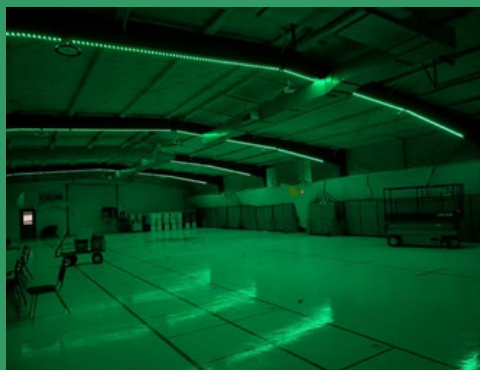




Lewis and Clark County 4-H Shout-out!!

HUGE THANK YOU to ROB PENTECOST for all the work he does at the BHB. He finished the baseboards in the BHB after the floor was complete and hung new LED lights!! Thank you to Eric Pickett for using the lift to hang the lights.



Quality Assurance:

QA List/Info- Mark your calendars for Sunday, **April 6th from 6:00p.m.-7:30p.m.** for the last QA. If you are unsure if you need this or not please reach out to your club leader or review the list located here:

bit.ly/AprilQAList

2025 Fair Theme

4-H: **Hunting for Success**

Communication!

In order to receive emails regarding projects, you **MUST** be enrolled in that project in ZSuites.

4-H Website:

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

Location:

100 West Custer, Helena, MT 59602

Phone: 406.447.8346

Email: lewisclark@montana.edu

Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Closed everyday 12:00 -1:00 p.m.

Closed for Holidays

2025 Event dates

- Quality Assurance- April 6
- Slim Chickens FUNdraiser- April 8
- Last day to add/drop projects in order to enter into fair- May 1
- Silver Spurs Taco Bar Dinner- May 3
- Buffalo Wild Wings FUNdraiser- May 14
- Hammer & Stain FUNdraiser- June 1
- Pre-Congress - July 6-8
- Congress - July 8-11
- Fair - July 21-26
- Summer Camp - Aug. 3-7
- [Click here to view all 4-H events](#)

FOUNDATION SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

To request a sponsorship for a 4-H project or activity, [please click here.](#)

Meet the new 4-H Agent!!



The Lewis and Clark Extension office would like to extend a warm welcome to Alyssa M. Schmidt, our new 4-H Agent. Alyssa received her master's and bachelor's degrees from Syracuse University in Organizational Communication and Training and Development. She joins our team with 20+ years of educational experience, wherein she has helped train hundreds of individuals on various professional development topics. Most recently, she worked as a Penn State Extension Agent running a wide variety of programs including participating in the beautification and annual preparation of the Flight 93 National Memorial. Alyssa loves the outdoors, reading, and spending time with her husband, six children, Hovawart, Mishka, and barn cat, Smokey. She is happy to be back home in Helena, Montana and serving such a wonderful community and county. This weekend, Alyssa joined our District 6 Agents in hosting our annual 4-H Rec Lab and was in charge of hospitality welcoming a top-notch group of speakers, presenters, chaperones, and 4-H Extension agents and staff. Alyssa was honored to delivery 10 dozen donated eggs to the Helena Food Pantry as well as dozens of blankets created at Rec Lab to share with Shodair Children's Hospital. She looks forward to meeting you at the Lewis & Clark County Fair if not sooner.



Upcoming County Events

4-H Photo Show

Please join us for the 2025 4-H Photo Show, on exhibit at the Holter Museum of Art. There will be an opening reception during the Helena Spring Art Walk on Friday, May 9th, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. 4-H'ers will be on hand at the reception to talk about their photos. The Photo Show will be on display at the Holter from May 9th to June 8th.

All Lewis & Clark County 4-H'ers are welcome to exhibit in this show, regardless of whether you're in the Photography project. There are some specific requirements to display your work, and your image must follow the Photo Show theme — 4-H: Beyond Ready. Make sure you follow the guidelines outlined on the 4-H Photography website: <https://lc4hphoto.com/2025-photo-show/> Even better, plan to attend our April Photo workshop so you can get all the details!

LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY 4-H



4-H: BEYOND READY

ON EXHIBIT
MAY 9 – JUNE 8, 2025

OPENING RECEPTION
THURSDAY MAY 8, 2025



PRODUCED BY THE LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY
4-H PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT AND
THE HOLTER MUSEUM OF ART

Quality Assurance

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MARK YOUR CALENDERS NOW!! The last Quality Assurance training will be **April 6th from 6:00p.m. - 7:30p.m. in the BHB.**

Deadline to have your QA completed is June 1st ahead of the opening of Fair registration. Quality Assurance does not count towards the required two workshops for market projects.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



**Last Day For Quality
Assurance Training**

Sunday, April 6th from 6:00pm–7:30pm in the Bill
Hamilton Building

- All members must have this up to date in order to take an animal to the fair, so be sure to **MARK THOSE CALENDARS** if your member needs it!

Reminder:

QUALITY ASSURANCE IS REQUIRED FOR NEW MEMBERS WHO ARE ENROLLING IN THE PROJECTS LISTED BELOW AND THEN EVERY 3 YEARS:

Animals Include: Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goat Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep & Swine

Quality Assurance does not count towards the required two workshops for market projects.

Upcoming County Events

Lewis & Clark County Summer Camp

Your camp counselors are planning an extra-special experience this summer! Don't miss out on the fun! Join us for Mythical and Magical Adventures! The 2025 Lewis & Clark 4-H summer camp will be Sunday, August 3 through Thursday August 7. The \$225 fee includes all transportation, lodging, meals, snacks, materials, and a tee-shirt. Registration opens on Friday, April 11. Visit the 4-H Camp website to get your registration form! <https://lc4hcamp.com>

County Scholarships

Scholarships

Lewis & Clark 4-H Foundation Scholarship and the Brian Wacker Memorial Scholarship application **is due the first business day of May, 4:30 pm.**

Click the link below to be directed to the application.

<https://www.lccountymt.gov/Government/MSU-Extension/4-H/Family-Resources/Guides-and-Forms/Scholarships-and-Awards>

Upcoming State Events

Leadership Academy

Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop on Sunday afternoons in 2024/2025. The leadership academy is a network of Montana 4-H members interested in exploring and developing their own leadership skills while serving their county 4-H program in new ways.

[Click here to register for the workshops](#)

Dates & Times

March 16th 3:00-4:00 p.m.

State Scholarships

MSU- Alpha Gamma Rho Scholarship

The Montana State University- Alpha Gamma Rho Fraternity has created the “Better Future” Scholarship. This scholarship is for incoming freshman for the 2025-2026 school year that will be attending Montana State University, and come from an agricultural background, with preference given towards those who are active in FFA, 4-H, or any other agricultural organization. **The application for this scholarship is due April 18th, 2025.**

Click here for the link to the scholarship:

bit.ly/AGRbetterfuturescholarship



Past State Events

Montana 4-H Rec Lab -

Rec Lab was held on March 28th, in White Sulphur Springs. We had 7 participants from Lewis & Clark County 4-H attend this state event this year! Along with them, our new 4-H Agent, Alyssa Schmidt attended as well.

The Emerald City had nothing on White Sulphur Springs this weekend, wherein Montana 4-H Recreation Lab (Rec Lab) was in full swing with actual Swing Dancing lessons, charcuterie board creation, birdhouse building and friendship making. Montana Rec Lab is a statewide event with a rotation of locations year after year. Ensuring that members have the opportunity to broaden their network while enhancing their leadership, communication, and team building skills in an action-packed interactive setting. Youth participants ages 13+ where able to hone their knife handling skills, practice their outdoor survival skills, discuss citizenship and leadership, while also warming the hearts of young children at the Shodair Children's Hospital with homemade blankets creating during Rec Lab. This year's Rec Lab theme "There's No Place Like 4-H" proves once again that Montana 4-H is home to some of the finest young citizens willing to walk that yellow brick road of leadership and service together.



Fundraisers

Mark your calendars for these upcoming FUNdraisers! A portion of proceeds goes back to support LCC 4-H. Please share with family & friends too!

June

4-H FUNdraiser at Hammer & Stain

Join us Sunday, June 1st @ 1:00pm to paint a Barnyard Planter. You must register by April 15th in order to allow wood to be prepared. There is 8 different animal designs to choose from; a highland cow, rooster, pig, goat, cow, donkey, horse, and a dog. Click the link below to get registered!!

bit.ly/barnyardplanter



April

4-H FUNdraiser at Slim Chickens

Order anytime from **5:00p.m. - 7:00p.m. on Tuesday April 8th either Dine-In or Drive Thru only!** Be sure to mention 4-H at the register to ensure Lewis & Clark 4-H receives your donation!

Lewis and Clark 4-H Council Slim Chickens Fundraiser Night

Tuesday, April 8th 5:00pm - 7:00pm
Dine-In and Drive-Thru only!!

50% of all sales will go directly to 4-H



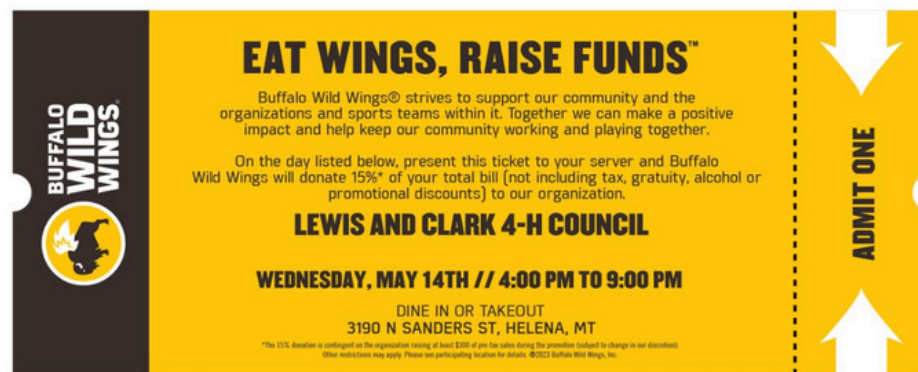
Be sure to mention 4-H at the register to ensure Lewis and Clark 4-H receives the donation!



May

4-H FUNdraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings

Order anytime from **4:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. on Wednesday, May 14th.** Please present the flyer or the ticket shown here to your server to ensure Lewis & Clark 4-H receives your donation!



COMMITTEE MEETINGS & INFORMATION

4-H Council

Next meeting: **Wednesday, April 9th at 5:30p.m. in the BHB.**

[Council minutes available online](#)

If you would like to join the meeting remotely, please use the following link to connect via Zoom:

bit.ly/councilzoommeeting

Indoor Committee

Next meeting: **Wednesday, April 16th at 5:30p.m. in the BHB**

[Indoor minutes available online here.](#)

Outdoor Committee

Next meeting: **Tuesday, April 7th at 5:00p.m. in the BHB**

Thank you to all that have donated or bought items for the Livestock Raffle. There is still time to donate an item or funds towards helping keep buyers at the sale. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to the contacts below.

David Hamilton (Overall Outdoor) - 406-431-1948 or davidhamilton431@gmail.com

Katie Grady-Selby (President) - 406-202-1802 or katiegrady18@icloud.com

Jana Gruber (Treasurer) - 406-431-5296 or janagruber127@gmail.com

Scan to donate:



[Outdoor minutes available online here.](#)

4-H Youth Council

Thank you to everyone that came to the 2nd Annual Lepruchan Ball and had a great time. Our **next meeting is Sunday, April 27th at the BHB at 6pm.** Please share and show up to have a voice with decisions that are being made with upcoming things and also fun events for fair!

Youth Council and ambassadors will team up with some fun games for fair! Be on the look out!



COMMITTEE MEETINGS & INFORMATION

4-H Foundation

Next Annual Meeting: **Wednesday, April 9th directly following the council meeting in the BHB.**

The Lewis & Clark 4-H Foundation has several positions open that need to be filled. The terms are 3 years. We meet monthly in the Bill Hamilton Building. The purpose of the Lewis & Clark 4-H Foundation is to provide some financial assistance to the Lewis & Clark County 4-H programs, projects and members and to help maintain the Bill Hamilton Building. If you know of anyone who is interested in a position, please contact either Joe Munis, Foundation President, at (406) 560-7392 or JoeMunis18@gmail.com, or Karyn Hamilton, Foundation Vice-President, at (406)-461-7536 or dewklh@netzero.com.



Project Leader Contact Information



[For a full list of project superintendents' contact information, please click here.](#)

We currently do not have a project leader for the following projects:

- Citizenship
- Shotgun
- Leathercraft
- Smallbore

Fundraising Committee

Next Meeting: **TBD**

If you have any questions, please contact Jenne Caudle, our Council Secretary 406-202-2391 or sassysolo@yahoo.com

Awards Committee

Next Meeting: **TBD**

- Please fill out the [volunteer interest form on this page](#) if you are interested in serving on the awards committee.

Ambassadors

Attached below is a link that will take you to the Lewis & Clark Extension/4-H website Family Recourses tab. From there please scroll down to the bottom, and you will find the application under the “Lewis & Clark County 4-H Ambassadors” drop down. **All applications are due April 11th.** Please submit your application to the Extension office or email to lewisclark@montana.edu

bit.ly/2025ambassadorapplication

LAST DAY TO ADD/DROP PROJECTS

The last day to add/drop projects in order to enter into fair is Wednesday, May 1st. After this deadline the projects the youth member is enrolled in is the only projects they will be able to enter into fair.

Indoor Project Updates

Ambassadors

Superintendent - Michaela Stewart
Ambassadors - Charlie Snellman, Stella Duran, Alyssa White, Sara Dearing, Kortney McKay, and Ayla Mundinger-Adsay
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We will be meeting Sunday April 27 @ 4:00p.m. in the BHB.
Please be prepared to spend the hour finishing planning for our spring awards night.

We are accepting applications for ambassadors for the 2025/2026 4-H year. **These are due on April 11th.**

Ambassador Application

Attached below is a link that will take you to the Lewis & Clark Extension/4-H website Family Recourses tab. From there please scroll down to the bottom, and you will find the application under the “Lewis & Clark County 4-H Ambassadors” drop down. All applications are due **April 11th**. Please submit applications to the Extension Office or email to Lewisclark@montana.edu

bit.ly/2025ambassadorapplication

Michaela Stewart: (406) 459-2568

Gardening

Superintendent - Jessica Kinyon
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Our next workshop will be **April 7th at High Country Growers at 6:00pm (4934 Hwy 12 W Helena, back behind Broadwater Hot Springs)**. We will tour their facility and learn about how they operate. We will meet outside at **5:50** to make sure we are all there so we can start the tour together right at 6. This is a fun one, I encourage you all to come!

- Additional meeting dates:
- May 5th- Mother’s Day craft at project leaders house at 6:00pm

Cake Decorating

Superintendent - Michelle King
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Cake decorating will be meeting **April 25th at 6:00pm in the large meeting room at Helena Public Library**. Please bring a crumb coated cake, frosting and decorating tips if you have any. We will be learning the steps to a completed decorated cake. If you aren’t able to bring supplies, let me know and I will get extras.

Scrapbooking

Superintendent - Brenda Johnson

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This 4-H year we will meet **June 7th and 8th from 9am – 1pm each day @ the BHB**. We will go over what to use and why to make a photo type scrapbook. After the demonstration portion of the meeting attendees will then work on putting their own together. Supplies needed for this workshop are listed below. If you have questions on this project, please reach out to me at sweetclovers4hclub@yahoo.com. I look forward to working with you!

List of supplies needed:

- 1- 12x12 scrapbook album
- 1-2 Scrapbook adhesive tape runner
- 1- 12x12 scrapbook paper storage case
- 1-2 Designer paper packs any size (used for scrapbooking, card making, party decorations.)
- 20 photos taken on a vacation, during a camping trip, at 4-H camp, etc., that tell of a time you wish to remember.
- Stickers that compliment your photos

Woodworking

Superintendent - Scott Johnson

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Our next workshop will be **Tuesday April 22 @ 6:00pm - 7:00pm in the BHB**

Teen Leadership

Superintendent - Michaela Stewart

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We will be meeting again on Sunday April 27 @ 5:00p.m. in the BHB. We will be doing a brief recap of what we've done so far. See you then!

Michaela Stweart: (406) 459-2568

Cloverbuds

Superintendent - Michaela Stewart

Junior - Dallas Blaney

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Reminder that we meet again on Monday, April 21 @ 6:00p.m. in the BHB! We only have a few more workshops left and then it's fair time!

Sewing

Superintendent - Rachel Carroll Rivas

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Meeting schedule below, please see newsletter/email/text for any changes: 1st Sunday of the month at St. John's at 1000 Helena Ave from 5:00-6:30 pm

- April 6th Sewing Review open to whole County 4:00-6:30 pm with specific sign-up times
- May 4th
- June 1st

Foods & Nutrition

Superintendent - Mandy Rambo

Join us on **April 12, 2025**, for our Foods Workshop. Please select a one-hour timeframe in the survey. The workshop will be held at the **Headwaters Covenant Church at 1030 Choteau St., Helena, MT, 59601**. Please [sign up](#) so I know how many people are coming no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, April 11th. If you have signed up and your plans change and you will not be able to make it, please let me know so that we do not hold up your scheduled timeframe waiting for you.

The May Foods Workshop will be May 3, 2025, held at the same location. You can also [sign up](#) for this workshop no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, May 2nd.

Foods workshops for the remainder of the year are below:

- April 12th – Headwaters Covenant Church
- May 3rd – Headwaters Covenant Church (PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE! Was scheduled 5/10 but now 5/3)

Vet Science

Superintendent - Amanda Luikens

- **April**- our last meeting! I will get a date to. It will be a GAME NIGHT/SHOW AND TELL!

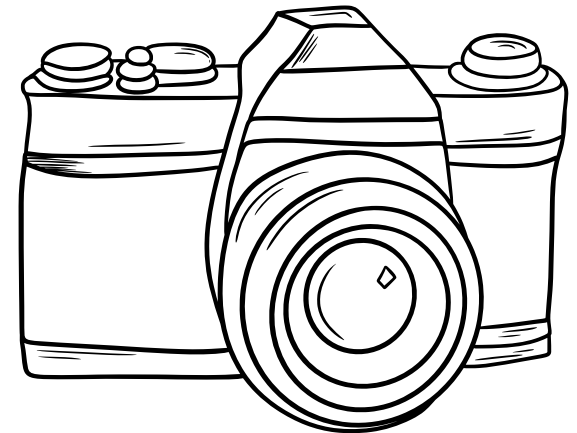
Photography

Superintendent - Luke Duran

Our annual 4-H Photo Show is right around the corner, so now is the time to put the work in on getting your best photo for this exhibit. Our **next meeting is Thursday, April 24**. This workshop is open to all 4-H'ers who wish to participate in the Photo Show. We've also invited some Broadwater County 4-H photographers to participate. At this workshop, we'll review the images you intend to display at the Show, and read your captions that will accompany your photo. This workshop is about a week before the Photo Show, so you can still swap out your image last-minute if you wish. **See you Thursday, April 24 at St. John's Lutheran Church at 5:30 p.m.** The current photo challenge for our April meeting is here:

<https://lc4hphoto.com/challenges/>

Visit [LC4HPhoto.com](https://lc4hphoto.com) for more information.



Pocket Pets

Superintendent - CJ Lassila
siege4214@gmail.com
406.439.5168

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Our March Pocket Pets workshop took place on March 17th, 2025, St. Patrick's Day! Project members celebrated the holiday by learning about pet food labels and making St. Patrick's Day pet snacks using cardboard tubes, yarn, and tissue paper. We reviewed pet food package label information and then made the snacks. Remember that a healthy diet is just as important for your pocket pet as it is for you. Read the food labels of what you feed your pet so you know their diet is nutritionally balanced.

In the 4-H Pocket Pet project you get to experience and learn about many wonderful pets. **We meet at 7:00 pm on the third Monday of the month. Our next workshop will be on Monday, April 21st, at 7:00 pm in the 4-H Building.**

Visual Arts

Superintendent - Brenda Johnson
Junior - Melissa Klatt

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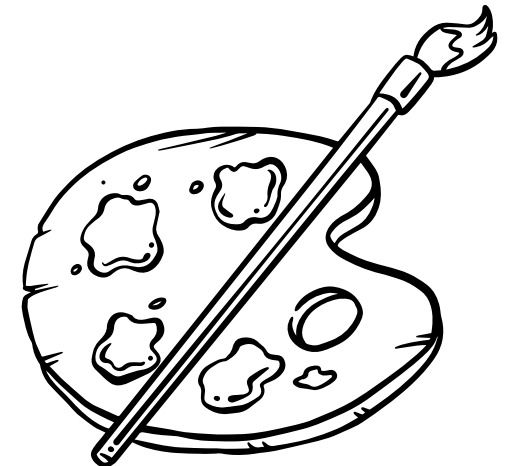
Each workshop will have a demonstration of different art mediums. Kids will be able to participate in trying the art medium demonstrated at that meeting. Kids create at their own level and pace. There is no right or wrong, only learning about and creating art! **Workshops are from 1:00 – 2:30pm**, with locations listed below as they move each month. Some workshops have additional costs and are listed below as well. Questions, please contact me at sweetclovers4hclub@yahoo.com.

Following workshops listed:

- Apr 6 – Painted Pot (333 N Last Chance Gulch) \$20 fee
- May 4 – Bill Hamilton Building (L&C Fairgrounds) No additional fee
- Jun 1 – Bill Hamilton Building (L&C Fairgrounds)



making Pocket Pet snacks



Shooting Sports

Overall Superintendent- Vanessa Olson

Air Rifle- James Johnson

Archery- Ben Rude

Muzzleloading Superintendent - Les Gransbery

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Air Rifle and Archery

Can you believe Air Rifle and Archery are over already? It sure went fast this year. I would like to thank all the coaches and volunteers that helped with Air Rifle and Archery this year. You are awesome. Thank you to all the parents for bringing your kids every week and supporting your kids with this project. It is a time commitment. I would also like to thank the Council and Foundation for the upgrades to the building this winter. The build looks fantastic.

Muzzleloading and Shotgun

Muzzleloading starts May/June/July. It is weather dependent. We have all the equipment for you to use. If you are interested in the Muzzleloading project, please contact Les Gransbery or me and don't forget to sign-up on ZSuites before May 1st. May 1st is your last day to add or drop projects for the 4-H year.

Shotgun – We are working on getting coach certified for this project. I'm hoping we can start by mid spring early summer and have a fall season, too. If you are interested in getting certified as a coach, please contact me. Watch the newsletter for updates.

If you have any questions about Shooting Sports, please contact me. Vanessa Olson (406) 431-1598

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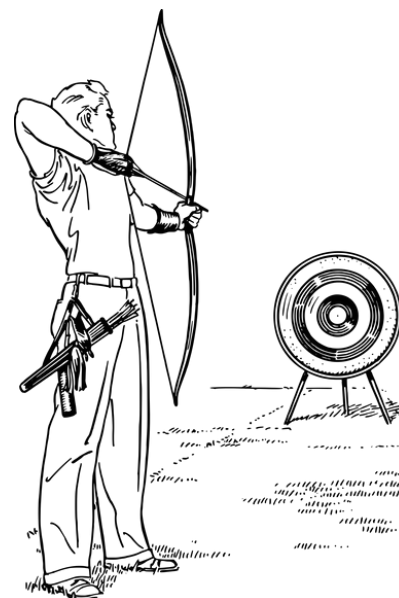
SHOOTING SPORTS TRAINING:

Additional opportunities for Shooting Sports Leader Trainings are available in the state of Idaho and are put on by the Idaho 4-H Center for Youth Development. If you choose to attend, please make sure that you have been registered in your home counties as leaders. When the training is completed, a verification of the training will be sent to Scott Francis.

Idaho Shooting Sports Leader Trainings:

Please see this website for all registration information;

<https://www.uidaho.edu/extension/4h/programs/shooting-sports/instructor/certify> [uidaho.edu]



Robotics

Superintendent - Russell Reed

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Our next Robotics meeting is **April 22nd from 5:30 to 7:00 at First Baptist Church**, across from Central School. It needed to be rescheduled due to a conflict with another event at the church.

- EV3 Lego robotics will continue to do challenges with their robots. We will continue to discuss movement and talk more about sensors.
- Junk drawer will continue to work on their marshmallow catapult, and we will look ahead at robotic arms.

If you are unable to attend, please continue to work in your workbooks.

I will have some more information about fair and our upcoming meeting in June where we will get to see some military robots and interact with them. Also, we will talk about record books and end of year review with your club leaders.



Sport Fishing

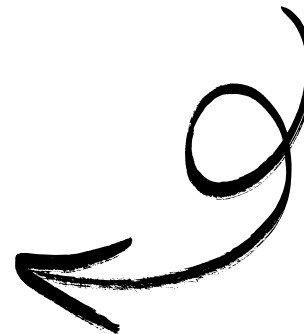
Superintendent - Guy Rainville

[Click here to view the Facebook Sport Fishing project page](#)

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Here comes 4-H Sport Fishing! **Workshops begin on April 15th at 6:00 pm in the 4-H Building.** Then we will meet weekly on Tuesday evenings through early to mid-August. Come learn about several fishing topics like current Montana fishing regulations and fish identification and then enjoy nearby outdoor locations to experience a variety of fishing opportunities.

There is a project fee of \$20.00 per 4-Her that must be paid to the 4-H office in order to participate in Sport Fishing and members must be signed up in ZSuite. Permission forms and medical insurance information will be collected for each youth participant at the first workshop. Additionally, once we move to being near water - all coaches, 4-Hers, parents and family members in attendance are required to wear personal flotation devices (life jackets). Please note that we do have some fishing gear and life jackets available to lend during workshops.



Beef

Superintendent - Larry St. Clair
Chris Petre

Junior- Carter Petre, Sara Dearing & Branson Wareham
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More information will be emailed to Beef members regarding workshop topics, dates, and time.

Please call Larry 406-465-4524 or Chris 406-439-8371, if you have any questions.

The following dates will be held at the East Helena Fireman's Recreation Hall 2 E. Pacific St. (Behind Smith's Place) from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. unless noted otherwise.

- April 6th Weigh-in back of BHB 10:00a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- April 6th Barn Practice in the Multi-Purpose Building 10:00a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- April 12th - Ethics, presented by Teyha Schweitzer
- May 4th Weigh-In back of BHB 10:00a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- May 14th - Judging
- June 1st Weigh-In back of BHB 10:00a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- June 1st Barn Practice in the Multi-Purpose Building 10:00a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- June 18th - Fair Expectations/Showmanship
- June 19th - Mandatory Beef Walk #1 back of the BHB 6:30p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **(all members must attend one of the Mandatory Beef Walks to participate in the Fair)**
- June 21st - Mandatory Beef Walk #2 back of the BHB 10:00a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **(all members must attend one of the Mandatory Beef Walks to participate in the Fair)**
- July 1st - Fitting at the BHB near scale house
- July 13th Weigh-In back of the BHB 10:00a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Outdoor Project Updates

MARKET PROJECT REMINDER

Each member **must** attend 2 workshops per the market project area to take your market animal to fair. Workshops are defined as an educational exercise lead by a project superintendent. Workshops dates are included in each project below so please plan accordingly. **Workshops must be completed by June 1st.**

Beef

Superintendent - Larry St. Clair
Chris Petre

Junior- Carter Petre, Sara Dearing & Branson Wareham
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Open Scale will be the first Sunday of the month starting with April 6th. New this year is the use of the Multipurpose Barn is available to Beef members the first Sunday of the month for practice from 10:00 am - 11:00 am. We ask that you be out of the barn at 11:00 am.

Quick Reminder!!

Quality Assurance

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MARK YOUR CALENDERS NOW!! The last Quality Assurance training will be **April 6th from 6:00p.m. - 7:30p.m. in the BHB.**

Deadline to have your QA completed is June 1st ahead of the opening of Fair registration. Quality Assurance does not count towards the required two workshops for market projects.

Dog

Superintendent - Laurie & Bill Sullivan

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Congratulations to all the DIY Dog Marketing participants. The Dog Project members did an awesome job presenting their products to the public and creating further marketing opportunities for the 4-H Dog Project. Great job!!!

Obedience/Showmanship:

We will be meeting on **April 5th** at the Bill Hamilton building. The 1st year dog project members aged 12 and above will meet at **9:30 a.m. only!** The 2nd and 3rd years will practice at **10:30 a.m.** and the 4th years and beyond will practice at **11:30 a.m.**

Showmanship is based on the project members' year in the project, not the dog's year.

Please wear tennis shoes to run with your dogs, **NO BOOTS!!!** I will hand out the Showmanship leads to the first years. The second year and beyond will need to bring your show leads to practice.

Dates for Obedience:

- No practice April 19th- Easter Sunday
- April 5th, April 12th, April 26th

Agility:

Agility training will continue to work at the BHB with the first-year agility members starting at 5:30 p.m. and the second group of agility members will be starting at 6:30 p.m.

Agility Dates:

- April 11th and April 25th



Poultry

Superintendent - Lexie Edwards
C.J. Lassila

Juniors- Ayla Mundinger-Adsay, Cassidy Holm, Gabe Volpe & Kiley Eckhart

[Click here to view the Facebook poultry project page](#)

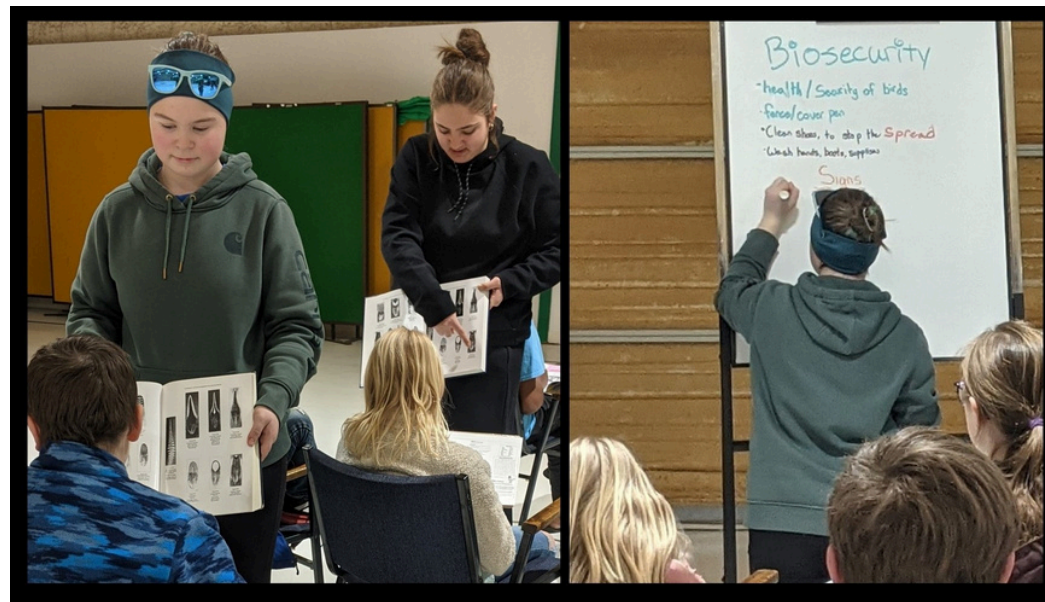
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The next Poultry workshop will be at **6:00 pm on Friday, April 4th at the 4-H Building.**

At our March 14th 2025 4-H Poultry workshop, we discussed poultry feather patterns and the importance of Biosecurity.

If you are new to 4-H Livestock / Poultry, did not attend the fall Quality Assurance offering, or your **Quality Assurance** certification (due every 3 years) will lapse before Fair, **plan to attend the April 6th training session at the 4-H building** (begins at 6:00pm).

Quality Assurance certification is required in order to exhibit any livestock at the Fair, including Poultry.

Join our Facebook page "Lewis & Clark 4-H Poultry project"



March Poultry Workshop

Horse

Superintendent - Beckie Graham

Juniors- Addy FitzSimmons, Emily Gannott,
Alexis Baumgart

..... **Future meetings:**

- April 5th- Clinic: Branding at Prickly Pear Simmentals with Troy Wheeler. 2140 York Rd
- April 6th- Workshop: Brand Inspection information at 4:00pm @ the BHB
- April 7th- Clinic: Roping at 6515 Green Meadow Dr.
- April 12th- Clinic: Trail at Hillview. 8406 Hillview Dr.
- April 13th- Clinic: English at Hillview. 8406 Hillview Dr.
- April 21st- Clinic: Roping at 6515 Green Meadow Dr.

**** April 13th is the LAST DAY for Assessments**

Swine

Superintendent - Katie Grady-Selby
Brandon Dearing

Juniors- Emily Dearing, Tucker Selby, Brooklyn Novak,
Tanner Selby

[Click here to view the Facebook swine project page](#)

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Swine Possession Date - Tuesday, April 15th

Tagging Form(s) Due - Thursday, April 17th by 5:00 p.m.

[Click here for the tagging form.](#)

Swine Tagging - Sunday, April 27th, 2025 - 10:00 am - 12:00 pm.

Thank you to everyone that attended the two workshops we had this month. The last workshop is April 13th @ 11:00 a.m. to learn how to show your pig in the shows. Reach out with any questions or comments.

Mark your calendar for the following dates:

- April 13th- Showmanship with Brooklynn Novak and Frannie Volpe at 11:00a.m.
- April 15th - Possession Date
- April 17th - Swine Tagging Forms due by 5:00 p.m.
- April 27th - Swine Tagging at 10:00a.m. - noon at the BHB Scale House
- June TBD - Open Scale Night Bill Hamilton Building Scale House
- July - Email with details about fair and expectations



March Swine Workshop

Dairy Cattle

Superintendent - Marlee Johnson

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We will be requiring that all dairy cow kids attend 2 workshops to be able to show at the fair this year.

Please mark your calendars for the following workshops:

- April 5th- Dairy Cow breeds 3:00-4:00p.m. at the BHB
- May 3rd- Fun with milk 3:00-4:00p.m. at the BHB
- June Showmanship

Sheep

Superintendent - Melissa Velin
Jana Gruber

Juniors - Rebecca Gruber, Mackenzie Velin, Zach Eckhart, and Bethany Converse-Lane

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Sheep Possession Date - Monday, April 21st

Tagging Form(s) Due - Friday, April 25th by 5:00 p.m.

[Click here for the tagging form closer to tagging.](#)

Sheep Tagging - Sunday, May 4th, 2025 - 1:00 pm - 2:00 pm.

Just a reminder our possession date is next week April 21st. If you don't have your lamb yet now is the time to bring them home. :) Once you bring them home, please take pictures of the Scrapie Tag and know your buyers name, address and phone number. You will also need to know the date of birth (must be born on or after Jan 1, 2025) and breed of your lamb. This will ensure you can quickly and easily fill out the tagging form that is due by the 25th.

If you have any questions please let me know.

Melissa Velin
melissa.velin4h@gmail.com
(406) 360-0449

Mark your calendar for the upcoming workshops:

- Sheep Possession date- April 21st
- Tagging forms due- April 25th
- Tagging @ 1:00p.m. - 2:00p.m.
- Weigh-in workshop **back** of BHB May 18th @ 1:00p.m. and June 22nd @ 1:00p.m. (this will be a showmanship clinic as well)

Goat

Superintendent - Karyn Hamilton
Michelle Eckhart

Juniors - Makell Guymon & Zach Eckhart

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Goat Possession Date - Monday, April 21st

Tagging Form(s) Due - Friday, April 25th by 5:00 p.m.

[Click here for the tagging form closer to tagging.](#)

Goat Tagging - Sunday, May 4th, 2025 - 12:30 pm - 1:00 pm.

Mark your calendar for the following dates:

- April 21st Possession Date
- April 25th Tagging forms due by 5:00 p.m.
- May 4th Tagging at 12:30 p.m. in the BHB Scale House
- May 18th at 1:00 p.m. in the BHB
- June 22nd time TBD in the BHB Scale House

Rabbit

Superintendent - Michelle Eckhart

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Thanks to all that have been attending our monthly rabbit project meetings. Please remember that project members need to attend TWO rabbit project meetings in order to show a rabbit at the Fair. Please reach out with questions.

Please be sure to check your Quality Assurance status. It needs to be current in order to attend Fair. The next Quality Assurance presentation will be April 6th at 6pm.

4-H Clubs

Prickly Pear

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Honor the moms in your life by joining us at this fun 4-H Mother's Day event! Prickly Pear 4-H Club members will be serving up an ice cream social on Saturday, May 3rd from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Come down to St. John's Lutheran Church, 1000 Helena Avenue, for some delicious Wilcox's ice cream, games and crafts. We'll have craft stations to paint pots and rocks, plant a flower for mom, and create Mother's Day cards for all the moms in your world. This event is open to the community, everyone is welcome! Free will offering — donations of any amount are welcome. This club fundraiser and social event is brought to you by Prickly Pear 4-H Club.

JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL EVENT HONORING MOMS!



Fun for the whole family!
Prickly Pear 4-H Club invites you for some Wilcox's ice cream, games and crafts.

Activity stations for painting pots and rocks, planting a flower for mom, and crafting Mother's Day cards for the moms in your life!

Saturday, May 3, 2025

St. John's Lutheran Church ★ 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

FREE WILL OFFERING • Donations of any amount appreciated
OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY—EVERYONE WELCOME

A club fundraiser and social event from Prickly Pear 4-H Club

Wild Roses

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Wild Roses held its March club meeting on Monday, March 10th in the 4-H Building. The club voted to make a donation to our county 4-H Foundation and also renew our club sign that hangs in the 4-H building. We had a special election for a new club treasurer and club member Arlo was voted in to be the new Wild Roses Treasurer.

We discussed both Sewing Review and the Photo Show that are now scheduled. Upcoming county fund raisers were reviewed and then, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, we learned some fun facts about St. Patrick and enjoyed cookies that Cassidy made.

Wild Roses 4-H Club Learning about St. Patrick's Day



Why do we celebrate St. Patrick's Day in America?

Silver Spurs

Here's a brief recap of what Silver Spurs has been up to this year:

- September- Community service landscaping project at East Valley Fire Dept. Station 2.
- October- Open House, 1st place Window Display and 3rd place Hay Bale contest!
- November- Our annual Thanksgiving basket for Head Start family
- December-Christmas party and gift wrapping at Murdoch's
- January through April we have regular meetings and lots of fundraiser planning to get ready for our **fundraiser on May 3rd!** Here's the flyer, reach out for tickets, please post and share on social media or print and distribute if you wish!! Thank you very much!



PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

SPURS N' SPARKS FIESTA FUNDRAISER

INCLUDING SILENT AUCTION AND TACO BAR

MAY 3 • 5:30PM-8PM

BIDDING CLOSSES AT 7:30 PM

PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT THE SILVER SPURS 4-H CLUB AND EAST VALLEY FIRE DISTRICT

AT PRICKLY PEAR
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL CAFETERIA

325 Academic Street
East Helena, MT 59635

*Silver Spurs
4-H Club*

\$15
per person

Ticket includes:
Come see the fire trucks, enjoy a delicious taco bar, and bid on some amazing items! Check out our facebook pages for items being added. Thank you!



LIMITED TICKETS AVAILABLE CONTACTING (406) 461-4384
EMAIL LCSILVERSPURS4H@GMAIL.COM
OR SEE YOUR FAVORITE SILVER SPURS OR EVFD MEMBER TODAY!

TO DONATE AUCTION ITEMS OR FOR ANY QUESTIONS CALL (406) 461-4384

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

April 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4 Poultry Workshop @ 6pm, BHB	5 Dog Obedience ages 8-11 @ 8:30 am, age 12 @ 9:30 am, 2nd/3rd yrs 10:30 am, 4th yr and beyond 11:30 am, BHB Dairy Cattle Workshop @ 3pm, BHB
6 Beef Workshop @ 9am, BHB Beef Weigh-in @ 10am, BHB scale house Visual Arts workshop @ 1pm, BHB Horse Meeting @ 4pm, BHB	7 Outdoor Committee Meeting @ 5pm, BHB Treaters & Feeders Club Meeting @7pm, BHB	8 Slim Chickens FUNdraiser 5pm-7pm	9 Council Meeting @ 6pm, BHB Foundation Meeting immediately after Council Meeting, BHB Beef Meeting @ 6pm, East Helena Firemans Hall	10	11 Foods Workshop sign-ups close Dog Agility @ 5pm, BHB	12 Dog Obedience @ 8:30am, BHB Foods Workshop @ 9:30am, Headwaters Covenant Church
13 Big Sky Club Meeting @ 4:30pm, BHB Swine Workshop @ 11:30am, BHB	14 Wild Roses Club Meeting @ 6pm, BHB	15 Swine Possession Date	16 Indoor Meeting @ 5:30pm, BHB	17 Swine Tagging Forms Due by 5pm	18	19 Dog Obedience @ 8:30am, BHB
20 Last Chance Livestock Club Meeting @ 5:30pm, BHB	21 Goat Possession Date Sheep Possession Date Cloverbuds Meeting @ 6pm, BHB Pocket Pets Workshop @ 7pm, BHB	22 Woodworking Workshop @ 6pm, BHB	23	24	25 Goat Tagging Forms Due Sheep Tagging Forms Due Dog Agility @ 5pm, BHB	26 Dog Obedience @ 8:30am, BHB
27 Swine Tagging @ 10am, BHB Back End Ambassador Meeting @4pm, BHB Leadership Meeting @ 5pm, BHB Youth Council @ 6pm, BHB	28 Rabbit Meeting @ 5:30pm, BHB	29	30			