

4-H NEWSLETTER-DECEMBER 2023

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4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

It was so nice to see everyone at Family Fun Night. Thank you to all of the club representatives who organized the booths. Congratulations to all the Award Winners.

Thank you to all the members who attended the Council, Livestock, Horse and Colt meetings in the past two months. Your input is very valuable. Thank you for stepping up. It is great to have you write rule changes and care about your projects. Thanks for sharing your opinions and talking in front of others to do so.

Roni Baker
Yellowstone County 4-H/Youth Agent

4-H COUNCIL ASSISTANT TREASURER NEEDED!

Are you looking to level-up your family's 4-H experience? Are you interested in learning more about 4-H? Are you wanting to help the 4-H community in a meaningful way? If you answered 'yes' to any of those questions, then you may be a great candidate for the next Yellowstone County 4-H Council Assistant Treasurer. This position is a 1-year learning period before you step into the 2-year position of Council Treasurer, so it is a 3-year commitment in total. This experience has been an invaluable learning experience for me, and I would encourage veteran 4-H parents OR new 4-H parents to consider serving the county in this way. If you have any interest, please contact Roni Baker at 406-256-2828 or Caroline Brito at 406-850-2211 for more information and more details about this position.

ENROLL ONLINE USING ZSUITE NOW

If you have not yet enrolled your family into ZSuite, this will be your last 4-H newsletter and potentially any email communication. Reenrollment instructions can be found on the [State 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/resources/4henrollment/index.html) at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/resources/4henrollment/index.html> (EDL/01/03/16)

4-H FAMILY ORIENTATION NIGHT DECEMBER 4

If you and your family are new to 4-H, have only been involved for 1-2 years or want to learn more about 4-H opportunities, this fun, interactive training event is for YOU! Meet in the 4-H Building at MetraPark on Monday, December 4 at 6:00 pm. Please RSVP with the number of family members attending by calling the Extension Office (406-256-2828) by 3:00 pm December 4, but if you forget do not worry-we will purchase extra pizza.

FREE PIZZA! Fun, get-to-know-each-other icebreakers! As a family, explore the following:

- **Favorite 4-H Project Station:** Learn about some of the many diverse projects offered in Yellowstone County 4-H.
- **Record Book Station:** What is a record book? As a group, you'll fill out a giant sample record book and learn about 4-H recordkeeping.
- **Demonstration Station:** Watch 4-Hers give demonstrations and YOU be the judge. Learn what judges are looking for and how to give a good demonstration.
- **Teen Leadership and Summer Camp:** Learn about the 4-H teen program and activities and learn about 4-H summer camp.
- **Award Station:** Learn about the 4-H Awards program.
- **Opportunities in 4-H:** Older 4-Hers will share their favorite 4-H experiences from travels in and out of state to scholarships and more!

Don't miss out...we hope to see you there!

FRUIT SALE INFORMATION

All 4-H Clubs are required to participate in the fruit sale. Each club needs to have at least one representative present at this meeting.

When: Tuesday, January 2, 2024

Where: 4-H Building

Time: 5:30 pm

You will receive your club order forms, instructions and a sample of the delicious fruit that we will be selling.

4-H CAMP COUNSELOR AND COUNSELOR IN TRAINING (CIT) APPLICATIONS DUE DECEMBER 15

If you are interested in becoming a Counselor or CIT, members must be 14 or older by June 4, 2024, to be a CIT (Counselor in Training). Members must be 14 or older by June 4, 2024, to be a Counselor. You must be a CIT for 1 year before you can apply to be a Counselor.

The application was emailed to members and can be printed off the [Yellowstone County 4-H webpage](https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/4-hopportunitiesandevents.html) at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/4-hopportunitiesandevents.html>. The application **must** be in the Extension Office by **Friday, December 15, 2023**. All applicants will do an interview. If you are selected to be a Counselor or CIT, you **must** attend all Camp planning meetings which are held in Yellowstone, Carbon or Stillwater counties each month. You **must** attend the training session that will be held in May. Counselors and Counselors in Training go to camp on June 3, a day before campers arrive. Camp will be held June 4-7, 2024.

APPLY TO BECOME A 4-H AMBASSADOR BY DECEMBER 15

If you are looking for an opportunity for leadership within 4-H, send in an Ambassador application by Friday, December 15. Applicants must be 14 by October 1, 2023, in order to apply. The application was emailed to members and can be printed off the [Yellowstone County 4-H webpage](https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/4-hopportunitiesandevents.html) at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/4-hopportunitiesandevents.html>.

LEADERSHIP ACADEMY: MONTHLY ONLINE SERIES

Members 12+, 4-H Age

Join the Montana 4-H Leadership Academy workshop on Sunday afternoons in 2023/2024. 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.

These workshops provide local county leadership groups an opportunity to join (virtually) with groups from around the state as well as the Montana 4-H Ambassador Officer team, to work on skill building, planning and mentorship.

Each month the officer team will present a different workshop topic that they have found to be important as they have grown their own leadership abilities. This workshop should be paired with a local county leadership meeting to work on county projects that serve the local 4-H program and community.

County Leadership groups should plan to meet face to face whenever possible and engage in the virtual statewide workshop together. This time can be viewed as a leadership club meeting. County ambassadors can aid in planning and facilitating these local workshop meetings. The following agenda is currently being planned. All workshops are Sunday afternoons from 3:00 to 4:00. Register now at the [state 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/youth_leadership/academy.html) at https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/youth_leadership/academy.html. Once the form is complete an email containing the zoom meeting link for all workshops will be sent automatically.

December 10, 2023: **Meeting in person in the Yellowstone County Courthouse Room 105 at 2:30 pm. Use entrance on 3rd Avenue N.**

January 14, 2024: Zoom link will be emailed if registered.

February 11, 2024: Zoom link will be emailed if registered.

March 10, 2024: Zoom link will be emailed if registered.

CITIZENSHIP WASHINGTON FOCUS

Go to Washington, D.C. for a week in June to experience our nation's capital, meet your legislators, and other 4-Hers from around the country. During this week-long trip, delegates have the opportunity to tour the Smithsonian and the National monuments as well as visiting Montana Senators and Representatives. Montana delegates travel as a group with two adult chaperones. The week is comprised of workshops related to the congressional process, meetings with your legislators, a cultural evening, and visits to monuments and museums on the mall.

Applicants in Yellowstone County must write a bill and do an interview to attend. A Bill writing workshop will be set up so interested members can attend and ask questions. The program is financially supported by the Yellowstone County 4-H Council. More information will be sent to 4-Hers whose 4-H age (age on October 1) is 13 or older.

4-H RECORD BOOKS

4-H would not be the same without records. They're an important part of completing each project. They help set goals, keep track of attendance at meetings, record demonstrations and talks and a whole lot more.

NOW IS THE TIME TO START YOUR RECORDS. You should have a My 4-H Year record sheet and record sheets for each Department A (animal) and N (non-animal) project. This month be certain you have completed the goals section on each of your record sheets.

It is important to work on records all year long. It is easier to write down what you have accomplished as soon as you do it. This also means less work at the end of the year. Remember to record both "What I did AND what I learned" each time you make an entry in your journal.

An easy way to continuously add to your records is to do them electronically in ZSuite or on the [Yellowstone County 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/recordsheets.html) at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/recordsheets.html>

You will need to download and save the file and then you can type information into the records each time you have something to add.

RECORD BOOK WORKSHOP HELPERS NEEDED

We are looking for organizational/project leaders, and parents to come and help us run stations for this workshop on January 13, 2024, from 10 am-12 pm, at the 4-H Building. Please let us know by January 5 if you would like to help.

Please contact Roni Baker if you would like to help or have questions.

SIGN UP FOR SERVICE LEARNING VOLUNTEER RECOGNITION NOW

4-H Service Learning is...a volunteer service that you provide with no monetary compensation. It is hands-on involvement with community projects.

Examples of community service:

- Volunteering at your church as an usher, teaching Sunday School, directing the Children's church.
- Volunteering at a nursing home helping the residents.
- Volunteering at the local hospital as a Candy Stripper.
- Volunteering at the Rescue Mission serving food, stocking the food pantry, cleaning tables, etc.
- Volunteering in your school, picking up garbage around the campus, helping with school functions like PTA events.
- Volunteering in the community cleaning up and beautifying parks, picking up garbage in ditches, cleaning graffiti off buildings.
- Organizing and implementing work crews for various projects around your community, painting a house, mowing a yard, or shoveling a sidewalk for a neighbor needing help.
- Relay for Life volunteering.
- Ringing the Salvation Army bells during the holidays.
- Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and 4-H community service activities but if you are a member of the specific group/organization, hours spent fundraising do not count. (car wash fundraiser, selling cookies, popcorn, fruit, etc.)

Participating members will be recognized at Family Fun Night and prizes will be given out based on the number of hours you volunteered during the 2023-2024 4-H year - September 1 to October 31. Sign up on in your ZSuite account under Events.

Please turn in your complete Service Learning application to the Extension Office by January 1, 2024.

4-H PROGRAM POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A complete copy of this document is available at the Extension Office. Below is some information from that document that we wanted to share.

Affirmative Action Policy: The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), Montana State University and the Montana State University Extension Service including the 4-H program prohibit discrimination in all their programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, sexual orientation, and marital and family (parental) status and participation in Montana 4-H and its programs is open to all interested youth regardless of any of the above.

Individuals needing accommodation because of a disability may request this at the County Extension office. State and county 4-H Policies can be found on the [county 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/4-hpolicies.html) at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/4-hpolicies.html>

UNUSED 4-H MATERIALS

If you have any 4-H project books that you will not be using and **THAT HAVE NOT BEEN WRITTEN IN, PLEASE** return them to the Extension Office. We can reuse them and keep our costs down. Thank you!

RING THE BELL FOR THE SALVATION ARMY

The Salvation Army will be manning kettles with volunteers this year: 26 doors multiplied by 8 hours a day for 32 days equals 6,000+ volunteer hours they must fill with bell ringers. Wow! It's easy to reserve your favorite location to ring the bell. To sign up, visit the [Salvation Army website](https://www.registertoring.com/) at <https://www.registertoring.com/>

Need has no season. Kettles may only be out during the holiday season, but contributions help us feed, shelter, and care for those in need year-round. It doesn't take much to Make Change Happen in our community. In fact, all it takes is a few hours of your time ringing at a Salvation Army Red Kettle. Get some club members together and ring! These hours can count toward your community service hours.

Watch [this cool video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQ_VI5HNutY) at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TQ_VI5HNutY to see how dollars are spent in every community.

YOUTH LOANS AVAILABLE

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) provides financial assistance and business planning to help rural youth get a start on their futures. The Rural Youth Loan Program is designed to provide start-up funds to establish and operate income-producing projects of modest size in connection with participation in 4-H clubs, FFA and similar agriculturally focused organizations. Call Bruce Johnson at 406-657-6135 or email bruce.johnson@usda.gov. Application forms can be printed off the [US Department of Agriculture website](https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/youth-loans/index) at <https://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/farm-loan-programs/youth-loans/index>

The Montana Department of Agriculture provides financial assistance through Junior Ag Loans. For more information, brochures and application forms visit the [Montana Department of Agriculture website](https://agr.mt.gov/Topics/E-G/Grants-Pages/Junior-Agriculture-Loans) at <https://agr.mt.gov/Topics/E-G/Grants-Pages/Junior-Agriculture-Loans> or contact Walt Anseth at 406-444-5420 or email WAnseth@mt.gov.

PEOPLE PARTNER GRANT

The People Partner grant program offers an opportunity for clubs and individuals to make a difference in the community with projects involving 4-H members in determining a need, completing a grant application, and implementing the

project. Applications are available at the Extension Office or can be printed off the [Montana 4-H Foundation website](https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/grants.html) at <https://www.mt4hfoundation.org/grants.html>. Applications are due by February 1. Applications submitted by January 10 will be reviewed and returned with suggestions for improvement to the application in order to resubmit. Up to \$500 may be awarded to individual clubs by the Montana 4-H Foundation.

START APPLYING FOR UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

It's time for high school seniors to start applying for scholarships. MSU-Bozeman announces the Montana Premier Scholarship Program for fall 2024.

Hundreds of academic scholarships will be available to new freshmen from Montana who demonstrate academic promise based on ACT and/or SAT scores and grade point average. Leadership experience, activities, honors, and financial need may also be considered. Students must apply for admission on the [Montana State University website](http://www.montana.edu/admissions/) at <http://www.montana.edu/admissions/> and complete [the scholarship application](http://www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships/index.html) at <http://www.montana.edu/admissions/scholarships/index.html>. Priority deadline is February 1, 2024.

Applications for the [State 4-H Foundation scholarships](http://www.mt4hfoundation.org/scholarships.html) can be found on the state 4-H website at <http://www.mt4hfoundation.org/scholarships.html>. The site has detailed requirements and deadlines.

The Yellowstone County Foundation offers scholarships of varying amounts to graduating seniors. The scholarship application will be mailed directly to members and can be printed off the County website. These are due April 1.

COUNTY AWARD WINNERS FOR OUTSTANDING MEMBER

M = Medal P = Pin C = Certificate

First Name	Last Name	Club	Award	Medal/Pin/Certificate
Sara	Ackerman	Hesper Hustlers	Independent study	P
Tate	Ackerman	Hesper Hustlers	All around 4-H member	P
Carson	Adkins	Northern Lights	Sheep	P
Carson	Adkins	Northern Lights	Attitude	P
Lukas	Arkell	Ruff Riders	Market Goat	P
Lukas	Arkell	Ruff Riders	Sheep	P
Molly	Arnold	Shepherd Pioneers	Attitude	P
Molly	Arnold	Shepherd Pioneers	Horse	P
Jacob	Baeten	Laurel Roadrunners	Archery	P
Traden	Beddes	Shepherd Pioneers	BB Gun	C
Tristen	Beddes	Shepherd Pioneers	Woodworking	P
Ruby	Bekkedahl	Hesper Hustlers	Achievement	P
Ruby	Bekkedahl	Hesper Hustlers	All around 4-H member	P
Wade	Bekkedahl	Hesper Hustlers	Helpful, Kind, and Willing to Help	P
Wade	Bekkedahl	Hesper Hustlers	Welding	P
Ciara	Berkman	Ruff Riders	Horse	P
Sarah	Boetticher	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Officer - President	P
Teyven	Borst	Hesper Hustlers	Attitude	P
Isabelle	Brito	Huntley Trailblazers	Poultry	P
Naomi	Cass	City Kids	Make the Best Better	P
Karlin	Clayton	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Achievement	P
Karlin	Clayton	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Attitude	P
Farley	Clute	Huntley Trailblazers	Secretary	P
Mickey	Clute	Huntley Trailblazers	Cloverbud	P
Layla	Dice	Lockwood Humble Bs	Officer	P

Lauren	Duey	Hesper Hustlers	Involvement	P
Sam	Duey	Hesper Hustlers	All around 4-H member	P
Wyatt	Duey	Hesper Hustlers	Involvement	P
Anna	Dumas	Shepherd Pioneers	Secretary	C
Cooper	Dumas	Shepherd Pioneers	Vice President	C
Ella	Dumas	Shepherd Pioneers	President	C
Mia	Dumas	Shepherd Pioneers	Creative Arts	C
Madeline	Felder	Hesper Hustlers	Attitude	P
Rylee	Fenton	Laurel Roadrunners	Willing to help	P
Rylee	Fenton	Laurel Roadrunners	Sheep	P
Annabelle	Fournier	Laurel Roadrunners	Rabbit	P
Annabelle	Fournier	Laurel Roadrunners	Sewing	P
Cale	Hauge	Worden Riverdale	Dairy Goat	C
Paige	Hauge	Northern Lights	Willing to be involved	C
Reid	Hauge	Worden Riverdale	Dairy Goat	C
Elyse	Heaton	Worden Riverdale	Sheep	P
Andee	Heupel	Shepherd Pioneers	Helper	C
Cale	Hockhalter	City Kids	Cat	P
Cale	Hockhalter	City Kids	State Officer	P
Michaela	Hockhalter	City Kids	Photography	P
Hestin	Ingram	Laurel Roadrunners	Treasurer	C
Wyatt	Johannes	Worden Riverdale	Beef	P
Wyatt	Johannes	Worden Riverdale	Leadership	P
Eliana	Johnston	Yellowstone Silver Spurs	Achievement	P
Zane	Johnston	Yellowstone Silver Spurs	Team Player	P
Keegan	Kennedy	Shepherd Tumbleweeds	Horse	M
Kiarra	Kennedy	Shepherd Tumbleweeds	Horse	M
Rex	Koivu	Project Rockin Wranglers	Goat	P
Rex	Koivu	Project Rockin Wranglers	Shooting Sports	P
Brooklyn	Kuhr	Hesper Hustlers	Quilting	P
Brooklyn	Kuhr	Hesper Hustlers	Leadership	P
Aidan	Lentz	Lockwood Humble Bs	Sheep	P
Aidan	Lentz	Lockwood Humble Bs	Willing to Help	P
Kerstin	Luhman	Huntley Egles	Sheep	P
Forrest	Marble	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Demonstration	P
Forrest	Marble	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Perseverance	P
Lyndin	Marble	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Officer	P
Caleb	Mortensen	Lockwood Humble Bs	Respectful	P
Joy	Mortensen	Lockwood Humble Bs	Horse	P
Julie	Mortensen	Lockwood Humble Bs	Attitude	P
Corbin	Murnin	Whips & Sticks	Perseverance	P
Jolie	Murnin	Whips & Sticks	Cloverbud	P
Reagan	Nydegger	Lockwood Humble Bs	Sheep	P
Scarlet	Ogden	Shepherd Pioneers	Cloverbud	P
Paisley	Opp	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Achievement	P
Kaidence	Osborne	Shepherd Pioneers	Horse - 1st Year	P
Kaidence	Osborne	Shepherd Pioneers	Photography - 1st Year	P
Eleanor	Pancheau	Lockwood Humble Bs	Bee Keeping	C
Eleanor	Pancheau	Lockwood Humble Bs	Record Book	P
Amanda	Parks	Huntley Trailblazers	Meeting Participation	C
Matthew	Parks	Huntley Trailblazers	Poultry	P
Sarina	Parks	Huntley Trailblazers	Cloverbud	P

Ariel	Petersen	Hesper Hustlers	Leadership	P
Lauren	Petersen	Hesper Hustlers	Quilting	P
Torchy	Pfancook	Lockwood Humble Bs	Public Speaking	P
Amy	Schmidt	Lockwood Humble Bs	Dog	P
Amy	Schmidt	Lockwood Humble Bs	Poultry (Duck)	P
Grace	Sedlacek	Hesper Hustlers	All around 4-H member	P
Marley	Seely	Lockwood Humble Bs	Leadership	P
Marley	Seely	Lockwood Humble Bs	Sheep	P
Cadence	Sims	Ruff Riders	Ambassador	P
Ember	Solberg	Yellowstone Silver Spurs	Leadership	P
Ember	Solberg	Yellowstone Silver Spurs	Outstanding mentor/leader	P
Emily	Stewart	Shepherd Pioneers	Leadership	P
Aubrey	Tanzosh	Yellowstone Silver Spurs	Attitude	P
Kylie	Tatman	Hesper Hustlers	Attitude	P
Macy	Tatman	Hesper Hustlers	Sewing	P
Clara	Thompson	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Attitude	P
Greg	Thompson	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Achievement	P
Clara	Thompson	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Market Goat	P
Joash	Vincent	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Attitude	P
Addison	Vogel	Worden Riverdale	Sheep	P
Paisley	Vogel	Worden Riverdale	Market Sheep	P
Lily	Watson	Shepherd Pioneers	Horse	P

FAMILY FUN NIGHT WINNERS

Ticket Sales Winners

Placing	Member Name	Club	Number of tickets sold
1	Carlee Bomar	Shepherd Tumbleweeds	220
2	Rafe McCaffree	Shepherd Tumbleweeds	100
3	Claira Longmire	Cool Clovers	80
3	Collin Nezworski	Shepherd Tumbleweeds	80

Door Prize Winners

Placing	Prize	Winner
1	\$50	Russell Brasier
2	\$30	Cody Ross
3	\$20	Emma Barnhart

Best Decorated and Run Booth Winners

Placing	Winning Club	Booth game
1	Ruff Riders	Pig Races
2	Laurel Roadrunners	Balloon Bust
3	Shepherd Firecrackers	Hungry Hippo
4	Pine Ridge Red Ryder	Fishing
5	City Kids	Ring on a string
6	Kountry Kritters	Cake Walk

Year Awards

2023 Award	2023 Winner
Friend of 4-H	Raw Machinery
Friend of 4-H	Meadowgold
Friend of 4-H	Adam and Stacy Serock

Outstanding Leader	Heather Arkell
Outstanding Leader	Rita Baeten
Outstanding Teen Leader	Miranda Johnson
Outstanding Teen Leader	Marley Seely
4-H Alumni Award	Becca Sedlacek
Friendship Award	Hesper Hustlers
Friendship Award	Project Rockin Wranglers

POST FAMILY FUN NIGHT MEETING

There will be a post Family Fun Night meeting on Thursday, December 7 at 5:30 pm in the 4-H Building.

4-H SUPPORTERS

Many businesses and organizations in our community support 4-H. Each month I have been listing several of those supporters in the newsletter. I would encourage you to tell them thank you and support them in return. If you would like to submit names for this article, please send them to Roni.

4-H Supporter	Mailing Address
Fagan & Cook Accountants	1555 Campus Way Street, Billings MT 59102
Roger Daniel Insurance	2047 Broadwater Avenue Suite 1, Billings MT 59102
Blue Body & Paint	356 Scott Street, Billings MT 59101
Animal Health International	1380 Minnesota Avenue, Billings MT 59103
Bobcat of Big Sky	2125 Old Hardin Road Billings, MT 59101
Drange Apiary	2751 Alpine View Drive Laurel, MT 59044
Raw Machinery	4110 Bennett Avenue, Billing, MT 59105
Kings Ace Hardware	1551 Zimmerman Trl, Billings MT 59102

PROPOSED 2024 MONTANAFAIR HANDBOOK CHANGES MEETINGS

December 7, at 6:00 pm: Department N handbook changes voted on at this meeting.

December 7, at 6:30 pm: 4-H Council Meeting. All proposed handbook changes for **both Department N and Department A** committees will be voted on at this meeting.

DECEMBER CERAMICS WORKSHOP

There will be one workshop Saturday, December 2. Workshops run from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Please call Sheri at 406-633-5531, to reserve a time. Remember everyone needs to get greenware pieces cleaned and fired before the end of December as Sherri will be unavailable from January to May of 2024. That way items can be painted at home.

MANDATORY ORIENTATION/SAFETY MEETING FOR PARENTS OF ARCHERY MEMBERS

If your child is enrolled or planning to enroll in the archery project we need to connect with parents. Please join us at 12:00 pm in the 4-H Building on Sunday, December 3, to discuss what the project involves, when workshops begin/end, and requirements.

If you are unable to make this meeting or have questions, contact Tony Neil at tdneil8971@gmail.com or 406-670-9324.

MANDATORY ORIENTATION / SAFETY MEETING FOR NEW RIFLE PROJECT MEMBERS

If you are enrolled or are planning on enrolling in a rifle project (BB Gun Safety, Air Rifle, or Small Bore) and this is your first year in the project we need to connect with you. Please join us at 1:30 pm in the 4-H Building on Sunday, December 3 as we discuss what these project involve, when shooting workshops begin, how long they go, and where you can shoot.

If you are unable to make the meeting or have questions, contact Adam Serock at adam.serock@hdrinc.com or 406-696-1194.

SHOOTING SPORTS LEADER TRAININGS FOR 2023-2024

- December 1-2, 2023 – Kalispell, MT. Disciplines offered: Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunting Skills, and Coordinator. **The registration is available in member and volunteer profile under Events in ZSuite.**
- December 8-9, 2023 – Miles City, MT, Disciplines offered: Rifle, Pistol, Archery, Shotgun, Muzzleloader, Hunting Skills, and Coordinator. **The registration is available in member and volunteer profile under Events in ZSuite.**
- December 15-16, 2023 – Belgrade, MT. This is an Advanced Training for Rifle, Pistol, and Archery. More information will be shared as this training is planned and organized. **The registration if available in member and volunteer profile under Events in ZSuite.**
- Basic and Advanced Trainings for Western Heritage, Muzzleloader, and Hunting Skills will be held later in the Spring of 2024.

For class information and registration forms, please visit the [State 4-h Shooting Sports Training webpage](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/shooting_sports/shooting_sports_training/index.html) at https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs/events/shooting_sports/shooting_sports_training/index.html

2024 SHOWCASE INITIAL PLANNING MEETING

The first meeting for the spring 2024 Showcase and Public Review will be held during the December Department N meeting on December 7, at 6:00 pm. **Each club needs to have a Showcase representative attend the Dept. N meetings to plan for this big event.**

This would be a good time to encourage a teen leader to attend along with an adult leader. With each club helping, the event is a big success!

SEWING & TEXTILES PROJECT ENROLLMENT REQUIRED TO ENTER SHOWCASE

If you want to participate in the Showcase scheduled for April 2024, you must be signed up for a Sewing & Textiles project. To participate in the Shopping in Style or Display categories at Showcase, you must enroll in a Sewing & Textiles project or the Shopping in Style project in ZSuite.

NO LIVESTOCK MEETINGS IN DECEMBER

No Small Animal Committee, Sale Committee or Livestock Committee meetings will be held in December. On January 24, 2024, the Small Animal Committee will meet at 6:00 pm. Sale Committee will meet at 6:30 pm and the Large Livestock Committee meetings will be held immediately following the Sale Committee meeting.

SHEEP AND GOAT DECEMBER WORKSHOP

We are looking at ultrasounds on Saturday, December 2! Dr. Micheal Wehrman will be our guest speaker talking about ultrasounds and showing a live demonstration at the 4-H Building. We will also be talking about pre-lambing and kidding care, signs and symptoms of labor and problems, and several other things. Bring your record sheet and project books. Questions, call or text Heather Arkell at 406-208-4463 or email lukasa.arkell@gmail.com

These monthly meetings will continue on the following dates: January 6, February 3, and March 2.

SADDLE UP PARTICIPANTS AND HOURS RIDDEN

Rider Name	Horse(s) Name	Total Hours Ridden
Case Heupel	Gus & River	435
Jax Heupel	Dally	356
Ciara Berkman	Reba	119
Andee Heupel	Riley & Piper	119
Keegan Kennedy	Reno	108.25
Kiarra Kennedy	Tivio	106.25

Isabelle Brito	Ty Bold, Flash, Leo, & Pierre	85.5
Jubilee Waskow	Chief & Tuffy	74
Kaidence Osborne	Cinch	64
Madeline Felder	Max	60.75
Joy Mortensen	Murphy	39
Rex Koivu	Maggie	20.75

2024 MONTANA WINTER FAIR

The Montana Winter Fair will be held January 26-28, 2024 in Lewistown, MT. Information can be found online at the [Montana Winter Fair website](http://montanawinterfair.com/) at <http://montanawinterfair.com/>, by calling 406-538-2200 or emailing montanawinterfair@gmail.com.

2024 MONTANA STATE FAIR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

Anyone wanting to show at the 202 Montana State Fair in Great Falls, MT should visit the [Montana ExpoPark](https://www.cascadecountymt.gov/213/2024-Montana-State-Fair) at <https://www.cascadecountymt.gov/213/2024-Montana-State-Fair> or call 406-727-8900 for entry information.

MARKET BEEF TAGGING FOR MONTANAFair: SUNDAY, JANUARY 7

All market beef you are planning to enter into the MontanaFair must be tagged on this date. There are no exceptions. Each exhibitor can tag three animals in each species. Exhibitors can enter all 3 in their MontanaFair entry, but at the fair they must decide which 2 animals they will be weighing and exhibiting. Each exhibitor at the MontanaFair can only sell one animal.

The Beef tagging date for 2024 will be ***Sunday, JANUARY 7*** from ***12:00 to 3:00 pm*** at PAYS.

All exhibitors at the MontanaFair in Department A (livestock) are required to attend a MSU Extension Animal Quality Assurance Training prior to the MontanaFair entry deadline to be eligible to exhibit at the MontanaFair. Animal Quality Assurance Class will be from 1:00-2:30 pm and the Horse Helmet Class is from 3:00 am to 4:00 pm.

ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE PRESENTERS NEEDED

This 4-H year we need to identify new topics to teach members at Animal Quality Assurance classes. All 4-H/FFA exhibitors entering MontanaFair must take AQA. We need volunteers to help decide what to present and help present classes in the 2023-2024 4-H year. We are open to ideas. If you are interested, please call Roni or Stephanie at 406-256-2828.

2023-2024 ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE POLICY & WORKSHOP SCHEDULE * NEW GUIDELINES

All 4-H and FFA members exhibiting any animal in Department A (Junior Livestock) at MontanaFair are required to attend an MSU Extension **ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING (AQA)** (per state guidelines) provided by the 4-H Committee or an FFA Advisor/Agriculture Educator prior to the first MontanaFair entry deadline or exhibitors do not show. Yellowstone County has two 4-H age brackets for AQA training. Exhibitors must attend AQA as Beginners/Juniors (4-H age 8-13), and as a senior member (4-H age 14-19). This age is based on the exhibitors "4-H Age" – the age as of October 1 of the current 4-H year. Exhibitors must take Animal Quality Assurance the first year they reach each age bracket or the first year they are exhibiting in an animal project. All classes will include the same teaching materials and use the same forms and paperwork. Class content is determined by a committee and updated every two years. A parent or legal guardian must also attend the AQA Training.

There will be hands on, group activities. Please plan on arriving on time with a parent with both staying for the complete 1½ hours. If you and your parent are not in attendance for the complete training, you may be asked to attend another session. Plan on attending a session early in the year so conflicts do not occur in your family schedule. **More workshops will NOT be added after the June 19 class. It is the final opportunity for 2024.**

The sessions in January and May are face-to-face at this time at PAYS. For the virtual sessions, people will log into the Webex meeting (Webex link information will be sent out via email prior to each session) to learn the information then go to the online program, pay their own \$12 fee, and take the online class. A copy of the completion certificate must be provided to the Extension Office.

Sunday, January 7: 1:00-2:30 pm at PAYS (Public Auction Yards)

Thursday, February 29: 6:30 pm Virtual training

Tuesday, March 19: 6:30 pm Virtual training

Saturday, May 4: 9:00-10:30 am at PAYS (Public Auction Yards)

Wednesday, June 19: 6:30-8:00 pm at the 4-H Building

MSU EXTENSION 4-H HORSE HELMET POLICY & WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

Participants in the 4-H Horse Project are required to attend a Horse Helmet Workshop once as a beginner/junior 4-H member (8-13) and again as a senior 4-H member (14 and up). This age is based on the exhibitors "4-H Age" – the age as of October 1 of the current 4-H year. Exhibitors must attend a Horse Helmet Workshop the first year they reach every age bracket or the first year they are exhibiting in an animal project. A parent or legal guardian must also attend the Horse Helmet Workshop.

After attending a 4-H Helmet Workshop, riders may choose whether they will wear a certified helmet. It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian of the 4-H member to see that the headgear worn complies with such standards and is in good condition. The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development encourages the use of ASTM certified/SEI approved safety helmets in all equine events. Protective headgear may be used in all classes and shall not be discriminated against. Helmet use is encouraged in all 4-H horse activities any time a 4-H member is around a horse. A certified equestrian helmet with safety harness fastened in place is required in over fence classes and gymkhana events, activities, and practice sessions. Gymkhana refers to horseback speed events (timed or un-timed) that do not use livestock. Events that usually fall in this category include, but are not limited to: barrel racing, pole bending, keyhole races, stake races, rescue races, pony express race, etc. Events that are not intended to be included in this policy are events such as calf roping, team roping, goat tying, and team penning that may be timed but use livestock. **More workshops will NOT be added after the May 4 class. It is the final opportunity for 2024.**

Sunday, January 7: 3:00-4:00 pm at PAYS (Public Auction Yards)

Wednesday, April 17: 7:00-8:00 pm at the 4-H Building

Saturday, May 4: 11:00 am-12:00 pm at PAYS (Public Auction Yards)

STEER AND GOAT OF MERIT WINNERS

The following exhibitors had a steer at the MontanaFair that qualified for the Steer of Merit Program in Montana. Ultrasound data was used to meet a set criteria to qualify.

MT Steer of Merit Standards

Hot Carcass Weight: 700 - 1000 pounds

Dressing Percentage: Based on 55-68%

Back Fat: 0.20 - 0.60 inches

Ribeye Area: 11.5 to 17.5 square inches

Yield Grade: < or = to 3.99

Dark Cutter: no

Quality Grade: Choice or better

Cutability: > or = to 51%

MontanaFair Steer of Merit Winners:

Brayden Cook

Lauren Duey

Sam Duey

Kade Vanek

Cyler Yeager

The following exhibitors had a goat at the MontanaFair that qualified for the Goat of Merit Program in Montana. Ultrasound data was used to meet a set criteria to qualify.

MT Goat of Merit Standards

Conformation: Carcasses are thickly muscled throughout the body with a bulging outside leg, rounded back strip, and a moderately thick outside shoulder.

Cutability: > or = to 54%

MontanaFair Goat of Merit Winners:

Hadley Kautz
Walter Wehrman

Rex Koivu
Jordyn Whitmus

Kendal Vandivort

CLUB SECRETARY MINUTES: IMPORTANT FORMAT REQUIRED

Each month the Extension office should receive a copy of your club meeting minutes. To have consistent reporting, we require minutes to be in the format found on page 3 of your Montana 4-H Secretary’s Handbook. **This is the only format that is acceptable.** Use this format when submitting your minutes to the Extension Office each month. **In minutes use full names, indicate what financial expenditures were voted on (be specific), and if there were any changes to the previous month’s minutes. Minutes are not a meeting agenda, they contain specific, detailed information so that someone who did not attend the meeting could read the minutes and know exactly what happened. Minutes are a detailed recording of a meeting.**

Should you need copies of this form we can copy them for you. Minutes may be typed on your computer, submitted in hard copy, faxed to the office (406-256-2825), or emailed to ronibaker@montana.edu. If emailing, always include the club name in the subject line. **Remember:** If you do not receive a reply email from us, the email did not go through!

CLUB MINUTES

- City Kids:** Members will ring the Salvation Army bells at Scheels, shop for families in need, and hold a bake sale.
- Laurel Roadrunners:** Members voted to donate money to Flakesgiving and they voted on a new club banner design.
- Lockwood Humble Bs:** Members passes their club by-laws, will be gift wrapping at Shipton’s, and scheduled the club Demonstration Day.
- Pine Ridge Red Ryder:** Club will decorate the first state for Halloween. Members will bring glassware and purchase bingo prizes for Family Fun Night.
- Shepherd Pioneers:** Members played a got to know each other game, covered deadlines, and planned for Family Fun Night.
- Shepherd Tumbleweeds:** Members discussed what is required to a be a club member in good standing.
- Shepherd Wranglers:** Members volunteered to do their club demonstrations in December.

END OF THE YEAR DONATION TO SUPPORT THE YELLOWSTONE COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION

Both the Yellowstone and Montana 4-H Foundations support 4-H educational learning experiences through scholarship. Tax deductible contributions help support today’s young people. Please complete the following fields and mail with your check to: Yellowstone County 4-H Foundation, PO Box 35021, Billings, MT 59107.

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY 4-H FOUNDATION

Enclosed is a contribution of \$ _____

Full Name _____

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(Optional) In memory of _____

(Optional) Please send acknowledgement to:

Full Name _____

Address _____ City, State, Zip _____

From (Donor’s Name) _____

Make checks payable to: Yellowstone County 4-H Foundation

2024 Yellowstone County 4-H Horse Informational Workshop Schedule

ALL EVENTS ARE OPEN TO ANY 4-H AGE (8-18) YOUTH AND THEIR FAMILIES!! COME LEARN ABOUT HORSES

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE – Be sure to reference the 4-H newsletter and any emails for updates.

January 18	Educational Workshop	Horses	4-H Building (Metra Park) 6 pm
February 15	Educational Workshop	Tack & Equipment	4-H Building (Metra Park) 6 pm
March 14	Educational Workshop	Horse Breeds & Color Genetics *Guest Speaker*	4-H Building (Metra Park) 6 pm
April 18	Educational Workshop	Equine Nutrition Workshop *Guest Speaker*	4-H Building (Metra Park) 6 pm
May 16	Educational Workshop	Anatomy & Conformation Evaluation *Guest Speaker*	4-H Building (Metra Park) 6 pm
June 20	Educational Workshop	Veterinary Care Workshop *Guest Speaker*	4-H Building (Metra Park) 6 pm
September 19	Educational Workshop	Shopping for your next horse	4-H Building (Metra Park) 6 pm
November 21	Educational Workshop	Farrier & Soundness Workshop *Guest Speaker*	4-H Building (Metra Park) 6 pm

2024 Horse Judging & Horse Skill-A-Thon (Hippology) Practice Schedule

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE – Be sure to reference the 4-H newsletter and any emails for updates.

2024 January 3-6	CONTEST - Teams that win their state congress contests compete at National Contest! <i>*Congratulations to the 2023 Yellowstone County Horse Judging Team for winning Congress! Bailey Stott, Tanner Stott, & Kimber Crockett</i>		Western National Roundup Denver, CO
April TBD	Horse Judging Practice	General Evaluation	1pm – 3pm Real Ranch Horse Sale Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch 7499 Hesper Road, Billings MT
June TBD	Horse Judging Practice	Score Sheets & General Evaluation	All Breed Ranch Horse Challenge Metra Park Super Barn Sat & Sun, 10 – 11am each day
June 4	Horse Judging Practice	Judging Performance Classes: Patterns & Score Sheets	4-H Building (Metra Park) 6 pm
June 18	Horse Judging Practice	How to give Oral Reasons	4-H Building (Metra Park) 6 pm
June 25	Prep for contest	Hippology Exam & Station Practice	4-H Building (Metra Park) 6 pm
July 2	Prep for contest	How to give Oral Reasons	4-H Building (Metra Park) 6 pm
July 6	Prep for contest	Review contest rules & practice	4-H Building (Metra Park) 10 am
July 9 - 12	CONTEST state rules: must be 14 to compete	Hippology Horse Judging	Montana 4-H Congress MSU Campus Bozeman, MT
August – skip (Montana Fair & Back to School)			
September 24	Prep for contest	Young Horse Evaluation	4-H Building (Metra Park) 6 pm
October 5	Horse Judging Practice	Young Horse Evaluation	<i>local horse ranch location TBD</i>
October 8	Horse Judging Practice	Reasons & General Evaluation	4-H Building (Metra Park) 6 pm
October 15	CONTEST	Horse Judging	NILE Horse Evaluation Contest Metra Park Billings, MT
December 19	Prep for contest	Reasons & General Evaluation	4-H Building (Metra Park) 6 pm
2025 January TBD	CONTEST - Teams that win their state congress contests compete at National Contest!		Western National Roundup Denver, CO

Contact Bonnie DeVerniero for more information, (406) 694-5234 or bonnied312@icloud.com

2023-2024 Yellowstone County 4-H Yearly Calendar – 11/21/23

*Reference the monthly 4-H newsletter and calendar for meeting locations and changes to this calendar

<u>October 2023</u>	<u>November 2023</u>	<u>December 2023</u>	<u>January 2024</u>
<p>5 Council Meeting 6:30pm 1-7 National 4-H Week 9 Columbus Day-Office Closed 11 Outstanding Member Nomination Forms Due 13 Fair rule change proposals due 13-21 NILE 20-22 Fall Training in Billings 25 Horse & Colt Committee 6pm 19 Shooting Sports Leaders meeting – 6pm 20 4-H Newsletter Articles Due 23 Outstanding Member Acceptance forms due 29 Outstanding Member Discussion Groups - afternoon 30 Outstanding Member Discussion Groups – evening</p>	<p>1 State Foundation Innovative Grant Apps Due 1 Dept. N Meeting 6pm with Council to follow 2 Dept. N Meeting 6pm with Council to follow 4 Sheep/Goat workshop 10:00am 8 FFN planning Meeting 5:30pm 4-H Building 10 Veterans Day-Office Closed 12 Leadership Academy Online Workshop 3pm 15 Member & Leader enrollments due 16 Shooting Sports Leaders Meeting 6pm 16 Horse Workshop 17 4-H Newsletter Articles Due 18 Family Fun Night 18 National Family Volunteer Day 23 Thanksgiving-Office Closed 28 Organizational Leader Dinner</p>	<p>2 Sheep/Goat workshop 10:00 3 Archery Parent Meeting @ 4-H Building 4 Family Orientation Night 6pm 4-H Building 7 Post FFN Meeting 5:30 4-H Building 7 Dept. N Meeting 6pm with Council to follow 10 Leadership Academy Online Workshop 3pm 15 IPYA and other International Applications Due 15 4-H Newsletter Articles Due 15 Camp Counselor & CIT Application Due 21 Shooting Sports Leader Meeting 6 pm 25 Christmas Day-Office Closed</p>	<p>1 New Year's Day-Office Closed 2 Fruit Sale Informational Meeting 5:30pm 6 Sheep/Goat workshop 10:00am 7 Beef Tagging 12pm- 3pm all events at PAYS 7 Animal Quality Assurance Class 1- 2:30pm 7 Horse Helmet Workshop 3-4pm 13 Record Book Workshop 10am-12pm 4-H Building 14 Leadership Academy Online Workshop 3pm 15 Office Closed-Martin Luther King Day 18 Shooting Sports Leader Meeting – 6 pm 19 4-H Newsletter Articles Due 19-20 KMON in Great Falls 20 Cat Workshop 11am-12:30pm 4-H Building 20 Pocket Pet Workshop 12:30-2pm 4-H Building 24 Small Animal Committee 6pm Sale Committee 6:30 Large Animal to follow 25 Small Animal Meet & Greet 6pm 4-H Building 26-28 Winter Fair in Lewistown</p>
<u>February 2024</u>	<u>March 2024</u>	<u>April 2024</u>	<u>May 2024</u>
<p>1 People Partner Grants Due 1 Communication Day Meeting 5:30pm 1 Dept. N Meeting 6pm with Council to follow 3 Sheep/Goat workshop 10:00am 11 Leadership Academy Online Workshop 3pm 15 Shooting Sports Leader Meeting – 6 pm 15-17 MATE Show 16 4-H Newsletter Articles Due 17 Pocket Pet Workshop 11am-12:30pm 4-H Building 17 Cat Workshop 12:30-2pm 4-H Building 18 County Shoot – Exhibit Hall 19 Presidents Day-Office Closed 21 Horse & Colt Committee Meeting 6pm 22 Poultry workshop 6pm 4-H Building 23 End of Fruit Sale 24 Make It & Take It 29 Animal Quality Assurance – Virtual 6:30pm</p>	<p>1-3 State Shoot - Bozeman 2 Sheep/Goat workshop 10:00 9 Fruit Sale Delivery 15 4-H Newsletter Articles Due 16 Cat Workshop 11am-12:30pm 4-H Building 16 Pocket Pet Workshop 12:30-2pm 4-H Building 19 Animal Quality Assurance – Virtual 6:30pm 20 Horse & Colt Meeting 6pm 21 Shooting Sports Leader Meeting 6pm 21 Poultry workshop 6pm 4-H Building 22 Communication Day Registration Due 27 Small Animal Committee 6pm Sale Committee 6:30 Large Animal to follow</p> <p><u>Date TBD</u> Rabbit & Cavy Workshop</p>	<p>1 Yellowstone Co Foundation Scholarship App Due 4 Dept. N Meeting 6pm with Council to follow 6 Communication Day 14 – 19 National 4-H conference 17 Horse & Colt Meeting 6pm 17 Horse Helmet Workshop 7-8pm 18 Shooting Spots Leaders Meeting – 6pm 19 4-H Newsletter Articles Due 19-21 State 4-H Rec Lab 20 Showcase (Fashion Revue) 21 Small Animal Jackpot (Expo- Large Bay) 21-27National Volunteer Week 25 Poultry workshop 6pm 4-H Building 27 Cat Show 30 Drops & Adds Due</p> <p><u>Date TBD</u> Rabbit & Cavy Workshop State BB Gun Shoot</p>	<p>1 State Award Applications Due 2 Post Communication Day Meeting 5:30pm 2 Post Showcase Meeting 5:45 2 Dept. N Meeting 6pm with Council to follow 3 4-H Camp Application Due 4 Swine/Sheep/Goat Tagging 8-11am at PAYS 4 Animal Quality assurance Class 9-10:30am 4 Horse Helmet Workshop 11am-12pm 11 Skillathon – 4-H Building All day 11 Small Animal Judging – 4- H Building afternoon 15 Horse & Colt Meeting 6pm 17 4-H Newsletter Articles Due 22 Small Animal Committee 6pm Sale Committee 6:30 Large Animal to follow 27 Memorial Day – Office Closed</p> <p><u>Dates TBD</u> Rabbit & Cavy Workshop Black Diamond Clinic and Jackpot Show</p>

<u>June 2024</u>	<u>July 2024</u>	<u>August 2024</u>	<u>September 2024</u>
<p>4-7 4-H Camp 6 Dept. N Meeting 6pm with Council to follow 15 Horse ID Cards due in Extension Office 15 – 20 or 20 – 27 Citizenship Washington Focus 18 Cloverbud Camp 19 Horse & Colt Committee Meeting 6pm 19 Animal Quality Assurance- 4-H Building 6:30-8pm 21 4-H Newsletter Articles Due 22 Project Rockin Wranglers Tri County Invitational Sheep & Goat Jackpot 26 Small Animal Committee 6:00pm Sale Committee 6:30 Large Animal to follow 28 MontanaFair Entries Due June 27 – July 5 - Interstate Exchange</p> <p><u>Date TBD</u> Rabbit & Cavy Workshop</p>	<p>4 Office Closed 5-7 WRS & Black Diamond Clinics and Jackpots 9-12 State 4-H Youth Congress – Bozeman 12-14 Homesteader Days in Huntley 17 Horse & Colt Meeting 6pm 19 4-H Newsletter Articles Due 20 Project Rockin Wranglers Horse Show @ Superbarn 24 Small Animal Committee 6pm, Sale Committee 6:30 Large Animal to follow</p> <p><u>Dates TBD</u> 4-H Council Budget and Policy Meeting 6pm</p>	<p>5 Dept N Interview Judging at MontanaFair 9-17 MontanaFair 16 4-H Newsletter Articles Due ** NO Dept. N or Council Meetings**</p> <p><u>October-November 2025</u> 3 Council Meeting 6:30pm **NO Dept. N** 16 Horse and Colt Meeting 18 4-H Newsletter Articles Due Nov. 6 - Dept. A Fair Rule Voting meeting 6pm</p> <p><u>Date TBD</u> Black Hills Rec Lab NILE</p>	<p>2 Labor Day-Office closed 4 Dept. A Post fair Meeting 6pm 5 Dept N Post Fair Meeting 5:30pm 5 Dept. N Meeting 6pm with Council to follow 13 – 15 State 4-H Working Ranch Horse Show 18 Horse & Colt Meeting 6pm 20 4-H Newsletter Articles Due 20 – 22 State 4-H Horse Show 25 Small Animal Committee 6pm Sale Committee 6:30 Large Animal to follow (Judge Selection meeting)</p>

Council does NOT meet in January, March, July, or August (Council does meet in October)

Dept N does NOT meet in October, January, March, July, or August

Small Animal/Sale/Large Animal do NOT meet in October, December, February, April, or August

Horse & Colt will NOT meet in November, December, January, or August

Yellowstone County Website: <https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/index.html>

- You can find this calendar as well as the monthly Newsletters and Calendars. Please read them for additions and/or changes to this yearly calendar.
 - This is also where you will find the 4-H Building calendar to see if the building is available to use for your meeting or event.
 - Meeting Minutes are posted here so you can stay up to date with what is going on in our county if you are not able to attend the meeting – *remember everyone is invited and encouraged to attend.*

- You will also find links to MontanaFair, Policies, Opportunity/Event Info as well as Record Sheets and Leader Resources that are available to everyone.

- Under “Leader Resources” you will find
 - 4-H Building Cleaning Schedule (Please be sure to add these to your club’s calendar.)
 - Council Meeting Club Assignment (Please be sure to add these to your club’s calendar.)

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DECEMBER 2023 4-H CALENDAR



4-H Building Cleaning Schedule: Compass AllStars: December 2-15

Blue Creek Jumping Bucks: December 16-29 Project Longhorns: Dec. 30-Jan. 12

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 10:00 or 1:00 Ceramics workshop <i>79 Whitehorse South Road, Laurel</i> 10:00 Sheep & Goat Workshop <i>4-H Building</i>
3 12:00 Archery Parent Meeting 1:30 Rifle meeting Both at the <i>4-H Building</i>	4 6:00 Family Orientation Night <i>4-H Building</i>	5	6	7 5:30 Post FFN Meeting 6:00 Dept. N with Council to follow <i>4-H Building</i>	8	9
10 2:30 Leadership Academy <i>County Courthouse Room 105</i>	11	12	13	14 6:00 Shooting Sports Leader Meeting <i>4-H Building</i>	15 Counselor/CIT & Ambassador Applications Due Newsletter Articles Due	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 Holiday Office Closed	26	27	28	29	30
31	Jan. 1 Holiday Office Closed	Jan. 2 5:30 Fruit Sale Coordinators Meeting <i>4-H Building</i>				