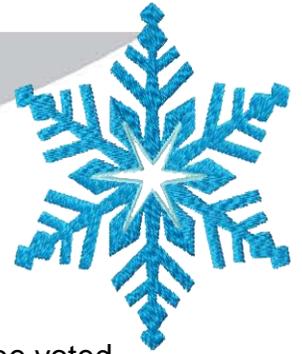




Lewis & Clark County 4-H Newsletter



January 2016

Council

There are several proposals that have been presented to the Council and will be voted on at the **Wednesday, January 13th Council Meeting at 5:30 PM in the Bill Hamilton 4-H Building.** The proposals can be found on the county website http://www.lccountymt.gov/fileadmin/user_upload/Education/4-H/Pages/Newsletters/2015_December_-_Club_Voting.pdf. These proposals will be voted on as they have been presented. I encourage each of you to come and participate in the meetings. I also want to remind everyone that this program is for our youth and their voice is the voice that truly matters. I am going to ask each of you to please contact me directly if you are concerned with the program or have a concern.

As always if you have questions contact David Hamilton at 431-1948 or email at davidhamilton431@gmail.com

MSU Extension Update

Hello 4-H Families,

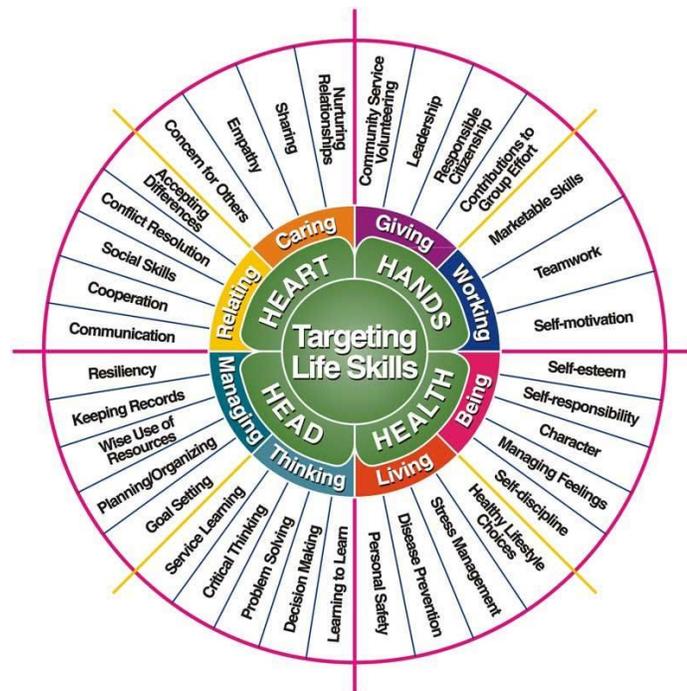
The 4-H program uses the term “life skills development.” So what is that? It is fairly simple. Life skills are those vital characteristics people need to be productive members of society.

Here’s a few examples:

- **Communication:** There are many types of communication and it is often more than information exchange. Learning techniques to be a good listener and conveying a message or request clearly and professionally is an important life skill in getting a job or working with others. This skill can be developed at a club meeting.

- **Goal setting:** Youth need to see oneself as an active participant in their future. This occurs by setting a goal, taking measurable steps toward the end desired result. This skill can be developed in projects.

Find more about life skills here: <http://www.uaex.edu/publications/pdf/4HCC5.pdf>



Survey: This is a 3 question survey to help MSU Extension reach more people! Our office does much more than 4-H and by sharing our resources we can reach even more Lewis and Clark County residents. Please take this 2 minute survey to help us reach more people!

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5MN7DCG>

Save the Date:

- Carcass Evaluation Training February 20, 2016

Thank you for your time and dedication to the 4-H program and for helping 4-Hers develop valuable life skills!

Mary Meyer | 4-H and Youth Development Agent

COUNTY HAPPENINGS

4-H Camp

4-H Camp Counselor Applications are due to the Extension Office by January 11, 2016. Applications are available on the Lewis and Clark County 4-H website. Remember preference is given to 4-H members enrolled in the Leadership Project. For more information contact Catherine at 439-8570.

Adults interested in attending and/or helping out with 4-H Camp, June 21-24, 2016, please contact Catherine at 439-8570.

Ambassador Service Project

Give a meaningful gift this holiday season! Donate blood at the Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church blood drive on Sunday, January 10, 2016 from 9am-2:30pm. To schedule your appointment please visit redcrossblood.org and enter sponsor code: OurRedeemersHelena or call 1-800-REDCROSS (1-800-733-2767). You are eligible if your last donation was on or before November 15, 2015. First time donors are welcomed and encouraged. Please contact Emily Walter (406-437-1730) with any questions.

Lewis and Clark 4-H Foundation

Regular meeting is January 5th @ 5:30 in the Extension Conference Room. Committees will be formed and a committee chair will be appointed for each committee as outlined in the Foundation by-laws. Please attend and participate in the Foundation process.

The Annual Dream Big Raffle will be on the agenda and an outline for this fundraiser will be proposed.

A special meeting will be convened January 14th in the Extension conference room to address changes to the foundation by-laws. The 501(c)(3) committee is proposing changes to the current Foundation by-laws. (This is a 14 day notice as required by the by-laws)

If you have questions please call Cody Mitchell @ 439-2709

Mini Rec Lab and Leaders College

Save the date to meet new friends and have fun January 30th! See flyer at the end. For information contact Catherine at 439-8570. You must RSVP at this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TWMCVZW>

Leadership 101

4-H Leadership 101 is for *Everyone*. It is every 4th Monday 6:00 to 7:30 in the Extension upper conference room. January will be the 25th and the topic will be "5 Dysfunctions of a Team."

If anyone is interested in the information we have covered let me know. Sandy Merchen 465-9364.



Building Committee

Moving forward we would like to identify some major projects the membership would like to pursue. Write down what you would like to see in the building added, changed or fixed.

Any questions or comments contact Ken at mcneilkd@msn.com or 439-3985

INDOOR PROJECT INFORMATION

| Project | 4-H Leaders | Next Meeting | Important Dates |
|---------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Indoor | Superintendent | Jan. 18, 2016 | Fair Entry Form |
| | <i>Dora Lindner</i> | 5:30 PM | June 15, 2016 |
| | 406-475-3640 | Extension Office | |
| | Jr. Superintendent | | |
| | Please apply | | |

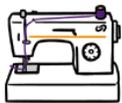
We will meet in January to work on the fair premium book. Thanks, Dora.

| Project | 4-H Leaders | Next Meeting | Important Dates |
|-------------------|---------------------------|---------------|------------------------|
| Cloverbuds | Superintendent | Jan. 20, 2016 | Fair Entry Form |
| | <i>Dora Lindner</i> | 5:30 PM – BHB | June 15, 2016 |
| | 406-475-3640 | | |
| | Jr. Superintendent | | |
| | Please apply | | |



Cloverbuds next workshop will be on Wednesday, January 20th, at the BHB building from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Dora at 475-3640.

| Project | 4-H Leaders | Next Meeting | Important Dates |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|------------------------|
| Sewing & Handiwork | Superintendent | Jan. 10, 2016 | Fair Entry Form |
| | <i>Janet Cerovski</i> | 2-4 PM | June 15, 2016 |
| | 406-458-9450 | Extension Office | |
| | <i>Trudy Moffett</i> | | |
| | 406-799-3254 | | |
| | Jr. Superintendent | | |
| | Please apply | | |



Workshop

Sunday, January 10; 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Upper Conference Room

There will be several activities to practice your sewing skills, techniques and assess your sewing knowledge. Beginner projects are baby bib, pillowcase or apron. Advanced beginner projects are sewing machine caddy, reversible tote bag, Denim Basket, Fabric Box and Bowl Potholder. Patterns for these projects are available on the website <http://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/project-areas/indoor/sewing.html>

Minimum sewing supplies needed are:

- Scissors – preferably shears
- Dressmaker pins Seam ripper
- Pin cushion Measuring tape
- Seam gauge Marking pencil/pen

Mark your calendars for workshops:

February 21
 March 13 – Fabric Bowl Workshop
 April 10
 May 15 – Fashion Revue

Knitting, crocheting and weaving assistance will be available too.

Sewing questions call Janet at 458-9450; knitting or crocheting questions call Trudy at 799-3254.

| Project | 4-H Leaders | Next Meeting | Important Dates |
|------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|
| Teen Leadership | Superintendents <i>Catherine McNeil</i> 406-439-8570 <i>Dora Lindner</i> 406-475-3640 | Jan. 17, 2016 1 PM BHB | Camp Counselor Apps Due January 11, 2016 Extension Office |

Teen Leaders – For the next meeting, if you are able, please bring 2 yards of fleece and some good scissors to the meeting on **January 17 at 1 pm at the BHB**. We will be making tie blankets for Shodair Hospital for youth who are suffering from mental illness. Fleece can be purchased at Joann's, Ben Franklins or the Hobby Lobby. We will combine the fleece to make as many blankets as possible. Please RSVP to Catherine at 439-8570 or Dora at 475-3640.

| Project | 4-H Leaders | Next Meeting | Important Dates |
|---------------------|--|--|---|
| Leathercraft | Superintendent <i>Kathy Edwards</i> 406-475-4972 Jr. Superintendent <i>Kaitlyn Edwards</i> | First Tuesday of the month - BHB Sept. – May 4 PM – 5:30 PM | Fair Entry Form June 15, 2016 |



For leathercraft – I will be ordering projects in December. No new members after the first of the year related to the inability to get projects completed by the last scheduled meeting in May 2016.

| Project | 4-H Leaders | Next Meeting | Important Dates |
|-----------------|---|-------------------|-----------------|
| Robotics | Superintendent <i>Michelle Ostberg</i> 406-459-3543 Jr. Superintendent Please apply | Starting in March | |

Robotics will start workshops in March. There will be a \$10 project fee. If anyone is interested in helping with some of the workshops or for any other robotics questions please contact me at 459-3543 or email me at mostberg@bresnan.net

| Project | 4-H Leaders | Next Meeting | Important Dates |
|------------------------|---|--|------------------------------|
| Shooting Sports | Superintendents <i>Cody & Susan Mitchell</i> 406-439-3468 <i>c_s_mitchell@msn.com</i> Jr. Superintendent <i>Austin Gransbery</i> | Air Rifle – BHB Tues 6-7 & 7-8 Archery – BHB Thurs 5-6, 6-7, & 7-8 | Tournament Info Below |

Air Rifle meets weekly on Tuesday nights from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. or 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Archery meets every Thursday night. Shoot times are 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. or 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Tournament season is here.

**Sunday January 17th starting at 8:00am is the Lewis & Clark County Mini Shoot in the Bill Hamilton Building Registration is \$5.00 and forms will be available at regular shooting meetings on Tuesdays and Thursdays, as well as on the county website.

***Lewis and Clark County Invitational. Saturday, January 23rd. This is open to 4-H shooters statewide. Registration deadline is January 15th. Registration forms available online: <http://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/project-areas/shooting-sports.html>

Anyone available to help with our invitational either on Friday the 22nd for set up, Saturday the 23rd during the shoot and of course tear down after the shoot, would be much appreciated.

***Big Timber Shoot. Jan 30th. Registration deadline is Jan 27th. Forms were e-mailed to shooters and there will be a few forms available at shooting nights.

***Ennis Shoot. Feb 6th. Deadline is Feb 1st. Again registration forms were e-mailed to shooters and there will be a few forms available at shooting nights.

More shoots to follow – watch e-mails for notifications as they become available. If interested in shooting any of these shoots please get your registrations in sooner than later. Historically they have filled up prior to the listed deadlines.

Coaches training available in Bozeman on January 15th and 16th. If interested contact Susan Mitchell and the email about the training will be forwarded. You may also contact: Scott Francis, Interim Shooting Sports Coordinator for the state of Montana at (406) 581-6845.

Any questions can be directed to Cody and Susan Mitchell Shooting Sports Coordinators

| Project | 4-H Leaders | Next Meeting | Important Dates |
|--------------|---|--------------|---|
| Foods | Superintendent <i>Cheryl Richman</i> 406-2272685 Jr. Superintendent <i>Please Apply</i> | | Stirrups Contest Entries Due: Jan. 29 Contest Feb. 6, 2016 at 8:30 AM Helena Middle School Grand Foods Entries Due: TBA Event: Feb. 27, 2016 |

Stirrups

Calling all Senior 4-Hers...Stirrups will be held this year on February 6, 2015. This is a fun event for seniors (age 14-18) to show off your cooking skills. You do not have to be enrolled in the foods and nutrition program to participate. This year you will have a choice between two dishes (soup or pasta) that you can make and you will be able to incorporate a “secret” ingredient to see if you can stump the judges. Also, seniors keep in mind that this event can qualify you for congress. To sign up, fill out

the sign-up sheet (found online under forms <http://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/forms.html> and review the rules.



Grand Foods

Start preparing Juniors and Seniors for the Grand Foods. You do not have to be enrolled in the Foods and nutrition program to participate in Grand Foods. It is a fun event that allows all participants to be artistic, creative and inventive. Grand Foods will be held February 27, 2015. Watch for more information to come out in the newsletter as we get closer to the event date. Mark your calendars and reserve the date.



If you have any questions, don't hesitate to call Cheryl Richman – 227-2685 (after 4:30).

OUTDOOR PROJECT INFORMATION

| Project | 4-H Leaders | Next Meeting | Important Dates |
|---------|---|------------------------------|---|
| Outdoor | Superintendents David Hamilton 406-431-1948 davidhamilton431@gmail.com | Jan. 11, 2016 5:30 PM BHB | Quality Assurance January 3, 1 PM BHB April 22, 6 PM BHB |
| | Jr. Superintendents Sean Maharg 406-438-2647 mahargs@mt.net Kegan Brewer Kyler Maharg | | Animal Permission Form Due with enrollment Tagging Form – see animal Tagging Date – see animal Fair Entry Form June 15, 2016 |

Outdoor Committee Meeting

Happy New Year!

While reflecting on the National 4-H Vision: *A world in which youth and adults learn, grow and work together as catalysts for positive change*, Dave and I would like to encourage all members to participate in the Outdoor Committee meetings. **Your voice matters** in helping move our 4-H community forward. As discussed at our December meeting, if you have input, questions, and/or need clarification, please contact your project specific superintendent. They will help answer any questions and/or bring agenda items to the Outdoor Meetings. With the myriad of agenda items and decisions that need to be made, we ask that items you would like placed on the Outdoor agenda be submitted at least 2 weeks prior to the Outdoor Meeting. Our next meeting is on January 11th, 2016, 5:30 pm, in the BHB. We ask that all Junior Superintendents be present when possible, seated with your project superintendent.

Lastly, we recognize the passion in our community and want to hear from our members. Unfortunately, our “New Business” list seems to be getting larger and we are having to “table” items to a later date. To that end, we are asking that all youth, adult leaders, project superintendents and parents use the following ground rules during meetings:

- Be respectful of and to others
- Focus on the mission and vision of 4-H
- Say what you have to say, but say it only once. Please share, but respect time. If someone has already said what you wanted to say – agree with them, there is no need to say it again.
- If you have a motion, please clarify that it is being reported correctly – we do make mistakes 😊
- Use economical speech – Please keep your thoughts to 1 –2 minutes

Please know that we are not trying to stifle conversation, but we want to ensure that ALL voices are heard in our meetings.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact your project superintendent or David Hamilton/Sean Maharg

Quality Assurance

All members who take a market animal project are required to take Quality Assurance to market their animal at fair. Quality Assurance is to assist youth in understanding their role as producers in the food supply chain and their responsibility to produce a safe food product while caring for animals in an ethical manner. Check with your club leader to find out if you are due to attend Quality Assurance this year.

Who: Anyone selling an animal that is new to the 4-H Livestock Sale or needs updated in their training requirement

What: Quality Assurance Training

Where: Bill Hamilton Building

When: Sunday, January 3, 2016 1:00 pm

Special Guest: Kelsey Stoner, 4-H Alum of Lewis and Clark County

Vet Science: We have a special presentation by Kelsey Stoner about becoming a Veterinarian! Kelsey was a Lewis and Clark County 4-H member and she has offered to come share her experiences in Vet school. It is a great time to learn about college and a career many kids dream about! Kelsey will be speaking at the Quality Assurance Training and then putting on a station in the rotation. Even if you are not taking an animal or don't need renewed this year, it will be a great experience and a lot of fun!

Contact: Mary Meyer mary.meyer@montana.edu or 406-447-8346

Sales Committee

As announced at the Outdoor Meeting, we will host a meeting to work on "splitting" up some of the many duties associated with the Livestock Auction/Sales Committee. Thank you to Karyn Hamilton for offering to chair the committee. We need your input and help to take on a role for the sale.

Sales meeting: Monday, January 4, 2016 at 5:30 PM in the Extension Office upper conference room.

If you cannot attend, but would like to help please contact Karyn at 406-461-7536 or Janet at 406-447-8346.

Host Locations Needed to Raise Animals

McDonald's of Helena would like to help NEW 4-Hers get into the 4-H Livestock Projects. Would you be willing to host a kid's animal at your home/facility? There are many more details to follow, but if you're willing to host let us know 406-447-8346 or mary.meyer@montana.edu

Helena 4-H Jackpot Show

Save the date: June 11 in the Multi-Purpose Building. Goats will be a new addiction to this year's jackpots along with sheep, swine, steers and heifers. Contact: Jeff Patten 449-6947

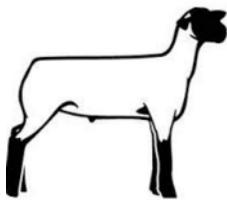
| Project | 4-H Leaders | Next Meeting | Important Dates |
|-------------|--|--------------|--|
| Goat | Superintendent <i>Karyn Hamilton</i> 406-461-7536 Jr. Superintendents <i>Josie Hamilton</i> <i>Dylan Maharg</i> | | Quality Assurance January 3, 1 PM BHB April 22, 6 PM BHB Animal Permission Form Due with enrollment Tagging Form TBA Tagging Date TBA Fair Entry Form June 15, 2016 |

| Project | 4-H Leaders | Next Meeting | Important Dates |
|---------------|--|------------------------|--|
| Rabbit | Superintendent <i>Vanessa Olson</i> 406-431-1598 <i>Sheri Onstott</i> 406-431-1014 Jr. Superintendent | Jan. 25 5:30 PM BHB | Quality Assurance January 3, 1 PM BHB April 22, 6 PM BHB Animal Permission Form Due with enrollment Fair Entry Form June 15, 2016 |



Rabbit will meet January 25 at 5:30 in the BHB. Topic for this month will be Rabbit Health, Care and Biosecurity. Please DO NOT bring your rabbits. The February Rabbit meeting will be Feb 22 at 5:30 in the BHB. If you have questions, please contact Sheri Nighthorse1970@gmail.com or Vanessa 2qtrcircle@gmail.com

| Project | 4-H Leaders | Next Meeting | Important Dates |
|--------------|--|---------------------------------|--|
| Sheep | Superintendent <i>Jeff Patten</i> 406-449-6947 Jr. Superintendents <i>Hannah Diehl</i> | Jan. 31 – 2 PM Patten's Barn | Quality Assurance January 3, 1 PM BHB April 22, 6 PM BHB Animal Permission Form Due with enrollment Tagging Form TBA Tagging Date May 1, 2016 Fair Entry Form June 15, 2016 |



Sheep Workshop Dates:
 January 31, 2:00 PM, tagging, docking, castrating, and giving shots at the Jeff Patten Barn 863 Sunny Vista Rd
 Either March 19th or 20th, 2:00 PM selection, feeding, caring and general sheep health workshop at the BHB. Lambs will be available for the kids to handle.
 May 1, 2:00 PM will be tagging and weighing of lambs in the back of the BHB
 June 11 will be the Helena Jackpot Show at the Multipurpose Building
 June 11 and 12 will be Big Sky Lamb Camp will be in the BHB and Multipurpose Building.
 June 26, 2:00 PM Showmanship Workshop back of BHB.

| Project | 4-H Leaders | Next Meeting | Important Dates |
|----------------|----------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Poultry | Superintendent | Jan. 16 | Quality Assurance |
| | <i>Val Williams</i> | 12:30 PM BHB | January 3, 1 PM BHB |
| | 406-475-5345 | | April 22, 6 PM BHB |
| | <i>Nicole Newman</i> | | Animal Permission Form |
| | 406-422-6136 | | Due with enrollment |
| | Jr. Superintendents | | Fair Entry Form |
| | <i>Kaitlyn Edwards</i> | | June 15, 2016 |

Happy new year! Heads up 4-H poultry market kids QA on January 3rd at 1:00 in the Bill Hamilton Building. Poultry meeting on January 16 at 12:30 in the BHB.

Hope to see all at the workshop. Val333valwilliams@gmail.com

| Project | 4-H Leaders | Next Meeting | Important Dates |
|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Dairy Cattle | Superintendent | | Animal Permission Form |
| | <i>Marilyn deMontigny</i> | | Due with enrollment |
| | 406-227-5177 | | Fair Entry Form |
| | Jr. Superintendent | | June 15, 2016 |
| | <i>Please apply</i> | | |

| Project | 4-H Leaders | Project Meetings | Important Dates |
|------------|-----------------------|------------------|--------------------------------|
| Dog | Superintendent | Jan. 8 BHB | Animal Permission Form |
| | <i>Karen Bratlien</i> | Jan. 9 BHB | Due with enrollment |
| | 406-459-3030 | | Vaccination Records Due |
| | Jr. Superintendent | | Dec. 1 to Karen |
| | <i>Shea Sullivan</i> | | Fair Entry Form |
| | | | June 15, 2016 |

Happy New Year! Hope everyone had a good break and worked on their homework. We will begin again January 8th for those dogs eligible for agility and January 9th at the BHB for the Obedience portion of the project. For Obedience, Sub-novice group will work from 9 AM to 10 AM and Advanced groups will work from 10 AM to 11 AM. Please be sure to watch your emails for more project information for agility and obedience updates. Thank you parents for dropping off and picking up 4-H'ers on-time. We appreciate it.

As always, email Karen eatnsleephorses@yahoo.com with any questions or concerns.

| Project | 4-H Leaders | Project Meetings | Important Dates |
|-------------|---------------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Beef | Superintendent | | Quality Assurance |
| | <i>Shane Tamcke</i> | | January 3, 1 PM BHB |
| | 406-560-5470 | | April 22, 6 PM BHB |
| | Jr. Superintendent | | Animal Permission Form |
| | Cody Barnes | | Due with enrollment |
| | | | Tagging Form - Online |
| | | | January 6, 2016 |
| | | | Tagging Date |
| | | | January 10, 2016 BHB |
| | | | Fair Entry Form |
| | | | June 15, 2016 |

Happy Holidays Beef Kids! I have received lots of interest from 4-Hers for the coming year in both market and breeding beef projects and am looking forward to holding some clinics after the first of the year. To help with planning if there is something you would like to see covered during a beef clinic please feel free to share your ideas. In the meantime if you have any specific

questions or would like to discuss your project please feel free to call me at any time. Also, please mark your calendar for market beef tagging on January 10th from 10am to 1pm. Forms for tagging are on the county website <http://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/forms.html>. There are a few changes to the form this year so if you have any questions please call me.

Please turn beef tagging form in to the Extension office by January 6th. A \$5.00 late fee will be collected if form is brought to tagging. After tagging, no forms will be accepted.

At tagging this year please plan to lead your steers across the scale for weighing. Also, you are welcome to bring breeding heifers for the experience as it can be helpful to get a starting weight on your heifers to assist with planning a feed program for them too.

Shane Tamcke, Beef Superintendent

| Project | 4-H Leaders | Next Meeting | Important Dates |
|---------|--|-------------------------------|---|
| Swine | Superintendent <i>Dave Swanson</i> 406-475-9437 | Jan. 29 – BHB 5:30-6:30 PM | Quality Assurance January 3, 1 PM BHB April 22, 6 PM BHB |
| | Jr. Superintendents <i>Miranda Bragg</i> <i>Wade Bratlien</i> | | Animal Permission Form Due with enrollment Tagging Form TBA Tagging Date TBA – April Fair Entry Form June 15, 2016 |

There is a swine workshop scheduled for January 29th from 5:30-6:30 PM in the Bill Hamilton Building. Try and make it especially if you're new to the market swine project. Start contacting breeders to see when they will be farrowing and weaning over the next few months. Spring piglets are in very high demand any typically sell quickly, so reserve your project piglet(s) early and ask the breeder if they require a deposit for your purchase.

Call Dave Swanson anytime with questions. 459-3950 days or 475-9437 evenings.

| Project | 4-H Leaders | Next Meeting | Important Dates |
|----------------------|--|--------------|---|
| Livestock Judging | Superintendent <i>Georgana Webster</i> 360-319-2093 | | KMON Judging Contest Jan. 23, 2016, Great Falls |
| | Jr. Superintendent <i>Please apply</i> | | Idaho Judging Contest April 2, 2016, Moscow, ID |

| Project | 4-H Leaders | Next Meeting | Important Dates |
|---------|----------------------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| Horse | Superintendent | Committee | Helmet Safety Video |
| | <i>Dawn Schneider</i> | Jan. 18, 2016 | January 6, 6 PM BHB |
| | 406-458-4877 | BHB 5:30 PM | Fair Entry Form |
| | Jr. Superintendents | Workshop | June 15, 2016 |
| | <i>Please Apply</i> | | |

Junior Superintendent: Each year we look for member(s) interested in being a Junior Horse Superintendent. This person serves as a mentor to other members and can also assist with clinics if needed. If you are interested in being a Jr Superintendent, please contact Dawn at lcc4hhorseproject@gmail.com.

Upcoming Events: Dawn will send an email and check Horse facebook page.

Ranch Horse: The ranch horse project is gearing up! The project will consist of 5 elements: roping-heading, roping-heeling, knowledge (bookwork and written exam), pattern work, and sorting. We will have 2 roping instruction sessions and two sorting sessions. We will also work on patterns during the open rides. See you there!

Ranch Horse Schedule:

February 24 (Wednesday) ~ 5-7pm – BHB roping instruction & written book

March 12 (Saturday) ~ 5-7 pm – Ranch sorting practice and instruction

April 24 (Sunday) ~ 6-7pm – Ranch sorting practice and instruction

May 25 (Wednesday) ~ 5-7pm – BHB roping instruction & written book

Thank you to all of the 4-H members who attended the Ranch Sorting Novice Clinic November 21st. If you are interested in additional ranch sorting practice sessions, you may contact the HTPA and inquire about becoming a member. They conduct different clinics, practices, and competitions year round - helenateampenners@gmail.com.

Riding Schedule: Mark your calendars. The riding schedule for January and February is as follows. Please keep in mind if the weather is below 20 degrees, the ride will be cancelled. Please watch the newsletter, e-mails, and Facebook as the times get closer for updated information.

January 17 (Sunday) ~ 12:00 – 2:00

February 14 (Sunday) ~ 12:00 – 2:00

March – Currently no arena time is available

There are additional arena times that will be posted in upcoming newsletters.

Helmet Safety Video: **January 6 - 6:00 PM in the Bill Hamilton Building** - Please be sure that you view this video prior to the 17th if you plan on riding. Horse Project members are required to attend the Helmet Education Workshop once as a junior 4-H member (9-13) and once as a senior member (14 and up). **Parent participation is required.** This workshop is required in order for horse members to participate in upcoming horse riding clinics and the County Fair in July and will be offered a limited number of times. There will be a fine of \$25/member if special arrangements need to be made to view this video outside of the workshops so please make every effort possible to attend the scheduled workshops.



Horse Committee Meeting: The next Horse Committee meeting is **January 18th, 5:30 pm** at the Bill Hamilton Building. Everyone is welcome. We will be reviewing the current Project Policy manual for changes/updates needed and talking about clinicians for 2016. If you have suggestions for the 2016 fair, please bring these to the December meeting so we can discuss interviewing. Please keep in mind that the format of these meetings is to conduct business and make decisions for the betterment of the project and enhancement of learning for the project members. If there are concerns or questions, this is where they need to be presented and discussed.

Future Meeting dates: (THIRD Monday of the Month at 5:30 pm)

February 22

March 21

April 18

May 16

June 20

July 18

Horse Project Facebook and E-Mail: Join us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/Lewis-Clark-County-4-H-Horse-Project>. You can find updates regarding the Horse Project on the Facebook page. The Horse project also does a lot of communication via e-mail. If you would like to be added to the e-mail listing, please contact us via lc4hhorseproject@gmail.com.

Pack Horse: We are looking for someone to head up the Pack Horse portion of the Horse Project. If you are interested in taking this on, or know of someone who would like to head this up, please contact Dawn Schneider at 458-4877.

HORSE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Horse Enrollment Fee: The Lewis and Clark Horse Project offer many clinics throughout the year to help the members fine tune their horsemanship and learning showing techniques. We are very proud to be able to bring in top-notch trainers and educators to instruct our kids. The horse program would not be able to continue this amazing learning opportunity without an enrollment fee. The enrollment fee helps offset the cost of arena time, clinic fees and other activities and awards throughout the year. The \$50 enrollment fees along with the enrollment forms are due at the first riding workshop or January 1. This fee must be paid prior to participating in horse events.

Horse Care and Safety Training (HCS or Horse QA): At the October Horse Committee meeting, it was decided that this is no longer going to be a requirement for horse project members as it is not a requirement at the State level.



JANUARY 30, 2016

4-H MINI REC LAB

9:00 am -4:00 pm

How will You Benefit?

- ✓ Meet new friends from around Montana,
- ✓ Learn new games and activities you can teach later
- ✓ Learn how to write an effective resume
- ✓ Learn great tips on how to interview
- ✓ Learn how to prevent bullying behavior
- ✓ Learn the dos and don'ts of Social Media
- ✓ Two afternoon tracks – 11-14 years and 15-18 years
- ✓ ...Much more, but most importantly –
- ✓ **HAVE FUN!!!**

Dance Following at 4-H Building



For Registration Information, please contact:

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Lewis and Clark County 4-H <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TWMCVZW>

**Leader's College 1
Available for Adult
Chaperones**

Youth ages 11-17

**Meet Youth from
around the State**

**\$10 per person
Lunch provided**

**Join us at Helena
Middle School
1025 N Rodney**

Please RSVP!

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**LEWIS & CLARK
COUNTY 4-H
&
MONTANA NATIONAL
GUARD**

SAVE THE DATE!

APRIL 2, 2016

FITTING AND SHOWING CLINIC

It's that time of year again! The time when 4-H and FFA members everywhere are beginning their 2016 Market Animal Projects. This means that the University of Idaho's Block and Bridle Club is thinking about it too!

The cost of attendance (\$25) will ensure everybody lunch and a 2016 clinic ball cap, as well as cover registration fees! Registration forms will be sent out shortly. Please mark your calendars and be sure to attend!



**Open to all 4-H
and FFA Members,
Parents, Leaders,
and Advisors**

**Speakers from the
Beef, Swine, and
Sheep Industries**

**Livestock Judging
Contest**

**Rotate Through
Workshops to Earn
Tokens**

**Spend Tokens on
Awesome Auction
Items**

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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

January 2016

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---|--|---|--|------------------------------|---|---|
| | | | | | 1 – Office Closed Happy New Year! | 2 |
| 3 Quality Assurance Training – 1 PM BHB | 4 Sales Committee Meeting – 5:30 PM Extension Office Upstairs | 5 Leathercraft – 4-5:30 PM – BHB Air Rifle 6 PM – BHB Foundation Meeting – 5:30 Extension Office | 6 Horse Helmet Safety Video – 6 PM BHB Beef tagging form due | 7 Archery 5 PM - BHB | 8 Dog Agility 5:30 | 9 Dog Obedience 9 AM - BHB |
| 10 Ambassador Service Project – Blood Drive 9-2:30 PM Beef tagging 10 – 1 Sewing Workshop 2-4–Extension Office | 11 Outdoor Mtg 5:30 BHB Camp Counselor Apps. Due | 12 Air Rifle 6 PM - BHB | 13 4-H Council Meeting – 5:30 PM - BHB | 14 Archery 5 PM - BHB | 15 Dog Agility 5:30 L & C County Invitational Shoot Entries Due | 16 Dog Obedience 9 AM - BHB Poultry Workshop 12:30 PM BHB |
| 17 L&C County Mini-Shoot 8:00 AM Teen Leader Meeting – 1 PM BHB | 18 – Office Closed | 19 Air Rifle 6 PM - BHB | 20 Cloverbuds 5:30 PM - BHB | 21 Archery 5 PM - BHB | 22 | 23 L & C County Invitational Shoot KMON Livestock Judging Contest |
| 24 31 Sheep Workshop Patten’s Barn 2:00 PM | 25 Indoor Mtg 5:30 PM Extension Office Rabbit Meeting 5:30 PM – BHB Leadership 101 6 PM – Extension Office | 26 Air Rifle 6 PM - BHB | 27 | 28 Archery 5 PM - BHB | 29 Stirrups Entries Due Swine Workshop 5:30- 6:30 - BHB | 30 Mini Rec Lab and Leaders College – Helena Middle School – Please RSVP |