



April 2016

Lewis & Clark  
County 4-H  
Newsletter

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### 4-H Council Update

By: David Hamilton, Council President

**April 13, 2016 Council Meeting will be at 5:30 PM at the Bill Hamilton 4-H Building.** We are at the middle of the 4-H year. Seems like it just started and yet we are starting preparations for fair and projects are well on their way. I would like to invite everyone to the April Council meeting (April 13th) as directly following the meeting we will be celebrating Volunteer Appreciation Night. It is a great time to come out and thank all the volunteers that come and give their time to your youth and your 4-H Program. I encourage you all to continue to provide input to the program as we move through the second half of the year. As always if you have questions or concerns please contact me at 431-1948 or email at [davidhamilton431@gmail.com](mailto:davidhamilton431@gmail.com)

See club voting on the next page!

### MSU Extension Update

By: Mary Meyer, Extension Agent

I'm very excited for the Volunteer Appreciation Awards coming up on April 13<sup>th</sup>! This is a chance to say thank you to the countless hours put into developing our leaders of tomorrow!

I'm pleased to share some new sponsors and current sponsors who have added to their donations. Please see below about the memorial available to our 4-H youth and in Outdoor about the McDonald's sponsorship!

### Donald Deege Memorial

**\$2000** of project support funds available to 4-Hers through a new memorial scholarship fund! Donald Deege was a 4-H leader in Washington and his family has dedicated a memorial in his name to help our 4-H youth. [Please look online at the application](#) and make a plan for your projects to apply! \$1000 more has been added, Thanks you to Walter and his family for setting up this memorial fund.

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## Club Voting at Council 4/13/2016

Club votes will be recorded at the April 2016 Council Meeting.  
Clubs may send two representatives to cast votes. Club minutes should reflect the club's recorded vote and club minutes need sent to the Extension Office each month. Secretaries are encouraged to include this form in the minutes.

Club Name:

### Outdoor Committee Proposals:

Contact: Overall Outdoor Superintendents with any questions or clarifications  
David Hamilton: 406-431-1948  
Sean Maharg: 406-443-7394

- Hair Breed Lamb Birthdates
  - Current lamb birthdate states: Lambs must be born after January 1 of the current year.
  - Proposed: Hair breed birthdate of September 1 prior to fair year
  - Club Vote:      For            Against

Note: January Council Minutes reflect that Outdoor recommends leaving Lamb birthdates the same (January 1 birthdate) and the recommendation passed at Council. This proposal is specific to changing the birthdate of Hair Breed Sheep to September 1 while Wool Breed Sheep would remain January 1.

## Countywide Events & Updates

### 4-H Camp

By: Catherine McNeil, Camp Co-Leader

2016 4-H Camp is going to be June 21 -24 at Loon Lake. Save the Date for a GREAT MARIO Camp! Registrations will be out in May!

### Demonstration Day

By: Michelle Gransbery, Demonstration Day Leader

I would like to thank everyone who participated in Demonstration Day. Congratulations to all the kids that participated for honing your presentation skills or trying something new! Please see the Grand and Reserve recipients and thanks again for your hard work to get to this level:

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| 8-10 Demonstrations    | Natalya Routzahn - Grand |
| 8-10 Demonstrations    | Payton Sprague - Reserve |
| 11-13 Demonstrations   | Dylan Maharg - Grand     |
| 11-13 Illustrated Talk | Michael Carlson - Grand  |
| 11-13 Public Speaking  | Michael Carlson - Grand  |
| 14 Demonstrations      | Terra Gilchrist - Grand  |
| 14 Demonstrations      | Justin Patten - Grand    |
| 14 Illustrated Talks   | Becky deMontigny -Grand  |
| 14 Public Speaking     | Cage Johnson – Grand     |

## Augusta Demonstration Day and Grand Foods

Augusta is having our Grand Foods/ Demonstration Day on April 17. Set up is at 2:00. We are having two categories this year 4-H and non 4H. We are hoping to get more kids interested in joining. Cloverbuds are doing no bake snacks, 8-10 are doing desserts, 11-13 are doing quick breads, and seniors are doing main dishes. We welcome anyone that wants to come have fun. Thanks, Teresa Lane

## Lewis & Clark 4-H Foundation

By: Peggy Bartmess, 4-H Foundation Secretary

The Foundation will be a part of the Give Local Helena campaign. Please share the event information through [Facebook](#) so we can reach new and existing donors! The 2nd annual Dream Big Raffle will be ready to pick up tickets at the Extension Office during April.



Our next meeting will be **April 25 at 5:30 at the Extension Office**. Everyone is invited to attend.

## 2016 Graduating Seniors

### Senior Celebration for our 2016 Graduates "Senior Night"

We will be congratulating our graduating seniors of 2016 on Wednesday, May 11th. Please mark your calendars to join us for the celebration at the Bill Hamilton Building at 5:30 PM. If you have any questions please contact Kristina at (406) 410-0381. If parents and club leaders could please send pictures of your seniors to [kristina59601@gmail.com](mailto:kristina59601@gmail.com) that would help make the night great. Thanks!

## Ambassador Applications

As a previous Ambassador for both Lewis and Clark County and the state of Montana as the 2010-2011 Foundation Trustee, I can't encourage our young leaders enough to apply for such an incredible opportunity. The Ambassador program builds a strong foundation of leadership and communication skills that will impact your life in unimaginable ways, not just during your time as an ambassador but in your future careers and life endeavors. The relationships built in this program create a network of friendships that build up your successes and create memories that will last a lifetime. I can say first hand that my experiences as an ambassador enriched my 4-H career and developed skills and opportunities that I utilized throughout my time at Montana State University and now into my career as I continue to embark on new adventures. I can't wait to see to opportunities this program brings for our leaders today! 😊 Anna Merchen

Apply today! [Applications due April 15, 2016](#)

Contact the Extension Office with questions 406-447-8346 or [mary.meyer@montana.edu](mailto:mary.meyer@montana.edu)

## Building Committee

By: Ken McNeil

The building committee is seeking individual members, clubs, or projects interested in devoting their talent and time to one or more of the following proposals...

1. Building a display case in the BHB to hold trophies and awards
2. Building a new podium for 4-H functions
3. Putting wheels on the risers used during fair in the indoor area

The building committee will provide the materials necessary; any interested individuals please contact Ken McNeil at [mcneilkd@msn.com](mailto:mcneilkd@msn.com)

## Volunteer Appreciation Awards

### 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Celebration!

**April 13, 2016 at 6 PM**

At the Fairgrounds in the Bill  
Hamilton 4-H Building

# Spring

...Has Sprung!

Join us to celebrate the wonderful volunteers in our 4-H Community! 2015 recipients of the Community Benefactor, Many Hats, Outstanding New Volunteer, Appreciation, and Distinguished Services Awards will be given. As well as several other honors. MSU Extension will provide the main course.

Please bring a salad or dessert to share.



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Clark 4-H Council and  
MSU Extension

## Month of the Military Child

By: Catherine McNeil, 4-H Military Program Coordinator

Remember April is Month of the Military Child. April 15th is Purple Up for Military Kids – wear purple to show that you support the sacrifices military youth go through when they have a loved one deployed. So PURPLE UP for MILITARY KIDS on April 15th! Get your friends and family to join you – take pictures and send them to Catherine at [mcneilcb@msn.com](mailto:mcneilcb@msn.com) or 439-8570.

## Rec Lab in Joliet, MT

By: Mary Meyer, Extension Agent

4-Hers 13 and older get ready for a great time at Rec Lab! It literally stands for “Recreation Laboratory” so there is a lot of fun in store! 4-H Rec Lab, “Reach for the Stars in 4-H” in **Joliet April 8-10, 2016**.

Registration is online and late registration will be accepted until April 1. Our ambassadors are putting on a workshop; it’s sure to be a good time had by all!



## Indoor Project Updates

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
<b>Indoor</b>	<b>Superintendent</b> <i>Dora Lindner</i> 406-475-3640	April 19, 2016 5:30 PM Extension Office	<b>Fair Entry Form</b> June 15, 2016

Our next meeting is planned for **Tuesday, April 19th**. Superintendents, thank you for all your hard work and dedication in helping 4-H being a successful program. Don't hesitate to call if you need any help with your project areas. Thanks, Dora.

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
<b>Cloverbuds</b>	<b>Superintendent</b> <i>Dora Lindner</i> 406-475-3640	April 20, 2016 5:30 PM – BHB	<b>Fair Entry Form</b> June 15, 2016

Cloverbuds next meeting will be Wednesday, April 20th at 5:30 in the BHB.

Also on Sunday, May 1st at 4:00pm, we will visit Jeff and Tolly Patten's ranch with a potluck following the animal tour. They will provide lamb brats and hot dogs. Please bring chips, salad, or dessert to share. The address is 863 Sunny Vista Road. Please contact Dora with any questions and to RSVP.

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
<b>Leathercraft</b>	<b>Superintendent</b> <i>Kathy Edwards</i> 406-475-4972 <b>Jr. Superintendent</b> <i>Kaitlyn Edwards</i>	First Tuesday of the Month 4 PM - 5:30 PM – BHB September – May	<b>Fair Entry Form</b> June 15, 2016

Leathercraft meeting first Tuesday of the month. Projects ordered are in. Last meeting to finish projects: May.

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
<b>Photography</b>	<b>Superintendent</b> <i>Luke Duran</i> 406-227-5413 <b>Jr. Superintendent</b> <i>Ravyn Frey</i>	April 6, 2016 4:30 PM – BHB	<b>Fair Entry Form</b> June 15, 2016

Photo selection and critique. Montana Outdoors magazine  
 What makes a great photo? Art director Luke Duran will talk about the process of critiquing and selecting images for publication in Montana Outdoors. This will be an open discussion and analysis of amateur and professional photographs, and what qualities make a great photo stand out from the competition. Contact Luke for more information [elementl@bresnan.net](mailto:elementl@bresnan.net)

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
<b>Robotics</b>	<b>Superintendent</b> <i>Michelle Ostberg</i> 406-459-3543 <b>Jr. Superintendent</b> <i>Dillon Ostberg</i>	April 21, 2016 5:30 PM – 7 PM – BHB April 28, 2016 5:30 PM – 7 PM – BHB	<b>Fair Entry Form</b> June 15, 2016

Robotics workshops are under way. Please make sure to work on the activities in the workbook at home so we can spend our workshop time working with the robots. The workbooks provide additional guidance and planning to make the workshops more productive. Bring your creativity, problem solving skills, and join the cooperative group efforts. If parents are interested in creating an obstacle course, I will have a mat, table, and Legos so please come and help create and build a design. Robotics workshops will be held in the Bill Hamilton Building from 5:30pm until 7:00pm on the following dates: April 21, April 28, May 5, May 12, May 19, May 26. The project fee is \$10.  
 Michelle Ostberg (406) 459-3543 or [mostberg@bresnan.net](mailto:mostberg@bresnan.net)

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
<b>Sewing &amp; Handiwork</b>	<b>Superintendent</b> <i>Janet Cerovski</i> 406-458-9450 <i>Trudy Moffett</i> 406-799-3254	April 10, 2016 2-4 PM – Extension Office	<b>Sewing Revue</b> May 15, 2016 <b>Fair Entry Form</b> June 15, 2016

Last workshop for this year! Bring projects that you are working on or start a new project at this workshop. Mark your calendar for May 15 – Sewing Revue. It will be held in the Upper Conference Room with Interview Judging starting at 1:00 p.m. Project Showing will start following the completion of interview judging. Registration forms are available on the website or from the office and are due to the office no later than May 2. All 4-H members and Cloverbuds are encouraged to participate. You do not need to be enrolled in the sewing project to participate.

With questions call Janet at 458-9450 or the office at 447-8346

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
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**Shooting Sports** Superintendent See different disciplines below  
*Cody & Susan Mitchell*  
406-439-3486  
**Jr. Superintendent**  
*Austin Gransbery*

The regular shooting sports season came to a conclusion in March. If you were unable to attend the banquet everything will be available to be picked up at the Extension Office at your convenience in April.

### Muzzle Loading

Muzzle loading will begin in May. Please contact Les Gransbery at 431-4220

### Shotgun

Shotgun signups will be at 6:00 -7:30 PM Tuesday April 5th at the Bill Hamilton Building. Individuals must be at least age 9 before October 1, 2015.

The shotgun course consists of Trap, Skeet and Sporting Clays. The course is 15 weeks long. Shotguns are provided in 20gauge and 12gauge. Shells are also provided. A Safety Meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on Tuesday April 12th in the Bill Hamilton 4-H Building. This is a REQUIRED meeting. If you are using your own shotgun (must be 20gauge or 12gauge) bring it to the safety meeting for an inspection.

Cost includes the following charges: 4-H Shotgun Project Fee: \$50.00 for a single family member, \$25.00 each for the second or more family members. Family membership to the trap club is \$50.00. Applications for Trap Club membership will be available at the signups. All money must be in by April 18th. Shooting will start at 6:00 PM on April 18th at the Helena Trap Club

If you have any questions about the Shotgun Project please call Scott Allen at 406-202-0905

### Western Heritage Instructor Training

There will be two 4-H Western Heritage instructor trainings this spring. The first is concurrent with Rec Lab in Joliet on April 8-10 and the second will be in Missoula on May 14 -15. Registration information and materials will be coming out soon. [See more online](#)

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
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**Sport Fishing** Superintendent April 5, 2016  
*Guy Rainville*  
6 PM, BHB  
406-439-3199  
**Jr. Superintendent**  
*Austin Gransbery*

Lewis and Clark County 4-H Sport Fishing will begin on Tuesday April 5th at 6pm. The first meeting will be at the Bill Hamilton Building and consist of registration and a video “reading the water” (how to find fish). The first 7 meetings will be conducted “on land” and include topics such as Fishing 1st Aid, Fly Tying, Rod and Reel Maintenance, Casting and others. During the warmer weather in June through August we will continue to meet on Tuesday evenings and travel to fish different types of water and locations. This project introduces

beginners to the sport while challenging more advanced fishers. 4-Hers must enroll in the Sport Fishing Project with the Extension office (we can help with this). There is a fee of \$15 to participate in this project. Medical information will be required also. If you have any questions please call Guy Rainville at 439-3199.

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
<b>Teen Leadership</b>	<b>Superintendents</b> <i>Catherine McNeil</i> 406-439-8570 <i>Dora Lindner</i> 406-475-3640	April 17, 2016 4 PM, BHB	

We will be meeting at 4 pm at the BHB on Sunday, April 17 at 4pm. Since this is the Montana 4-H Week of Service, we will be doing a food drive. Teens will work in teams to see who can collect the most non-perishable food for Helena Food Share. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Dora at 475-3640 or Catherine at 439-8570.

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
<b>Woodworking</b>	<b>Superintendent</b> <i>Dave Swanson</i> 406-459-3950 <b>Jr. Superintendent</b>		

## Outdoor Project Updates

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
<b>Outdoor</b>	<b>Superintendent</b> <i>David Hamilton</i> 406-475-3640 davidhamilton431@gmail.com <i>Sean Maharg</i> 406-438-2647 mahargs@mt.net <b>Jr. Superintendents</b> <i>Kegan Brewer</i> <i>Kyler Maharg</i>	April 11, 2016 5:30 PM - BHB	<b>Quality Assurance</b> April 22, 6 PM BHB <b>Animal Permission</b> Due with Enrollment <b>Tagging Form &amp; Date</b> See Animal <b>Fair Entry Form</b> June 15, 2016

The outdoor committee is very busy as we start to get things finalized for the fair. Fair is less than 120 days away. Sean and I would like to encourage all of you to attend the meetings and give your input. The next meeting will be April 11th at the BHB at 5:30. We will be talking about things that involve the fair and making sure we are ready. Remember to check your animal possession dates and watch the newsletter for your project report to make sure you are getting the dates for workshops and meeting that are coming up. We would remind folks to contact the project superintendents if you have questions. We also have a great bunch of junior superintendents and encourage you to involve them as well. We are pleased to announce that the livestock judge has been hired for fair.

As always if you have something you would like to visit about don't hesitate to call Sean or me.  
Sean and David

## Quality Assurance

We need help putting on the April Quality Assurance Training! Youth WILL receive credit for helping put on the training which fulfills the requirement for three years. Junior Superintendents will be given the first opportunity to present.

All members who take a market animal project are required to take Quality Assurance to market their animal at fair. Quality Assurance is to assist youth in understanding their role as producers in the food supply chain and their responsibility to produce a safe food product while caring for animals in an ethical manner. Check with your club leader to find out if you are due to attend Quality Assurance this year.

**Who:** Anyone selling an animal that is new to the 4-H Livestock Sale or needs updated in their training requirement

**What:** Quality Assurance Training

**Where:** Bill Hamilton Building

**When:** Friday, April 22, 2016 6:00 pm

Contact: Mary Meyer [mary.meyer@montana.edu](mailto:mary.meyer@montana.edu) or 406-447-8346



## New 4-Her and KXLH Commercial Sponsor

Welcoming New 4-Hers to raise animals, please share with your friends, at school, or in other groups you are in. We have three new 4-Hers for this year and hope to have more for 2017! Find the [application online](#).

Want to star in a KXLH commercial advertising the Fair? Contact [mary.meyer@montana.edu](mailto:mary.meyer@montana.edu)

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
<b>Beef</b>	<b>Superintendent</b> <i>Shane Tamcke</i> 406-560-5470 <b>Jr. Superintendent</b> <i>Cody Barnes</i>	Open Scale, April 7, 2016 5:30 PM, BHB	<b>Quality Assurance</b> April 22, 6 PM BHB <b>Fair Entry Form</b> June 15, 2016

Beef Project Members the next open scale night is scheduled for April 7th beginning at 5:30. Take advantage of these nights to weigh your steer or heifer to be sure your feed program is on track. Now that we are into spring it is a great time to start shedding your steers/heifers and training their hair for show. Also, with summer right around the corner, if needed this is a good time of year to add weight needed for finish since summertime heat might impact appetite and slow down gain. Keep up the good work and as always if you have any specific questions please call. Shane Tamcke | Beef Superintendent | 560-5470

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
<b>Dairy Cattle</b>	<b>Superintendent</b> <i>Marilyn deMontigny</i> 406-227-5177 <b>Jr. Superintendent</b> <i>Becky deMontigny</i>		<b>Animal Permission</b> Due with Enrollment <b>Fair Entry Form</b> June 15, 2016

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
<b>Dog</b>	<b>Superintendent</b> <i>Karen Bratlien</i> 406-459-3030 <b>Jr. Superintendent</b> <i>Shea Sullivan</i> <i>Janell Swanson</i>	Check Email	<b>Fair Entry Form</b> June 15, 2016

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
<b>Goat</b>	<b>Superintendent</b> <i>Karyn Hamilton</i> 406-461-7536 <b>Jr. Superintendents</b> <i>Josie Hamilton</i> <i>Dylan Maharg</i>	March 13, 2016 1:00 PM - BHB	<b>Quality Assurance</b> April 22, 6 PM BHB <b>Possession Date</b> May 1, 2016 <b>Tagging Form Due</b> May 2, 2016 <b>Tagging Date</b> May 15, 2016 1-1:30 BHB <b>Fair Entry Form</b> June 15, 2016

Hello everyone:

Hope you are all working in your project books to get the seven tasks finished before outdoor events start taking place. Thank you to the 5 goat project members who attended our last workshop. We are looking at May 15th, from 1:00 pm to 1:30 pm, at the scales in the BHB, for weight-in and recording tag numbers and Scrapie tag numbers. Be sure to get your goat tagging form into the Extension office by May 2nd. If you have any questions call Karyn @ 461-7536.

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
<b>Jackpot</b>	<b>Superintendent</b> <i>Jeff Patten</i> 406-449-6947		<b>Helena Jackpot Show</b> June 11, 2016 Multi-Purpose Bldg.

Goats will be a new addition to this year's jackpots with sheep, swine, steers and heifers. [Entry forms are online!](#) Volunteers are needed for setup of the Jackpot show on Friday night at 5:00 pm and during the weigh in on Saturday morning starting a 6:00 am.

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
<b>Livestock Judging</b>	<b>Superintendent</b> <i>Georgana Webster</i> 360-319-2093	April	<b>Idaho Judging</b> April 2, Moscow, ID <b>Intermountain Livestock Judging</b> May 12-14 Utah

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
<b>Poultry</b>	<b>Superintendent</b> <i>Val Williams</i> 406-475-5345 <i>Nicole Newman</i> 406-422-6136 <b>Jr. Superintendent</b> <i>Kaitlyn Edwards</i>	April 17, 2016 12 noon, BHB	<b>Quality Assurance</b> April 22, 6 PM BHB <b>Animal Permission</b> Due with Enrollment <b>Fair Entry Form</b> June 15, 2016

Poultry meeting went well, next meeting April 17 @ 12:00 @ BHB. Topic: feeds. Please bring a bird to the meeting. NOTE: Waterfowl are able to exhibit at the Fair this year. If something changes with the status due to the Avian Flu we will keep you posted through the newsletter, Poultry Meetings, and Outdoor Meetings.

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
<b>Rabbit</b>	<b>Superintendent</b> <i>Vanessa Olson</i> 406-431-1598 <i>Sheri Onstott</i> 406-431-1014 <b>Jr. Superintendent</b> <i>Application in progress</i>	April 25, 2016 6 PM, BHB	<b>Quality Assurance</b> April 22, 6 PM BHB <b>Animal Permission</b> Due with Enrollment <b>Fair Entry Form</b> June 15, 2016

Rabbit meeting is April 25 at 6:00 in the BHB. We will be building nesting boxes. Please bring screw drivers and drills. The wood pieces are pre-cut and ready for assembling. Please let us know if you want to build a nesting box. This way we will make sure enough building materials are provided. We do have a count from the March meeting. Hope to see everyone there.

We would like to thank Sheri for inviting everyone out to Lil Hoppers Rabbitry. It was very educational. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Sheri at [nighthorse1970@gmail.com](mailto:nighthorse1970@gmail.com) or Vanessa at [2qtrcircle@gmail.com](mailto:2qtrcircle@gmail.com)

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
<b>Round Robin</b>	<b>Superintendent</b> <i>Karyn Hamilton</i> 406-461-7536 <i>Michelle Gransbery</i> 406-431-6784 Jr. Superintendent <i>Chris Gransbery</i>		<b>Round Robin</b> <b>Showmanship</b> July 30, 2016

Rabbits are now a part of Round Robin!

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
<b>Sales</b>	<b>Superintendent</b> <i>Karyn Hamilton</i> 406-461-7536		<b>Livestock Auction</b> July 30, 2016

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
<b>Sheep</b>	<b>Superintendent</b> <i>Jeff Patten</i> 406-461-7536 <b>Jr. Superintendents</b> <i>Hannah Diehl</i> <i>Justin Patten</i>		<b>Quality Assurance</b> April 22, 6 PM BHB <b>Possession Date</b> April 26, 2016 <b>Tagging Form Due</b> April 27, 2016 <b>Tagging Date</b> May 1, 2016 <b>Fair Entry Form</b> June 15, 2016

May 1, 2:00 PM will be tagging and weighing of lambs in the back of the BHB  
 June 11 will be the Helena Jackpot Show at the Multipurpose Building  
 June 11 and 12 will be [Champion Choice Lamb Camp](#) will be in the BHB and Multipurpose Building.  
 June 26, 2:00 PM Showmanship Workshop back of BHB  
 Tagging forms are due and possession date is April 27.  
 Make sure to start contacting breeders to line up lambs for your sheep project

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<b>Swine</b>	<b>Superintendent</b> <i>Dave Swanson</i> 406-475-9437 <b>Jr. Superintendents</b> <i>Miranda Bragg</i> <i>Wade Bratlien</i>	March – TBA	<b>Quality Assurance</b> April 22, 6 PM BHB <b>Possession Date</b> April 15, 2016 <b>Tagging Form Due</b> April 20, 2016 <b>Tagging Date</b> April 23, 2016 9AM-3 PM Fairgrounds parking lot <b>Fair Entry Form</b> June 15, 2016

Market Swine project members - thanks to those attending our workshops.  
 Important dates:  
 Pig possession date is April 15.  
 Pig tagging form due to the Extension Office April 20.  
 Pig tagging day is Saturday, April 23; 9:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the fairgrounds parking lot. Pigs will not be off-loaded and will be tagged in the trailer. Pigs will not be weighed. Arrangements must be made in advance by the member if unable to bring their animal on tagging day.

For breeders only, you can tag at home. Please indicate on the pig tagging form that you are a breeder and make arrangements with the office to pick up tags, and a tagger if needed. A photo of your pig with the tag legible in the photo preferably with the project member must be turned in to the office no later than April 25 be considered tagged.

As always, don't hesitate to call with questions.  
 Dave Swanson | 475-3950

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<b>Horse</b>	<b>Superintendent</b> <i>Dawn Schneider</i> 406-458-4877 <b>Jr. Superintendent</b> <i>Sidney Gates</i> <i>Savannah Schneider</i>	April 18, 2016 5:30 PM - BHB <b>See more below</b>	<b>Helmet Safety Video</b> April 7, 6 PM BHB <b>Fair Entry Form</b> June 15, 2016

Thank you to all who have participated in the workshops and clinics. Your attendance is greatly appreciated. There are a lot of activities scheduled for the month of April. I will try to send out a weekly reminder to help keep all of us organized. Please be sure to watch your emails and Facebook for the latest information.

### Upcoming Events:

April 2 & 3 ~ 9:00 – Colt to Maturity Clinic @ Rea Quarter Horses.

April 6 ~ 5:30 @ BHB – Horse Judging Workshop – This is a great way to enhance your horse knowledge and skill set. If you are interested in participating in the Horse Judging Project please email [lc4horseproject@gmail.com](mailto:lc4horseproject@gmail.com) so I can get you the materials you need for this project. The judging workshops are very important to your success with the project so please make them a priority.

April 7 (Thursday) ~ 6:00 @ BHB – Helmet Workshop. New members and members who have independently viewed the video are required to participate in this workshop. Parents are asked to attend with their children. This will be offered only one additional time prior to the County Fair.

April 17 (Sunday) ~ 12 – 1:30 ~ Level 1 & 2 / 1:30 – 3:00 ~ Level 3+ – Pattern Clinic & Assessments – Clinician Heather Domme. All members are encouraged to attend this clinic. If you are assessing, be sure to be working in your Horsemanship Level Books. All members are required to bring their Horsemanship Level Books and Project Books to the ride in April!!! If you are assessing, please email [lc4horseproject@gmail.com](mailto:lc4horseproject@gmail.com) what level you want to assess to so it can be passed along to our Assessment Committee.

- Level Book Assessment Requirements: E.G. – If you are currently a level 2 rider and you want to ride as a level 4 this year at the County fair, you will need to have levels 1, 2, and 3 completed in your Horsemanship level books. It is recommended that you know what is expected of you as a level 4 rider (review the riding requirements at the end of the section) so that you are prepared for the assessment.

April 18 ~ 5:30 @ BHB – Horse Committee Meeting

April 19 ~ 5:30 @ BHB – Horse Judging Workshop

April 24 (Sunday) ~ 4-6 – Ranch Horse Sorting Practice Sponsored by HTPA. Please be patient, respectful and understanding when waiting for our session to begin. Without the HTPA we would not have a Ranch Horse Project. The HTP members are graciously donating their time and resources for our benefit. If there are complaints, please voice them to Dawn or Amie, not to the HTPA! Our session with the cattle will start after the HTP members have completed their runs. It is very important that we be respectful of their time, and thankful for their willingness to help us with this project! Again, without them we do not have a project!!!

### May Events:

May 1 – Enrollments in 4H are due – all members must have a club selected as well as project interest selected and submitted to the Extension Office

May 8 ~ 12:00 – Level 3+ Showmanship

May 10 ~ 5:30 @ BHB – Horse Judging Workshop

May 21 ~ Tentative English Eq workshop

May 24 ~ 5:30 @ BHB – Horse Judging Workshop

May 25 ~ 5 – 7 @ BHB – Roping Practice

May 25 ~ Horse Project Enrollments are due to Dawn. This includes the finalized enrollment form, proof of vaccination, a signed copy of Assumption of Risk, a signed copy of the Helmet Care and Safety Release, a signed copy of the Policy Manual and your enrollment fees. Each project horse needs their own enrollment form and the project they will be used for specified.

**Pack Horse:** In order for this project to take off, we need a project leader. Gallatin Valley has graciously given us their project outline and are willing to help us get underway. We have a lot of resources coming our direction; we just need someone to run with it. Please contact Dawn if you have any interest in heading up this project so we can take advantage of these wonderful opportunities.

**Project Requirement Reminders:** Prior to participating in activities with your horse please make sure all of the following are in place.

- Member and parents have participated in the Helmet Workshop or viewed the Helmet video independently. Please be advised, if members are viewing the Helmet Video independently a fee of \$25 is assessed. If this is your 1st year in 4H, you are also encouraged to attend the Helmet workshops as this is a more in-depth look at helmet safety.
- The Assumption of Risk Waiver has been signed by parents and member.
- Members are enrolled in the 4-H horse project through the Extension Office or via their club leader.
- Members have submitted the Horse Enrollment form and project fee to the Project Superintendent – this can be done the day of their 1st horse related event but no later than May 25th.
- Acknowledgment of Policy Manual must be signed and submitted to the Project Superintendent no later than May 25th. The updated manual is posted on the Lewis and Clark 4H website and can be printed at your convenience.

Additional Horse Related Opportunities:

May 7 – Mini Barrel Racing/Pole Bending Clinic

May 14 – Vigilante Horse Show

June 4th – Free 4 Mile Marked Trail Ride

June 18 – 4-H Practice Show

Horse Project Facebook and E-Mail:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Lewis-Clark-County-4-H-Horse-Project>

E-mail: [lc4hhorseproject@gmail.com](mailto:lc4hhorseproject@gmail.com)

## Montana 4-H and National 4-H Updates

### Week of Service

IT'S SIMPLE!

1. Plan a Service Project
2. Get People Involved
3. NEW THIS YEAR! Get a t-shirt
4. Implement the project April 10-17, 2016
5. Report the project at [WWW.MT4HSERVICE.ORG](http://WWW.MT4HSERVICE.ORG)

We, the Montana Ambassador Officer Team, challenge you and your county to participate in the second annual Montana 4-H Week of Service. This is an initiative to encourage Montana 4-H youth to make a positive impact within their communities and share what they are doing. See the [flyer online](#) for more info.



April 10-17 is Montana 4-H Week of Service. Go to [www.mt4hservice.org](http://www.mt4hservice.org) to register your service project. Remember to take pictures so you can get them posted on the State 4-H website. Contact Catherine at 439-8570 if you have any questions.

### Every Kid in a Park

A new White House youth initiative to get all 4th graders and their families to experience the places that are home to our country's natural treasures, rich history, and vibrant culture FREE OF CHARGE!

The Every Kid in a Park pass is good for the 2015-2016 school year, until August 31, 2016. Information on obtaining the pass is available by visiting [www.everykidinapark.gov](http://www.everykidinapark.gov)

### Host Families

Montana 4-H is looking for host families for 2016-2017 for the following programs:

- 1) Summer IB - Japan from July 21-August 19
- 2) Summer IB - Costa Rica from June 29-July 24\*
- 3) Summer IB - Finland from June 29-July 24\*
- 4) Summer IB - IPYA (International Program for Young Adults, formerly IFYE) – dates vary
- 5) Academic Year Programs (AYP)

Japan/Mexico from July 30, 2016 to June 19, 2017

-South Korea from July 30, 2016 to up to 10 days after the end of school in 2017

-FLEX from mid-July to late August, 2016 to mid-May to late June, 2017

\*In order to host delegates from Costa Rica or Finland, Montana must have at least two host families so youth do not have to travel alone from the orientation in Washington, D.C.

To apply for Summer IB programs, go to [www.states4hexchange.org/host-families/](http://www.states4hexchange.org/host-families/) to complete an electronic application.

To apply for IPYA or AYP programs, please contact the State 4-H office at 994-3502 or [sdavison@montana.edu](mailto:sdavison@montana.edu)

### NILE Merit Heifer Program

[Applications due June 30, 2016](#)

25 recipients will be selected for a "live animal" scholarship from some of the best seed stock available!



## More Scholarships Available

### Youth Serve Montana – Due April 15, 2016

100 high school seniors will be awarded \$1,000 each for volunteering 100 hours of more!

The Youth Serve Montana Scholarship was created to promote volunteerism among high school students, encourage young leaders to further their learning, and provide tuition assistance for Montana students who wish to attend college in-state. Selected students receive a \$1,000 scholarship toward their college tuition.

<http://serve.mt.gov/youth-servemontana/>

### Lewis and Clark County Farm Bureau – Due April 30, 2016

Three \$1000 scholarships available to current, paid, Lewis and Clark County Farm Bureau family members. Applications are available at the Extension Office

## Save the Dates

4-H Graduating Senior Recognition “Senior Night” | May 11, 2016 | BHB | 5:30 PM

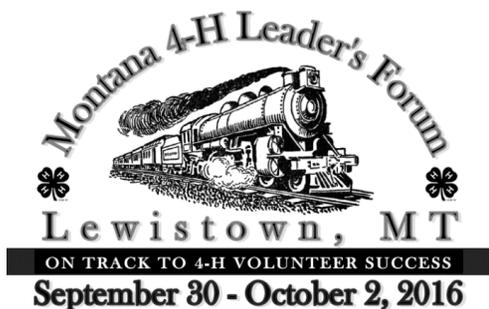
Helena Jackpot Show | June 11, 2016 | Multi-purpose Building

4-H Camp | June 21-24, 2016 | Loon Lake, Big Fork, MT

Montana 4-H Congress | July 13-16, 2016 | MSU Bozeman

- Age requirement for 4-H youth is 14 as of October 1, 2015 and Chaperones must be 21

Montana 4-H Leadership Forum | September 30-October 2 | Lewistown, MT



The 2016 Montana 4-H Leader’s Forum planning committee from District 3 would like to invite you to SAVE THE DATE for the 2016 Montana 4-H Leadership Forum. Participants will have an opportunity to learn together with volunteers and staff from across Montana and beyond through workshops and activities that promote, encourage, and educate 4-H volunteers to become extraordinary leaders in their 4-H programs.

For more information stay tuned to the Montana 4-H website, <http://montana4h.org/#program:24> and email updates from committee members as it becomes available.



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# 2016 Jackpot Information

**April 16 - Golden Triangle Preview - Great Falls - Beef Only**

Also includes Mt Reg. Angus Steer Series Show & NILE Merit Heifer Class

Alena Standley - ffaalenao@yahoo.com - 406-799-9955



**April 24 - Missouri River Royal - Fort Benton - Beef Only**

Laurie McCullough - shonkin3383@yahoo.com - 406-868-2909

**May 21-22 - Whathaveigottado? Show Pig Camp - Ravalli County Fairgrounds - Hogs Only**

Heidi Kneib - 406-396-6105 - irunhorse@yahoo.com



**June 4 - Golden Triangle Jackpot - Great Falls - Hogs-Lambs-Goats**

Alena Standley - ffaalenao@yahoo.com - 406-799-9955



**June 4 - Huntley Eagles Jackpot - Hardin - Hogs-Lambs-Goats-Steers-Heifers**

Trish Hays - thays@nemont.net - 406-671-7493

**June 10-12 - Kirk Stierwalt fitting clinic - Stevensville, MT**

Shelly Brown - lb3539@aol.com - 406-240-4879



**June 11 - Helena Jackpot Show - Helena - Hogs-Lambs-Goats-Steers-Heifers**

Jeff Patten - Jeff.Patten@dot.gov - 406-449-6947

**June 11-12 - Champion Choice Lamb Camp - Helena**

Enter NOW at [www.championchoicelambcamp.com.com](http://www.championchoicelambcamp.com.com)

**June 12 - Yellowstone Classic - Billings - Beef Only**

Also includes Mt Reg. Angus Steer Series Show & NILE Steer & Heifer Futurity Shows

Paul Bromenshenk - b.bromenshenk@bresnan.net - 406-855-4465



**June 16-18 - Mt Jr Beef Expo - Lewistown - Beef Only**

Two shows for Mt Reg. Angus Steer Series, NILE Merit Heifer Show

Mike - 406-366-4668/Mardi - 406-366-4667 - mmcattleservices@yahoo.com



**June 18 - Windy City Classic - Livingston - Hogs-Lambs-Goats-Steers**

Dale Booth - 406-224-0071 or Jason Frost - 406-223-7063

**June 19 - Blue Ribbon Jackpot - Deer Lodge - Lambs-Goats-Steers-Heifers - (Hogs tentative)**

Dick Perkins 406-560-0082 or Jodi Pauley - 406-560-5966 - jpauley@montana.edu

**June 24-26 - Western Ranch Spectacular - Billings - Hogs-Lambs-Goats-Steers-Heifers**

Fitting & Showmanship Camp with Jackpot Show

Shayne Vandivort - 406-252-6692

**June 25 - Beaverhead Bonanza - Dillon - Hogs-Lambs-Goats-Steers-Heifers**

Shelli Schuett - shootit@zipmt.com - 406-683-2406

**July 9 - Fred Everson Memorial Livestock Jackpot - Lolo - Hogs-Lambs-Steers-Heifers**

Heidi Kneib - 406-396-6105 - irunhorse@yahoo.com



**July 16 - Montana Royal Junior Livestock Show - Kalispell - Hogs-Lambs-Breeding Sheep-Steers-Heifers**

Inga Lake - 406-261-3807



**July 23-24 - Bronze Bonanza at Big Sky Country State Fair - Bozeman - Lambs-Breeding Sheep-Steers-Heifers**

Buck Smith - 406-580-3249 - mteb@montana.net

**August 1-5 - Mt State Fair Jr Livestock & Open Shows - Great Falls - Lambs-Hogs-Steers-Heifers-(Goats tentative)**

Mike - 406-366-4668/Mardi - 406-366-4667 - mmcattleservices@yahoo.com

[www.montanastatefair.com](http://www.montanastatefair.com)



**August 12-20 - Montana Fair Open & Open Jackpot Shows - Billings - Lambs-Hogs-Steers-Goats**

[www.montanafair.com](http://www.montanafair.com)

\*Check the calendar on the website for additional events or changes.  
 \*BHB = Bill Hamilton 4-H Building on the Lewis and Clark Co. Fairgrounds

# April 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					1 Rec Lab Registration Due	2 Colt to Maturity Clinic 9 AM – Rea Quarter Horses
3 Colt to Maturity Clinic 9 AM – Rea Quarter Horses	4	5 Leathercraft – 4-5:30 PM - BHB Shotgun Signups – 6 PM – BHB Sport Fishing 6 PM BHB	6 Photography 4:30 PM - BHB Horse Judging Workshop 5:30 PM - BHB	7 Open Scale 5:30 PM – BHB Scale Horse Helmet Safety Video 6 PM - BHB	8 Rec Lab - Joliet Dog Agility	9 Rec Lab - Joliet Dog Obedience
10 Rec Lab -Joliet Sewing and Handiwork 2-4 PM – Extension Office	11 Outdoor Meeting – 5:30 - BHB	12 Shotgun 6 PM – BHB Sport Fishing 6 PM BHB	13 4-H Council Meeting – 5:30 PM – BHB Volunteer Appreciation Awards Potluck – 6 PM BHB	14	15 Swine Possession Dog Agility Ambassador Applications Due to the Extension Office Purple Up for Military Youth	16 Dog Obedience
17 Poultry 12 – BHB Horse Clinic 12PM Augusta Grand Foods & Demonstration 2 PM Teen Leaders 4 PM BHB	18 Horse Committee Meeting 5:30 PM – BHB	19 Indoor Meeting 5:30 PM – Extension Office Horse Judging Workshop 5:30 PM BHB Sport Fishing 6 PM BHB	20 Photography 4:30 PM - BHB Cloverbuds 5:30 PM - BHB Swine Tagging Form Due	21 Robotics 5:30 PM BHB	22 Quality Assurance 6 PM - BHB	23 Swine Tagging Date 9 AM – 3 PM Fairgrounds Parking Lot
24 Ranch Horse Sorting 4-6 PM	25 Foundation Mtg. 5:30 Extension Office Rabbits 6 PM - BHB	26 Sport Fishing 6 PM BHB	27	28 Robotics 5:30 PM BHB	29 Dog Agility	30 Dog Obedience