

4-H NEWSLETTER-SEPTEMBER 2022

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4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

Thanks to all 4-H members, parents and other volunteers who made MontanaFair 2022 a success. Many individuals and businesses help support 4-H and the fair. Let them know they are appreciated.

A special thank you to the department heads, division chairpersons and clerks. It would not happen without you!

Lukas Arkell was this year's National Columbia Sheep Breeder Starter Flock. He will receive one ewe lamb, one yearling ewe and one brood ewe and \$500 toward the purchase of a ram at the National Show and Sale. He will be assigned a mentor with the goal of growing his flock. In the fifth year of his program, he must donation a female from his flock or provide a monetary donation of \$500 for another lucky recipient of the program. Congratulations Lukas.

Congratulations to Kate Anderson, the winner of the Eastern Montana Champion of Champions with her steer in Miles City.

Roni Baker, Yellowstone County 4-H/Youth Extension Agent

4-H MEMBER DUES INCREASE

Due to a policy change voted on the by they Yellowstone County 4-H Council on November 4, 2021, member dues will increase to \$25 per member this year. Cloverbud dues will remain at \$10 per Cloverbud. Volunteer dues are still \$15 per leader. Dues must be paid to your club.

4-H WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE FOR YELLOWSTONE COUNTY

Remember to check the [Yellowstone County website](https://yellowstone.msuextension.org/4h/index.html) at <https://yellowstone.msuextension.org/4h/index.html> when looking for forms and information. You will find photos of recent events and reminders of upcoming activities on the Yellowstone County 4-H Facebook page. If you have not visited this page and clicked "Like", please do so soon!

MONTANAFAIR GATE TICKET SUPPORT FROM YELLOWSTONE VALLEY ELECTRIC & YELLOWSTONE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

Yellowstone Valley Electric sponsored a portion of the 4-H/FFA exhibitors 9-day wristbands for MontanaFair. Yellowstone County 4-H Council paid for 4-H Volunteer Leader day tickets. Active Volunteer Leaders who meet all requirements and turned in their form received a limited number of day tickets. Normally to get into the MontanaFair each day, it would cost \$12 for 13-64-year-olds, and \$8 for 6-12-year-olds and seniors. Kids 5 and under are free.

PLEASE let them know how much you appreciate their support. **Every** family should send a thank you note! Send a thank you note to: Yellowstone Valley Electric, PO Box 249, Huntley, Montana 59037.

MONTANAFAIR RECORDED LIVESTOCK SHOWS

Remember you can watch recorded MontanaFair 4-H/FFA shows by visiting the [Yellowstone County 4-H Facebook page](https://www.facebook.com/yellowstonecounty4h) at <https://www.facebook.com/yellowstonecounty4h>.

MONTANAFAIR DEPARTMENT A PHOTOS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

Remember that Montana Ag Photography took pictures of every show and throughout the barns all week at fair. Photos

will be available to view by September 15 and can be purchase by visiting Montana Ag Photography at www.montanaagphoto.com. To order, call or text (406-694-7932) or email montanaag@outlook.com

MONTANAFAIR DEPARTMENT N PREMIUM CHECKS AND ERRORS

Please note that checks will be mailed approximately 30 days **after** the end of fair AND checks will be **voided 120 days after issue date**. **MetraPark will be enforcing the 120-day cancellation notice**. Any checks not deposited or cashed will be null and void 120 days after issue date. If there is a problem with your premium dollars for the MontanaFair, call the Extension Office by **October 31**. Errors must be resolved before this date because the MontanaFair accounts are closed out for the year.

BLACK HILLS RECREATION LEADERS CONFERENCE

September 24-30, are the dates for the 2022 annual conference held at the Outlaw Ranch near Custer, SD. This camp is for adults and teens 16 or older. This educational organization is dedicated to teaching leadership and personal growth through recreation. In addition to workshops, leadership is a key focus.

The 2022 conference theme is The Power of “Re”. The Keynote Session will feature Kirk Weisler. Remember, refresh, reconnect, recommit, and refocus with Kirk. With over eighteen years of executive coaching, speaking, research, and professional experience, Kirk’s perspective is simple and unpretentious, and his suggestions are applicable and undiluted. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first serve basis. Information and registration forms are accessible at the Black Hills Recreation Leaders Laboratory website at <https://www.bhrll.org/>

VOLUNTEER WITH EAGLE MOUNT

Eagle Mount Billings provides adaptive recreation for people with disabilities throughout the year. We cannot successfully run our programs without volunteers.

It is time for Fall Volunteer Sign Up and they would love to see some 4-Her’s out with them!

Fall programs also consists of programs like Golf, Cycling, Horsemanship! All programs are occurring on weekday evenings from 5:30 - 7:30pm. A volunteer does not need to be an expert at programs to lend a helping hand. Volunteers can sign up **NOW** for fall programs at Eagle Mount’s website at <https://forms.gle/VbfdmTDGwTZ2KtGi8>

4-H SUPPORTERS

Many businesses and organizations in our community support 4-H. Each month we list several of those supporters in the newsletter. You are encouraged 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
Public Auction Yards (PAYS)	PO Box 1781, Billings MT 59107
Project Mercantile	PO Box 159, Worden MT 59088
Yellowstone Bank - Laurel	PO Box 7, Laurel MT 59044
Stockman Bank - Worden	PO Box 249, Worden MT 59088
Western Ranch Supply	PO Box 1497, Billings MT 59103
Thomas Shows	PO Box 92469, Austin TX 78709
First Interstate Bank	401 N 31 st Street, Billings MT 59101
Mintana Mills Inc	119 S 25 th Street, Billings MT 59101
Exxon Mobil	627 Exxon Mobil Rd, Billings MT 59101
Rainmakers	8450 Clark Road, Shepherd MT 59079

DEPARTMENT N CLUB BOOTH WINNERS

Large Educational Booth Winners

Placing	Winning Club
1	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
2	Lockwood Humble B's
3	City Kids

Small Educational Booth Winners

Placing	Winning Club
1	Kountry Kritters
2	Pine Ridge Red Ryders

People's Choice Club Booth Winners

Winning Club	Winning Club
Ruff Riders	Shepherd Pioneers
Hesper Hustlers	City Kids

Foods Festival Winner

Elana Zahn	Fruit pizza with flamingo and palm tree design
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SEPTEMBER CERAMICS MEETING

All 4-Her's interested in pouring ceramics Sheri Anttila is holding two classes to start the new 4-H year: September 24 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm or October 1 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Bring a lunch and call Sheri at 406-633-5531 to reserve your space. While molds are setting up, 4-Her's can work on new or existing greenware or bisque. Cost is \$1 to \$5 for each piece.

SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER MEETINGS

Are you interested in leading a shooting sports discipline or just curious what is happening around the county regarding shooting sports? Join us on the third Thursday of the month (September-April) at 6:00 pm in the 4-H Building.

BB GUN TEAM SUCCESS AT NATIONAL MATCH

July 2022, marked the first year that Yellowstone County 4-H sent a team to the national BB Gun match in Rogers, Arkansas. The team, comprised of Dawson Serock, Hazel Russell, Soren Hultgren, Kegan Kennedy, Dean Green, Carson Adkins, and Mae Russell, finished 13th out of 51 teams! These are the best teams from around the country. The team would like to thank the many sponsors who made the trip possible.

4-H Council	4-H Foundation	Scheels	Billings Towing & Recovery
Econo Glass	Raw Machinery	K2 Civil	Interstate Power Systems
Billings Kubota	Valley Farmers Supply	JR Civil	Mountain West Holding
Billings Farm Hand	Independent Lock	Whitewood Transport	Cremation & Funeral Gallery
Ace Electric	Northern Hotel	Heights Eyecare	Yellowstone Power Plant
Benchmark Dental	Sletten Construction	Nalco Water	Yellowstone Valley Parts & Equipment
Heins Creative	Mountain Mud	Drange Apiary	Martinsen's Ranch Chocolates
Family & Friends			

SHOOTING SPORTS MEMBERS GET SIGNED UP EARLY

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 must have a Showcase representative attend the Dept. N meetings to plan for this big event. CLUBS NOT SENDING REPRESENTATIVES MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO HAVE MEMBERS PARTICIPATE.**

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!

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.

October 14, 2022: MontanaFair rule change proposal forms due in the Extension Office by 5:00 pm (not postmarked by)

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.

THANK YOU TO DEPARTMENT N STAFF

A special thank you to Department N Superintendent Chris Martin as well as all MontanaFair Clerks in Department N, Junior Coordinators, and those who helped work when they weren't scheduled. You are the spirit of 4-H. Thanks again!
Roni Baker

2022 MONTANAFAIR DEPARTMENT A HERDSMANSHIP CLUB AND INDIVIDUAL WINNERS

Thank you to everyone that served on the Herdsmanship Committee and those who voted.

Animal Species	Winning Club	Animal Species	Winning Club
Horse	Shepherd Pioneers	Swine	Hesper Hustlers
Poultry	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Llama/Alpaca	Ruff Riders
Sheep	Ruff Riders	Rabbit	Ruff Riders
Goat	Shepherd Pioneers	Small Animal Overall	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
Beef	Whips N Sticks	Large Animal Overall	Ruff Riders

Horse Nominees: Kaylin Arnold, Molly Arnold, Isabelle Brito, Kimber Crockett, Max Hawkins, Andee Heupel, Kiarra Kennedy, Jordan Siemsen, Shelby Siemsen, Marie Stott.

Horse Winner: Aidan Turitto. There were many great contestants in the Horse Herdsmanship Contest. Aidan showed great sportsmanship in the ring, had a positive attitude, and one of the coolest educational displays about his horse's recent jaw surgery.

Poultry Nominees: Isabelle Brito, Kaiya Cardwell, Robert Francis, Abby Roberts, Aidyn Simpson, Brynlee Trudnowski.

Poultry Winner: Clara Thompson. Clara went above and beyond. She was awesome with the public, bouncing back and forth between her animal projects. Clara had great educational displays and did a great job teaching the public with hands-on learning.

Sheep Nominees: Tucker Adkins, Lukas Arkell, Zane Downey, Sam Duey, Skylar Pitman, Brooklyn Sims.

Sheep Winner: Carson Adkins. Carson exhibited everything a herdsman should. He was always working hard to keep his stall and are clean and saying hello to people in the area. His friendly greetings were always noticed with a continuous smile on his face.

Goat Nominees: Kaylin Arnold, Alishia Coles, Rex Koivu, Bentley Leibrand, Lilly Morris, Clara Thompson, Addison Vogel, Jordyn Whitmus.

Goat Winner: Lukas Arkell. Lukas shows passion for all of his animal projects. His decorations and educational display made the public feel welcome, and his friendly hello as you walked by always makes others smile.

Beef Nominees: Bayley Becker, Sam Duey, Wyatt Johannes, Brighton Lane, Claire Murnin, Cooper Murnin, Charlotte Rome, Hayley Stahl.

Beef Winner: Madison Flowers. Maddie exhibited the positive attitude that we look for in individuals. Not only did she have a friendly greeting, but she also had an inviting area with her educational display about cattle byproducts and the picture of her steer Loki.

Swine Nominees: Tucker Adkins, Wyatt Johannes, Macy Tatman, Klaire Walker.

Swine Winner: Brighton Lane. Brighton was mentioned for both of her animal projects. The judges noticed her clean stalls and area. Her positive attitude and willingness to share information about her animals did not go unnoticed.

Llama/Alpaca Nominees: Jacob Baeten, Mary Baeten, Brayden Cardwell, Kaiya Cardwell.

Llama/Alpaca Winner: Cadence Sims. Cadence stood above and beyond with her decorations and educational displays. Her connection with the public was exceptional and she exhibited a professional and positive attitude. Now her so called "alpaca" is famous on Instagram.

Rabbit Nominees: Haylee Krohne, Keyara Mills-Low, Eric Robertson, Clara Thompson.

Rabbit Winner: Rex Koivu. Rex was stretched across the board, scoring well in herdsmanship in all of his projects. He had wonderful educational displays and was always seen working very hard to prepare and learn. He has a very positive attitude, is passionate about his project, and shows great sportsmanship.

MONTANAFAIR DEPARTMENT N JUNIOR COORDINATORS

The following 4-Her's took part in the Junior Coordinator Program at fair. We thank them for doing a great job.

Member name	Club	Member Name	Club
Aurora Anttila	Laurel Roadrunners	Lauren Petersen	Hesper Hustlers
Lukas Arkell	Ruff Riders	Angela Rollins	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
Alex Knox	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Levi Rollins	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
Brekkin Knox	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Brooklyn Sims	Ruff Riders
Bryar Knox	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Cadence Sims	Ruff Riders
Brooklyn Kuhr	Hesper Hustlers	Danessa Stevens	Yellowstone Mavericks
Ariel Petersen	Hesper Hustlers		

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.

September 7, 2022: Post MontanaFair Department A Meeting at 6:00 pm

September 21, 2022: Horse and Colt Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm

September 28, 2022:

Small Animal Committee at 6:00 pm

Sale Committee Meeting at 6:30 pm

Large Livestock Meeting immediately following the sale committee meeting

October 14, 2022: MontanaFair rule change proposal forms due in the Extension Office by 5:00 pm (not postmarked by)

October 26, 2022: Horse and Colt Committee Meeting at 6:00 pm

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 3rd 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.

THANK YOU TO DEPARTMENT A STAFF

Thank you to Department A co-superintendents Melody Harris and Kat Pfau, the Department A Clerks and Division Chairpersons for their hard work and organization during MontanaFair. Thanks for your time and your willingness to answer the millions of questions put to you each day with little recognition. You are appreciated for your volunteer work! Roni Baker

2022 PATRICK K. GOGGINS JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE-BUYER THANK YOU

Be sure to let the individual or business who bought your animal know how much you appreciate their support. **Sale checks will be mailed 45-60 days after the sale AND after it is confirmed that your buyer thank you(s) has/have been sent** (remember to let your club livestock leader or the Extension Office know you have delivered/mailed your thank you to your buyer).

4-H HORSE SHOW POST MONTANAFAIR MEETING

A Post MontanaFair Horse and Colt meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 21, at 6:00 pm in the 4-H Building. The Horse and Colt Committee would like your input on the 2023 MontanaFair 4-H Horse Show. Come and let us know what you liked, what worked well and how we could improve for next year's MontanaFair.

STATE HORSE SHOW REGISTRATION DEADLINE SEPTEMBER 6

This show will be held September 9-11, at the Cottonwood Equine Center in Joliet, MT. State Horse Show handbooks and online registration are available on the [state 4-H website](http://www.montana4h.org/programs/events/state_horse_show/index.html) at

http://www.montana4h.org/programs/events/state_horse_show/index.html

NILE LIVESTOCK EVALUATION CONTEST INFORMATION

The NILE Livestock Judging Contest will consist of up to 16 classes and at least three sets of reasons. There will be separate divisions for Junior 4-H, Senior 4-H, and FFA. This year's contest will be held on Monday October 17, 2022. Further information will be available on the Nile website as details are ironed out. Visit [the Nile](https://www.thenile.org/p/events/youth-events/ffa4-h-contests) at <https://www.thenile.org/p/events/youth-events/ffa4-h-contests>

Anyone interested in competing please contact Roni at the Extension Office by Tuesday, September 27.

NILE JUNIOR FED MARKET SHOWS

The NILE will hold Junior Fed Market steer, swine and goat shows. The swine and steer shows are on Saturday, October 15. Lamb and goat shows are on Sunday, October 16. For entry information and show rules, contact the Nile office at 256-2495. To enter online visit [the Nile website](https://www.thenile.org/p/events/youth-events/ffa4-h-contests) at <https://www.thenile.org/p/events/youth-events/ffa4-h-contests>

The Junior Fed Sale will take place Monday, October 17 at 4:00 pm.

MONTANA 4-H HORSE HELMET POLICY 2022-2023

A certified equestrian helmet with safety harness fastened is required in over fence classes and speed events at shows and any practice sessions (clinics, open riding).

Participants in the 4-H horse project are required to attend a helmet education workshop and/or view the video "Every Time, Every Ride" once as a junior 4-H member (4-H age 9-13) and once as a senior 4-H member (4-H age 14 & over). The Montana 4-H Center for youth encourages the use of ASTM certified/SEI approved safety helmets for all equine events. Helmet use is encouraged in all 4-H horse activities any time a 4-H member is around a horse.

Watch for scheduled horse helmet workshops in the 4-H newsletter.

CLUB MINUTES

City Kids: Members plan to have their project books done at the September meeting. Officer elections will be held in September.

Huntley Trailblazers: The club did not hold an August meeting.

Project Rockin Wranglers: Club members signed up to work the ice cream booth. Teen leaders gave reports on projects and events.

4-H LINGO

We realize that 4-H lingo can be overwhelming. These terms will help you become more familiar with 4-H.

Extension Agent: An Extension staff member with a specific subject matter responsibility.

Extension Service USDA (US Dept. of Agriculture): The 4-H and Youth Division of the Extension Service responsible for the 4-H program across the nation. Housed in the Department of Agriculture in Washington, D.C., this staff provides resource assistance to state, county, and local 4-H programs. The division collects and interprets research in youth education.

National 4-H Week: A week set aside to increase public understanding of 4-H. Usually the first full week in October; it is the time for promotion of the 4-H program.

Organizational Leader: The volunteer who is in charge of a 4-H club. They are generally responsible for administrative duties and making sure that the meetings go smoothly. A club may have more than one organizational leader.

Teen Leader: Senior 4-H'ers with previous 4-H experience who provide leadership in the 4-H program. The teen may provide support or total leadership for an activity or project.

SEPTEMBER 2022 4-H CALENDAR



Cleaning Schedule: Northern Lights: August 28-September 10 Ruff Riders: September 11-24
 Shepherd Pioneers: September 25-October 8

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 5:30 Dept. N Post Fair Meeting 6:00 Dept. N with Council to follow- <i>4-H Building</i>	2	3 Working Ranch Horse Show <i>Vaughn, MT</i>
4 Working Ranch Horse Show <i>Vaughn, MT</i>	5 LABOR DAY OFFICE CLOSED	6	7 6:00 Dept. A Post Fair Meeting- <i>4-H Building</i>	8	9 State Horse Show- <i>Joliet, MT</i>	10 State Horse Show- <i>Joliet, MT</i>
11 State Horse Show- <i>Joliet, MT</i>	12	13	14	15 6:00 Shooting Sports Leader Meeting <i>4-H Building</i>	16 October Newsletter Articles Due	17
18	19	20	21 6:00 Horse & Colt meeting- <i>4-H Building</i>	22	23	24
25	26 6:00 Exchange <i>4-H Building</i>	27	28 6:00 Small Animal 6:30 Sale Committee followed by Large Animal- <i>4-H Building</i>	29	30	