



GALLATIN COUNTY 4-H

YEARLY REPORT



FOR FISCAL YEAR
2024

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PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

FROM MOLLY YURDANA, 4-H AGENT

Always Growing

The 2023-2024 Gallatin County 4-H Year was one for the books. Gallatin County 4-H served 576 youth (ages 5-18), and 135 certified adult volunteers led more than 40 skill-based projects and 14 Community Clubs. The year began with two New 4-H Family Info Nights, with more than 150 people attending to learn about joining 4-H.

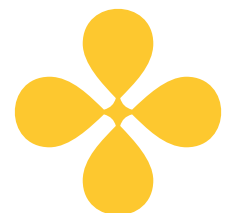
Our growing community is catching wind of what our program can provide for youth to develop new skills. New and invigorating project options were added, including bringing back the Robotics Project with a new spin. This gave youth the opportunity to learn about the basics of coding, 3D printing, and designing and building microcontrollers. We added a Cat Project, led by a local small animal veterinarian, which gave youth with household pets the opportunity to participate in an animal project. We even had a Cat Show at the 2024 Fair.

The Teen Leadership program was revamped, and 22 new teens joined to develop their leadership skills and serve the local program in a larger capacity. Teen Leaders engaged in planning and teaching Animal Quality Assurance, stations at Winter and Spring youth workshops, and various project and/or Club Meetings to share their experiences and knowledge with younger members.

Gallatin County teens had a strong presence at every Montana 4-H State event this year, including Fall Leadership Training, Rec Lab, Pre-Congress and State 4-H Congress. Our enthusiastic group of 25 teen 4-H Camp Counselors hosted our largest county 4-H Summer Camp yet, with 85 campers in attendance. Attendees engaged in a hands-on sea creature dissection, map-making, creating their own message in a bottle and a pirate jeopardy game.



2024 Gallatin County 4-H
Camp Attendees



PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

CONTINUED

Connecting to Our Community

In 4-H, we strive to provide opportunities for adult volunteers to grow and develop their skills. MSU Extension 4-H Agent, Molly Yurdana and 4-H Program Manager Colyn Wiening tackled a lengthy to-do list to improve program function, procedures, training opportunities and project offerings.

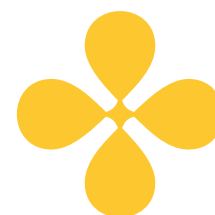
With new community partnerships, Gallatin 4-H addressed some high-priority program needs in 2023-2024. The Gallatin County 4-H Leaders Council believes CPR is a valuable life skill and is especially beneficial to 4-H personnel as they all work closely with youth. Gallatin 4-H teamed with Central Valley Fire District (CVFD) and Manhattan Fire Department on two occasions to offer CPR certification to 4-H volunteers and 4-H teen Camp Counselors. Over the last year, 17 volunteers and 24 camp counselors have been certified.

4-H offers opportunities and experiences that shape youth into their full, authentic selves, enabling them with skills for the future. This year, 4-H youth showcased those skills in Gallatin County communities through partnerships with various local businesses and organizations. Under new leadership, the Photography Project partnered with a local cafe to debut its first Community Photo Show, which showcased over 70 youth photos during the month of June.

Youth members of the Cat Project partnered with Heart of the Valley to hand-make toys for shelter cats, and youth in the Knitting/Crochet project spent time once a month at The Springs assisted living facility in Bozeman to teach senior residents how to knit and crochet. The Manhattan Clever Clovers and Dry Creek Teens Clubs adopted a portion of road for a highway cleanup project, and youth in the Poultry Project donated extra market birds through the Montana Veterans Meat Locker to benefit and feed local veterans. Gallatin County 4-H is thankful to have a community that is so supportive and generous to 4-H and for youth to be able to return the favor and learn the impact of serving others.



Gallatin 4-H volunteers at CPR training with Central Valley Fire District





Our Philosophy

The philosophy of 4-H is to strengthen the mental, physical, moral, and social development of youth, thereby helping them to develop into competent, committed, caring, and self-assured adults. This development is achieved through youth participation in projects, events, and various activities.



Our Mission

Unlimited Leaders Council

The mission of the Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council (ULC) is to teach life skills by providing positive, hands-on, and educational opportunities for and with youth, through the recruitment, training, and development of caring 4-H volunteers in the hope of creating healthy, proactive futures in a global world.

Gallatin 4-H Foundation

The mission of the Gallatin 4-H Foundation is to aid and promote, by financial assistance and support, all types of 4-H Programs and other Extension Youth Programs.



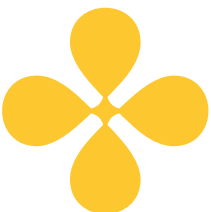
Our Purpose

Unlimited Leaders Council

The primary purpose of the Unlimited Leaders Council (ULC) is to provide guidance and assistance to the county Extension staff in planning and conducting educational programs. In addition, the 4-H council advises the county Extension staff in the establishment of the county 4-H policies that are not in conflict with the state 4-H policy statement. Gallatin County Unlimited Leaders Council is the governing body of Gallatin County 4-H and all the committees within the county 4-H program.

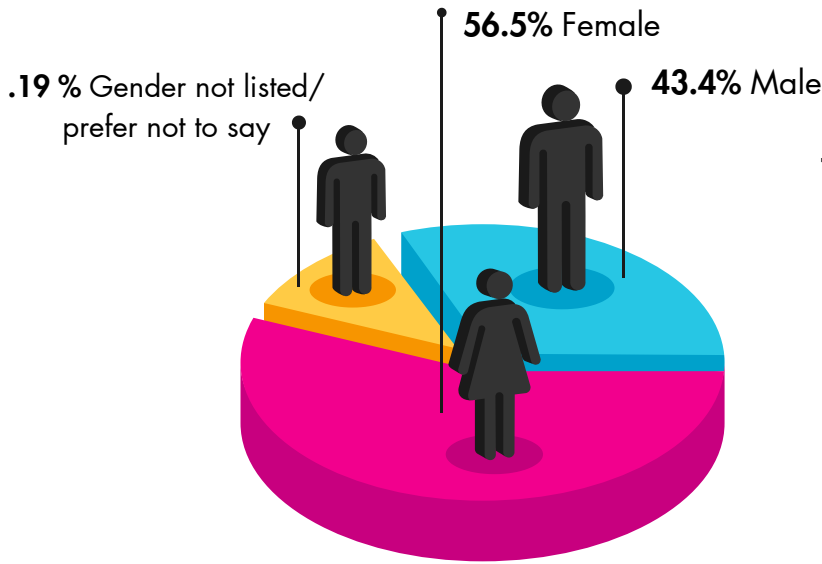
Market Livestock Committee

The purpose of the Market Livestock Committee is to develop and promote all livestock projects (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goat, Rabbit, and Poultry) in 4-H and FFA on a county-wide basis. They provide members the educational experience and support to responsibly raise, care for, and sell their 4-H/FFA market animals; organize & facilitate the Gallatin County 4-H/FFA Market Sale; create and enforce the FairBook Rules specific to all livestock species; and work together as a committee to set and enforce the standard for all livestock projects.



GALLATIN COUNTY 4-H DEMOGRAPHICS:

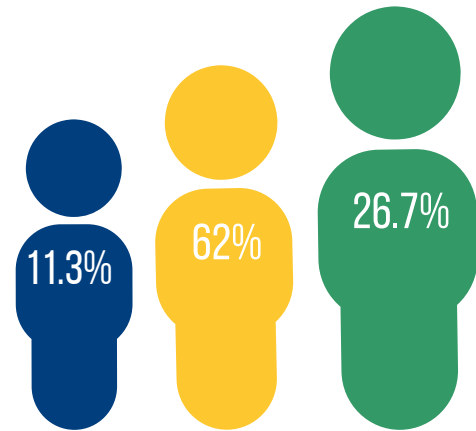
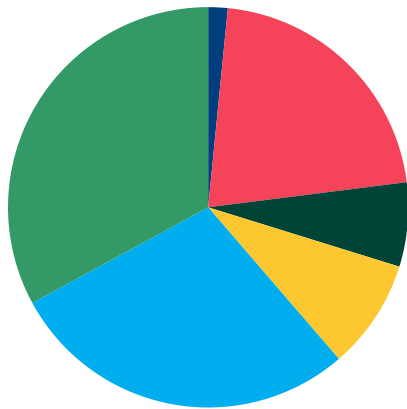
574 Youth Members:



133 Volunteers:
14 leader-led Clubs | 36 Leader-led projects



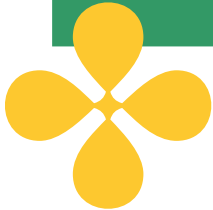
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Of the **574** members, there were **65** Cloverbud members (ages 5-7); **356** Junior members (ages 8-13); and **153** Senior members (ages 14-18).

4-H ACTIVITIES

October
November
December



4-H New Family Informational Night

Two 4-H New Family Informational Nights were held, one in Bozeman at the Fairgrounds and one in Belgrade for interested families. Our hope in hosting New Family Night was to help new and interested families understand what is required as a member/family and how to get involved as an adult.

New Robotics Leader

A new leader, Joey, started an in-person hands-on Robotics project that hadn't been held in several years. It went viral!

Fall Leadership Training

Seven teens attended Fall Leadership Training in Billings. The teens attended various workshops on leadership, team bonding, and other great skills to bring back to our county.

Fall Into Leadership

A "Fall Into Leadership" Volunteer Training was held at the Extension Office. Leaders and Volunteers learned helpful information about navigating record books, preparing members for County Contests, and tools for a successful 4-H year.



Cody, Kylie and Brailey Brownell working at a Bobcat Football game.



New Family Orientation Night



Gallatin teens attending the Fall Leadership Academy

4-H ACTIVITIES

January
February
March



Winter Workshop for Youth and Adults

County Winter Workshop engaged Club members to learn about county contests, tips on completing record books, Club Officer Training, and parliamentary procedure. Club leaders and parents learned some of the same topics, as well as strategies to include and best serve members with IEPs and 504s. Leaders also learned their personality types and how to work with different personality types. They finished the day with a "Chopped" salsa-making contest.

County Contest Time

Stir-Ups County Contest hosted a battle of ladles for 9 members competing for the tastiest soup recipe. 23 members competed with their cookie recipes in the Better Batter Baking Contest. Communication Day included Cloverbuds, Juniors, Intermediates, and Senior members competing! 4-H members show off their skills in a variety of friendly competitions; demonstrations, prepared speeches, and mock interviews.

State Shoot

Shooting Sports members participated in the State Shoot held here in Gallatin County. Shooting Sports include Smallbore rifle and pistol, air-pistol, air-rifle, & Archery.



Charlotte Sonnichsen preparing her soup for Stir-Ups.



Tatem Chaffins ready to present her cookies to the judges.



Ada and Hazel Atkins with their finished soup.



Hazel and Toby Nash with their freshly baked cookies.



4-H ACTIVITIES

April
May
June



Animal Quality Assurance

AQA Workshops were held; one in March and one in April. Members were taught and participated in hands-on stations about biosecurity, veterinary care, feeds & nutrition, ethics & sportsmanship, and quality control.

GIVE BIG

Gallatin County 4-H Foundation participates in GIVE BIG GALLATIN VALLEY, our goal was \$1550 and we raised \$2155! We are looking to raise more funds for our scholarships in 2025!

Farm Fair

4-H participated in the 4th grade Farm Fair. Our 4-H members talked to the local 4th graders about agriculture, raising animals for food products and other fun 4-H topics.

Gallatin County 4-H Foundation announced their 2024 Senior scholarship recipients.

Doney Scholarship: No recipient

Market Livestock Scholarship:

Lane Smart (\$1000)

4-H Foundation Scholarships:

Grace Simser (\$1000)

Cora Pruitt (\$1000)



GRACE SIMSER



LANE SMART



CORA PRUITT

4-H ACTIVITIES

July

Loretta Turner Award

Thank you to the many friends and family of Lorrie Turner who donated funds in her memory. Lorrie was a long-time 4-H volunteer, mother, and supporter of the 4-H cooking, baking, and cake decorating projects. First place is awarded \$50 and \$35 for second place

Juniors

Rilynn Martin - Baking

Max Gray - Cooking

Remlee Neil - Baking

Hannah Chavez - Cake Decorating

Seniors

Cora Pruitt - Baking



Bonnie Radke
and her needle point
octopus.

Phyllis Lewis Award

Phyllis is a long-time and current 4-H volunteer, and former Wyoming Extension Agent and supporter of the 4-H needle crafts. First place is awarded \$50 and \$35 for second place.

Juniors

Catherine Schmitt - Crochet

Bridger Noonan - Crochet

Grace Green Sewing

Ellianna Green - Sewing

Seniors

Bonnie Radke - Sewing
and Crochet

Aspen Smart - Crochet

Bob Brownell 4-H Herdsman Award

Awarded for keeping excellent appearance, condition, cleanliness of the stalls and barns and being courteous and polite to fellow 4-H and FFA members, adults and fair visitors.

Catherine Schmitt - Horse

George Stenberg - Beef

Decker Trainor - Beef

Brayden Krogstad - Beef

Thomas Longden-Powell - Swine

Weston Harwood - Swine

Luke Randall - Swine

Rivers Phelps - Sheep

Joe Kamerman - Dairy Cow

Brody Ward - Meat Goat

Moriah Colton - Meat Goat

Josie Duncan - Dairy Goat

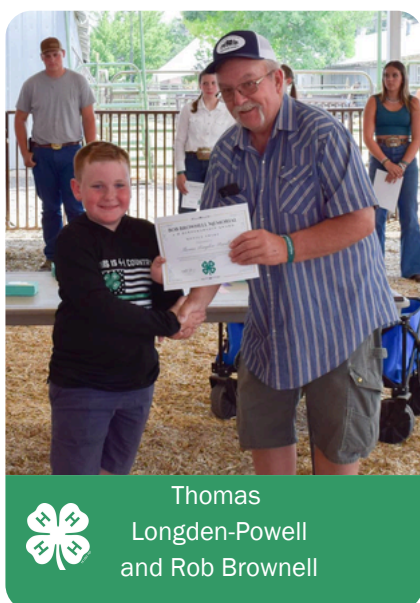
Bridger Ympa - Dairy Goat

Joelyn Neiminen - Poultry

Madison Roberts - Rabbits

Sean Marble - Rabbits

Maggie Radke - Rabbits



Thomas
Longden-Powell
and Rob Brownell

4-H ACTIVITIES

July - cont'd
August
September

Round Robin

Round Robin is a fun competition between top showmen from most species. Large Animals included are Beef, Dairy Cows, Dairy Goat, Meat Goat, Horse, Sheep and Swine. Small Animals included Rabbits, Poultry, and for the first time Dogs! The purpose of the Round Robin Competition is to promote an understanding and recognition of the different species and encourage interaction and friendly competition between our animal showmen.

Juniors

Griffin Jensen - Grand Champion

Bridger Noonan - Reserve Champion

Seniors

Nicole Berger - Grand Champion

Kylie Brownell - Reserve Champion



2024 Camp Counselors
and Directors

Summer Camp

JC Billions' generous donation of \$6000 for the 3rd year in a row helped provide scholarships for county contest winners to attend both camp and Congress depending on the age of the 4-H-er. The remainder helped fund camp to reduce the tuition costs for all campers. Gallatin's 4-H summer camp was held again at Yellowstone Alliance Adventures our 4-H Agent Molly Yurdana and Co-Lead Camp Directors plus our 26 Counselors hosted 58 Campers, where they dove deep under the sea to discover fun ways to use their hands, hearts, heads, and health.

Manhattan Potato Festival and Parade

4-H members crawled out of bed early to help decorate a float and answer questions at our informational booth. We handed out potato stress balls for the 3rd year which are still wildly popular!



Manhattan Potato
Parade Float

Bozeman Stampede

The Bozeman Stampede donated \$25,000 to 4-H! Our 4-H-ers work at the Stampede to earn money for their chosen project. The Bozeman Stampede sees the value of hard work and the benefit of 4-H to our youth!

4-H ACTIVITIES

July - cont'd
August
September



Patrick at a Western Heritage Shoot

Western Heritage

Gallatin County's 4-H Western Heritage project member, Patrick Cashman won 1st Overall Junior at the National Western Heritage shoot, where there were 58 competitors representing 8 states. He also won 1st Overall Junior at the Western Heritage State Shoot! This is a tough competition where members are given a time period and they must research the history as well as create a persona of someone who would have lived in that era. At the competition, they are required to interview while in character, take a history test, and participate in a shoot. This isn't all about having the best aim. Way to go Patrick!

Celebration Time

The annual Awards Celebration was held at the end of September. We had an ice cream sundae bar complete with clover sprinkles. We honored the outstanding work of our volunteers and congratulated our youth for all their hard work all the members.

Kirk Trust & Members of the Year

These members have excelled in Club, County, and State activities revolving around community service, fundraising and leadership.

Juniors

- Jake Oostema
- Bridger Noonan
- Thomas Longden-Powell

Seniors

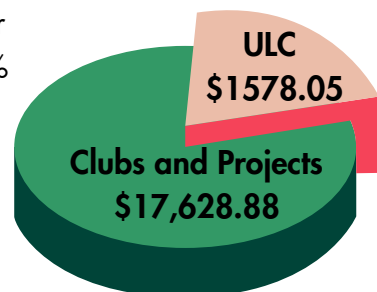
- Bonnie Radke
- Nicole Berger
- Madison Oostema

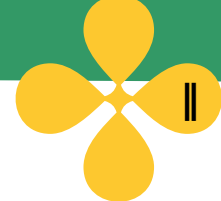


Camp Counselors raising money for summer camp

MSU Concessions

4-H club members and leaders have volunteered to work at 19 different events selling concessions to the event attendees at Montana State University to earn money for their club or project. The majority of their hard-earned money goes back to the club or project of their choice and 10% goes to ULC to help with the costs of programs and materials.





GALLATIN 4-H FOUNDATION:

Fiscal Year January to December 2024

2024 Grants Awarded

Harris and Elizabeth Kirk Trust Fund \$600
Gallatin County 4-H Member of the Year

2 Winners: one Junior and one Senior member

Doney Scholarship

Scholarship for a senior planning to study an ag-related major in higher education. \$0

4-H Scholarship

Scholarship for a senior who has been a 4-H member through 4 years of high school. \$2000

Loretta Turner Memorial

Award of Excellence given to members in the food projects cooking, baking, and cake decorating \$305

Market Animal Endowment

Scholarships for seniors who are active members in market animal projects. \$1000

Endowment

4-H Youth Leaders' Endowment

- To support the efforts of Gallatin County 4-H teens to conduct summer camp, attend leadership training, and participate in other teen events in Montana and nationally.

Summer Camp Endowment \$4000

- To support the annual summer camp efforts.

Livestock Endowment \$4,754

- To support the livestock projects and their needs with barn maintenance.

New Project & Club Support \$1000

Chaperones for State and National Events \$344

- To fund areas of project support and event chaperones.

Net Unrealized Earnings/Loss on Investments \$38,928

2024 Ending Value on Principal Assets \$350,003

Other Assets \$44,693

Total Net Worth on December 31, 2024 **\$394,696**

UNLIMITED LEADERS COUNCIL:

Financial Statement



Unlimited Leaders Council’s revenue comes from several sources, donations, enrollment fees, MSU Concessions and 4-H Fair Concession booth. Projects and clubs raise money for their needs and house their money with ULC.

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Year Net Income</u>
\$36,908	\$34,786	\$2,122

The Fair Account is made up of restricted donation that is used solely for Fair. Expenses include premiums to 4-H members who exhibit indoor projects, animal posters for animal projects and showmanship. Other expenses are meals for judges, ribbons, banners and other Fair supply needs.

<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Ending Year Net Income</u>
\$15,778	\$11,711	\$4,067

\$158,583 Total Invested Funds

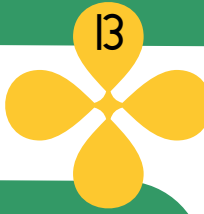


ULC has over 54% funds invested for future use.

ULC Committee officers voted to consolidate all investment account funds plus additional assets to a low-risk savings account for future needs. Most of these funds were previously in a CD or Money Market Account at multiple Banks.

MARKET LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE:

Gallatin County 4-H/FFA Market Sale Financials



\$1,508,720

Market Sale

With a growing number of 4-H members joining market projects, our sales total continues to climb too. This year we reached the highest our 4-H/FFA market sale has ever brought in. This money goes straight to the 4-H members. The Market Sale committee does keep a small 5% commission to help fund the following year's sale expenses. These sale expenses include tents for Fair week, tables, chairs, BBQ food and catering to feed our buyers and families on sale night and many more!

\$9,020

Project Silent Auction Baskets

Projects have held a silent auction of baskets filled with fun and exciting items and have earned money to help fund programs and prizes for their project.

Revenue

\$1,541,677

Expenses

\$1,522,189

Net Income

\$19,488



CONTRIBUTORS, DONORS AND FRIENDS

A special thanks to all our donors, you have a hand in setting up our program for future generations which allows us to campaign less, and concentrate more on creating programming for our youth.

In Memory Donations:

Current and former Employees of Summit Dental donated in memory of Bruce Samson, father of Dr. William Samson.

Black family contributed to Gallatin County 4-H in memory of Leo Schnell, a long time supporter and advocate of 4-H.

Friends and family of David Pruitt donated in his memory. David was a long time supporter of Gallatin County 4-H

Paddle Auction Donors:

\$500

Door Tech
Bittco LLC
Architecture 118
Comfort Inn Bozeman
JK Appraisal & Consulting
Manhattan Bank
Aquatech
Swan Land Company
Taylor'd Services
Rockin' B Ranch
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\$250

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Montana Embroidery

\$100

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Swan Land Company
Small Animal Tent
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Small Animal Tent
Moose 94.7
First Bedding for Livestock Barns
Gallatin 4-H Foundation
Livestock Fans, Panels and Scales

Purple Ribbon Sponsors \$1000+

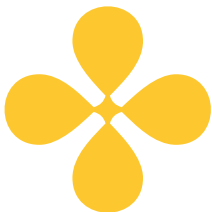
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Clover Donor Sponsors \$250-\$499

Montana Farmers Union
4 Corners Saddlery





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