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

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Closed for Holidays

MSU Extension Update

Hello, I am the new Administrative Assistant at the Extension Office! A little about me, I grew up in Northern California showing pigs, beef, and dairy cattle. I am very excited for this next chapter, and I look forward to working with all of you!

-Emily Marcussen

2025 Fair Theme

4-H: **Hunting for Success**

2024-2025 4-H Year

Enrollment started October 1st! You can now enroll online by visiting 4h.zsuite.org.
[Find out more information here.](#)

Re-enrollments received after December 31st will require a \$50.00 late enrollment fee per family. New family enrollments are due by May 1st to qualify for Fair, but new families can enroll at any time.

Communication!

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

2025 Event dates

- Grand Foods - February 8
- Panda Express FUNdraiser- February 13
- Sweetheart Spaghetti Feed- February 15
- Lakeside FUNdraiser- March 20
- Leprechaun Ball - March 28
- Rec Lab- March 28-30
- Quality Assurance- April 6
- Slim Chickens FUNdraiser- April 8
- 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

Helena Grand Foods

Saturday, February 8th, 2025 from 9:00-4:00 p.m.
East Helena Middle School

This event is for 4-H members who would like to challenge themselves with preparation of a new food that can be used for a special event.

Open to all youth members whether or not you are enrolled in Foods & Nutrition project. **Registration information will be sent out through the project leader as well as your club leader.**

***There will not be a Stir-Ups Contest this year.**

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.

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.**

<https://bit.ly/leprechaunball>

County 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.**

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

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

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Upcoming State Events

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

February 9th 3:00-4:00 p.m.

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

Montana 4-H Rec Lab - March TBD

This event is a 4-H member favorite: It provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication, and team building 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.](#)

County 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!

February

4-H FUNdraiser at Panda Express

Order anytime from **10:00a.m. - 9:30p.m. on Thursday, February 13th either in person or online at Panda Express here in Helena.** Be sure to bring your flyer on phone or paper. Show the image below at the time of purchase.



Fundraiser for
**Lewis and Clark 4-H
Foundation**

20% of event sales will be donated

Lewis and Clark 4-H is a youth empowered organization. We have over 400 youth enrolled.



When

Thursday, February 13, 2025
Time: 10:00 AM to 9:30 PM

Where

Panda Express located at:
3075 N. Sanders St. Helena MT 59601
(406) 449 - 8898

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!

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



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, February 12th at 6:00p.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 Annual Meeting: **Wednesday, February 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.

Indoor Committee

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

[Indoor minutes available online here.](#)

Outdoor Committee

The next Outdoor meeting is **Monday, February 3rd at 5:00 p.m. in the BHB.** Please contact David Hamilton with a with any questions.

[Outdoor minutes available online here.](#)

Fundraising Committee Meeting

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.



[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

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[Outdoor minutes available online here.](#)

4-H summer Camp Counselors

Hello counselors, we're off to a great start! Our next meeting is **Sunday, February 23 at 2:00 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 1000 Helena Avenue.** You should have three camp songs learned and ready to present. AT this meeting, you'll present one of those songs to our group. You can do this in teams of two or three if you don't want to do it alone. The hope is that we'll have some new songs to bring to camp this year. YOu'll also present three mythical creatures that you'd like to explore more for our camp theme.

Please note: We need several more male teen counselors! We'll have to limit how many 4-H boys can attend camp if we don't get a few more teen guys to sign up as counselors. Please contact Luke at 406-461-7799 or ElementL@icloud.com if you'd like to help us out and learn more.

Our overnight camp counselor retreat in Great Falls is Feb. 28 and Mar. 1.



4-H Summer Camp Counselor Training

COMMITTEE MEETINGS & INFORMATION

2025 4-H Legislative Breakfast

A special thanks to the Lewis & Clark 4-H Foundation for making a substantial donation in support of the biennial Legislative Breakfast event that coincides with the Citizenship Seminar. At the breakfast, 4-H attendees are seated with senators and representatives from the Montana Legislature to discuss 4-H, share their stories, and advocate for the value of the 4-H program and Montana Extension Service.



Prickly Pear 4-H club members Asa and Nava Rivas, Maya Parr and Lexi Peterson enjoy a good conversation with Montana Senator Mary Ann Dunwell (right) at the 2025 4-H Legislative Breakfast

Citizenship Seminar

Nearly 100 4-H youth from across the state gathered at the BHB to participate in the biennial Citizenship Seminar. The state 4-H program is incredibly grateful for the use of the BHB for this event, and to the Lewis & Clark County 4-H volunteers who donated meal items and hosted an excellent lunch for all the attendees. Special thanks to Jenne Caudle and Karyn Hamilton for going above and beyond!

At the Seminar, 4-H'ers wrote bills, formed committees, and voted on their bills in a mock legislature. This is an excellent event where 4-H youth learn about the legislative process, meet with state government officials, practice leadership, and take tours of the Capitol and Old Governor's Mansion, as well as some state agencies.

Photo caption: County attendees at the Citizenship Seminar; a voluntary (and delicious) lunch sponsored by Lewis & Clark County 4-H.

County attendees at the Citizenship Seminar; a voluntary (and delicious) lunch sponsored by Lewis & Clark County 4-H.



Indoor Project Updates

Ambassadors

Superintendent - Beverly Schneider

Michaela Stewart & Meg White

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

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Our next Ambassadors Meeting will be **Sunday, February 23rd at 4PM at Life Covenant Church, 800 N. Hoback Room 202-204.**

We're in the process of planning a fair event or two, putting together a video to encourage others to apply to be a Lewis and Clark Ambassador and pulling ideas together for Awards Night in the spring. In January we did a bunch of brainstorming and dreaming about how we'd like this to take shape moving forward. It's an ongoing conversation! We look forward to seeing you there! Please reach out if you have any questions!

Meg White: (406) 431-7811

Michaela Stewart: (406) 459-2568

Gardening

Superintendent - Jessica Kinyon

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Our next workshop will be **Monday February 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.

Outdoor Adventures

Superintendent - Matt Van Syckle

Jen Van Syckle

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We will have our first meeting in **March.** This will be held at the library and be classroom learning which we'll use once the weather is nicer. Watch your email and the newsletter closer to the time for details! Please feel free to reach out with any questions.

Cloverbuds

Superintendent - Michaela Stewart

Junior - Dallas Blaney

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

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A huge thank you to Russ for coming and doing a robotics demo and helping us build catapults! For February, we will have special guest Jess Kinyon to lead a workshop on gardening. See you on the **February 17th!**

Scrapbooking

Superintendent - Brenda Johnson

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Welcome to scrapbooking. This 4-H year we will meet **one weekend in June 2025 (date TBD)** going over what makes a great scrapbook and then putting one together. A supply list will be provided in the coming newsletters. If you have questions on this project, please reach out to johnson.brendakay@yahoo.com. I look forward to working with you!

Cake Decorating

Superintendent - Michelle King

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Cake decorating workshop will be February 13th at 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at Headwater's Covenant Church downstairs. Please bring what tools you have for cake decorating, about six sugar cookies to decorate, a buttercream frosting (either homemade or store bought) and your questions. Please send text to Michelle at 337-296-3683 if you are able to come or if you have questions

Teen Leadership

Superintendent - Beverly Schneider
Michaela Stewart & Meg White

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Our next Leadership meeting will be **Sunday, February 23rd at 5PM at Life Covenant Church, 800 N. Hoback Room 202-204.** Team building, snacks, leadership activities and working on our service project; a sequence of videos to help 4H families navigate all kinds of things 4H! We'd love to see project members there.

Please reach out if you have any questions!

Meg White (406) 431-7811
Michaela Stewart: (406) 459-2568

Woodworking

Superintendent - Scott Johnson

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Our next workshop will be **Sunday, February 23rd, 2:00p.m.-3:00p.m. in the BHB.**

Mark your calnder with these future dates:

- Tuesday March 25th- 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m. in the BHB
- Tuesday April 22nd- 6:00p.m.-7:00p.m. in the BHB



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COUNTY 4-H**
MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

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Foods & Nutrition

Superintendent - Mandy Rambo

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The February workshop is actually Grand Foods Competition and will be **February 8, 2025**, held at the **East Helena Middle School**. You can also sign up for Grand Foods no later than 5:00pm on Wednesday, January 29, 2025. PLEASE NOTE: You will not select a time, and I will be scheduling anytime from 9am-12 noon based on the number of judges I am able to secure. If you have scheduling needs, there is a place in the form to notate that.

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.

Foods workshops for the remainder of the year are below:

- February 8th – Grand Foods, East Helena Middle School (Please note – **this will be Grand Foods ONLY**. There will not be a Stir-Ups event this year due to short staffing in the Extension Office and my personal availability is such that I cannot take on both by myself. Since we only had 2 competitors in Stir-Ups for the last two years, it was decided to discontinue it until staffing is better).
- March 8th – Headwaters Covenant Church
- April 12th – Headwaters Covenant Church
- May 10th – Headwaters Covenant Church

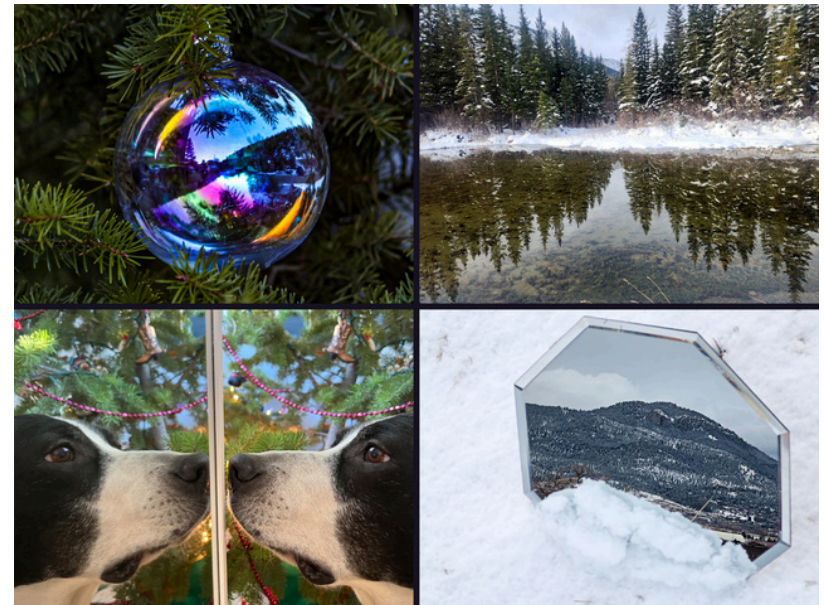
Photography

Superintendent - Luke Duran

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4-H photographers shared their "seasonal reflection" images at our January meeting, and we had a good critique and discussion. We also explored how shutter speed works, and how it affects a photograph. The Photo Challenge for February is to take images of shadows, both naturally occurring, and shadows created by the photographer. We'll review those images at our February photography meeting, **Thursday, February 20 at 5:30 p.m. St. John's Lutheran Church, 1000 Helena Avenue**. We'll also continue our coverage of the "Exposure Triangle:" Shutter speed, ISO and Aperture. For details, visit the 4-H photography website at <https://lc4hphoto.com/challenges/>

Visit [LC4HPhoto.com](https://lc4hphoto.com) for more information.



Clockwise from top left: as sample of seasonal reflection photos from 4-H photographers Alyssa White; Brody Gulick; Melissa Klatt; Ellie Linton

Sewing

Superintendent - Rachel Carroll Rivas

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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

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

Pocket Pets

Superintendent - CJ Lassila

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The Pocket Pets project meets at **7:00p.m. on the third Monday of the month.** Our next workshop will be on **Monday February 7th at 7:00p.m. in the 4-H Building.**

At our January 20th workshop, we learned about the Pet Palaces of our project members – that means we reviewed pictures of their pets' homes (such as cages, aquariums and terrariums). We also met three Pocket Pets of project member Milly. She brought two fancy mice and a deer mouse to show us and teach us about caring for mice.



Pet Mice - Photos by C.J. Lassila

Shooting Sports

Overall Superintendent- Vanessa Olson

Air Rifle- James Johnson

Archery- Ben Rude

Muzzleloading Superintendent - Les Gransbery

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Don't the new floors and paint look fantastic. Thank you to everyone who helped move the Shooting Sports equipment out and then back in again. We had great attendance at the Mini Shoot. The **awards will be given out at the banquet in March.** I know there were some personal bests shot at the mini shoot. Hope everyone had fun at the fun nights. **The next ones will be March 18 & March 20.**

TIMES FOR AIR & ARCHERY

Tuesdays - Air Rifle at 5:45 pm and 7:00 pm in the BHB –
Please arrive early as we will begin shooting at 5:45 & 7:00.
Thursdays - Archery at 5:30, 6:30 and 7:30 in the BHB
Times may change slightly depending on the number of shooters and coaches' schedules.

TOURNAMENTS

As tournaments are announced, they will be posted in the GOOGLE folder Ben emailed and will be posted on the whiteboard.

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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

Please watch the newsletter for monthly updates on tournaments, trainings, and any changes to the schedules. Please contact me if you have any questions

Robotics

Superintendent - Russell Reed

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Our next Robotics meeting is **February 20th from 5:30 to 7:30p.m. at First Baptist Church, across from Central School.**

EV3/Spike Prime Lego robotics will continue to do builds with their robots. I will be bringing additional remote-controlled cars to go over movement and we will also work on a movement challenge as a group.

Junk drawer will be working on their marshmallow catapult.

Please bring your project books and notebooks, especially junk drawer, as we will be using our notebooks to write down the data we collect.

As a reminder, each 4H member needs a record book for robotics, either digitally on Z-suites, or their own handwritten record books. They will be checked by their 4H club leaders after the fair.

See you in February!

Vet Science

Superintendent - Amanda Luikens

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- **Feb-** is game night at east helena library. I will get a date and let you know.
 - **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 cows part 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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Happy 2025 – only three months until 4-H Sport Fishing begins in April. This project will meet weekly on Tuesday evenings starting on April 15th and go until early to mid-August. Come learn current Montana fishing regulations and fish identification, and then enjoy nearby outdoor locations where you will experience a variety of fishing opportunities. There is an additional fee of \$20.00 to participate in this project (must be paid to the 4-H office).



Photos by C.J. Lassila.

Welding/Small Engines

Superintendent - Tracy Bailey

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We've had a couple workshops for both welding and small engines, and I think they all went ok.

The welders fabbed/welded up a stand for the small engine project so they can mount an engine to work on their engines more securely.

- I'll have my shop open for small engines on **February 12th and for welding on February 20th, both days from 6:00p.m.-7:30p.m.**
- I'll have a combined safety workshop for both projects on **February 6th at 6:00p.m.** My insurance requires this for all 4H project participants if they intend to use my shop. I'll email those that need this safety workshop.

As always, you can text or email me with any questions you have about either program any time you need to.

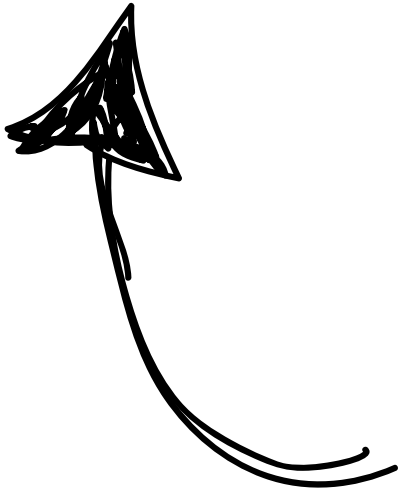
Visual Arts

Superintendent - Brenda Johnson

Junior - Melissa Klatt

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Workshops are for all 4-H members ages 8-19 years old. At workshops, guest speakers will talk about and demonstrate different art mediums. Then the 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 at the Bill Hamilton Building at the Lewis and Clark County Fairgrounds** on the following dates: **Feb 2; Mar 2; Apr 6; May 4 and Jun 1.**



We got a donation of several small engines from Mr. Aaron Mook that are available for use. Not sure if they operate or not but they are for small engine folks to troubleshoot, repair and use.

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.**

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

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.

- February 12th - Meat Processor
- March 12 - Brand Inspections
- April 6th Weigh-in back of BHB 10:00 -11:00 a.m.
- April 6th Barn Practice in the Multi-Purpose Building 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- April 12th - Ethics
- May 4th Weigh-In back of BHB 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- May 4th Barn Practice in the Multi-Purpose Building 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- May 14th - Judging
- June 1st Weigh-In back of BHB 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- June 1st Barn Practice in the Multi-Purpose Building 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
- June 18th - Fair Expectations/Showmanship
- June 19th - Mandatory Beef Walk #1 back of the BHB 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.
- June 21st - Mandatory Beef Walk #2 back of the BHB 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.
- July 1st - Fitting at the BHB near scale house
- July 13th Weigh-In back of the BHB 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Dog

Superintendent - Laurie & Bill Sullivan

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Obedience:

The Dog Project has completed its first full month of Obedience and Agility Training. **We will be meeting on February 1, 2025, at the Bill Hamilton Building. The 1st year Dog Project members will meet at 8:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m.** Please remember to bring your dog bags with all your supplies and treats. Also, remember to bring special treats such as string cheese or hotdogs to entice your dog to learn new things. Attendance is very important!

All posters for the first years can be presented at any time. Please let me know so we can allocate time during class for your presentation.

The 2nd year and 3rd year Dog Project members will meet at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Please remember to bring your supplies and treats.

The rest of the meeting dates for Obedience are February 1, 8, 15, 22, and March 1, 2025.

FEBRUARY 22, 2025, WE WILL BE HAVING OUR DIY DOG MARKETING EVENT. Multiple teams of dog members (second year and above) will be giving demonstrations on how to make a toy, treat, hygiene products, or educational game for dogs. Please stop by and see the kids. We will be starting at 10:45 a.m. Attendance is required for all first-year dog project members.

Dog

Superintendent - Laurie & Bill Sullivan

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Agility:

The Agility portion of the Dog Project **will meet on Friday, February 7, 2025, at the BHB. The class will meet from 5:15 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. The first years will be available to setup and start training by 5:30 p.m.** The second years and beyond will start at 6:30 p.m. and will tear down. Please wear the appropriate clothing and tennis shoes, crates, and treats. A separate email will be sent with more details.

The agility members will have only 1 practice time on February 22, 2025, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. We will be having a Weave Pole workshop at the BHB with Catherine LeCours. This will be the only practice time for this day due to the DIY Marketing Event on February 22, 2025.



Poultry

Superintendent - Lexie Edwards
C.J. Lassila

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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 December 6th 2024 workshop, 4-H Poultry celebrated the holidays by reviewing information about species and breeds of Poultry using a Poultry Edition of the TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS. At our January 31st 2025 workshop, we discussed incubators, brooders, and selecting chicks.



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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).

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

Horse

Superintendent - Beckie Graham

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Our next workshop is **February 2nd, at 4:00p.m. at the BHB** with guests from Montana Equine.

Future meetings:

- February 10th Clinic Roping- 5:30p.m. at 6515 Green Meadow Dr.
- February 24th Clinic Roping- 5:30p.m. at 6515 Green Meadow Dr.
- March 1st Clinic Showmanship with Terry Olson. Times will be assigned by levels. Emails will get sent out with your assigned time.

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:

- February 9th at 3:00 p.m. in the BHB
- 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 **February 24th, at 5:30p.m. in the BHB**. Please no rabbits at this meeting.

We will start practicing showmanship at the March meeting. If you do not have a rabbit, please speak to me at the meeting or reach via text/email.

Please reach out if you have any questions.

Future meetings:

- February 24th
- March 17th
- April 28th
- May 19th
- June 30th

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.

Swine

Superintendent - Katie Grady-Selby
Brandon Dearing

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

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Swine Possession Date - Tuesday, April 15th

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

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

Thank you to all that have come to our workshops! Future workshop dates are below. Make sure you attend 2 workshops to attend fair. Please continue to reach out with questions or concerns.

Mark your calendar for the following dates:

- February 16th - Field trip to John Rauser's in Townsend at 10:00 a.m.
- March 16th - Ultra sounding at 11:00 a.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.

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

Thank you for all who have been attending the workshops. We look forward to seeing more of you as the year goes on. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to text/call or email.

Mark your calendar for the following dates:

- Healthy Lamb Feb 9th- 3:00p.m.-4:00p.m. in the BHB
- Workshop March 3r-d 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)

4-H Clubs

Canyon Creek Stock

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Canyon Creek Stock will be holding our 21st Annual Sweetheart Spaghetti Feed on **Saturday, February 15th from 4p.m.-7p.m.** at the **Helena Valley Community Center @ 3553 Tizer Road Helena See less.**

The raffle this year is a ½ Beef cut and wrapped, Anglar Kayak, Blackstone griddle. We encourage all to attend as we have given thousands of dollars back to help fund different areas of 4-H (beef panels, all panels, pig barn fan and wash wrack, buckles, 4-H Camp, etc.)

Please visit <https://www.facebook.com/share/19kwp5t1vH/> for more information



Wild Roses

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Wild Roses held both December and January club meetings in the Bill Hamilton 4-H Building. In December we reviewed a photo of our club wreath donated to the Festival of Trees, saw the 2025 Montana 4-H Calendar that our club is selling and had sign-ups for Christmas Gift Wrapping at Murdoch's. Then we had a presentation by Scrapbook Project Leader Brenda Johnson about how to make Christmas Scrapbook pages and each club member got to do a scrapbook page to take home. Thank you, Brenda!

In January we celebrated our successful gift wrapping at Murdock's, approved language for a grant application to Farmer's Union and reviewed this year's upcoming 4-H events. Club members also observed a practice interview for Grand Foods.



February 2025

*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 |
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| | | | | | | 1 Dog Obedience, 8:30 a.m., BHB |
| 2 Visual Arts Meeting 1pm-2:30pm, BHB Horse Meeting 4pm-6pm, BHB Sewing Workshop 5pm-6pm St. Johns Lutheran Church | 3 Outdoor Committee Meeting 5pm-6:30pm BHB Treaters \$ Feeders 4-H Club meeting 7pm-8pm, BHB | 4 Air Rifle/Pistol 5:30pm-8pm, BHB | 5 Foundation Meeting 5:30pm-7pm, BHB | 6 Archery, 5:30pm, 6:30pm, and 7:30pm., BHB | 7 Dog Agility Starting at 5:15pm-9:00pm, BHB | 8 Dog Obedience, 8:30 a.m., BHB Grand Foods 9am-4pm, East Helena High School |
| 9 Sheep & Goat workshop 3pm-4pm, BHB Leadership Academy, 3:00 p.m., Zoom Big Sky 4-H Club Meeting 4:30pm-6pm, BHB | 10 Wild Roses 4-H Club Meeting 6pm-8pm, BHB | 11 Air Rifle/Pistol 5:30pm-6:30pm, BHB | 12 Beef Meeting 6pm-7pm, East Helena Fireman's Recreation Hall 2 E. Pacific St. Council Meeting 6pm-8pm, BHB | 13 FUNdraiser at Panda Express 10am-9:30pm Archery, 5:3pm, 6:30pm, and 7:30pm, BHB | 14 | 15 Dog Obedience 8:30am-1pm, BHB Canyon Creek Stock 21st Annual Sweetheart Spaghetti Feed 4pm-7pm @ Helena Valley Community Center |
| 16 Swine Workshop 10am-11am, John Rauser's in Townsend Last Chance Livestock 4-H Club Meeting 5:30pm-8pm, BHB | 17 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-7:30pm, BHB | 20 Archery at 5:30pm, 6:30pm, ad 7:30pm, BHB | 21 Dog Agility 5:00pm-9:00pm, BHB | 22 Dog Obedience 8:30am-1:00pm, BHB |
| 23 Woodworking 2:00pm-3pm | 24 Rabbit Meeting 5:30pm-6:30pm, BHB | 25 Air Rifle/Pistol 5:30pm and 6:30pm, BHB | 26 | 27 Archery 5:30pm, 6:30pm, and 7:30pm, BHB | 28 | |