



LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY 4-H

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

March 2020 Newsletter

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Instagram

MSU Extension Update

I am doing more and more work with honeybees and native pollinators and would like to invite interested youth to get some hands-on experience! If interested, please fill out this [online form](#) and I will be in touch with upcoming opportunities.

For new 4-H families we've created a Handbook to guide you through our county 4-H program. You can find this handbook [HERE](#). Please let us know if you have questions or suggestions.

I've been working with Capital and East Helena High Schools delivering Youth Aware of Mental Health programming to ninth graders. I saw some familiar faces at Capital and am glad to be helping remove the stigma of mental health among our youth. Take care of yourselves!

-Kara Tangedal



4-H Council

Next meeting: **Wednesday, March 11th, 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

- The 2020 Fair Theme is "4-H Grows Here"
- The April Council meeting will be at the Augusta Youth Center. We will meet at the Grubstake at 5 PM to carpool.
- **The April Council meeting doubles as the quarterly Club Leader meeting.** Please contact Kara at (406) 447-8349 if you would like to attend remotely or reschedule.

4-H Foundation

Next meeting: **Wednesday, March 4th, 2020 at 5:30-7:00 p.m., Extension Office**

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

The LCC Foundation wants 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, Big Sky - \$250, Last Chance Livestock -\$200, and Canyon Creek -\$200.

Youth Council

Next Meeting: **March 15th, 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



Awards Committee

Will be having a meeting **Monday, March 16th from 6:30-8 p.m. in the Extension Office.** The Awards Committee evaluates and organizes all county awards. Please call/e-mail the office for more information or to offer feedback to the committee.



We Need Help!

We are looking for short-term volunteers to help with upcoming events and put on a workshop for projects without leaders. If interested, please fill out [this form](#). We need you!!

Marketing Workshop

Tiffany Clipper will be hosting a Marketing Workshop for all indoor and outdoor projects, on **April 24th at 1 p.m. at the BHB.** This will be an opportunity to learn how to speak with members of the community about your projects/livestock and promote the livestock sale and indoor auction. There is no limit on attendees and you are all encouraged to attend. We hope to see much success for the 2020 4-H Fair season!

New Pig Pens for Fair!

The Lewis & Clark 4-H Outdoor Committee and Council recently voted to purchase new pig pens for Fair! With this change we will have greater capacity and more room for each pig. With these new pens comes an exciting opportunity. **ANYONE can sponsor a 4' x 6' pen for \$250.** We will have professionally made signs attached to each pen advertising who sponsored the pen. These signs will last the life of the pen, which will be a great addition to your marketing plan. The sponsorship proceeds will offset the cost of the new pens.

Contact David Hamilton if you would like to sponsor a pen. These proceeds will be used to offset the cost of the new pens and go toward future improvements to the 4-H livestock program. Sales will be on a first-come first-serve basis, so act quickly!

David's contact information is:

davidhamilton431@gmail.com

406-431-1948

Enrolling for the 2019-2020 4-H Year

- **Re-enrollments and fees** were due to the Extension Office **December 31st.**
 - Re-enrollments after December 31st require a \$50 enrollment fee per family.
 - Projects can be added and dropped until May 1st.
- **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.**

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

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Communication Day – March 22nd

Augusta Demonstrations - April 19th

Augusta Grand Foods – April 19th

Rec Lab – April 24-26

Sewing Revue – April 26

Photo Show – April 19 & May 8

Jackpot- June 13-14

Summer Camp – June 16-19

Pre-Congress – July 6-8

4-H Congress – July 8-11

Last Chance Stampede and Fair – July 22-25



GRAND FOODS & COMMUNICATIONS DAY

CONTESTS ARE COMING
CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO



Communications Day 2020!

Communications Day will be on **March 22nd at the Helena Middle School**. This is a one-day event with check-in at 1 PM. Please find out more and register [HERE](#). **Registration is due Friday, March 13 by 5 PM.**

Augusta Grand Foods and Demonstration Day!

Augusta Grand Foods is Sunday, April 19th at the Augusta Youth Center. 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.**

Grand Foods Results

Click [HERE](#) for Grand Food Results



Stir Ups Results

STIR UPS: SENIORS 14 TO 18 YEARS

RESERVE: Rachel Ostberg
RESERVE: Melaina Kloberdanz



2020 Montana 4-H Recreation Lab

Rec Lab programming is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp, and community leader. This is an ideal event for younger senior members to attend a state event for the first time and begin to form relationships with 4-H peers from across the state, broadening their own skills and widening their network.

Rec Lab will be hosted by District 3 in Hobson on **April 24-26, 2020**. Youth participants must be 13+ as of October 1, 2019 and Adult chaperones must be at least 21 years of age. **Early bird registration ends March 25.**

Click the image below for more information! For financial assistance, please click [HERE](#).



LCC 4-H Member Spotlight - Megan Goroski

Megan Goroski is relatively new to the 4-H Leadership program, however she has jumped in with both feet. Not only has she become a Lewis and Clark County 4-H Ambassador, she is also a Lewis and Clark 4-H Foundation Youth Representative. Megan is a quiet leader that is willing to stand up for what is right. She is willing to work hard to get things done while quietly bringing others along to help. Not only has Megan become an outstanding leader in Lewis and Clark County, she has gotten involved in the leadership at the state level as well. Megan is a great example of "4-H - Making the Best Better!" - Catherine McNeil, Ambassador Leader



Megan has really stepped it up this year in her 4-H club by becoming the club President. Megan takes the time each month to review the newsletter and picks the events the kids are signed up for in the club, she reminds the kids of upcoming workshops at the monthly meetings. Megan explains to the kids what county events are also coming up and tries to get the kids excited about events and involved. Megan creates the agenda and facilitates the monthly club meetings and promotes the kids to share what they have done in their own project workshops. Megan asks the kids their opinions on changes that are being proposed county wide. She keeps the meetings moving and organized, so they are fun and productive. - Natasha Wigen, Club Leader



LCC 4-H Volunteer Spotlight - Jason Armstrong

Jason Armstrong has been a part of Lewis & Clark County 4-H Shooting Sports for at least 13 years starting out as a coach and now as the Archery Leader. Jason has a strong desire and vision to make our Archery program the best in the state. He spends long hours before the season even starts ensuring all the equipment is in top shape and ready for the members to shoot. He was instrumental in add the 3-D Shoot to our invitational this year. This was a great success. He loves helping the new members and challenging the older members to improve. From helping members set up a new bow, lengthening a shooter's draw length, or changing the poundage of a bow, Jason is there to help the members. He has taken the archery equipment to 4-H camp, SEP camp, and the Boy Scouts to introduce others to the sport of Archery.

Being the Archery leader isn't enough for Jason, he also helps with the fishing program. Jason has been actively involved as a fishing coach over the last 5 years. He has instructed and mentored numerous 4-H fisherpersons over this time.

His true passion for both projects helped positively influence kids as they grow and become productive members of our community.

-Vanessa Olson & Guy Rainville, Shooting Sports Leaders

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LIVE MUSIC & APPETIZERS

RAFFLES, SILENT AUCTION,
AND DOOR PRIZES

LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY 4-H VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION



EAT, DANCE, AND ENJOY!

FRIDAY
APRIL 3

DOORS OPEN AT 6 PM -
FREE ENTRY FOR VOLUNTEERS +1
\$10 FOR GUESTS

2020 4-H Volunteer Appreciation

Click the image above to RSVP. We are asking for assistance putting on this event, so if you are a parent or teen leader who wants to show their support, please sign up [HERE](#). Hope to see you there!

PHOTO SHOW

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: **FRIDAY, APRIL 10**
INTERVIEW/JUDGING: **SUNDAY, APRIL 19**
OPENING RECEPTION: **FRIDAY, MAY 8**

 **HOLTER**
MUSEUM of ART

Lewis & Clark County 4-H Photo Show

Information and registration is now open for the annual **4-H Photo Show**. The opening reception will be **May 8 during Helena's Spring Art Walk at the Holter Museum of Art**. There are new requirements to participate in this show, so please read the registration carefully. **Deadline to register is Friday, April 10, and interview/judging will be Sunday, April 19.** Registration forms are available on the [4-H Photography Project](#) and [County 4-H websites](#).

2020 Record Book Checks

Record book forms and/or project books need to be reviewed by project leaders to be eligible for Fair. Record book checks will occur between May 1st and June 10th (unless otherwise stated by your project leaders). Click [HERE](#) for project completion and record book check informational guide for families and members. Click [HERE](#) for project completion and record book check informational guide for Project and Club Leaders.

Quality Assurance

- All 4-H members (and a parent or guardian) enrolled in any livestock project, including breeding and dairy projects, must become certified through Animal Quality Assurance training.
 - Livestock projects include: swine, goat, lamb, beef, rabbit, poultry, and dairy.
- You must attend this training if this is your first year raising a livestock animal

The next Quality Assurance date will be in May, date and time TBD. Please take a look at the information at the bottom of the [projects page](#) on the website for further details and a link to an online training option.

4-H Summer Camp

The next Camp Counselor meetings will be at the Extension Office on:

- **Monday, March 2 from 4-5:30 pm**
- **Sunday, March 8 from 5-7:30 pm**
- **Sunday, April 5 from 5-6:30 pm**

Camp Counselors communicate using Remind. Join [HERE](#).

This year's 4-H Camp theme is 4-H Around the World! The schedule and registration will come out in April. **We are looking for 2020 4-H Camp Chaperones and a nurse.** If interested, please fill out [this form](#). Thank you!

Senior Night & Scholarships!

Senior Night will replace the May Council meeting on **May 13 at the Bill Hamilton Building**. To apply for county and state 4-H scholarships, please click [HERE](#). **Scholarship applications are due April 1st, 2020.**

Indoor Project Updates

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 [VolunteerHelena](#) 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, March 16th 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

Dear Lewis & Clark County 4-Hers,

Your County Ambassadors have been hard at work helping generate new fundraising ideas for our county 4-H! Keep your eyes out for a “Round up” at your local businesses asking to round your purchase to the nearest dollar for 4-H. We are also planning three fishing derbies later this spring!

The Ambassadors recently adopted the operation, “You Are My Heart” as a service project partnering with OPI. We are seeking either monetary donations or two of the same books to send out to families who have a family member serving overseas. Contact Claire Downing, clairetoes@gmail.com for information or to donate. Lewis & Clark County Teen Leaders are looking forward to attending club meetings to share info on 4-H Camp!

The Saddle Riders Club is hosting a western swing dance March 14 at 6 pm at the BHB. Support another local organization and have some fun, practice some dance moves for your upcoming state events like Rec Lab coming up soon!

I hope everyone’s 4-H year is going great, keep up the hard work!

Sincerely,

Your L&C County 4-H Ambassadors
 Brooke Sangray, Claire Downing, Cade Duran, Henley Sexton, Natalya Routzhan, Megan Goroski



ATTENTION!
HELP NEEDED!

The Lewis and Clark County Ambassador Team is excited to partner with the Montana Office of Public Instruction's "Operation You are My Heart" for a county-wide service project.

Recently, approximately 300 soldiers from the Montana Army National Guard's 1-189 General Support Aviation Battalion deployed and will be gone for close to a year. Many of these soldiers have children. Our goal is to put a favorite book in the hands of every child and their deployed special soldier to help ease the distance through shared story time.

If your club or family is interested in helping, please contact:
Claire Downing, clairetoes@gmail.com
 or
our Lewis and Clark County Ambassadors

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

A babysitting meeting is being planned for May. Keep an eye on the newsletter and your e-mail.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Bicycle			

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

For questions or more information, please contact Jen or Michaela.

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

For questions or more information, please contact Kristin.

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

Thanks to everyone that attended the February workshop where we had a bike rodeo! Our next workshop will be **March 16th at 6 pm at the BHB**. We will be making homemade kites!

Make sure you watch for the RSVP sheet if you want to attend the **April 20th workshop at the Painted Pot**. If you have any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me.



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

Our next meeting will be at **Montana Wild on Friday, March 27th, 4:00 p.m.**
We will have a scavenger hunt to identify the wildlife and take a walk around Spring Meadow Lake afterwards. Practice using your compasses and tying knots. Please let me know if you are unable to attend. Happy Spring!

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

Foods and Nutrition is done with workshops until September and we will start back up then. If you need anything or would like to help, please let me know.

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

Workshops pending. Youth enrolled in these projects will be contacted about upcoming workshops. Contact Alicia with any questions.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Leathercraft	Sam Allen	sallen6@outlook.com	406.461.8583

Leather Craft meeting on **Monday, March 9th at 5-6pm at the BHB.**

- **Level 1 and 2** - Please bring in your leather rounds (2 of them) with stamping complete up to the first 2 tools. We will be working on the next 2 tools and starting round 3.
- **Level 3** - Bring in your projects so we can see them and how they are going.

If you have questions please call or e-mail Sam. Thanks!

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

4-H'ers discussed their Shadow photos at Montana Wild on February 19. Thanks to Photography project junior superintendents Jonathan DeWald and Cade Duran for presenting the workshop!

Food photography workshop

Presented by Emily Irene Photography
Wednesday, March 25 • 5:15 p.m. • Montana Wild



Our next workshop will be **Wednesday, March 25, 5:15 p.m. at the Montana Wild auditorium**. This is a hands-on workshop presented by Emily Irene on food photography. Please bring your cameras, this will be a fun event! And make sure you're documenting your experiences in your project record books!



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

Pocket Pets next workshop is on **Monday, March 16th, 6:30pm at Montana Wild**.

Wow! At our February meeting our guest speaker Danielle Hurley brought a FERRET for us to learn about. Danielle's family has rescued 9 ferrets over the years. Presently they have three ferrets, including the little visitor to our February meeting, Lexa. Danielle's family has adopted these ferrets because people discovered that ferrets were just not the right pets for them. Danielle commented that ferrets are both high and low maintenance. They are very affectionate, companion type pets, but they are pets that require special care as well as a lot of attention.



From the internet you can learn that ferrets are similar to cats, they sleep a lot and can actually be trained to use a litter box. Ferrets are also like dogs, they are very social and like to spend time with people. So a ferret is cuddly, sweet, and will return love many times over.

As Danielle pointed out, however, ferrets tend to

be allergic to a lot of things. You need to provide linen type bedding and keep the bedding clean, washing it frequently and being careful what you use as a detergent. Also, ferrets are susceptible to health issues such as cancers. They are nocturnal animals, so they will be awake a lot at night. And ferrets do make some noise. Ferrets tend to have an odor and should be bathed. Lexa has been de-scented.

Photos by C. J. Lassila. Aurora pets Lexa the ferret; and Anyssa shows her guinea pig, Peach.

Lexa is about 3 ½ to 4 years old. This is based on a veterinarian doctor’s opinion from when the Hurleys first took her to for a checkup once she joined the family. Danielle mentioned that another ferret they currently have is coming up on age 7 years and has begun to loose hair – that is something that happens to ferrets as they get older. Typical age expectancy for a ferret is about 6–10 years.

A ferret is not an alone type animal – it very much needs affection and attention from its owner. Several articles on the internet discuss that a ferret might do better if you have a second ferret because the two of them can each help keep the other entertained. Ferrets are very intelligent. They do need space – and it is recommended they be out of their cage for a while every day spending time with you. They can get into really small spaces and they like to hide things. Overall, ferret ownership is much more than simply bringing a cute pet home from the pet store. If you are interested in owning a ferret - or any other type of Pocket Pet - do your research.

After learning about ferrets, we had a Show and Tell presentation by project member Anyssa about her 5 year- old female guinea pig named Peach.

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.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Robotics			

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

Please contact Kristin if you have any questions about the service learning project.

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

Sewing workshops will be held at Capital Baptist Fellowship, 1727 Waukesha, at the corner of Laurel and Waukesha. The next date workshop is **March 8th**. The workshops will take place from **2:00-4:00 p.m.** Sewing Revue will take place on **April 26 at Capitol Baptist Fellowship 1727 Waukesha**. Click [HERE](#) for the Sewing and Handiwork Revue registration form. Registration forms are due **Friday, April 17th to the Extension office by 5:00 p.m.** You do not need to be enrolled in sewing, handiwork or quilting project to participate.

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

As the Archery, Air Rifle/Pistol and Small Bore projects wrap up for the year, I would like to thank all the volunteers, coaches, junior coaches, parents for making this a successful project for your kid(s). A special thanks to HCO for allowing the kids to shoot after hours at the range on Sundays and supplying the equipment for these kids. This has been a fantastic year. A little bit of Member news – Mariah Olson qualified to shoot at the National Junior Olympics Shooting Championships in Air Pistol in April. All because of 4-H Shooting Sports Projects!

Banquet is March 24 at 6:00. Set-up will be Monday 23 at 7:00 after the Rabbit meeting.

Watch for the newsletter for Sign-ups for Shotgun, Muzzle Loading and Sport Fishing.

Upcoming Dates:

- **March 6-8** – State Shooting Sports Invitational
- **March 10 & 12** – Fair Shoots for Air Rifle/Pistol & Archery
- **March 12** – Record books due for Awards Banquet
- **March 14** – Beaverhead Invitational
- **March 17 & 19** – Fun Shoots for Air Rifle/Pistol & Archery
- **March 22** – Fun Shoot for Small Bore
- **March 24** – Banquet
- **April** – Archery Pre-Qualifier for Nationals
- **May** – Archery Qualifier for Nationals
- **May 29-30** – Shotgun, Muzzle loading and Western Heritage Training, Logan MT.

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 on their own line. 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 Sam Allen Tom Manning	scott59634@gmail.com sallen6@outlook.com gonehuntingorfishing@hotmail.com	406.202.0905 406.461.8583

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

4-H SPORT FISHING begins on **Tuesday, April 7th, 2020 (6:00pm in the 4-H Bill Hamilton Building at the Fairgrounds).** Workshops will be every Tuesday evening until mid-August (schedule available at the first meeting). These weekly workshops will include topics such as fish identification and Montana fishing regulations. Note that the 2020 Montana Fishing Regulations book is now available.

Project workshops will initially be at the 4-H Bill Hamilton Building at the Fairgrounds. We will also meet a couple of times at Montana Wild. Then we'll 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.

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 or the 4-H Office.



Photo: 2020 Fishing Regulations booklet from Montana FWP – carry with you while Fishing!

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 **March 8th from 2-4pm at the BHB**. This workshop is mandatory, please contact Tiffany as soon as possible if there is a reason you cannot attend. Thank you!

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

There will be a meeting **Saturday, March 7th at 10 am at Dave Swanson's house**. For directions please call or e-mail Amanda (contact information above) or Dave at (406) 459-3950. Thanks!

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	swansonda@cdmsmith.com	406.459.3950
	Junior: Ben Swanson		
	Junior: Janelle Swanson		

Good afternoon woodworkers,

I've made arrangements to have our first workshop this coming **Sunday afternoon, March 1st, from 2-4 pm at the East Valley Middle School, (EVMS) in East Helena.**

If anyone has smaller projects or any project ideas or plans big or small, that they want to bring in and talk about and get guidance on that would be great.

I'll go over tool and workshop safety, as well as answer any questions anyone has about their project from getting started on through to judging day at the fair.

This workshop is more of a project kickoff and Q&A to get the ball rolling, we are not able to use the tools in the school's woodshop.

Any questions call Dave.

Hope to see you there!

Outdoor Project Updates

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 **March 9th at 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the Upstairs Conference Room in the Extension Office.**

4-H Livestock Sale Committee

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

We will be having a Sales Committee meeting immediately following the Outdoor meeting.

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
Beef	Casey Jones	caseyjones@mt.net	406.431.2655
	Danielle DeLaHunt	daniellebeveridge@gmail.com	406.465.7494
	Junior: Emily Beveridge	emilymbereridge@gmail.com	406.475.1975
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Market Beef Possession Date: January 1st

Market Beef Tagging Date: January 5th

There will be an open scale coming up. Stayed tuned to e-mails and the newsletter. Call or e-mail the superintendents for anything.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
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Please contact Daisy if you have any questions about the Dairy Cattle project.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Dog	Laurie Sullivan	lasullivan@bresnan.net	406.431.8636
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The Dog Project has completed its second month of Obedience and Agility training! We will be meeting on **March 7, 2020 at the Bill Hamilton Building for a Grooming Workshop. We will meet at 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.** It will be the only Dog Meeting for that day. Please bring your dog and grooming supplies.

The first years will continue to meet at 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. on March 14th and 21st. The second year plus will meet at 10:30 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 as we have begun to work with our training collars.

Dates for Obedience:

March 7, 2020
 March 14, 2020
 March 21, 2020

Agility project has been practicing very hard to get ready for the NADAC trials at the end of March. Practice times are at 4:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. We will be having a full size **contact project meeting on March 22nd at Leah Anderson's barn at 4:30 p.m.** You must continue training your dog in obedience to maintain participation in agility.

Dates For Agility:

March 1, 2020
 March 8, 2020
 March 15, 2020
 March 22, 2020
 March 27-29, 2020 NADAC Dog Agility Trials

If you have any questions, please call or e-mail me. Thanks, Laurie Sullivan

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Goat	Karyn Hamilton	dewklh@netzero.net	406.461.7536
	Junior: Irene Edwards	lillexielou@live.com	406.439.9432
	Junior: McKenzie Tordale	mltordale@gmail.com	406.461.7962

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

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

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

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

March 13th Last helmet video from **6:00-8:00 p.m. at the BHB**

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

March 28th & 29th Sisters in Stride Clinic. \$160.00 for both days or \$85.00 for one day. They are Clinton Anderson Clinicians, working on RESPECT with your horses.

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

May will be Western Clinic/assessments TBA

May 25th [Horse ID/shots paperwork is due](#), NO LATE PAPERWORK is accepted.

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 local opportunity for you to improve your showmanship skills and practice showing your animals before Fair, and this right in your back yard! The Jackpot show is open to steers, heifers, swine, sheep, and goats.

For more information contact Jeff Patten.

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

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
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Judging	Junior: Becky deMontigny	bkdemontigny@gmail.com	406.475.2227

Livestock Judging- Currently no contests in March.

Practice update coming soon.

Contact Georgana if you are interested in participating. Newcomers always welcome.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
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	C.J. Lassila	siege1234@bresnan.net	406.439.5168
	Junior: Irene Edwards Junior: Ashton McGaugh	blmcgauch5@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, March 14th, at 1:00pm in the Bill Hamilton 4-H Building (the BHB) at the Fairgrounds**. Please bring your project books. You may bring a bird to the meeting if you have questions or want some practice or guidance. Please only bring birds that are a minimum of 12 weeks old (16 weeks is recommended). If you can't bring a bird and would like the leaders to bring one for you, please let us know.

Our February workshop was on Saturday, February 1st in the BHB. At this meeting we discussed Brooders. We saw some of the parts of a brooder – what kind of container can be used, food and water feeders. As noted on page 21 of “Scratching the Surface” - 4-H Poultry Project Book One: for raising baby chicks you need to have a brooder with a heat source, enough floor space (1/2 square foot per chick), ventilation, appropriate feeders and a waterer. You should also provide light – that is taken care of if you are using a heat lamp for the heat source. Otherwise use a 25watt bulb.

You can buy brooders and brooder kits, but you can also use what you already have at home. For example, you could use a kids' small swimming pool, a pet kennel, or even a brooder box (just a regular moving or shipping box that is clean and has tall enough sides) to contain the chicks. A brooder box is the example that Ashton showed and discussed at the February meeting. Remember to use fresh bedding and keep your brooder clean, dry and warm. At the February meeting Project members worked on pages 20 and 21 of the level one project book (Chapter Three, “Coming Home to Roost.”) The activities on those pages include creating designs for both a Brooder and a Coop, as well as reviewing information about space needed and other requirements that will result in having healthy birds.

The level 2 activity for this meeting was “Take Off!” on page 14, Chapter Two, of the 4-H Poultry Project Book level two (“Testing Your Wings”). The level two members completed the crossword puzzle on that page, reviewing Poultry bird skeleton terms. As we get closer to 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



Items for your Brooder



Photos by C. J. Lassila: Junior Superintendent Ashton teaches the basics about Brooders.

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

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	Junior: Mariah Olson		406.461.4295
	Junior: Alexis Sandoval		406.603.0592

The rabbit meeting is **Monday, March 23rd at 6:00 pm in the BHB.** Please be ready to present your report on the breed you were assigned. Junior Sups will give presentations on body and fur types. Please leave your rabbits at home.

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
Round Robin	Michelle Gransbery	mgransbery@helenaschools.org	406.431.6784
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Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Sheep	Jeff Patten	blaackraam@gmail.com	406.422.3796
	Junior: Hannah Diehl	hannahdeihl13@gmail.com	406.227.5202
	Junior: Brooke Harris	brookeellee@gmail.com	406.594.2753
	Junior: Abigail Gruber	gruberpenguin@me.com	406.431.5296

Sheep Possession Date: Friday, May 1st
Sheep Tagging Date: Saturday, May 2nd
Sheep Tagging Form Due: Wednesday, April 29th

You need to start thinking about where you are getting your lamb. Most breeders sell their lambs in early April. So, contacting a breeder soon is very important to make sure you get a lamb you like, can handle, and can be a good project for you.

March 29 at the BHB at 2:00 pm will be the caring feeding and selection workshop conducted by Jodi Pauley from Cowpoke Ranch Supply, Deer Lodge. Lambs will be available for the 4-Hers to handle and feel for muscle.

April 26 at the BHB at 2:00 pm will be covering what the judge is looking for in a lamb such as finish and handle. With this we will be going over the different cuts of meat from a lamb. During showmanship the judge will ask you where this cut of meat comes from or ask you to point out a part of your lamb. Lambs will be available that are ready to show and the 4-Hers can feel what a finished lamb should feel like.

May 2 in the back of the BHB from 2:00 to 3:00 pm will be weighing and tagging of your lamb. If this date doesn't work let me know and we can coordinate a time to get your lambs tagged.

May 17 in the back of the BHB at 2:00 pm will be a shearing demonstration and the 4-Her will be able to try their hand at shearing a lamb.

At each of these workshops we will be discussing the record books.

Hope to see you at one or all of these workshops.

Thanks
 Jeff

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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	Junior: Zoe Schneider	zoe.g.schneider@icloud.com	406.461.8853

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

Kountry Bumpkins 4-H Club

The Kountry Bumpkins “wrapped up” their service project making bat wraps and faux nests for wildlife injured or displaced in the Australian bush fires. Helena citizen JP Crowley graciously offered to take the wraps with him to Melbourne and deliver them to Wildlife Victoria, an emergency care organization. The service project was featured in the Independent Record with an appeal for donations. The club also included \$100 cash, from funds contributed by donors.

Left: Kountry Bumpkins club president Stella Duran hands off the bat wraps to JP Crowley.
Right: Kountry Bumpkins club members Matilda Scherer and Kelsey Schaeffer display the efforts of their service project.



Wild Roses 4-H Club On Monday, February 3rd, the Wild Roses 4-H Club did Archery as a club meeting activity at the 4-H Bill Hamilton Building. Members of the Birdseye Outs and Abouts 4-H Club were invited to join in learning 4-H Archery basics (Birdseye club had their monthly meeting on the same evening at the BHB).

Wild Roses does a 4-H project - related activity each month; and for February, Archery was that activity. First there was a brief club business meeting. Then participating members got a safety and range briefing. Some members had their own bows; everyone else used a 4-H bow from Shooting Sports. There was basic instruction on how to use a bow, wear an arm guard and how to safely pull arrows from a target. Then everyone

opportunity to shoot Archery and learn something. Thank you to Archery leader Jason Armstrong Sport coaches Guy Rainville and Sean Thurston, and thank you to long-time club volunteer Ardis Rice who provided treats to top off the evening. Also, a shout-out to Wild Roses club members Railey Ackerman, Brayden McGaugh and Levi Hollatz (Archery is one of their projects this year) who stepped up to the line to provide some helpful guidance to other 4-Hers.



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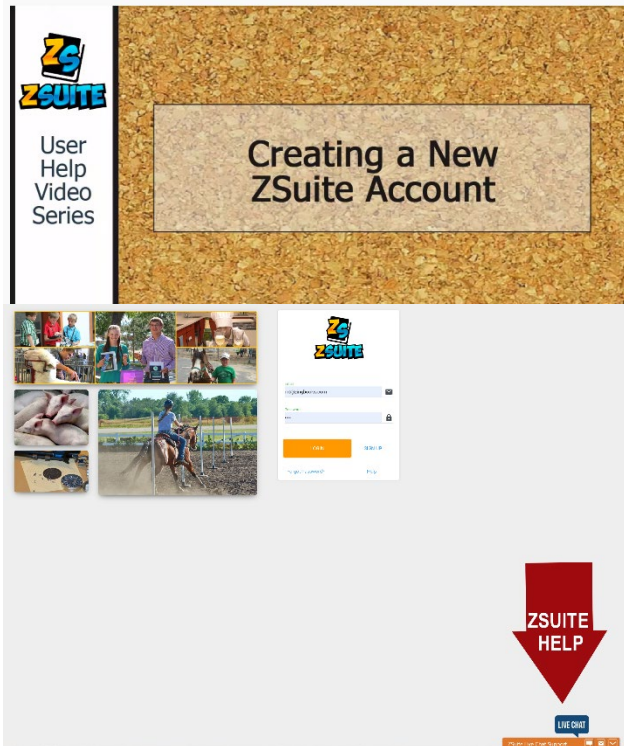
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- This is not an App. It is a mobile friendly website that mirrors the Montana 4-H record sheets.
- After entering all of your record keeping for My 4-H Year, Non-Animal Projects or Animal (Market or Non-market) Projects you can download a printed 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.
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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/>

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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

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Wood Working, 2:00 p.m., East Valley Middle School East Helena Dog Agility, 4:30 p.m., Leah Anderson's Barn Small Bore Meeting, 4:30 p.m., HCO	2 4-H Camp Counselor Meeting, 4:00 p.m., Extension Office	3 Air Rifle/Pistol, 6:00-9:00 p.m., BHB	4 Foundation Meeting, 5:30, p.m., Extension Office	5 Archery, 5:30-8:30 p.m., BHB	6 State Shooting Sports Invitational, Bozeman	7 State Shooting Sports Invitational, Bozeman Dog Obedience, 9:00-12:00 p.m., BHB Vet Science Meeting, 10:00 a.m., Dave Swanson's House
8 State Shooting Sports Invitational, Bozeman Sewing Workshop, 2:00 p.m., Capitol Baptist Fellowship Teen Leadership, 2:00 P.M., BHB Dog Agility Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Leah Anderson's Barn Camp Counselor Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Extension Office	9 Outdoor Meeting, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Extension Office, Upstairs Leathercraft Meeting, 5:00-6:00 p.m., BHB	10 Air Rifle/Pistol-Fair Shoot, 6:00-9:00 p.m., BHB	11 Council Meeting, 6:00-8:00 p.m., BHB	12 Archery-Fair Shoot, 5:30-8:30 p.m., BHB Shooting Sports Record Books Due to Shooting Sports Superintendents	13 Horse Helmet Video Meeting, 6:00 p.m., BHB	14 Beaverhead Shooting Sports Invitational Dog Obedience, 8:30-12:00 p.m., BHB Poultry Workshop, 1:00 p.m., BHB Horse Meeting, 2:00-5:00 p.m., Multi-Purpose Building
15 Sheep Meeting, 2:00 p.m., BHB Youth Council, 3:00 p.m., Extension Office Dog Agility Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Leah Anderson's Barn Small Bore Meeting, 4:30 p.m., HCO	16 Indoor Meeting, 5:30-7:30 p.m., Extension Office Cloverbud Meeting, 6:00 p.m., BHB Shotgun Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Trap club Awards Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office Pocket Pets, 6:30 p.m., MT Wild	17 Fun Air Rifle/Pistol Night, 6:00-9:00 p.m., BHB	18	19 Fun Archery Night, 5:30-8:30 p.m., BHB	20	21 Dog Obedience, 10:00-12:00 p.m., BHB Swine Biosecurity Meeting, 3:00 a.m., BHB
22 Communications Day, 1:00 p.m., Helena Middle School Dog Agility Meeting, 4:30 p.m., Leah Anderson's Barn Small Bore Meeting, 4:30 p.m., HCO	23 Rabbit Meeting, 6:00 p.m., BHB	24 Shooting Sports Banquet, 6:00 p.m., BHB	25 Rec Lab Early Bird Registrations Due Photography Workshop, 5:15 p.m., MT Wild Auditorium	26	27 NADAC Dog Agility Trial, 3320 Wylie Drive, Helena Exploring Nature/Outdoor Adventures, 4:00 p.m., MT Wild	28 NADAC Dog Agility Trial, 3320 Wylie Drive, Helena Dog Obedience, 8:30-12:00 p.m., BHB Sisters in Stride Horse Clinic,
29 NADAC Dog Agility Trial, 3320 Wylie Drive, Helena Sisters in Stride Horse Clinic, Sheep Meeting, 2:00 p.m., BHB	30	31	April 1 Foundation Meeting, 5:30, p.m., Extension Office Scholarship Applications are Due	April 2	April 3 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Event, 6:00-10:00 p.m., Fairgrounds Entry Hall	April 4