

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER - MARCH 2025

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM RONI BAKER

Thanks to the following people who made the Make It and Take It Project Day a huge success – Carol Corder, Holly Parks, Heather Arkell, Les Huntington, Carson, Huntington, and Francisco Gamboa.

I would like to encourage members to also take part in county, regional and/or state events and activities. These are great opportunities to learn. Take part in Communication Day, Make It & Take It, 4-H Camp, Junior Leaders, Project Day, Interstate Exchange, Congress, Citizenship, Washington Focus, etc. Events like Family Fun Night build community connection and help clubs grow.

Please always try to reach me at the office during business hours. Staff knows my schedule and can let you know if it is appropriate to try my cell phone. Even if you have my cell number, call the office first and leave a message if I am unavailable. Thank you. Roni Baker

NO MARCH 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

NO meeting in March. Next meeting is April 3, at 6:00 pm in the 4-H Building. We encourage everyone to attend.

2025-2026 YELLOWSTONE COUNTY AMBASSADORS

Wade Bekkedahl: This will be my second year as an ambassador. I am 16 years old and a sophomore and West High school and look forward to helping out 4-H this year.

Brooklyn Kuhr: I have been a part of Yellowstone County 4-H for seven years. I enjoy sewing and quilting. My favorite part of 4-H is the community and the amount of opportunities there are – truly you will always have something to do if you want to.

Grace Sedlacek: I have been a part of 4-H for 9 years, I am currently in the swine, photography and welding projects. I also am the president of my 4-H club, a Tri County 4-H camp counselor, and a part of the 4-H Interstate Exchange program. I am a sophomore at the Billings Career Center and participate on the West High track and field team. I am excited to make this year so much fun, get to know so many more new people, and share my love for this program!

Cadence Sims: I am so excited to be a part of this team for a 4th year and create amazing memories with all of you! I have been in 4-H for 11 years and have held many leadership roles including: club Rabbit Teen Leader, club Historian, club Cloverbud Leader, and currently club President. This year I also hold a position as a Montana State 4-H Ambassador. Some projects that I have taken are: Rabbit, Cavy, Dog, Cat, Pocket Pet, Llama, Baking, Photography and Leadership. My favorite county 4-H event is fair, and my favorite state 4-H Event is Congress. Outside of 4-H I am a Senior attending the Career Center and after high school I plan to attend Montana State University Billings to pursue a degree in Elementary Education. Thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent Yellowstone County 4-H and I hope to see you all at the upcoming events and exciting things happening this year.

NEW for 2025 - MONTANAFAIR CAMPING SPACE RESERVATION REQUESTS

Only 4-H and FFA members exhibiting in Department A and N at MontanaFair and MontanaFair 4-H officials may request a camper space. A limited number of spaces are available on a first requested, first filled basis. Completing a request does not guarantee a space reservation.

All 4-H/FFA exhibitor requests for MontanaFair Camper/Trailer reservations are only accepted through [this link](https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/37654): <https://4h.zsuite.org/external-event-registration/37654>. NO calls or emails for reservation requests. Registration requests open at 8:00 am on April 1. All requests are date and time stamped once you have completed all questions,

paid (if applicable), and hit Submit. 4-H members: Make certain you are Logged Out of ZSuite BEFORE YOU CLICK ON THE LINK. The registration asks 4-H members to sign into ZSuite – DO not! 4-H Members can register in the registration window that has opened on your screen. If you do happen to be signed into the ZSuite program, ZSuite will force you to register under the Events section in your Dashboard.

Be prepared: Credit/debit card payment is required. Checks or cash are NOT accepted. There is a credit/debit card processing fee of \$5.00. Refunds (less \$5.00 debit/credit fee) for cancelations are possible by contacting the Yellowstone County Extension Office at 406-256-2828, before August 1, 2025.

Information required to complete a request: Please know the make of your camper, camper license plate number, and exact length. If length is not actual, and the camper/trailer will not fit the assigned camper space based on the information you provide, you may not be accommodated. You also must provide the license plate numbers for ALL vehicles that your family will be parking in the camper space areas.

Requestors will be notified in late June/early July of their request status via a letter, map of space location, and identification that must be placed in your camper window.

Since 2013, full hookup spaces cost \$75 for the week of fair. Last year camper spots were improved. MetraPark has updated their camper usage fees. Your space request is for 9 days at MontanaFair.

- Full Hookup: \$150
- Electric/water only Hookup: \$80
- Dry camping: No charge but completing a reservation request and contract are required.

APPLY NOW TO ATTEND 4-H CAMP JUNE 17-20

This year camp will be held on June 17-20, at the Beartooth Christian Camp near Absarokee. You can look forward to great dances, campfires, swimming and many more crafts and activities. Camp will cost \$180.00 for campers. Partial scholarships are available - information can be found on the application in this newsletter.

We will have a limit of 120 campers (Yellowstone, Stillwater, & Carbon counties). **Applications are accepted on a first come, first served process.** Camp applications are due by 5:00 pm, May 9, in the Extension Office (not postmarked by).

CLOVERBUD CAMP MEETING APRIL 3

A planning meeting for the 2024 Cloverbud Camp will be held on Thursday, April 3, at 5:30 p.m. in the 4-H Building. Come and share your ideas to plan this fun event. Everyone is welcome! Cloverbud Camp will be held July 22.

NEW THIS YEAR: 2025 EVENT DAY – SATURDAY APRIL 19 IN THE EXPO

Showcase - Communications Day – Foods Workshops all on the same day at the same location!

Come and spend the day or come and go for different activities. Just stop by to watch and learn.

Communication Day in the morning, Showcase in the afternoon and Foods workshops throughout the day

Showcase is the opportunity for members in Clothing and Textiles projects to show items they have made or purchased in their projects. After being judged the participants take part in a public fashion show. You must be enrolled in sewing, quilting, shopping in style or needlework projects to be able to take part in any of the areas of competition. Cloverbuds can also take part in these events. Sewing and quilting winners can qualify to compete at State 4-H Congress in Bozeman.

Members can enter items they have sewn, do a display, duct tape items, costumes, international clothes, quilting or needlework. There is even a category for adults to enter their quilts.

You have until April 30 to add the project if you are interested in doing this event.

Registration materials will be sent to all members enrolled in a sewing, quilting, shopping in style and needlework project. Registration can be found on the county website. Deadline for entry is April 4

Communication Day is a county-wide event that allows members the opportunity to participate in speech, demonstration, career communications (interviews), video, short take, broadcast and poetry. You do not need to be enrolled in a specific project to do this event. You can enter it on your fair entry and receive premium money. You can also do it at the fair. Cloverbuds are welcome to do this event. Speech, demonstration, interview and video winners can qualify to compete at State 4-H Congress in Bozeman. Registration will be open in ZSuite under events. The deadline for registering is April 4.

Foods workshops will be offered for anyone who is interested. Topics may include charcuterie boards, edible art and introduction to Stir-Ups Contest done at State 4-H Congress.

Registration will be in ZSuite and the deadline is April 4. Please call the Extension Office if you have questions.

ATTENTION! ENROLLMENT DROPS & ADDS MUST BE MADE BY APRIL 30

ALL members and volunteers enrolled in 4-H have access to their records through ZSuite and will be solely responsible for adding, dropping, and verifying the accuracy of their projects including the level of the project. Members may make changes to their PROJECTS up until April 30, 2025, after which time the online program will be locked and NO changes can be made to projects. **No exceptions!**

Verifying the accuracy of projects and levels is very important as it can affect your MontanaFair entries and eligibility.

Please access your ZSuite profile and add and/or drop projects in your enrollment. To do this you will choose "Update Enrollment" and then click on the CLUBS tab. Click on the green box "Add projects". After selecting each project, you want to add, click on the blue "add project". When you have finished adding all desired projects be sure to click on the pink "submit" box at the bottom to save all added projects. If you wish to drop projects, locate the Project name you want to drop. To the right of the project name, you will see an "X" to click on. A box will display asking for confirmation to delete the project. Click on the red "yes" box to confirm deletion of the project. After deleting the project(s), be sure to click on the pink "submit" box at the bottom to save all changes.

FRUIT SALE FRUIT DELIVERY MARCH 15

Saturday, March 15, 8:00-11:00 am: Fruit pick up day at the Expo Building at Metra. You can pick up extra fruit on this day (from the semi in the Expo) if you have late orders!

Wednesday, March 19: 5:30-6:30 pm at Lockwood IGA's back door. Extra fruit available if you have late orders. Remember that you are responsible for collecting and turning in fruit money to your club for the fruit you sell. **NO EXCEPTIONS. Your club must pay the 4-H Council, so if you do not pay, your club has to cover the check.** You are responsible for the fruit once you check it out from the club fruit sale chairman. Check each box to verify the condition of the fruit when you pick it up. Handle fruit correctly and deliver it quickly.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Yellowstone County 4-H Foundation Scholarship is available for Yellowstone County 4-H Alumni (including those that have been out of high school and are now planning on attending a college or trade school) who are pursuing a post-secondary education. The application was mailed and emailed to all current 4-H members who are seniors in High School. Members can receive this scholarship one time. Deadline for submitting the application is April 1. Information and application are on the [Yellowstone County website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/4-hopportunitiesandevents.html) at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/4-hopportunitiesandevents.html>

CLUB SECRETARY MINUTES SHOULD BE SUBMITTED MONTHLY

The Extension office should receive a copy of your monthly club meeting minutes. **Club secretaries must use the format (page 3) or form (page 13) provided in the Montana 4-H Secretary's Handbook. All minutes must include the club name & meeting date, FIRST and LAST names of members/leaders and a description of what was talked about/decided/voted on, etc.** Include all details that would be helpful to a member that missed the club meeting.

Minutes must also include club expenses that were voted on using Roberts Rule of Orders (Parliamentary Procedure). Minutes may be typed on your computer and submitted in hard copy to the Extension Office or emailed to ronibaker@montana.edu or faxed to 406-256-2825.

Make certain your email subject includes your club name. Remember, if you don't get an email reply from us saying "Thank you", our firewall blocked the email so try to resend it.

MONTHLY CLUB MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS

The following clubs turned in club minutes by the newsletter deadline:

Compass All Stars: Members planned their new Family Fun Night game. Two members gave demonstrations.

Huntley Eagles Members gave project reports. The club received a \$100 scholarship and are planning how to spend it.

Lockwood Humble Bs: The club will hold their own club demonstration day where all members present on one day.

Pine Ridge Red Ryder: Members and leaders gave project reports. Club demonstration day was scheduled.

Project Rocking Wranglers: Members will make Valentine Day cards for their community service project.

Shepherd Pioneers: Members gave project reports and planned the clubs next recreational activity.

Worden Riverdale: Members heard project leader reports and decided to buy fruit to make fruit baskets to give to local businesses that have supported their club.

Yellowstone Mavericks: Members were encouraged to work on their project books and record sheets.

Yellowstone Silver Spurs: Club members will help Ducks Unlimited at a fundraising event.

4-H STATE LEADERSHIP ACADEMY: MONTHLY ONLINE SERIES

Members 12+, 4-H Age: Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy for the final workshop 3:00 pm Sunday, March 16. The topic will be Collective Leadership. The leadership academy is a network of Montana 4-H members interested in exploring and developing their own leadership skills while serving their county 4-H program in new ways.

Register at the [state 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/youth_leadership/academy.html) at

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/youth_leadership/academy.html. Once the form is complete an email containing the zoom meeting link for all workshops will be sent automatically.

MONTANA RECREATION (REC) LAB REGISTRATION OPEN NOW

Montana Rec Lab will be held March 28-30, in White Sulphur Springs, MT. This event provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication and team building skills in an action packed and interactive setting. Rec Lab programming is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp, and community leader. **This is an ideal event for younger senior members to attend a state event for the first time and begin to form relationships with 4-H peers from across the state, broadening their own skills and widening their network.** This event is for 4-H members age 13+ as of October 1, 2024, who are interested in more leadership opportunities at the county and state level. Registration deadline is March 12.

Yellowstone County 4-H Council pays all the registration fees. Registration is completed using the 4-H ZSuite program. To register, sign into ZSuite and select the "Events" tab in your Dashboard. Click on the red Register Now button under the Rec Lab heading. Even though ZSuite will email you asking for payment after you have registered, **DO NOT PAY**. This is something we cannot change in the ZSuite program. Questions? Call the Extension Office.

OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND 4-H CONGRESS IN JULY

Were you 13 years old by October 1, 2024, and interested in attending 4-H Congress in Bozeman? The following briefly describes the activities and events that are available at State 4-H Congress. Congress will be July 8-11, 2025.

Demonstration - You must have received a blue ribbon at the county Communication Day contest. We can take any number of competitors.

Career Communication - You practice the skills of applying for a job including an application, cover letter and resume.

Public Speaking - You must have received a blue ribbon at the county Communication Day contest. We can take any number of competitors.

Fashion Revue - We may take more than one participant. Selection is made at the county Showcase event.

Horse Judging - We can take a team of four.

Livestock Judging - We may take a team of 4 or individual members to compete in judging classes and giving reasons.

Stir-Ups Contest - This is a fun, challenging food program where members plan a meal, prepare a low-fat main dish, display the meal, and create a notebook. We can take individuals or teams.

Gavel Games - This is a Parliamentary Procedure contest. Teams of four compete. Contact Roni if interested.

Quilting - Quilts judged at the county Showcase event are eligible to attend Congress.

Horse Skillathon - A team of four can compete in this contest about horse knowledge. Contact Roni if interested.

Video - Learn communication skills through creating, editing, and presenting a video.

Visit the [State 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/events/mt_4h_congress/index.html) to learn more specifics about each contest or go to

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/events/mt_4h_congress/index.html

4-H CLUB OFFICERS FOR 2024-2025

Congratulations to the following youth leaders in the 4-H program.

Club	President	Vice President
Big Sky Thunderbolts	Edin Kronewitter	Bo Martin
Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Sara Boetticher	Jacob Schiermeister
City Kids	Mae Russell	Soren Hultgren
Compass All Stars	Hadleigh Lynch	n/a
Cool Clovers	Hanna Marchant	Kannon Marchant
Hesper Hustlers	Grace Sedlacek	Wade Bekkedahl
Huntley Eagles	Brylinn Olstad	Walt Lindeen
Kountry Kritters	Dean Green	Jachin Boheman
Laurel Roadrunners	Paisley Walter	Annabelle Fournier
Lockwood Humble Bs	Joy Mortensen	Jake Cesnik
Northern Lights	Ethan Leeson	Syler Pizzolato
Pine Ridge Red Ryders	Bradlie Joseph	Lilly Morris
Project Rockin Wranglers	Wesley Browning	Rex Koivu
Ruff Riders	Cadence Sims	Patrick Tidwell & Kaiya Cardwell
Shepherd Lonestars	Kye Knaff	Brody Styren
Shepherd Pioneers	Molly Arnold	Cooper Dumas
Shepherd Tumbleweeds	Keegan Kennedy	Brayden Hoban
Shepherd Wranglers	Maycee Mosher	Grady Mosher
Whips and Sticks	Claire Murnin	Tilden Botts
Worden Riverdale	Wyatt Johannes	Everett Hammond
Yellowstone Mavericks	Virginia Hullinger	Trez Hullinger
Yellowstone Silver Spurs	Ember Solberg	Eliana Johnston

MY 4-H YEAR RECORD BOOK SHEET

The first record sheet in your book should be the “My 4-H Year.” This record sheet is about the most important person, YOU! It tells what projects you are enrolled in, your goals for the year, committees you work on, demonstrations and speeches you present or judging activities you participated in. Your goals should be set at the beginning of the year, and you should continue to update the “My 4-H Year” as you participate in any of these activities. Begin a new “My 4-H Year” record each year you are in 4-H.

Remember record sheets can be completed electronically in ZSuite. You can find information for setting up and accessing the ZSuite program on the [State 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/support/record_books/zsuite.html) or

https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/support/record_books/zsuite.html

HOST AN INTERNATIONAL DELEGATE THIS SUMMER OR ACADEMIC YEAR!

4-H is seeking host families with a youth within 3-4 years of age and same gender of youth delegates.

For 2025, there are several opportunities for Montana families to host international delegates, both short-term, 3-4 weeks; and long-term, 10 months. Here are the available host family opportunities for 2025 inbound delegates that state 4-H has committed to and the approximate dates of their exchanges.

Two Norwegian delegates (possibly more), 14-18 years old &/OR one adult chaperone. Dates: June 25 to July 18/19.
Twenty Japanese delegates, 18 youth, 12-18 years old, and 2 adult chaperones. Dates: July 21-23 to August 16-18

In addition, state 4-H has also committed to hosting two Academic Year Program (AYP) students from Japan and/or South Korea. These students are seeking to spend an entire academic year, mid-August to early June, with a host family in Montana while attending public school. This hosting opportunity does not require a host sibling although it does make transiting to a new school environment much easier. These students have a higher English language proficiency but still require a fair bit of emotional and financial management support during their homestay.

More information about the various inbound programs and hosting a delegate, please visit the [States' 4-H International Exchange Programs website](https://www.states4hexchange.org/) to begin an application at <https://www.states4hexchange.org/>

The National Pool of available AYP students just came out this week so the hunt is on to find host families and schools to accept these students. Interested host families should confer with their respective high schools before applying to make sure the school is able to accommodate one of these students. Host families and schools must complete the necessary paperwork before May 1, 2025. We encourage you to apply early.

Contact the 4-H Center for Youth Development International Program Coordinator, Dave Brink at david.brink@montana.edu or 406-822-3547 for more information.

ADULT AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE JUNE 1

4-H is made possible through the outstanding support of adults who provide their time, resources, and support to improve the lives of Montana 4-H youth and strive to constantly make the best better. Through the following award categories-**Tribute to Volunteer Excellence Awards, Hall of Fame Award, and Outstanding 4-H Alumni Award**, Montana 4-H recognizes outstanding contributions of volunteers, staff and alumni at the county and state levels. All awards are presented at the Montana 4-H Leadership Forum in the fall or another statewide event. Award nominations are due May 15, 2025, in Bozeman. Please visit the [Montana State 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/awards/adult-awards.html) at https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/awards/adult-awards.html for additional details and the nomination form.

STATE AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

May 1, 2025, is the due date for State Awards application. Members who are 14 and older as of October 1, 2024, are eligible. The Montana 4-H State Awards program is in place to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of 4-H members who have reached a standard of excellence in a variety of project and activity award areas. State Award winners have gone above and beyond regular project work with a focus on leadership, communication, and community service. 4-H members may self-nominate.

To apply for state awards, members must use the Montana State 4-H Awards application off the [Montana State 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/awards/state-awards.html) at https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/awards/state-awards.html.

CHASE HAWKS FRANK CHESAREK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

The Chase Hawks Memorial Association is offering \$10,000 in scholarships in 2025. Applicant must pursue a degree from an accredited institute of higher education or a certification from an accredited trade or vocational institution and enroll at that institution within the next 9 months. For more information you can call the Chase Hawks Memorial Association office at 406-248-9295 or email info@chasehawks.com, or visit the [Chase Hawks website](http://www.chasehawks.com), at www.chasehawks.com.

MONTANA FARM BUREAU SCHOLARSHIPS

The Montana Farm Bureau Federation has many scholarships that are awarded to Montana and Yellowstone County youth. Information and requirements for each scholarship and the application can be found on the [Montana Farm Bureau Federation website](https://mfbf.org/Foundation/Foundation-Scholarships) at <https://mfbf.org/Foundation/Foundation-Scholarships>. Application deadline is April 1.

MONTANA FARMERS UNION SENTENCE GRANTS

Montana Farmers Union has \$10,000 to send 4-H clubs in Montana. Simply send them a sentence stating what your club wants money for, and you will receive ... \$100! Funding is open now and will be awarded through October 1.

Applications and instructions are available on [Montana Farmers Union website](https://montanafarmersunion.com/education/scholarships-grants/) at <https://montanafarmersunion.com/education/scholarships-grants/>

4-H SUPPORTERS

Many businesses and organizations in our community support 4-H. We list several each month. We encourage you to thank them 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
Flowmark	6837 Commercial Ave. #6246, Billings MT 59101
World West Sire Services	25 Winterpast Ln, Joliet MT 59041
Builders First Source	542 Main St, Billings MT 59105
Billings Livestock Commission	PO Box 31533, Billings MT 59107
Anderson Sewer	7371 Kylee Sue Dr, Shepherd MT 59079
Hertz Car Sales	2851 King Avenue W, Billings MT 59102
Albertson's	611 N 27 th St, Billings MT 59101

NO MARCH DEPARTMENT N (NON-ANIMAL) MEETING

NO meeting in March. Mark your calendars to attend the April 3, meeting at 6:00 pm in the 4-H Building.

CERAMICS WORKSHOP

The ceramics workshop will be held Saturday, March 8. Times are 10:00 am - 1:00 pm or 1:00 - 4:00 pm. Call Sheri Anttila at 406-633-5531 to let her know if you have any questions, need directions to her home, and which class/time you will be attending. Mark your calendars for the final workshop on April 12.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY SHOOTING SPORTS INVITATIONAL RESULTS

Thank you to the leaders and adults that made the event happen for the 4-H members. The following Yellowstone County 4-H members placed. Individual results for all disciplines (except archery) can be view on the [Orion Results website](https://www.orionresults.com/ycmt4h) at <https://www.orionresults.com/ycmt4h>

BB Gun	Age 8	Age 9	Age 10	Age 11
1	Madilyn Aldrich	Eva Rouse	Out of county	Out of county
2	Out of county	Leighton Kuzo	Out of county	Trigg Rouse
3	Out of county	Bo Martin	Madison Turner	Gunner Hanson

BB Gun	Age 12	Age 13	Age 14	Age 15
1	Out of county	Out of county	Jack Holberg	Out of county
2	Karter Shivar	Rex Koivu	Traden Beddes	Out of county
3	Jacob Schiermeister	Karlin Clayton	Out of county	Out of county

Air Pistol	Basic Supported	Standing Supported	International Standing	Overall
1	Out of county	Out of county	Out of county	Out of county
2	Out of county	Jachin Boheman	Matt Blankenship	Out of county
3	Colt Clark	Cahill Clark	Out of county	Out of county

Air Rifle	Age 14	15	16
1	Jack Holberg	Out of county	Dawson Serock
2	Out of county	Out of county	Hazel Russell
3	Out of county	Mae Russell	Carson Adkins

Primitive	Age 9-10	Age 13-14	Overall
1	Rowan Puls	Colby Harty	Colby Harty
2	n/a	Out of county	Out of county
3	n/a	Ellalayah Dykes	Out of county

Bare Bow	Age 9-10	Age 11-12	Age 13-14	Age 15-19	Overall
1	Elise Nemitz	Karter Shivar	Samantha Lynch	Jacob Baeten	Jacob Baeten
2	Taytum Lynch	Lily Mercier	Addison Mercier	Out of county	Out of county
3	Bella Colwell	Annabelle Fournier	Out of county	Kayden Shivar	Kayden Shivar

Bow Hunter	Age 9-10	Age 11-12	Age 13-14	Age 15-19	Overall
1	Xayvior Connelly	Out of county	Out of county	Out of county	Out of county
2	Braxtyn Hayes	Isabelle Brito	Owen Rouse	Erin Robertson	Out of county
3	Out of county	EvaLynn Russell	Tristen Beddes	Hazel Russell	Erin Robertson

Unlimited	Age 11-12	Age 13-14	Age 17-19	Overall
1	Out of county	Brayden Hoban	Charlotte White	Charlotte White
2	Colt Clark	Out of county	Ethan Leeson	Brayden Hoban
3	n/a	Out of county	Out of county	Out of county

Limited	Age 9-10	Age 11-12	Overall
1	Kaden Sluggett	Out of county	Out of county
2	n/a	Colt Clark	Kaden Sluggett
3	n/a	Myleigh Penman	Colt Clark

MARCH SMALL ANIMAL, LIVESTOCK & SALE COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Wednesday, March 26, the Small Animal Committee meets at 6:00 pm, Sale Committee will meet at 6:30 pm. and the Livestock Committee will meet immediately after Sale Committee. All meet in the 4-H Building. Everyone is welcome.

HORSE WORKSHOP

Educational Horse Workshop – Horse Breeds & Color Genetics Thursday, March 13, 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm in the 4-H Building at Metra Park. Open to ALL 4-H youth interested in learning more about horses! Contact Bonnie DeVerniero with any questions, 406-694-5234. (HPW/8/24/16)

SHEEP AND GOAT WORKSHOP

The sheep and goat workshop will be held Saturday March 15, 10:00 am in the 4-H Building. We will be making canvas blankets for sheep and all goat related projects. Sewing project members are welcomed to join us for the workshop.

Material list needed for the workshop:

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| 1 yard (folded) of outdoor canvas | 1 yard of 1 in elastic band |
| 4 inch strip of 2 inch Velcro (both sides) | 1 small spool of thread |
| sharp scissors | sewing machine if you have one, and an iron |

Joann Fabrics has a 4-H discount. If you have and questions, please call or text Heather Arkell (406) 208-4463.

CAT WORKSHOP

Meet Saturday March 15, 12:00 - 12:45 pm at the 4-H Building. This meeting we will be all about grooming and showmanship. Please bring the cat you intend to use for showmanship and any (non-electrical) grooming tools you use at home. Seniors and Juniors that have shown cats before, please be prepared to demonstrate Showmanship for new and beginning members, as time allows.

POCKET PET WORKSHOP

Meet Saturday March 15, 1:00 - 1:45 pm at the 4-H Building. This meeting will be about showmanship. Check your profile in ZSuite for the questions asked at the December meet and greet and bring your answers with you. Juniors and Seniors that have shown Pocket Pets at fair before, please have a presentation (Sr's up to 5 minutes, Jr's up to 3 minutes) prepared for this meeting. Questions? Call Angie Murdick at 406-208-3324.

DOG RALLY PRACTICE

Meet Saturday March 15, at the 4-H Building. Novice: 2:30 - 3:15 pm. Intermediate + 3:30 - 4:15 pm. This session is for all dog project members and dogs that have been assessed for participation. Questions? Call Angie Murdick at 406-208-3324.

HORSE AND COLT MEETING

The March Horse and Colt meeting will be held on March 19, at 6:00 pm in the 4-H Building. Everyone is welcome.

POULTRY WORKSHOP

The March meeting will be Thursday, March 20, at 5:30 pm in Cedar Hall at MetraPark. We will be going over showmanship. If you can, please bring one bird with you. Bring any questions on poultry. Questions? Call Cathy Muessig at 406-855-8346.

CAT SHOW TO BE HELD APRIL 12 – REGISTER IN ZSUITE

The 2025 Cat show will be held in the 4-H Building on Saturday, April 12, from 9:00 am-4:00 pm. Check in at 8:30 am. Registration will open March 17, in ZSuite under the “Events” section in your household account. Current rabies and distemper vaccinations must be uploaded in ZSuite or sent/delivered to the Extension Office by April 4 (NOT postmarked by). Claws must be tipped or clipped before cats may show. If you need assistance with clipping or have questions, call Angie Murdick at 406-208-3324.

AREA LIVESTOCK SALES AND SHOWS

Please remember that many local 4-H members raise livestock to sell.

Botts Show Pigs. March 15. Preview 9:30am; Sale 11 am. 587 Squaw Creek Rd, Huntley. Call Beau at 541-263-0988.

Montana Prime Pick Show Lamb sale. April 2, 2025, online at [Willoughby Sales](https://www.willoughbyshowstock.com/sales) at

<https://www.willoughbyshowstock.com/sales>. For more information or to schedule a barn visit contact Trish Hays at 406-671-7493. You may also visit the [Hays Show Lambs website](https://haysshowlambs.com/) at <https://haysshowlambs.com/>.

Drange Meat Goats sale. April 12. For more information visit their Facebook page: Drange's Meat Goats.

Pigs by private treaty. Contact Mike Baker at 406-860-7718 or Steve Witt at 406-696-5665, to come look at the pigs.

Rockin the Project Small Animal Jackpot: April 26 in the 4-H Building at MetraPark.

4-H/FFA Livestock Bootcamp: May 10 & 11 in Red Lodge. For information and the registration, visit the [Stillwater County 4-H Facebook Page](https://www.facebook.com/Stillwater4H) at <https://www.facebook.com/Stillwater4H>

2024-2025 ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE POLICY & WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

All 4-H and FFA members exhibiting any animal in Department A (Junior Livestock) at MontanaFair are required to attend an MSU Extension **ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING (AQA)** (per state guidelines) provided by the 4-H Committee or an FFA Advisor/Agriculture Educator prior to the first MontanaFair entry deadline or exhibitors do not show. Yellowstone County has 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. If you and your parent are not in attendance for the complete training, you may be asked to attend another session. Plan on attending a session early in the year so conflicts do not occur in your family schedule. **NO workshops will be held after the June 3 class. It is the final opportunity for 2025.**

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

Wednesday, March 5: 6:30 pm Virtual training

Saturday, April 19: 10:30 am at the 4-H Building – Sheep & Goat focus

Saturday, May 3: 9:00-10:30 am at PAYS (Public Auction Yards) – Large animals focus

Tuesday, June 3: 6:30 pm Virtual training

MSU EXTENSION 4-H HORSE HELMET POLICY & WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Participants in the 4-H Horse Project are required to attend a Horse Helmet Workshop once as a beginner/junior 4-H member (8-13) and again as a senior 4-H member (14 and up). This age is based on the exhibitors "4-H Age" – the age as of October 1 of the current 4-H year. Exhibitors must attend a Horse Helmet Workshop the first year they reach every age bracket or the first year they are exhibiting in an animal project. A parent or legal guardian must also attend the Horse Helmet Workshop.

After attending a 4-H Helmet Workshop, riders may choose whether they will wear a certified helmet. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of the 4-H member to see that the headgear worn complies with such standards and is in good condition. The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development encourages the use of ASTM certified/SEI approved safety helmets in all equine events. Protective headgear may be used in all classes and shall not be discriminated against. Helmet use is encouraged in all 4-H horse activities any time a 4-H member is around a horse. A certified equestrian helmet with safety harness fastened in place is required in over fence classes and gymkhana events, activities, and practice sessions. Gymkhana refers to horseback speed events (timed or un-timed) that do not use livestock. Events that usually fall in this category include, but are not limited to: barrel racing, pole bending, keyhole races, stake races, rescue races, pony express race, etc. Events that are not intended to be included in this policy are events such as calf roping, team roping, goat tying, and team penning that may be timed but use livestock. **NO workshops will be held after the May 3 class. It is the final opportunity for 2025.**

Wednesday, April 16: 7:00-8:00 pm at the 4-H Building

Saturday, May 3: 11:00 am-12:00 pm at PAYS (Public Auction Yards)

SHEEP STARTER FLOCK AVAILABLE. APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 1

The U.S. Targhee Sheep Association is again offering a three free registered Targhee Starter Flock to be awarded to a deserving youth at the 2024 USTSA National Show and Sale, held July 18-20, 2023, in Redfield, SD. The winner must be present to receive the flock and will be awarded one (1) ewe lamb, one (1) yearling ewe, and one (1) brood ewe donated by members of the USTSA. Each animal will be a USTSA registered animal, and at least QR in Scrapie Codon 171 genotype. The winner will also receive a \$150 credit for use toward purchase of additional animals at the 2023 national sale.

Applications, due April 1, are now available to at [US Targhee Sheep Association](https://www.ustargheesheep.org/) at <https://www.ustargheesheep.org/> Aside from receiving the flock of sheep, the winning youth, will be paired with a Targhee breeder living near them who

will act as a mentor. Questions can be directed to Mardy Dallas-Rutledge at the USTA office at 702-292-5715 or emailed to ustargheesheep@gmail.com.

MARCH 2025 4-H CALENDAR



4-H Building

Yellowstone Mavericks: February 22-March 7

Laurel Roadrunners: March 8-21

Cleaning Schedule

Cool Clovers & Big Sky Thunderbolts: March 22-April 4

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Design Your Own & Independent Study plans due in Extension.
2 →	3	4 Dog Obedience 4-H Building	5 6:30 Animal Quality Assurance WebEx	6	7 March 7-9 4-H State Shoot, Bozeman ←	9
9	10	11 Dog Obedience 4-H Building	12	13 6:00 Horse Workshop 4-H Building	14	15 Fruit Sale Delivery Expo at MetraPark 10:00 Sheep & Goat Workshop 4-H Building 12:00 Cat Workshop 1:00 Pocket Pet Workshop 2:30/4:15 Dog Rally 4-H Building
16 3 pm Leadership Academy Workshop	17	18 Dog Obedience 4-H Building 6:30 Animal	19 5:30 - 6:30 2 nd Fruit pick up at Lockwood IGA back door 1960 Old Hardin Road 6pm Horse & Colt meeting 4-H Building	20 5:30 Poultry Workshop 6:30 Rabbit Workshop Cedar Hall 6:00 Shooting Sports Leader Meeting 6:00 Horse Workshop 4-H Building	21 4-H Newsletter Articles Due	22
23 30	24 6:00 Interstate Exchange 4-H Building	25 Dog Obedience 4-H Building	26 6pm Small Animal Comm. 6:30 Sale Comm. followed by Livestock Comm. 4-H Building	27	28	29