



Livestock Fee Proposal



The outdoor committee is proposing a livestock Fee increase.

Each livestock specie will pay \$10.00 per an entry. This will be for beef, dairy, swine, sheep, goat, poultry, and rabbit. Example would be if your member is taking a market beef, breeding beef, and market swine they will pay a total of \$20.00.

Existing fees is \$10.00 per livestock member. We are proposing this increase to help with fair costs such as tags, tent rental, lunch for buyers, and all other fair fees associated with the fair.

Please have a representative from each 4-H club at the council meeting March 12th at 5:30 pm at the BHB to place your vote.



Quality Assurance:

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

bit.ly/AprilQAList



2025 Fair Theme

4-H: Hunting for Success

Communication!

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

4-H Website:

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

Location:

100 West Custer, Helena, MT 59602

Phone: 406.447.8346

E-mail: lewisclark@montana.edu

Office Hours:

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

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

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

Closed for Holidays

2025 Event dates

- Lakeside FUNdraiser- March 20
- Leprechaun Ball - March 28
- Rec Lab- March 28-30
- Quality Assurance- April 6
- Slim Chickens FUNdraiser- April 8
- Silver Spurs Taco Bar Dinner- May 3
- Buffalo Wild Wings FUNdraiser- May 14
- Hammer & Stain FUNdraiser- June 1
- Pre-Congress - July 6-8
- Congress - July 8-11
- Fair - July 21-26
- Summer Camp - Aug. 3-7
- [Click here to view all 4-H events](#)

FOUNDATION SPONSORSHIP REQUEST

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

Upcoming County Events

2nd Annual Leprechaun Ball

Youth Council is hosting the dance for all 4-H members and their friends. Please invite everyone and come for a fun free night on **Friday, March 28th from 6:30p.m. - 10p.m.**

bit.ly/leprechaunball2025



County Scholarships

Scholarships

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

Click the link below to be directed to the application.

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

Quality Assurance

All members enrolled in an animal project are required to complete Quality Assurance training as a new 4-H member and then once every three years. Animals include: Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine

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

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!



Last Day For Quality Assurance Training

Sunday, April 6th from 6:00pm-7:30pm in the Bill

Hamilton Building

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

Reminder:

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

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

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

Upcoming State Events

Montana 4-H Rec Lab -

This event is a 4-H member favorite: It provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication, and teamwork skills in an action-packed and interactive setting. Rec Lab programming provides participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp, and community leader.

This event is ideal for younger senior members to attend as a first-time state event. It allows them to form relationships with 4-H peers from across the state, broaden their skills, and widen their network.

Rec Lab will be held in White Sulphur Springs, March 28th-30th

Youth members must be 13+. Registration is done through ZSuites [Click here to find out more information.](#)



Leadership Academy

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

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

Dates & Times

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

Montana 4-H State Shoot

The 30th Annual Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Invitational will be held in **Bozeman on March 7th- 9th, 2025**. This event is open to all enrolled 4-H members ages 9-19 in the Shooting Sports Projects.

The events held at the State Shoot are Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Smallbore Rifle, Smallbore Pistol, Target Archery, and 3D Archery.

The State Shoot will serve as the qualifier for the Air Rifle, Air Pistol, Smallbore Rifle, and Smallbore Pistol events. The top 4 individuals in each event will be invited to represent the State of Montana at the 4-H Shooting Sports National Championships to be held in Grand Island, Nebraska, June 22-27, 2027. Those individuals trying out for the Sporter Air Rifle Team must compete in Sporter 3P and Sporter Standing. The top 4 finishers will be determined from the combined scores from these two events.

Check out the link below to register and for all information regarding the Montana 4-H State Shoot.

bit.ly/MTstateshoot

State Scholarships

Scholarships

The Montana 4-H Foundation supports 4-H initiatives that focus on healthy living, citizenship, leadership, science, engineering and technology, to name a few. The mission of the Montana 4-H Foundation is to "help 4-H youth by raising private funds, managing financial resources and partnering with the MSU Extension Service to fund educational opportunities for Montana 4-H youth, volunteer leaders and staff."

Scholarships and grants provide opportunities for youth and adults to strengthen their skills and maximize their positive impacts on the communities in which they live.

The Montana 4-H foundation scholarship application deadline is February 14th.

Each person only needs to complete one Montana 4-H scholarship application to apply for multiple scholarships. Interested persons should complete the scholarship application via the Application platform on or before February 14th.

<https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/scholarships.html>

The Montana 4-H Scholarship winners will be recognized at Montana 4-H Congress on the MSU campus in July. Attending Congress is not a requirement to be able to receive a scholarship. Students will also be recognized through social media, our website, and press releases.

Fundraisers

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

March

4-H FUNdraiser at Lakeside

Order anytime from **3:00p.m. to 12:00a.m. on Thursday March 20th a Lakeside!** Please mention 4-H when settling your bill to ensure Lewis & Clark County 4-H Council receives your contribution!

Lewis and Clark 4-H Council Community Night Fundraiser

THURSDAY, MARCH 20th 3pm until close

20% OF ALL FOOD SALES will go directly to 4-H



Mention 4-H when settling your bill to ensure Lewis & Clark 4-H Council receives your contribution!!



THANK YOU to Lakeside for helping 4-H raise funds



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May

4-H FUNdraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings

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



June

4-H FUNdraiser at Hammer & Stain

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

bit.ly/barnyardplanter

April

4-H FUNdraiser at Slim Chickens

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

Lewis and Clark 4-H Council Slim Chickens Fundraiser Night

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

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



SLIM CHICKENS®



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



COMMITTEE MEETINGS & INFORMATION

4-H Council

Next meeting: **Wednesday, March 12th at 5:30p.m. in the BHB.**

[Council minutes available online](#)

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

bit.ly/councilzoommeeting

4-H Youth Council

Youth Council is putting on the 2nd Annual Leprechaun Ball on Friday, March 28th at 6:30 pm. Let's fill the BHB with green and have a great time dancing, having popcorn and pizza. This is a FREE 4-H event for all 4-H members, friends and family. Please like and share the event on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/share/1DbsciYGrS/>

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

Next meeting is set for April 27th at the BHB, 6:00pm - 7:00pm



Project Leader Contact Information



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

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

- Citizenship
- Shotgun
- Leathercraft
- Smallbore

Indoor Committee

Next meeting: **Wednesday, March 19th at 5:30p.m. in the BHB**

[Indoor minutes available online here.](#)

Outdoor Committee

The outdoor committee will not be having a meeting in March.

[Outdoor minutes available online here.](#)

Fundraising Committee

Next Meeting: **TBD**

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

Awards Committee

Next Meeting: **TBD**

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

4-H Foundation

Next Annual Meeting: **Wednesday, March 5th at 5:30p.m. in the BHB.**

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

Outdoor Committee Update:

Tent letters were handed out at the February council meeting to club leaders and sent to past donors and buyers. If you would like to donate towards the tents that we show/sell the livestock in, please contact the extension office.

Raffle letters were sent to all livestock members. The outdoor committee helping with a raffle to increase buyers staying until the last pig is sold and hopefully increase prices for each member. Please review the letter and donate using the QR code or mailing back to the Extension Office so we can have some prizes for the raffle at the sale on Saturday! See the letter below.

Livestock Sale Raffle Letter

Hello 4-H Families and Clubs,

The livestock committee is doing a raffle at the Livestock Sale on July 26, 2025. The youth has brought to our attention that they feel the sale prices go down with the second half of swine due to the heat and duration of the sale. We believe that if we can keep the buyers involved and active in the sale, we can maintain some better prices.

The buyer would get their name into the drawing with each animal purchased. We will draw names throughout the sale to keep it active and lively and the Big-ticket item will be drawn after the last animal sold. **The buyers must be present to win at each drawing.**

We are looking into several items such as a Firearm, Blackstone grill, a Visa Gift card and paying for some or all of one animal to be processed.

We will need everyone's help to raise the funds to be able to offer this raffle. If all 4-H Livestock members contributed to this effect, we are hopeful to help the youth get better prices at the sale. If you are interested in donating an item, please reach out to the contacts below.

Would you please consider enclosing a minimum of \$10.00 per Livestock member; or more to help raise funds and make our first raffle a success. Any and all donations are appreciated. We will have a form on the back of this form for you to return to the office or scan the QR code to donate.

Thank you!!

David Hamilton (Overall Outdoor) - 406-431-1948 or davidhamilton431@gmail.com
Katie Grady-Selby (President) - 406-202-1802 or katiegrady18@icloud.com
Jana Gruber (Treasurer) - 406-431-5296 or janagruber127@gmail.com

Scan to donate:



COMMITTEE MEETINGS & INFORMATION

Lewis & Clark County Summer Camp

Save the date! Summer camp will be August 3-7, 2025. Lewis & Clark County 4-H'ers ages 8 to 13 are eligible to attend. Join us for this premier county 4-H event, make friends and have a blast with unforgettable summer 4-H fun! Registration will open in March. Sign up early to secure your spot at camp this year! Visit the 4-H Camp website at <https://lc4hcamp.com> for updates and details.

4-H Photo Show

Mark your calendars! The 2025 4-H Photo Show will be on exhibit at the Holter Museum of Art from May 9 to June 8, 2025. There will be an opening reception on Thursday, May 8, 2025, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. All 4-H'ers may participate in the Photo Show, even if they are not enrolled in the 4-H photography project. Entries MUST conform to the theme and to the exhibit display requirements. For information on how to participate, information and examples are featured on 4-H photography website. Visit <https://lc4hphoto.com> and click on "2025 Photo Show" for details.

Ambassadors

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

bit.ly/2025ambassadorapplication

LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY 4-H



4-H: BEYOND READY

ON EXHIBIT
MAY 9 – JUNE 8, 2025

OPENING RECEPTION
THURSDAY MAY 8, 2025



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

COMMITTEE MEETINGS & INFORMATION

Grand Foods Competition

Grand Foods was held February 8, 2025, at the East Helena High School. It was great to see the creativity from everyone involved - we had Super Bowl, 4-H and Valentine's themed projects and so much more. I'd like to thank our judges - Deb, Diane and Patty - for their time and support of this event. Congratulations to everyone who participated! There was a total of 24 members that competed in this event. The following is a list of the individuals that competed. Although the members know the results, the recognition will take place at Spring Awards in May!

Cloverbud- No Bake:

Blair Stefanik
Brynley Strom
Sawyer DuBose
Bransen Blaney
Samuel Leslie
Elizabeth Barbee

Quick Breads:

Jocelyn Weekes

Yeast Breads:
Marshall Wenger

Main Dish:

Norah Frank

Other Dessert:

Kennedy Ducharme
Dallas Blaney
Jocelyn
Kate Erdahl
Jackson Staldine
Madison Emmons
Hadi Schnackenberg
Charlotte Fluegal

Cookies:

Garrison Edwards
Chase Stefanik
Ivy Schofield
Ryder Kinyon

Decorated Cake:

Kayne Ricks
Samual Staldine
Alyssa White



Here are 3 different examples of the foods that were entered into the competition.

Indoor Project Updates

Ambassadors

Superintendent - Michaela Stewart

Ambassadors - Charlie Snellman, Stella Duran, Alyssa White, Sara Dearing, Kortney McKay, and Ayla Mundinger-Adsay

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Please stay tuned for information on our next meeting. The date, time and location are TBD. Be sure to check your emails and texts for updates. We are also accepting applications for ambassadors for the 2025/2026 4-H year. **These are due on April 11th.**

Ambassador Application

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bit.ly/2025ambassadorapplication

Michaela Stewart: (406) 459-2568

Outdoor Adventures

Superintendent - Matt Van Syckle
Jen Van Syckle

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Our first meeting will be **Sunday, March 16th from 1:00-2:00 pm at the Lewis and Clark Library in the small meeting room.** This will be classroom learning. We'll be outside later in the spring and into summer, using what you learned in these classroom sessions. Watch for a reminder email closer to the time. Please feel free to reach out with any questions!

Gardening

Superintendent - Jessica Kinyon

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Our next workshop will be **Monday March 3rd at 6:00pm at the project leader’s house.** We will have a guest speaker who will be teaching us about starting seeds indoors and the different tools and supplies you can use to do so.

Please reach out if you need directions or have any questions!

Additional meeting dates:

- April 7th- High Country Growers Tour @ 6:00p.m.
- May 5th- Mother’s Day craft at project leaders house @ 6:00p.m.

Scrapbooking

Superintendent - Brenda Johnson

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

List of supplies needed:

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

Woodworking

Superintendent - Scott Johnson

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Our next workshop will be **Tuesday March 25th, 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m. in the BHB**.

Mark your calender with these future dates:

- Tuesday April 22nd- 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m. in the BHB

Teen Leadership

Superintendent - Michaela Stewart

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Please stay tuned for information on our next meeting. The date, time and location are TBD. Be sure to check your emails for updates.

Michaela Stweart: (406) 459-2568

Cloverbuds

Superintendent - Michaela Stewart

Junior - Dallas Blaney

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Thank you, Jessie for coming and talking to us about gardening last month! This month we will be welcoming Michelle and Kiley Eckhart to talk to us about the rabbit and poultry projects. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out!

Cake Decorating

Superintendent - Michelle King

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Cake decorating will be meeting **Friday, March 14th in the large community room at the public library at 6:00 p.m.** We will be learning about leveling and stacking cakes along with crumb coating them. Please bring 2 six inch round cakes, some frosting and cardboard to put them on. Bring cake decorating supplies if you have any. If you can't bring items, still come, we will have a few extras.

Michelle 337-296-3683

Foods & Nutrition

Superintendent - Mandy Rambo

Join us on **March 8, 2025**, for our Foods Workshop. Please select a one-hour timeframe in the survey. The workshop will be held at the Headwaters Covenant Church at 1030 Choteau St., Helena, MT, 59601. Please [sign up](#) so I know how many people are coming no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, March 7th. If you have signed up and your plans change and you will not be able to make it, please let me know so that we do not hold up your scheduled timeframe waiting for you.

The April Foods Workshop will be **April 12, 2025**, held at the same location. You can also [sign up](#) for this workshop no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, April 11th.

Foods workshops for the remainder of the year are below:

- March 8th – Headwaters Covenant Church
- April 12th – Headwaters Covenant Church
- May 3rd – Headwaters Covenant Church

Sewing

Superintendent - Rachel Carroll Rivas

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

- March 2nd
- April 6th Sewing Review open to whole County 4:00-6:30 pm with specific sign-up times
- May 4th
- June 1st

Photography

Superintendent - Luke Duran

We had an excellent workshop in February where 4-H'ers shared their shadow photos. We also talked about the upcoming county 4-H Photo Show. Our March meeting will be held **Thursday, March 20 at 5:30 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church**. Please read the photo challenge for March on the Photography website at: <https://lc4hphoto.com/>. Email your photo to Luke no later than Sunday, March 16. Details and submission information on are the website.

Visit LC4HPhoto.com for more information.

Babysitting

Superintendent - Catherine McNeil

The Babysitting project will meet **Saturday and Sunday, March 15-16 from 8:30 am to 4:00 pm both days**. The project will be completed that weekend and attendees will receive certificates of completion. If you are signed up for the project, you should have already received an email with specifics. If you have not already registered, you will need to contact the extension office at 406-447-8346 and then notify me so we can make sure you are on the roster. At this point, this is the only time this project will be offered and you will be expected to attend the entire time.

Being a babysitter is a big responsibility, and the information provided in this workshop will help you to be a better, more confident babysitter. Please contact Catherine McNeil at 406-439-8570 if you have any questions.

Pocket Pets

Superintendent - CJ Lassila
siege4214@gmail.com
406.439.5168

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There are several ways to get a Pocket Pet if you want to have one. You can buy them at Pet Stores (local or on the internet), get them from a local breeder or through a rescue group such as the Lewis and Clark Humaine Society. No matter how you get one, be prepared to provide your Pocket Pet a home with adequate space, healthy food, and safe surroundings.

In the 4-H Pocket Pet project you get to experience and learn about many of these wonderful creatures. We meet at 7:00 pm on the third Monday of the month. Our next workshop will be on the third Monday in **March, 17th at 7:00pm in the 4-H Building.**

Visual Arts

Superintendent - Brenda Johnson
Junior - Melissa Klatt

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

Following workshops listed:

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

Where to get a Pocket Pet?

**Pet Store
Local Breeder
the Internet
Rescue Groups**

Shooting Sports

Overall Superintendent- Vanessa Olson

Air Rifle- James Johnson

Archery- Ben Rude

Muzzleloading Superintendent - Les Gransbery

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I can't believe we only have three weeks of left of Air Rifle and Archery this year. You have all had a fantastic year.

Time Change

Archery will only have two-line time this month **5:30 and 6:30**.
Air Rifle will remain the same **5:45 and 7:00**

Important Dates

3/11 – Air Rifle Fair Shoot

3/13 – Archery Fair Shoot

3/18 – Air Rifle Fun Shoot

3/20 – Archery Fun Shoot

3/27 – Banquet at 6:00 pm in the BHB. Please bring a side dish or a dessert.

Non-Animal Project Records can be submitted anytime during the month. Prizes for those that submit them for review.

Watch the newsletter for updates on Shotgun and Muzzleloading.

Shooting Sports

Overall Superintendent- Vanessa Olson

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SHOOTING SPORTS TRAINING:

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

Idaho Shooting Sports Leader Trainings:

Please see this website for all registration information;

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

Vet Science

Superintendent - Amanda Luikens

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- **March**- Farmer Fosters Farm. We will meet at East Helena Park across the library. I'll get a date for you to. We will be going over a cow's body parts and more!
- **April**- our last meeting! I will get a date to. It will be a GAME NIGHT/SHOW AND TELL!



Sport Fishing

Superintendent - Guy Rainville

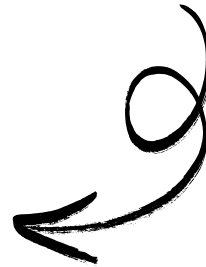
[Click here to view the Facebook Sport Fishing project page](#)

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4-H Sport Fishing begins on April 15th. This project meets weekly on Tuesday evenings and goes until early to mid-August. Come learn about several fishing topics such as current Montana fishing regulations and fish identification and then enjoy nearby outdoor locations where you will experience a variety of fishing opportunities.

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

Fishing at Park Lake,
an arctic lake near
Helena. Photo by C.J.
Lassila.



Beef

Superintendent - Larry St. Clair
Chris Petre

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

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

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

- March 12- Presentation on the Cattle Industry Market & if time permits, she will go over Unique Strategies to market your animal. 6:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.
- April 6th Weigh-in back of BHB 10:00a.m. -11:00 a.m.
- April 6th Barn Practice in the Multi-Purpose Building 10:00a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- April 12th - Ethics, presented by Teyha Schweitzer
- May 4th Weigh-In back of BHB 10:00a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- May 14th - Judging
- June 1st Weigh-In back of BHB 10:00a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- June 1st Barn Practice in the Multi-Purpose Building 10:00a.m. - 11:00 a.m.
- June 18th - Fair Expectations/Showmanship
- June 19th - Mandatory Beef Walk #1 back of the BHB 6:30p.m. - 8:00 p.m. **(all members must attend one of the Mandatory Beef Walks to participate in the Fair)**
- June 21st - Mandatory Beef Walk #2 back of the BHB 10:00a.m. - 11:30 a.m. **(all members must attend one of the Mandatory Beef Walks to participate in the Fair)**
- July 1st - Fitting at the BHB near scale house
- July 13th Weigh-In back of the BHB 10:00a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Outdoor Project Updates

MARKET PROJECT REMINDER

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

Beef

Superintendent - Larry St. Clair
Chris Petre

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

Quick Reminder!!

Quality Assurance

All members enrolled in an animal project are required to complete Quality Assurance training as a new 4-H member and then once every three years. Animals include: Beef, Dairy Cattle, Goat, Poultry, Rabbit, Sheep, and Swine

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

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

Dog

Superintendent - Laurie & Bill Sullivan

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

Obedience:

We will be meeting on **March 1** at the Bill Hamilton building. The 1st year dog project members will meet at 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. **We will continue to practice using our training collars and finish learning the last of our Obedience exercises.** The 2nd and 3rd years and beyond will finish March obedience training with their Canine Good Citizen, Advanced Canine Good Citizen, and Urban Canine Good Citizen testing.

GROOMING BASICS WORKSHOP FOR ALL 1ST YEAR MEMBERS WILL BE ON MARCH 22nd FROM 9:00 A.M. TO 10:30 A.M. The workshop will be given by Crissy Kelly, a former dog groomer, and a 4-H Dog parent. This is the only grooming workshop that will be offered this year.

Dates for Obedience:

- March 1, 8, 15
- March 22nd * Workshop



Dog

Superintendent - Laurie & Bill Sullivan

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Agility:

Agility Training will continue to train at the Bill Hamilton Building with the 1st year agility members starting at 5:30 p.m. and the second group of agility members will be starting at 6:30 p.m.

Building Contact Trainers Workshop will be on March 22nd for all Agility kids at 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. All Agility kids will be making contact trainers and taking them home to use and practice with their dogs. An email will be sent out with more details.

Dates for Agility:

- March 7th and Mar 21st
- March 22nd * Workshop
- April 11th



Poultry

Superintendent - Lexie Edwards
C.J. Lassila

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

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

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The next Poultry workshop will be at **6:00p.m. on Friday, March 14th at the 4-H Bill Hamilton Building**. There is no Poultry workshop scheduled during February.

At our January 31st 2025 workshop, we discussed incubators, brooders, and information about how to select chicks. Remember – have your brooder ready before you bring new chicks home.

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

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

Join our Facebook page “Lewis & Clark 4-H Poultry project.”

Mark your calendar for the following dates:

- March 14th at 6:00 p.m. in the BHB
- April 4th at 6:00 p.m. in the BHB
- May 16th at 6:00 p.m. in the BHB
- June 13th at 6:00 p.m. in the BHB



Dairy Cattle

Superintendent - Marlee Johnson

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

Please mark your calendars for the following workshops:

- March 1st- Healthy cows equals healthy milk 3:00-4:00p.m. at the BHB
- April 5th- Dairy Cow breeds 3:00-4:00p.m. at the BHB
- May 3rd- Fun with milk 3:00-4:00p.m. at the BHB
- June Showmanship

Horse

Superintendent - Beckie Graham

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Our next workshop is **March 2nd, at 4:00p.m. at the BHB** or zoom.

Future meetings:

- March 8th- Clinic with Melissa Main at Hillview- Times will be assigned by levels
- March 10th- Roping Practice @ 5:30p.m.- 6515 Green Meadow, Mitch's arena
- March 15th- Clinic with Terry Olson at Terry's Arena (driveway next to Mitch's arena)- Times will be assigned by levels
- March 22nd- Clinic with the Ten Mile Driver's at the VanDyke Arena
- March 24th- Roping Practice @ 5:30p.m. at 6515 Green Meadow- Mitch's arena



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Swine

Superintendent - Katie Grady-Selby
Brandon Dearing

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

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

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Swine Possession Date - Tuesday, April 15th

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

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

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

Thank you to everyone that braved the weather and attend the workshop at John Rauser's! They saw lots of pigs, piglets, and learned how to make feed. Please join us Sunday, March 16th at 2:30p.m. to learn about how the swine ultra sounding is completed. We will also have an additional workshop in March on the 26th at 5:30p.m. when the National Pork Producers will come talk with everyone. The last workshop is April 13th at 11:00a.m. to learn how to show your pig in the shows. Reach out with any questions or comments.

Mark your calendar for the following dates:

- March 16th - Ultra sounding at 2:30p.m. in the BHB
- March 26th - National Pork Producers at 5:30 p.m. in the BHB
- April 13th- Showmanship with Brooklynn Novak and Frannie Volpe at 11:00a.m.
- April 15th - Possession Date
- April 17th - Swine Tagging Forms due by 5:00 p.m.
- April 27th - Swine Tagging at 10:00a.m.- noon in the BHB Scale House
- June TBD - Open Scale Night Bill Hamilton Building Scale House
- July - Email with details about fair and expectations



Sheep

Superintendent - Melissa Velin
Jana Gruber

Juniors - Rebecca Gruber, Mackenzie Velin, Zach Eckhart, and Bethany Converse-Lane
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Sheep Possession Date - Monday, April 21st

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

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

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

It has been great seeing so many of you already at our workshops. Please plan to attend these next ones coming up. As always please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or issues.

Melissa Velin @ Melissa.velin4h@gmail.com or 406-360-0449

Mark your calendar for the upcoming workshops:

- Workshop March 2nd- 2:30p.m.-3:30p.m. @BHB
- Sheep Possession date- April 21st
- Tagging forms due- April 25th
- Tagging May 4th- time TBD
- Weigh-in workshop **back** of BHB May 18th @ 1:00p.m. and June 22nd @ 1:00p.m. (this will be a showmanship clinic as well)

Goat

Superintendent - Karyn Hamilton
Michelle Eckhart

Juniors - Makell Guymon & Zach Eckhart
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Goat Possession Date - Monday, April 21st

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

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

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

Mark your calendar for the following dates:

- March 2nd at 2:30 p.m. in the BHB
- April 21st Possession Date
- April 25th Tagging forms due by 5:00 p.m.
- May 4th Tagging at 12:30 p.m. in the BHB Scale House
- May 18th at 1:00 p.m. in the BHB
- June 22nd time TBD in the BHB Scale House

Rabbit

Superintendent - Michelle Eckhart
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Our next Rabbit Meeting will be **March 17th, at 5:30p.m. in the BHB.**

We will start practicing showmanship, so rabbits are welcome.

Future meetings:

- April 28th
- May 19th
- June 30th

4-H Clubs

Canyon Creek Stock

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THANK YOU to all that came and supported the Canyon Creek Stock 4-H Club at our 21st Annual Sweetheart Spaghetti Feed. It was a great success and we look forward to next year.



Prickly Pear

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

JOIN US FOR THIS SPECIAL EVENT HONORING MOMS!

HAPPY
Mother's
DAY!  



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

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

Saturday, May 3, 2025

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

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

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

Sleeping Giants

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The Sleeping Giants 4-H club had an amazing time at our last club meeting in February.

We reached out to Helena Food Share and asked if we could put together birthday bags for people in our community who can't afford to buy a birthday cake. Club members put together birthday bags that included a cake mix, frosting, a can of sprite, a birthday card, and foil pans. The sprite acts as a substitute for the eggs and oil. We made 50 bags in total!

We dropped the bags off at Food Share, and they were kind enough to give us a tour of their beautiful new facility. It was an awesome experience; it feels so good to give back to our community.



4-H Clubs

Wild Roses

Wild Roses held its February club meeting on Monday, February 10th in the Bill Hamilton 4-H Building. Our club business meeting included reviewing photos of our club participants from the county-wide Grand Foods event just held. Then to celebrate the Grand Foods event and Valentine's Day - we made hot chocolate gifts so that we could share a Valentine Hug in a Mug!

4-H members placed hot chocolate ingredients in a bag, personalized a Valentine card by coloring it themselves and then attached the bag and card.

Hot Chocolate Dry Mix recipe: 1 tablespoon unsweetened cocoa powder; 2 tablespoons sugar (powdered or granulated); 2 tablespoons powdered milk; 1 pinch salt is optional, as is adding small marshmallows in a separate bag.

Silver Spurs

Silver Spurs is partnering with East Valley Volunteer Fire Department for a taco bar and silent auction on **May 3rd from 5:30p.m. - 8:00p.m.** at Prickly Pear Elementary in East Helena. Come join for Spurs 'N Sparks Fiesta Fundraiser!

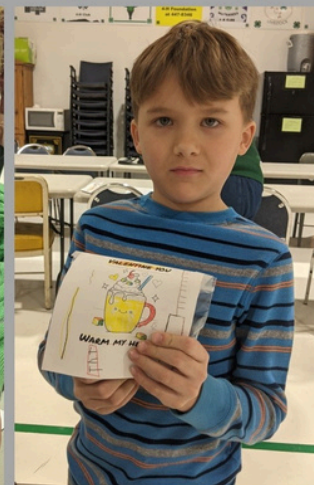
Wild Roses 4-H Club – Making “Hug in a Mug”



1 - Bag the Hot Chocolate Mix



2 - Color the Valentine card



3 – Attach Valentine card & Mix



*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 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Dog Obedience, 8:30 a.m., BHB Dairy Cattle Workshop, 3pm, BHB
2 Visual Arts Meeting 1pm, BHB Sheep & Goat Workshop, 2:30pm, BHB Horse Meeting 4pm-6pm, BHB Sewing Workshop 5pm, St. Johns Lutheran Church	3 Dairy Cattle Workshop, 3pm, BHB Outdoor Committee Meeting 5pm-6:30pm, BHB Treaters & Feeders 4-H Club meeting 7pm, BHB	4 Air Rifle/Pistol 5:30pm, BHB	5 Foundation Meeting 5:30pm, BHB	6 Archery, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, BHB	7 8am- Foods Workshop signup closes Dog Agility Starting at 5:15pm, BHB	8 Dog Obedience, 8:30 a.m., BHB Foods Workshop 9:30am, Headwaters Covenant Church
9 Big Sky 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm, BHB	10 Wild Roses 4-H Club Meeting 6pm, BHB	11 Air Rifle/Pistol 5:30pm, BHB	12 Beef Meeting 6pm, East Helena Fireman's Recreation Hall 2 E. Pacific St. Council Meeting 6pm, BHB	13 Archery, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, BHB	14 Poultry Workshop, 6:00pm, BHB	15 Dog Obedience 8:30am-1pm, BHB
16 Swine Workshop 11:00am, BHB Leadership Academy, 3:00pm, Zoom Canyon Creek Stock Club Meeting, 5:00pm, BHB Last Chance Livestock Club Meeting, 5:30pm, BHB	17 Rabbit Meeting, 5:30pm, BHB Cloverbuds Meeting 6pm-7:30pm, BHB Pocket Pets Workshop 7pm-8:30pm, BHB	18 Air Rifle/Pistol 5:30pm, and 6:30pm	19 Indoor Committee Meeting 5:30pm, BHB	20 FUNdraiser @ Lakeside 3:00pm-11:59pm Archery at 5:30pm, 6:30pm, BHB	21 Dog Agility 5:00pm-9:00pm, BHB	22 Dog Obedience 8:30am-1:00pm, BHB
23	24	25	26 Swine Project Meeting, 5:00pm, BHB	27 Shooting Sports Banquet @ 6:00pm in the BHB	28 2nd Annual Leprechaun Ball, 6:30pm-10pm, BHB Montana Rec Lab- White Sulphur Springs	29 Dog Obedience 8:30am, BHB Montana Rec Lab- White Sulphur Springs
30 Montana Rec Lab- White Sulphur Springs	31					