406-248-1425 prior to August 5, if you cannot make your club’s scheduled time.

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.

2024 Ice Cream Booth Club Work Shifts

Saturday, August 10

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Big Sky Thunderbolts
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Explorers & Shepherd Lonestar’s
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 11

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 12

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

Tuesday, August 13

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 14

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 15

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 16

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 & Shepherd Firecrackers

Saturday, August 17

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Compass All Stars
 1:00 - 3:00 p.m. Compass All Stars
 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. There will be a sign-in sheet when you arrive. (SPF/10/4/13)

- 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 also not 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 the 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 all 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 2024:** 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 5. Questions: Call Chris Martin at 406-248-1425.

DEPARTMENT N (NON-ANIMAL) JUNIOR COORDINATORS NEEDED

Are you looking for something to do at fair that is fun and allows you to learn a new skill? Signing up to be a Jr. Coordinator might be your answer! You will have the privilege of working with others to coordinate fair events like Showcase, Quiz bowl, Food Festival, Awards, and Class Judging. Plus, you will help behind the scenes setting up Department N and many more fun activities. If you have any questions, please call Chris Martin at 406-248-1425. List Department N Fair Entry Division 97 Class 1 on your fair entry.

MONTANAFAIR CAMPER SPACE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENT

For those that have made a camper space request, invoices and space agreements will be mailed to you in early July. We will email everyone letting you know to watch your mailbox. **Those wanting a spot must have reserved, paid, and returned all paperwork to the Extension Office by July 12, 2024.**

Make **checks payable to METRA** and mail payment and completed agreement to Roni Baker, Yellowstone County Extension Office, PO Box 35021, Billings, MT 59107. **Please meet the payment deadline or spots will be forfeited.** After August 1, no refund will be given per Metra policy.

MONTANA RANGE DAYS 2024

The annual Montana Range Days will be held at the Custer County Event Center in Miles City, MT, June 24-26, 2024.

Range Days is designed to include the entire family, from youngsters at least 4 years of age up to and including adult competitions. There will be both individual and team competitions in a variety of range related areas.

The cost for registration by June 2, is \$50 per person: includes 5 meals (3 meals Wednesday and 2 meals Tuesday), books and materials, shoulder bag, transportation, and camping. \$100 for a family of four. For more information, please visit the [Montana Range Days website](https://www.montanarangedays.org/) at <https://www.montanarangedays.org/>

BLACK HILLS RECREATION LEADERS LABORATORY

September 21-27, are the dates for the 2024 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.

For 78 years, Black Hills Recreation Leaders Lab 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/>

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AVAILABLE

The purpose of the grant program is to assist funding community development projects conducted by rural youth organizations such as 4-H, by encouraging rural youth to conduct projects that will improve the quality of life in rural Montana communities, and to improve interaction between the rural and urban portions of these communities.

Grant awards vary and may be awarded in any amount not to exceed \$500 per organization. Applications can be obtained from the Extension Office or by contacting Walt Anseth, Agriculture Finance Officer at 406-444-5420. Application must be mailed to the Montana Department of Agriculture in Helena and postmarked no later than June 7, 2024.

4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The following 4-H members were awarded Scholarships totaling \$10,200 from the Yellowstone County 4-H Foundation.

4-H Member	4-H Club
Kimber Crockett	Shepherd Pioneers
Cooper Koffler	Ruff Riders
Birgit McMorris	Yellowstone Mavericks
Sennett Pizzolato	Northern Lights
Ella Romeijn	Lockwood Humble B's
Tanner Stott	Shepherd Pioneers

INTERESTED IN DOING A WORKSHOP OR INFORMATION SESSION AT MONTANAFAIR

We are looking for individuals or groups who would like to do a workshop/information session at the fair. All youth and adults are invited to do this. We want to have lots of activities happening in the building. You can select the time during the fair when you would like to do your presentation. Contact Roni at 406-256-2828 so she can get you on the schedule.

EMAILING THE 4-H OFFICE

Just a reminder that when you are emailing attachments to Roni Baker, Brandy or Leslie please save the attachment in a .pdf format. This increases our odds of being able to open the attachment.

Please remember to address emails to BOTH Brandy and Leslie. This way one or the other can reply in a timely matter.

Brandy.butler@montana.edu

Leslie.lidstrom@montana.edu

ronibaker@montana.edu (No period between Roni's first and last name.)

Also, the county's email server has very sensitive security. When we receive a message from you, we will respond to the message. If you do not receive a response from the person to whom you sent the email, call us to confirm. Sometimes we need to email you first before our security software will let your emails into our system.

Don't forget to check out the [Yellowstone County 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/index.html) at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/index.html> or the [State 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/) at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/> for program and event information and forms.

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
Albertsons	5317 Grand Ave, Billings MT 59106
First Interstate Bank	PO Box 30918, Billings MT 59106
Inland Truck Parts	1011 Intermountain St, Billings MT 59101
Open A Feeders	PO Box 30758, Billings MT 59107
Ranch Horse Sausage Company	6608 Hwy 312, Billings MT 59105
Public Auction Yards (PAYS)	PO Box 1781, Billings MT 59107
Shipton's Big R	PO Box 30477, Billings MT 59107
Stockman Bank – Worden	PO Box 249, Worden MT 59088

CERAMICS WORKSHOPS FOR JUNE

Ceramics leader Sheri Anttila will be hosting ceramics workshops in June. Wednesday, June 12, from 1:00 to 5:00 pm and Saturday, June 22, from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm OR 1:00-4:00 pm. Please call Sheri directly at 406-633-5531 to schedule a time and get directions to her place.

JUNE HORSE EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP

There will be a Veterinary Care Workshop on Thursday, June 20, at 6:00 pm in the 4-H Building. This workshop is open to all 4-H youth interested in learning more about horses! Questions? Contact Bonnie DeVerniero at 406-694-5234.

JUNE SMALL ANIMAL MONTANAFAIR ENTRY HELP

There will be help for members in determining what to enter for MontanaFair. We will help you identify breed and sex of your small animal, look for any mites, and make certain it is healthy for competition. Join us Thursdays June 6, 13, and 20, from 6:00-7:30 pm at the 4-H Building. Questions? Call Cathy Muessig at 406-855-8346.

MONTANAFAIR CAT SHOW RESULTS

Congratulations to the 4-H members that placed at the MontanaFair Cat Show & Showmanship:

Senior Showmanship Winners

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Kimber Crockett	Shepherd Pioneers
Reserve	Keyara Mills-Low	Compass AllStars
3 rd	Angel Reed	Explorers
4 th	Heaven Reed	Explorers
5 th	Maria Murdick	Explorers

Junior Showmanship Winners

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Madeline Felder	Hesper Hustlers
Reserve	Rex Koivu	Project Rockin Wranglers

Beginner Showmanship

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Delilah Hale	Hesper Hustlers
Reserve	Drake Hale	Hesper Hustlers
3 rd	Harleigh Anderson	Ruff Riders
4 th	David Reynolds	Explorers
5 th	Owen Schlosser	Shepherd Tumbleweeds

Cat Show Male Cat

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Madeline Felder with Thor	Hesper Hustlers
Reserve	Delilah Hale with Adolf	Hesper Hustlers

Cat Show Female Cat

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Angel Reed with Lydia	Explorers
Reserve	Delilah Hale with Miss Kitty	Hesper Hustlers

Cat Show Overall Cat: Madeline Felder with Thor

MONTANAFAIR SMALL ANIMAL JUDGING RESULTS

It was a fun Saturday of competition! Great job everyone. Congratulations to the 4-H members that placed at the MontanaFair Small Animal Judging.

Senior Division

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Kimber Crockett	Shepherd Pioneers
Reserve	Keyara Mills-Low	Compass AllStars
3 rd	Clara Thompson	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
4 th	Maria Murdick	Explorers

Junior Division

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Isabelle Brito	Shepherd Pioneers
Reserve	Rex Koivu	Project Rockin Wranglers
3 rd	Wesley Browning	Project Rockin Wranglers
4 th	Madeline Felder	Hesper Hustlers
5 th	Karter Shivar	Shepherd Tumbleweeds

Beginner Division

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Annabelle Fournier	Laurel Roadrunners
Reserve	Maverick Sorensen	Project Rockin Wranglers
3 rd	Claira Longmire	Cool Clovers
4 th	Isabella Johnson	Compass AllStars
5 th	Keona Muessig	Cool Clovers

Overall High Point Individual: 1st - Isabelle Brito; 2nd Kimber Crockett.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION NEEDED FOR ONLINE AQA TRAINING

If you attended a Virtual Webex Animal Quality Assurance Class on February 29 or March 19, you are also required to complete the [Youth for the Quality Care of Animals online course](http://yqcaprogram.org) at <http://yqcaprogram.org>

Upon successful completion of the quiz, the member will need to download the course certificate. The certificate is proof that the member has completed the AQA course. A copy of the certificate must be emailed, faxed, or mailed to the Yellowstone County Extension Office. Certificate must be received (not postmarked by) in the office no later than 5:00 pm, June 28, 2024. No exceptions!

Reminders and instructions were mailed to households and emailed to members' household email several times. Plan ahead!

2023-2024 ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE POLICY & WORKSHOP SCHEDULE *NEW GUIDELINES

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 two 4-H age brackets for AQA training. Exhibitors must attend AQA as Beginners/Juniors (4-H age 8-13), and as a senior member (4-H age 14-19). This age is based on the exhibitors "4-H Age" – the age as of October 1 of the current 4-H year. Exhibitors must take Animal Quality Assurance the first year they reach each 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 is determined by a committee and updated every two years. A parent or legal guardian must also attend the AQA Training.

There will be hands on, group activities. Please plan on arriving on time with a parent with both staying for the complete 1½ hours. **More workshops will NOT be added after the June 19 class. It is the final opportunity for 2024.**

Wednesday, June 19: 6:30-8:00 pm at the 4-H Building

OUTSTANDING EXHIBITOR CONTEST: LARGE LIVESTOCK- BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE, GOATS

Consider signing up for the Outstanding Exhibitor Contest at MontanaFair. This award is scored based on an application (written/typed in advance) about project knowledge and involvement, personal interview with a judge from business/industry, animal points and showmanship points. Rules for accumulating points toward the contest and additional information can be found in the MontanaFair Department A 4-H/FFA Junior Livestock handbook under Division 160.

To be eligible Exhibitors must enter the Division and Class in their online MontanaFair entry. This is an outstanding opportunity to showcase your skills in and out of the show ring. For questions, please contact Cheri Johannes 406-672-8137 or via email cjohannes2885@gmail.com

4-H HORSE CLINICS IN JUNE & JULY

There will be three upcoming horse clinics. Clinics are scheduled at 6:00 pm in the SuperBarn at MetraPark. Wednesday, June 19 – Western Clinia; Wednesday, June 26 – English & Showmanship Clinics; Wednesday, July 31 – Trail Clinic. Questions? Contact Diana Spint at 406-861-4996 OR Johanna Heupel at 406-670-9932.

HORSE ID CARD REQUIREMENTS & POLICY FOR MEMBERS & LEADERS

All MontanaFair 4-H horse exhibitors must turn in a completed Horse ID card with proof of current 4 in 1 vaccination (influenza, tetanus, and eastern and western sleeping sickness) attached to the card. Cards must be turned into exhibitor's horse leader who will verify that the ID card is complete and deliver it to the Extension Office with

Assessment Result Sheets by June 15. Horse ID cards must be signed by the member, parent, leader and include a picture of the horse and rider. Cards received after the June 15 deadline will not be accepted and horses without completed cards on file will not be allowed to show at MontanaFair. Only one ID card per Horse Project will be accepted. (English and Western Horsemanship are different projects, and two different horses may be used.) The Family Horse ID card is also due on June 15.

Questions? Please reference the 2024 [Horse & Colt Policy](https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/4-hpolicies.html) on the county website at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/4-hpolicies.html>.

HORSE FINAL ASSESSMENTS FOR MONTANAFAIR

4-H members will be assessed at the club level by a horse leader or teen horse leader. The member assessment sheets found in the members Horsemanship project book should be completed but are not turned into the county office; they are to be kept in the member's record book. The Assessment Results Sheet signed by the horse or organizational leader showing the new levels and projects for all members will be turned into the Extension Office. These sheets with all level changes are to be completed by June 15 each year. Members will show in the level above what has been completed. Leaders can decline to assess a member; however, members must be assessed to attend MontanaFair. The member can ask the Horse & Colt Committee for another registered Horse Leader to assess them.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK FAIR APPRECIATION PLAQUES

Appreciation plaque nominations are due at the Livestock Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 26, immediately following the Sale Committee meeting or at 7:00 p.m. in the 4-H Building. Nomination forms are available on the Yellowstone County 4-H website under the MontanaFair heading.

MONTANAFAIR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE THANK YOU NOTE POLICY

MontanaFair Junior Livestock Sale checks will not be mailed out until a thank you note to the Livestock Sale Buyer has been written, stamped, and delivered to your Club's Organizational Leader or designated Club Livestock Leader. Out of county participants will send or deliver a thank you to the Yellowstone County 4-H Agent.

NILE MERIT HEIFER PROGRAM

Applications for the NILE Merit Heifer program are now available for the 2024-2025 year. Please visit [the Nile's website](https://www.thenile.org/) for additional information and application at <https://www.thenile.org/>.

The NILE Merit Heifer program is a "live animal" scholarship that strives to help youth get a start in the beef cattle business by awarding heifer calves to participants chosen based on merit, future goals, and ability to care for the animal. Any youth ages 12-16 as of June 30, 2024, who are a 4-H or FFA member, may apply. Applicants must be a NILE member. (Junior Membership Fee: \$25) Applicants are not limited to Montana residents.

During the program duration, participants are responsible for raising the heifer, arranging for her to be bred, completing the record keeping procedure and bringing the animal back one year later as a bred replacement heifer for exhibit at the NILE Stock Show in October. Questions? Contact the NILE program coordinator Shelby Shaw at 406-256-2499.

CLUB CORNER

The following clubs turned in club minutes this month:

Blue Creek Jumping Bucks: Members have scheduled their club community service for the Montana Audubon Center.

Laurel Roadrunners: Planned two community service events: car show registration and planting flowers at the Jaycee Hall.

Lockwood Humble B's: Members planned their 4-H Building cleaning day and building the picnic tables.

Shepherd Pioneers: Senior member graduates were recognized. Member votes on two t-shirt designs.

Worden Riverdale: The club members will participate in Huntley's Homesteader Days.

Yellowstone Mavericks: Member discussed a potential community service project of doing lawn maintenance at the cemetery as it is only taken care of by volunteers.



JUNE 2024 4-H CALENDAR

Cleaning Schedule: Lockwood Humble Bs: May 15-21

Big Sky Thunderbolts: June 1-14

Project Rockin Wranglers: June 15-28

Yellowstone Silver Spurs: June 29-July 12

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 4-H Camp ← June 4 - 7	5	6 6:00 Department N meeting with 4-H Council to follow. 6:00 Small Animal Fair help 4-H Building →	7	8
9 6:00 Teen Leader Bowling Fireside Lanes	10	11	12 1-5 pm Ceramics at Anttila's	13 6:00 Small Animal Fair help 4-H Building	14	15
16 Yellowstone Classic Jackpot Show Miller's Horse Palace	17 Horse ID cards due in Extension	18 9:30 Cloverbud Camp 4-H Building	19 6:00 Western Horse Clinic SuperBarn 6:00 Horse & Colt 6:30 Animal Quality Assurance- 4-H Building	20 6:00 Horse Workshop 6:00 Small Animal Fair help 4-H Building	21 Newsletter Articles Due	22 Rockin the Project Sheep & Goat Invite SuperBarn at MetraPark 10-1 OR 1-4 Ceramics at Anttila's
23	24	25	26 6:00 English & Showmanship Horse Clinic SuperBarn 6:00 Small Animal Comm. 6:30 Sale Comm. followed by Livestock Comm.- 4-H Building	27 Interstate Exchange June 28 – July 5 ←	28 MontanaFair 4-H/FFA online entry deadline www.montanafair.com	29
30	July 1	2	3	4 Extension Office Closed	5	6