



May 2025 Newsletter



LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY 4-H

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

#LEWISCLARK4H | #MONTANA4H | #4HGROWSHERE



2025 Fair Theme

4-H: **Hunting for Success**

Communication!

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

4-H Website:

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

Location:

100 West Custer, Helena, MT 59602

Phone: 406.447.8346

Email: lewisclark@montana.edu

Office Hours:

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

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

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

Closed for Holidays

2025 Event dates

- Last day to add/drop projects in order to enter into fair- May 1
- Silver Spurs Taco Bar Dinner- May 3
- Buffalo Wild Wings FUNdraiser- May 14
- Communications Day- May 17
- Spring Awards- May 18
- Hammer & Stain FUNdraiser- June 1
- MacKenzie River FUNdraiser- June 17
- 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

4-H Photo Show

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



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

SPRING AWARDS NIGHT

Bill Hamilton Building

18 | MAY | 2025

6:00 PM

Come join us for a night of celebration!
We will be honoring our graduating seniors, along with participants from Grand Foods, Sewing Review, and Communications Day. We also will welcome our new L&C County Ambassadors!

PLEASE BRING YOUR FAVORITE DESSERT TO SHARE

Summer Camp Registration is now open!

MYTHICAL & MAGICAL ADVENTURES!

2025 LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY SUMMER CAMP



HURRY! SPACE IS LIMITED TO 70 CAMPERS. DOWNLOAD A REGISTRATION FORM AT

LC4HCAMP.COM

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!

May

4-H FUNdraiser at Buffalo Wild Wings

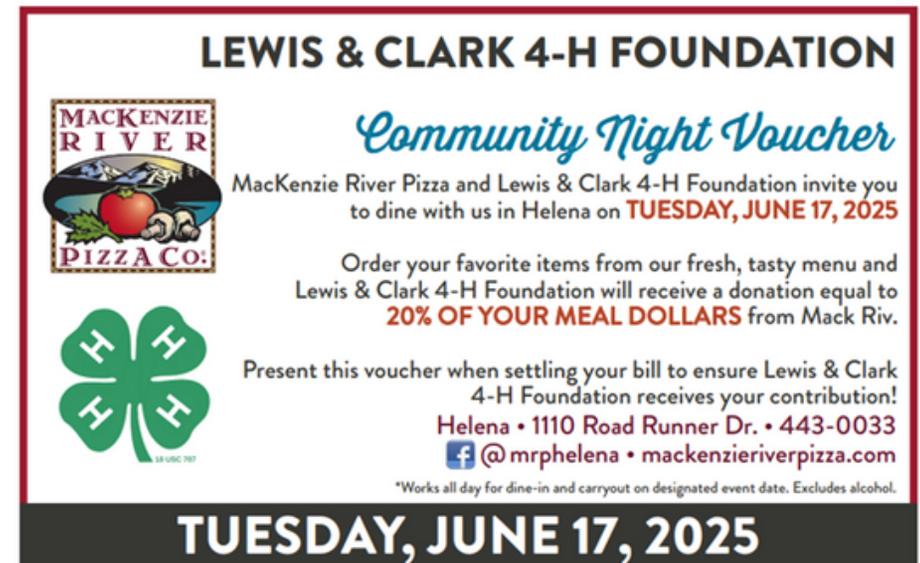
Order anytime from **4:00p.m. - 9:00p.m. on Wednesday, May 14th**. Please present the flyer or the ticket shown here to your server to ensure Lewis & Clark 4-H receives your donation!



June

4-H FUNdraiser at MacKenzie River Pizza

Join us on **Tuesday, June 17, 2025** at MacKenzie River Pizza and order any time during the day. Please present the voucher below when paying your bill to ensure Lewis & Clark 4-H receives your donation!



COMMITTEE MEETINGS & INFORMATION

4-H Council

Next meeting: **Wednesday, May 14th at 5:30p.m. in the BHB.**
[Council minutes available online](#)

If you would like to join the meeting remotely, please use the following link to connect via Zoom:
bit.ly/councilzoommeeting

Indoor Committee

Next meeting: **Wednesday, May 21st at 5:30p.m. in the BHB**
[Indoor minutes available online here.](#)

Outdoor Committee

Next meeting: **Monday, May 5th at 5:00p.m. in the BHB**

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

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

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

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

Scan to donate:



[Outdoor minutes available online here.](#)

4-H Youth Council

Youth Council is busy planning fun things for fair! We will be having fun games Tuesday night starting around 8:00 pm in place of the Livestock Meeting. Look for more information as we get closer. We will also be brining back the Adult Round Robin Event. This will be Wednesday, July 23rd starting at 7:30 pm. More information will be in the June newsletter on how to sign up. **Next meeting is Sunday, May 18th at 2 pm.**

4-H Foundation

Next Annual Meeting: **Wednesday, May 14th directly following the council meeting in the BHB.**

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

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.

Indoor Project Updates

Ambassadors

Superintendent - Michaela Stewart

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

.....
We will **not be meeting in May**, as we will be focusing on Spring Awards Night. Thank you all for your collaboration in putting this event together. Teamwork makes the dream work! Our next meeting will be held on **June 22nd at 4pm**.

Michaela Stewart: (406) 459-2568

Teen Leadership

Superintendent - Michaela Stewart

.....
We will not be meeting in May. Please continue to work on your flashcards (as discussed during our April meeting). If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Michaela. Our next meeting will be held on June 22nd at 5pm.

Michaela Stweart: (406) 459-2568

Cloverbuds

Superintendent - Michaela Stewart

Junior - Dallas Blaney

.....
Huge thank you to Guy and volunteers for teaching us how to cast during our April Workshop. In May, we will be learning all things livestock. We will have several of our older members bringing in their market animals, and talk to us all about what it takes to raise each species, along with how they can be shown during fair. See you all on May 19th at 6pm!



Sewing

Superintendent - Rachel Carroll Rivas
.....

2025 Lewis & Clark 4-H Sewing Revue is Sunday May 4th

4:30-6:00 pm at St. John's Church basement (1000 Helena

Ave). Judging will take place from 4:30-5:30 and Ribbons will

be given after, please return at 5:45. Participants are welcome

to stay the whole time.

Registration is free and due Thursday April 24th by 5:00 p.m.

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScer5CeGSuuT00o1JLK05aCqSaT5B61TFbG_qp3kaM4uqQz-g/viewform?usp=header

All 4-H members and Cloverbuds are encouraged to participate. You do not need to be enrolled in sewing, handiwork, or quilting projects. Individuals may enter 1-3 items. Entries submitted by youth in a sewing & handiwork project can also be used at Fair. (Easy one-day projects could include: embroidered napkin, crocheted scarf, sewn pillowcase or tote bag.) A Club award will be given at the awards ceremony to the most participation by a club.

Seniors receiving a blue ribbon or better in sewing or quilting qualify for State 4-H Congress.

Outdoor Adventure

Superintendent - Jennifer Van Syckle
.....

Outdoor Adventure will meet **Sunday, May 4th, 1:00 pm**, at the small meeting room in the Lewis and Clark Library.

Meetings will move outdoors as the weather gets nicer. We'll meet a second time in May, the date and time will be determined by attendees at the meeting to try and accommodate schedules. Watch for email and text reminders!

Cake Decorating

Superintendent - Michelle King
.....

The May cake decorating workshop will be **Thursday, May 8th at Headwater's Covenant Church from 6 - 7:30**. We will be working with fondant and different frosting tips. Please bring frosting tips if you have any. Reach out with questions and keep decorating those cakes!

Gardening

Superintendent - Jessica Kinyon
.....

Our next workshop will be **Monday May 5th at 6:00pm** at the project leader's house. We will be working on a Mother's Day project. Our June workshop is still in the works, but I will have the information to you all as soon as possible.

Additional meeting dates:

- May 5th- Mother's Day craft at project leaders house at 6:00pm

Visual Arts

Superintendent - Brenda Johnson

Junior - Melissa Klatt

.....

The MAY meeting is CANCELLED. I do apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you. We will meet June 1 at the BHB and learn how to burn wood with an image using a heat gun. All materials will be provided. Questions, please contact me at sweetclovers4hclub@yahoo.com.

Following workshops listed:

- May 4 – **Cancelled**
- Jun 1 – Bill Hamilton Building (L&C Fairgrounds)

Photography

Superintendent - Luke Duran

.....

4-H photographers will be at the Holter Museum of Art during the opening reception of the Photo Show on May 9. Then we will get together for our next workshop on Thursday, June 5 at 5:30 p.m. We'll meet at the Mount Helena trailhead parking lot (above Reeder's Alley) for an outdoor photo safari. Be sure to bring your camera!

Visit LC4HPhoto.com for more information.

Scrapbooking

Superintendent - Brenda Johnson

.....

This 4-H year we will meet **June 7th and 8th from 9am – 1pm** each day at the Bill Hamilton Building (BHB) at the fairgrounds. 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 scrapbook 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

Foods & Nutrition

Superintendent - Mandy Rambo

.....
Join us on **May 3, 2025**, for our Foods Workshop. Please select a one-hour timeframe in the survey. The workshop will be held at the Headwaters Covenant Church at 1030 Choteau St., Helena, MT, 59601. Please sign up so I know how many people are coming no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, April 11th. If you have signed up and your plans change and you will not be able to make it, please let me know so that we do not hold up your scheduled timeframe waiting for you. This is the final workshop of the year.

The Recipe of the Year will be shared in the next newsletter.



Pocket Pets

Superintendent - CJ Lassila

siege4214@gmail.com

406.439.5168

.....
April Pocket Pets was on April 21st, 2025. We enjoyed a Show and Tell by project member Adelynn who brought in her sister Kaylei's snake – a four-year-old corn snake named Suki. Our project members got to pet Suki and learn that snakes feel soft but not slimy. Suki came from a local breeder – although corn snakes can typically be purchased at pet stores. We also learned about parakeets and then reviewed information about Pocket Pet nutrition and the importance of food labels. Our final activity was each 4-Her making “Easter eggs” for their pets by filling small cardboard tubes with snack foods and then wrapping the tubes with tissue paper. Pets can play with the “egg” as they work their way into the snack. In the 4-H Pocket Pet project you get to experience and learn about many wonderful pets. Our next workshop will be on Monday, May 19th, at 7:00 pm in the 4-H Building.



Pocket Pets: Learning about Snakes

Shooting Sports

Overall Superintendent- Vanessa Olson

Air Rifle- James Johnson

Archery- Ben Rude

Muzzleloading Superintendent - Les Gransbery

.....

Muzzleloading and Shotgun

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

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

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

Shooting Sports

Overall Superintendent- Vanessa Olson

Air Rifle- James Johnson

Archery- Ben Rude

Muzzleloading Superintendent - Les Gransbery

.....

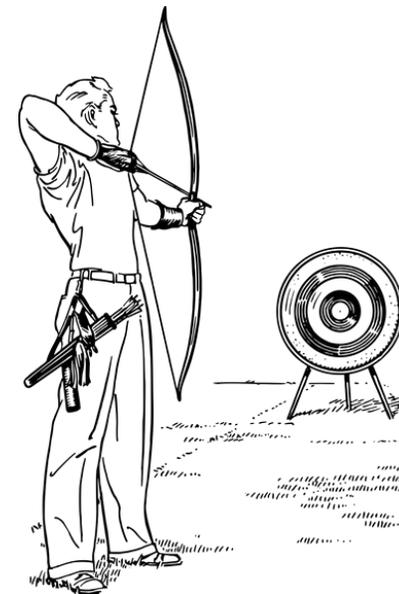
SHOOTING SPORTS TRAINING:

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]



Sport Fishing

Superintendent - Guy Rainville

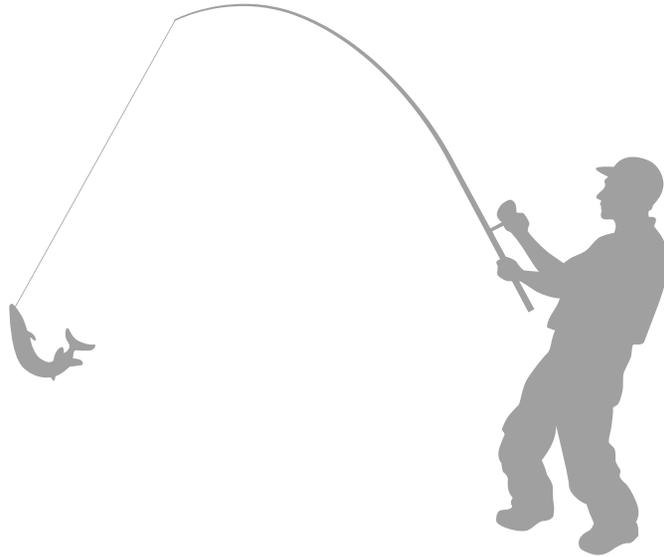
[Click here to view the Facebook Sport Fishing project page](#)

.....

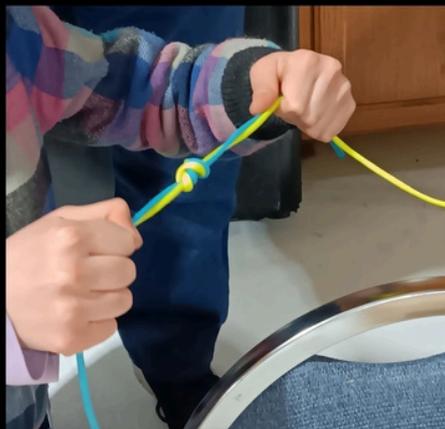
Yes! Interested 4-Hers can still join the Lewis and Clark 4-H Sport Fishing project that began in April. However, if you missed the May 1st deadline, you will not be able to exhibit in this project at our county 4-H Fair. We have weekly Tuesday evening workshops. In April, project members learned how to tie flies and how to tie fishing knots. In late May after our indoor workshops, Sport Fishing will move outdoors to locations around the Helena area.

Note that all project members, volunteers and family members are required to wear PFDs (personal flotation devices - also called life jackets) when in or near the water. Also, there is an additional project fee that must be paid to the 4-H office - \$20.00 per project member. Project books are not required if you attend workshops.

This project has a Facebook page. The title of our page is "4-H Sport Fishing of Lewis and Clark County." Its address is <https://www.facebook.com/groups/818847858323489>. If you have any questions about the Sport Fishing project, contact Project Leader Guy Rainville at (406) 439-3199 or the 4-H Office.



SPORT FISHING: Tying Flies & Tying Fishing Knots



Photos by Gabriel Edwards



Beef

Superintendent - Larry St. Clair
Chris Petre

Junior- Carter Petre, Sara Dearing & Branson Wareham
.....

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.

- May 4th - Open Scale from 10:00 am - 11:00 am
- May 4th - Open Multipurpose Barn from 9:00 am - 11:00 am
- May 4th - Hoof Trimming - Justin will be there at 10:00 am, you must RSVP a spot by sending an email to Larry, and this will count as a workshop as long as you email Larry a couple paragraphs of what you learned. Finally, for the members who send a paragraph of what they learned will be entered into a drawing to win a gift certificate to Murdochs. Larry's email address is larrystclair1@gmail.com.
- May Beef Project Workshop **DATE TO BE DETERMINED** - Georgana Webster - Livestock Judging. I will send out more information soon via email.

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.**

Horse

Superintendent - Beckie Graham

Juniors- Addy FitzSimmons, Emily Gannott,
Alexis Baumgart
.....

Future meetings:

- May 4th Workshop is at 4:00 PM at the BHB
All draft record books and project books are due.
- May 8th – Ranch Clinic at 6:00 PM -2140 York Road (Troy Wheeler)
- May 10th – Reining Clinic Times by levels – Hillview Arena 8406 Hillview Dr.
- May 12th – Roping Clinic at 5:30 PM last one before the “Rope Off”- 6515 Green Meadow Dr.
- May 23rd- Horse Enrollment ID cards due – NO EXCEPTIONS ON THIS ITEM turn into Beckie or the L&C County office at 100 Custer dr. on Friday before 4:00 PM.
- June 2nd – ROPE OFF at 5:30 PM 6515 Green Meadow Dr.
- June 14th – Practice horse show – Hillview Arena - Opens at 8:30 Am 8406 Hillview Dr.
- July 13th - Lewis & Clark Co. 4-H Ranch show- At 2140 York Road- Start time 7:30 AM
- July 18/19th- Lewis & Clark Co. 4-H Horse show- At the Fairgrounds -100 W Custer- Start time 7:30 AM

Dog

Superintendent - Laurie & Bill Sullivan

.....

Obedience/Showmanship:

We will be meeting **Thursday, May 1, 2025**, at the Bill Hamilton Building. We will practice on the grass in front of the building, please wear the appropriate clothing and tennis shoes to run in. **NO BOOTS!!!** Please bring soft smelly treats to entice your dog learn new things.

Dog records need to be reviewed by May 29th.

Obedience/Showmanship Dates:

May 1, May 8, May 15, May 22, and May 29

Agility:

Agility training will continue to work at Catherine LeCours' arena with the first-year agility members starting at 5:30 p.m. and the second group of agility members will be starting at 6:45 p.m. We will be practicing on Friday nights until the Fair in July.

Agility Dates:

May 2, May 9, May 16, and May 30



Dog

Superintendent - Laurie & Bill Sullivan

.....

Drill Team:

Practices will begin on May 1, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the grassy area in front of the BHB. Please bring your crates or leave your dogs in the cars. Please dress warmly as the weather is unpredictable.

The Drill Team attendees will then do their Obedience/Showmanship practice at 7:00 p.m.

Drill Team Dates:

May 1, May 8, May 15, May 22, and May 29



Poultry

Superintendent - Lexie Edwards
C.J. Lassila

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

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

.....
The next Poultry workshop will be at 6:00 pm on Friday, May 16th at the 4-H Bill Hamilton Building.

At our April 4th 2025, 4-H Poultry workshop, we covered two items: first, why and how to dust poultry. Then the group worked through material in the level one 4-H Poultry project book where they reviewed many important-to-know “bird words.”

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



March Poultry Workshop

Livestock Judging

Superintendent - Vacant

.....
Carly La Cher took first place in the Senior Division at the Livestock Judging Contest in Missoula, receiving a belt buckle!

This concludes the judging season until September with the first contest occurring in October!

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](#)

.....
All pigs are tagged and we have 125 enrolled in the market swine project! We will have a “What to Expect for Fair workshop” and open scale night in June. If you have any questions or concerns please reach out. Please also make sure to follow along on our Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/528703432984673>

Sheep

Superintendent - Melissa Velin
Jana Gruber

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

.....
Mark your calendar for the upcoming workshops:

- 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)

Rabbit

Superintendent - Michelle Eckhart

.....
Our next two meetings will be on May 19th and June 30th in the BHB at 5:30 pm.

We will continue practicing our rabbit showmanship for Fair. We will go over Fair entries at our May meeting in preparation for entries opening early June.

Goat

Superintendent - Karyn Hamilton
Michelle Eckhart

Juniors - Makell Guymon & Zach Eckhart

.....
Mark your calendar for the following dates:

- May 18th at 1:00 p.m. in the BHB
- June 22nd time TBD in the BHB Scale House

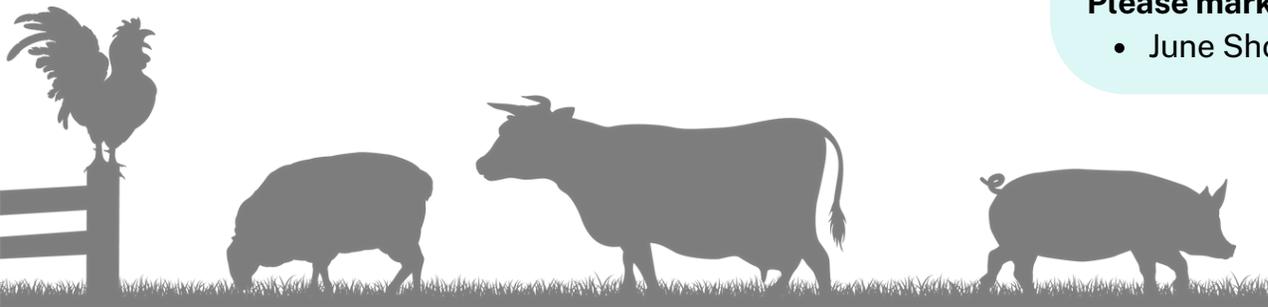
Dairy Cattle

Superintendent - Marlee Johnson

.....
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:

- June Showmanship



Sweet Clovers

.....
Sweet Clovers members have been practicing their public speaking by giving demonstrations and presentations to the club.



Wild Roses

.....
Wild Roses 4-H Club met on April 14, 2025 at the 4-H Building. After our club business meeting, we had 4-H Shooting Sports ARCHERY training - safety and how to shoot. Each member who wanted to shoot was fitted with an arm guard and assisted with selecting arrows and a bow, and then they received instructions on how to stand and how to hold their bow and arrow. After shooting arrows they learned how to “pull” the arrows to safely remove them from the targets. THANK YOU to Ben Rude, the Archery Superintendent, his daughter Macey and Shooting Sports coach Guy Rainville for providing this evening’s archery training.

An important safety requirement that was stressed is that you don’t go forward to your target to get your arrows until everyone is done shooting, and it is announced or you hear a designated whistle blast to know that the range is safe



Wild Roses – Learning Archery

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

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

Fairgrounds

May 2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 Dog Obedience/Showmanship @ 5:15pm, BHB	2 Dog Agility @ 5:15pm, BHB	3 Dairy Cattle Workshop @3pm, BHB
4 Beef Workshop @ 9am, BHB Beef Weigh-in @ 10am, BHB scale house Goat Tagging @ 12:30pm, BHB Sheep Tagging @ 1:00pm, BHB Visual Arts workshop @ 1pm, BHB Horse Meeting @ 4pm, BHB Sewing Workshop @ 5pm,	5 Outdoor Committee Meeting @ 5pm, BHB Treaters & Feeders Club Meeting @7pm, BHB	6 Sport Fishing @ 6pm, Montana Wild	7	8 Dog Obedience/Showmanship @ 5:15pm, BHB	9 Foods Workshop sign-ups close Dog Agility @ 5pm, BHB	10 Foods Workshop @ 9:30am, Headwaters Covenant Church
11 Big Sky Club Meeting @ 4:30pm, BHB	12 Wild Roses Club Meeting @ 6pm, BHB	13	14 Council Meeting @ 6pm, BHB Foundation Meeting, right after council Beef Meeting @ 6pm, East Helena Buffalo Wild Wings FUNdraiser @ 4pm-9pm	15 Dog Obedience/Showmanship @ 5:15pm, BHB	16 Dog Agility @ 5:15pm, BHB Poultry Workshop @ 6pm, BHB	17 Communications Day @ 8am, East Gate School- East Helena
18 Sheep & Goat Workshop, @ 1pm, BHB Scale House Spring Awards @ 6pm, BHB	19 Rabbit Meeting @ 5:30pm, BHB Cloverbuds Meeting @ 6pm, BHB Pocket Pets Workshop @ 7pm, BHB	20	21 Indoor Meeting @5:30pm, BHB	22 Dog Obedience/Showmanship @ 5:15pm, BHB	23 Horse Enrollment Cards Due @ 8am	24
25	26	27	28	29 Dog Obedience/Showmanship @ 5:15pm, BHB	30 Dog Agility @ 5pm, BHB	