



LEWIS & CLARK COUNTY 4-H

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY EXTENSION

March 2021 Newsletter

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MSU Extension Update

I love March because I love St. Patrick's day, and of course the excess of four-leaf clovers everywhere! It reminds me of 4-H wherever I go! I hope you find something to celebrate this month.

Thanks to everyone participating in the Foundation fundraiser selling face masks for \$10 each. Your money goes toward sponsoring youth in their projects and activities. In the past we've helped 4-H youth go all the way to South Korea to meet 4-H members from around the world! 4-H has great opportunities to take advantage of, and money should never be an obstacle. You can always submit a request for sponsorship at <https://forms.gle/1ptMMZdcX8zphK9aA>.

-Kara Tangedal



4-H Council

Next meeting: The Council will reconvene on **Wednesday, March 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the BHB.**

- [Minutes available online HERE](#)
- To request an agenda, please e-mail or call James Schneider at (406) 788-3011 or LTCMontana@yahoo.com
- To join the meeting remotely, [please click HERE](#) at the meeting time.
- The council voted to raise the fair entry fee to a flat rate of \$25 for members and \$10 for Cloverbuds.
- Also, the fair theme this year is "There's No Place Like 4-H."

4-H Foundation

Next Regular Meeting: **Wednesday, March 3rd at 5:30 p.m. at the Extension Office.**

- [Minutes available online HERE](#)

To join the meeting remotely, [please click HERE](#) at the meeting time.

We want to thank the following clubs who have donated to be a 2021

Foundation sponsor:

Big Sky 4-H Club- \$300, Farm Kids 4-H Club- \$100, Kountry Bumpkins 4-H Club- \$150, Montana City Mavericks 4-H Club- \$200, Sweet Clovers 4-H Club- \$300, Wild Roses 4-H Club- \$300

Youth Council

Next Meeting: **Sunday, March 21st at 3:00 p.m. in the Extension Office**

- [Minutes available online HERE](#)
- To attend this meeting remotely, please click [HERE](#) at the meeting time and call Kara at (406) 396-6634 if you need any assistance.

We will be planning for our Fair events and discussing how Council and Committee meetings went that month.

4-H Foundation Fundraiser- 4-H Clover Masks

Are you looking for gifts for the 4-H people in your life? What about ways to promote 4-H while promoting health (which is one of the "H"s!) Or maybe you want to help YOUR 4-H Foundation with fundraising....

Well, we have the PERFECT thing for you!!

Your 4-H Foundation is selling facemasks with the 4-H logo on them along with a storage pouch for the low price of \$10.

This is one of the Foundation's fundraisers this year, and we need YOUR help in promoting these sales.

The Foundation is awarding the top 3 4-H clubs who sell the most masks per club member. That means even if your club is small you have a chance to win big!

1st place will have first choice of the following prizes: Pizza Party, Ice Cream Party, Trampoline Park Party

2nd place will choose second, and 3rd place will have the prize that's left over.

If you are interested in purchasing a mask or would like to help sell, you can pick up masks from the Extension Office or contact Lisa DeWitt (406-461-1055), Joe Munis (406-560-7392), or Kathryn Dunkelberg (406-461-9551) who will organize a pick-up in Helena or can mail them as needed.



Awards Committee

- **We need new volunteers to serve on the Awards Committee!** We meet ~4 times per year to evaluate the current award offerings, select award winners, and to gather awards supplies for Awards Night.
- **Currently we need help with the Ron Schatz project sponsorship award, the Julie Paulson Achievement Award, Club Awards, and Project Recognition Awards.** Please call/e-mail the office for more information or to offer feedback to the committee.

Building Committee

We are looking for volunteers to support the Building Committee. We need some help overseeing the maintenance of the BHB, future plans for BHB, and the potential expansion of our facility. Please contact David Hamilton (davidhamilton431@gmail.com) if you are interested.

Record Books

Parents, members, and volunteers, please visit the [Record Book webpage](#) and take a look at the resources for record book checks. Please touch base with your project leaders so you are prepared for record book checks starting May 1st!

Special Thank You to Record Book Committee Members: Bill Sullivan, C.J. Lassila, Karen Hamilton, Jana Gruber, & Laurie Sullivan

4-H Summer Camp

Hello 4-H'ers, we're working hard to pull off our county's annual 4-H Summer Camp this year. **We need a few more 4-H members age 13 and older to serve as camp counselors, especially boys.** Please fill out the [Camp Counselor application](#) if you're interested.

If you'd like to received information about camp counselors and our upcoming meetings, text @20214hcamp to 81010 and/or email elementl@bresnan.net and ask to be added to the email list! More information coming soon...



We Need Help!

We are looking for both short-term and long-term volunteers to help with upcoming events and put on a workshop for projects without leaders. If interested, please fill out [this form to volunteer](#). We need you!!

Here are some examples of the help we'll need for the 2020-21 4-H year:

- 4-H Volunteer Appreciation Committee members
- 4-H Awards Committee members
- 4-H Building Committee members
- Anyone who would like to lead an activity or workshop in bicycle, outdoor adventures, robotics, service learning, small engines, teen leadership, visual arts, welding, wildlife, or woodworking

2020 Event Dates: Put them on your calendar now!

- **Sewing Revue: Sunday, April 25th** Sewing Revue is a county event which usually takes place at the end of April. You do not have to be in any of the Sewing projects to participate. This is a fun way to learn about the different sewing and handiwork projects (sewing, knitting, crochet, embroidery and weaving). If you have any questions you can contact Trudy Moffett at 406-799-3254 or wolfcreekcottagecrafts@gmail.com.



COMMUNICATIONS DAY
IS COMING



- **Communications Day: Sunday, March 14th at 1 PM, Virtual.** Rules, guidelines, and registration at <https://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/member-resources/county-opportunities-events.html>. Registration is due March 7th.
- **Augusta Livestock Grand Foods & Communications Day: Sunday, April 18th at. setup at 1:00 and judging starting at 1:30. Location to be determined.** All county wide members are invited.
- **Junior Livestock Show of Spokane Wednesday, May 5, 2021**
[Exhibitors will find forms for Entry, various contests \(entry and information sheets\), and camping under each species tab.](#)

Preparing for the 2020-2021 4-H Year

- **Enrollment began October 1st!**
- **Please enroll online by visiting 4h.zsuite.org Find out more information [HERE](#).**
 - **Re-enrollments and fees** were due on ZSuites on December 31st.
 - Re-enrollments received after December 31st will require a \$50.00 enrollment fee per family.
 - **New family enrollments** are due by **May 1st** to qualify for Fair, but new families can enroll at any time.

Quality Assurance Committee

Anyone enrolled in an animal project (other than horse, dog, cat, and pocket pets) is required to complete Quality Assurance training once every three years. This year there will be no in-person quality assurance trainings, but there are two online options available. Please find the virtual Quality Assurance courses and an updated list of members needing quality assurance training in 2021 at <https://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/projects.html>. Please speak with your club or project leader for more information.

LCC 4-H Member Spotlight - Philip Patten

Philip Patten has been a part of the Lewis and Clark County 4-H since before he could officially be called a member. Philip has always tagged along to all the events, from Boy Scouts to church activities to Girl Scouts to 4-H. With his parent's involvement in so many community events, Philip is just always there to join in or help in one way or another.

Philip has taken many projects in 4-H from chickens, to welding, woodworking, market sheep, breeding sheep, and when he tried leather craft he jumped in with both feet and became a junior superintendent. Lately you can find Philip as the sheep junior superintendent, helping with workshops, or answering questions the kids have. He is always available around fair time to help with figuring out how to shave a lamb or trim hooves. As if sheep was not enough for Philip he had to try raising steers just like his siblings. It was scary to see that big steer standing next to little Philip. Even though Philip is not so little anymore he still enjoys raising steers. He is so responsible and even goes to auctions by himself to select steers. Philip is learning more each year, and you can see it by how he show's his animals and how well they behave in the show ring.



Philip is also a wonderful baker, and usually during the indoor auction at fair he has some of his homemade goodies for sale if you are lucky you might win a bid on some of his delicious treats. He not only sells his baked items, but things he has made throughout the year either in wood working or in his welding projects. Some of these items people would have loved to purchase, but he made them especially for a family member, how lucky are they!

Philip not only does many projects for 4-H, he is very involved in Boy Scouts and tries to attend every event they have going on. Philip also helps around the neighborhood fixing machinery. He is especially helpful around the house fixing the outside equipment like tractors to the inside equipment, like the garbage disposal. Philip is always willing to try to figure it out; you can always find him down at the shop tinkering with something.

Philip has learned so many different trades from family, and friend's from plasma cutting, to making snow huts in the middle of the forest. Philip often helps behind the concession stands at many events, and has learned so many different trades. We are thankful that Philip uses these skills to help support the 4-H community from helping make pen racks for the fair ground, to moving animals at 4-H events. Philip is attending Capital High School and now has access to more equipment; it will be interesting to see what he comes up with next.

LCC 4-H Volunteer Spotlight - Luke Duran

Luke Duran has become a vital part of the 4-H program in Lewis and Clark County, sharing his passion about all things 4-H and more. He has shared his wizardry with graphic design with not only the kids, but has designed brochures, flyers, posters and banners for the program to help promote the 4-H program. He continually shares his abilities with the camera with kids in the 4-H program as the Photography project leader. As Luke expands his interests, so does he share his talents. As the 4-H Camp Director, he works with the youth developing leadership their skills as they plan 4-H camp. He also has taken over as the organizational leader of the Kountry Bumpkins 4-H club. Luke has such a contagious energy about him that encourages people to get involved and want to learn what he is sharing. Thanks Luke for all you do for Lewis and Clark County 4-H!



Indoor Project Updates

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Indoor Committee	Michelle Ostberg	mostberg@bresnan.net	406.459.3543

Thank you to everyone for the hard work and cooperation in making our 4-H workshops successful. Remember to keep up on your record books.

Also make sure to watch the newsletter for updates as well as check out Lewis and Clark 4-H on [Facebook @lewisclark4h](#) and [Instagram @lewisclark4h](#).

The next Indoor meeting is **March, February 15th at 5:30 PM in the Extension Office.**

You can join remotely by [clicking this link](#) at the meeting time.

Thanks, Michelle

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Aerospace	Vacant		

If you are interested or would like to volunteer for this project, please reach out to the Extension office 406-447-8346 and we will help get all the arrangements in order.

[Follow this link to see all available LCC 4-H volunteer opportunities.](#)

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Ambassadors	Catherine McNeil	mcneilcb@gmail.com	406.439.8570
	Mandy Rambo	mandy_k_rambo@hotmail.com	406.945-3749

As we continue into the 2021 year with our foster care project, we are proud to say that we have now distributed 95 completed backpacks to the Foster Parents program in Helena. Also, between Helena quilters and Lewis and Clark County 4-h Club members we have received 130 homemade blankets for the backpacks. Regarding the blanket-making contest we held, congratulations to the Big Sky 4-H Club with the winning amount of 44 blankets. Hope you enjoyed your pizza party. Thank you to everyone who made and donated blankets, they really helped us out. The next Leadership Academy will be hosted at 2:30pm to 3:30pm on March 14 and it will be focused on Facilitation. We are aware that this will conflict with Communications Day, but if you are able to attend, please be there. Hope you are doing well and have a nice day, your County Ambassadors.



Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Babysitting	Catherine McNeil	mcneilcb@gmail.com	406.439.8570

Check out the April newsletter for our next meeting. If you have questions, please contact Catherine.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone	Number
Bicycle	Vacant			

If you are interested or would like to volunteer for this project, please reach out to the Extension office 406-447-8346 and we will help get all the arrangements in order. [Follow this link to see all available LCC 4-H volunteer opportunities.](#)

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Cat	Jen Amos	jenamos@bresnan.net	406.465.2563

If you have any questions, please contact Jen.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Cake Decorating	Vacant		

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Child Development	Vacant		

If you are interested or would like to volunteer for this project, please reach out to the Extension office 406-447-8346 and we will help get all the arrangements in order. [Follow this link to see all available LCC 4-H volunteer opportunities.](#)

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Citizenship	Vacant		

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Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Cloverbuds	Katie Grady-Selby	katiegrady18@icloud.com	406.202.1802

Thanks to everyone that attended the February workshop. We made string art, and everyone did an amazing job designing their colors and nailing the nails!

See you March 15th at 6 pm at the BHB!

Calendar dates are below for the upcoming workshops.

- March 15th
- April 19th
- May 17th
- June 21st



Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Communications	Vacant		

If you are enrolled in the Communications project, please be sure to attend Communications Day! Find out more at <https://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/member-resources/county-opportunities-events.html>

If you are interested or would like to volunteer for this project, please reach out to the Extension office 406-447-8346 and we will help get all the arrangements in order. [Follow this link to see all available LCC 4-H volunteer opportunities.](#)

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Cowboy Poetry	Vacant		

If you are interested or would like to volunteer for this project, please reach out to the Extension office 406-447-8346 and we will help get all the arrangements in order. [Follow this link to see all available LCC 4-H volunteer opportunities.](#)

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Outdoor Adventures, Wildlife, and Forestry	Vacant		

If you are interested or would like to volunteer for this project, please reach out to the Extension office 406-447-8346 and we will help get all the arrangements in order. [Follow this link to see all available LCC 4-H volunteer opportunities.](#)

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Electricity Small Engines	Vacant		

Have an appliance or power tool that recently stopped working? Bring it to the Extension Office and 4-H small engine members will see if they can get it working again! Call or e-mail the office if you have any questions!

If you are interested or would like to volunteer for this project, please reach out to the Extension office 406-447-8346 and we will help get all the arrangements in order. [Follow this link to see all available LCC 4-H volunteer opportunities.](#)

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
Entomology	Ann Reber	belleelegant@gmail.com	406.461.4030

Honey bees need homes! Did you know there are different types of hives that bees can live in?

On **Saturday March 13th (weather permitting)**, Aaron Millis will demonstrate three different hives and how bees would live and make honey in them. The demonstration will be both live and over Zoom.

Please contact Ann Reber at ann.reber@protonmail.com to RSVP.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Foods and Nutrition	Teresa Patten	teresajoan20@gmail.com	406.465.6103
	Tolly Patten	blaackraam@gmail.com	406.422.9931

Grand Foods was February 13th and we had 43 kids participate! Pictures of each child with their ribbon and product were taken and are available at the 4-H extension office. [View Grand Food Results here.](#)

The March Foods Workshop will be held **Saturday, March 13th at Headwaters Covenant Church by CRAnderson**. Properly fitting face masks are required to be worn at all times. We will be learning about yeast breads and will be making pizza at this workshop. Here is the link to signup: [March Foods Workshop](#)

The signup will close Friday the 12th at 5pm. Please email me if you need to change your time slot after 5 pm on Friday.

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
Gardening, Crop Science & Weed Science	Ann Reber	belleelegant@gmail.com	406.437.2934
	Alicia Reber	alicia.reber@gmail.com	

Workshops March 11 and 25 at 6:30pm.
Please RSVP to Alicia for more information.

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
Home Environment	Marianne Baumeister	marianne.baumeister71@gmail.com	406.475.1027

If you have any questions, please contact Marianne.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Leathercraft	Jamie Lerum	Graymountainleatherco@gmail.com	406.459.6517

The next two dates we have scheduled are **March 11th & March 25th (Thursdays), from 4-5:00 PM in the Bill Hamilton Building at the Fairgrounds.**

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions
Graymountainleatherco@gmail.com.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Photography	Luke Duran	elementl@bresnan.net	406.461.7799
	Junior: Cade Duran		

Hello photographers,
I sure have appreciated seeing all the creativity you're putting into this year's photo challenges. So far we have explored photo stories and abstract photography. Your solutions are thoughtful and imaginative.

Our March meeting will be an in-person field trip. We'll meet at **Queen City Framing on Sunday, March 14 at 5 p.m.** Owner Martha Johnson will talk about framing and matting your images to help them look great on your wall! We'll learn about different matting materials and how color can enhance your photography. **400 Euclid Avenue in The Lundy Center.** See you there!

I send out lots of communication via email and Remind texts. Please make sure you're enrolled in both lists. Visit the photography website at <http://elementl.net/4H> to sign up.

Project**Pocket Pets****Superintendents**

CJ Lassila

Emailsiege4214@gmail.com**Phone Number**

406.439.5168

During our February 22nd, 2021, workshop project members first discussed the rehoming of two young guinea pigs that had belonged to a former Pocket Pets project member. We learned that the two guinea pigs had been listed on multiple media and also on Craigslist (by the family in Helena). A family in Livingston, Montana, (some 100+ miles away) reached out with interest and drove to Helena to pick up the guinea pigs and their cage home, toys, etc. The new owner is a very happy eight-year-old girl. The moral here is that, with patience (this process took about 4 weeks), Pocket Pets can go to a new, happy home if it does not work out for the original purchaser. But this is also about why, as much as possible, people should do research and be sure about getting a Pocket Pet. Consider: is this the right pet for me? Is this the right pet for my family? Can I take proper care of this pet? How long will this pet live?



Photos by C.J. Lassila. Project members experience two guinea pigs and a crown tail betta.

Next, we reviewed nutrition issues such as, “What is one important fact about feeding fish?” Do not feed them too much. Consider only feeding what the fish can eat in about 3 - 5 minutes. We also considered what one very important nutrient is that guinea pigs need to have in their main foods. They need Vitamin C. Just like humans, guinea pigs can develop scurvy if not fed sufficient amounts of food that contains Vitamin C. For any Pocket Pet, the owner should also know what their pet cannot eat. For example, guinea pigs and many other small animals should not be fed iceberg lettuce.

Next, we had Show and Tell presentations. Project member Jackson showed his male betta fish named Alpha. Did you know? A betta is actually a tropical fish that needs heated water. And if you were to get a betta, it needs a larger container for its permanent home than the little bowls that you see them in at the pet stores. Betta are also known as fighting fish or Siamese fighting fish; so do not plan to keep more than one betta in an aquarium. Comparatively, guinea pigs thrive when there is more than one of them. Trevor and Cody’s family has two guinea pigs. Trevor showed guinea pig Letty and Cody showed guinea pig Talia. Project members got to hold and pet the guinea pigs, as well as get a closer look at the betta.

Pocket Pets provide great subject matter for Demonstrations, Illustrated Talks and other presentations that can be done for an entry at COMMUNICATIONS DAY. Project members are encouraged to enter Communications Day and talk about their pets. Register on-line by March 7th - Communications Day will be held on-line on Sunday, March 14th. Go to the county 4-H website for details and to access the registration form.

For our next Pocket Pets workshop on **Monday, March 22nd, 2021, at 6:30 pm in the 4-H Bill Hamilton Building BHB**, all project members are asked to take photos of their pet’s home area and cages, aquarium, and such, and then send the photos to project leader CJ so they can be shared with the entire project group.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Robotics	Vacant		

If you are interested or would like to volunteer for this project, please reach out to the Extension office 406-447-8346 and we will help get all the arrangements in order. [Follow this link to see all available LCC 4-H volunteer opportunities.](#)

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Sewing & Handiwork	Trudy Moffett Desiree Moffett	wolfcreekcottagecrafts@gmail.com	406.799.3254

Sewing, quilting, knitting, crochet, weaving, and embroidery are projects that take time to complete. We will be having workshops that start in October and go through to April.

They will be held at Capital Baptist Fellowship, 1727 Waukesha, at the corner of Laurel and Waukesha. The dates for the workshops are March 14, and April 11. We will have Sewing Revue on April 25.

The workshops will take place from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

Make sure that you bring a mask with you. I will also have hand sanitizer and cleaning supplies.

Sewing students - please come prepared: ♣️ Prewash your fabrics before cutting out pattern ♣️ If comfortable, cut the patterns prior to the workshop as there is limited space ♣️ Know your sewing machine – how to thread and rewind a bobbin, using the foot pedal
 Minimum sewing supplies to have handy are: T Scissors – preferably shears T Dressmaker pins or quilting pins T Pin cushion T Seam ripper T 6” ruler T Seam gauge T Measuring tape T Marking pencil/pen T Sewing machine (if you don’t have one, we have one or two machines to share)

Knitting, crochet, embroidery and weaving this is also a time for these projects.

Knitting – bring your own needles and yarn; crochet – crochet hook and yarn; embroidery – embroidery thread, hoop and material; weaving – yarn or thread for your project.

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
Shooting Sports	Air Rifle: Vanessa Olson	2qtrcircle@gmail.com	406.431.1598
	Archery: Jason Armstrong	Jason.armstrong25@gmail.com	406.438.6479
	Shotgun: Scott Allen	scott59634@gmail.com	406.202.0905
	Sam Allen	sallen6@outlook.com	406.461.8583
	Tom Manning	gonehuntingorfishing@hotmail.com	
	Junior: Ashton McGaugh		

Trainings

Coaches trainings for the year have been set-up for the month of April and May. I sent the email to everyone at the end of February. Please let me know if you will be attending one of these trainings.

Air Rifle

Air Rifle will continue shooting at **6 on Tuesdays & Thursdays**. Please arrive by 5:45, so you are ready to shoot at 6. Our last week will be March 22 - 26.

If you signed up for the state tournament or other tournaments, you would shoot your targets during these nights.

If you have questions about the Archery, please contact Jason Armstrong. If you have questions about Air Rifle, please contact me.

Archery Opportunities

Please contact Jason for the time and place to shoot your targets for State or the other tournaments. He has set up practice times.

2021 Cascade County 4-H Archery Postal Tournament

Registration Due: March 1, 2021

Scores Due: no later than April 13th

Please coordinate with Jason if you plan on participating in the Cascade Archery Postal Tournament

Western Heritage Project

From Scott Francis: Each year I hold a “Welcome to the 4-H Western Heritage Project” meeting for new families in my local club. Like many of your programs, this year’s introductory meeting will be virtual through Zoom. This change of format opens the door to anyone in the country interested in learning more about the Western Heritage discipline of 4-H Shooting Sports. I invite anyone to attend (see link below). And, even though the name would imply, you don’t have to live in the West to participate in the 4-H Western Heritage Project. It’s the firearms we use in competition that are most often associated with the Old West.

March 22, 2021 – Making your own black powder bullet lube (Dr. David White, Oregon State University – 4-H) – Lube on historic bullets served two purposes. One was the coat the barrel in vaporized lubricant as the bullet passed through in order to keep the black powder fouling soft and maintain the accuracy of your firearm. The other purpose lessened the amount of lead building up in the barrel. Learn how it was made.

April 12, 2021 -Hands-on topic to be determined

Materials for each of the hands-on workshops will be listed on the website at 4-hwesternheritageproject.org [4-hwesternheritageproject.org].

Shotgun

The 2021 4H shotgun project will have signups on **Monday, March 22nd, 6 pm at the Helena trap club.**

Have to be 9 years old before Oct. 1st, 2020 and belong to a 4H club

We provided all guns, shells, targets and safety equipment.

If you want to use your own shotgun, they have to be 12 ga or 20 ga.

The cost is \$25 per person. Medical and Liability Release forms need to be filled out and signed before you can start shooting.

The project runs about 10 weeks long, due to a shortage of getting shells, we might have a shorter season.

Face masks are required.

Any questions contact:

Scott Allen phone 406-202-0905 Email scott59634@gmail.com

Sam Allen phone 406-461-8583 Email sallen6@outlook.com

Tom Manning Email gonehuntingorfishing@hotmail.com

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Sport Fishing	Guy Rainville	ltcdadret@bresnan.net	406.439.3199

April is almost here! And beginning in April, Sport Fishing be having weekly Tuesday evening workshops. At these workshops project members learn how to cast a fishing rod, how to do rod & reel maintenance, learn about Montana Fishing Regulations, how to tie fishing knots, and more. As the fishing season progresses, 4-H Sport Fishing moves to outdoor fishing where project members get an introduction to stream, river, pond and lake fishing at numerous locations throughout the Helena area.



Project member Liam fishing at Little Prickly Pear Creek. Photo by KC May.

Enjoy the treasure we call the Montana outdoors while learning about fishing. There is

a fee to participate in this project; however, project books are not required. Instead, each member is responsible to do 4-H Record Book pages where they can keep any handouts received and make note of what they learn at each workshop.

FINDING FISHING LOCATIONS: As the project leader for 4-H Sport Fishing, I am often asked “Where should one go fishing?” Montana and the Helena area have a tremendous number of fishing locations available. If you are a member of the 4-H Sport Fishing project, all you have to do is follow along. Our project involves fishing numerous waters that have been selected for you. You can go back to these locations – but only with landowner permission where needed.

What if you want to go fishing somewhere else outside of 4-H Sport Fishing? You may want to go fishing with your friends or family. Montana fishing spot ideas are listed in numerous books available for \$25 to \$40 each. Personally, I really like free items. Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks offers two free items for your use in finding fishing spots. The first is “Montana’s Fishing Access Sites” magazine which is available **FREE** from Montana Fish Wildlife and Parks offices throughout the state and numerous sporting

goods stores. This lists areas where one can access fishing locations. The other is on their web site and called Explore the FISHMT Map (<https://myfwp.mt.gov.fishMT/explore>). This site allows you to look at numerous different waters (lakes, ponds, rivers and streams) to determine types of fish found in the water and other information about the location.

You can also use road maps and topographic maps in looking for waters and then come back to the items to find how to access the waters. Not only can you use the paper versions of these maps, but many different maps are available online for you to look over. One of the most tried and true methods of finding fishing spots is to ask other fishermen. Many fishermen will share information with other young fishermen but often will not want to give up their favorite locations. Additionally, many sporting goods stores post both in the store and online - a local fishing report that may give you some ideas.

Once you select a location, please keep in mind that just because Montana has a very liberal Stream Access Law, you always need permission to cross private property to get to the fishing water.

Questions? Contact the 4-H Office or Project Leader Guy Rainville at 439-3199.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Teen Leadership & Service Learning	Kara Tangedal	kara.tangedal@montana.edu	406.396.6634
<p>Hello teen leaders! Please join our remind group to stay apprised of teen leadership goings ons! https://www.remind.com/join/lcc4h</p> <p>We have two 4-H state officers who are also Lewis & Clark County 4-H Ambassadors! They host virtual Ambassador Trainings and a Leadership Academy that are completely free and super fun! The next two are scheduled for February 7th (Presenting) and 21st (Planning & Recruitment). Go to http://www.montana4h.org/programs/events/leadership_training/ to learn more and to register for the Ambassador trainings! If you would like to attend any of the Leadership Academy workshops please contact me via Remind or e-mail me at kara.tangedal@montana.edu.</p>			

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Theatre Arts	Vacant		

If you are interested or would like to volunteer for this project, please reach out to the Extension office 406-447-8346 and we will help get all the arrangements in order. [Follow this link to see all available LCC 4-H volunteer opportunities.](#)

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Vet Science	Amanda Luikens	luikens@aol.com	406.920.0701

The next meeting is **Friday, March 12th at 6:00 p.m. in the BHB.**
Calendar dates are below for the next meetings in the BHB

- Friday, March 12th
- Friday, April 9th
- Friday, May 7th

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Visual Arts	Vacant		

If you are interested or would like to volunteer for this project, please reach out to the Extension office 406-447-8346 and we will help get all the arrangements in order. [Follow this link to see all available LCC 4-H volunteer opportunities.](#)

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Woodworking & Welding	Vacant		

If you are interested or would like to volunteer for this project, please reach out to the Extension office 406-447-8346 and we will help get all the arrangements in order. [Follow this link to see all available LCC 4-H volunteer opportunities.](#)

Outdoor Project Updates

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
Outdoor Committee	David Hamilton	davidhamilton431@gmail.com	406.431.1948
	Casey Jones	caseyjones@mt.net	406.431.2655
	Junior: Olivia Harris		

The next Outdoor meeting is **Monday, March 1st at 5:30 PM in the Extension Office.** Meetings have been moved to the first Monday of every month. You can join the meeting remotely by [clicking this link](#) at the meeting time.

4-H Livestock Sale Committee

***[Minutes available online HERE](#)

There will be a sale meeting following the Outdoor Meeting.

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
Beef	Larry St. Clair	larrystclair1@gmail.com	406.465.4524
	Chris Petre	cjpetre@msn.com	406.439.8371
	Junior: Colter Petre		
	Junior: Elaina Patten		
	Junior: Garrett St. Clair		

Market Beef Possession Date: Friday, January 1st, 2021

Market Beef Tagging Date: Sunday, January 3rd, 2021 9:00-11:00 a.m.

The weight scale will be available for members the **first Sunday of each month from 10 am- 11am, starting March 7th.**

Please start working on your Beef Project record book. Record book(s) can be found at the following link: <https://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/member-resources/guides-and-forms/record-books.html>.

Don't forget to order your Beef Project level books.

Members participating in Market Beef or Breeding Beef Project(s) can order project books at the following website or contact the Extension Office.

<https://store.msueextension.org/Departments/4-H-Materials/4-H-Curriculum.aspx>

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Dairy Cattle	Daisy Feight	daisyfeight@yahoo.com	406.439.1810

For questions please contact Daisy.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Dog	Laurie & Bill Sullivan	lasullivan@bresnan.net	406.431.8636
Obedience Junior:	Alyssa White		
Obedience Junior:	Carly LaChere		
Obedience Junior:	Tana Speeg		
Agility Junior:	Emma Citi		
Agility Junior:	Makenna Szarowicz		
Agility Junior:	Piper Pierce		
Agility Junior:	Trinity Bartmess		

Obedience:

We will be meeting on **March 6, 2021 at the Bill Hamilton Building**. The 1st yr. dog project members will meet at 8:30 a.m., and 9:30 a.m. Please remember to bring your dog bags with all of your supplies and treats. **We will be starting on using our training collars.** Also, remember to bring your special treats such as string cheese or hotdogs to entice your dog to learn new things. Attendance is very important.



The 2nd yr. and 3rd yr. Dog Project members will meet at 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Please remember to bring your supplies and treats. Drill team training will be March 20, 2021 at your normal training times. **ATTENDANCE IS KEY TO THIS PERFORMANCE!!!!**

Grad-Novice will continue training on March 6th and March 20th at 12:30 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

All posters, word finds, and crossword puzzles can be turned in and presented at any time. Please let me know so we can allocate time during class for your presentation.

In February, we completed our Anthrozoology tour at Carroll College. The Carroll students and their instructor were very accommodating to group. The kids were able to interact with the therapy dogs, miniature horse, and tour the facility.

BASICS GROOMING WORKSHOP FOR ALL 1ST YEAR DOG MEMBERS WILL BE MARCH 27TH FROM 9:00 A.M.-10:30 A.M. The workshop will be given by Kaylee Prudden, a Carroll College student. All first-year kids with their dogs and parents are invited to attend. The kids will need to bring their grooming supplies.

Dates for Obedience:

- March 6, 2021
- March 13, 2021
- March 20, 2021
- March 27, 2021* workshop
- April 10, 2021

Agility:

Agility Training will continue to train at Leah Anderson's with the 1st years starting at 4:30 p.m. and the Veterans will be starting at 5:45 p.m. Attendance is important in learning this discipline. The dog team progression results in coming to practice consistently. **You must continue training your dog in obedience to maintain participation in agility.**

Dates For Agility:

- March 7, 2021
- March 14, 2021
- March 21, 2021
- March 27, 2021 *workshop
- March 28, 2021
- April 11, 2021



HOOP MAKING WORKSHOP ON MARCH 27TH FOR ALL AGILITY KIDS WILL BE AT 11:00 A.M. TO 1:00 P.M. All agility kids will be making hoops to take home with them to practice! An email will be sent with more details.

If you have any questions, please call me at 431-8636 or email me at lasullivan@bresnan.net.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Goat	Karyn Hamilton Junior: Irene Edwards Junior: McKenzie Tordale	dewklh@netzero.net	406.461.7536

Goat Possession Date: Wednesday, April 28th, 2021

Goat Tagging Date: Sunday, May 2nd, 2021 9:00-10:00 a.m.

Market Goat Tagging Form: Friday, April 30th by 5:00 p.m.

<https://forms.gle/DSvVgdKJ36abRrDE7>

There are a few new goat project members this year for a total of 24, with 11 different clubs involved. So happy to have more members. I am in the of playing catch up on the Project newsletter, so you will probably get January, February and March newsletter close together. Be sure to do your assigned tasks for your Level. You are free to do more, but please include whatever you do in your project sheets of your record book. I have every one's level marked so I can keep track and make sure I include something for everyone. Your tasks will be generic and fit any goat breed. I will include some new articles for Dairy or meat from the different breeds. If you want to see an article on anything special, please let me know so we can share with everyone. HAPPY GOATING and call or text me if you need to.

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
Horse	Alison Nichols Beckie Graham Junior: Landry Scoles Chase Graham	ponygirl0426@gmail.com bbghorselover@gmail.com	406.600-4129 406.459.8828

The **second Tuesday of each month** are project book work sessions available on Teams. The **third Wednesday of each month** is the regular horse meeting which are workshops. This is either on Teams or in-person.

March 6 Hanson's arena - ranch horse clinic

March 7 Hillview arena- English clinic

March 13 Hillview arena - Trail clinic

APRIL 10 Hillview arena- tbd

APRIL 17-18 ground & cart clinic 4-H opportunity- more information to come

May 25 all horse Id completed. project books completed for the member's level. Record book check.

June 19 L&C fairgrounds- practice show

July 18 prickly pear simmental ranch- 4-H working ranch horse show

July 23-24 L&C fairgrounds- L&C county 4-H horse show

Please make sure to follow the [Lewis and Clark County Horse Project Page](#) information and updates

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Jackpot	Jeff Patten	blaackraam@gmail.com	406.422.3796

Helena Jackpot Show is scheduled for **Saturday, June 12th and Sunday June 13th**. Great chance to practice with your animal before the fair. Your animal can get used to the noise of a show and learn tips for preparing your animal to show. You can learn from some of the top show persons from across the area. If you have not shown an animal before, you will be able to see what will happen in the show ring and what is needed to get ready to show your animal. Even if you won't be able to show and animal, it is still a good time to see what happens in the show ring and an opportunity to ask questions from people showing animals.



Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Livestock Judging	Georgana Webster	legallyblondentall@gmail.com	406.438.2842

Well the judging season is about gone. Thank you all for your patience this year of few contests and for suffering through the long online ones.

I hope you have enjoyed the online classes the last two months. There have been some excellent classes.

I will let you know if by chance they hold the Missoula contest in April, in person.

Remember if you are ever bored be sure to looking at the classes on

LivestockJudging.com.

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Poultry	Lexie Edwards C.J. Lassila Junior: Irene Edwards Junior: Ashton McGaugh	lillexielou@live.com siege4214@gmail.com	406.439.9432 406.439.5168

Next Poultry Workshop: **Saturday, March 13th, 2021, at 1:00 pm in the 4-H Bill Hamilton Building BHB.** Bring your project book (still have some available for new project members to purchase). Weather permitting - everyone please bring a bird to this meeting.

The Poultry February workshop was in-person on Saturday, February 6th at the BHB. Level one project members did pages 20 & 21 of Poultry Project Book level one (“Scratching the Surface”) that had them working on a section called “Coming Home to Roost.” This chapter includes both Brooder Tips and Coop/Hen House Tips. Activities were drawing a plan for both a Brooder and a Coop.

Level 2 project members AlizaJane, Cheyenne, Irene and Ashton together demonstrated - for the group - one method of setting up a brooder with shredded paper as an example for bedding, adding a water source, a feed source, and how you might place a heating lamp. Next, the level 2 members learned about grading chicken carcasses by working through “Making the Grade” on pages 16 & 17 of the 4-H Poultry Project Book level two (“Testing Your Wings”). Being familiar how to grade poultry carcasses is important because carcasses are the end product. Knowing how to grade carcasses will help poultry project members select healthy live birds and also make your better consumers.



Cheyenne showing her buff brahma rooster.
Photo by C.J. Lassila.

Project members worked on their Record Book pages, noting down something they learned at this workshop. Poultry topics are a suggestion made for project members to use for COMMUNICATIONS DAY - but must select your topic and manner of presentation (Illustrated talk, Speech, Demonstration, Video, or Commercial) and complete your on-line registration for that event by March 7th. Sometimes the hardest aspect of Communications Day is deciding on something to talk about - Poultry provides lots of ideas. Look through your project book and think about what we have been discussing at our monthly workshops.

Members were also reminded about QUALITY ASSURANCE (QA) requirements. Livestock project members must complete this requirement every three years. If you are not current at Fair time, you will not be permitted to have 4-H Livestock entries. While this requirement has typically been met by attending an in-person workshop in our county, there is no in-person workshop this year. But there are two on-line offerings. To access that on-line training, you can click on the link listed in the newsletter or go on the Lewis and Clark County 4-H website under Projects. Click on Projects and then scroll to bottom of that page. There are lists of who needs to do QA and the links to get to the on-line training. When training is completed you are able to print a certificate - provide a copy of that certificate to the 4-H office. As an alternative, you can attend and complete a QA workshop offered by another county if you prefer. Again, verification that you completed that workshop must be provided to the 4-H office.

Next at our February workshop we had some showmanship training. Cheyenne showed how to handle her buff brahma rooster as though she were doing showmanship for a judge. We saw how members would be placed at a judging table and were reminded that HEAD FIRST is the correct way to both remove birds from their cage or carrier, as well as being the correct way to put them back in. Finally, Joseph, William and George practiced controlling a bird at a showmanship table.

All project members are invited to join our Facebook group page under Lewis & Clark 4-H Poultry project.

Project	Superintendents	Email	Phone Number
Rabbit	Vanessa Olson	2qtrcircle@gmail.com	406.431.1598
	Moriah Parker	stole_em2000@yahoo.com	406.202.5729
	Junior: Mariah Olson		
	Junior: Joleah Parker		

The Rabbit meeting is **March 22 at 5:30 in the BHB**. Please leave your rabbits at home.

Here is the Facebook page for the Rabbit Project. Please join!

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/322164362156220/?ref=share>

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Sheep	Jeff Patten	blaackraam@gmail.com	406.422.3796
	Denice Harris	deniceannharris@gmail.com	406.431.3361
	Junior: Abigail Gruber		
	Junior: Brooke Harris		
	Junior: Frannie Volpe		
	Junior: Philip Patten		

Sheep Possession Date: Wednesday, April 28th, 2021

Sheep Tagging Date: Sunday, May 2nd, 2021 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Market Sheep Tagging Form: Friday, April 30th by 5:00 p.m.

<https://forms.gle/vTVngGVEwFkrJkR56>

You are getting really close to getting you lambs for the year. This is a pretty exciting time. Hopefully, you have a plan to select a lamb from a breeder. Contact Denice or I for breeder to contact. The March workshop will give you tips and ideas to help you select your lamb. We will go over selecting lamb, feed requirements for your lambs, basic equipment needed, and what you need to do to care for your lamb. Minimum weight for a lamb to show and sell is 100 lbs. Make sure to ask your breeder if the lamb you selected will make weight. Please come with your questions. The workshop will be **March 18 at 7:00 pm and on Microsoft TEAMS.**

Workshop Schedule

March will be Selection, care and feed

April Training tips

May clipping and showmans

June and July Showmanship

Project	Superintendent	Email	Phone Number
Swine	James Schneider Junior: August Schneider	LTCMontana@yahoo.com	406.788.3011

Swine Possession Date: Thursday, April 15th, 2021

Swine Tagging Date: Sunday, April 18th, 2021 11:00-1:00 p.m.

Market Swine Tagging Form: Friday, April 16th by 5:00 p.m.

<https://forms.gle/VF2HbLyaVd7TJzcf6>

I hope everyone is finding the pigs they want for fair. If you haven't found a breeder with piggies, give me a call. We may have some ideas.

Doctor Madsen will be giving a presentation on Bio Security for swine on **March 21 at 6:00. This will be via ZOOM.** We will get more information to you soon.

Dr Madsen has also set up a ZOOM meeting for your club leaders and junior superintendents.
From Dr. Madsen:

I have scheduled a ZOOM workshop for CLUB LEADERS and JUNIOR LEADERS to guide them in providing critical information to their pig club members. This will be on Sunday **March 7 at 3 PM (invitation attached) and will last 1-1 ½ hours**, depending on questions. Please forward the invitation to any and all club leaders you'd like to have present. Please note that my ZOOM license allows 100 attendees/meeting. If you hear that anyone was not able to get on, please let me know and I'll plan another or more to include everyone that wants the info.

Dave Madsen, DVM

David Madsen is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Pig Club Leader Training

Time: Mar 7, 2021 03:00 PM Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/8990639822?pwd=TEsxSkVSWnVuSU0xRHIOL3BWcHIEZz09>

Meeting ID: 899 063 9822

Passcode: 600485

4-H Club Information

Sweet Clovers 4-H Club

Sweet Clovers 4-H club met February 14th and celebrated Grand Foods winners Elena Shuber (Reserve Champion/junior cookies), Ellie Weisgerber (Grand Champion/junior cakes), and Kaylin Manning (Grand Champion/junior cookies).

Sweet Clovers moved its next club meeting from March 14th to March 21st at 4pm to facilitate communication day.



Elena Shuber



Kaylin Manning



Ellie Weisgerber

Wild Roses 4-H Club

Wild Roses 4-H Club held its February 2021 meeting at the 4-H Bill Hamilton Building on Monday, Feb. 8, 2021. Our business meeting included reports about Youth Council, Dog project at Carroll College, upcoming Grand Foods that will have several club members participating and about Ambassadors doing foster care backpacks.

Lewis and Clark 4-H Foundation president Joe Munis spoke to use about the county 4-H Fundraiser involving selling 4-H masks, with the funds to go to our county 4-H Foundation. Wild Roses accepted 75 masks to sell and we will be working toward being eligible for the prizes he told us about.



HOW TO: Bottle Feed a Lamb & Show a Rabbit

Photo was taken by club leader C.J. Lassila

The February 4-H Newsletter spotlighted club member Melaina Kloberdanz. She has been in our club for several years, including the three during which she served as our club secretary. This 4-H year she was elected Secretary of the Lewis and Clark County 4-H Youth Council, as well as again being named to be a junior superintendent for the Cat project.

Following club vote on Fair Themes and Fair Entry Fees, we had two project demonstrations. Norma demonstrated "How to Care for a Bottle Lamb." Melaina demonstrated "How to Show a Rabbit." Club members were reminded that Communications Day is on March 14th and will be virtual again this year. Registration for the event must be submitted on-line by March 7th.

Project demonstrations are useful examples of what can be done as a presentation for Communications Day. Projects can be the topics for any of the Communications Day categories that include Illustrated talks, speeches, videos and resumes / job interviews. Our meeting finished with an opportunity to make special Valentine Cards. The Wild Roses club photos were taken by club leader C.J. Lassila.



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

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

Fairgrounds

March 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Feb 28 Dog Agility, 4:30 p.m., Leah Anderson's Barn	1 Outdoor Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Extension Office Cascade 4-H Archery Postal Tournament Registration Due	2 Air Rifle, 5:45 p.m., BHB 4-H Citizenship Seminar, 6:00 p.m., Zoom	3 Foundation Meeting, 5:30 p.m., Extension Office	4 Air Rifle, 5:45 p.m., BHB	5	6 Dog Obedience, 8:30 a.m., BHB Ranch Horse Clinic, Hanson's Arena
7 Communications Day Registration Due Beef Weigh In 10:00-11:00 a.m., BHB Scale House Dog Agility, 4:30 p.m., Leah Anderson's Barn English Horse Clinic, Hillview Arena Pig Club Leader Training, 3:00 p.m., Zoom	8	9 Air Rifle, 5:45 p.m., BHB	10 Council Meeting, 6:00 p.m., BHB	11 Leathercraft, 4:00 p.m., BHB Air Rifle, 5:45 p.m., BHB Gardening, Weed and Crop Science Workshop, 6:30 p.m., RSVP	12 Foods Workshop Sign Up Due 5:00 p.m. Vet Science meeting, 6:00 p.m., BHB	13 Trail Horse Clinic, Hillview Arena Entomology Demonstration, RSVP Food Workshop, Headwater Covenant Church Dog Obedience, 8:30 a.m., BHB Poultry Meeting, 1:00p.m., BHB
14 Communications Day, 1:00 p.m., Virtual Sewing Workshop, 2:00 p.m., Capital Baptist Fellowship Dog Agility, 4:30 p.m., Leah Anderson's Barn Photography Meeting, 5:00 p.m., Queen City Framing	15 Indoor Meeting, Extension Office, 5:30 p.m. Cloverbuds Meeting, 6:00 p.m., BHB	16 Air Rifle, 5:45 p.m., BHB	17 Horse Meeting, 4:30 p.m., BHB	18 Air Rifle, 5:45 p.m., BHB Sheep Workshop, 7:00 p.m., Teams	19	20 Dog Obedience, 8:30 a.m., BHB
21 Youth Council, 3:00 p.m., Extension Office Dog Agility, 4:30 p.m., Leah Anderson's Barn Pig Bio Security by Dr. Madsen, 6:00 p.m., Zoom	22 Rabbit Meeting, 5:30 p.m., BHB Pocket Pets, 6:30 p.m., BHB Shotgun Signups, Helena Trap Club, 6:00 p.m. Western Heritage Project Shooting Sports	23 Air Rifle, 5:45 p.m., BHB	24	25 Leathercraft, 4:00 p.m., BHB Air Rifle, 5:45 p.m., BHB Gardening, Weed and Crop Science Workshop, 6:30 p.m., RSVP	26	27 Dog Basics Grooming Workshop (1 st year members), 9:00-10:30 a.m., BHB Dog Hoop Making Workshop, 11:00-1:00 p.m., BHB
28 Dog Agility, 4:30 p.m., Leah Anderson's Barn	29	30	31	April 1	April 2	April 3