



# LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY 4-H

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

## February 2021 Newsletter

### 4-H Website:

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

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### MSU Extension Update

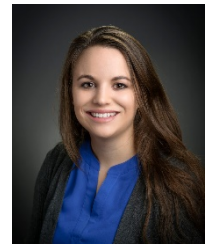
Happy February everyone! Looking ahead, please make sure you are working on your record and project books. Please contact your club and project leaders if you have any questions about how to get started.

Please support the Lewis & Clark County 4-H Foundation be participating in the mask sales! All proceeds go toward our operating budget and sponsoring youth in 4-H activities.

We've had some success finding new volunteers to host a workshop for some of our projects! If you have some knowledge to share, please contact us to see where you can help.

Everyone do their snow dance!

-Kara Tangedal



### 4-H Council

Next meeting: The Council will reconvene on **Wednesday, February 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the BHB.**

- [Minutes available online HERE](#)
- To request an agenda, please e-mail or call James Schneider at (406) 788-3011 or [LTCMontana@yahoo.com](mailto:LTCMontana@yahoo.com)
- To join the meeting remotely, [please click HERE](#) at the meeting time.

### 4-H Foundation

Next Regular Meeting: **Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.**

- [Minutes available online HERE](#)
- To join the meeting remotely, [please click HERE](#) at the meeting time.

**We want to thank the following clubs who have donated to be a 2021**

**Foundation sponsor:**

Big Sky 4-H Club- \$300, Kountry Bumpkins 4-H Club- \$150, Montana City Mavericks 4-H Club- \$200, Sweet Clovers 4-H Club- \$300, Wild Roses 4-H Club- \$300

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

### Youth Council

Next Meeting: **Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 3:00 p.m. in the Extension Office**

- [Minutes available online HERE](#)
- To attend this meeting remotely, please click [HERE](#) at the meeting time and call Kara at (406) 396-6634 if you need any assistance.

We will be planning for our Fair events and discussing how Council and Committee meetings went that month.

## 4-H Foundation Fundraiser- 4-H Clover Masks

Are you looking for gifts for the 4-H people in your life? What about ways to promote 4-H while promoting health (which is one of the “H”s!) Or maybe you want to help YOUR 4-H Foundation with fundraising....

Well, we have the PERFECT thing for you!!

**Your 4-H Foundation is selling facemasks with the 4-H logo on them along with a storage pouch for the low price of \$10.**

This is one of the Foundation’s fundraisers this year, and we need YOUR help in promoting these sales.

**The Foundation is awarding the top 3 4-H clubs who sell the most masks per club member.**

That means even if your club is small you have a chance to win big!

**1<sup>st</sup> place will have first choice of the following prizes: Pizza Party, Ice Cream Party, Trampoline Park Party**

2<sup>nd</sup> place will choose second, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will have the prize that’s left over.

**If you are interested in purchasing a mask or would like to help sell, you can pick up masks from the Extension Office or contact Lisa DeWitt (406-461-1055), Joe Munis (406-560-7392), or Kathryn Dunkelberg (406-461-9551) who will organize a pick-up in Helena or can mail them as needed.**



## Awards Committee

- **We need new volunteers to serve on the Awards Committee!** We meet ~4 times per year to evaluate the current award offerings, select award winners, and to gather awards supplies for Awards Night.
- **Currently we need help with the Ron Schatz project sponsorship award, the Julie Paulson Achievement Award, Club Awards, and Project Recognition Awards.** Please call/e-mail the office for more information or to offer feedback to the committee.

## Building Committee

We are looking for volunteers to support the Building Committee. We need some help overseeing the maintenance of the BHB, future plans for BHB, and the potential expansion of our facility. Please contact David Hamilton ([davidhamilton431@gmail.com](mailto:davidhamilton431@gmail.com)) if you are interested.

## Record Book Committee

**The Record Book Committee will be meeting at the Extension Office Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 PM.** To join virtually, please e-mail Kara at [kara.tangedal@montana.edu](mailto:kara.tangedal@montana.edu).

Parents, members, and volunteers, please visit the [Record Book webpage](#) and take a look at the resources for record book checks, including the [Lewis and Clark County 4-H Record Book Completion Checklist](#), and tell us what you like or dislike about this form. [Submit your comments HERE](#). Your feedback is greatly appreciated!!!

Your Record Book Committee Members: Chair: Bill Sullivan  
C.J. Lassila  
Karen Hamilton  
Jana Gruber  
Laurie Sullivan



### We Need Help!

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

Here are some examples of the help we'll need for the 2020-21 4-H year:

- 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Committee members
- 4-H Awards Committee members
- 4-H Record Book Committee members
- 4-H Building Committee members
- Anyone who would like to lead an activity or workshop in bicycle, outdoor adventures, robotics, service learning, small engines, teen leadership, visual arts, welding, wildlife, or woodworking

### 2020 Event Dates: Put them on your calendar now!

- **Sewing Revue:** Sewing Revue is a county event which usually takes place at the end of April. You do not have to be in any of the Sewing projects to participate. This is a fun way to learn about the different sewing and handiwork projects (sewing, knitting, crochet, embroidery and weaving). There are sewing workshops every month. You are welcome to come to these workshops even if you are not part of the project. The dates for these workshops are listed in the sewing project area of the newsletter. We look forward to seeing you at this event. If you have any questions you can contact Trudy Moffett at 406-799-3254 or [wolfcreekcottagecrafts@gmail.com](mailto:wolfcreekcottagecrafts@gmail.com).



**GRAND  
FOODS &  
COMMUNICATIONS DAY**  
CONTESTS ARE COMING  
CLICK HERE FOR MORE INFO



- **Grand Foods: Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at Headwaters Covenant Church (Time TBA).** [Click here to register](#). One exhibit per child. Registrations are due Sunday, January 31st at midnight. Please email Teresa Patten at [teresajohan20@gmail.com](mailto:teresajohan20@gmail.com) if you need to change your registration after the 31st. Once registration is closed, Teresa will email you with what time your child will be judged.
- **Communications Day: Sunday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM, Virtual.** Rules, guidelines, and registration at <https://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/member-resources/county-opportunities-events.html>. Registration is due March 7<sup>th</sup>.

- **Junior Livestock Show of Spokane Wednesday, May 5, 2021**  
Exhibitors will find forms for Entry, various contests (entry and information sheets), and camping under each species tab.

### Preparing for the 2020-2021 4-H Year

- **Enrollment began October 1<sup>st</sup>!**
- **Please enroll online by visiting [4h.zsuite.org](http://4h.zsuite.org) Find out more information [HERE](#).**
  - **Re-enrollments and fees** were due on ZSuites on December 31<sup>st</sup>.
  - Re-enrollments received after December 31<sup>st</sup> will require a \$50.00 enrollment fee per family.
  - **New family enrollments** are due by **May 1<sup>st</sup>** to qualify for Fair, but new families can enroll at any time.

### Quality Assurance Committee

**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.** This year there will be no in-person quality assurance trainings, but there are two online options available. Please find the virtual Quality Assurance courses and an updated list of members needing quality assurance training in 2021 at <https://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/projects.html>. Please speak with your club or project leader for more information.

### LCC 4-H Member Spotlight - Melaina Klobberdanz

Melaina Klobberdanz is truly a 4-H Valentine. She is a 6-year member of Lewis and Clark County 4-H and the Wild Roses 4-H Club. She was recently elected to be Secretary of the County 4-H Youth Council for 2020-2021. Melaina's projects have included Cat, Rabbit, Dog, Foods /Cake Decorating, Leadership, Shooting Sports Archery, and Leathercraft. She is the only member of Wild Roses 4-H Club in more than ten years (Feb 2020) to have competed in the Foods event Stirrups that typically happens same day as Grand Foods. But whereas in Grand Foods 4-Hers exhibit only one completed item, in Stirrups the participant plans, cooks and serves an entire meal to the judges. Certain ingredients are pre-determined, the cook has to bring in all the food and all the preparation / serving dishes, and there is a time-limit. Melaina was awarded Reserve Champion at this event. Additionally, she has participated in Grand Foods most of her 4-H years - her Valentine goodies pictured in the photo with this article look tasty, right?

She is now in her 6<sup>th</sup> project year of Cat. Interestingly, Melaina has made Cat furniture as part of her Cat project for several 4-H Fairs and sold them at the Indoor Auction. Jen Amos, current Cat project leader, commented that “Her most recent furniture project involved a suitcase and will be a favorite for her cat or any cat lucky enough to have Melaina as an owner”. This past Fair, Melaina was awarded another



Photos by Dora Lindner and C.J. Lassila

championship ribbon for Cat Showmanship. Melaina has already

served two years as a Cat Project Junior Superintendent. As to that role, several months ago it was reported at the Indoor Committee Meeting that a Cat Workshop had been scheduled with a guest speaker presentation. “The presenter did not show, but the Jr. Superintendent [Melaina] stepped up and put on an awesome workshop for all attendees.” This quote is from the published committee minutes, June 17, 2019, on the 4-H county website. Now in 2021, current Cat project leader, Jen Amos, says about Melaina: “She is passionate and knowledgeable about cats and has developed a video to help all the [project] members know the appropriate way to show a cat.”

Melaina has been in the Rabbit project for 5 years. She has accomplished successful rabbit breeding and shared her bunny babies at our club meetings. The Rabbit project Superintendent, Vanessa Olson, says of Melaina that she is helpful to other project members and that she has had the top rabbit at one of our 4-H Fairs. Also, Melaina has twice represented the county Rabbit project in the Round Robin event at our 4-H Fair.

As a member of the Wild Roses 4-H Club, Melaina is a dependable contributor. First and foremost, she typically asks if she can help in some way, both before and after meetings. She has done no-notice presentations and will help out younger club members whenever needed. She has volunteered to work club fundraisers and was a committee member to create and assemble Fair baskets that Wild Roses then donated to 4-H. She originated a “Cat” basket theme and then taught other committee members how to make kitty toys that were then included in the basket which sold successfully. She has also been a Committee member working on our club’s National 4-H Week Window Display during the past two years – she provided art design work used in both years’ displays. Melaina was elected and served as our club secretary for Wild Roses 4-H for the past three years.

Like Cat project leader Jen Amos says about Melaina – “When a self-starter, dependable helper is needed, Melaina Klobberdanz is the perfect one for the job.” As her club leader over these several years, I am happy to report that Melaina is a successful, hard-working 4-Her with a heart of gold.

--- C. J. Lassila, Wild Roses 4-H Club.

## LCC 4-H Volunteer Spotlight - Vanessa Olson

Vanessa Olson has stepped up and provided active leadership many times when she recognized a need within our 4-H program. She has previously been the Lewis and Clark County project leader for both Horse and Pocket Pets. She currently serves as the Lewis and Clark County Rabbit Project Leader, the Lewis and Clark County Air Rifle Project Leader, and as the overall Lewis and Clark County Shooting Sports Coordinator.

As the Lewis and Clark County Shooting Sports Coordinator, Vanessa provides leadership and oversight of the entire county Shooting Sports Program, including Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Archery, Muzzle Loading, Shotgun and Sport Fishing. She coordinates the winter phase Shooting Sports registration and building usage while supporting and providing guidance for the individual discipline leaders.

She began helping the Shooting Sports Annual Invitational Shooting Tournament by successfully conducting the registration for the event. State level personnel saw this success and asked Vanessa to assist the Montana State Shooting Sports Tournament by conducting the registration for them.

The last four years Vanessa has stepped up to the plate again in volunteering to become the overall Shooting Sports coordinator and person in charge of the second largest indoor shooting invitational in the state of Montana. At the same time, she is also leading one of the individual disciplines, Air Rifle.

The Lewis and Clark Shooting Sports Project has continued to grow in participants under her leadership. She also finds, advises and supports new discipline leaders and coaches for the program. Meanwhile, she continuously works in the background, making sure that praise received goes to those leaders and coaches that work in her projects. Most recently, Vanessa has begun a modified Shooting Sports season to give 4-H youth tangible opportunities where possible in this time of pandemic.

Vanessa's uncountable hours of Project Leadership have resulted in stronger and more productive programs. Michelle Ostberg, the Indoor Project Committee Chair, sums it up well: "Vanessa leads by example in modeling exemplary actions and making tough decisions seem easy." All of us, leaders, coaches, shooters and parents, we owe her a great deal of appreciation for her efforts.



Photo by Dora Lindner

## Indoor Project Updates

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Indoor Committee</b>	Michelle Ostberg	<a href="mailto:mostberg@bresnan.net">mostberg@bresnan.net</a>	406.459.3543

Just a reminder for youth to keep up on their record books. If you haven't begun your project yet, you can still start setting goals you want to achieve for this year. Also make sure to watch the newsletter for updates as well as check out Lewis and Clark 4-H on [Facebook @lewisclark4h](#) and [Instagram @lewisclark4h](#).

The next Indoor meeting is **Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 PM in the Extension Office.**

You can join remotely by [clicking this link](#) at the meeting time.

Thanks, Michelle

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Aerospace</b>	Vacant		

**Want to do a Camp-in-a -Box? Interested in Rockets, Junk-Drawer Robotics or Coding?** This program is free to military youth or \$10 for non-military youth. First day of camp will be towards the end of February. Please contact Catherine McNeil at 439-8570 or [mcneilcb@gmail.com](mailto:mcneilcb@gmail.com) if you are interested. Happy February!!

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 LCC 4-H volunteer opportunities.](#)

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Ambassadors</b>	Catherine McNeil	<a href="mailto:mcneilcb@gmail.com">mcneilcb@gmail.com</a>	406.439.8570
	Mandy Rambo	<a href="mailto:mandy_k_rambo@hotmail.com">mandy_k_rambo@hotmail.com</a>	406.945-3749

Hello L&C county 4-Her's! It's my honor to update you on the actions of your ambassadors over the past month. So I will get right into it, we have been hard at work on our foster care backpacks service project. In case you haven't been tracking this is a project we took on roughly a year ago and got serious about in September. We have been working with the 4-H true leaders in equity institute to make Montana a more equitable state. So far, we have begun construction on our backpacks and have roughly 26 ready to go along with a mountain of supplies to build more. You the 4-H clubs and our Helena community have really stepped up and donated lots of supplies for this project. That brings me to my next point. I am pleased to announce Big Sky 4-H club as the winner's of the tie blanket contest. Congrats Big Sky 4-H we hope you enjoy your pizza party and thank you for all your hard work and support with our project! We would also like to say thank you to everyone else, clubs and individuals, who have donated and helped us out. We appreciate more than you know. In other news your ambassadors worked with Kara, our extension agent and the L&C 4-H youth council to put on the 2nd annual teen leadership Shindig at HAC where we taught and learned from each other with lots of fun memories made. Thanks everyone for helping with that! If you have any questions about 4-H or have any desire to hear more about our current service project or donate please don't hesitate to contact me by email: [cadeduran@icloud.com](mailto:cadeduran@icloud.com)  
With pleasure, Cade Duran Lewis and Clark County 4-H Ambassador

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Babysitting</b>	Catherine McNeil	<a href="mailto:mcneilcb@gmail.com">mcneilcb@gmail.com</a>	406.439.8570

If you have questions, please contact Catherine.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone	Number
<b>Bicycle</b>	Vacant			

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 LCC 4-H volunteer opportunities.](#)

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Cat</b>	Jen Amos	<a href="mailto:jenamos@bresnan.net">jenamos@bresnan.net</a>	406.465.2563

If you have any questions, please contact Jen.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Cake Decorating</b>	Vacant		

Please join the Level 1 cake decorating workshop **February 19<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 PM at the BHB.** You will learn all the skills needed to be successful to enter Fair as a Level 1 cake decorator and will leave the workshop with 6 decorated cupcakes! We are capping the class at 10 youth, please **RSVP by Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> by e-mailing [lewisclark@montana.edu](mailto:lewisclark@montana.edu).** Please also bring \$10 to the workshop for a take-home cake decorating kit so you can continue practicing at home!

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Child Development</b>	Vacant		

**Learn more about the Child Development project and how to get started!** If interested, [please fill out this Doodle poll](#) so we can pick a day and time to meet! We'll have the opportunity to meet virtually or in-person.

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 LCC 4-H volunteer opportunities.](#)

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Citizenship</b>	Vacant		

**There were some great Citizenship opportunities in January, including Legislative Breakfast and Citizenship Seminar. If you have attended either of these events, make sure to include them in your record book!**

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 LCC 4-H volunteer opportunities.](#)

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Cloverbuds</b>	Katie Grady-Selby	<a href="mailto:katiegrady18@icloud.com">katiegrady18@icloud.com</a>	406.202.1802

Thanks to everyone that came and made yarn monsters in January. For the February workshop we will need a head count prior to attending for supplies! Please make sure to text 202-1802 by February 10th with your Cloverbuds name that will be attending Monday February 15th!! Please bring a hammer to the February meeting. Calendar dates are below for the upcoming workshops.

- February 15<sup>th</sup>
- March 15<sup>th</sup>
- April 19<sup>th</sup>
- May 17<sup>th</sup>
- June 21<sup>st</sup>





Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Communications</b>	Vacant		

**If you are enrolled in the Communications project, please be sure to attend Communications Day!** Find out more at <https://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/member-resources/county-opportunities-events.html>

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 LCC 4-H volunteer opportunities.](#)

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Cowboy Poetry</b>	Vacant		

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 LCC 4-H volunteer opportunities.](#)

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Outdoor Adventures, Wildlife, and Forestry</b>	Vacant		

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 LCC 4-H volunteer opportunities.](#)

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Electricity Small Engines</b>	Vacant		

**Have an appliance or power tool that recently stopped working? Bring it to the Extension Office and 4-H small engine members will see if they can get it working again! Call or e-mail the office if you have any questions!**

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 LCC 4-H volunteer opportunities.](#)

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
<b>Entomology</b>	Ann Reber	<a href="mailto:belleelegant@gmail.com">belleelegant@gmail.com</a>	406.461.4030

If you have any questions, please contact Ann.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Foods and Nutrition</b>	Teresa Patten	<a href="mailto:teresajoan20@gmail.com">teresajoan20@gmail.com</a>	406.465.6103
	Tolly Patten	<a href="mailto:blaackraam@gmail.com">blaackraam@gmail.com</a>	406.422.9931

Grand Foods will be held **Saturday, February 13th at Headwaters Covenant Church (Time TBA)**. Use this link to register: [Grand Foods Registration](#) 1 exhibit/child. **The signup will close Sunday, January 31st at midnight. Please email me if you need to change your registration after the 31st.** Once registration is closed, I will email you with what time your child will be judged.

[Click here to view Grand Foods rules.](#) If you have any questions feel free to email me!

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
<b>Gardening, Crop Science &amp; Weed Science</b>	Ann Reber	<a href="mailto:belleelegant@gmail.com">belleelegant@gmail.com</a>	
	Alicia Reber	<a href="mailto:alicia.reber@gmail.com">alicia.reber@gmail.com</a>	406.437.2934

Gardening, Weed Science, Crop Science: **Thursday, February 25 at 6:30pm workshop. Please RSVP to Alicia for location.**

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
<b>Home Environment</b>	Marianne Baumeister	<a href="mailto:marianne.baumeister71@gmail.com">marianne.baumeister71@gmail.com</a>	406.475.1027

If you have any questions, please contact Marianne.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Leathercraft</b>	Jamie Lerum	<a href="mailto:Graymountainleatherco@gmail.com">Graymountainleatherco@gmail.com</a>	406.459.6517

Attention Leathercrafters!

I just wanted to introduce myself and give you guys an idea of what to expect in Leathercrafting this year. My name is Jamie, I'm 28, and I'm a full time leather-worker/bag-builder. I'm really looking forward to meeting you all and sharing my passion for one of the most ancient and diverse crafts out there!

The first two dates we have scheduled are **February 11th & February 25th (Thursdays), from 4-5:30 PM in the Bill Hamilton Building at the Fairgrounds.** I'm hoping to meet at least 6 times between now and Fair, and will try to continue the pattern of meeting every other week. Please let me know if Thursdays don't work for you and I can look into some other options.

For the most part I'll be following the 4-H Leathercraft Manual to get everyone ready with their projects for Fair, but it's looking like we have mostly high schoolers enrolled, so I'm also hoping to dive a little bit further into the history of Western Leatherwork, the origins of the many floral tooling styles, the difference between various leathers and their uses, maybe a little bit about my experience starting and growing my leather business, and whatever other questions come up. I'll also share some youtube channel recommendations for those of you interested in continuing leather working on your own outside of 4-H.

I'm a big believer in the value of creating and building functional art with your own two hands, and in learning by doing, so these classes will be mostly hands-on. I would love to make time toward the end for you all to pick out a non-fair related project to complete for yourselves. We can brainstorm ideas together on February 11th.

Remember to bring your Project and Record books to class, a pencil/pen and notebook if desired (highly recommended), and that masks are mandatory. All other materials will be provided.

Please feel free to email me with questions or scheduling conflicts at [graymountainleatherco@gmsil.com](mailto:graymountainleatherco@gmsil.com).

See you soon!  
- Jamie Lerum

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Photography</b>	Luke Duran Junior: Cade Duran	<a href="mailto:elementl@bresnan.net">elementl@bresnan.net</a>	406.461.7799

Hello photographers!

Thanks to all who participated in our January workshop. You're all off to a great start in pushing your creativity and snapping some great photos. At our January meeting we talked about Abstract photography, and your challenge to construct and photograph an abstract image. Details on how to do this are on the 4-H Photography website: <http://www.elementl.net/4H>

Our February workshop will be held **Wednesday, Feb. 24 at 5:30 p.m.** I'm not certain whether we'll meet in person or via Zoom, but details will be provided on the website. Also, if you haven't signed up for emails and text reminds, that's the best way to get updates. Visit the website to sign up.

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**Project****Pocket Pets****Superintendents**

CJ Lassila

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Next Pocket Pets workshop will be on **Monday, February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021, at 6:30 pm in the 4-H Bill Hamilton Building BHB.**

During our January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021, workshop project members first got the opportunity to see a sugar glider up close. Danielle Godlevsky, a former 4-H Pocket Pets leader and an experienced pet rescuer, stopped by our January meeting along with her daughter Anyssa to share their young sugar glider. Their little sweetie was

born at their house, but its mama rejected it. And so Danielle and Anyssa have become its parents. Fortunately, they've owned sugar gliders for a while, so they already knew a likely diet. Luckily, the little sweetie began to eat and drink from a bowl early. So now it has breakfast in the car while Danielle is on the way to work. For several of our project members, along with adult project volunteer Linda, this was the first time experiencing this wonderful and cute species of animal. Danielle talked about the formula they have been making for their little sugar glider. She also discussed some of the commercial food possibilities for the nutrition of sugar gliders.



Photos by C. J. Lassila. Pocket Pets members enjoy a sugar glider and a guinea pig.

Nutrition is always very important for Pocket Pets. Make sure you know what your Pocket Pet needs to eat for a healthy diet. Also, be especially sure to know what they cannot eat. Certain foods can be toxic to your little animal. So be sure to research and know what you can't give them to eat. At our workshop we looked at the ingredient list for both a "complete" guinea pig food, as well as the ingredient list for a small pet "treat" product. One main ingredient not found in the treat - but important in main food for a guinea pig - was ascorbic acid, commonly known as Vitamin C.

Vitamin C is extremely important for the diet of a guinea pig. Without Vitamin C provided to them, a guinea pig would become very ill. So, whatever your Pocket Pet, or any pet for that matter, know what they need to eat to be healthy. Know also what they cannot be allowed to eat, things that would make them sick. For example, we discussed that guinea pigs, and many other small animals should not be fed iceberg lettuce.

Next, we had a Show and Tell presentation. Project member Aurora showed her male guinea pig Percy and members got a chance to pet him. He is about three years old. Aurora also has two other guinea pigs.

Our project workshop concluded with the opportunity to make Valentine Crackers - which are basically snack treats for their pocket pets. We had available various appropriate snack choices for guinea pigs and fish. To make a Valentine Cracker - start with an empty cardboard cylinder. You can use an empty toilet paper roll or a paper towel tube. Put in

some timothy hay, push it toward the inside center of the cylinder; now add the snack goodies. Top with more hay if you want. Now you cover the tube – we had tissue paper available, but cloth could also be used. Red is a great color to use when Valentine’s Day is getting close. Tie off both ends using string or yarn. Your pet now has both an activity and a snack. The activity will be when the pet is working its way into the tube to enjoy the snack. Fish snacks were made by putting a frozen food that is appropriate for both fresh and salt water fish into small clear container or red color heart shaped containers. Our project fish owners then wrapped the containers in Valentine paper. Happy Valentines Day from the Pocket Pets project.

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Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Robotics</b>	Vacant		

**Want to do a Camp-in-a -Box? Interested in Rockets, Junk-Drawer Robotics or Coding?** This program is free to military youth or \$10 for non-military youth. First day of camp will be towards the end of February. Please contact Catherine McNeil at 439-8570 or [mcneilcb@gmail.com](mailto:mcneilcb@gmail.com) if you are interested. Happy February!!

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 LCC 4-H volunteer opportunities.](#)

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Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Sewing &amp; Handiwork</b>	Trudy Moffett Desiree Moffett	<a href="mailto:wolfcreekcottagecrafts@gmail.com">wolfcreekcottagecrafts@gmail.com</a>	406.799.3254

Sewing, quilting, knitting, crochet, weaving, and embroidery are projects that take time to complete. We will be having workshops that start in October and go through to April.

**They will be held at Capital Baptist Fellowship, 1727 Waukesha, at the corner of Laurel and Waukesha. The dates for the workshops are February 7, March 14, and April 11. We will have Sewing Revue on April 25.**

**The workshops will take place from 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

Make sure that you bring a mask with you. I will also have hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies.

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 T 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
<b>Shooting Sports</b>	Air Rifle: Vanessa Olson	<a href="mailto:2qtrcircle@gmail.com">2qtrcircle@gmail.com</a>	406.431.1598
	Archery: Jason Armstrong	<a href="mailto:Jason.armstrong25@gmail.com">Jason.armstrong25@gmail.com</a>	406.438.6479
	Shotgun: Scott Allen	<a href="mailto:scott59634@gmail.com">scott59634@gmail.com</a>	406.202.0905
	Sam Allen	<a href="mailto:sallen6@outlook.com">sallen6@outlook.com</a>	406.461.8583
	Tom Manning	<a href="mailto:gonehuntingorfishing@hotmail.com">gonehuntingorfishing@hotmail.com</a>	
	Junior: Ashton McGaugh		

Air Rifle is starting for a short season. Due to county COVID restrictions, I will not be accepting any additional kids into this project.

Air rifle will meet on **Tuesdays and Thursday in February and March**. We will **start shooting at 6**, so please come 10 to 15 minutes early so you can get set-up.

Returning members will shoot on Tuesday nights and new members will shoot on Thursday nights.

If you are new to the project and didn't attend the meeting in January, you will need to contact me to arrange for a safety brief before you can start shooting - There are 6 of you that need to attend the safety brief.

If you signed up for the project and decide not to do the project, please let me know, so I can allow another 4-Her the opportunity to participate in this project.

If you have questions about the Archery, please contact Jason Armstrong. If you have questions about Air Rifle, please contact me.

### **Additional Archery Opportunities**

All Archers- here are some shooting opportunities coming up in the next two months to be able to shoot and do some scoring. Please contact Brad Peck with any questions.

### **2021 Cascade County 4-H Archery Postal Tournament**

Registration Due: March 1, 2021

Scores Due: no later than April 13<sup>th</sup>

Please coordinate with Jason if you plan on participating in the Cascade Archery Postal Tournament

### **Western Heritage Project**

From Scott Francis: Each year I hold a "Welcome to the 4-H Western Heritage Project" meeting for new families in my local club. Like many of your programs, this year's introductory meeting will be virtual through Zoom. This change of format opens the door to anyone in the country interested in learning more about the Western Heritage discipline of 4-H Shooting Sports. I invite anyone to attend (see link below). And, even though the name would imply, you don't have to live in the West to participate in the 4-H Western Heritage Project. It's the firearms we use in competition that are most often associated with the Old West.

**February 22, 2021** – Making Pemican (a form of Native American jerky) – We will use peanut butter as a replacement for bison meat that was traditionally tenderized by chewing it before drying. If you want to be 100% historically correct, have your mother chew the meat before putting it in the sun.

**March 22, 2021** – Making your own black powder bullet lube (Dr. David White, Oregon State University – 4-H) – Lube on historic bullets served two purposes. One was the coat the barrel in vaporized lubricant as the bullet passed through in order to keep the black powder fouling soft and maintain the accuracy of your firearm. The other purpose lessened the amount of lead building up in the barrel. Learn how it was made.

**April 12, 2021** -Hands-on topic to be determined

Materials for each of the hands-on workshops will be listed on the website at [4-hwesternheritageproject.org](http://4-hwesternheritageproject.org) [[4-hwesternheritageproject.org](http://4-hwesternheritageproject.org)].

### **Shotgun**

The 2021 4H shotgun project will have signups on **Monday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 6 pm at the Helena trap club.**

Have to be 9 years old before Oct. 1st, 2020 and belong to a 4H club  
We provided all guns, shells, targets and safety equipment.

If you want to use your own shotgun, they have to be 12 ga or 20 ga.

The cost is \$25 per person. Medical and Liability Release forms need to be filled out and signed before you can start shooting.

The project runs about 10 weeks long, due to a shortage of getting shells, we might have a shorter season.

Face masks are required.

Any questions contact:

Scott Allen phone 406-202-0905 Email [scott59634@gmail.com](mailto:scott59634@gmail.com)

Sam Allen phone 406-461-8583 Email [sallen6@outlook.com](mailto:sallen6@outlook.com)

Tom Manning Email [gonehuntingorfishing@hotmail.com](mailto:gonehuntingorfishing@hotmail.com)

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<b>Project</b>	<b>Superintendent</b>	<b>Email</b>	<b>Phone Number</b>
<b>Sport Fishing</b>	Guy Rainville	<a href="mailto:ltcdadret@bresnan.net">ltcdadret@bresnan.net</a>	406.439.3199

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4-H Sport Fishing – beginning in April we will be having weekly Tuesday evening workshops. At these workshops project members learn how to cast a fishing rod, how to do rod & reel maintenance, learn about Montana Fishing Regulations, how to tie fishing knots, and more. As the fishing season progresses, 4-H Sport Fishing moves to outdoor fishing where project members get an introduction to stream, river, pond and lake fishing at numerous locations throughout the Helena area.

Enjoy the treasure we call the Montana outdoors while learning about fishing. There is a fee to participate in this

**It's winter. Fish are in this water. What are they doing?**



January 2021 in Wolf Creek Canyon by Guy Rainville.

project; however, project books are not required. Instead, each member is responsible to do 4-H Record Book pages where they can keep any handouts received and make note of what they learn at each workshop. Questions? Contact the 4-H Office or Project Leader Guy Rainville at 439-3199.

#### FISHING TIP:

Have you ever wondered what wild fish in Montana do during the winter? Do they swim south for the winter, do they hibernate or what? Most of you have heard of ice fishing so you know they are in the water, but how do they survive and what are they doing? To understand what our Montana fish do, we must begin thinking in terms of biology. The fish are cold blooded so as the air temperatures fall, most often the water temperatures also fall. There are some warm to hot water fed waters in Montana; but, in general, their temperatures also fall. As a result, the fish move slower and eat less as the water temperature lowers. Simply stated, fish don't move or eat much. On days when the temperatures rise, the fish move and eat more, but what do they eat?

As we think back to our warm fishing days, many of the fish foods are no longer available. Earth worms and terrestrial insects, such as grasshoppers, spiders, ants and such, are no longer available for fish to eat. Fish are not breeding so fish eggs are not available either. Additionally, there are very few hatches of flies on the waters. As a result, fish must find other sources of food. Fish feeding is done then almost exclusively under water on foods that live there. Nymphs that hatch in warmer weather to become flies live in the water and can become a winter meal. There are aquatic worms we rarely see in the water along with other fish, primarily minnows. Additionally, crustaceans can be found underwater such as crayfish and snails.

What do we do with this knowledge you ask? Even though the action is slower than during the warm weather, fishing is still a viable sport to pursue during the winter. Keep in mind - most Montana game fish will gather together by size in larger pools and along moving water seams. We need to use flies such as nymphs and streamers or lures that imitate forage food such as minnows or crayfish. Bait such as earth worms, meal worms and leaches work well. Winter fishing also has the advantage of many fewer other fisherpersons to compete with. Keep in mind that most small waters (streams and small rivers) are closed to fishing during the winter. However, most lakes and rivers are open for fishing all year around. Also, some waters change what can be used for bait or lures and which fish can be kept. Be sure to check the Montana Fishing Regulations to find where and how you can fish during this time. Lastly - keep in mind to fish SLOWLY as the fish have also slowed down.

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Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Teen Leadership &amp; Service Learning</b>	Kara Tangedal	<a href="mailto:kara.tangedal@montana.edu">kara.tangedal@montana.edu</a>	406.396.6634

**Hello teen leaders! Please join our remind group to stay apprised of teen leadership goings ons! <https://www.remind.com/join/lcc4h>**

We have two 4-H state officers who are also Lewis & Clark County 4-H Ambassadors! They host virtual Ambassador Trainings and a Leadership Academy that are completely free and super fun! **The next two are scheduled for February 7<sup>th</sup> (Presenting) and 21<sup>st</sup> (Planning & Recruitment).** Go to

[http://www.montana4h.org/programs/events/leadership\\_training/](http://www.montana4h.org/programs/events/leadership_training/) to learn more and to register for the Ambassador trainings! If you would like to attend any of the Leadership Academy workshops please contact me via Remind or e-mail me at [kara.tangedal@montana.edu](mailto:kara.tangedal@montana.edu).



Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Theatre Arts</b>	Vacant		

Learn more about the Theatre Arts project and how to get started! If we get enough youth we can do some fun activities! Please complete [this Doodle poll](#) to set a meeting day and time. Thanks!

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 LCC 4-H volunteer opportunities.](#)

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Vet Science</b>	Amanda Luikens	<a href="mailto:luikens@aol.com">luikens@aol.com</a>	406.920.0701

The next meeting is **Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the BHB.** Calendar dates are below for the next meetings in the BHB

- Friday, February 12<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, March 12<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup>
- Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Visual Arts</b>	Vacant		

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 LCC 4-H volunteer opportunities.](#)

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Woodworking &amp; Welding</b>	Vacant		

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 LCC 4-H volunteer opportunities.](#)

## Outdoor Project Updates

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
<b>Outdoor Committee</b>	David Hamilton Casey Jones Junior: Olivia Harris	<a href="mailto:davidhamilton431@gmail.com">davidhamilton431@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:caseyjones@mt.net">caseyjones@mt.net</a>	406.431.1948 406.431.2655

The next Outdoor meeting is **Monday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 PM in the Extension Office**. Meetings have been moved to the first Monday of every month. You can join the meeting remotely by [clicking this link](#) at the meeting time.

### 4-H Livestock Sale Committee

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

There will be a sale meeting following the Outdoor Meeting.

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
<b>Beef</b>	Larry St. Clair Chris Petre Junior: Colter Petre Junior: Elaina Patten Junior: Garrett St. Clair	<a href="mailto:larrystclair1@gmail.com">larrystclair1@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:cjpetre@msn.com">cjpetre@msn.com</a>	406.465.4524 406.439.8371

**Market Beef Possession Date:** Friday, January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

**Market Beef Tagging Date:** Sunday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 9:00-11:00 a.m.

Members participating in Market Beef or Breeding Beef Project(s) can order project books at the following website or contact the Extension Office.

<https://store.msuextension.org/Departments/4-H-Materials/4-H-Curriculum.aspx>

Beef Level 1 - Order # BUB143 \$6.25

Beef Level 2 - Order # BUB144 \$6.25

Beef Level 3 - Order # BUB145 \$6.25

\*Additional resources are available for ALL levels

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Dairy Cattle</b>	Daisy Feight	<a href="mailto:daisyfeight@yahoo.com">daisyfeight@yahoo.com</a>	406.439.1810

For questions please contact Daisy.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Dog</b>	Laurie & Bill Sullivan	<a href="mailto:lasullivan@bresnan.net">lasullivan@bresnan.net</a>	406.431.8636
Obedience Junior:	Alyssa White		
Obedience Junior:	Carly LaChere		
Obedience Junior:	Tana Speeg		
Agility Junior:	Emma Citi		
Agility Junior:	Makenna Szarowicz		
Agility Junior:	Piper Pierce		
Agility Junior:	Trinity Bartmess		

**Obedience**

The Dog Project has completed its first full month of Obedience and Agility training. We will be meeting on **February 6, 2021 at the Bill Hamilton Building**. The 1st yr. dog project members 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 2nd yr and 3rd yr. Dog Project members will meet at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Please remember to bring your supplies and treats. Drill team training will be February 27th at your normal training times.

Grad-Novice will continue training on February 6th and February 20th at 12:15 p.m. to 12:45 p.m.



This is Noah Borrer. He is explaining his poster about his dog Reagan.

All posters, word finds, and crossword puzzles can be turned in and presented at any time. Please let me know so we can allocate time during class for your presentation.

In January, we completed our Outdoor Adventures hike around Spring Meadow lake. The weather was cooperative, and we had fun touring around the lake learning about the "Leave No Trace Principles" and how it applies to dog ownership. We also learned how to be responsible dog owners when there are other hikers present.

The workshop for February is still being finalized.

**Dates for Obedience:**

- February 6, 2021
- February 13, 2021
- February 20, 2021
- February 27, 2021
- March 6, 2021

## Agility

Agility Training will continue to train at **Leah Anderson's with the 1st years starting at 4:30 p.m. and the Veterans will be starting at 5:45 p.m.** Attendance is important in learning this discipline. The dog team progression results in coming to practice consistently. **You must continue training your dog in obedience to maintain participation in agility.**

### Dates for Agility:

- February 14, 2021
- February 21, 2021
- February 28, 2021
- March 7, 2021

If you have any questions please call me at 431-8636 or email [lasullivan@bresnan.net](mailto:lasullivan@bresnan.net).

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Goat</b>	Karyn Hamilton Junior: Irene Edwards Junior: McKenzie Tordale	<a href="mailto:dewklh@netzero.net">dewklh@netzero.net</a>	406.461.7536

**Goat Possession Date:** Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Goat Tagging Date:** Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 9:00-10:00 a.m.

**Market Goat Tagging Form:** Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 p.m.

<https://forms.gle/DSvVgdKJ36abRrDE7>

Karyn will be in touch and will add info into the newsletter once more enrollments are in. Call or e-mail if you have any questions!

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
<b>Horse</b>	Alison Nichols Beckie Graham Junior: Landry Scoles	<a href="mailto:ponygirl0426@gmail.com">ponygirl0426@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:bbghorselover@gmail.com">bbghorselover@gmail.com</a>	406.600-4129 406.459.8828

**Tuesday February 9th - 6:00-7:00** Online workbook meeting - join with questions on the project workbook material, if no questions, will focus on level 1-3 material To join the meeting remotely, [please click HERE](#) at the meeting time.

**Saturday February 13th** - English Clinic @ **Hillview arena 10-3** - Time will be split by level. RSVP to Alison for your timeslot

**Wednesday February 17th - 4:30-6:00 @ BHB** -Regular monthly meeting (Online and on Teams) - Topic TBD

**Saturday June 19th** - Practice Show @ **Multipurpose building.**

Fair Dates: **Friday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> and Saturday, July 24<sup>th</sup>**

Ranch Horse Fair: **Sunday, July 18<sup>th</sup>**

Please make sure to follow the [Lewis and Clark County Horse Project Page](#) information and updates

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Jackpot</b>	Jeff Patten	<a href="mailto:blaackraam@gmail.com">blaackraam@gmail.com</a>	406.422.3796

Helena Jackpot Show is scheduled for **Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup> and Sunday June 13<sup>th</sup>**. Great chance to practice with your animal before the fair. Your animal can get used to the noise of a show and learn tips for preparing your animal to show. You can learn from some of the top show persons from across the area. If you have not shown an animal before, you will be able to see what will happen in the show ring and what is needed to get ready to show your animal. Even if you won't be able to show and animal, it is still a good time to see what happens in the show ring and an opportunity to ask questions from people showing animals.



Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Livestock Judging</b>	Georgana Webster	<a href="mailto:legallyblondentall@gmail.com">legallyblondentall@gmail.com</a>	406.438.2842

There are still no contests that would be feasible to participate in. Please keep having fun with the online classes. If you judge them once a week you will keep making progress and sharpen your eye. If you need any help or have questions give me a call.  
Georgana  
406-438-2842

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Poultry</b>	Lexie Edwards C.J. Lassila Junior: Irene Edwards Junior: Ashton McGaugh	<a href="mailto:lillexielou@live.com">lillexielou@live.com</a> <a href="mailto:siege4214@gmail.com">siege4214@gmail.com</a>	406.439.9432 406.439.5168

Next Poultry Workshop: **Saturday, February 6th, 2021, at 1:00 pm in the 4-H Bill Hamilton Building BHB.** Bring your project book (some available for purchase). No birds required for this meeting, but they are welcome.

“What do all Poultry eggs have in common?” was the overall theme for our January in-person workshop on Saturday, January 2<sup>nd</sup> 2021 in the BHB. Level one project members did pages 14 & 15 of Poultry Project Book level one (“Scratching the Surface”) that had them working on a section called



**WHAT DO ALL POULTRY EGGS HAVE IN COMMON ?**

So, “what do all Poultry eggs have in common?”  
A main thing in common is they are edible.  
Photos by C.J. Lassila

“This is No Yolk!” This section provides information about the parts of an egg. Activities were opening two eggs and then drawing and labeling the parts that each member saw in their eggs.

Level 2 project members learned about hens’ reproductive tract and its parts by working through “Eggsactly Where Do Eggs Come From?” on pages 22 & 23 of the 4-H Poultry Project Book level two (“Testing Your Wings”). They each drew a hen’s reproductive tract and reviewed the reproductive tract parts of a rooster.

Level 2 members Ashton and AlizaJane each gave presentations about incubators. Project members worked on their Record Book pages, noting down something they learned about eggs or an incubator at this workshop. Those members who have previously only written down one or two project goals for Poultry this 4-H year were asked to write down a total of three.

All project members are still invited to join our Facebook group page under Lewis & Clark 4-H Poultry project.

So, “what do all Poultry eggs have in common?” A main thing in common is they are edible.

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
<b>Rabbit</b>	Vanessa Olson Moriah Parker Junior: Mariah Olson Junior: Joleah Parker	<a href="mailto:2qtrcircle@gmail.com">2qtrcircle@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:stole_em2000@yahoo.com">stole_em2000@yahoo.com</a>	406.431.1598 406.202.5729

Rabbit will meet **February 22 at 5:30 in the BHB**. Please leave your rabbits at home. I have a couple of English Spots available as agility rabbits, if anyone is interested.

Here is the Facebook page for the Rabbit Project. Please join!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/322164362156220/?ref=share>

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Sheep</b>	Jeff Patten Denice Harris Junior: Abigail Gruber Junior: Brooke Harris Junior: Frannie Volpe Junior: Philip Patten	<a href="mailto:blaackraam@gmail.com">blaackraam@gmail.com</a> <a href="mailto:deniceannharris@gmail.com">deniceannharris@gmail.com</a>	406.422.3796 406.431.3361

**Sheep Possession Date:** Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Sheep Tagging Date:** Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021 2:00-3:00 p.m.

**Market Sheep Tagging Form:** Friday, April 30<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 p.m.

<https://forms.gle/vTVngGVEwFkrJkR56>

We will be having the basics of lambing workshop. We will go over what happens during lambing and after the lambs are born. Might even get a chance to pull a lamb if one is lambing during the workshop time. We will cover tagging, vaccinating, docking and castrating of the lambs. If you want, you can try your hand at any of these activities. We will be breaking this workshop into multiple little workshops for smaller groups. I will be sending out a link so you can sign up for a time. This workshop will be at **my Barn on January 31. Address is 863 Sunny Vista Rd** and the phone is 422-3796. link for registration: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805084EA9AA2BA2FA7-january1>

## Workshop Schedule

March will be Selection care and feeding

April Training tips

May clipping and showmans

June and July Showmanship

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Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
<b>Swine</b>	James Schneider Junior: August Schneider	<a href="mailto:LTCMontana@yahoo.com">LTCMontana@yahoo.com</a>	406.788.3011

**Swine Possession Date:** Thursday, April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**Swine Tagging Date:** Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>, 2021 11:00-1:00 p.m.

**Market Swine Tagging Form:** Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> by 5:00 p.m.

<https://forms.gle/VF2HbLyaVd7TJzcf6>

If you are interested in the Swine Project, don't hesitate to reach out to me to ask any questions you might have before jumping in. It is truly rewarding and exciting.

It's time to start looking for breeders. Some things to think about. Pigs should weigh around 230-280 lbs at fair. Anything above 300 is considered heavyweight. That doesn't mean they are not great animals but that isn't the normal 'market weight.' Pigs will gain 1.5 to 2 lbs per day (based on a 3 to 1 feed to gain average) so be mindful of when your pig is born, how much you plan to feed it, what you plan to feed it, and how many days you'll feed it through weigh in day at fair.

Many breeders plan for 4-H pigs so check with them early to see if they are having success with breeding and farrowing on a timeline you expect. FUN FACT: Swine gestation period is 3 months, 3 Weeks, 3 days (114 days +/- 2 days). So, if you want pig at the right weight, Mama pig is already doing her job.

Start looking for our virtual project meetings in our Swine Project section of the L&C County 4-H website to help plan and expand your swine project.

## 4-H Club Information

### Wild Roses 4-H Club

To celebrate the 2021 new calendar year, Wild Roses 4-H Club had its first-ever virtual on-line meeting on Monday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. The Edwards family donated use of a room in their house for us to conduct the meeting using TEAMS as our on-line platform. Club president Ashton was present along with club leader C.J. Also present at the meeting broadcasting location were an adult volunteer and two project leaders, along with club members Irene, Gabriel and Garrison. Two club adult volunteers and one project leader were online. Roll attendance was taken - the total of club youth members participating in the meeting was 19. The roll call question was, "Did you see or hear Fireworks on New Year's Eve?" Most responded, "yes."



Photos by Alicia Reber, Lexie Edwards, and C.J. Lassila.

Minutes from the December 2020 meeting were read by club secretary Norma and the club Treasurer Logan gave his update. Other reports at this meeting included Ashton providing information about the need for more participants in Youth Council. Irene discussed Grand Foods which will be held on Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>. Registration for Grand Foods is online and due on January 31<sup>st</sup>. Leader announcements were about upcoming events that are listed in the newsletter and on the 4-H calendar. C.J. said that our club this year has 29 youth club members. She also noted that this year we have a total of 13 adult volunteers, the most ever.

Eleven Fair themes submitted by club members were listed and voted on so that the top choices could go to Leaders' Council for consideration later in the week of our club meeting. Voting was recorded by both Ashton and Norma. C.J. will provide our top 3 choices to the Leaders' Council President.

Ashton adjourned the meeting and the night ended with a group game of Bingo. Each club member had been emailed a randomly generated Bingo card. Our Bingo caller was Garrison Edwards. Our first three Bingo winners, in order, were Cassidy Holm, Hazel Brooks, and Evangeline Egebrecht. Happy New Year 2021.



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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 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>January 31</p> <p>Sheep Meeting, 2:00 p.m., Patten Barn</p> <p>Dog Agility, 4:30 p.m., Leah Anderson's Barn</p> <p>Grand Foods Registration Due, midnight, Google Form</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Outdoor Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Extension Office</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Air Rifle, 5:45 p.m., BHB</p> <p>4-H Citizenship Seminar, 6:00 p.m., Zoom</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Foundation Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Extension Office</p> <p>Record Book Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Extension Office</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Air Rifle, 5:45 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Dog Obedience, 8:30 a.m., BHB</p> <p>Poultry Meeting, 1:00p.m., BHB</p>
<p>7</p> <p>Sewing Workshop, 2:00 p.m., Capital Baptist Fellowship</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Air Rifle, 5:45 p.m., BHB</p> <p>4-H Citizenship Seminar, 6:00 p.m., Zoom</p> <p>Horse Online Meeting, 6:00 p.m., Online</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Leathercraft 4:00 p.m., BHB</p> <p>Air Rifle, 5:45 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Indoor Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Extension Office</p> <p>Vet Science meeting, 6:00 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Dog Obedience, 8:30 a.m., BHB</p> <p>English Horse clinic, 10:00 a.m., Hill View Arena</p> <p>Grand Foods, TBA, Headwaters Covenant Church</p>
<p>14</p> <p>Dog Agility, 4:30 p.m., Leah Anderson's Barn</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Office Closed</p> <p>Cloverbuds Meeting, 6:00 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Air Rifle, 5:45 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Horse Meeting, 4:30 p.m., BHB</p> <p>Cake Decorating Workshop RSVP due, 5:00 p.m., by email</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Air Rifle, 5:45 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Cake Decorating Workshop, 4:00 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Dog Obedience, 8:30 a.m., BHB</p>
<p>21</p> <p>Youth Council, 3:00 p.m., Extension Office</p> <p>Dog Agility, 4:30 p.m., Leah Anderson's Barn</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Rabbit Meeting, 5:30 p.m., BHB</p> <p>Pocket Pets, 6:30 p.m., BHB</p> <p>Western Heritage Project Shooting Sports</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Air Rifle, 5:45 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Photography Workshop, 5:30 p.m., TBD</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Leathercraft 4:00 p.m., BHB</p> <p>Air Rifle, 5:45 p.m., BHB</p> <p>Gardening, Crop &amp; Weed Science Meeting, 6:30 p.m., RSVP for location</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Dog Obedience, 8:30 a.m., BHB</p>
<p>28</p> <p>Dog Agility, 4:30 p.m., Leah Anderson's Barn</p>	<p>March 1</p> <p>Outdoor Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Extension Office</p> <p>Cascade Archery Postal Tournament Registration Due</p>	<p>March 2</p> <p>Air Rifle, 5:45 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>March 3</p> <p>Foundation Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Extension Office</p>	<p>March 4</p> <p>Air Rifle, 5:45 p.m., BHB</p>	<p>March 5</p>	<p>March 6</p> <p>Dog Meeting, 8:30 a.m., BHB</p>