

## 4-H NEWSLETTER-NOVEMBER 2022

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### 4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

Thank you to the following folks that volunteered or brought animals to The NILE 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Agriculture Education Program. Deb Barta-Grice, Brenda Hermanson, Jodie Drange, Trish Hays, Lacey Lanaghan, Katie Stott, Tom Tyler, Kathy Peterson, Skylar Pitman, Cale Hockhalter, Jorden Trupka, and Carson Adkins.

Good Luck to all the new officers for this 4-H year.

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### CLUB YEAR-END FINANCIAL SUMMARY REPORTS DUE

Club Organizational Leaders received a copy of the annual Year-End Financial Summary Report. The report provides an open, public record of each club's finances and fulfills state and federal audit requirements. Reports are due October 31. Clubs will not be able to receive project books until the Reports are completed. With the IRS ruling governing 4-H funds it is imperative we have this report so your club can retain a checking account. Failure to meet the deadline may result in the loss of your club's charter and/or the closing of your club financial account(s).

### ENROLL ONLINE USING ZSUITE BY NOVEMBER 15

In order to keep mailing out newsletters and emails to the appropriate audience, we need club re-enrollments completed online by November 15. Reenrollment instructions should have been passed out to each family at the club's October meeting. Instructions can be found on the Yellowstone County 4-H website on the How to Join 4-H page.

This year all members and leaders will enroll themselves through the ZSuite program. Instructions for enrollment can be found on the [state 4-H website](http://www.montana4h.org/resources/4henrollment/index.html) at <http://www.montana4h.org/resources/4henrollment/index.html>. Should you have questions, please use the ZSuite Live Chat Support found in the lower righthand portion of the screen. Remember to pay your enrollment fees to your club!

### ARE YOU CHANGING CLUBS THIS YEAR? PAPERWORK IS REQUIRED.

Families changing clubs this year are REQUIRED TO COMPLETE the Changing 4-H Clubs Form that can be found and printed off the [County 4-H website](https://yellowstone.msueextension.org/4h/Enrollment.html) under "How to Enroll" at <https://yellowstone.msueextension.org/4h/Enrollment.html>. It is the family's responsibility to have the form completed, signed off by the Organizational Leader of the club you are departing and the Organizational Leader of the club you are joining. It is the FAMILY's RESPONSIBILITY to provide a copy of the completed form to the Extension Office.

Your family will not be in active status until the Extension Office has received the Changing 4-H Clubs Form.

### 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a 4-H Council meeting Thursday, November 3, 6:30 pm in the 4-H Building at Metra. All are invited to attend.

### CITIZENSHIP OPPORTUNITIES WITH DEADLINES

Each year 4-H members are offered exciting opportunities to participate in Citizenship trips designed to educate and inspire youth to learn and experience our State and country's governmental processes.

### **CITIZENSHIP HELENA** – January 15-17, 2023 (4-H'er's 13 and older by October 1, 2022)

Offers a close-up view of the State's political process. Participants will meet with senators and representatives to discuss issues, visit historical sites, and attend workshops focused on teaching life skills, policies, and possible solutions to domestic problems.

You will present your bill in committee and learn how a bill becomes a law. You will interact with 4-H members from across the State that may have different customs, interests, and values.

You will study many aspects of citizenship and how you as a responsible citizen can have an effect on your community, your State, and your nation.

Registrations will be sent out to all 13 and older.

**A Bill Writing Workshop** will be held at the 4-H Building at MetraPark on Thursday, November 10 at 5:30 pm.

Participants will learn how to write a bill on something they really care about changing.

Parents are welcome and encouraged to stay and listen.

To RSVP or if you cannot attend and would like help writing your bill call Melody Harris at 256-2824 by Friday, November 4. Please come even if you forget to RSVP!

## **LEADERSHIP ACADEMY: MONTHLY ONLINE SERIES**

Members 12+, 4-H Age

Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop on Sunday afternoons in 2022/2023. 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.

These workshops provide local county leadership groups an opportunity to join (virtually) with groups from around the state as well as the Montana 4-H Ambassador Officer team, to work on skill building, planning and mentorship.

Each month the officer team will be present a different workshop topic that they have found to be important as they have grown their own leadership abilities. This workshop should be paired with a local county leadership meeting to work on county projects that serve the local 4-H program and community.

County Leadership groups should plan to meet face to face whenever possible and engage in the virtual statewide workshop together. This time can be viewed as a leadership club meeting. County ambassadors can aid in planning and facilitating these local workshop meetings. The following agenda is currently being planned. All workshops are Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00. Zoom links for each workshop session will be emailed to county extension offices and can be shared locally.

- November 20, 2022
- December 11, 2022
- January 8, 2023
- February 5, 2023
- March 5, 2023

## **FAMILY FUN NIGHT NOVEMBER 19 AT THE MONTANA PAVILION**

Family Fun Night is a carnival type fund-raising event. Each 4-H member is asked to:

- Sell pre-event gate tickets (raffle ticket). Be sure to bring one as gate admission.
- Bring a cake or pie for the cake walk or food booth.
- Work at their club booth.
- Bring glassware for the dime toss. (CRC/07/11/15)

Just a reminder-your raffle ticket is your admission ticket. Everyone needs one to get into Family Fun Night. There will be announcements about Family Fun Night on the local radio and television stations. You will see and hear many 4-H leaders and parents.

**Important dates to remember are:**

**November 18** Booth Set Up 5:00-7:30 pm

**November 19** Family Fun Night 5:00-8:00 pm

9:00-10:30 pm Dance - Everyone (all ages) welcome

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT AT THE MONTANA PAVALION**

**4:00 pm** - County awards given in project areas

(4-H members interviewed for them in November)

Special Awards given:

10-year members

10, 15, 20- and 30-year leaders

Outstanding Member Awards

Outstanding Leader Awards

Alumni Awards

Friend of 4-H Award

Friendship Award

Club Secretary Awards

Saddle Up

Family Fun Night Club Booth Winners

**5:00 pm** - Family Fun Night begins.

**7:30 pm** - Door prize winners announced. Silent auction closes. Club booth awards.

**9:00 - 10:30 pm** - 4-H Dance - Everyone is invited.

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT SILENT AUCTION BASKET SALES**

Once again, this year the Interstate Exchange Group will have baskets for sale at Family Fun Night. The money raised by each person goes into their fund to pay for their annual trip. Clubs will not have the opportunity to sell baskets as a club fundraiser.

Every year there are some awesome baskets. Be sure to check them out and bid on them in the Silent Auction. Please be prepared to pay at Family Fun Night.

**DONATIONS NEEDED FOR FAMILY FUN NIGHT BINGO PRIZES**

The Bingo booth gives out nearly 100 Bingo prizes throughout the night. They are asking for donations of small prizes for the adult winners that range in price from \$5 to \$10 dollars. Some ideas include: gift cards, new movies, music, coffee mugs and coffee cards, men's items, candles, etc. You can also provide cash donations that will be used to purchase items.

Please coordinate getting items or cash donations to the Extension Office by Nov. 2. Questions? Call Kat Pfau at 406-670-1944.

**LOTS OF GLASSWARE NEEDED FOR FAMILY FUN NIGHT WASHER TOSS BOOTH**

Shepherd Tumbleweed will be doing the Washer Toss booth at Family Fun Night. Due to the booth's popularity each year, **LOTS** of glassware is needed-they are extremely low! Please contact Kasie at 406-998-8343 or Kathy Peck at 406-670-8756 (call or text) to coordinate delivery of glassware. Thank you for donating!

**FAMILY FUN NIGHT DANCE**

Come join the Yellowstone County 4-H Teen Leaders who will be hosting a dance as soon as cleanup is wrapped up after Family Fun Night, Saturday, November 19. The dance costs \$1.00 to attend and will run until 10:30 pm. This is a family event, and everyone is invited.

## ANIMAL SHELTER SUPPLY DRIVE AT FAMILY FUN NIGHT

The Yellowstone County Ambassadors will be collecting supplies to donate to local animal shelters this year at Family Fun Night.

Items to Bring:

Wet cat/dog food	Dry cat/dog food	Towels
Soft dog treats (easy to break apart)	Cat/dog beds	Litter boxes
Collars/leashes	Food/water dishes	Kitty litter
Dog/cat toys		

All donations are welcome and greatly appreciated. Donations can be turned in to the Ambassador booth at Family Fun Night.

## 4-H MISSION & ADHERANCE TO DEADLINES

The goal of the 4-H program is to provide youth development and mentoring to school age children. The program focuses on teaching youth life skills that they will continue to use into their careers and adult lives.

Some important parts of those skills are responsibility, punctuality, preparedness, and the consequences of not meeting deadlines.

For most 4-H events and activities there are deadlines that should be adhered to. Deadlines apply to leaders and members including enrollment forms, club information, add/drops, fair and registration deadlines for various events (camps, workshops, scholarships, showcase, etc. etc.) Besides meeting deadlines members and leaders should be prepared when attending meetings and events.

Due dates and deadlines are always printed on related forms. They are in newsletter articles and on the calendar.

Registration and entry forms can be found on our [county 4-H website](http://yellowstone.msuextension.org/4h/index.html) at

<http://yellowstone.msuextension.org/4h/index.html> or in the monthly 4-H newsletters. Completed forms can be sent to us in whichever way members, parents and leaders find most convenient including fax, scan & e-mail, postal delivery or bringing them in to the office. Our office hours are 8am-5pm Monday thru Friday and there is someone there over the lunch hour. Whichever method you choose, it is YOUR responsibility to confirm that we have received items.

We realize that we have some very young members who may not be able to keep track of this information on their own. Leaders and parents should prove as an example to these children by helping them to stick to deadlines and be prepared for events they are participating in and teaching them the importance of both.

## FREE CREATIVEBUG WITH JOANN FABRIC REWARDS

Through our partnership with JOANN Fabric and Crafts, 4-H'ers can expand their hearts, hands, and minds through new crafting projects on Creativebug.com. When you sign up for a JOANN 4-H Rewards Card, not only will you save 15% off every purchase and have a portion of the sale go back to support 4-H, but you also will get free access to Creativebug.com to keep your hands active and your mind engaged in creativity. Already have a rewards card? Just enter your rewards card number on the [Creativebug website](https://bit.ly/3CJp6eV) at <https://bit.ly/3CJp6eV> to sign up for free Creativebug access today.

## RECYCLE 4-H MATERIALS

As you begin the new 4-H year, please return any project manuals that have not been written in which you will not be using this year. We can use them for other 4-H members, which allows us to keep our enrollment fees to a minimum and helps our environment!

## 2023 GREYTAK CALENDARS

It's that time! The Montana ag calendars featuring Don Greytak will be available soon. Sale of this calendar generates funds for educational programs for Montana Youth in 4-H and for students studying agriculture at Montana Colleges and

Universities.

Your club may sell these calendars for \$15 each. Your club will earn \$5 for each calendar sold. For more information, contact the Extension Office at 256-2828.

## 2022-2023 4-H COUNCIL BUDGET

The 4-H Council budget for the upcoming 4-H year, which began October 1, will be voted on at the November 4-H Council meeting. Ask your Organizational Leader to see the budget if you are interested in what 4-H Council spends money on during the year. You can also contact Roni at the Extension Office for a copy.

## MSU 2023 FRESHMAN SCHOLARSHIPS

Montana State University-Bozeman will be awarding many scholarships to academically talented Montana resident freshmen who apply for admission for the fall semester 2023. To be eligible, you must complete the following as soon as possible:

**Apply for admission to Montana State University.** Applications are available on the [Montana State University Bozeman website](http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate-admissions/) at: <http://catalog.montana.edu/undergraduate-admissions/>

**Have your ACT and/or SAT test scores sent directly to MSU from the testing company.**

A variety of **additional scholarships** (with variable criteria) will be awarded by some academic colleges and departments to new freshmen entering in the fall of 2023. To be considered for these scholarships, you must apply for admission and submit the Freshman Departmental Scholarship application must be postmarked no later than February 1, 2023. This application can be found on [MSU Bozeman's Undergraduate Scholarships website](http://www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships/) at <http://www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships/>

## NATIONAL FAMILY VOLUNTEER DAY IDEAS

National Family Volunteer Day is Saturday, November 19. Points of Light a national organization whose believes "The key to unlocking the light within us is to ensure that people feel empowered to act on their unique desire to stand up and say, "I can help." Visit the [Points of Light website](https://www.pointsoflight.org/familyvolunteerday/) at <https://www.pointsoflight.org/familyvolunteerday/> to watch Do It Yourself (DIY) videos of volunteer projects you can do at home, and then deliver to support your favorite cause!

## 4-H LICENSE PLATES

The Montana 4-H License Plate is a great way to show your pride in 4-H and support the program on a state and county level. Cost of the plate is \$35, with \$15 going to the county treasurer, \$10 to the Montana 4-H Foundation and \$10 to the Yellowstone County 4-H Foundation.

## 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
Ranch House Meat Company	3203 Henesta Drive, Billings MT 59102
Western Ag Reporter	PO Box 30755, Billings MT 59103
Laurel Ford	500 SE 4 <sup>th</sup> Street, Laurel MT 59044
Billings Kubota	5548 Holiday Avenue, Billings MT 59101
Hanser's Automotive	430 S Billings Blvd, Billings MT 59101
Buggy Bath Carwash	29 S Crestwood, Billings MT 59102
Town and Country Supply	18 8 <sup>th</sup> Avenue, Laurel MT 59044
Scott's Mobile Welding	305 Sugar Avenue, Billings MT 59101

## DEPARTMENT N MEETING

The Department N meeting will be Thursday, November 3, at 6:00 pm at the 4-H Building.

## DEPARTMENT N (NON-ANIMAL) MEETINGS FOR PROPOSED 2023 MONTANAFAIR HANDBOOK CHANGES

**All meetings will be held at the 4-H Building. Watch for location changes in the 4-H newsletter.**

November 3, 2022: Department N Meeting at 6:00 pm

December 1, 2022:

Department N at 6:00 pm: Department N handbook changes voted on at this meeting

Council Meeting at 6:30 pm or immediately following the Department N meeting. All (Department A and N) handbook changes proposed from the committees will be voted on at this meeting

**All members, leaders and parents are encouraged to attend the meetings and provide input.**

## SHOOTING SPORTS MEMBERS SIGN UP NOW IN ZSUITE

4-H members should get signed up soon after ZSuite enrollment opens on October 1, in order to participate in the 2022-2023 4-H year shooting sports weekly workshops which start in November. Weekly archery, air pistol, and BB gun workshops teach progressive learning, so it is vital to start on time. If you are not enrolled and approved in the project in ZSuite, you cannot attend the workshops. No exceptions.

All 4-H Shooting sports curriculum is only to be used by a 4-H member enrolled in a County Shooting Sport programs lead by a 4-H certified Shooting Sports leader. No Shooting Sports projects that involve firearms, airguns, or archery equipment may be taken independently without a certified leader.

To enroll in 4-H shooting sports, youth must be 9 years old on October 1 of the 2022-2023 year. The only exception is the BB Safety course which is open to those turning 8 years old by October 1 of the 2022-2023 year, and the Western Heritage Project requirements.

## 2023 SHOWCASE INITIAL PLANNING MEETING

The first meeting for the spring 2023 Showcase and Public Review will be held during the December Department N meeting on December 1, at 6:00 pm. **Each club needs to have a Showcase representative attend the Dept. N meetings to plan for this big event.**

This would be a good time to encourage a teen leader to attend along with an adult leader. With each club helping, the event is a big success!

## NOVEMBER CERAMICS WORKSHOP

The county ceramics workshop will be Saturday, November 5. Workshop times are 10 am to 1 pm or 1 to 4 pm. Sheri has several items that are new to choose from. Project members will be cleaning greenware or painting and working on existing pieces. Please call Sheri Anttila at 406-633-5531 to reserve a space. Sheri plans on holding ceramics workshops the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month, so mark your calendars.

## DEPARTMENT A (ALL LIVESTOCK) MEETINGS FOR PROPOSED 2023 MONTANAFAIR HANDBOOK CHANGES

**All meetings will be held at the 4-H Building. Watch for location changes in the 4-H newsletter.**

November 2, 2022: LIVESTOCK HANDBOOK CHANGES WILL BE VOTED ON AT THESE MEETINGS:

Small Animal Committee at 6:00 pm

Sale Committee at 6:30 pm

Livestock Committee Meeting immediately following the sale committee meeting

December 1, 2022: Council Meeting at 6:30 pm

All (Department A and N) handbook changes proposed from the committees voted on at this meeting

The Livestock Leaders Committee will preside over the 4-H Livestock program as deemed necessary and will be comprised of the following people who will be eligible to vote at meetings (Exception: In order to vote on yearly rule and policy changes, you must have attended the discussion of the proposal at the post fair meeting and/or the September meeting.)

- A. **4-H members** enrolled in the Livestock Program
- B. **Junior Leaders** – a member enrolled in the 4-H Livestock Program who is 14 years of age or older and is a member in the Livestock Program.
- C. **Livestock Leaders** – Adult volunteers enrolled as leaders in a livestock project who work with members to gain knowledge. Leaders are encouraged to attend the monthly Livestock Leaders Committee meetings and should encourage their members to do the same. They should inform themselves and members of upcoming activities, decisions, and deadlines.

A quorum will consist of members eligible to vote and who were present at the discussion meetings. Discussion meetings are held 2-3 weeks after MontanaFair. Handbook changes are voted on at the November 2, Livestock Meetings. Council will vote on changes at the December meeting.

**All members, leaders and parents are encouraged to attend the meetings and provide input.**

## STEER AND LAMB OF MERIT WINNERS

The following exhibitors had a steer at the MontanaFair that qualified for the Steer of Merit Program in Montana. Ultrasound data was used to meet a set criteria to qualify.

### **MT Steer of Merit Standards**

Hot Carcass Weight: 700 - 1000 pounds

Dressing Percentage: Based on 55-68%

Back Fat: 0.20 - 0.60 inches

Ribeye Area: 11.5 to 17.5 square inches

Yield Grade: < or = to 3.99

Dark Cutter: no

Quality Grade: Choice or better

Cutability: > or = to 51%

### **MontanaFair Steer of Merit Winners:**

Kayli Cook	Charlotte Rome	Parker Cook
Dani Hess	Madison Flowers	Jake Cook
Sam Duey	Maycee Mosher	

The following exhibitors had a lamb at the MontanaFair that qualified for the Lamb of Merit Program in Montana. Ultrasound data was used to meet a set criteria to qualify.

### **MT Lamb of Merit Standards**

Live Weight: 110 - 165 pounds

Fat Thickness: 0.15 - 0.25 inches

Loineye: Not less than 2.5 inches<sup>2</sup>

Final Index: Lambs must meet criteria for all three standards. Lambs are then ranked by the highest Percent Boneless Retail Cuts (%BRC)

Deductions: If lambs are suspected of being double-musclcd, there will be a 10 point deduction.

### **MontanaFair Lamb of Merit Winners:**

Hadley Kautz	Danica Albrecht	Trent Gabel
Aidan Lentz	Jordyn Whitmus	Paul Bergin
Elyse Heaton	Casey Carter	Kiana Van Order
Kye Knaff	Rylee Fenton	Aidric Dice
Reagan Nydegger	Lukas Arkell	Klaire Walker
Aidan Lentz	Kerstin Luhman	Sophia Wagner
Kase Knaff	James Bergin	Tucker Adkins

## CLUB CORNER-SECRETARY MINUTES

Club secretaries who turned in club minutes this month:

**Big Sky Thunderbolts:** members planned Family Fun Night booth and Festival of Trees decorations.

**Blue Creek Jumping Bucks:** Members shared their favorite accomplishments from fair. A paper airplane contest was held for the club recreation activity.

**City Kids:** The club held the officer initiation ceremony. Families were signed up for committees and the club roster was updated.

**City Slickers:** The club will be disbanding. Members will hold a final get together.

**Huntley Trailblazers:** New club officers were elected. Members will plan a group outing to go skating.

**Lockwood Humble Bs:** The club discussed how to improve member record books.

**Pine Ridge Red Ryder:** Members sent out a Thank You collage to our supporters for National 4-H Week.

**Project Rockin Wranglers:** Each family made cookies to make plates to deliver to our 4-H supporters.

**Shepherd Pioneers:** Three members were recognized for perfect club meeting attendance. Club officers were inducted.

**Shepherd Wranglers:** Families signed up for Family Fun Night shifts. Members volunteered to give demonstrations for next month.

## 4-H CLUB SECRETARY MINUTES TURNED IN FOR 2021-2022 4-H YEAR

Here are the secretary minutes submitted October-September for the last three 4-H years. Ideally each club should have 11 because fewer meet during the month of August due to MontanaFair.

Club	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
Big Sky Thunderbolts	0	0	3
Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	12	8	8
City Kids	10	9	9
City Slickers	6	2	5
Compass All Stars	4	2	1
Cool Clovers	0	0	4
Explorers	7	0	1
Hesper Hustlers	0	0	0
Huntley Eagles	2	5	2
Huntley Trailblazers	4	8	12
Kountry Kritters	0	0	0
Laurel Roadrunners	8	7	5
Lockwood Humble Bs	9	7	9
Northern Lights	2	0	5
Pine Ridge Red Ryder	12	12	9
Project Longhorns	1	0	0
Project Rockin' Wranglers	12	1	8
Ruff Riders	5	2	0
Shepherd Pioneers	8	8	9
Shepherd Tumbleweeds	4	9	7
Shepherd Wranglers	6	6	6
Whips & Sticks	n/a	n/a	0
Worden Riverdale	0	0	0
Yellowstone Mavericks	0	0	0
Yellowstone Silver Spurs	7	4	2



# NOVEMBER 2022 4-H CALENDAR



**Cleaning Schedule:** Whips & Sticks/Shepherd Tumbleweeds: October 23-November 5  
 Worden Riverdale: November 6-19 Compass AllStars: November 20-December 3

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>30</b> 1-3 pm Outstanding Member Discussion Groups <i>4-H Building</i>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> Pm Outstanding Member Discussion Groups <i>4-H Building</i>	<b>2</b> 6:00 Dept. A Rule Change voting meetings <i>4-H Building</i>	<b>3</b> 6:00 Dept. N Followed by Council <i>4-H Building</i>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Election Day Office Closed</b>	<b>9</b> 6:00 Family Fun Night Meeting <i>4-H Building</i>	<b>10</b> 5:30 Bill Writing Workshop <i>4-H Building</i>	<b>11</b> <b>Veteran's Day Office Closed</b>	<b>12</b> 9:00 Small Animal Showmanship Jackpot Show <i>4-H Building</i>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Member &amp; Leader enrollments completed in ZSuite</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:00 Shooting Sports Leader meeting <i>4-H Building</i>	<b>18</b> <b>Newsletter Articles Due</b>	<b>19</b> National Family Vounteer Day 5-8 pm Family Fun Night Montana Pavilion at <i>MetraPark</i>
<b>20</b> 3:00 Leadership Academy Online Workshop	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Thanksgiving Office Closed</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 6:30 Exchange <i>4-H Building</i>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>			