

February 2020 Newsletter



LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY 4-H

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MSU Extension Update

We at the Extension Office hope you're having a happy new year! Looking ahead, please make sure you are working on your record and project books and add/drop the projects you want to participate in at Fair by May 1st on 4HOnline. Call the Extension Office if you have any questions. We're here to help!

I am currently at the Montana 4-H Update where Extension Agents from all over the state learn about 4-H programming. It's very exciting that research on record books in Lewis and Clark County led to updates on how we use record books statewide. Check out these resources [HERE](#). Let's keep making the best better!

-Kara Tangedal



4-H Council

Next meeting: **Wednesday, February 12th, 2020 at 6 PM, Bill Hamilton Building (BHB).**

***Minutes available online [HERE](#)

To request an agenda, please e-mail or call David Hamilton at (406) 431-1948 or davidhamilton431@gmail.com

If you would like to serve on the Awards, Record Book, or Livestock committee, please contact the Extension Office at (406) 447-8346.

4-H Foundation

Next meeting: **Wednesday, February 5th, 2020 at 5:30-7:00 p.m., Extension Office**

***Minutes available online [HERE](#)

We want to thank the following clubs who have donated to be a 2020 Foundation sponsor.

Sleeping Giants -\$600, Clancy Gold Nuggets -\$500, Farm Kids -\$500, Montana City Mavericks -\$300, Sweet Clovers -\$300, Last Chance Livestock -\$200, and Canyon Creek -\$200.

Get your sponsor form in by February 20 to be listed in the Exhibitors Handbook.

Youth Council

Next Meeting: **February 16th, 2020 at 3 PM in the Extension Office.**

***Minutes available online [HERE](#)

All 4-H members are welcome to attend & participate in Youth Council. To attend remotely, please contact Kara at (406) 447-8346 or

kara.tangedal@montana.edu

New Changes for the year

During the January Council Meeting they approved the new Wording of the Dress code

- Updated:
 - Dress Code: Button-up or snapped collared shirt (long or short-sleeved, not sleeveless) with no writing or decals other than the brand, and dark pants (not yoga pants or leggings) are required for both the show and sale unless noted otherwise under individual species' section. Hard soled shoes or boots are recommended for safety. No flip flops or sandals.
- Dairy cows, goats and horse are known to have other wording for dress code. There may be other projects as long as there is wording in that project's section regarding dress then this change will not apply to them.

Indoor discussed the pros and cons of changing indoor judging to Monday. Indoor Judging will stay on Tuesday.

Awards Committee

Will be having a meeting **Monday, February 24th from 7-8 p.m. in the Extension Office.** Please call/e-mail the office for more information, or visit [VolunteerHelena](#) to see a full list of our volunteer opportunities.



2019-2020 Event Dates: Put them on your calendar now!

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Quality Assurance - February 9th
Grand Foods - February 22nd
Stir Ups- February 22nd
Communication Day - March 22nd
Augusta Demonstrations - April 19th
Augusta Grand Foods - April 19th
Rec Lab - April 24-26

Sewing Review - April 26
Photo Show -
Summer Camp - June 16-19
Pre-Congress - July 6-8
4-H Congress - July 8-12
Jackpot- June 13-14
Last Chance Stampede and Fair - July 22-25

LCC 4-H Member Spotlight - Lindsay Abelin

Lindsay is hard-working and has taken on many leadership roles in her club and 4-H overall. She is always there to lend a hand to whatever needs done and excels in her projects. She is very active as a teen leader and belongs to the youth council. She is an amazing person who works with youth in Birdseye Outs & Abouts 4-Club to make the best better for them. If asked do something, Lindsay takes the project and runs with it.

In the last year, Lindsay has taken on numerous roles in the Archery Shooting Sports Program. She has successfully planned and organized the Mini Shoot. This shoot is very popular to our archery and air rifle members and they learn a lot from this tournament. Lindsay shows natural leadership and coordinates with shooting sports leaders to help put on a fun and competitive tournament the members enrolled in the archery and air rifle program. She is not afraid to ask for help and is open to other ideas and suggestions to help her run a successful tournament. She is trustworthy in her word that if she says she will get something done she will. She takes charge and directs her peers on things that need to be accomplished and is there right along with them to get it done.

Lindsey has a hard work ethic, leadership traits, and loyalty to her community, family, and friends.

Michelle Gransbery, Club Leader



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LCC 4-H Volunteer Spotlight - Tolly Patten

Tolly has been part of Lewis and Clark County 4-H since she moved to Helena, Montana 15 years ago. The Patten Family has always raised good quality sheep for the 4-H community to choose from. Sometimes at 1 a.m. you can find Tolly rocking lambs by the fire trying to get them through the night.

Tolly has been the superintendent for many indoor projects from child development to home environment and is often found somewhere near the indoor auction helping in some way. Tolly's kids are very talented and involved in many different projects. These projects keep them up into the early hours of the morning the week before fair but Tolly is always there encouraging them to finish. She also encourages other members to try different projects and to aim for High-Point, which is the highest award our fair offers.

At the Helena Jackpot Show, Tolly's family is everywhere helping. In the midst of helping with setup, the show, and cleanup, Tolly brings food and drinks right when everyone needs it most. During the show, you can find her at the concession stand serving whatever you need from donuts to a bottle of cold water.

Tolly is not only involved in 4-H, she is also the Service Unit Manager of the Girl Scouts organization in Helena. Tolly has represented Girl Scouts by traveling to many different states for meetings and presentations. She is also a Girl Scout leader and has taken her troop to places they would've never thought they would be able to go like Glacier and Yellowstone to go horseback riding, zip lining, whitewater rafting, alpine sliding, and of course hiking through the beautiful county. Tolly not only travels all over Montana but she also has taken her troop and any parent that was interested to Washington, D.C. for the Girl Scouts' 100th Anniversary in 2012 and more recently back to D.C. in 2017 and New York and Pennsylvania in 2019. Tolly is also involved with the Catholic Church and helps Girl Scouts and Campfire girls earn their religious awards. She is the Chair for the National Catholic Committee for Girl Scouts and Campfire which allows her to aid in developing the religious awards that girls nationwide can earn. I have never seen anyone that is better at finding a Catholic church in the middle of nowhere than Tolly!

If you think you are tired after spending a week at your local fair, then just imagine trying to run a camp for the following two weeks. The day the fair ends Tolly packs up and heads to the lake for two weeks to run a sailing camp for Girl Scouts. Somewhere in there Tolly works for St. Peters Hospital as a dietitian and raises five kids with her husband.

Thank you, Tolly Patten, for all you do for the 4-H community! Your commitment to the community is extraordinary and should be imitated by all.



4-H Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Friday, April 3rd

Save the Date! 4-H Volunteer Appreciation is **Friday, April 3rd, 2020 from 6-10 PM at the Lewis & Clark Fairgrounds Entry Hall.** Join us for food, music, dancing, and entertainment as we celebrate our 4-H volunteers! Invitations to come.

Preparing for the 2019-2020 4-H Year

- Enrollment: **Re-enrollments and fees** were due to the Extension Office **December 31st.**
 - o Re-enrollments received after December 31st will require a \$50.00 enrollment fee per family.
- **New family enrollments** are due by **May 1st** to qualify for Fair, but new families can enroll at any time.
- **You can enroll online or request paper enrollments through the Office. Please make arrangements through your club leader.**

Record Book Committee

Current Committee Members: CJ Lassila, Bill Sullivan, Karyn Hamilton, James Schneider, Bobbi Steiner, Sam Allen, Tiffany Clipper, Claire Downing.

The Record Book Committee will present their plan to check record books at the February Council meeting. Following approval, resources will be made available to 4-H members, families, and volunteers to guide them through the process.

4-H Livestock Sale Marketing Committee

***Minutes available online [HERE](#)

The next meeting is TBD.

Quality Assurance

We have the first **Quality Assurance** scheduled for **February 9th at 2:00 p.m at the Bill Hamilton Building (BHB)**. This will be the first of two we will be holding. We are encouraging everyone that can attend this to please try and attend. David Hamilton and the Junior Overall Superintendents will be handling Quality Assurance this year.

Anyone enrolled in an animal project (other than horse, dog, cat, and pocket pets) is required to complete Quality Assurance training once every three years. Please speak with your club leader or visit the [project page](#) to view the updated list of members needing quality assurance training in 2020.

4-H Summer Camp

Camp Counselor meeting

Sunday, February 16th at 4 pm

Canyon Creek Stock 4-H Club Sweetheart Spaghetti Dinner

The Canyon Creek Stock 4-H Club will be holding their 16th Annual Sweetheart Spaghetti Dinner on **February 8, 2020 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Canyon Creek**

School. It is all you can eat for \$6 per adult and \$20 per family. There will be a bake sale, silent auction, chocolate fountain, and raffle. This year's raffle prizes include a ½ Hog Cut and Wrapped and an Electric Smoker donated from Sportsman's Warehouse. Please come and support our club and 4-H! Find us on Facebook at:

<https://www.facebook.com/Canyon-Creek-Stock-4-H-Club-1650904675212597/>



Event information can be found

at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/995457277507268/>

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Indoor Committee	Michelle Ostberg	mostberg@bresnan.net	406.459.3543

Thank you to all members and clubs that sent in the pros and cons of possibly moving indoor judging - since there were numerous cons emailed in, it was decided to not pursue any changes to the day but rather adjust the judging time and schedules.

Thanks
Michelle

There are still multiple areas available for volunteering your time and talents to provide exceptional learning experiences for our youth members. These can be found at [Volunteer Helena](#) or by contacting the Extension office by phone or email. As a reminder please visit the county 4-H page www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h and download the record book pages for My 4-H Year and the project journal pages so youth can start filling them out as they work on their projects and attend workshops.

*The next indoor committee meeting will be **Monday, February 24th at 5:30 p.m. Downstairs Conference room in the Extension Office***

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Aerospace			

If you are interested or would like to volunteer for this project, please reach out to the Extension office 406-447-8346 and we will help get all the arrangements in order. Follow this link to see all available volunteer opportunities [Volunteer Helena page](#)

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Ambassadors	Catherine McNeil	mcneilcb@gmail.com	406.439.8570

Hello All,
During the month of January, the Ambassadors have worked hard in organizing the Winter Teen Retreat for Montana 4-Hers. This year's theme is "Visualize the Life You Want To Have," and includes multiple workshops, a service project, team building activities, and of course, sledding! Additionally, we are organizing a Gavel Games team for this year's 4-H Congress and working to send a team of youth to National 4-H Conference in Washington, DC. Another exciting announcement... Cade Duran was recently chosen as one of nine 4-H members across the country to work on National 4-H Congress Design Team! Congratulations! As always, please don't hesitate to contact us with any questions.
Sincerely,
Your L&C County 4-H Ambassadors
Brooke Sangray, Claire Downing, Cade Duran, Henley Sexton, Natalya Routzhan, Megan Goroski

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Babysitting	Catherine McNeil	mcneilcb@gmail.com	406.439.8570

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Bicycle			

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Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Cat	Jen Amos Michaela Blaney Junior: Melaina Kloberdanz Sarah Amos	jenamos@bresnan.net stewart.michaela.2013@gmail.com	406.465.2563 406.459.2568

Hello Cat Project Members, our next meeting will be **February 26th at the Bill Hamilton Building from 6:30 to 8:30.** At this meeting, you will have the opportunity to bring your cat to help with socialization. We will split the project into 2 groups with one group from 6:30 to 7:30 and the other group from 7:30 to 8:30. I will send out an e-mail with this information. We will also be making cat sized blankets for the Humane Society as a service project. To be able to bring your cat, please e-mail vaccination records to jenamos@bresnan.net. I have already seen a couple of the records and have documented this. Thank you!

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Citizenship	Kristin Gutowsky	mtkgutowsky@gmail.com	406.459.1433

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Cloverbuds	Katie Grady-Selby Junior: Emily Beveridge	katiegrady18@icloud.com	406.202.1802

Thanks to everyone that attended the January workshop where we made no sew sock worms! Our next workshop will be **February 17th at 6 pm at the BHB.** If you want to mark your calendar here are the dates for the remaining workshops for the **2019-2020 4-H Year! February 17th / March 16th / April 20th at the Painted Pot / May 18th / June 22nd** if you have any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me.



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Exploring Nature Dora Lindner mathfan2@gmail.com 406.475.3640
Outdoor Adventures, Wildlife, and Forestry Michaela Blaney stewart.michaela.2013@gmail.com 406.459.2568

We will meet **Sunday, Feb. 23, at 3:00p.m., at the BHB.** Our agenda is to do some Knot Tying and plan future workshops. Hope to see you there!

Here are some activities you can enjoy doing with your families. Don't forget to keep a record of your activities. Check out February's newsletter for workshops in 2020. Let me know if you have any questions. These activities are free public events.

Charter Oak Mill and Mine: Saturday, Feb. 16th

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Electricity Small Engines			

If you are interested or would like to volunteer for this project, please reach out to the Extension office 406-447-8346 and we will help get all the arrangements in order. Follow this link to see all available volunteer opportunities [Volunteer Helena page](#)

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Foods and Nutrition	Debbie Gribbons Junior: Gracie Gribbons	dgribbons@bresnan.net	406.459.0935

Grand Foods is **February 22nd at the Bill Hamilton Building.** Check in time is at 1:00 pm and judging starts at 1:30. Registration forms are due by **Monday February 3rd by 5:00 pm at the extension office.** Click [Here](#) for the Grand Foods registration form.
 Stir ups is **February 22nd. (Location is still to be determined).** Check in time is 8:30 am cooking starts at 9:00 am. Registration forms were due **Monday January 13 at the extension office.** Click [HERE](#) for the Stir Ups instructions. Please give me a call if you are interested in doing Stir Ups at 459-0935.
 Please call Debbie if you have any questions about Grand Foods or Stir Ups. Thank you

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
Gardening, Entomology & Weed Science	Ann Reber Alicia Reber	belleelegant@gmail.com alicia.reber@gmail.com	406.437.2934

We will meet **Monday, February 24th at 5:30pm at Perkins** for an introductory meeting. Please RSVP to Alicia, call or text 437-2934 so I know how many to expect.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Leathercraft	Sam Allen Junior: Elaina Patten	sallen6@outlook.com	406.461.8583

Junior: Philip Patten

Leather Craft meeting on **February 12th at 5-6pm at the BHB.**

If you have questions please call 406-461-8583 or email at sallen6@outlook.com.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Photography	Luke Duran Juniors: Jonathan DeWald Cade Duran	elementl@bresnan.net	406.461.7799

Our next photo workshop will be **Wednesday, February 19th at Montana Wild**. At our January meeting, we discussed the shadow photography challenge. Please send Luke your two shadow photographs (please include your name!) by February 15. We will review and discuss your images at the meeting. Details on the challenge are here:

<http://elementl.net/4H/challenges/>

We will also talk about upcoming events and our annual Photo Show. Please make sure you are keeping your Photography Project record book up to date!

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
Pocket Pets	Danielle Godlevsky CJ Lassila	danielle_godlevsky@yahoo.com siege1234@bresnan.net	406.465.2050 406.439.5168

Important Dates:

Monday, February 17th

Next meeting! **Monday, February 17th, 6:30pm at Montana Wild.**

January was TURTLE TIME for Pocket Pets. First, we got to see a turtle that currently lives at Montana Wild and has been there for the past several weeks. This turtle was rescued from Spring Meadow Lake this past autumn. It is the type of little turtle you would typically get in a pet store, except that it has grown quite large (the size of a book). It was probably a pet that someone released into the lake. But since the turtle is not native to Montana, the intent of FWP (Fish Wildlife Parks Dept) is to relocate it to its native area down south. Important message here is that if you decide you no longer want your Pocket Pet, do not release it into the wild. Releasing a domesticated pet into the wild is not safe for the pet and can intrude on, as well as be dangerous for, Montana's native wildlife.

Next at our January meeting, guest speaker Shelley Kruckenberg presented us with Frank, her rescued turtle. Frank is a female Honduran wood turtle that is primarily terrestrial. This means that Frank would not spend much time in the water - very much opposite to the turtle that we saw first this evening where although that turtle has a place to get out of the water, we observed it swimming around in its terrarium (and if you visit Montana Wild, that turtle will usually be in the water). Frank was rescued some five years ago when a friend asked Shelley if she had a turtle. Shelley said no and was told there was a dead one in her yard. After a decision to use the shell of the dead turtle as part of a windchime, luckily Frank stuck out a leg and it was realized she was still alive despite being outside in weather with the temperature below freezing. Frank apparently had some frostbite to her back legs and Shelley helped the turtle back to good health. Today Frank can move quite well, and quite quickly.

As already stated, Frank is a Honduran wood turtle. Shelley had considered Frank to be a tortoise, rather than a turtle because Frank doesn't want to spend much time in the water. All turtles are reptiles that have bodies inside a bony shell. All tortoises are turtles, but not all turtles are tortoises. What is the difference? A tortoise is a land creature (main difference) and is generally a vegetarian. Turtles that are not tortoises also eat meat, so they are omnivorous. Frank does well on a diet of green or red lettuce. She also eats broccoli and kale, and occasionally some fruit for treat. A fun fact about Frank is that she is the type of turtle that is quite intelligent. Also, Shelley commented that Frank can see colors.

How can you tell if a turtle is a boy or girl? Girl turtles typically have short, stubby tails. Boys typically have longer tails. This is not that obvious when they are really young. If you think you might want to have a turtle, a very important fact to consider is that a turtle is a Pocket Pet that can live a long, long time.

Also, at our January meeting, we discussed that it is important to spend time with your Pocket Pets. Spending time with your pet helps to develop a relationship with it, helps to develop trust, and helps to keep your animal tame. See page 12 of the project book - write down some of the things you like to do that your Pocket Pet could do with you. For example, your pet may just enjoy snuggling and being with you while you watch television or read a book. Notably, fish can feel vibrations - so listening to music is something you could do with your fish even though it can't snuggle.

Our meeting finished with a Show and Tell presentation by project member RaeAnna who displayed and told about her female hamster named Peanut. She got Peanut from a pet store and has had this hamster for more than a year. Hamsters are mostly nocturnal, but RaeAnna said little Peanut doesn't really keep her up at night. A notable fact about hamsters is that their teeth continue to grow, so they always need something to chew on.

Are you interested in Pocket Pets? Yes, you can still join the Pocket Pets project. We meet once a month for workshops. Feel free to contact either Danielle or C.J. with any questions and if you do email or text one of us, please also copy the other of us to the message. We use the 4-H project book, "Pet Pals"; and books are available at each meeting.



Photos by C. J. Lassila. Ben inspects Frank the turtle; and RaeAnna shows her hamster, Peanut.

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Robotics

Superintendent

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Phone Number

If you are interested or would like to volunteer for this project, please reach out to the Extension office 406-447-8346 and we will help get all the arrangements in order. Follow this link to see all available volunteer opportunities [Volunteer Helena page](#)

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Service Learning	Kristin Gutowsky	mtkgutowsky@gmail.com	406.459.1433

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Sewing & Handiwork	Trudy Moffett Desiree Moffett	wolfcreekcottagecrafts@gmail.com	406.799.3254

We are starting a new year. Sewing workshops will be held at Capital Baptist Fellowship, 1727 Waukesha, at the corner of Laurel and Waukesha. The dates for the workshops are **February 9, and March 8**. The workshops will take place from **2:00-4:00 p.m.** Sewing Revue will take place on April 26.

Sewing students - please come prepared:

- ♣ Prewash your fabrics before cutting out pattern
 - ♣ If comfortable, cut the patterns prior to the workshop as there is limited space
 - ♣ Know your sewing machine - how to thread and rewind a bobbin, using the foot pedal
- Minimum sewing supplies to have handy are:

T Scissors - preferably shears T Dressmaker pins or quilting pins T Pin cushion

T Seam ripper T 6" ruler T Seam gauge T Measuring tape T Marking pencil/pen

Sewing machine (if you don't have one, we have one or two machines to share)

Knitting, crochet, embroidery and weaving

This is also a time for these projects. Knitting - bring your own needles and yarn; crochet - crochet hook and yarn; embroidery - embroidery thread, hoop and material; weaving - yarn or thread for your project.

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
Shooting Sports	Air Rifle: Vanessa Olson	2qtrcircle@gmail.com	406.431.1598
	Archery: Jason Armstrong	Jason.armstrong25@gmail.com	406.438.6479

The Lewis & Clark Shooting Sports Invitational was a huge success again this year. I would like to thank all the volunteers for the time they donated to make this event successful. Special thanks to David Hamilton for loaning us the skid-steer. Without it, it would have been late nights moving everything to the Exhibition Hall, setting it up and tearing it down and moving everything back to the BHB. Thank you to the Montana City Mavericks for the terrific concession stand and keeping everyone fed. Next year's date is **January 16, 2021**.

Air Rifle/Pistol meets **Tuesdays at 6 and 7 pm in the BHB**

Archery meets **Thursdays at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 pm in the BHB**

Please come to the session that works best for you.

Small bore is meeting on **Sundays at 4:30 at HCO**. Registration is closed for Small Bore.

Upcoming Dates:

February 7 - Tournament Wrap-up Meeting at 6:00 p.m. at HCO Indoor Range 752 Elaine St.

March 10 & 12 - Fair Shoots for Air Rifle/Pistol & Archery

March 12 - Record books due for Awards Banquet

March 17 & 19 - Fun Shoots for Air Rifle/Pistol & Archery

Either March 24 or 26 - Banquet - Final date to be determined shortly.

Training Dates

Tournaments

January 1/31-2/1 - Madison County Archery Shoot - Ennis

January 1/31-2/1 - Carter County Shooting Stars Invitational - Baker

February 1 - Cascade County Archery Invitational - Great Falls

February 15 - Bitterroot 4-H Archers Invitational - Stevensville

February 29 - Choteau County Archery Invitational - Fort Benton

March 6-8 - State Shooting Sports Invitational - Register on-line with Fair Entry

TBD - Big Timber, Ronan, Dillon and Livingston.

Please watch for emails as the registrations for these tournaments are sent out.

Record books are due **March 12** to be considered for awards at the banquet. So, remember to update your record books monthly with the practices for the month and record any invitationals you attend individually. Don't forget the financial page - this includes your registration fee, any equipment you might purchase and fees for invitationals, etc.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Vanessa

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
Shotgun	Scott Allen	scott59634@gmail.com	406.202.0905
	Sam Allen	sallen6@outlook.com	406.461.8583
	Tom Manning	gonehuntingorfishing@hotmail.com	

We have made changes to the Shotgun Program for this coming year.

There is no required membership to the trap club. The 4-H fee is \$25 .00 per youth.

Will be shooting twice a week (Monday and Thursday)

The project record book is required.

We will be doing a community service project

Our 1st meeting will be in March at the trap club. I'll have additional signups, paperwork to fill out and our schedule for the program. The date and time will be **March 16th at 6:00 pm.**

For more information call SCOTT ALLEN @ 406-202-0905 or email

scott59634@gmail.com

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Sport Fishing	Guy Rainville		406.439.3199

SIGNED UP YET FOR SPORT FISHING? Workshops begin on **Tuesday, April 7th, 2020**. After that we'll meet **every Tuesday evening until mid-August**. Our schedule will be available at the first meeting. These weekly workshops will include topics such as fish identification, Montana fishing regulations, rod & reel maintenance, fishing knots, and casting practice. At first, we will meet at the 4-H Bill Hamilton Building at the Fairgrounds. We will also meet a couple of times at Montana Wild. Then project members will begin outdoor fishing in May, getting an introduction to stream, river, pond and lake fishing at numerous locations throughout the Helena area. Project Requirements: 1) each member should have their own fishing gear; 2) project fee is \$15.00; 2) a medical information form must be completed for each project member (insurance, immunizations, doctor/dentist contact information); 3) 4-Her and all family members present are required to wear Personal Flotation Devices (life jackets) when we are near or on the water; 4) project books are NOT required for members attending the workshops. 5) Just like in other projects this 4-H year, project members are expected to do a record book that journals their goals, record of workshops attended, what they did and what they learned at each workshop. Record books must be up-to-date and complete when reviewed for the 4-Her to enter an exhibit in the Fair for this project. If you have any questions, contact Project Leader Guy Rainville at 439-3199 or contact the 4-H Office.



Photo by C. J. Lassila: Both fun and learning water safety are part

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Teen Leadership	Tiffany Clipper	berberet.tiffany2@gmail.com	406.366.1509
	Kara Tangedal	kara.tangedal@montana.edu	406.396.6634

Teen leadership will have a meeting on **February 16th from 2-4pm at the BHB**.

Please call for questions or assistance.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Vet Science	Amanda Luikens	luikens@aol.com	406.920.0701

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Visual Arts			

If you are interested or would like to volunteer for this project, please reach out to the Extension office 406-447-8346 and we will help get all the arrangements in order. Follow this link to see all available volunteer opportunities [Volunteer Helena page](#)

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Woodworking & Welding	Dave Swanson Junior: Ben Swanson Junior: Janelle Swanson	swansonda@cdmsmith.com	406.459.3950

Happy New Year All,

I'm not sure if I have captured all of the folks who have kids in the 4-H woodworking project or not in this e-mail, so please pass it along to others you may know who are doing woodworking this year.

I have received the OK from EVMS (East Valley Middle School), to conduct workshops at their facility. These workshops will be mostly classroom type discussion and providing guidance for your projects, and it will give us a big enough area to accommodate several kids and adults.

I would like to get as many kids in these workshops as I can so I can cover all project levels from beginners to advanced, We have the facility either for an hour or 2 on a weekend day or any evening during the week, so please reply to me when might work best for you and I'll get the first one set up.

We will not be using their power tools because of the liability, but I want to get the kids in there to guide them through the process, go over proper use of tools, have an opportunity to answer their questions and help them have a good experience with an emphasis on safety.

Parents, grandparents, Aunts, Uncles, etc. who are, or will be helping their kids out with their projects are welcome to attend as well.

I'd like to hold the first workshop in February so let me know some dates and or times that might work best for you. If this works well, I'll plan on having 4-5 workshops at this facility between now and July.

Thanks,

Dave Swanson
L&C County 4-H Woodworking/Welding Superintendent
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Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
Outdoor Committee	David Hamilton	davidhamilton431@gmail.com	406.431.1948
	Junior: Josie Hamilton	hamiltonjosie4@gmail.com	406.459.3469
	Junior: Olivia Harris	oliviataeharris@gmail.com	406.461.8427
	Junior: Madelyn Pandis	montanafreckles@gmail.com	406.529.8386

Outdoor meeting is **February 10th at 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Upstairs Conference Room in the Extension Office.** We will be having a sales Committee meeting immediately following the Outdoor meeting
Minutes for the meeting can be found [HERE](#)

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
Beef	Casey Jones	caseyjones@mt.net	406.431.2655
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	Junior: Emily Beveridge	emilymbereridge@gmail.com	406.475.1975
	Junior: Colter Petre	cjpetre@msn.com	406.461.6600
	Junior: Garrett St. Claire	tripleconstruction@ymail.com	406.465.9086
	Junior: Elaina Patten		406.422.2106

Market Beef Possession Date: Wednesday, January 1st

There will be a feed workshop **Wednesday, February 5th at 6pm in the BHB.** Crystal White will be there to lead you through and answer any questions on feeding your animal.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Dairy Cattle	Daisy Feight	daisyfeight@yahoo.com	406.439.1810
	Junior: Breanna Harrison	breannabob14@gmail.com	406.202.8701
	Junior: Irene Edwards	lillexielou@live.com	406.439.9432

There will be a meeting at Daisy's house **18 Indigo Pl. Saturday, February 15th, at 11:00 a.m.**

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Dog	Laurie Sullivan	lasullivan@bresnan.net	406.431.8636
	Junior: Rebecca Gruber	gruberpenguin@me.com	406.431.5296
	Junior: Piper Pierce	tetepierce@msn.com	

Junior: Emma Citi
Junior: Sarah Richter

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The Dog Project has completed its first month of Obedience and Agility training. We will be meeting on **February 1, 2020 at the Bill Hamilton Building**. The Sub-Novice A level (1st yr. dogs) will meet at 8:30 a.m., and 9:30 a.m. Please remember to bring your dog bags with all of your supplies and treats. Also, remember to bring your special treats such as string cheese or hotdogs to entice your dog to learn new things. Attendance is very important.

The Sub-Novice B (2nd yr. dogs), Novice and Grad Novice levels will be having their Hoop Making Workshop at **11:00 a.m. on February 1st**. No Dogs for the older group.

Obedience

February 1, 2020
February 8, 2020
February 15, 2020
February 22, 2020
February 29, 2020

Agility project will be having a Hoop Making Workshop for the Agility Members on **February 1, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. at the Bill Hamilton Building**. **NO DOGS** that day! Agility training will resume at the AKC building on **February 9th at 4:30 p.m. and 5:45 p.m.** You must continue training your dog in obedience to maintain participation in agility.

Agility

February 9, 2020
February 16, 2020
February 23, 2020
March 1, 2020

Thanks,
Laurie Sullivan



Project **Goat**

Superintendent

Karyn Hamilton
Junior: Irene Edwards
Junior: McKenzie Tordale

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Goat Possession Date: Friday, May 1st
Goat Tagging Date: Sunday, May 10th
Goat Tagging Forms Due Date: Wednesday, May 6th

Hello to all goat Project members: Hope you received your newsletters okay last month. Some of you had 3 because I didn't have a current list. Now everyone should be caught up unless someone new comes on board. I am trying to give all of you for the year you are, in the goat project, we go from 1st year to 10th year. If you have a certain topic you want covered, let me know. If you need a question answered, ask away. If you don't know what to do you will never advance in the project. Your "pet" is as important as some one's market animal. You all matter and questions are welcome. We will probably have a hands-on workshop in April and another one to follow depending on what on what we cover in the first one. Let me know what you would like to work on. Karyn @ 461-7536

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
Herdsmanship	Lisa Grady	lgrady@mt.gov	406.439.0518
	Katie Grady-Selby	kgrady-selby@mt.gov	406.202.1802

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
Horse	Peggy Bartmess	lc4horseproject@gmail.com	406.431.7497
	Jennifer Scoles		406.465.5523
	Junior: Landry Scoles	lscoles6@gmail.com	406.465.8331

Jan 24th Mandatory helmet clinic for the new kids, **6pm at the BHB**

Feb 7th Driving clinic (equipment, hands, and hats) bring a hat and ribbons, feathers, bows to decorate your hat. Also glue gun and stuff for decorating. 5:30 p.m. at the BHB

Feb 23rd Nutrition/vaccinations **1:00-3:00 p.m. at the BHB**

Feb 29th Showmanship/ride at the **3:00-5:00 p.m. Multi-Purpose building**

March 14th Colts & new riders **2:00-5:00 p.m. Multi-Purpose building**

April 19th English Clinic/assessments. **Time and place TBA**

June 27th practice show at the multi-purpose building

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Jackpot	Jeff Patten	blaackraam@gmail.com	406.422.3796

Helena Jackpot Show - Save the Dates

June 13 and 14 in the Multi-purpose building on the fairgrounds. This is the best opportunity locally for you to improve your showmanship skills and practice showing your animals before the fair and this right in your back yard. The jackpot show is open to steers, heifers, swine, sheep and goats.

More information contact Jeff Patten at 406 422-3796.

This year we will be using the FairEntry program for registration. Please keep an eye out in future email with further information.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Livestock	Georgana Webster	legallyblondentall@gmail.com	406.438.2842
Judging	Junior: Becky deMontigny	bkdemontigny@gmail.com	406.475.2227

Livestock Judging- Currently no contests in February.

Practice to continue.

Contact us if you'd like to join in.

Cmon August...

Contact Georgana if you are interested in participating. Newcomers always welcome.
406-438-2842

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Poultry	Lexie Edwards	lillexielou@live.com	406.439.9432
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	Junior: Irene Edwards Junior: Ashton McGaugh	blmccaugh5@gmail.com	406.422.4299

Important Dates:

February 1st at the BHB
Poultry Possession date May 1st,
2020

Next Poultry Project meeting will be on **Saturday, February 1st, at 1:00pm in the Bill Hamilton 4-H Building (the BHB) at the Fairgrounds.** Please bring your project books. We will be discussing CHICKS - Brooders and Caring for New Chicks.



Photos by C. J. Lassila: Project members learning about eggs.

Our January workshop was on Saturday, Jan. 11th in the BHB. For this meeting project members brought EGGS. We discussed the eggs - parts, quality and grading. For level one project members - we did pages 14 and 15 of Poultry Project Book level one ("Scratching the Surface") that lists egg parts. Each member had opportunity to draw the parts of an egg on page 14, along with what they could see when we candled an egg. We noted that eggs can be several colors, not just white. Also, the size of a chicken egg can vary greatly. The level 2 activity for this meeting was to do "Eggsactly where do Eggs Come From?" on page 22 and 23, Chapter Three, of the 4-H Poultry Project Book level two ("Testing Your Wings"). The level two members drew Hen Reproductive Tract and Parts. During the next months before Fair members are encouraged to review the list of species and breeds on page 8 of the Level One project book along with the parts of a bird on page 6 - this will help them to identify the parts of poultry, an important skill for this project and judging at Fair.

If you are not attending Poultry Project Workshops, you must complete a minimum of seven activities in your project book. Remember that to participate in the 4-H Fair this year, you will be required to provide your project book, along with your Record Book, for a completeness review by project leaders. Stay caught up in your materials and watch the newsletters for the dates to turn in these materials.

Check out our Facebook page under Lewis & Clark 4-H Poultry project.

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
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	Junior: Clancy Olson		406.461.4100
	Junior: Mariah Olson		406.461.4295
	Junior: Alexis Sandoval		406.603.0592

The rabbit meeting will be **Monday, February 24th at 6:00 pm in the BHB.** Please leave your rabbits at home and bring your record books and project books.

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
Round Robin	Michelle Gransbery Junior: Chloe Lee	mgransbery@helenaschools.org	406.431.6784 406.465.8319

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Sheep	Jeff Patten Junior: Hannah Diehl Junior: Brooke Harris Junior: Abigail Gruber	blaackraam@gmail.com hannahdeihl13@gmail.com brookeellee@gmail.com gruberpenguin@me.com	406.422.3796 406.227.5202 406.594.2753 406.431.5296

Sheep Possession Date: Friday, May 1st
Sheep Tagging Date: Sunday, May 3rd
Sheep Tagging Form Due: Wednesday, April 29th

Sheep Workshops:
 We will be having a workshop in March to go over selection, caring, and feeding of your lambs. It will be either **Sunday, March 15 or 29 at 2:00 pm in the BHB**. We will have a feed rep on hand, lambs for kids to see and handle for muscling, and discussion on feed options to make successful project.

Champion Choice Camp Goat, Swine and Sheep
 Camp will be **June 12 and 13 in the BHB and Multipurpose building**. Many of the kids that have participated in these camps have done very well with their animals and have greatly improved their showmanship skills. Discounted camp prices will be the Monday after Thanksgiving. The website is: <https://www.championschoicecamps.com/>
 More information contact Jeff Patten at 406 422-3796.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
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Swine Possession Date: Wednesday, April 15th
Swine Tagging Date: Sunday, April 19th
Swine Tagging Form Due: Wednesday, April 15th

Please mark your calendar for **March 21 at 3:00 in the BHB** for a very informative presentation by Dr Madsen on “Keeping your Pig Healthy.”

Don't forget your pigs can't be born before January 1st. Hi-Line Show Pigs Havre Bigger Better Barn Sale is March 22nd, 2020. Click [HERE](#) to view the flyer.
 Finally, Habets Show Pigs of Conrad, MT is giving away one of their show pigs. Please click [HERE](#) for more details.

Club Updates

Augusta Livestock 4-H Club

The Augusta Livestock has had a busy year so far. On Halloween we made and served three kinds of soup to the community. The money we raised went to our adopt a family program. Our club started the adopt a family program last year and it was a lot of fun. We adopt a family from our community and then support them for Christmas. We have purchased presents, food and gas cards for them. We also continued the tradition of cutting down Christmas trees and selling them in Augusta. The kids sell trees to people

from many different communities. The money raised is used for dues, books, our adopt a family, and other fun activities for the kids.

Augusta Grand Foods Sunday, April 19th

All Lewis & Clark County 4-H youth are welcome. Set-up is at **1:30 PM and judging begins at 2 PM.**

Augusta Grand Foods:

- Cloverbuds: no-bakes
- Ages 8-10: quick breads
- Ages 11-14: pasta
- Ages 15-19: layer cakes



Augusta Demonstrations/Educational talks will be judged at the **same time as foods.**

Please call or e-mail Teresa Converse-Lane at (406) 799-2349 or teresaconverse@hotmail.com to **sign up by Friday, April 17th.**

Baxendale Beavers 4-H Club

The Baxendale Beavers met December 30th to eat a pizza dinner, elect officers, and participate in their winter recreation. Even though they were unable to “escape” from the Escape Helena room they had lots of fun and laughter. Election results were-Bethany Tholt-president, Larry Baker-vice-president, Jack Tholt-secretary, and David Mohler-treasurer.



Kountry Bumpkins 4-H Club

Kountry Bumpkins 4-H members took the 4-H pledge to heart: "For my club, my community, my country, and my world." In response to the injured and displaced animals from the Australia wildfires, club members recently gathered for a service project to sew "bat wraps" and artificial nests for birds and small mammals. The club is seeking assistance from local veterinarians and our community to assist in shipping these goods to a wildlife rescue shelter in Australia. Thanks to club member Aaliyah Mattioli NoRunner and her grandma Lisa for organizing the service project and donating the materials!



Sweet Clovers 4-H Club

The Sweet Clovers Club is excited about 2020! We have welcomed many new members to the club and have set goals to make this year extra productive! Recently, many of our members in shooting sports participated in the Lewis and Clark County Shooting Sports Invitational. Way to go!

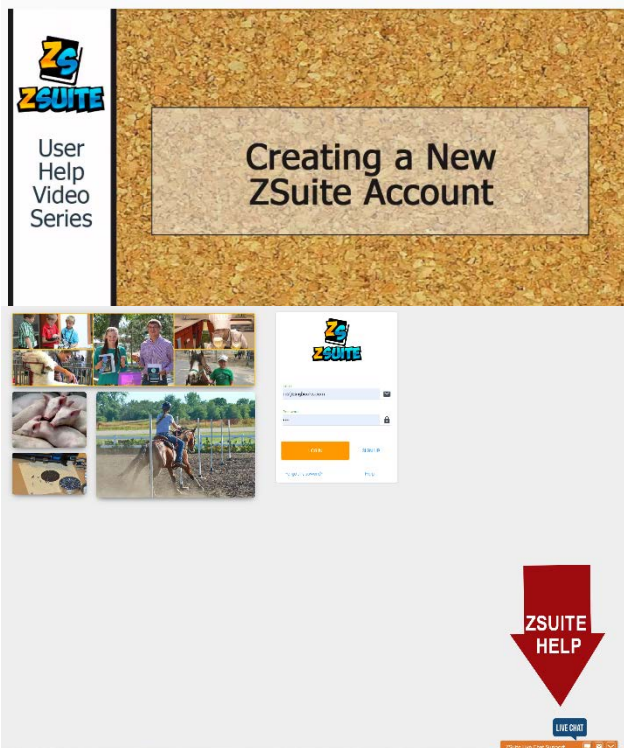
Respectfully submitted by Claire Downing, Sweet Clovers Club Reporter

MONTANA 4-H IS TRYING OUT A NEW TOOL ONLINE RECORD KEEPING FOR YOUR RECORD BOOK WITH ZSUITE



- This is not an App. **It is a mobile friendly website that mirrors the Montana 4-H record sheets.**
- After entering all of your record keeping for My 4-H Year, Non-Animal Projects or Animal (Market or Non-market) Projects you can download a printed version that looks nearly identical to the [Montana 4-H Record Sheets found here.](#)
- This site is in no way tied to 4honline and enrollment. This site is only being used for record keeping/record book purposes.
- THIS YEAR only the use of this site is free for Montana 4-H families to try.

To learn how to create a family ZSuite account and get starting completing your record book sheets online watch this [video tutorial.](#)



If you need further assistance setting up and account, you can contact Zsuite using the live chat or email. <https://4h.zsuite.org/>

This is a trial and your MSU Extension county office has not been trained to provide support or troubleshoot any issues with this record book site.

This is a new product and both 4-H and ZSuite is working together to provide the be



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

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

Fairgrounds

February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>January 26</p> <p>Sheep Workshop, 2:00 p.m., Patten's House</p> <p>Dog Agility, 4:30 p.m., AKC Building</p> <p>Small Bore Meeting, 4:30 p.m., HCO</p>	<p>January 27</p> <p>Rabbit Meeting, 6:00 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>January 28</p> <p>Air Rifle/Pistol, 6:00-9:00 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>January 29</p>	<p>January 30</p> <p>Archery, 5:30-8:30 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>January 31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Dog Obedience, 9:00-12:00 p.m., BHB</p> <p>Dog Hoop Making workshop, 11:00-1:00 p.m., BHB</p> <p>Winter Teen Retreat, Gallatin Gateway</p> <p>Poultry Workshop, 1:00 p.m., BHB</p>
<p>2</p> <p>Winter Teen Retreat, Gallatin Gateway</p> <p>Small Bore Meeting, 4:30 p.m., HCO</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Grand Foods Registrations Due by 5:00 p.m., Extension Office</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Air Rifle/Pistol, 6:00-9:00 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Foundation Meeting, 5:30, p.m., Extension Office</p> <p>Beef Meeting, 6:00 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Archery, 5:30-8:30 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Horse Driving Clinic, 5:30 p.m., BHB</p> <p>Shooting Sports Tournament Wrap-Up, 6:00 p.m., HCO</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Dog Obedience, 9:00-12:00 p.m., BHB</p> <p>Sweetheart Spaghetti Dinner, 4:00-7:00 p.m., Canyon Creek School</p>
<p>9</p> <p>Quality Assurance, 2:00 p.m., BHB</p> <p>Sewing Workshop, 2:00 p.m., Capitol Baptist Fellowship</p> <p>Dog Agility Meeting, 4:30-7:00 p.m., AKC Building</p> <p>Small Bore Meeting, 4:30 p.m., HCO</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Outdoor Meeting, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Extension Office, Upstairs</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Air Rifle/Pistol, 6:00-9:00 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Leathercraft Meeting, 5:00-6:00 p.m., BHB</p> <p>Council Meeting, 6:00-8:00 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Archery, 5:30-8:30 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Dog Obedience, 9:00-12:00 p.m., BHB</p> <p>Dairy Meeting, 11:00 a.m., Daisy's House</p>
<p>16</p> <p>Teen Leadership Meeting, 2:00 p.m., BHB</p> <p>Youth Council, 3:00 p.m., Extension Office</p> <p>Camp Counselor Meeting, 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Dog Agility Meeting, 4:30-7:00 p.m., AKC Building</p> <p>Small Bore Meeting, 4:30 p.m., HCO</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>Cloverbud Meeting, 6:00 p.m., BHB</p> <p>Pocket Pets Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Montana Wild</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Air Rifle/Pistol, 6:00-9:00 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Photography, Montana Wild</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Archery, 5:30-8:30 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Dog Obedience, 9:00-12:00 p.m., BHB</p> <p>Grand Foods, 1:00 p.m., BHB</p> <p>Stir Ups</p>
<p>23</p> <p>Horse Nutrition/Vaccinations Meeting, 1:00-3:00 p.m., BHB</p> <p>Outdoors Project Meeting, 3:00-5:00 p.m., BHB</p> <p>Dog Agility Meeting, 4:30-7:00 p.m., AKC Building</p> <p>Small Bore Meeting, 4:30 p.m., HCO</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Gardening, Entomology, Weed Science Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Perkins</p> <p>Rabbit Meeting, 6:00 p.m., BHB</p> <p>Indoor Meeting, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Extension Office</p> <p>Awards Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Extension Office</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Air Rifle/Pistol, 6:00-9:00 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Cat Meeting, 6:30 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Archery, 5:30-8:30 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Dog Obedience, 9:00-12:00 p.m., BHB</p> <p>Horse Showmanship/Ride Meeting, 3:00-5:00 p.m., Multi-Purpose Building</p>