



July 2025 Newsletter

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MSU Extension Update



The Extension Office will be closed on Friday, July 4th.

The Fair is coming up and we hope everyone is getting ready & excited! Please make sure you're taking a moment to look through the important Fair reminders on page 1 in the newsletter to make sure you are aware of some of our new policies pertaining to Fair, as well as the Fair Schedule of Events on the page 2. See you at the Fair!

2024 Event dates

- Pre-Congress - July 6th-8th
- 4-H Congress - July 8th-11th
- Fair- July 21st-26th
- Summer Camp - August 3rd-7th
- [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.](#)

Record Books

Don't wait until Fair to work on your record book!! Reminder that all record books are due to Club Leaders by August 31st. For more information on record books please visit: https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/projects/support/record_books/index.html

Policy Update

The new policy passed 7 to 5 at the council meeting. Please watch for workshops and updates next year in September and/or October.

Policy Reads "Each enrolled livestock member will attend 3 workshops per a specie (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Rabbits, Poultry, Dairy) to show/sell their animal at fair. These will be completed prior to June 1st when FairEntry opens up. These workshops will be attended in person in Lewis and Clark County."

Extension News and Community Outreach



Ag Progress Day

4-H agent Alyssa attended the 32nd annual Jim Darcy Ag Progress Day. There were about 190 5th grade students that she spoke to about the opportunity that 4-H has within our youth.



Western Regional Extension Meeting

Shae, Alyssa and Sofia attended the meeting this year, held in Butte.



Meet Sofia Franzluebbers

Sofia is our new Agriculture & Horticulture agent here in Lewis & Clark County. Sofia will be the point person for the county with all thing's related to agriculture, garden, bugs, and plants. Please feel free to give her a warm 4-H welcome when you see her.



Important Fair Reminders:

Policy Regarding Mandatory Thank You Notes to Pick Up Fair Checks

POLICY: Youth will need to furnish a legible thank you(s) written out to their buyers to the Extension Office prior to receipt of auction check. The letter must be stamped, addressed, and unsealed. The Extension Office has final say and may ask for a rewrite of a thank you letter before check is issued.

WHAT TO KNOW:

After Fair, in order to pick up a sale check, youth must present a thank you note to the Extension Office for each of their buyers & add ons (regardless of if you gave a thank you basket at the sale). Thank you notes should be legible, thoughtful, and personal to each buyer. If you were unaware of any additional add-ons, the Extension Office will provide additional thank you notes. This policy is for youth who sell at both the livestock sale & at the indoor auction.

Vet Checks

POLICY: All livestock will be subjected to a vet check prior to weigh in and entry to the fair. Any livestock deemed unfit by the vet for the show will not be allowed to show and will be sent home immediately.

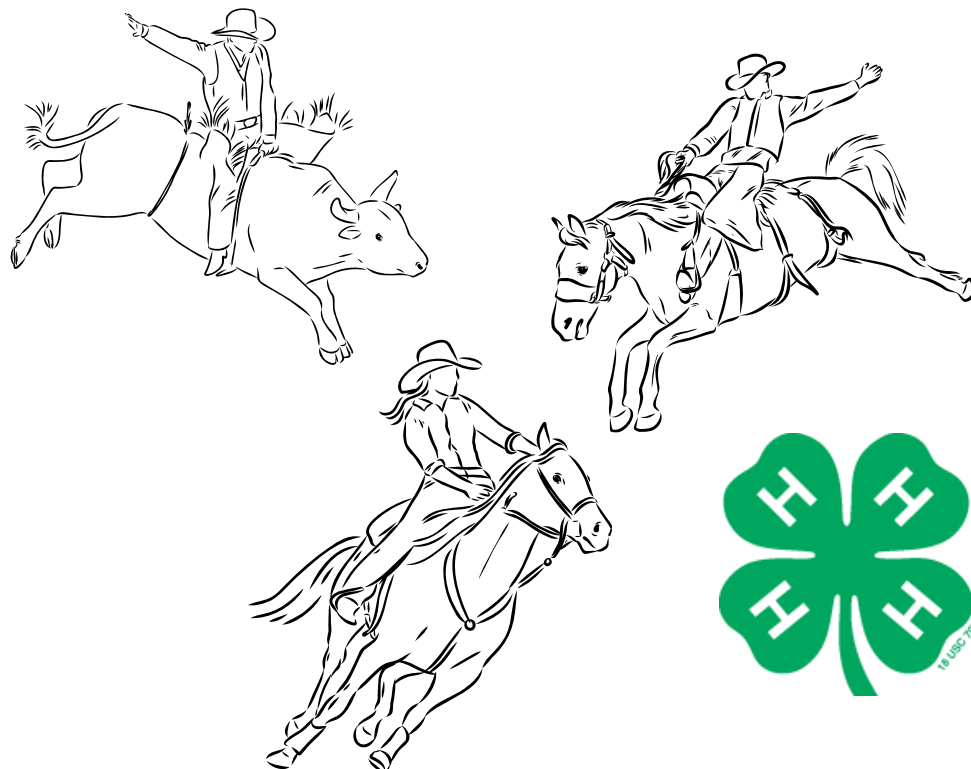
WHAT TO KNOW: Large market livestock animals (beef, swine, sheep and goats) will be checked in their trailer prior to weigh in. Small livestock animals (rabbits & poultry) will be checked by project superintendents. Any breeding animals brought the day of show will be checked by project superintendents prior to showing.

West Gate Entrance

4-H members and families are asked to use the West Gate Entrance for everything during the Fair - from arrival to departure of livestock, trailers in the camping areas, and all 4-H activities. Follow Custer Ave. west past the fairground entrance and the Babe Ruth ball fields. This road will take you to the 4-H camping and parking area.

4-H Night at the Rodeo

4-H night at the rodeo will be held on Saturday July 26th. This is for ALL 4-H members to attend. Please make sure to wear closed-toed shoes and if kids are younger than 8 they need to have an adult with them, or you won't be able to go out into the arena. Please meet at the gate in the parking lot by the VIP entrance (west side) at 6:45p.m. Please wear **GREEN** for 4-H. There will be three secret prizes for kids to try and receive.





4-H Fair Camping Spots

Camp spots are open for individual families.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040544ADAA2BABFC1-57282744-2025#/>

The last day to sign up and pay for a camp spot is **Friday, July 11th at 5:00 pm**. Camp spots are \$20 each and a campsite map is available [here](#). Families can move in Saturday, July 19th starting at 6:00 p.m.

[A campsite map is available here.](#)

Indoor Project Sale

There will be a live indoor auction on **Saturday July 26th beginning at 3:00pm**. If you plan on auctioning off your indoor entry, you should be doing a little marketing to get potential buyers to come. Please submit the [4-H Indoor Auction Form](#) by **Wednesday, July 23rd by 5:00 p.m.** to **the Extension Office**. Perishable items being auctioned will need to be fresh made the day of the auction.

Buyer registration starts at 2:30 p.m.

Livestock Sale

The Livestock Sale will be held **July 26th at 9:00 a.m. in the Multi-Purpose Arena**.

Buyer Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.

Buyers Lunch

The buyer's lunch will be held on **Saturday, July 26th at 12:00-2:00 p.m.** We encourage all members taking a market animal to attend and sit with their buyer(s) at the lunch to thank them for their support.

Silent Auction Baskets

Each club has graciously donated a silent auction basket that will be set up during fair in the Exhibit Hall. Baskets can be dropped off on Sunday during indoor set up. Please secure your basket and have a list of what is included. The money from the silent auction baskets will go towards funding the indoor 4-H projects. The baskets will close on **Saturday, July 27th at 6:00 p.m.** following the indoor project auction.

Herdsmanship Award

All 4-H members need to make sure their pens are cleaned, animals fed & watered, and that they show respect to other 4-Hers and the public each day. Selected members that do the above will receive a gift card if selected after fair!

COMMITTEE MEETINGS & INFORMATION

4-H Council

Next meeting: **Wednesday, July 9th 5:30pp.m. in the BHB**

[Council minutes available online](#)

If you would like to join the meeting remotely, please let the office know. ahead of time.

4-H Foundation

Next Meeting: **July 9th immediately following the council meeting**

[Foundation minutes available online](#)

Club Leaders

Next County-wide club leader meeting is **July 9th at 5:30 p.m.** (part of the July Council Meeting). This will be time for fair packet pick-ups! Please Make Sure there is a representative attending this meeting.

Indoor Committee

There will be no Indoor Committee meeting in July.

[Indoor minutes available online here.](#)

Outdoor Committee

The next Outdoor meeting is **Monday, July 1st at 5:30 p.m. in the BHB**. Please contact David Hamilton with a with any questions.

[Outdoor minutes available online here.](#)

Awards Committee

Next Meeting: **TBA**

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

Youth Council

Youth Council's next meeting is **Sunday, July 13th at 3 pm** at the BHB. We will finish planning the adult round robin fundraiser and the games for fair. Please see info about the games for all 4-H Members. All 4-Her's are invited to attend and participate.

[Youth Council minutes available online](#)



Indoor Project Updates

Pocket Pets

Superintendent - CJ Lassila

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When is the right time to get a Pocket Pet? Pretty much any time of the year is okay to bring a new pet into your home – just be sure you are prepared with the right housing and food. Pets need time to get comfortable in their new home and with their new family. Once your Pocket Pet is used to being with you, they will okay for a short time by themselves (in their safe location within your home). But if you are planning a long trip, be sure to arrange care for all your pets. Many Pocket Pets require special care and special food. Be sure that your caretaker is aware of your pets' needs, is familiar with their daily diet and what the pets absolutely cannot eat. Remember that all pets need a clean home, fresh food and fresh water. In the 4-H Pocket Pets project you get to experience and learn about many wonderful pets. Look for Pocket Pet displays at the 4-H Fairs you attend this summer.

Gardening

Superintendent - Jessica Kinyon

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Hello everyone! We will not be having a meeting this month. If you have any questions regarding fair, please reach out to me anytime! Remember there are documents in our shared Google folder to help guide you when picking produce to share at fair. I can't wait to see you all at fair!

when to get a new Pocket Pet ?



photos by C.J. Lassila, Pocket Pets project superintendent



Sport Fishing

Superintendent - Guy Rainville

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

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Lewis and Clark 4-H Sport Fishing weekly Tuesday workshops will continue into August. In June, we fished at Spring Meadow Lake, a privately owned pond just west of Helena, The Causeway in Helena's north valley and Dog Creek on the west side of McDonald Pass. 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 during our workshops.

Remember to always have a copy of Montana fishing regulations with you when out fishing – check the regulations for what fish are likely to be where you are fishing and to know what (and how many) you can keep when you catch fish.

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 call the 4-H Office.



Photo by Sport Fishing project volunteer Gabriel Edwards



Don't See Your Project?



You will need to contact your project superintendent for more information. [For a full list of project superintendents' contact information, please click here.](#)

Outdoor Project Updates

Beef

Superintendent - Larry St. Clair
Chris Petre

Juniors- Carter Petre & Sara Dearing

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Please mark your calendars for the following workshops:

- Monthly weigh-in will be the **on July 13th from 10:00 am-11:00 am at the scale house.**

Last weigh-in before fair!!

Dog

Superintendent - Laurie & Bill Sullivan

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Dates for Obedience/Showmanship/Rally:

July 8, July 10, July 15 (fair), July 17, July 20 (fair), July 21 (fair),
July 22 (fair), July 23 (fair), and July 25(fair)

Drill Team

July 20th is the first performance of the drill team at the Dog Obedience Show, it will be around 11:00 a.m.

Agility

Agility training will continue to work at Catherine Lecours' arena with all members coming at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, July 11th and at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 12th. This will wrap up our final practices for the year.

Agility Dates:

July 12, July 13, July 23 (fair competition)

If you have any questions, please call me at 406-431-8636 or email me at 406muddydawgs@gmail.com.

Dog

Superintendent - Laurie & Bill Sullivan

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Obedience/Showmanship/Rally

It's Fair Time!!! We will be meeting Tuesday, July 8th at 6:00 p.m. at the Bill Hamilton Building for our Mock Showmanship Show. Please bring your show leads and treats. The kids do not have to dress up. We will be meeting on Thursday, July 10th at 6:00 p.m. for the Mock Obedience Show at the Bill Hamilton Building. Please bring your training collars and six-foot leads. Treats are not allowed in the Obedience show. The Mock Obedience Shows take time and please be patient because we are finalizing details for the Fair. Bring your chairs, food, and drinks. Any kids that are doing drill team will be doing their mock shows after the drill team practice.

I changed several Fair Entries. Please check with me to make sure you know which classes you are in.

Fair Competition begins on July 15th with Rally at 6:00 p.m. Please be checked in by 5:30 p.m. Read the Fair Book for the Obedience Dress Code. We will be competing at the grassy area in front of the Bill Hamilton Building. All levels will be competing with the Level 3 starting first then Level 2, 1 and finishing with Level 0. All awards will be handed out at the Graduation Party.

July 17th is the Mandatory Dog Party and Awards at 6:00 p.m. We will be having a party in the park at the Fairgrounds to celebrate the year and receive awards.

Swine

Superintendent - Katie Grady-Selby
Brandon Dearing

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We hope you are all excited for fair! Important dates below

Sunday, July 20th - Finish set up/decorations- 9am

Tuesday, July 22nd - Animals brought to fairgrounds - 2-6 pm

Wednesday, July 23rd -Ultra sounding swine, weigh-in starts at 5am. Watch for a list of when your club will go approx.

Thursday, July 24th - Pig Show - Starts at 7 am

Saturday, July 26th - Livestock Auction - Starts at 9 am

Sheep

Superintendent - Melissa Velin

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- **July 20th - 9:00am** Fair set up. ALL members must be present and helping set up.
 - **July 22nd - 8:30am** Interview judging begins for all Indoor Exhibits and Outdoor Educational Displays. **2:00 - 6:00pm**
ALL LIVESTOCK MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE FAIRGROUNDS. ALL MARKET ANIMALS MUST BE WEIGHED AT THEIR SCHEDULED TIME. Sheep 7:00 - 8:00pm
 - **July 24th - 1:00pm** is the sheep show!
 - **July 27th - 7:00am** tear down. All are expected to help
- Watch your emails, several emails will be sent out in early July!

Poultry

Superintendent - Lexie Edwards
C.J. Lassila

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

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

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4-H Poultry will be on display at our 4-H Fair in July – come see the birds! Our talented project members will display their Showmanship abilities at the Poultry Show during Wednesday evening of Fair.

At our June 13th 2025, 4-H Poultry workshop, project members learned how to bathe and groom their birds for Fair. Then we reviewed handling birds and doing poultry showmanship. Members should be able to control their bird, point out the parts of their bird, and correctly display their bird's wings.

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



Wild Roses

Wild Roses 4-H Club met on June 9, 2025 at the 4-H Building. We again discussed possible fundraiser ideas that would include making and selling 4-H project-related items. We saw copies of Photo Show entries exhibited this year by Wild Roses club members. We voted on county 4-H issues and discussed doing a silent auction basket for Fair.

After the club business meeting, we played a homemade version of Wood Washer Toss on the lawn in front of the 4-H building.



Wild Roses 4-H Club

July 2024

*Check the calendar on the website for additional events or changes.
 *BHB = Bill Hamilton 4-H Building on the Lewis and Clark Co.
 Fairgrounds

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	June 30 Fair Entries Due 10:59pm Fair Payment Due 10:59pm	1	2	3	4 Extension Office Closed 	5
6 4-H Pre-Congress, Bozeman, MT	7 4-H Pre-Congress, Bozeman, MT	8 4-H Pre-Congress & Congress, Bozeman, MT Dog Showmanship Mock Show, 6:00pm	9 4-H Congress, Bozeman, MT Council Meeting, BHB, 5:30pm Foundation Meeting, BHB, directly following council	10 4-H Congress, Bozeman, MT Dog Obedience Mock Trial, 6:00 p.m., BHB	11 Last day to sign up for camp spots, 5:00 p.m., Extension Office Dog Agility, 6:00pm Catherine LeCours' Arena	12 Dog Agility, 9:00am Catherine LeCours' Arena
13 Beef- Last open scale before fair, 10:00am Fair Ranch Horse Show, 8:00 a.m., Prickly Pear Simmental Ranch	14	15 Dog Rally Obedience Competition, 6:00 p.m., BHB	16	17 Fair Indoor Judges Workshop, 6:00 p.m., Extension Office	18 Fair Horse Show, 9:00a.m., Multi-Purpose Building	19 Fair Horse Show, 9:00a.m., Multi-Purpose Building Dog Arena Set Up, 6:00pm Campers may be moved into the fair, 6:00pm
20 Dog Obedience, Multi- purpose building, 8:00am 4-H Indoor Exhibit set up, 9:00am Fair Set up- all animals, 9:00am	21 Fair Week!	22 Fair Week!	23 Fair Week!	24 Fair Week!	25 Fair Week!	26 Fair Week! Livestock Sale, 9:00 a.m., Multi-Purpose Sales Arena Indoor Auction, 3:00 p.m., Exhibit Hall
27	28	29	30	31		