



Lewis & Clark County 4-H Newsletter

January
2015

Council Meeting

Council meeting will be **Wednesday, January 14th at 5:30 in the Bill Hamilton Building.**

First thing is first, Thank You to all the clubs that attended the December council meeting. That is the most clubs represented at a council meeting in a very long time. I would like to increase that by more if possible. Remember if you want your clubs represented and your voices heard these are the meetings you need to attend.

On the January agenda we will be voting on a proposal to not allow white ribbons to sell in the 4-H market sale and the animal will be sent home and can be sold by private treaty. We will also be reviewing changes to the council by-laws with hopes to vote on them in February.

I encourage all of you to attend the meetings and let your voices be heard. As always if you have questions contact David Hamilton at 431-1948 or email at davidhamilton431@gmail.com

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<http://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h.html>

www.montana4h.org

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County 4-H Foundation



Lewis & Clark 4-H Foundation meeting will be on **Monday, January 5 at 5:30 pm in the Extension Upper Conference Room.** All 4-H members and leaders are welcomed to attend.

Greytak calendars are still available in the Extension Office. Cost is only \$10.00. Checks are to be written to: Lewis & Clark 4-H Foundation.



Forms due in January

1. Beef tagging form due January 2
2. KMON Livestock Judging form due January 7
3. Mini Shoot form due January 8
4. Camp Counselor form due January 9
5. Legislative Breakfast due January 10
6. Ravalli Winter Teen Camp form due January 20
7. Shooting Invitational form due January 22

INDOOR PROJECT INFORMATION

Indoor Committee meeting is Monday, January 26 at 5:30 in the Extension Conference Room. On the agenda will be fair layout of both buildings and High Point funding. Please call Dora at 475-3640 if you have any questions or suggestions for another great year.

Teen Leaders

Join us on **Sunday, January 18 at 1:00 pm in the Bill Hamilton Building** for a fun and informative meeting. Please bring completed Plans of Action. We will be discussing upcoming events and work on registrations for Winter Teen Camp (due January 20), Citizenship Seminar (in February) and Rec Lab (in March). Come with a fun game to teach. If you have questions, contact Sandy Merchen at 465-9364 or Dora Lindner at 475-3640.



Wanted: 4-H Camp Counselors

Please check the website for the Lewis and Clark County 4-H Camp Counselor application. Youth must be 14 years old as of October 1, 2014 to apply. Preference will be given to those members enrolled in the Teen Leadership project.

Camp dates are June 23 – 26, 2015 and will be held at Loon Lake 4-H Camp just outside of Bigfork, MT. **Applications are due to the Extension Office by January 9, 2015.** If you have questions or need additional information please contact Catherine at 439-8570.

Cloverbuds

Thanks to the teens who have volunteered to lead the cloverbud workshops. The kids that decorated cupcakes had a great time. On **Wednesday, January 21 at 4:30 pm in the Bill Hamilton Building** we will be learning about dog obedience and dog agility from teen leaders in the 4-H dog project. Please RSVP to Catherine McNeil at 439-8570 or Dora at 475-3640.



Photography

4-H Photography project orientation will be on **Wednesday, January 28, 5:45 p.m. in the Bill Hamilton Building.** We will discuss an overview of the photography program and go over upcoming photography events. Contact: Luke Duran, lements@bresnan.net

Shooting Sports



Join us **Tuesday evenings at either 6:00 pm or 7:00 pm** for air rifle and/or **Thursday evenings at 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm or 7:00 pm** for archery.

Any questions contact Susan Mitchell @ 439-3468

Mini Shoot

I am doing the mini shoot again for my teen leader project. The mini shoot will be held at the Bill Hamilton Building on **Saturday, January 17, 2015**. Registration deadline is January 9th. Registration fees are \$5.00 per event. Any registration forms received after January 9th will cost \$7.00 per event. The forms can be turned in at air rifle, archery, or at the Extension Office. If you have any questions, please contact Chris Gransbery at 431-5644.

Helena Shooting Invitational

Lewis and Clark County 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational
Exhibit Hall on the Fairgrounds
Saturday, January 31, 2015

Entry form due postmark by January 22, 2015 to avoid a late fee per event. Registration forms are on the website and available at Air rifle on Tuesdays and Archery on Thursdays.

Check the website for Shooting Meets around the state.

Leathercraft

Leathercraft **Levels 2 - 10 will meet on Wednesday, January 7th at the Bill Hamilton Building from 4:00 - 6:30pm**. Members should have chosen their projects and be ready to pay for them at this meeting.



Leathercraft **Level 1 will meet on Wednesday, January 14th at the Bill Hamilton Building from 4:00 - 5:30pm**. Members should have chosen their projects before the meeting ends. The projects will be ordered January 15th so the upper levels can begin on their projects as soon as possible.

The leathercraft fee for the classes is \$25.00 due at the next meeting, which includes Level 1 and Level 2 projects.

I plan to be available until the end of May for projects and possible a week or two in June. Any questions can be answered by email, katthenut@hotmail.com, or call Kathy at 475-4975.

Sewing & Handiwork Workshop

Sunday, January 25, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Extension office upper conference room

Bring your sewing machine and sewing tools to practice your sewing skills, techniques and assess your sewing knowledge. Knitting assistance will be available too.

Mark your calendars for workshops from 2:00 – 4:00 at the Extension upper conference room on:

Sunday, February 8
Sunday, March 15
Sunday, April 26 – Sewing Revue



Questions with sewing call Janet at 458-9450; with knitting and crocheting call Trudy at 799-3254

Grand Foods/Stir Ups



I would like to announce that we have a new venue for hosting Grand Foods and Stir Ups. This year we will be hosting the event at the Helena Middle School, 1025 N. Rodney. The school offers full kitchen setups for those that want to participate in Stir Ups. Senior members we are hoping you will consider participating in Stir Ups this year. The event will be hosted on **Saturday, February 21, 2015.**

All 4-H members and Cloverbuds are welcome to participate in this fun-filled event. You do not have to be enrolled in the foods project to participate. Grand Foods is lots of fun as all members get to prepare “themed” or fun dishes, baked goods etc. The more creative you are - the more fun it is! Please watch for the February newsletter for the signup information. Mark your calendars now to save the date so you can participate. Hope to see you there.

If you have any questions about Grand Foods and/or senior member if you are interested in Stir Ups, please don't hesitate to contact me regarding this event. Cheryl Richman at 227-2685 after 4:30 pm.

OTHER HAPPENINGS

Legislative Breakfast



The 2015 Legislative Breakfast will be held **Tuesday, January 20th** at the Red Lion Colonial Hotel at 6:30 am. This is an opportunity for members to share with the legislators about 4-H and what it means to you. This breakfast is one of the largest social events legislators attend! Parents are welcome to attend. Breakfast cost is \$13.00. Please contact Catherine McNeil to **register no later than January 10th.** For the teens participating in the breakfast, there is a rehearsal dinner Monday, January 19 at 6:00 pm. After dinner (around 7 pm) join the State Ambassadors as they host a workshop on what to say to your legislators at breakfast. They have some great activities planned for youth participants.

Ravalli County Winter Teen Camp – You're Invited!

Dates: February 13-15, 2015 (Friday-Sunday)
Times: Camp starts 6 pm on Friday, ends at 9 am on Sunday
Ages: 4-H age 13-19 (age of youth on Oct. 1, 2014)
Registration Deadline: Tuesday, January 20, 2015
Cost: \$65.00 for youth and chaperones.



Transportation will need to be arranged by individuals.

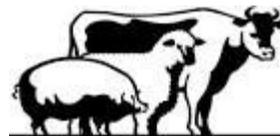
Activities: workshops, private pool & gym party at the athletic club, karaoke and dance.

Please turn registration forms in to the Lewis & Clark Extension Office with check for \$65.00 written to Ravalli County 4-H.

Questions? Contact the Ravalli County Extension Office at (406) 375-6611. Detailed information about the event will be sent to campers two weeks after registration closes.

4-H and FFA KMON Judging Contest Information

Livestock, Meats, Agronomy and Ag Sales Contests
January 23-24, 2015



Montana ExpoPark in Great Falls and Cascade High School in Cascade

Registration and payments are due to Cascade County Extension by January 7th. However, we will gladly accept registrations earlier than that date. Please feel free to contact us for questions.

Jerrica Lind 454-6980
4-H Agent, Cascade County jerrica.lind@montana.edu

People Partner Grants

These grants provide incentives and financial support to groups and individuals for programs that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities. The grant will help make it possible for people to accomplish something educational and worthwhile for their community. Applications are **due postmarked by February 1st deadline**. Additional information and application can be found at <http://montana4h.org/#program:31>.

4-H Citizenship Seminar

4-H Citizenship Seminar will be **February 21 – 23, 2015** in Helena at the Bill Hamilton 4-H Building. Montana Citizenship Seminar is a Citizenship-in-Action (CIA) event designed to educate, inspire and showcase outstanding 4-H youth as they learn and experience the rights and responsibilities of citizenship. Delegates participate in a mock trial, create and debate bills, meet with elected officials, participate in a service learning project and find out first-hand what it means to be a public servant and representative of the people. Delegates must be 14 years of age as of October 1, 2014.

Registration is online at <http://montana4h.org/#program:3> and due by February 1. If you have any questions contact the office at 447-8346.



Graduating Seniors – 4-H Foundation Scholarships



It's time to start filling out those scholarship applications – if you haven't started already. Applications for the 4-H Foundation scholarships are to be mailed to the Montana 4-H Foundation postmarked on or before April 1st. Please visit the links at <http://montana4h.org/#program:30> for individual scholarship information.

Other state 4-H scholarships with different application requirements and earlier deadlines can be found at <http://montana4h.org/#program:47>.

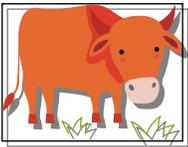
Information on the Lewis and Clark County scholarships will be available in February.

OUTDOOR PROJECT INFORMATION

Happy New Year from the Outdoor Committee! As we begin the New Year I would like to remind everyone to be reading their individual animal project articles in the newsletter to stay current on important information. Our next **Outdoor committee meeting is Monday, January 12th 5:30 in the Bill Hamilton Building** and as always everyone is invited to attend.

If you ever have any questions please feel free to contact me.
Dennis Deaton 461-2844

Beef Project



I am honored to be your new Beef Superintendent and look forward to meeting everyone at weigh in on January 4th 10:00 – 1:00. In the meantime, please feel free to call me, Shane Tamcke, with any questions regarding your projects. I will do my best to answer any questions or connect you with resources if needed. My cell phone is (406) 560-5470.

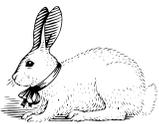
Beef tagging forms are available online and in the Extension office and are due January 2 to the Extension Office or with a \$5.00 fine paid at beef tagging. Beef tagging will be **Sunday, January 4th from 10:00 am — 1:00 pm** at the back of the Bill Hamilton building. Bill of sale must be presented at tagging.

At weigh in, I would like to see all steers show up with a halter and the halter breaking process already started. It is ok for safety reasons for a parent, or another adult, to assist the 4-H member to lead their steer across the scale. Please make sure that you bring your bill of sale to tagging.

I am a firm believer in feeding your animals and find it is easier to slow them down as we approach fair than it is to play catch up. Please call me if you wish to discuss your feed program. We will announce a schedule for workshops and open scale times soon. Looking forward to a fun year and to meeting you all in January!

Shane Tamcke, Beef Superintendent

Rabbit



There will be a rabbit meeting for Level 1 members **Monday, January 26 in the Bill Hamilton Building at 6:00 pm.**

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Poultry

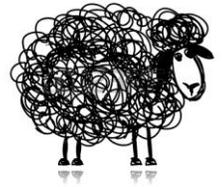


Poultry workshop **Sunday, January 11 at 12:30 pm in the Bill Hamilton Building.**

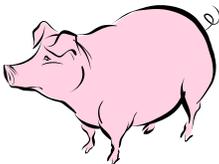
Any questions call Val at 475-5345

Sheep Project

There will be a sheep workshop Sunday, February 1 from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. We will be going over what happens during the lambing process, tagging, castrating, vaccinating, and docking of lambs. Each 4-Her will have a chance to do anyone of these activities. This will be at my barn at 863 Sunny Vista Road and you can contact Jeff Patten @422-3796 or email at blaackraam@gmail.com.



Swine



I want to remind folks to start thinking about where you're going to be getting your pigs this year. I want to make sure that you all know that you are always invited to the outdoor meetings. There are a lot of things happening and it is important that we hear from the 4-H members on what they want. I want each of you to know that the reason I do this is for you as members. It is very important that you come and voice your thoughts on topics that we are discussing.

We will be looking at getting a selection workshop scheduled in February, a care and feeding workshop in March. We do not have the dates yet but as soon as we do I will get them out to all of you. I would like to hear from you on what you might want for workshops. Reminder that the minimum weight for pigs this year will be 210 pounds and we have moved the maximum weight up to 300 pounds. All pigs over 300 pounds will still be eligible for Grand or Reserve.

As always if you have questions contact David Hamilton at 431-1948 or email at davidhamilton431@gmail.com

Helena Jackpot Show



.... SAVE THE DATE....

Helena Jackpot Show is scheduled for June 13, 2015 in the Multipurpose Building. This is a great opportunity for you to practice showing your lamb, steer, heifer or pig before the fair.

Any questions contact Jeff Patten at 422-3796

Dog Project



Hope everyone enjoyed the holiday break!

The project's second training session will begin the weekend of **January 9th with Agility** on Friday nights **and January 10th with Obedience** on Saturday mornings in the Bill Hamilton Building. Please watch your emails for upcoming details!

As always if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me (Karen) at eatnsleephorses@yahoo.com or [\(406\) 459-3030](tel:4064593030).

Horse Committee Meeting

The Horse Committee Meeting is **January 19, 2015 at 5:30 in the Bill Hamilton Building**. The next Horse Committee meeting is February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15 and tentatively July 13, 2015.

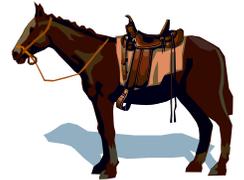
Jr Superintendent

The horse project is still looking for a Jr Superintendent. If you are 14 years old and interested please fill out the application and submit it to the 4-H office.

Upcoming Events

Riding Workshops – 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm in the Multipurpose Building

Jan 25 – New Date	Apr 19 – Date changed
Feb 22	May 3
Mar 15	May 30
	June 20 – Tentative Practice Show Date



Riding dates will be cancelled if the forecasted high for the day is below 25 degrees.

Indoor Workshops – In the Bill Hamilton Building

January 10th at 2:00 pm – Tack workshop – Please bring your project books
February 7 at 2 pm – TBA – Helmet Safety and Horse Care & Safety Videos
May – TBA – Helmet Safety and Horse Care & Safety Videos – last time for the 4-H year.

Horse Project Facebook

Please come join us on Facebook: Lewis & Clark County 4-H Horse Project

Horse Enrollment Fee

The horse program would not be able to function without an enrollment fee. A \$50 enrollment fee is Due NO LATER than February 1st or at FIRST riding workshop. Horse enrollment fee's offset the cost of arena time, clinic fees and other activities and awards throughout the year. Forms are available online and at the Extension office. Please pay the horse enrollment fee at the office or at the first activity. This fee must be paid to participate in the upcoming horse events.

Helmet Safety Video

Participants in the 4-H Horse Project are required to attend a helmet education workshop and view the video “ Every Ride Every Time” once as a junior 4-H member (9-13) and once as a senior member (14 and up). At the end of the video, parent can sign the Horse Project Waiver and Helmet Policy Form. Early participation is encouraged. Viewing this video is required in order for horse members to participate in upcoming horse riding clinics and the Fair.

Horse Care and Safety Training (HCS)

All new horse members or members who didn't take HCS (formerly Horse QA) for Horse last year are required to take the Horse Care and Safety Training class this year. This training will be offered a limited number of times, so please plan to take care of this training early.

Please watch the Newsletters for the next dates on the Helmet Safety Video and Horse Care and Safety Training. May is the last time the videos will be offered for this 4-H year.

The horse project has a new email address lc4hhorseproject@gmail.com

Any questions give me a call 431-1598 or email lc4hhorseproject@gmail.com. Vanessa

January 2015



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 - OFFICE CLOSED - Archery 5:00/6:00/7:00 pm	2	3
4 Beef Tagging 10:00 am – 1:00 pm	5 Foundation Meeting 5:30 pm	6 Air Rifle 6:00/7:00 pm	7 Leathercraft Levels 2+ 4:00 pm	8 Archery 5:00/6:00/7:00 pm	9 Dog Agility 5:30 pm	10 Dog Obedience 9:00 am Horse Workshop 2:00 pm
11 Poultry 12:30	12 Outdoor Committee Mtg 5:30 pm	13 Air Rifle 6:00/7:00 pm	14 Leathercraft Level 1 4:00 pm Council Meeting 5:30 pm	15 Archery 5:00/6:00/7:00 pm	16	17 Mini Shoot 9:00 am
18 Teen Leadership 1:00 pm	19 - OFFICE CLOSED - Horse Committee 5:30 pm Rehearsal Dinner 6:00 pm	20 Legislative Breakfast 6:30 am Air Rifle 6:00/7:00 pm	21 Cloverbuds 4:30 pm	22 Archery 5:00/6:00/7:00 pm	23 Dog Agility 5:30 pm	24 Dog Showmanship 9:00 am
25 Horse Open Ride 1:00 – 4:00 Sewing 2:00 pm	26 Indoor Committee Mtg 5:30 pm Rabbit 6:00 pm	27 Air Rifle 6:00/7:00 pm	28 Photography 5:45 pm	29 Archery 5:00/6:00/7:00 pm	30	31 Shooting Invitational