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January 2017

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4-H Council Update

By: David Hamilton, Council President

Please come to the Council meeting at the Bill Hamilton 4-H Building at **5:30 PM on January 11th**. We have a lot happening this year so it is important for you to make sure that your clubs are represented at the meeting. Please come and give your input at the meeting. As always if you have questions or concerns please contact me at 431-1948 or email at davidhamilton431@gmail.com

Fair Theme: Please have your club vote and bring your choice to the Council Meeting. Voting options are online.

MSU Extension Update

By: Mary Meyer, Extension Agent

Welcome to 2017! Have you called the Ambassadors to schedule a time for them to visit your club? Please consider attending Legislative Breakfast to represent 4-H!

2017 Legislative Breakfast

Location: Radisson Colonial Hotel, Helena

Cost: Funds available from Council so register ASAP as we need a count – broken down costs \$13.00 for breakfast and \$18 for dinner.

Registration Deadline: Thursday, January 5th to Lewis & Clark County Extension Office

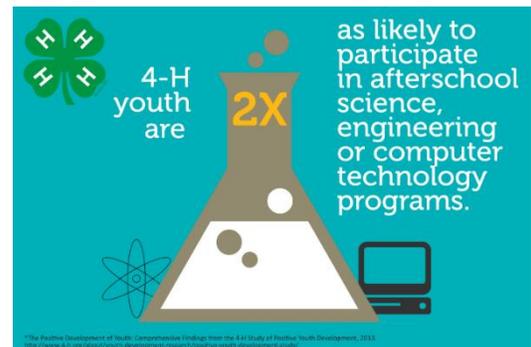
- Legislative Breakfast provides an opportunity to educate Montana legislators about the work and successes of 4-H and MSU Extension. It brings youth and adult constituents from across the state together to share ideas, issues and concerns. The advocacy group, Montanans for 4-H, organizes the event.
- Who Can Go? All adult and teen leaders are encouraged to attend. Legislative Breakfast will be held the morning of Tuesday, January 17th from 6:30 AM – 7:30 AM with a practice dinner on the evening of January 16th at Radisson Colonial Hotel in Helena.
- What Else Do I Need to Know? The evening prior to the breakfast provides opportunities for youth and adults to practice speaking and prepare for visits with legislators. We will need to reach out to our legislators to invite them to this event.
- Registration form is on the website at <http://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/forms.html>

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There are lots of exciting opportunities in 4-H! We have several Countywide and Statewide 4-H opportunities coming up for January!

- 1/7/2017 Beef Tagging 10 AM – 1 PM BHB
- 1/8/2017 Quality Assurance Planning Meeting – 5:30 PM BHB
- 1/13/2017 & 1/14/2017 Statewide Shooting Sports Training
- 1/15 OR 16/2017 Confirm with James Brown
- 1/16/2017 Rehearsal Dinner for Legislative Breakfast
- 1/17/2017 Montana 4-H Legislative Breakfast
- 1/21/2017 Lewis & Clark County Shooting Sports Tournament
- 1/30/2017 Quality Assurance Training – 5:30 PM BHB

Countywide Events & Updates

Foundation Report

Planning work for the 3rd Annual Dream Big raffle is in the works. If you have any ideas for this fundraiser or are interested in helping with this, please contact Dora Lindner or Cody Mitchell. Watch for more details in coming newsletters! Next meeting is **January 9th at 6:30 pm in the Extension Upper Conference Room.**

Indoor Project Updates

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting
Indoor	Superintendent <i>Dora Lindner</i> 406-475-3640	January 23, 2017 5:30 PM Extension Office

Our next meeting will be Monday, **January 23, 2017 at 5:30 PM** in the Extension Office Conference Room. We are in need of Superintendents for Exploring Nature: Forestry, Wildlife, Outdoor Adventures; Cat; and Pocket Pets. If you are interested in leading one of these projects, please let Dora Lindner or the Extension Office know. Enjoy the upcoming holidays!

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Leathercraft	Superintendent <i>Christine Patten</i> 406-459-2923	January 11, 2017 3:45-5:30 PM BHB	

Our next leather craft meeting is Wednesday, January 11 from 3:45 - 5:00 at the BHB. If you have any questions, please email me at cepatten1@gmail.com or call me at 459-2923. Thanks, Christine

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Cloverbuds	Superintendent <i>Erin Weisgerber</i> 406-459-5177	January 18, 2017 6:00 PM - BHB	

The next Cloverbuds workshop will be Wednesday, January 18th at 6:00 pm at the BHB. See you then!

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Bicycle	Superintendent		
Electricity	<i>Gerald LaChere</i>		
Small Engines	406-465-2691		
Gardening			
Noxious Weeds			

The dates and requirements for the programs will be in an upcoming newsletter for **Bicycle, Electricity/Small Engines (Combined) and Gardening/Noxious Weeds (Combined)**. If you have interest and/or have knowledge in one of these areas and would like to assist with the programs, please contact Gerald at 406-465-2691. Items needed – call Gerald 406-465-2691 if you can donate anything!

- Small Engines
 - Lawn Mowers
- Gardening
 - Grow Lights
 - Gardening Tools
- Electricity
 - Small gauge wires
 - Batteries
- Bicycles
 - Cones
 - Helmets
 - Water bottles
 - Likely kids will bring their own bikes, but if you have a bike in good shape we are interested.

Robotics will start up in the Spring! Contact Michelle Ostberg if interested 406-459-3534

Vet Science – Started on December 27th with Kelsey Stoner and will continue in 2017 offered through Dr. Nelson. Call the Extension Office if interested 406-447-8349 or email mary.meyer@montana.edu

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Shooting Sports	Superintendent <i>Cody & Susan Mitchell</i> 406-439-3468 Jr. Superintendent <i>Austin Gransbery</i>	See below	

Air Rifle meets Tuesday nights. 2 shooting sessions: 6:00 – 7:00 p.m or 7:00 – 8:00

Archery meets Thursday nights. 3 shooting sessions: 5:00 – 6:00 p.m 6:00 – 7:00 p.m 7:00 – 8:00 p.m

Shooting sports coaches certification to take place in Helena January 13th and 14th. Registration is required.

Postal tournament started in December. Sign up during regular shooting times.

Lewis and Clark Mini shoot (for Lewis and Clark county shooters only) Sunday January 8th.

Lewis and Clark Invitational (open to counties state wide) Saturday January 21st. Registration forms are on the website at <http://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/forms.html>

Shotgun

Signups will be on Tuesday, March 7th and Thursday March 9th at 6 PM at the BHB. Cost is \$100 (\$50 for Shooting Sports Project and \$50 Membership to the Helena Trap Club)

Shotgun and shells are provided along with safety equipment. You can use your own shotgun as long as it is a 20 or 12 gauge.

This is a 14 week program, we meet on Mondays. The 1st two weeks will be classes on shotgun safety. Next 12 week will be shooting at the trap range. If you have any suggestions for the Shotgun Project please call Scott Allen at 406-202-0905 or scott59634@gmail.com

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Sport Fishing	Superintendent <i>Guy Rainville</i> 406-439-3199 Jr. Superintendent	Begins in April	

Lewis and Clark County 4-H Sport Fishing will be offered again this 4-H year beginning in early April. Expect the first meeting [probably at the Bill Hamilton 4-H Building] to be registration and a video “reading the water” (how to find fish). But then we’ll get busy! Sport Fishing is a weekly project workshop meeting on Tuesday evenings. The first few meetings will be conducted “on land” and include topics such as Fishing 1st Aid, Fly Tying, Rod and Reel Maintenance, and Casting. 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.

For more information, call or text Project Leader Guy Rainville at 439-3199.

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	January 8, 2017 2:00 PM-4:00 PM Upper Conference Room	Mark your calendars for workshops: February 12 *date change March 12 April 9 April 30 – Sewing Revue

Come prepared to work on your sewing project. Project ideas and patterns can be found on the website <http://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/project-areas/indoor/sewing.html>

Become familiar with your sewing machine – how to thread the machine, how to wind a bobbin, manually raise and lower the needle, using the foot pedal, finding the measurement marks on the throat plate, reverse stitching, etc. If comfortable, cut the pattern and fabric out prior to the workshop as there is limited space.

Minimum sewing supplies to have handy are:

- Scissors – preferably shears
- Dressmaker pins
- Pin cushion
- Seam ripper
- Seam gauge
- Measuring tape
- Marking pencil/pen

Knitting and crocheting assistance will be available too.

Sewing questions call Janet at 458-9450; knitting or crocheting questions call Trudy at 799-3254.

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Teen Leadership	Superintendents <i>Catherine McNeil</i> 406-439-8570 <i>Dora Lindner</i> 406-475-3640	January 22, 2017 3 PM @ BHB	

Teen Leader meeting on January 22 at 3:00. We will be making tie blankets to donate so please bring material if you are able to. Thank you! Katie Lindner

Ambassadors

Ambassadors are working on a power point to use to get the word out about what 4-H does and the lasting impact that it has on members. We also worked on setting up the projects that we will work to achieve throughout the year, that include helping do work for and in our community. If you would like the ambassadors to come speak to your clubs then contact our leader Jen McKay at (406) 442-2544.

The ambassadors are participating in the flag ceremony at the Legislative Breakfast in January. We will be meeting on January 6 to hand out invitations to the legislators. In the next couple months we will be presenting our power point to different organizations in the community.

Outdoor Project Updates

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Outdoor	Superintendent <i>David Hamilton</i> 406-431-1948 davidhamilton431@gmail.com <i>Sean Maharg</i> 406-438-2647 mahargs@mt.net Jr. Superintendents <i>Josie Hamilton, Kyler Maharg</i>	January 9, 2017 5:30 PM - BHB	Animal Permission Due with Enrollment Quality Assurance 1/30/2017 5:30 PM BHB

Quality Assurance

Quality Assurance Training will be offered on January 30, 2017 and March 12, 2017 at 5:30 PM in the Bill Hamilton 4-H Building.

We need help putting on the January 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: January 30, 2017 and March 12, 2017 at 5:30 PM

Contact: Mary Meyer mary.meyer@montana.edu or 406-447-8346

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Beef	Superintendent <i>Shane Tamcke</i> 406-560-5470 Jr. Superintendents <i>McKoy Gebhardt</i> <i>Isabelle Lowry</i>		Beef Tagging Saturday, January 7 BHB - 10AM – 1PM Quality Assurance 1/30/2017 5:30 PM BHB

BEEF TAGGING IS SCHEDULED!! Beef Tagging is Saturday January 7th at the BHB from 10am-1pm. Per the request of the Brand Inspector.....This year all beef kids are **required to bring a Brand Inspection with them to beef tagging**. If you purchased your steer in another county you should already have one in your possession from time of purchase. If you purchased your steer in Lewis & Clark County and have a “Bill of Sale” only please make arrangements to have your steer brand inspected prior to weigh in on January 7th and bring the brand inspection with you to tagging

Brand Inspector Mark Williams will schedule appointments to visit you and inspect your steer before Jan 7th. He is out of town until Dec 6th and can be reached after that date at: 406-227-6941

Again this year, steers will be led across the scale at tagging. If you are having any halter breaking issues or have any other questions please feel free to call me.

If you would like some help with your steer or heifer please let me know. Thank you.

Shane Tamcke | Beef Superintendent | 406-560-5470

McKoy Gebhardt | Junior Beef Superintendent | 406-438-6164

Isabelle Lowry | Junior Beef Superintendent | 406-490-4323

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Dairy Cattle	Superintendent <i>Marilyn deMontigny</i> 406-227-5177 Jr. Superintendent <i>Becky deMontigny</i>	February 2017	

Hello to all dairy members. I am in the process of planning a field trip for the end of February. Watch upcoming newsletters for the date and time!

Thanks, Marilyn deMontigny (406) 227-5177 marilynjdemontigny@gmail.com

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Dog	Superintendent <i>Laurie Sullivan</i> 406-227-5295 Jr. Superintendent	Agility: January 20 and 27 Obedience: January 7, 13, 21, and 28	

I hope everyone had a good holiday break! The Dog Project will be having its first obedience training meeting on January 7, 2017 at the Bill Hamilton Building. The Sub-Novice level will meet at 9:00 a.m., Novice level at 10:00 a.m., and the Open level at 11:00 a.m. Please remember to bring your dog bags with all of your supplies and treats. In addition, all levels need to bring 2 hotdogs each, cut in 4 pieces and wrapped up in a paper towel. Open level please bring your dumbbells to every practice. Our next obedience training session will be on Friday, January 13, 2017 with the Sub-Novice starting at 5:30 p.m. and the Novice and Open training at 6:30 p.m.

Agility training will begin on January 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. at the AKC building on the Fairgrounds. We will have all levels training at the same time. In order to participate in agility, your dog needs to be at least a year old and you have had at least one year of obedience. You must continue training your dog in obedience to maintain participation in agility. The next meeting for agility will be January 27th.

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Jackpot	Superintendent <i>Jeff Patten</i> 406-449-6947		Helena Jackpot Show June 10, 2017 Multi-Purpose Bldg.

Mark your calendar for June 10 for the Helena Jackpot Show. This is a great opportunity for you to practice showing you steers, heifers, goats, lambs, and pigs. Champion Lamb Camp will also be that weekend to learn the latest techniques for showing your lamb. <http://www.championschoicelambcamp.com/>

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Livestock Judging	Superintendent <i>Georgana Webster</i> 360-319-2093	January 21, 2017 KMON Judging MT ExpoPark, Great Falls 11 AM – 5 PM	

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Poultry	Superintendent <i>Nicole Newman</i> 406-431-5378 Jr. Superintendent		Quality Assurance 1/30/2017 5:30 PM BHB

Happy New Year poultry kids! We will have our regular meeting January 8th at 12:30 @ the Bill Hamilton Bldg. Please come prepared to talk about breeds of birds and what you are thinking you will enter in fair. There are several families thinking about ordering chicks and/or poults from hatcheries. There is potential to combine orders if there is interest. Let's get this coordinated.

Please call or email with questions. nblazenmontana@gmail.com or 431-5378.

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	January 23, 2017 6:15 PM at BHB	Quality Assurance 1/30/2017 5:30 PM BHB

The next meeting is January 23rd at 6:15 in the BHB. Please leave your rabbits at home. At this meeting we discuss health. Please bring your feed labels. Remember to be studying your rabbit parts and we will assign everyone a breed of rabbit to research for February's meeting.

Upcoming Rabbit Shows:

January 20th 5:30 – 7:00 pm – Youth Rabbit Meet & Greet – Western Montana Rabbit Fanciers ARBA Show at the Western Montana Fairgrounds – White Building for Floral.

January 21st 9:00 am - Western Montana Rabbit Fanciers ARBA Show at the Western Montana Fairgrounds – White Building for Floral.

If you have any questions, please contact Sheri at nighthorse1970@gmail.com or Vanessa at 2qtrcircle@gmail.com

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Sheep	Superintendent <i>Jeff Patten</i> 406-461-7536 Jr. Superintendent <i>Hannah Diehl</i>	January 29, 2017 2 PM – Patten's Barn	Quality Assurance 1/30/2017 5:30 PM BHB

We will be having a sheep workshop on January 29 at 2:00 pm at my barn. We will be going over lambing, tagging, castrating, and vaccinating. 4-H kids will have a chance to try these activities.

June 10th and 11th will be lamb camp here in Helena with Champion Choice Lamb camp leading the camp.

If you are interested in attending here is the pricing: by December 31st - \$100 and by May 13th - \$125 Go to <http://www.championschoicelambcamp.com/> and register

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Swine	Superintendent <i>Dave Swanson</i> 406-475-9437 Jr. Superintendent <i>Wade Bratlien</i>		Quality Assurance 1/30/2017 5:30 PM BHB

Start thinking about contacting local breeders to see if they are selling weaner pigs again this spring, what their prices will be and if you can get on their list as a purchaser. The junior superintendents and I will start putting workshops together after the first of the year, any input that kids and parents have on what they would like to

cover at these workshops is always welcome. Correspondence can come directly to me at swansonda@cdmsmith.com or 475-9437 (home phone), 459-3950 (cell phone)

Thanks and hope you are all enjoying the holiday season.

Dave Swanson

Project	4-H Leadership	Next Meeting	Important Dates
Horse	Superintendent <i>Dawn Schneider</i> 406-458-4877 Jr. Superintendent	See more below	Helmet Care & Safety 6 PM - BHB

Thank you to all who participated in the 1st Helmet Workshop! If you missed, please be sure to watch the newsletter for the next workshop. There will be a limited number offered, so please be sure to watch the newsletters and mark your calendars!

Upcoming Workshops & Rides: These events are open to all enrolled youth members. Please make the workshops and riding events a priority. Please keep in mind if the weather is below 20 degrees, the ride will be cancelled. Please watch the newsletter, e-mails, and Facebook as the times get closer for updated information.

January 6 – Horse Project Workshop – 5:30 @ Bill Hamilton Building

Tack, bits and learning “the release”, arena etiquette, and intro to patterns (gaming & horsemanship). Senior 4H members will be teaching the arena etiquette portion of the workshop.

January 22 – Showmanship basics and Trail obstacle practice - 1-3 ~ Multipurpose Bldg.

Senior 4H members will be helping the new and younger members learn the ropes of showmanship. Open practice on the trail obstacles.

February 5 – Pattern Basics and Maneuvers/Reading a pattern – 1-3 ~ Location TBA

Senior 4H members will be helping the new and younger members learn the ropes on pattern basics

March 5 – English Horsemanship Clinic & Assessments - 10-12 ~ Level 1 & 2 / 1-4 Level 3+

12-1 – ER Basics Workshop in the MPB ~ ALL Members – Hear from a licensed vet what we should have in our ER kits!

Project Fee: The Lewis and Clark Horse Project offer many clinics throughout the year to help members fine tune their horsemanship and learn showing techniques. The \$50 project fee is due at the first riding workshop or NO LATER than February 1st. This fee must be paid prior to participating in horseback events.

Horse Meeting: At this time there is not a business meeting scheduled for January. In the meantime, if there are questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to email or telephone Dawn at lc4horseproject@gmail.com or at 458-4877.

Horse Project Facebook and E-Mail: Join us on Facebook: (<https://www.facebook.com/Lewis-Clark-County-4-H-Horse-Project>). You can find updates regarding the Horse Project on the Facebook page. The Horse project also does a lot of communication via e-mail. If you would like to be added to the E-mail list, please contact us via lc4horseproject@gmail.com

Montana 4-H and National 4-H Updates

Montana 4-H Legislative Breakfast

More on page one, registration form is on the website at <http://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/forms.html>

Winter Teen Camp

Loon Lake 4-H Camp – Bigfork, MT

Dates: February 17-19, 2017 (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, 2016)

Registration Deadline: Friday, January 27, 2016 – complete forms and return to your Extension Office.

Registration form is online.

Cost: \$75 for youth and chaperones

Activities include fun workshops, private pool and gym event at the athletic club, dance, and more.

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

4-H Rec Lab – Save the date!

Theme: It's a Jungle Out There!

Dates: March 31 – April 2nd, 2017 Location: Miles City



MSU Scholarships Available

BOZEMAN — Montana high school seniors who plan to attend Montana State University in the fall of 2017 are encouraged to apply as soon as possible for scholarships through the MSU Premier Scholarship Program. The priority deadline for scholarship applications is Feb. 1, 2017.

Montana State University announced that The Haynes Foundation has established a \$4 million endowment with the Montana State University Alumni Foundation. The endowment will be used to provide scholarships to undergraduate students who have graduated from a Montana high school.



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*BHB = Bill Hamilton 4-H Building on the Lewis and Clark Co. Fairgrounds

January 2017

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2 OFFICE CLOSED	3 Air rifle 6:00 BHB	4	5 Legislative Breakfast registration due Archery 5:00 BHB	6 Ambassadors – Hand our Legislative breakfast invites Horse 5:30 PM BHB	7 Beef tagging 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM BHB Dog Obedience 9:00 AM BHB
8 Mini Shoot 8:00 AM Poultry 12:30 PM Sewing & Handiwork 2-4 PM – Extension Conf. Room	9 Outdoor Meeting – 5:30 - BHB	10 Air rifle 6:00 BHB	11 Leathercraft 3:45 to 5:00 PM – BHB 4-H Council Meeting 5:30 PM – BHB	12 Archery 5:00 BHB	13 Dog Obedience 5:30 PM BHB Shooting leader training 5:30 PM Conf. Room	14 Shooting leader training 8:00 AM BHB
15	16 OFFICE CLOSED Rehearsal Dinner for Legislative Breakfast 6:30 PM – Radisson Colonial Inn	17 Legislative Breakfast 6:30 AM – Radisson Colonial Inn Air rifle 6:00 BHB	18 Cloverbud Workshop 6:00 PM – BHB	19 Archery 5:00 BHB	20 Dog Agility 6:pp PM AKC Building	21 Shooting Invitational 8:00 AM Dog Obedience 9:00 AM BHB KMON Livestock Judging – Great Falls
22 Hose Showmanship and Trail 1-3 PM MPB Teen Leaders 3:00 PM BHB	23 Indoor Committee Mtg 5:30 PM – Extension Conf room Rabbit 6:15 PM	24 Air rifle 6:00 BHB	25	26 Archery 5:00 BHB	27 Dog Agility	28 Dog Obedience 9:00 AM BHB
29 Sheep 2:00 PM Patten’s Barn	30 Quality Assurance 5:30 PM BHB	31 Air rifle 6:00 BHB	February 1	2 Archery 5:00 BHB	3	4