

4-H NEWSLETTER-AUGUST 2024

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4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

Everyone attending Congress had an enjoyable time and learned more about 4-H. The results show our members worked hard this year - congratulations.

MontanaFair 4-H Office phone numbers:

Department A 4-H fair office in the ExpoCenter large bay - 406-869-5203

Department N 4-H fair office in the ExpoCenter small bay – 406-869-5206

Roni Baker

Yellowstone County 4-H/Youth Agent

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CONGRESS ATTENDEES AND RESULTS

The following members represented Yellowstone County at 4-H Congress in Bozeman. A great learning experience for all.

Member	4-H Club	Competitive Event or Committee
Carson Adkins	Northern Lights	Gavel Games – Team 1 st
Molly Arnold	Shepherd Pioneers	Quilting
Wade Bekkedahl	Hesper Hustlers	Welding – State Award Winner Video – 1 st
Evan Cass	City Kids	Public Speaking
Naomi Cass	City Kids	Gavel Games – Team 1 st
Kimber Crockett	Shepherd Pioneers	Quilting
Ella Gallagher	City Kids	Demonstration
Iris Gallagher	City Kids	Delegate
Cale Hockhalter	City Kids	Demonstration
Brooklyn Kuhr	Hesper Hustlers	Quilting
Aidan Lentz	Lockwood Humble Bs	Gavel Games – Team 1 st
Ariel Petersen	Hesper Hustlers	Quilting – State Award Winner Quilting – 2 nd
Erin Robertson	Yellowstone Mavericks	Gavel Games – Team 1 st
Hazel Russell	City Kids	Quilting – 3 rd
Grace Sedlacek	Hesper Hustlers	Delegate
Cadence Sims	Ruff Riders	New State Officer :Publicity Chairman

EVERYONE PRACTICE THE 4-H PLEDGE DURING MONTANAFAIR

We reminder members and leaders to embody the 4-H Pledge during this busy time at MontanaFair. Council, (2) the Montana 4-H Foundation, and (3) the Montana 4-H Youth Cabinet. I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

MONTANAFAIR OPEN CLASS ENTRIES ENCOURAGED

I would encourage members and parents to enter items at the MontanaFair in the Open classes. All the forms and entry information are at www.MontanaFair.com by looking under "Exhibitors". You can enter crops, wool, gardening, sewing, crafts, artwork, and many other categories. ~ Roni

4-H EXHIBITORS PICK UP MONTANAFAIR PACKETS AUGUST 5

Remember to pick up your MontanaFair packets on Interview Judging Day, **Monday**, August 5 between 9:00 am to 7:00 pm in the **Expo Building at MetraPark**. Even if you are not participating in Department N Interview Judging, you can stop by the 4-H Fair office in the Expo and pick up your MontanaFair packet. Be sure to read all information carefully.

Park behind the Expo where the Grandstand used to be. Enter through the back door to check in. You will bring your exhibits through this door also.

PROCEDURE FOR INTERVIEW JUDGING

1. **REGISTRATION TABLE:** Pick up your entry blanks and tags during your clubs' assigned time. If you did not complete all the items you listed on your entry blank, be sure they are crossed off at the registration table and the tags for those items are discarded.
2. **TAGGING:** Pins, staples and tape will be available at the tagging tables. You will need to securely attach each tag to your exhibit.
3. **JUDGING:** Choose a project to be judged and stand in that specific project line (e.g., photos are judged in the Photography category. Each waiting line is identified.) until you are directed to a judge. Once judging is done, get your next project and repeat the process until all your projects have been judged.
4. **RIBBONS:** When the judge has finished marking your entry blank and tag with the placing, you will take the project to the ribbon area where a ribbon will be attached.
5. **DISPLAY:** Once ribbons have been put on your projects, take them, and display them in your club's booth.
6. **Please take all food items to the "Food Display Area" in Dept. N.** Food items will be displayed on shelves, risers, tables, in glass cases and in refrigerated cases.

PARENTS please note: The interview judging process is a wonderful learning opportunity for your member. It takes time to communicate with the judge the new skills learned and for the judge to evaluate and teach. Please plan for your member to be involved with the judging for 1-2 hours. This will be a great opportunity for you to assist where needed and visit with other 4-H families.

2024 DEPARTMENT N INTERVIEWS-CLUB JUDGING SCHEDULE AUGUST 5

***Important* Judging will end at 1:00 pm for the early session and at 7:00 pm for the evening session. PLAN AHEAD and Check-In EARLY** to allow yourself time to wait in line if necessary. **Judges will be leaving their shifts at 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm.** Check-in will be open for members from 8:30 am until 6:45 pm.

EARLY JUDGING SESSION

9:00 am - 1:00 pm. **Please Check-in EARLY as judges leave at 1:00 pm**

Club Name	Club Name
City Kids	Northern Lights
Shepherd Pioneers	Project Rockin Wranglers
Shepherd Firecrackers	Yellowstone Mavericks
Lockwood Humble B's	Whips & Sticks
Big Sky Thunderbolts	Cool Clovers
Worden Riverdale	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Huntley Eagles	

EVENING JUDGING SESSION

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm **Please Check-in EARLY as judges leave at 7:00 pm**

Club Name	Club Name
Ruff Riders	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
Shepherd Lonestars	Project Longhorns

Hesper Hustlers
Explorers
Laurel Roadrunners
Kountry Kritters

Pine Ridge Red Ryder
Yellowstone Silver Spurs
Compass AllStars
Shepherd Wranglers

Contact Chris Martin @ 248-1425 prior to August 5 if you cannot make your club's scheduled time.

CHECK OUT OF EXHIBITS

ALL exhibits must be removed from the 4-H Department N area on **Sunday, August 18 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**. If you are unable to pick up your exhibits, please arrange for someone else to do so. Be sure to provide a list and description of each item to the person picking them up.

BLUE RIBBON INTERVIEWING SKILLS

Read and practice these skills before your interview at MontanaFair.

Why should you develop good interviewing skills? Interview skills are a necessity of life. As you grow up you will be interviewed for scholarships, jobs, committees, etc. You will also want to interview other people you wish to hire to do jobs for you. Some examples are babysitter for your children, person hired to mow your lawn or paint your house.

Tips for Making a Good First Impression. How to Introduce Yourself.

1. Dress appropriately
2. Look at the interviewer
3. Shake hands with the interviewer
4. Smile!
5. Introduce yourself. "My name is _____."

What to do after the Introduction

1. Sit down
2. Lean slightly forward
3. Look at the interviewer

The Actual Interview – At some point you will be asked about your project. This is your big chance to impress the judge! Be excited about your project. Explain why you chose this project and why it interests you. Tell the interviewer about any problems you encountered, and how you overcame them. Be prepared to talk about your project for at least 3 minutes. Make a list of things you can talk about, and practice talking about them before the actual interview.

Remember, if YOU are not excited and enthusiastic about your project, how can you expect the interviewer to get excited about it? It is okay to be nervous-most people are. The judges understand-they have been there before themselves. Don't let the nervousness ruin your chances for a good interview.

Closing of the Interview-Wait for some indication from the interviewer that the interview is finished. Thank the interviewer, smile, shake hands again, and exit.

Role Play-Practice shaking hands and introduce yourself. Practice telling someone else about your project. Practice will help you to be more comfortable at your interview.

What's Not Cool? Believe it or not, all of these have happened during the 4-H interviews:

- *Thumb sucking or fingernail biting.
- *Gum chewing.
- *Bad grooming...dirty hands or fingernails, unwashed or uncombed hair, dirty clothing.
- *Hair twirling.
- *Wimpy handshake...but a wimpy one is better than none.
- *Eating food or drinking pop.
- *Avoiding eye contact with the interviewer.
- *Holding your head up with your hand.
- *Looking bored or disinterested.
- *Not knowing why your project is neat, special, great or exciting. If it wasn't at least interesting to you, why would you bother to spend so much time doing it?

You may be asked questions like:

- *What did you like best about this project?
- *Why did you choose this project?
- *Have you taken this project before?
- *What other things did you make or raise this year?
- *What makes this a good project?
- *What did you learn from this project?
- *How much did it cost?
- *Did you receive help making (raising) your project?
- *Do you plan to take this project again?
- *If you don't like this project, what will you try next year?

ICE CREAM BOOTH COUPONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

How about a special treat for your 4-H leader, 4-H members, grandpa and grandma, a special neighbor, or someone who helped you with your 4-H project? You can purchase and give ice cream tickets to family and friends and let them enjoy our ice cream at the MontanaFair.

PRICING FOR 2024: Flavor of the Day: \$3 for a cone/\$4 for a cup; all other flavors \$4 for a cone and \$5 for a cup. For \$15 you may purchase five ice cream booth tickets to use as you wish. Tickets will be available for purchase at Department N Interview Judging Day, August 5 and in Department N during fair. Questions: Call the Department N 4-H fair office at 406-869-5206.

4-H ICE CREAM BOOTH CLUB SHIFTS AT MONTANAFAIR

All clubs in Yellowstone County are required to work the ice cream booth during fair. **Funds raised in the ice cream booth go to the 4-H Council to provide funds for 4-H projects and activities.** Each club working a two-hour shift will be given gate admission tickets as needed. The schedule below indicates your club's assigned times. Each club should bring along a receipt book or scratch pieces of paper to write orders on. Thank you for making the 4-H Ice Cream Booth a success.

2024 Ice Cream Booth Club Work Shifts

Saturday, August 10

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Big Sky Thunderbolts
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Explorers & Shepherd Lonestar's
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Huntley Eagles
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Huntley Eagles
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Shepherd Tumbleweeds

Sunday, August 11

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Worden Riverdale
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Worden Riverdale
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Yellowstone Mavericks

Monday, August 12

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Laurel Roadrunners
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Laurel Roadrunners
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Shepherd Firecrackers
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Project Rockin Wranglers
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Project Rockin Wranglers

Tuesday, August 13

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Cool Clovers & Out of County
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Northern Lights
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Pine Ridge Red Ryder
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Lockwood Humble B's
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Lockwood Humble B's

Wednesday, August 14

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Shepherd Wranglers & Whips and Sticks
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Yellowstone Silver Spurs
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	City Kids
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	City Kids

Thursday, August 15

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Shepherd Pioneers
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Shepherd Pioneers
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Northern Lights
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Ruff Riders
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Ruff Riders

Friday, August 16

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Kountry Kritters
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Kountry Kritters
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Hesper Hustlers
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Hesper Hustlers
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Project Longhorns & Shepherd Firecrackers

Saturday, August 17

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Compass All Stars
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	Compass All Stars
3:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Yellowstone Mavericks
5:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Yellowstone Silver Spurs
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Big Sky Thunderbolts

ICE CREAM BOOTH DUTIES

Everyone working in the Ice Cream Booth should read this list of duties before working in the booth. There will be a sign in sheet at the booth when you arrive.

- At least 7 people (two adults and five 4-H members) are needed from each club for every two-hour shift. Five will serve the ice cream and one will take orders and one will handle the money. For sanitation purposes, people handling the money should not also be scooping ice cream.
- Must be at least 12 years old to work in the booth - Organizational Leader can decide differently.
- Must be at least 16 years old to run the cash box - Organizational Leader can decide differently.
- Remember to wash your hands before starting your shift.
- You must wear one of the 4-H aprons.
- Everyone must wear the plastic gloves provided.
- Long hair must be tied back.
- No eating or drinking in the ice cream booth.
- All 4-Her's on duty must stay in the ice cream booth and work until their shift is over.
- Workers are required to wear appropriate clothing. No spaghetti strap tops, no stomachs showing, no sagging pants. If you are not dressed appropriately, you will be asked to put on a T-shirt that will be provided.

****ADULTS ARE THERE TO SUPERVISE****

WHEN SERVING ICE CREAM

- Be polite and smile! Say thank you!
- Always use a napkin to pick up and serve the cone.
- Scoop one **good size ball of ice cream**.
- Always clean the scoop between servings.
- Wipe off counters when not busy.
- Change water as needed, using cold water from laundry room.
- Set out more napkins and cones as needed.

TO CLEAN UP

- Start cleaning up 15 minutes before your shift ends.

- Clean out all the spilled ice cream from inside the freezers and throw it away.
- Wipe down the outsides of all the ice cream freezers.
- Wipe down the counters.
- Restock napkins and cones on the counters.
- Change scoop water and refill with cold water.
- Sweep floor in ice cream booth and surrounding area.
- Empty garbage as needed.

After your club has cleaned up, the adult in charge of your club must find the fair clerk on duty. The fair clerk will okay the cleanup, and only then will the clerk count your money and let you sign out.

ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXHIBITORS DURING MONTANAFAIR

In Department N (Expo Small Bay) we want to have as many activities going on as possible. If you are interested in doing a presentation, workshop, talk about the 4-H program, trips, or activities, please contact Roni at the Extension Office at 406-256-2828. A list of activities being held in Department N will be posted each day in the department. Come learn about 4-H Congress, Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington D.C., National Congress in Atlanta or one of the other many opportunities available in 4-H.

DAILY SCAVENGER HUNT IN DEPARTMENT N AREA

Visit Department N each day during MontanaFair to participate in "The Hunt". There will be a list of 10 items which are hidden in various club booths. The items will be moved to different booths each day. Complete a form identifying when where you located the items, and your name will be put into a daily drawing for prizes. Prizes include night show tickets, ride tickets and 4-H items. (CMA/7/30/17)

MONTANAFAIR POTENTIAL JUDGES FOR 2025

Your input on names of people who are qualified to be judges in all areas of the MontanaFair is needed. Bring the names and full contact information for potential livestock judges to the Livestock Meeting on September 4, 2024. These dates are set early so judges can be contacted early. Names of potential judges can be given to the Extension Office at any time, but we will discuss and recommend livestock judges at the September meeting. Names and contact information for Department N judges need to be brought to the Dept. N meeting on September 5, 2024. Your input is very important.

OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARDS

A committee is beginning to work on Outstanding Member awards. Your help is needed. Contact Roni at the Extension Office if you want to give input to the committee or serve on the Outstanding Member Awards Committee.

4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development is recruiting energetic, involved 4-H members to serve on three different governing bodies: (1) the Montana 4-H Council, (2) the Montana 4-H Foundation, and (3) the Montana 4-H Youth Cabinet. Requirements follow:

- You must be at least 14 years of age by October 1, 2023.
- You must not have served as a state 4-H ambassador officer.
- You must have been involved in the Montana 4-H program for at least 3 years.
- You must be willing to serve a 2-year term if a junior, a 1-year term if a senior this fall in high school.
- You must be willing to actively participate in all meetings-both virtual and real time.
- You must have the approval of your county agent.

For more information and applications, contact the Extension Office.

BLACK HILLS RECREATION LEADERS CONFERENCE

September 21-27, are the dates for the 2024 annual conference held at the Outlaw Ranch near Custer, SD. This camp is for adults and teens 16 or older. This educational organization is dedicated to teaching leadership and personal growth through recreation and the creative use of leisure time. In addition to workshops, leadership is a key focus.

Black Hills Recreation Leaders Lab, for 78 years, has cultivated leaders who have become widely known experts in their fields of leadership, youth development and recreation. Often referred to as Rec Lab, BHRL is an experiential learning environment, offering relevant, marketable knowledge and skills that positively influence your impact on the world.

BHRL provides life enhancing skills and wisdom to make wholesome recreation choices regarding personal, professional, and family leisure time. The unique camp setting and group living atmosphere provides participants with opportunities for personal growth, enhanced self-esteem, group unity, and professional connections.

The conference is an excellent leadership education opportunity and can be a unique life experience for many. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Information and registration forms are accessible at the [Black Hills Recreation Leaders Laboratory website](https://www.bhrl.org/) at <https://www.bhrl.org/>

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
Steiger Grain	Rte. 1, Box 25, Pompey's Pillar MT 59064
Pioneer Poultry	3806 Pioneer Road, Billings MT 59105
S Ranch Meats	PO Box 135, Hardin MT 59024
Tvetene Turf	6844 South Frontage Road, Billings MT 59101
Cooney Livestock Trucking	328 Cooney Road, Harlowton MT 59036
Signal Peak Energies	100 Portal Drive, Roundup MT 59072
Hjelvik Seeds	6734 Hesper Road, Billings MT 59106
Stockman Bank – Billings	PO Box 80850, Billings MT 59108
Iron Bull Livestock	1745 E I Road, Ballantine MT 59006
Bromenshenk Farms	4715 Grand Avenue, Billings MT 59106

DEPARTMENT N (non-animal) POST MONTANAFAIR MEETING

The Post MontanaFair meeting for Department N will be held on **Thursday, September 5, at 5:30 pm** in the 4-H Building.

DEPARTMENT N CLERKS

4-H has an outstanding group of clerks this year! If you have any questions, look for one of the following people:

Department N Clerk

Dawson Seibold
Sherri Horsman
Jazmyn Brelje
Hope Goodburn
Eric Cannon
Jeff Martin

Department N Clerk

Jorden Trupka
Cass Kronewitter
Jennifer Cannon
TJ Martin
Ella Rollins

DEPARTMENT A (livestock) POST MONTANAFAIR MEETING

The post-MontanaFair meeting for livestock will be held **Wednesday, September 4, 6:00 pm** in the 4-H Building.

ADVICE FOR HORSE MEMBERS EXHIBITING AT MONTANAFAIR

For MontanaFair, follow the dress code on the Yellowstone County Horse Supplement and in the Exhibitors Handbook,

not the dress code in your project book. Be sure to read the rules in your packet at check-in.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Borrowed from Dr. Doug Householder, Texas A&M University

One family has this set of rules hung in the dressing room of their horse trailer:

When I compete, I

- Have a performance goal...never a “beat someone else” goal.
- Evaluate my own performance.
- Respect and learn from other competitors more skilled than myself.
- Don’t criticize other exhibitors, officials, or judges.
- Do my best today.
- Enjoy my friends and become more skilled through today’s competition.
- STAY HOME IF I CAN’T FOLLOW THE RULES!

HORSE HELMETS AVAILABLE IN EXTENSION OFFICE

You can purchase white Troxel horse helmets through the Extension Office for \$20.

MANDATORY HORSE MEETING AND HORSE MIXER INVITATION

A mandatory meeting for all horse members and parents participating in MontanaFair will be held in the SuperBarn at 3:00 pm on Thursday, August 8. A Horse Mixer will be held at 6:30 pm, Thursday, August 8 at the SuperBarn. There will be food! Come help us celebrate the opening of MontanaFair. All 4-H members are invited.

REEDS SKIPPA DANDY VERSATILITY AWARD

The Reeds Skippa Dandy Versatility Award will again be awarded following the MontanaFair 4-H Horse Show this year by the Taylor and Marcotte families. The traveling trophy and ribbon metal are awarded to the **High Point Horse** in memory of Reeds Skippa Dandy, who spent 18 years in the 4-H program with three separate 4-Her’s; Joey Lynn (Taylor) Henry, Jay Taylor and Amanda Marcotte. Dandy was the pure definition of “Versatility”.

To qualify for this award, a one-horse/one-rider combination must compete in at least four different disciplines from the following: showmanship, western, english, trail, bareback, hunter hack, pleasure driving, ranch horse, reining, games, and team penning. Good luck to you all. ~ From the Taylor and Marcotte Families

PROCEDURE FOR REPORTING EXCESSIVE ADULT INVOLVEMENT

Please use common sense in all situations. Know the whole story and do not make assumptions about what is going on in the incidents you are observing. For example, excessive adult involvement does not include a parent holding an animal for the next class when the exhibitor is in the ring showing another animal or when a parent is helping lead a steer to tie-outs. Examples of excessive adult involvement include a parent cleaning a pen or a professional fitter grooming an animal.

At the time of the incident, the **4-H/FFA member or adult** needs to:

- A)** Contact the Division Chairperson and discuss the incident they observed. The Division Chairperson will then visit with Roni Baker, Extension Agent and/or the Dept. A Superintendent(s), about the incident. OR
- B)** Contact Roni Baker, Extension Agent, and
- C)** discuss the incident they observed. This can be done through the 4-H Fair Office in the Expo Center. Roni will then visit with the Division Chairman in that species and/or Department A Superintendent(s). OR
- D)** Contact the Dept. A Superintendent(s) and discuss the incident they observed. This can be done through the 4-H Office in the Expo Center. The superintendent(s) will then visit with the Division Chairman in that species and/or Roni Baker.

First Infraction

The youth and adult need to talk to the person(s) involved in the infraction. The division Chairperson needs to write up information about the incident as reported, time, date, species, witnesses, etc. This document will be filed in the fair Livestock Office. The incident will be investigated. The people involved (member(s), adult(s), leader(s), witnesses, Division Chair(s), Extension agent and Superintendent(s) will discuss the incident.

Second Infraction

A written warning will be given to the person(s) involved-either youth or adult. Depending on the seriousness of the infraction, the Fair Livestock Committee can determine the extent of the consequences for the second infraction. Consequences can include just a warning, no participation in the sale, loss of premiums, adults will be expelled from the barn for the remainder of the fair, etcetera. The letter from the 2nd infraction must include two signatures. One signature from the Extension Agent and one from a Livestock Committee Chairman or Superintendent.

Third Infraction

If a third infraction occurs, the consequences for the adult(s) and youth may be serious and have a lasting effect. Consequences may include expulsion, loss of sale proceeds, losing the option to sell at the fair, expulsion from future fairs or any other consequence determined by the committee.

The Fair Livestock Committee will consist of the 4-H Extension Agent, Dept. A Superintendent(s), Division Chairperson(s), Jr. Chairperson(s) and the Sale Committee President.

ROUND ROBIN TRAINING CLINICS AT MONTANAFAIR

Want to brush up on your showmanship techniques? The Small Animal Round Training Clinic will be held on Tuesday, August 13, at 4:00 pm, Expo arena. The Large Animal Round Robin Training Clinic will be held Wednesday, August 14, following Swine Showmanship at approximately 5:00 pm, in the Expo arena.

MONTANAFAIR ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Be sure your animals are healthy when coming to the MontanaFair. Animals need to be lice free, in good condition and healthy overall to come to the MontanaFair.

EXHIBITING SPORTSMANSHIP AT MONTANAFAIR

Parents, please show good sportsmanship and respect to the judges at the MontanaFair. DO NOT argue with the judge; their word is final. Please set a good example.

ENTER YOUR ANIMAL IN THE 4-H COSTUME ANIMAL PARADE

Anyone can enter in the Costume Animal Parade with an animal that is entered in MontanaFair. The parade is Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30 pm. **Entries are due to the 4-H MontanaFair office by 5:00 pm on Wednesday, August 14.** You can get entry forms from the 4-H Office in the Expo. You did not have to enter it in your MontanaFair entry.

MARKET ANIMAL EXHIBITORS

Market Animal Alert! If any medication or medicated feed has been used, **make sure** that withdrawal times have been met **before** your animals are taken to the MontanaFair. If you have any questions on withdrawal time, read the label on feed sacks, bottle of medication, or consult a veterinarian. If an animal tests positive, **it may be condemned** and that could affect our livestock sale in the future.

4-H-FFA MONTANAFAIR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE

It is in everyone's best interest to contact buyers for the MontanaFair Junior Livestock Sale on Saturday, August 17, at 12:30 pm. This could include your relatives, doctor, dentist, veterinarian, grocery stores, gas stations, banker, insurance agent, etc. If you know of someone you would like the Sale Committee to contact and/or send tickets for the buyer's dinner, please contact any of these committee members:

Sale Committee Member & phone number
Trish Hays at 406-671-7493
Bill Cook at 406- 670-0689
4-H Extension Office at 406-256-2828

MONTANAFAIR THANK YOU NOTES TO BE SENT

After the MontanaFair is over, it would be very appropriate for each 4-H family to send thank you notes to the following individuals for their support of 4-H and the MontanaFair.

Yellowstone County Commissioners PO Box 35000 Billings MT 59107	MetraPark Board PO Box 2514 Billings MT 59103
Western Ag Reporter (Buyer's dinner partial sponsor) PO Box 30758 Billings MT 59107	Project Mercantile (Ice cream floats) 2416 Main Street Worden MT 59088
Yellowstone Valley Electric (Fair exhibitor sponsor) PO Box 249 Huntley MT 59037	Yellowstone County Farm Bureau (Sale dinner and Ultrasound partial sponsor) c/o Bonnie Kinsfather 1712 S 64 th Street Billings MT 59106

DEPARTMENT A CLERKS

This year we have great team of clerks. If you have any Department A questions, ask the following people:

Department A Clerk

Shelby Shaw

Coreen Cook

Connie McQuire

Cadence Sims

Department A Clerk

Ashlee Fraker

Terri Gabel

Alma Longmire

Cloee Blain

Department A Clerk

Cathy Muessig

Julie Fisher

Jorden Aller

Ellen Gabel

MONTANAFAIR PREMIUM CHECKS

Premium checks will be voided 120 days after issue date. MetraPark will be enforcing the 120-day cancellation notice. Any checks not remitted for deposit/cash will be null and void after check issue date has expired.

MONTANAFAIR PREMIUM ERRORS

If there is a problem with your premium dollars for the MontanaFair, call the Extension Office by **October 31**. All errors must be resolved before this date because the MontanaFair accounts are closed out until the next year.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE CHECKS

Checks from the sale of market animals will be mailed 45-60 days after MontanaFair, PROVIDED the Yellowstone County Extension Office has received notification that your buyer's thank you has been mailed to them. Some clubs will notify their animal volunteer who then notifies the Extension Office. If a club volunteer does not gather the information collectively from members, YOU are responsible for contacting the Yellowstone County Extension Office at 406-256-2828.

SHOWMANSHIP TIPS

Tidy Up-Waiting to go into the ring? Make sure your animal is clean and you are neat, too. Spit out the gum!

Dress Nicely-You and your clothes should be neat and presentable. Remember you are selling yourself and your skills; your appearance and salesmanship are very important to the Auction.

Smile-You will look like you are enjoying yourself. A smile is also a good tool to mask frustration if your animal is not doing what you would like it to do.

Brush-After the judge touches your animal, remember to brush the hair back. You might not think the judge is looking, but they are! Besides, why are you carrying that brush around? Use it!

Look at the judge as you enter the ring and frequently as you show; remember to smile.

Footwear-For your safety, wear sturdy leather, hard soled shoes. If an animal steps on your foot, your injury will be less serious.

SHEEP STARTER FLOCK AVAILABLE

Youth interested in beginning their own sheep flock have a unique opportunity through the Montana Columbia Sheep Breeders Association. The association is giving away a starter flock consisting of four registered Columbia ewes of various ages. Youth between the ages of 11 and 16 that are interested in this opportunity can visit the [Montana](#)

[Columbia Sheep Breeders Association](http://www.mtcolumbiasheep.org/starter-flock.htm) at <http://www.mtcolumbiasheep.org/starter-flock.htm> contact Luanne Wallewien at wallywld@northerntel.net or call 406-937-2775 for details and application materials for starting their own flock. Applications must be postmarked no later than August 1.

MONTANA HEREFORD ASSOCIATION (MHA) HEIFER GRANT

The MHA wants to help young breeders grow their own herd, so they have set up a fund to award two applicants a chance to win a \$500 grant to purchase a Hereford heifer. This heifer must be purchased from a current MHA member.

For specific grant requirements and to download the application visit the [MHA](https://montanahereford.org/heifer-grant) at <https://montanahereford.org/heifer-grant>

Application deadline is September 15, 2024. Questions? Please reach out to informontanahereford@gmail.com

CLUB CORNER

The following clubs turned in club minutes this month:

Blue Creek Jumping Bucks: Members had a report on the club community service project at Symphony in the Park. Club booth decorations for fair were made.

Lockwood Humble Bs: The club will purchase car wash gift cards for fair appreciation gifts. Record books due date was set.

Northern Lights: The club decided on a community service and hosted lunch for Tumbleweeds.

Shepherd Pioneers: Members sent in photos for the club scrapbook. A member explained how the 4-H Exchange Program works.

Worden Riverdales: Everyone will get to decorate with newly purchased items. Members discussed electing new officers for the next year.

Yellowstone Silver Spurs: A member did a demonstration on domestic snakes. The club will make Birthday Kits for the local food bank.

4-H MONTANAFAIR STICKER CONTEST RESULTS

Great job to all of the members who entered the 2023 MontanaFair sticker contest! Thanks to everyone who voted. The totals were close. The winner was Kaiya Cardwell of the Ruff Riders 4-H Club!

Her stickers will be given to all exhibitors when they pick up their packets for MontanaFair. I hope to see them around on water bottles, laptops, etc.

AUGUST 2024 4-H CALENDAR



**4-H Building
Cleaning Schedule**

Shepherd Pioneers: August 21-September 4

Kountry Kritters: September 5-18

Whips & Sticks: September 19-October 1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3
4	5 Interview Judging Day in the <i>Expo Center</i>	6	7	8 MontanaFair ←—————→	9 MontanaFair	10 MontanaFair
11 MontanaFair ←—————→	12 MontanaFair	13 MontanaFair	14 MontanaFair	15 MontanaFair	16 MontanaFair	17 MontanaFair
18	19	20	21	22	23 September Newsletter Articles Due	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Sept. 1	2 Office Closed for Labor Day	3	4 6:00 pm Dept. A Post Fair Meeting <i>4-H Building</i>	5 5:30 pm Dept. N Post Fair Meeting with 4-H Council to follow. <i>4-H Building</i>	6	7