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March 2016

Lewis & Clark County 4-H Newsletter

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4-H Council Update

By: David Hamilton, Council President

March 9, 2016 Council Meeting will be at 5:30 PM at the Bill Hamilton 4-H Building. I want to thank all the members for the great input over the last few months. The communication has been good and I feel like our youth members are starting to feel like their voices actually do matter. We are quickly closing in on a couple important dates. I would like to make sure that everyone is checking through the newsletter and looking for dates that are important your projects. I would also like to make sure that if you have a volunteer you would like to see recognized you can nominate them for a volunteer award by contacting the office. I would like to have you all mark the calendar for May 11th were we will be recognize all of our senior members for the years in our program. As always if you have questions or concerns please contact me at 431-1948 or email at davidhamilton431@gmail.com

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MSU Extension Update

By: Mary Meyer, Extension Agent

In keeping in theme with the Marketing and PR workshops, National 4-H creates wonderful marketing materials to promote 4-H. A great way to share the materials is on your own Facebook page or use their flyers or templates. Check out the 4-H Grows video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4vJ5Ab-uTDk>
"True leaders aren't born; they're grown."

- Combined Marketing, PR and Livestock Judging Workshops
- **February 29, 2016 at 5:30 PM at the BHB** | Beginning Concepts
- **March 23, 2016 at 5:30 PM at the BHB** | Advanced Concepts

Thank you for your time and dedication to the 4-H Program! Mary

Donald Deege Memorial

\$1000 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!

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

Demonstration Day is **March 12, 2016 at Four Georgians School**. Event registration starts at 9:00 am.

[Registration forms are on the 4-H website](#). Registration is due to the Extension Office on or before March 7, 2016. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Gransbery at 431-6784 or Les Gransbery at 431-4220.

Lewis & Clark 4-H Foundation

By: Peggy Bartmess, 4-H Foundation Secretary

The Foundation has completed and signed by-laws that are available [online](#) or in the Extension Office. If you are wanting funds or putting on a 4-H event, you need to fill out the "purple form" located in the Extension Office. The form must be filled out and submitted to the Foundation prior to the event. Events include Jackpots, shows, etc. sponsors for High-point Awards, ribbons, etc. We need the forms to keep our 501(c)(3) status. We will have the "Dream Big" raffle again this year and we will have the tickets available soon.

Our next meeting will be **Feb 29th 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.

Scholarships – Graduating Seniors

Lewis & Clark 4-H Foundation Scholarships are [available online](#)

Montana 4-H Foundation Scholarships are [available online](#)

Volunteer Appreciation Awards

4-H wouldn't exist without the countless hours our dedicated volunteers put into the program! This is our opportunity to say Thank YOU! Both you and adults are invited to nominate award recipients. The process is really easy! Please fill out a [4-H Volunteer Award Nomination form](#) by March 24, 2016.

- **Community Benefactor Award** - Given to individual, club or business providing special service to the Lewis and Clark County 4-H program.
- **Many Hats Award** - Recognizes the volunteer who does it all! This award recognizes the volunteer who is "always there."
- **Outstanding New Volunteer Award** - This award is designated for volunteers who have been enrolled for five years or less as an adult leader.
- **Appreciation Award** - Recognizes dedication and devoted service given to 4-H. This award can be awarded to any active enrolled leader, volunteer or employed staff, whose service is outstanding.
- **Distinguished Service Award** - Honors that individual who has already received the Appreciation Award and has continued to contribute significantly to 4-H countywide.

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

As members of the 4-H community we are privileged to use of the Bill Hamilton 4-H Building for our projects and events, please help us maintain and improve this facility for future youth use by volunteering your time and talent

STEM Night in Townsend, MT

By: Mary Meyer, Extension Agent

Ready for some hands-on STEM activities including robotics, aerospace, wind energy and more? **Tuesday, March 15 Broadwater High School, Townsend.** [Registration is online](#) and due March 9th.

Rec Lab in Joliet, MT

By: Sandy Merchen, Ambassador Advisor

Are you 13 or older? Plan on going to Rec Lab! When: **April 8-10** Where: in Joliet MT. Parents why do you want your kids to go to Rec Lab? It might be for a peaceful weekend for you, but history has proven if you want your teens to stay in 4-H get them involved in State events. Club Leaders encourage all your teens to go. Rec Lab is hands on, interactive workshops that can be replicated in our clubs and camps, they will be brings you tons of ideas. Teens you will get to meet some of your BEST friends from all across the state. If you are a parent of an up and coming teen, come chaperone and find out what it is all about. This year, not only do they have outstanding workshops for the kids, they will have some special things for the adults. Kids DON'T miss this opportunity, this year Rec Lab has the makings of being the best ever!



4-H Rec Lab, "Reach for the Stars in 4-H" in **Joliet April 8-10, 2016.** [Registration is online](#) and due March 25th. Our ambassadors are putting on a workshop; it's sure to be a good time had by all! Please call with any questions. Sandy 465-9364

Indoor Project Updates

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Indoor	Superintendent <i>Dora Lindner</i> 406-475-3640	April 18, 2016 5:30 PM Extension Office	Fair Entry Form June 15, 2016

Our next meeting is planned for Monday, April 18th. 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
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Cloverbuds

Superintendent

Dora Lindner
406-475-3640

March 16, 2016

5:30 PM – BHB

Fair Entry Form

June 15, 2016

Cloverbuds will be meeting on Wednesday, March 16th. Home Depot has donated a "Spinning Box" wood kit for you to build. Please bring a hammer. If time permits, we will also paint the boxes. Hopefully, your chia caterpillars are growing.

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Leathercraft	Superintendent <i>Kathy Edwards</i> 406-475-4972 Jr. Superintendent <i>Kaitlyn Edwards</i>	First Tuesday of the Month 4 PM - 5:30 PM – BHB September – May	Fair Entry Form 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
Photography	Superintendent <i>Luke Duan</i> 406-227-5413	Wednesday, March 9 4:30 PM – BHB	Fair Entry Form June 15, 2016

Project book review: This will be the first workshop to review your progress. The best way to learn and improve upon your craft is through discussing your work, and getting feedback from both leaders and fellow photographers. Bring your workbooks and together we will discuss and critique your work for feedback and ideas to make the very best of your photography.

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Robotics	Superintendent <i>Michelle Ostberg</i> 406-459-3543 Jr. Superintendent <i>Dillon Ostberg</i>	March 24, 2016 5:30 PM – 7 PM – BHB	Fair Entry Form June 15, 2016

Robotics is fast approaching. If you have not received an email from me already, it means either I have typed your email in error (most likely) or you are not signed up for robotics through the Extension office. Please email or call me so we can get this corrected and updated. I am looking forward to our first meeting on March 24 at the Bill Hamilton building from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Please remember to bring your project books. Robotics workshops will be held in the Bill Hamilton Building from 5:30pm until 7:00pm on the following dates: March 24, March 31, April 21, April 28, May 5, May 12, May 19, May 26. The project fee is \$10, depending on how many members we have will depend on team sizes. Michelle Ostberg (406)459-3543 or mostberg@bresnan.net

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Sewing & Handiwork	Superintendent <i>Janet Cerovski</i> 406-458-9450 <i>Trudy Moffett</i> 406-799-3254	Sunday, March 13, 2016 2-4 PM – Extension Upper Conference Room	Fashion Revue May 15, 2016 Fair Entry Form June 15, 2016

Steve will be a guest teacher at the March workshop to teach how to construct Fabric Bowls with fabric and clothesline. Kits for the bowls will be available. Please practice with the zigzag stitch on your sewing machine by the March workshop. Bring extra machine needles (80/12 or 90/14) in case of breakage. If you cannot bring a sewing machine with zigzag capability please contact me prior to the workshop so I can make arrangements to have one for you.

Next sewing workshop is Sunday, April 10th.

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

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Shooting Sports	Superintendent <i>Cody & Susan Mitchell</i> 406-439-3486 Jr. Superintendent <i>Austin Gransbery</i>	Air Rifle - BHB Tues 6-7 & 7-8 Archery – BHB Thurs. 5-6, 6-7, & 7-8	Shooting Sports Awards Banquet March 29, 2016 5:30 PM, BHB

The regular shooting sports season comes to a conclusion this month. The last 4-H shoot happens in Bozeman the first weekend of March. Good luck to those shooters planning on attending.

March 8th and March 10th will be the fair shoot competition. Come shoot during your regular time, choose your division and shoot for score. No entry fee for this shoot. Ribbons and premium money will be given at the awards banquet.

March 15th and 17th fun shoot nights. Parents and siblings join us for a last night of shooting games. Regular shooting times.

Record books will be due this week to be eligible for the record book award. Turn in completed record books to Guy for air rifle and Susan for archery.

Shooting sports awards banquet will be Tuesday **March 29th** 5:30 p.m. at the BHB where we normally shoot. Shooting sports will provide fried chicken, tableware, rolls, drinks, and a meat and cheese platter; please bring a side dish or dessert to share.

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
Teen Leadership	Superintendent <i>Catherine McNeil</i> 406-439-8570 <i>Dora Lindner</i> 406-475-3640	March 20, 2016 4 PM, BHB	

Thanks to all of the teen leaders who painted pots for the Military Family Ball in April. See the photo of the pots these talented teens painted!

Our next meeting will be Sunday, March 20 at 4 pm at the BHB. We will be working on the risers, so bring tools and wear clothes that can get dirty. We will also be painting shirts, so please let me know what size you will need! Thanks for all you do! Questions, call Catherine at 439-8570 or Dora at 475-3640.

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Woodworking	Superintendent <i>Dave Swanson</i> 406-459-3950 Jr. Superintendent <i>Please Apply</i>	March – Call Dave	

Planning on having a workshop in March, will follow up with kids in woodworking project by phone or e-mail. If any kids, junior or senior level have something they want to learn about or need help on, please don't hesitate to call me at any time.

Outdoor Project Updates

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Outdoor	Superintendent <i>David Hamilton</i> 406-475-3640 davidhamilton431@gmail.com <i>Sean Maharg</i> 406-438-2647 mahargs@mt.net Jr. Superintendents <i>Kegan Brewer</i> <i>Kyler Maharg</i>	March 14, 2016 5:30 PM - BHB	Quality Assurance April 22, 6 PM BHB Animal Permission Due with Enrollment Tagging Form & Date See Animal Fair Entry Form June 15, 2016

Heading into the final stretch! The outdoor committee is very busy, and with 5 meetings left until fair....Yikes. We encourage all of you to attend outdoor meetings, especially our youth. Please remember to read the newsletter and project specific information as deadlines are fast approaching. The next meeting will be March 14th at the BHB, 5:30 pm sharp. We look forward to seeing all of you at the meeting. As always if you have something you would like to visit about don't hesitate to call Dave or Sean.

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 or 406-447-8346

New 4-Her Sponsor

Welcoming New 4-Hers to raise animals, please share with your friends, at school, or in other groups you are in. Helena McDonald's Owner, Terry Gauthier, always wanted to raise an animal or live on a ranch. He would have loved to have livestock, but was raised in city limits. Not only is Terry a strong supporter of 4-H and the 4-H Livestock Auction, but he also wants to give NEW 4-H members a chance to raise an animal. Find the [application online](#).



Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Beef	Superintendent <i>Shane Tamcke</i> 406-560-5470 Jr. Superintendent <i>Cody Barnes</i>	Open Scale, March 3, 2016 5:30 PM, BHB	Quality Assurance April 22, 6 PM BHB Fair Entry Form June 15, 2016

Thank you to all the beef kids that made the effort to attend the recent beef nutrition and clipping clinic. Our presenter Cash Yount did an excellent job of sharing important information about nutrition, feed and development of both project steers and heifers.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! Monthly Weigh In will begin and is scheduled the first Thursday of every month at 5:30pm at the back of the BHB. The first weigh in is scheduled for Thursday March 3rd. The scale will be open for weigh in until the last steer has been weighed. If you plan to come but will not be there at 5:30 please call me so I will know to wait for you. Also at this first weigh in, for those who would like, we will be working on introducing your show stick to your steer or heifer and springtime hair care. See you then!
 Shane Tamcke | Beef Superintendent | 560-5470

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Dairy Cattle	Superintendent <i>Marilyn deMontigny</i> 406-227-5177 Jr. Superintendent <i>Becky deMontigny</i>	March 14, 2016 5:30 PM – Great Northern Carousel	Animal Permission Due with Enrollment Fair Entry Form June 15, 2016

Dairy Meeting: March 14th at the Great Northern Carousel at 5:30PM. During this meeting we'll have an opportunity to have a Q&A session with the Carousel Manager about ice cream and their dairy products. I encourage everyone to be thinking about ice cream trivia to ask questions and learn a few new facts about one of America's favorite desserts from one of our local businesses. In addition, this meeting is also very important regarding 4-H Dairy projects schedules for the rest of our 4H year up to fair.

If for any reason you cannot attend please contact Marilyn or Becky deMontigny via email marilynjdemontigny@gmail.com and or call (406) 227-5177.

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

Dog will continue agility and obedience into the month of March. At the end of March, we will be taking a break and then moving into Showmanship in April and May. Please check your emails for more information to come. If you have any questions, please contact Karen at 406/459-3030 or eatnsleephorses@yahoo.com

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

Josie & I will be doing another Goat Workshop on March 13, on how to pick out a goat for either Market or Dairy or in between. It will be in the BHB at 1:00 PM. Tagging will be after May 1st. Don't have a specific date yet. Be sure when you buy a goat from another breeder that you get a Scrapie Tag to go with them. This is a Federal law is used to track animals. Scrapie is scheduled to be eradicated in a couple of years, so this is a very important tool. You do not have to put it in the ear until Fair, but definitely get one and keep it with you. See you on the 13th of March. Karyn 461-7536

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

Goats will be a new addition to this year's jackpots with sheep, swine, steers and heifers.

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Livestock Judging	Superintendent <i>Georgana Webster</i> 360-319-2093	March 23, 2016 5:30 BHB	Idaho Judging April 2, Moscow, ID Intermountain Livestock Judging May 12-14 Utah

Combined with the Marketing Workshop, Livestock Judging Workshop will be offered: March 23, 2016 at 5:30 PM at the BHB – Advanced Concepts

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

Poultry meeting went well, next meeting April 17 @ 12:00 @ BHB. Topic: feeds. Please bring a bird to the meeting.

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Rabbit	Superintendent <i>Vanessa Olson</i> 406-431-1598 <i>Sheri Onstott</i> 406-431-1014 Jr. Superintendent <i>Please Apply</i>	March 16, 2016 5:30 PM, Sheri's Rabbitry	Quality Assurance April 22, 6 PM BHB Animal Permission Due with Enrollment Fair Entry Form June 15, 2016

The next rabbit meeting is March 16 at 5:30. We will be meeting at Sheri Onstott's place to tour her rabbitry. We will send directions to Sheri's place via email.

We would like to thank Dr. Autumn Harris at Bridger Vet for the wonderful presentation on rabbits.

We look forward to seeing everyone at Sheri's. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Sheri at nighthorse1970@gmail.com or Vanessa at 2qtrcircle@gmail.com

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

With Michelle absent from this meeting, I gave my feedback on the Rabbits being added to the Round Robin. After a short discussion on the whys & why nots a motion was made & seconded to include them and the motion carried. Council had no problem with this either, so guess what, you had better sharpen your skills at showing rabbits in case you make it to Round Robin. It is nice to see everyone eager to try new ideas and I believe the meetings that I have attended have been very productive and the 4-H members are participating. Let's all keep up the good work. Happy showing! Karyn - Assistant Chair.

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Sales	Superintendent <i>Karyn Hamilton</i> 406-461-7536	March 15, 2016 5:30 PM – Extension Office	Livestock Auction July 30, 2016

March 15th @ 5:30 in the Conference room: I am looking forward to working with all of you and to hear how you are progressing in the area you have taken on. Thanks to all of you. Many hands make light work for all. See you on the 15th. Karyn 461-7536

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Sheep	Superintendent <i>Jeff Patten</i> 406-461-7536 Jr. Superintendents <i>Hannah Diehl</i> <i>Justin Patten</i>	March 19, 2016 1 PM - BHB	Quality Assurance April 22, 6 PM BHB Animal Permission Due with Enrollment Tagging Form Due April 27, 2016 Tagging Date May 1, 2016 Fair Entry Form June 15, 2016

March 19, 1:00 PM - selection, feeding, caring and general sheep health workshop at the BHB. Lambs will be available for the kids to handle. Lisa Surber will be doing the selection workshop and Sherri Argento will be doing equipment and fitting demonstration.

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

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Swine	Superintendent <i>Dave Swanson</i> 406-475-9437 Jr. Superintendents <i>Miranda Bragg</i> <i>Wade Bratlien</i>	March 19, 2016 11 AM – 1 PM	Quality Assurance April 22, 6 PM BHB Animal Permission Due with Enrollment Tagging Form Due TBA Tagging Date TBA Fair Entry Form June 15, 2016

Thanks to all who are attending the swine workshops, it's good to see this level of involvement.

Next workshop will be March 19. We're having Dr. David Madsen DVM from Dillon MT as the guest speaker.

Club leaders please encourage your market swine kids to attend this one, there will be some important topics covered.

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Horse	Superintendent <i>Dawn Schneider</i> 406-458-4877 Jr. Superintendent <i>Sidney Gates</i> <i>Savannah Schneider</i>	March 21, 2016 5:30 PM - BHB See more below	Helmet Safety Video April 7, 6 PM BHB Fair Entry Form June 15, 2016

March 20 (Sunday) ~ Showmanship Workshop ~ Levels 1 & 2 – 12:00 – Watch e-mails and Facebook for location.

March 21 (Monday) ~ Committee Meeting – 5:30 pm @ BHB – further discussion from project members regarding high point and year end awards will be the focus of this meeting.

March 22 (Tuesday) ~ Horse Judging Project – 5:30 pm @ BHB - Anyone interested in participating in the horse judging project or wants to know more about what is involved, this is the meeting to attend!

April Events ~

- April 2 & 3 ~ 9:00 – Colt to Maturity Clinic @ Rea Quarter Horses
- April 6 ~ 5:30 – Indoor Workshop – focus to be determined.
- **April 7 (Thursday) ~ 6:00 – Helmet 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) ~ 12-3 – Riding Clinic & Assessments.** 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!!!
- 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 – Committee Meeting
- April 19 ~ 5:30 – Horse Judging Workshop
- April 24 (Sunday) ~ 4-6 – Ranch Horse Sorting Practice

Pack Horse: The Lewis and Clark Backcountry Horsemen Chapter would like to team up with the horse project to get the Pack Horse Project off the ground. This is a great opportunity for all 4H members who love the outdoors and are interested in exploring the outdoors with their horse. We have been asked to participate in their monthly meeting March 2 at 7 pm. The meeting will be held at Montana Wild (2668 Broadwater Ave). If interested, please feel free to attend!

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.

Horse Project Facebook and E-Mail:

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

E-mail: lc4horseproject@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

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.



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

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/ 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

More Scholarships Available

NILE Foundation – Due March 11, 2016

Each year the NILE touches the lives of nearly 10,000 youth through its many programs, events, "live" animal scholarships, and college scholarships. Every year the NILE provides over \$55,000 in cash and live animal scholarships. The NILE Foundation was established in 2009 as a supporting arm of the NILE organization, which is dedicated to the promotion of livestock, agriculture education, and respect for the western culture.

Scholarship applications and guidelines can be found on the NILE's website, or by contacting the NILE Office at

406-256-2495. Applications must be in the NILE Office by Friday - March 11, 2016. Applications incomplete or late will not be considered. Scholarships will be awarded and announced in mid-April.

<http://www.thenile.org/p/events/youth-events/295>

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 will be online as soon as we receive it.

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



Montana 4-H is the youth development program of Montana State University Extension.

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

March 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Feb. 28	Feb. 29 Sheep Hair Breed Birthdate – 5:30 St. Andrews School -Marketing, PR, Livestock Judging– 5:30 PM –BHB -Foundation Mtg. 5:30 Extension Office	1 Air Rifle 6 PM – BHB Leathercraft – 4-5:30 PM - BHB	2	3 Archery 5 PM – BHB Open Scale 5:30 PM – BHB Scale	4 Dog Agility	5 Dog Obedience
6	7 Demonstration Day Registration Due	8 Air Rifle 6 PM – BHB	9 Photography 4:30 PM - BHB 4-H Council Meeting – 5:30 PM – BHB STEM Night registration due	10 Archery 5 PM - BHB	11 Dog Agility	12 Dog Obedience Demonstration Day Four Georgians Registration 9 AM
13 Sewing and Handiwork 2-4 PM – Extension Office Goat – 1 PM BHB	14 Outdoor Meeting – 5:30 - BHB Dairy – 5:30 PM Great Northern Carousel	15 Air Rifle 6 PM – BHB STEM Night – Townsend Sales Mtg. 5:30 Extension Office	16 Cloverbuds 5:30 PM - BHB Rabbits 5:30 PM – Sheri’s Rabbitry	17 Archery 5 PM - BHB	18 Dog Agility	19 Dog Obedience Swine 11-1 PM BHB Sheep – 1 PM BHB
20 Horse Showmanship – noon, location TBA Teen Leaders 4 PM - BHB	21 Horse Committee Meeting 5:30 PM – BHB	22 Horse Judging – 5:30 PM BHB	23 Marketing, PR, Livestock Judging Workshop – 5:30 PM - BHB	24 Robotics 5:30 PM BHB	25 Dog Agility Rec Lab Registration Due	26 Dog Obedience
27	28	29 Shooting Sports Banquet 5:30 PM - BHB	30	31 Robotics 5:30 PM BHB	April 1 Dog Agility	April 2 Dog Obedience