

## 4-H NEWSLETTER-MAY 2022

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### 4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

Thank you to everyone for selling 3,478 boxes of fruit this year!

Now is a great time to start working on your 4-H record books! Go to the [Yellowstone County 4-H website](#) to find links to fillable forms. We can also mail them to you if you request them. Each 4-H member should fill out My 4-H Record and one animal/non-animal record for each enrolled project even if you do not participate in MontanaFair. You can try a mobile-friendly website that mirrors the Montana 4-H record sheets using ZSuite technology on the [State 4-H website](#) or at [http://montana4h.org/projects/support/record\\_books/zsuite.html](http://montana4h.org/projects/support/record_books/zsuite.html)

Roni Baker

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

ALL members and volunteers enrolled in 4-H have access to their records through ZSuite and will be solely responsible for adding, dropping, and verifying the accuracy of their projects include the level of the project. Members may make changes to their PROJECTS up until April 30, 2022, after which time the online program will be locked and NO changes can be made to projects. **No exceptions!**

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

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

If you have questions, please ask your club organizational leader, or call the Extension office for assistance at 406-256-2828.

### REMINDER EMAIL ADDRESSES FOR EXTENSION 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 send emails to **BOTH Brandy and Leslie**. This way one or the other can reply in a timely matter. The following are the email address.

Roni: [rbaker@yellowstonecountymt.gov](mailto:rbaker@yellowstonecountymt.gov)  
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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 were sending the email, call us to confirm. Sometimes we need to email you first before our security program will let your emails into our system.

Don't forget to check out the [Yellowstone County 4-H website](http://yellowstone.msuextension.org/4h/index.html) at <http://yellowstone.msuextension.org/4h/index.html> or the [State 4-H website](http://www.montana4h.org/) at <http://www.montana4h.org/> For program, event information and forms.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE RED CARPET PREMIERE

All members 12 and up mark your calendars for Saturday, June 4. Your Yellowstone County 4-H Ambassadors would like you to join us for our Red Carpet Premiere - a formal/semi-formal event that will include dinner and dancing for our 4-H members and guests. Anyone within the age of 12-18 can attend this event whether a member of Yellowstone County 4-H or not. We also invite other 4-H members from surrounding counties to join us for this fun event. The cost to attend this event is going to be \$10 OR \$5 with a donation to care baskets being put together of toiletries and other items such as socks, diapers, snack items, small gift cards, etc. Watch your email and ambassador Facebook page this week for more details and official invites. Can't wait to see you all there and ready to walk the Red Carpet!

## COMMUNITY SERVICE/SERVICE LEARNING

It is springtime and it makes everyone want to get outside and enjoy the weather. Now is the perfect time to get active and do some community service. There is not a set day to go clean up at Metra this year, but I would encourage your club or you individually to head down there (or somewhere else) and do some garbage, trees, etc. pick up. We have a great partnership with Metra.

## GRADUATION WELL WISHES

Our congratulations and well wishes to all 4-H members who are graduating from high school this year. We wish you the best! Those graduating are:

<b>Graduate</b>	<b>4-H Club</b>
Hannah Adams	Hesper Hustlers
Haylee Adams	Hesper Hustlers
Hayden Anderson	Project Rockin Wranglers
Mary Baeten	Laurel Roadrunners
McKenzie Bender	Project Longhorns
Colby Cantu	Northern Lights
Alishia Coles	Project Rockin Wranglers
Stoni Gardner	Kountry Kritters
Colt Hando	Pine Ridge Red Ryder
Cassidy Hein	Laurel Roadrunners
Brighton Lane	Whips and Sticks
Haleigh Leiser	Huntley Eagles
Jack Lentz	Lockwood Humble B's
Raegan Nansel	Hesper Hustlers
Cearra Oblander	Worden Riverdale
Phillip Prewett	Project Longhorns
Shelbee Puderbaugh	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Sarah Robertson	Yellowstone Mavericks
Samuel Rollins	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
Langdon Smith	Shepherd Pioneers
Danessa Stevens	Yellowstone Mavericks
Bailey Stott	Shepherd Pioneers
Josiah Tatsakron	Ruff Riders
Kory'ien Boomer Taylen	Project Rockin Wranglers
Jocelyn Vincent	Kountry Kritters
Jordyn Whitmus	Huntley Eagles

## 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a 4-H Council Meeting Thursday, May 5, at 6:30 p.m. at the 4-H Building. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.

## MONTANA 4-H CONGRESS

4-H Congress will be held July 11-13, 2022, in Bozeman on the MSU Campus. Members aged 13 and older as of October 1, 2021, may apply. Certified 4-H Volunteer chaperones at least 21 years of age are needed for this trip.

Montana 4-H Congress provides youth from across the state an opportunity to come together on the Montana State University campus in Bozeman for four days and participate in an event like no other. Congress offers both youth and adults a venue in which to learn, be challenged, and most of all, have a great time with their peers. Montana 4-Hers have been attending an event like Congress for decades. Congress has become an important tradition and is the signature event for the Montana 4-H Program. 4-H Congress offers: contests, workshops, entertainment, social events, and much more.

4-H members interested can attend as a delegate (a member of age wanting to attend) or by competing in Career Communications, Demonstration or Illustrated Talk, Fashion Review, Gavel Games (Parliamentary Procedure), Horse Judging, Horse Hippology (Skillathon), Livestock Judging, Public Speaking, Quilt Contest, Stir-ups, or Video. Descriptions of each contest can be found on the [State 4-H website Congress page](http://www.montana4h.org/programs/events/mt_4h_statecontests/index.html) at [http://www.montana4h.org/programs/events/mt\\_4h\\_statecontests/index.html](http://www.montana4h.org/programs/events/mt_4h_statecontests/index.html). Contact Roni Baker by May 13.

## FINDING YOUR INITIALS IN THE NEWSLETTER

Look for your initials (first and last) and birthdate in the newsletter. A sample looks like this: (ac/05/12/98). If you find your initials, call the Extension Office at 256-2828 and 4-H Council will mail you a \$10 check.

## 4-H ADULT AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE JUNE 1

The Montana 4-H Foundation and 4-H Center have consolidated the award nomination for adults into one form. The awards categories are:

**Tribute to Volunteer Excellence Awards:** The 4-H Center will recognize individuals from each 4-H District in two award categories. The Outstanding Lifetime Volunteer recognizes individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for 10 years or more. The Volunteer of the Year recognizes individuals who have served as 4-H volunteers for less than 10 years.

**Hall of Fame Award:** The 4-H Foundation honors individuals such as community leaders, alumni, former or current directors or former or current staff for their outstanding lifetime efforts to generate opportunities for 4-H youth by giving, volunteering or community support of 4-H.

**Outstanding 4-H Alumni Award:** The 4-H Foundation recognizes 4-H alumni who have made a significant impact on 4-H by promoting, supporting, and enhancing the benefits of youth and adult involvement in the program or a specific 4-H project area.

For details regarding qualifications, requirements and forms visit the [State 4-H website](http://www.montana4h.org/programs/awards/adult-awards.html) at <http://www.montana4h.org/programs/awards/adult-awards.html> **Nominations are due June 1.**

## CAMP FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN FIXING PROBLEMS USING MATH

**Montana 4-H has teamed up with the National Science Foundation** and the mathematics departments of both Montana State University and the University of Montana to offer an exceptional summer camp opportunity for 4-H youth. **Montana Models** is a program that shows young people how to fix problems through math. This could include traffic congestion, wildlife numbers, pedestrian safety, agricultural applications, weather patterns, and many other everyday issues. Montana Models summer camp is for youth entering 7-10 grade in the fall of 2022. The camp is funded by the National Science Foundation so there is no fee for youth and adult mentors receive a stipend. Contact Mary Alice Carlson at [mary.carlson5@montana.edu](mailto:mary.carlson5@montana.edu) for more information.

## MONTANAFAIR EXHIBITOR HANDBOOKS ONLINE

The 2022 MontanaFair Exhibitor handbooks for Department A and N will be available in May at the [MontanaFair website](https://www.montanafair.com/) at [www.montanafair.com/](https://www.montanafair.com/) You can begin writing down your entries on the MontanaFair entry worksheet that can be printed off the Yellowstone County 4-H website under the MontanaFair section. This will help you be prepared when entry opens on the MontanaFair website.

## MONTANAFAIR CAMPER SPACE CONTRACT & PAYMENT DUE JULY 15

We will be mailing camper space invoices in June. **Those wanting a spot must have reserved, paid, and returned all paperwork to the Extension Office by July 15, 2022.**

Make checks payable to METRA and mail with a signed contract to the Yellowstone County Extension Office, PO Box 35021, Billings, MT 59107. No refunds after August 1, 2022, per MetraPark policy.

## CLOVERBUD CAMP MEETING

Cloverbud Camp 2022 will be held on Tuesday June 21 at the 4-H Building. The camp theme will be "Carnival." If you are interested in helping, please email Roni ([rbaker@yellowstonecountymt.gov](mailto:rbaker@yellowstonecountymt.gov)) or Melody ([mharris@yellowstonecountymt.gov](mailto:mharris@yellowstonecountymt.gov)).

## SUPPORT 4-H BY CHOOSING THE 4-H LICENSE PLATE

The 4-H license plate is still available. Be sure to ask for the application at the Motor Vehicle Department when you renew/purchase your next license.

## EXTRA PRODUCE? MAKE SOME MONEY AT THE FARMER'S MARKET

The Healthy by Design Farmer's Market is held Thursdays beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June through the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October from 4:30 to 6:30 pm in South Park. The goal of the Gardeners' Market is to provide an outlet for consumers to purchase fresh, healthy, local, and affordable fruits and vegetables. This could be a good opportunity for a 4-H'er and/or their family to make some extra money selling their produce when they have time throughout the summer.

There is no cost to set up at the Gardeners' Market - vendors must complete a market training prior to selling at the market. It is not necessary for vendors to sell at the market every week. If you want to sell your products, inform the Market Manager of your intent to sell at least two days in advance. For more information visit the [Healthy by Design gardeners market website](https://www.healthybydesignyellowstone.org/gardeners-market/) at <https://www.healthybydesignyellowstone.org/gardeners-market/>

## MONTANA CONSERVATION CORPS YOUTH EXPEDITION PROGRAM

What is an Expedition? Montana teenagers ages 12-17 volunteer to serve for two weeks or one month with Montana Conservation Corps (MCC). Teens will spend the entirety of the four weeks working, living, learning, and recreating in the outdoors with MCC Crew Leaders completing outdoor work that benefits public lands. There is no cost to participate. In fact, teens who complete the program earn a \$200 award for their service. No outdoor experience is necessary, but there is limited availability. Apply today!

Each year, MCC engages nearly 150 teenagers to serve their communities as a means of building confidence and job skills. By bringing participants into a hands-on work environment, each teen is afforded the opportunity to develop leadership skills, an ethic of service, and work experience.

For more information, or to download an application visit the [Montana Conservation Corps website](https://www.mtcorps.org/joinmcc/) at <https://www.mtcorps.org/joinmcc/>

## MONTANA RANGE DAYS

The annual Montana Range Days will be held at the Marias Fairgrounds in Shelby, MT, June 20-22, 2022.

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 May 17 is \$50 per person This includes 5 meals (3 meals Wednesday and 2 meals Tuesday), books and materials, shoulder bag, transportation, and camping. \$100 for a family of four (\$25 per extra person). The Yellowstone Conservation District does offer scholarships! For more information, please contact LaVerne Ivie at 406-247-4420 or visit the [Montana Range Days website](https://www.montanarangedays.org/) at <https://www.montanarangedays.org/>

## 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
R & R Hardware and Feed	113 North Ave., Huntley, MT 59037
Pacific Recycling	3385 Coulson Rd, Billings, MT 59101
Schatz Trucking	1222 Chipper Ln., Huntley, MT 59037
Rocky Mountain Compost	3060 Farley Ln., Billings, MT 59101
J & L Livestock	4935 Powmer Rd., Billings, MT 59105
Kayleen Schultz Photography	5027 McGirl Rd., Billings, MT 59105
Ross Company Trucking	4990 Metzger Rd., Laurel, MT 59044
LR Bell Inc.	7223 Folsom Rd., Billings, MT 59106

## DEPARTMENT N MEETING

There will be a Department N Meeting Thursday, May 5, at 6:00 p.m. at the 4-H Building. Everyone is invited to attend this meeting.

## DID YOU HEAR THE BUZZ . . . MONTANA 4-H IS DOING A VIRTUAL BEE PROJECT!

- 4-H'ers interested in participating must be enrolled in the Entomology or Self Determined project in ZSuite by April 30.
- Instructors will roughly be following the beekeeping curriculum from [Purdue University](https://www.uidaho.edu/-/media/UIDaho-Responsive/Files/Extension/4-H/projects/beekeeping-purdue-571-level1-pdf.pdf) at <https://www.uidaho.edu/-/media/UIDaho-Responsive/Files/Extension/4-H/projects/beekeeping-purdue-571-level1-pdf.pdf>
- The project will kick off with an optional in person event in Butte on May 21.
- WebEx workshops will be held June 2, 9, 16, 23, & 30 at 7:00 pm. Each week we will learn about basic beekeeping as well as hear from special guests who are experts in the industry'
- Participants will be encouraged to develop a display and present their new knowledge as an entry at MontanaFair.

Email Emma Tracey ([emma.jobson@montana.edu](mailto:emma.jobson@montana.edu)) or Kellie Kahtani ([kellie.kahtani@montana.edu](mailto:kellie.kahtani@montana.edu)) for more information and how to get involved.

## MAY CERAMICS WORKSHOP

There will be a ceramics workshop on Saturday May 7 at Sheri Anttila's home. We will be pouring for those interested starting at 9 am, and then paint existing projects. If you are only painting, come from 10 to 1 or 1 to 4. Bring a snack or lunch if you will be staying while the molds set up. Please call Sheri 406-633-5531 to let her know what you would like to do.

## HORSE & COLT MEETING

The Horse & Colt meeting will be May 18 at 6:00 pm. At this meeting we will be discussing job descriptions for MontanaFair duties. Duties will be assigned at the June Horse & Colt meeting. We encourage anyone involved in Horse & Colt projects to attend our monthly meetings.

## 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.)

Questions? Please reference the 2022 Horse & Colt Policy on the county website.

## HORSE FINAL ASSESSMENTS FOR MONTANAFAIR

4-H members will be assessed at the club level by a horse leader or teen horse leader. The assessment sheets are not to be turned into the county office but 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.

## SADDLE UP FOR 4-H HOURS ON HORSEBACK PROGRAM

It's time to Saddle-up and start logging your riding hours! Leaders may register all club members participating or individuals may register themselves. You may list multiple horses on one log to count towards total hours. However, let us know the names of all horses so we can recognize you and them!

Keep track of the hours you ride your project horse from May 1 to September 30, 2022. Hours to log are strictly hours in the saddle. Please be aware when you are at horse shows you are not on your horse the ENTIRE time. Keep track of the time spent actually riding. Showmanship and lunging do not count. Bareback can be counted. **Small Equine-Self Determined Mini Horses and Colt to Maturity Projects in the yearling and 2 year old may count groundwork time while training and showing.** Please indicate if your horse is one of these projects on the registration!

Participation can also be added into your record book next to your "What I did & What I learned" sections. Awards are presented at Family Fun Night in November. Registration forms which can be completed by an individual or horse leader are posted on the [Yellowstone County 4-H website](http://yellowstone.msuextension.org/4h/departmenta.html) at <http://yellowstone.msuextension.org/4h/departmenta.html> Registration deadline is April 30.

## 4-H STATE HORSE SHOW CONTESTS

The State Horse Show Committee is so excited to be announcing the "horseless" Horse Competitions for the 2022 Montana 4-H State Horse Show!

Some of these competitions are part of a long-standing tradition - T-Shirt design contest (Entry deadline is July 15). Some of these competitions are part of newer traditions - Essay contest which had awesome participation last year (Entry deadline is August 15)

Some of these competitions are brand new! We'll be hosting our first Horse Photography contest this year! (Entry deadline is August 15)

We're also excited to announce the introduction of the 2022 Horse Ambassador Team. Horse Project participants who are 14 or older and Riding level 3 or above are invited to apply to be a part of this team. Horse Ambassadors will help throughout the season with educational workshops and events for the State Show. We're really excited to begin building this program and cannot wait to welcome the inaugural team! (Application deadline is June 1)

Contest flyers and information were emailed directly to all Horse/Horseless project members and leaders on April 21.

Questions can be directed to Emma Jobson, State 4-H Agriculture and Natural Resources Specialist at 406-994-3502 or [emma.jobson@montana.edu](mailto:emma.jobson@montana.edu)

## AVIAN FLU

There is a Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) spreading across the country. Twenty million birds in 24 different states have already been impacted. There have been infections in Montana, North Dakota, and Wyoming. We will keep you posted as we continue to communicate with experts at MSU as well as the State Veterinarian. There is a chance that we will not be able to host 4-H Poultry shows this summer.

The [University of Minnesota](https://extension.umn.edu/poultry-health/avian-influenza-basics-noncommercial-poultry-flock-owners) has some excellent resources and ideas to keep flocks safe at <https://extension.umn.edu/poultry-health/avian-influenza-basics-noncommercial-poultry-flock-owners>

## SWINE, SHEEP & MARKET GOATS EAR TAGGING FOR 2022 MONTANAFAIR

Any 4-H or FFA member wishing to enter a market swine, sheep, or goat in the 2022 MontanaFair must be enrolled in the project level and the species market animal by **April 30** and ear tag their animals on **Saturday, May 7**. **The tagging site will be the Public Auction Yards (PAYS) in Billings from 8:00 - 11:00 am.** (NJ/2/1/09)

## 2021-2022 ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE POLICY & WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

All 4-H and FFA members exhibiting any animal in Department A (Junior Livestock) at MontanaFair are required to attend an MSU Extension **ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING (AQA)** (per state guidelines) provided by the 4-H Committee or an FFA Advisor/Agriculture Educator prior to the first MontanaFair entry deadline or exhibitors do not show. Yellowstone County has added to those guidelines whereas there will be three 4-H age brackets for AQA training. Exhibitors must attend AQA as Beginners (4-H age 8-10), again as a junior (4-H age 11-13), and finally as a senior member (4-H age 14-19). This age is based on the exhibitors "4-H Age" – the age as of Oct. 1 of the current 4-H year. Exhibitors must take Animal Quality Assurance the first year they reach every age bracket or the first year they are exhibiting in an animal project. All classes will include the same teaching materials and use the same forms and paperwork. Class content determined by a committee and updated every two years. A parent or legal guardian must also attend the AQA. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

At in-person workshops there will be hands on, group activities. Please plan on arriving on time and staying for the complete 1½ hours. If you are not in attendance for the complete training, you may be asked to attend another session. Plan on attending a session early in the year so conflicts do not occur in your family schedule. **More workshops will NOT be added after the June 16 class. It is the final opportunity for 2022.**

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

**Saturday, May 7: 9:00-10:30 am at PAYS (Public Auction Yards - 1802 Minnesota Avenue)**

**Thursday, June 16: 6:30-8:00 pm at the 4-H Building**

## MSU EXTENSION 4-H HORSE HELMET POLICY & WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

**Participants in the 4-H Horse Project are required to attend a Horse Helmet Workshop once as a beginner/junior 4-H member (8-13) and again as a senior 4-H member (14 and up).** This age is based on the exhibitors "4-H Age" – the age as of Oct. 1 of the current 4-H year. Exhibitors must attend a Horse Helmet Workshop the first year they reach every age bracket or the first year they are exhibiting in an animal project. A parent or legal guardian must also attend the Horse Helmet Workshop. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

After attending a 4-H Helmet Workshop, riders may choose whether they will wear a certified helmet. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of the 4-H member to see that the headgear worn complies with such standards and is in good condition. The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development encourages the use of ASTM certified/SEI

approved safety helmets in all equine events. Protective headgear may be used in all classes and shall not be discriminated against. Helmet use is encouraged in all 4-H horse activities any time a 4-H member is around a horse. A certified equestrian helmet with safety harness fastened in place is required in over fence classes and gymkhana events, activities, and practice sessions. Gymkhana refers to horseback speed events (timed or un-timed) that do not use livestock. Events that usually fall in this category include, but are not limited to: barrel racing, pole bending, keyhole races, stake races, rescue races, pony express race, etc. Events that are not intended to be included in this policy are events such as calf roping, team roping, goat tying, and team penning that may be timed but use livestock. **More workshops will NOT be added after the May 7 class. It is the final opportunity for 2022.**

**Saturday, May 7: 11:00 am-12:00 pm at PAYS (Public Auction Yards - 1802 Minnesota Avenue)**

## PREPARING YOUR CATTLE FOR THE SHOW RING

The American Angus Association recently produced a two-part video for its junior members to answer some of the questions about how to best prepare cattle for the show ring. You can watch these videos by going to the links provided below:

[National Junior Angus Association Fitting and Showing Part 1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCyJ0mKCiUU) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SCyJ0mKCiUU>

[National Junior Angus Association Fitting and Showing Part 2](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5f51j5CWUn4) at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5f51j5CWUn4>

## JACKPOT SHOWS

Information and registration forms that we receive will be emailed directly to members as soon as they become available. Watch our Yellowstone County 4-H Facebook page for show information.

## NILE MERIT HEIFER PROGRAM

This year the NILE will select recipients for the Merit Heifer Program and match them up with donors from across the region. Applications are being accepted and can be printed off the [NILE website](https://www.thenile.org/p/events/livestock/meritheifer) at <https://www.thenile.org/p/events/livestock/meritheifer>

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, 2022, by 4:00 p.m. who are a 4-H or FFA member, may apply. 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.

## CLUB CORNER

The following club secretaries turned in club minutes this month:

**Blue Creek Jumping Bucks:** Members gave club demonstrations and project reports.

**City Kids:** Club members will do a service project for the Great American Clean Up and help build a pollinator garden at Amend Park and Community Garden.

**City Slickers:** Members were told about 4-H Congress and project leaders gave reports.

**Cool Clovers:** Members held a business meeting.

**Huntley Trailblazers:** Members planned for their Egg My Yard fundraiser and planned for a club outing. Many 4-H event reminders were shared.

**Lockwood Humble Bs:** Members were reminded of project Add/Drop deadline of April 30. Several members gave demonstrations.

**Pine Ridge Red Ryder:** Club provided a basket of fruit to the Worden Volunteer Fire Department which is where they hold the club meetings. 4-H event deadlines were discussed.

**Project Rockin Wranglers:** Members were reminded of event deadlines and the deadline for adds/drops.

**Shepherd Pioneers:** Cloverbud members toured the Pictograph Caves, and two members gave a report on attending Rec Lab.



## WE NEED YOUR FEEDBACK!

Montana State University (MSU) Extension is gathering feedback from community members to inform and improve programs for Montanans. Please take this [short online survey](http://ow.ly/ocmF50HuY7o) at <http://ow.ly/ocmF50HuY7o> and tell us what you think. At the end of the survey, enter for a chance to win a \$50 Visa gift card.

Thank you in advance for your time. We want to hear from everyone and encourage you to **share this link** with any and all Montanans. If you have questions or concerns, please contact Roni Baker at 406-256-2828.

**Tell us**  
**How can MSU Extension**  
**serve your community?**

<http://ow.ly/ocmF50HuY7o>



## MONTANAFair STICKER CONTEST

In 2020 and 2021 we had a 4-H Fair Sticker for each person that entered the MontanaFair. We want to have one for the 2022 MontanaFair also. The theme for the overall MontanaFair is “The last best place of summer”. There is not a specific theme for 4-H /FFA. As you can see on our past stickers, we had focused on the COVID-19 Fair and the following year (2.1). Use your imagination to design a sticker for this year. Your sticker design needs to be 3”x3”. Designs can be submitted to [ronibaker@montana.edu](mailto:ronibaker@montana.edu) by July 1.



## SUMMER EXTENSION INTERN ANNIE BRADLEY

Hey, y'all! My name is Annie Bradley. I am currently an Agricultural Education major at Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College in Tifton, Georgia. I became interested in the Agricultural Education path because of my passion for agriculture and youth development as well as my previous experience in organizations like the 4-H. Upon graduation, I plan on working in this field whether it be in a traditional classroom or through an organization. This summer, I will be joining y'all in "Big Sky Country" as I will be interning in the Yellowstone County 4-H Extension Office. I love anything outdoors whether it be riding horses, hiking, or even roasting smores. I am excited to see what this summer holds, and I cannot wait to meet y'all!

# MAY 2022 4-H CALENDAR



**Cleaning Schedule:** Hesper Hustlers: May 1-14      City Kids: May 15-28  
 Lockwood Humble Bs: May 29 - June 11

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 4-H State Award Applications Due	2	3	4	5 5:30 Post Communication Day Mtg 6:00 Dept N Mtg followed by 4-H Council <i>All at the 4-H Building</i>	6 4-H Camp Application Due	7 8:00 Swine, Sheep & Goat tagging 9:00 Animal Quality Assurance 11:00 Horse Helmet <i>All at PAYS</i>
8	9	10	11	12	13	14 8:00 Cat Show <i>4-H Building</i>
15	16	17	18 6:00 Horse & Colt meeting <i>4-H Building</i>	19	20 June Newsletter Articles Due	21
22	23 6:00 Exchange Meeting <i>4-H Building</i>	24	25 6pm Small Animal Comm. 6:30 Sale Comm. followed by Livestock Comm. <i>4-H Building</i>	26	27	28
29	30 <b>Memorial Day Office Closed</b>	31				