

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER- JUNE 2025

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM RONI BAKER

MontanaFair entries are completed online at www.montanafair.com. 4-H members are exhibitors at MontanaFair. 4-H does not manage MontanaFair's online entry process nor can 4-H access MontanaFair's online entry program. Please be certain to read all rules and policies for MontanaFair – it is your responsibility to read the handbook. Please refer to Department A and Department N Handbooks to determine what divisions and classes you should be entering.

Yellowstone County Youth were awarded a People Partner Grant from the State 4-H Foundation. The grant will be used to give to those in need by making blankets for first round chemotherapy patients.

Roni Baker

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EMAILING THE 4-H OFFICE

Just a reminder that when you are emailing files to Roni Baker, Brandy or Leslie please save the attachment in a .pdf format. This increases our chances of being able to open the attachment.

Please remember to address emails to BOTH Brandy and Leslie. This way one or the other can reply in a timely matter.

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The county's email server has very sensitive security. When we receive a message from you, we will respond to the message. If you do not receive a response from the person to whom you sent the email, call us to confirm. Sometimes we need to email you first before our security software will let your emails into our system.

REGISTER FOR THE 2025 CLOVERBUD CAMP

Registration for the Tuesday, July 22, 2025, Cloverbud Camp "Super Heros" is now open in ZSuite under "Events".

Registration and payment deadline is 5:00 pm Wednesday, July 9.

The camp fee is \$5 and covers snacks, lunch, supplies and accident insurance. You can pay online at the time of registration or make payment in the Extension Office by 5:00 pm Wednesday, July 9.

Please plan to have your Cloverbud at camp by 9:30 am and pick them up by 3:00 pm. Dress in appropriate clothing for the day (sunscreen, hat, jacket, and tennis shoes). Please pack a second set of clothes – the kids will get wet! Activities are planned for both indoor and outdoor activities.

MONTANAFAIR ENTRIES ARE COMPLETED ONLINE- PLEASE READ

MontanaFair entries are completed online at the [MontanaFair website](http://www.montanafair.com/) or <https://www.montanafair.com/>.

Department A and Department N MontanaFair Handbooks can be found there or on the County 4-H website. For those of you without internet capabilities you can make an appointment to come to the Extension Office and use a computer to complete your online entry.

All 2025 entries must be completed and submitted online before 5:00 pm Friday, June 27, to avoid an additional late fee of \$50 per exhibitor. Late entries must be completed and submitted online before 5:00 pm Thursday, July 3.

All late fees must be paid via a check made payable to Yellowstone County 4-H Council and mailed or dropped off to the Yellowstone County Extension Office by 5:00 pm Friday, July 11.

There are no exceptions to any above deadline.

MontanaFair will assess a \$20 exhibitor fee when you enter online. This fee will be paid with a credit or debit card. Cloverbuds do not pay the fee.

Parents of exhibitors need to purchase gate admission tickets online at the time of entry. Tickets are \$6 each and must be paid when submitting the entry. Tickets will be printed by MetraPark and included in the exhibitor packets at 4-H/FFA check-in starting on August 4, at Department N Interview Judging Day in the Montana Pavilion. Enrolled leaders will complete the Yellowstone County 4-H Volunteer/Project Leader Participation Requirement Form in their ZSuite profile under Events; to determine the number of tickets they will receive for gate admission at MontanaFair. These are confirmed with club Organizational Leaders.

Department A and N worksheets can be printed off the [Yellowstone County 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/index.html) at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/index.html>. You can fill these out when viewing the handbooks BEFORE you complete your online entry at www.montanafair.com. This can save you time.

Reminder - you can only enter in projects in which you are enrolled - that includes all livestock projects.

Other departments entries must also be completed online. Those entries have separate deadlines and fees.

Be sure you have entered what you want to before submitting your entry. Write down your *exact* sign on information - you will need it to make changes to your MontanaFair entry.

Print a copy of your completed entry form so you know what you have entered.

In Department N (non-livestock), and Department A (livestock) members may lose their premium money if they scratch more than 4 entry items.

Please visit the Yellowstone County website for the Department N and A schedules for both departments. Items may be added (e.g., club workshops).

If you plan to enter a livestock showmanship class, you MUST put it on your entry - you cannot add it at fair. The divisions you can enter are beginner, junior or senior.

All Yellowstone County pre-fair events must be included in your Department N (Showcase, Communication Day, County Shoot) or Department A (Cat Show, Dog Show, Skillathon, Small Animal Judging) entry. If your pre-fair county events are not included in your entry, you will not receive premium money for those exhibits.

Members wishing to participate in the Quiz Bowl need to enter individually. Teams will be made randomly.

ARE YOU NEEDING HELP SUBMITTING YOUR MONTANAFAIR ENTRY?

If you need assistance with your MontanaFair entry contact Stephanie Johnson at the Extension office to set up an individual appointment. **DO NOT come to the office without a scheduled appointment.** Please bring a list of projects you plan to sign up for in Department N (non-livestock) and Department A (Livestock). You can get a Handbook from the 4-H Office or print one online at MontanaFair or <https://www.montanafair.com/>.

MONTANAFAIR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE THANK YOU NOTE POLICY

MontanaFair Junior Livestock Sale checks will not be mailed out until a thank you note to the Livestock Sale Buyer has been written, stamped, and delivered to your club's organizational leader or designated club livestock leader. Out of county participants will send or deliver a thank you to the Yellowstone County 4-H Agent. (AW/3/8/10)

LET'S HAVE A 4-H/FFA FAIR STICKER CONTEST

The 2025 MontanaFair theme is “Celebrate 110 Years of Fun”. Think of a creative sticker design and submit it to the Extension Office as a .pdf file by 8:00 am, June 9.

Use your imagination to design a sticker for this year. Your sticker design needs to be 3” x 3”. The official 4-H logo and “MontanaFair 2025” must be included in the design. Designs must be emailed as an attachment to ronibaker@montana.edu. Entries will be voted on by 4-H members and the winner receives a \$50 gift card.

DEPARTMENT N (NON-ANIMAL) JUNIOR COORDINATORS NEEDED

Are you looking for something to do at fair that is fun and allows you to learn a new skill? Signing up to be a Jr. Coordinator might be your answer! You will have the privilege of working with others to coordinate fair events like Showcase, Quiz bowl, Food Festival, Awards, and Class Judging. Plus, you will help behind the scenes setting up Department N and many more fun activities. If you have any questions, please call Chris Martin at 406-248-1425. List Department N Fair Entry Division 97 Class 1 on your fair entry.

DEPARTMENT N INTERVIEWS-CLUB JUDGING SCHEDULE & NEW LOCATION

Interview Judging will be held in the **Montana Pavilion** this year on August 4. **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
Big Sky Thunderbolts	Project Rockin Wranglers
Hesper Hustlers	Ruff Riders
Blue Creek Jumping Bucks	Shepherd Lonestars
Laurel Roadrunners	Worden Riverdale
Northern Lights	Yellowstone Mavericks
Pine Ridge Red Ryder	Yellowstone Silver Spurs

EVENING JUDGING SESSION

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

Club Name	Club Name
City Kids	Lockwood Humble Bs
Compass All Stars	Shepherd Pioneers
Cool Clovers	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Huntley Eagles	Shepherd Wranglers
Kountry Kritters	Whips n Sticks
Out of County exhibitors	

Contact Chris Martin at 406-248-1425 prior to August 4, if you cannot make your club's scheduled time.

4-H ICE CREAM BOOTH CLUB SHIFTS & NEW LOCATION

The 4-H ice cream booth will be located in the **Montana Pavilion** this year.

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.

2025 Ice Cream Booth Club Work Shifts

Saturday, August 9

11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Big Sky Thunderbolts
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.	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 10

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 11

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

Tuesday, August 12

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 13

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 14

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 15

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.	Cool Clovers

Saturday, August 16

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. There will be a sign-in sheet when you arrive. The ice cream booth in the Montana Pavilion is smaller than the one we used in the Expo.

- A maximum of five people (two adults and three 4-H members) are needed from each club for every two-hour shift. Three will serve the ice cream; one will take orders; one will handle the money. For sanitation purposes, people handling the money should also not be scooping ice cream. No more than five people in the booth at any time. Extra workers will clean tables.
- 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-Hers 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 the 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 all 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.

Tickets for the purchase of ice cream from the Ice Cream Booth will be available at the Extension Office. You can give them to family and friends and let them enjoy our ice cream at the Fair. **PRICING FOR 2025:** Flavor of the Day: \$3 for a cone/\$4 for a cup; all other flavors \$4 for a cone/\$5 for a cup.

Presale tickets will be available for purchase on Interview Judging Day, August 4. Questions: Call Chris Martin at 406-248-1425.

INTERESTED IN DOING A WORKSHOP OR INFORMATION SESSION AT MONTANAFAIR

We are looking for individuals or groups who would like to do a workshop/information session at the fair. All youth and adults are invited to do this. We want to have lots of activities happening in the building. You can select the time during the fair when you would like to do your presentation. Contact Roni at 406-256-2828 so she can get you on the schedule.

MONTANAFAIR CAMPER SPACE CONTRACTS AND PAYMENT

For those that have made a camper space request, an informational letter and clover to display in your camper window will be emailed to you in June. **Those who requested and paid for a spot online but due to the limited number of full**

hook-up and electric spots, did not secure one, will be refunded. Please contact us immediately if you no longer need your spot.

4-H FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

The following 4-H members were awarded Scholarships totaling \$21,250 from the Yellowstone County 4-H Foundation. Current 4-H seniors and former 4-H graduates may apply for a scholarship once.

4-H Member	4-H Club	4-H Member	4-H Club
Sara Ackerman	Hesper Hustlers	Brylenn Olstad	Huntley Eagles
Anna Dumas	Formerly with Shepherd Pioneers	Ariel Petersen	Hesper Hustlers
Dean Green	Kountry Kritters	Lauren Petersen	Hesper Hustlers
Wyatt Hayden	Formerly with Huntley Eagles	Syler Pizzolato	Northern Lights
Lilly Morris	Pine Ridge Red Ryder	Cadence Sims	Ruff Riders
Claire Murnin	Whips n Sticks		

MONTANA RANGE DAYS 2025

The annual Montana Range Days will be held at the Custer County Event Center in Miles City, MT, June 23-25, 2025.

Range Days is designed to include the entire family, from youngsters at least 4 years of age up to and including adult competitions. There will be both individual and team competitions in a variety of range related areas.

For more information, please visit the [Montana Range Days website](https://www.montanarangedays.org/) at <https://www.montanarangedays.org/>

BLACK HILLS RECREATION LEADERS LABORATORY

September 20-26, are the dates for the 2025 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. Information and registration forms are accessible at the [Black Hills Recreation Leaders Laboratory website](https://www.bhrll.org/) at <https://www.bhrll.org/>.

MONTANA DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AVAILABLE

The purpose of the grant program is to assist funding community development projects conducted by rural youth organizations such as 4-H, by encouraging rural youth to conduct projects that will improve the quality of life in rural Montana communities, and to improve interaction between the rural and urban portions of these communities. Grant awards vary and may be awarded in any amount not to exceed \$500 per organization. Applications can be obtained by contacting Walt Anseth, Agriculture Finance Officer at 406-444-5420.

MONTANA HEREFORD ASSOCIATION HEIFER GRANT

The Montana Hereford Association (MHA) will award one individual a minimum amount of a \$1,000 grant to purchase a Hereford Heifer. Applicants must be between the ages of 9-17, as of January 1, 2025; be a current 4-H/FFA member; and must live in Montana. For application and additional information, contact Amanda Romine at 307-629-0654 (call or text) or infomontanahereford@gmail.com or visit the [MHA website](https://montanahereford.org/heifer-grant) at <https://montanahereford.org/heifer-grant>.

MONTHLY CLUB MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS

The following clubs turned in club minutes by the newsletter deadline:

Blue Creek Jumping Bucks: Members will clean up at the Audubon Center as a Community Service project.

Compass All Stars: Members watched a demonstration on how to make a tie pillow.

Lockwood Humble Bs: Members gave project reports and talked about planning for their MontanaFair entries.

Pine Ridge Red Ryder: Each member will bring one plant to put in the planter at the Worden Volunteer Fire Department.

Shepherd Pioneers: A guest speaker talked about his varied life experiences.

Worden Riverdale: The club's guest speaker talked about leadership and the military.

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 thank them 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
Albertsons	5317 Grand Ave, Billings MT 59106
Asphalt Plus	425 Johnson Ln, Billings MT 59101
First Interstate Bank	PO Box 30918, Billings MT 59106
Inland Truck Parts	1011 Intermountain St, Billings MT 59101
Ranch House Meat Company	2032 Old Hardin Rd, Billings MT 59101
Public Auction Yards (PAYS)	PO Box 1781, Billings MT 59107
Shipton's Big R	PO Box 30477, Billings MT 59107
SKelly's Spinal Flow	100 24 th Street W, Ste. 1-121, Billings MT 59102
Stockman Bank – Worden	PO Box 249, Worden MT 59088

CERAMICS WORKSHOPS FOR JUNE AND JULY

Members will meet June 14 to finish projects from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm OR 1:00 to 4:00 pm. Then Wednesday June 18 will be a pour day from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Bring your own lunch. We can also paint while waiting for molds to set. July 9 will be a regular day for projects 10:00 am to 1:00 pm and 1:00 to 4:00 pm. July 19 will be our final pour day from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (these items can be used for next year). Bring your own lunch. Questions? Call Sheri at 406-633-5531.

NRA BANQUET 4-H HELPERS AND PARENTS

Yellowstone County 4-H Council has been awarded an NRA grant again! Monies from this grant are used for the Yellowstone County Shooting Sports program. We thank the following 4-H shooting sports members and their parents for volunteering to help at the local NRA Banquet.

Member	Club	Member	Club
Cahill Clark	Worden Riverdale	Callen Clark	Worden Riverdale
Gerrett O'Daniel	Yellowstone Mavericks	Grace Cesnik	Lockwood Humble Bs
Corbin Vogel	Worden Riverdale	Wesley Browning	Project Rockin Wranglers
Jake Cesnik	Lockwood Humble Bs	Colt Clark	Worden Riverdale
Morgan O'Daniel	Yellowstone Mavericks	Erin Robertson	Yellowstone Mavericks
Emma Teter	Project Rockin Wranglers	Sarah Robertson	Former member
Jasmine Teter	Former member	Dan Robertson	Leader Yellowstone Mavericks
Kathy Teter	Leader Project Rockin Wranglers		

JUNE HORSE EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOP

There will be a Veterinary Care Workshop on Thursday, June 19, at 6:00 pm in the 4-H Building. This workshop is open to all 4-H youth interested in learning more about horses! Questions? Contact Bonnie DeVerniero at 406-694-5234.

ROCKIN' THE PROJECT SMALL ANIMAL SHOWMANSHIP JACKPOT

Project Rockin' Wranglers held their second annual jackpot on April 26, 2025. The following Yellowstone County 4-H members placed.

Peewee Exhibitors – Five exhibitors and 11 entries

Pocket Pet: 1st Sarina Parks; 2nd Emma Teter

Cavy: 1st Sarina Parks

Poultry: 1st Sarina Parks

Cat: 1st Emma Teter; 3rd Holly Arkell

Round Robin Grand: Sarina Parks

Round Robin Reserve: Emma Teter

Beginner Exhibitors – 19 exhibitors and 37 entries

Pocket Pet: 1st Delilah Hale; 2nd Swayer Moser; 3rd Hayes Moser

Cavy: 1st Carlee Bomar; 2nd Amanda Parks; 3rd Olivia Arneson
 Poultry: 1st Carlee Bomar; 2nd Sawyer Moser; 3rd Amanda Parks
 Rabbit: 1st Carlee Bomar; 2nd Madilyn Aldrich; 3rd Amanda Parks
 Cat: 1st Delilah Hale; 2nd Amanda Parks
 Dog: 1st Carlee Bomar; 2nd Delilah Hale; 3rd Maizlee Richardson
 Round Robin Grand: Carlee Bomar
 Round Robin Reserve: Delilah Hale

Junior Exhibitors – Six exhibitors and 14 entries

Pocket Pet: 2nd Matthew Parks
 Poultry: 1st Isabelle Brito
 Rabbit: 3rd Matthew Parks
 Dog: 2nd Isabelle Brito; 3rd Jackson Plath
 Round Robin Grand: Isabelle Brito

Senior Exhibitors– Three exhibitors and seven entries

Dog: 2nd Heaven Reed
 Cat: 1st Maria Murdick

MONTANAFAIR CAT SHOW RESULTS

Senior Showmanship Winners

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Heaven Reed	Big Sky Thunderbolts
Reserve	Maria Murdock	Big Sky Thunderbolts

Junior Showmanship Winners

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Rex Koivu Annabelle Fournier	Project Rockin Wranglers Laurel Roadrunners
Reserve	Peyson Rolph	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks

Beginner Showmanship Winners

Place	Member	Club
Grand	David Reynolds	Big Sky Thunderbolts
Reserve	Brookliynn Reed	Big Sky Thunderbolts
3 rd	Delilah Hale	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
4 th	Nola Vincent	Kountry Kritters
5 th	Owen Scholsser	Shepherd Tumbleweeds

Cat Show Male Cat

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Peyson Rolph & Peppers	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
Reserve	Delilah Hale & Frank	Shepherd Tumbleweeds

Cat Show Female Cat

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Annabelle Fournier & Figaro	Laurel Roadrunners
Reserve	Amanda Parks & Doc	Compass All Stars

Cat Show Overall Cat: Peyson Rolph & Peppers

MONTANAFAIR DOG SHOW RESULTS

Senior Showmanship Winners

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Rig Elton & Quigley	Out of County
Reserve	Lyndin Marble & Clementine	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
3 rd	Mae Russell & Ohmee	City Kids
4 th	Heaven Reed & Doug	Big Sky Thunderbolts

Junior Showmanship Winners

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Tylee Wickens & May	Out of County
Reserve	Lily Watson & Copper	Shepherd Pioneers
3 rd	Hadleigh Lynch & Rosie	Compass All Stars
4 th	Morgan Ready & Ellie	Hesper Hustlers
5 th	Annabelle Fournier & Apple	Laurel Roadrunners

Beginner Showmanship Winners

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Carlee Bomar & Tilly	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Reserve	Delilah Hale & Matilda	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
3 rd	Paige Trudnowski & Purdue	Hesper Hustlers
4 th	Paisley Opp & Bella	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
5 th	Owen Coleman & Charlie	Project Rockin Wranglers

Beginner Novice Obedience Winners

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Andee Heupel & Harvey	Shepherd Pioneers
Reserve	Carlee Bomar & Tilly	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
3 rd	Hadleigh Lynch & Rose	Compass All Stars
4 th	Delilah Hale & Miss Kitty	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
5 th	Paisley Opp & Bella	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks

Pre-Novice Obedience Winners

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Tylee Wickens & May	Out of County
Reserve	Mae Russell & Ohmee	City Kids

Novice Obedience Winners

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Rig Elton & Quigley	Out of County
Reserve	Paige Trudnowski & Purdue	Hesper Hustlers
3 rd	Lyndin Marble & Clementine	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
4 th	Lily Watson & Cooper	Shepherd Pioneers
5 th	Heaven Reed & Doug	Big Sky Thunderbolts

Novice Rally Winners

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Paige Trudnowski & Purdue	Hesper Hustlers
Reserve	Lily Watson & Cooper	Shepherd Pioneers
3 rd	Delilah Hale & Ray	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
4 th	Hadleigh Lynch & Finley	Compass All Stars
5 th	Annabelle Fournier & Apple	Laurel Roadrunners

Intermediate Rally Winners

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Lyndin Marble & Clementine	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
Reserve	Tylee Wickens & May	Out of County
3 rd	Rig Elton & Quigley	Out of County
4 th	Mae Russell & Ohmee	City Kids
5 th	Heaven Reed & Doug	Big Sky Thunderbolts

Overall Obedience Grand Champion: Andee Heupel & Harvey**Overall Obedience Reserve Champion:** Tylee Wickens & May

MONTANAFAIR SMALL ANIMAL JUDGING RESULTS

Senior Division

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Maria Murdick	Big Sky Thunderbolts
Reserve	Heaven Reed	Big Sky Thunderbolts

Junior Division

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Isabelle Brito	Shepherd Pioneers
Reserve	Rex Koivu	Project Rockin Wranglers
3 rd	Brooklyn Berg	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
4 th	Peyson Rolph	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
5 th	Wesley Browning	Project Rockin Wranglers

Beginner Division

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Carlee Bomar	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Reserve	Amanda Parks	Compass All Stars
3 rd	Delilah Hale	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
4 th	Alessia Jackson	Cool Clovers
5 th	Maverick Sorensen	Project Rockin Wranglers

MONTANAFAIR SKILLATHON RESULTS

Large Animal Beginners

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Carlee Bomar	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Reserve	Olivia Arneson	Cool Clovers
3 rd	Delilah Hale	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
4 th	Claire Longmire	Cool Clovers
5 th	Maverick Sorenson	Project Rockin Wranglers

Large Animal Juniors

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Isabelle Brito	Shepherd Pioneers
Reserve	Rex Koivu	Project Rockin Wranglers
3 rd	Wesley Browning	Project Rockin Wranglers
4 th	Peyson Rolph	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
5 th	Annabelle Fournier	Laurel Roadrunners

Large Animal Seniors

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Lukas Arkell	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
Reserve	Saphron Myers	Northern Lights

Small Animal Beginners

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Carlee Bomar	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Reserve	Olivia Arneson	Cool Clovers
3 rd	Isabella Johnson	Compass All Stars
4 th	Delilah Hale	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
5 th	Amanda Parks	Compass All Stars

Small Animal Juniors

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Rex Koivu	Project Rockin Wranglers
Reserve	Isabelle Brito	Shepherd Pioneers

3 rd	Annabelle Fournier	Laurel Roadrunners
4 th	Hadleigh Lynch	Compass All Stars
5 th	Peyson Rolph	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks

Small Animal Seniors

Place	Member	Club
Grand	Lukas Arkell	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
Reserve	Heaven Reed	Big Sky Thunderbolts
3 rd	Maria Murdick	Big Sky Thunderbolts

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION NEEDED FOR ONLINE AQA TRAINING

If you attended a Virtual Webex Animal Quality Assurance Class on March 5 or plan to attend the training on June 3, you are also required to complete the [Youth for the Quality Care of Animals online course](http://yqcaprogram.org) at <http://yqcaprogram.org>.

Upon successful completion of the quiz, the member will need to download the course certificate. The certificate is proof that the member has completed the AQA course. A copy of the certificate must be emailed, faxed, or mailed to the Yellowstone County Extension Office. Certificate must be received (not postmarked by) in the office no later than 5:00 pm, June 27, 2025. No exceptions!

Reminders and instructions were mailed to households and emailed to members' household emails several times. Plan ahead!

2024-2025 ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE POLICY & WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

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

If you and your parent are not in attendance for the complete training, you may be asked to attend another session. **NO workshops will be held after the June 3 class. It is the final opportunity for 2025.**

For the virtual session, people will log into the Webex meeting (Webex link information will be sent out via email prior to each session) to learn the information then go to the online program, pay their own \$12 fee, and take the online class. Send a copy of the completion certificate to the Extension Office.

Tuesday, June 3: 6:30 pm Virtual training

OUTSTANDING EXHIBITOR CONTEST: LARGE LIVESTOCK- BEEF, SHEEP, SWINE, GOATS

Consider signing up for the Outstanding Exhibitor Contest at MontanaFair. This award is scored based on an application (written/typed in advance) about project knowledge and involvement, personal interview with a judge from business/industry, animal points and showmanship points. Rules for accumulating points toward the contest and additional information can be found in the MontanaFair Department A 4-H/FFA Junior Livestock handbook under Division 160.

To be eligible Exhibitors must enter the division and class in their MontanaFair entry. This is an outstanding opportunity to showcase your skills in and out of the show ring. For questions, please contact Cheri Johannes 406-672-8137 or via email cjohannes2885@gmail.com

HORSE ID CARD REQUIREMENTS & POLICY FOR MEMBERS & LEADERS

All MontanaFair 4-H horse exhibitors must turn in a completed Horse ID card with proof of current 4 in 1 vaccination (influenza, tetanus, and eastern and western sleeping sickness) attached to the card. Cards must be turned into exhibitor's horse leader who will verify that the ID card is complete and deliver it to the Extension Office with Assessment Result Sheets by June 15. Horse ID cards must be signed by the member, parent, leader and include a picture of the horse and rider. Cards received after the June 15 deadline will not be accepted and horses without completed cards on file will not be allowed to show at MontanaFair. Only one ID card per Horse Project will be accepted. (English and Western Horsemanship are different projects, and two different horses may be used.) The Family Horse ID card is also due on June 15.

Questions? Please reference the 2025 [Horse & Colt Policy](https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/4-hpolicies.html) on the county website at <https://www.montana.edu/extension/yellowstone/4h/4-hpolicies.html>.

HORSE FINAL ASSESSMENTS FOR MONTANAFAIR

4-H members will be assessed at the club level by a horse leader or teen horse leader. The member assessment sheets found in the members Horsemanship project book should be completed but are not turned into the county office; they are to be kept in the member's record book. The Assessment Results Sheet signed by the horse or organizational leader showing the new levels and projects for all members will be turned into the Extension Office. These sheets with all level changes are to be completed by June 15 each year. Members will show in the level above what has been completed. Leaders can decline to assess a member; however, members must be assessed to attend MontanaFair. The member can ask the Horse & Colt Committee for another registered Horse Leader to assess them.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK FAIR APPRECIATION PLAQUES

Appreciation plaque nominations are due at the Livestock Committee Meeting to be held on Wednesday, June 25, immediately following the Sale Committee meeting or at 7:00 p.m. in the 4-H Building. Nomination forms are available on the Yellowstone County 4-H website under the MontanaFair heading.

NILE MERIT HEIFER PROGRAM

Applications for the NILE Merit Heifer program are now available for the 2025-2026 year. Please visit [the Nile's website](https://www.thenile.org/) for additional information and application at <https://www.thenile.org/>.

The NILE Merit Heifer program is a "live animal" scholarship that strives to help youth get a start in the beef cattle business by awarding heifer calves to participants chosen based on merit, future goals, and ability to care for the animal. Any youth ages 12-16 as of June 30, of the given year and is a 4-H or FFA member, may apply. Applicants must be a NILE member. (Junior Membership Fee: \$25) Applicants are not limited to Montana residents.

During the program duration, participants are responsible for raising the heifer, arranging for her to be bred, completing the record keeping procedure and bringing the animal back one year later as a bred replacement heifer for exhibit at the NILE Stock Show in October. Questions? Contact the NILE program coordinator Shelby Shaw at 406-256-2499.

JUNE 2025 4-H CALENDAR



Cleaning Schedule

Ruff Riders: May 17 – June 13

Shepherd Pioneers: June 14-27

4-H Building

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 6:30 Animal Quality Assurance Workshop Online	4	5 6:00 Department N meeting with 4-H Council to follow.	6	7 Rimrock Sheep & Goat Show <i>SuperBarn at MetraPark</i>
8	9	10	11	12	13 Horse ID cards due in Extension	14 Black Diamond Horse Show <i>SuperBarn at MetraPark</i>
15 10-1 OR 1-4 Ceramics at <i>Anttila's</i> Yellowstone Classic Jackpot Show <i>Miller's Horse Palace</i>	16	17 4-H Camp June 17-20 ←	18 9:00-4:00 Ceramics Pour Day at <i>Anttila's</i> 6:00 Horse & Colt Mtg <i>4-H Building</i>	19 6:00 Horse Workshop <i>4-H Building</i>	20 Newsletter Articles Due	21 Rockin the Project Sheep & Goat Invite <i>SuperBarn at MetraPark</i>
22	23	24 Interstate Exchange June 24 - July 5 ←	25 6:00 Small Animal Comm. 6:30 Sale Comm. followed by Livestock Comm.- <i>4-H Building</i>	26	27 MontanaFair 4-H/FFA online entry deadline www.montanafair.com	29
29	30	July 1	2	3	4 Extension Office Closed	5 →