



Lewis & Clark County 4-H Newsletter



**September
2015**

Council Meeting

Join us at the next Council meeting on **Wednesday, September 9th at 5:30 in the Bill Hamilton Building**. Slate of 2015 – 2016 officers will be presented. We will be wrapping up the year and will have items to discuss as we begin the new 4-H year. The meeting is open to all members, leaders or parents who want to participate in the decisions and direction of the Lewis & Clark County 4-H program. Each club is encouraged to have representation. Each club has two (2) votes on the Council and must be present to vote.

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

Club Leader Training

We will offer for Club Leaders to come to a group planning session and to pick up the club enrollment packet. If you are unable to attend either session, please schedule an appointment to meet and pick up the club enrollment packet with 4-H Agent Mary Meyer.



The dates for the group sessions are:

When: September 28 and 30, 2015 at 6 PM

Where: Upper Conference Room –conference room above the Fairgrounds and Extension Office

Why: Planning for 2015-2016

How: Please set up a time to meet or come either of these dates.

Who: Current 4-H Club Leaders, Co-Leaders and people interested in leading a 4-H Club

What: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/G5BDKRD> You tell me what you want to focus on, I want to respect your time. You know the Lewis and Clark 4-H Program better than I do! Additional ideas to add to sharing or future training: Ideas for 4-H Week, Conflict Resolution Training, Record Book Training, Financial Record Keeping Training, etc.

*Note: this is not for brand new leaders and families. New Leader and New Family Orientations will be offered in late October and November

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

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COUNTY HAPPENINGS

Project Awards

Project Recognition is earned when you go beyond the basic project requirements. Forms are located on the county website at: <http://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/forms.html>
Forms due to the Extension Office September 20.

County Awards

Julie Paulson Achievement Award: Awarded to a senior member who has shown tremendous achievement and growth through the 4-H program throughout the years. Recipient will be awarded a plaque from the Paulson Family. Nomination application required.

Young Achievers: For Junior 4-H members (8-13 years old) who have been involved in a variety of club and county activities. Application is required.

Overall Achievement: Can be awarded once as a Junior member and once as a Senior member. Prize is a \$150 scholarship! Winners must have been involved in a variety of Indoor and Outdoor projects for multiple years. Application and Record book required.

Overall Agriculture & Overall Family Consumer Sciences: Similar to Overall Achievement but specific to an area. Prize is a \$150 scholarship and a variety of project work in the specific area over multiple years is needed. Application and Record book required.

Club Secretary & Scrapbook Awards: Two separate awards submitted by club officers to account for the club's 4-H year. Books must be submitted. Awards announced at Awards Night.

Ron Schatz Project Award

This award will support two (2) 4-H members in the Lewis and Clark County 4-H programs to continue with a project or to initiate a new project. 2015-2016 will have an anonymous addition of \$250 for an additional award. Each 4-H recipient will receive \$250.00.

Suggested ideas:

-  Project equipment (camera, sewing machine, bicycle, purchase of animal, tools, leashes)
-  Materials to complete a project (wood, fabric, leather, feed)
-  Leadership and/or Self-determined project needs.

Eligibility:

Youth must enroll as a member in the Lewis & Clark County 4-H program for the current year.

Member has been an active participant in the county program for a minimum of two (2) years.

Member that has at least one (1) year remaining in his/her 4-H career

Application due to the Extension Office **October 15, 2015**. Application is on the county website.



Window Display Contest

National 4-H Week is October 4th – 10th. The theme has not been announced at this time.

Window displays must be complete and in store windows by Sunday morning, October 4. When designing your window be creative, be original. Use experiences and projects of club members and make them the inspiration for your window. This is each club's chance to let their community know what 4-H is, why you think it's fun and how others can get involved.

To get your window judged please fill out an entry form and turn it into the Extension Office **by September 30**. The winning displays will be announced at Fall Awards Night.

Montana 4-H Leadership Forum

Montana 4-H Leaders Forum "**Harvesting Seeds of Leadership**" sponsored by District 2, will be October 2nd - 4th in Havre at the Fifth Avenue Christian Church. Early registration is \$100 if received by September 1.



There are many great workshops and tours planned. Saturday night will have musical entertainment by Ken Overcast "*The Last of the Real Singing Cowboys*"

Registration and workshop information for can be found by going to <http://montana4h.org/pub/files/2015%20Montana%204-H%20Leaders%20Forum.pdf>

4-H Summer Camp



Anyone interested in participating in 4-H camp is invited to come to the committee meeting on **Wednesday, September 2 at 5:30 at the Bill Hamilton Building**. We will be discussing where and when we are having camp. We will then make a recommendation to the Lewis and Clark 4-H Council at the next meeting. All are welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine at 439-8570.

INDOOR PROJECT INFORMATION

Next Indoor Committee Meeting is Monday, September 21 at 5:30 p.m. in the Extension Conference Room. We will be discussing fair follow-up and Indoor Superintendent positions.

If you have questions contact Dora at 475-3640 or the office at 447-8346.

Seeking Cloverbud Superintendent



Cloverbuds is for youth six to eight years old. Through Cloverbuds, children can develop age-appropriate skills and abilities. The 4-H Cloverbud project includes hands-on, fun, cooperative and noncompetitive activities. The 4-H Cloverbud activities enable adult volunteers to help youth relate to science and technology, expressive arts, health, the environment, personal development, citizenship, family science, consumer science, plants and animals.

Please contact Dora if interested.

High school Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors

Hey high school sophomores, juniors and seniors! Save the date of November 14th to learn how to apply for scholarships and apply for financial aid. Watch for details in the October 4-H Newsletter.

For information contact Catherine at 439-8570, Karen Bratlien at 459-3030 or Sara Cease at 324-3925.



Teen Leaders

We are looking for youth who will be 13 years of age by October 1, 2015. If you are interested in learning more about leadership and team building, we want you! **Join us on Sunday, September 20 at 1:00 pm at the Helena Middle School Library!** We will be playing some teambuilding games you can take back to your clubs and setting the schedule for the year for teen leader activities.



If you have any questions, please contact Dora at 475-3640 or Catherine at 439-8570. WE can't wait to see you!!

Leathercraft



Leathercraft workshops will be the first Tuesday of the month September through May in the Bill Hamilton Building at 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm. **First workshop will be Tuesday, September 8th.**

OUTDOOR PROJECT INFORMATION

Next Outdoor Meeting is the September 14th @ 5:30 in the BHB. Items on the agenda include: revisiting from last year on allowing members to tag more than one animal in a species but only able to exhibit one; and creating a limit on the number of animal entries for fair. The idea on the limit of animal entries at fair is purely on space and wording that has been previously discussed includes; if a limit were put in place it would be a pen limit and only be enforced if there were more animals entered in fair than space allows. Please make sure to come to our meeting if you would like for your opinion to be heard on these matters.

October Outdoor meeting is the 12th @ 5:30 in the BHB and will be our election meeting. Current open positions on the Outdoor Committee include: Overall, Sales, Rabbit, Round Robin and Security. The Overall position will be the first position filled, nominations will be taken from the floor and the current members of the Outdoor Committee (standing superintendents in attendance) will vote on the new Overall Superintendent. The newly elected Overall Superintendent will be confirmed by the Council at their October 14th meeting. The Outdoor Committee then hopes to fill the remaining open positions on the committee following the Overall Superintendent election. If you are interested in joining the outdoor committee, I hope you are able to attend the October meeting.

Dennis Deaton
461-2844

Attention 4-H members ages 16 – 19



If you sold a 4-H animal or have a job there is a savings program and classes that can turn \$450 into a match of \$1350 after completion. To see if you qualify check out <http://www.smartaboutcollege.org/saving/> or Email Marti Johnson at mjohnson@safmt.org Marti checked and you can invest your 4-H Livestock check into the program and start earning!

Rabbit

We need a Rabbit Superintendent and a Jr Rabbit Superintendent for the upcoming year! So if there are any adults and members interested PLEASE step up!!!



Good luck! Dundee

Poultry

First meeting for the new 4-H year will be on **Sunday, September 13th** in the **Bill Hamilton Building at 12:30 pm**. Bring a bird and your project book.

I look forward to seeing you.

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Dog

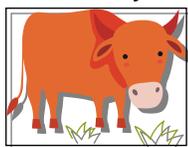
As we bring this 4-H year to close, I'd like to take a moment to thank our volunteer instructors Peggy Duezabou, Deirdre Kane, Rita Munson, and Catherine LeCours as well as Bill & Laurie Sullivan, my Jr. Superintendent, Shea Sullivan, and unofficial Dog Project helper, Wade Bratlien. Thank you all for your hours of dedication, improving the project and keeping me straight, which is not an easy task. Thank you to the parents and dog project members for attending our workshops and continued commitment to the project. It's been a great year and I've enjoyed you all. With that, I'll be sending an email to project members asking for your feedback on the year so we can make adjustments for the coming year as we will be starting up again in October! See you then!



If you have questions please contact Karen Bratlien at eatnslephorses@yahoo.com.

Beef

2016 Beef Project Members- I realize it seems like the fair just got over but now is time to start talking to breeders about steers for next year. It is always good to get a head start and start looking for steers early. Most breeders by now have been watching their steers and have in mind what they have to offer. Steers are a big investment so take your time and study them well



before making a selection. I found this study guide that I think is of great information for all:

Selecting Your Calf --- Selection of a project animal should be done carefully

with consideration given to breed, size and quality. Size and quality are especially important and while management and nutrition have great influence on both it is a big help to begin with a good animal. At the same time, however, while you want to select the best calf you can possibly afford, be sure that the price you pay is consistent with your objectives. For the beginner who is learning about feeding, management, etc., good quality calves bought at a modest price may be the wisest investment. Purchasing livestock at high prices actually does not guarantee success or mean easier management. A successful project outcome requires the calf to have a desirable genetic background and an excellent environment while in your care.

Evaluation of Market Cattle- When selecting and evaluating market cattle, you must keep in mind the purpose of these animals. The primary function of market animals is meat production. Therefore, traits such as muscling and finish are emphasized. Muscling Modern market cattle should exhibit extra muscling down their top and through their quarter. These are the areas from which the high-priced cuts come from. Traits that are found in the ideal market steer include: natural thickness down the top, muscular loin, long level rump, wide through the center of the quarter, and wide deep stifle.

Finish- Finish refers to the amount of fat cover a market animal possesses. An ideal market animal should have the minimal amount of body fat and still be able to reach the Choice quality grade. Desirable traits in regard to finish include: smooth and uniform fat cover over ribs, uniformity in depth of body, freedom from fat patches around the tailhead, and no excessive fullness in brisket

Frame Size- Current trends in the market cattle frame size have shifted toward moderation. Market cattle should have enough frame to enable them to reach an acceptable market weight (1,100 – 1,350 pounds) at 12 – 18 months of age. Acceptable traits for today's frame size include: moderate hip height, extra length of body and long rump.

Structural Correctness- While it is not emphasized as greatly as it is with breeding cattle, structural correctness is an important selection criteria when judging market animals. Look for animals that: stand squarely on front and rear legs, move with a long, reaching stride, nearly level from hooks to pins, possess adequate set (flex) to the hock, have a proper slope to the shoulder and heavy boned.

Disposition- The disposition of a beef animal is a trait that often does not receive enough emphasis in the selection process. A quiet, gentle calf will make the time and effort spent on a beef project a much safer and enjoyable experience for everyone involved. A quiet disposition should be a high priority when selecting an animal for a less experienced member. There are some definite disadvantages to working with a calf that possess a poor disposition. A wild calf will be more difficult to halter break. A nervous animal can be a safety risk to the people at home and the fair. Frequently animals with a poor disposition will have a lower rate of gain. Wild animals also have a tendency to produce more carcasses that are classified as "dark cutters". Be realistic with your expectations. A sense of trust needs to be developed between the handler and the animal.

If you have any ideas that you would like to see with next years projects and/or fair I would love to hear them. If you have any questions about your beef project as always don't hesitate to call.

Thanks,
Shane

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Horse Project

We encourage horse and horseless members to apply for the Lewis & Clark County Horsemanship Award. The horsemanship award was developed to recognize a 4-H horse member's dedication and commitment through participation and achievement in the county 4-H horse and horseless projects. **The award is due August 31.** Application is on the 4-H website.

The **Horse Committee meeting is on September 21, 2015 at 5:30 in the Bill Hamilton Building.** The next Horse Committee meetings will be October 19, and November 16, at 5:30 at the Bill Hamilton Building.

Congratulation to the Horse High Point winners from the 2015 Lewis & Clark Horse Fair.

Walk/ Trot	Grand Champion Reserve	Megan Goroski Payton Sprague
Junior	Grand Champion Reserve	Landry Scoles Clancy Olson
Senior	Grand Champion Reserve	Kendell Perry Brooke Whitney

I want to thank all the volunteers that made the show run smooth this year: the Whitney Family, the Schneider Family, the Brewer Family, the Collison Family, Jennifer Scoles, Christine McKay, Moriah Parker Katie Merchan, Beckie Graham, Lois Steinbeck, Dennis Deaton, Mary Meyer and all the families who helped tear the arena down.

Horse Project Facebook

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

If you have any questions, please contact Vanessa at 431-1598 or lc4horseproject@gmail.com

*Check the calendar on the website for additional events or changes.

September 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2 Camp Mtg 5:30	3	4	5
6	7 - OFFICE CLOSED -	8 Leathercraft 4:00	9 Council Meeting 5:30 BHB	10	11	12
13 Poultry 12:30	14 Outdoor Mtg 5:30	15	16	17	18	19
20 Teen Mtg 1:00	21 Indoor Mtg 5:30 Horse Mtg 5:30	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 Leader Session 6:00	29	30 Leader Session 6:00	1	2	3



GROWING LEADERS

This year, we are having **FIVE** Regional Growing Leaders Youth Summits for students to explore local food systems across the state!

Helena — October 3rd

Billings — October 5th

Livingston — October 11th

Rocky Boy — October 24th

Kalispell — October 26th

The Growing Leaders Youth Initiatives (GLYI) is a project of the National Center for Appropriate Technology (NCAT) that was developed to create opportunities that build high school students' leadership and ability to educate and organize their peers and communities to support healthy, local foods systems.

Youth Summit

**Help make change through
NCAT's Youth Summits!**

Are you passionate about promoting the health and prosperity of your community?

Are you a community member who loves local, nutritious food?

Help us create a unique experience for the future leaders of Montana by sharing your knowledge and experience through a presentation or workshop.

Contact: Demetrius Fassas,
demetriusf@ncat.org, (859) 200-6861.



2015-2016

Governor and First Lady Youth Leadership Council



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YOUTH LEADERS

7th - 12th grade

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learn more and apply by **Friday, October 2nd**

www.FightChildhoodHunger.com

Questions? Contact Marissa Perry
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must attend orientation
NOVEMBER 7 @ 930am to 330pm
STATE CAPITOL BUILDING, HELENA, MT

