

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER- JULY 2025

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM RONI BAKER

Congratulations to the following BB Gun Nationals raffle winners: Bob Davis, Jason Stensvad, Chantz Lamber, Travis Peterson, Cotton Pinkerton, CJ Merrill, Lyn Weigel, Charles Lorenz, Roni Baker, Joseph Garcle, Cody Buchholz, Barry Bender, Carl Rannes, and Dean Clark. Thank you to everyone who purchased ticket in support of these 4-H members!

Cat Show correction: Junior Showmanship Winners are Rex Koivu-Grand Champion, Annabelle Fournier-Reserve Champion, and Peyson Rolph-3rd place.

I am excited about the upcoming Montana State 4-H Congress that will be held in Bozeman July 8-11. Seventeen Yellowstone County 4-H members will be attending.

Roni Baker, Yellowstone County 4-H/Youth Agent

MONTANAFAIR EXHIBITOR WRISTBANDS

Gate 1 (the back gate 4-Her's use) at Metra will require everyone to have a wristband or ticket to enter the fair. They will enforce entrance requirements. All 4-H and FFA members with entries in MontanaFair will receive a 9-day wristband to enter the fair every day.

Members can pick up their MontanaFair packets on Dept N judging day, August 4, between 8:30 am and 7:00 pm in the Montana Pavilion building at MetraPark. This will enable you to have your wristband ahead of time.

CLUB BOOTH SET UP IN MONTANA PAVILION

Clubs can set up booths on Monday, August 4, during Interview Judging from 8:30 am to 7:30 pm and Wednesday, August 6, from 4:00 to 8:00 pm.

*All loose hanging decorative CLOTH materials shall be flame retardant treated and marked in an inconspicuous but consistent location. **Plastic draped tablecloths do NOT meet the fire codes and are NOT acceptable for backdrops.

ICE CREAM BOOTH REMINDER

Every TWO-hour shift should have 7 workers (2 adults and 5 members). Please do not have a new set of workers coming in every half an hour. These are two-hour shifts. A limited number of gate passes will be available for workers.

PRICING FOR 2025: Flavor of the Day: \$3 for a cone/\$4 for a cup; all other flavors \$4 for a cone and \$5 for a cup. For \$15 you may purchase five ice cream booth tickets to use as you wish. Tickets will be available for purchase at Department N Interview Judging Day, August 4, and in Department N during fair. Questions: Call Chris Martin at 406-248-1425.

4-H DANCE AT FAIR

The dance will be held at the fair on Wednesday, August 13 and runs from 8-10 pm and will be held in the Expo. Everyone (including adults) is invited to attend.

SCAVENGER HUNT AT FAIR

Visit Department N each day during fair to participate in "The Hunt". There will be a list of 10 items that are hidden in club booths. The items will be moved to different booths each day. Fill out the form indicating where you found the

items and have your name put in a daily drawing for prizes. Prizes may include night show tickets, ride tickets and 4-H items.

MONTHLY CLUB MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS

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

Blue Creek Jumping Bucks: Members will clean up the Yellowstone Audubon Center area for community service.

Compass All Stars: Members worked on cutting boards, painting, and tracing for their new Family Fun Night game.

Lockwood Humble Bs: A leader demonstrated how to do a Department N interview at MontanaFair.

Pine Ridge Red Ryders: Members went through fair handbooks and how to enroll. We will have a food booth at Homesteader Days.

Shepherd Pioneers: Recognition was given to members that helped spruce up the courtyard at the River Ridge Nursing Home.

Worden Riverdale: The club will have a float and a fundraising booth at Homesteader Days.

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
Animal Health International	1380 Minnesota Avenue, Billings MT 59101
Fuse-It	7117 Hwy 312, Billings MT 59105
Classy and Sassy Coffee	6947 Brave Lookout, Shepherd MT 59079
Auto Auction of Montana	4432 S Frontage Road, Billings MT 59102
Hanser's Automotive	430 S Billings Blvd, Billings MT 59101
Yellowstone Bank Laurel	PO Box 7, Laurel MT 59044
City Service Valcon	PO Box 30335, Billings MT 59107
North 40 Ag	2150 South 14 th Road, Ballantine MT 59006
Heenan & Cook	1631 Zimmerman Trl, Suite1, Billings MT 59102
Millers Horse Palace	7215 Mossmain Ln, Billings MT 59106

4-H CAMP

4-H Camp was a great success! Thank you to all adult chaperones, counselors and CIT's. The adult chaperones, Yellowstone County Counselors and Counselors in Training (CIT) were:

Counselor

Ariel Petersen
Brooklyn Kuhr
Cadence Sims
Carson Adkins
Clay Stott
Ella Dumas
Ember Solberg

Grace Sedlacek
Jordan Trupka
Kayden Shivar
Keegan Kennedy
Kerstin Luhman
Sam Duey
Saphron Myers

Sara Ackerman
Tyler Kennah
Tyson Muilenburg
Wade Bekkedahl
Walt Lindeen
Wyatt Johannes

Counselor in Training (CIT)

Blake Vogel
Cayla Beeton
Colin Cantu
Ella Dykes
Ella Gallagher
Hailey Saling

Haylee Krohne
Kember Rienhart
Koraline Lee
Madeline Felder
Mae Russell
Natalie DelCamp

Owen Rouse
Ruby Bekkedahl
Taylor Saling
Traden Beddes
Tristen Beddes
Zac Sedlacek

Adult Chaperone/Camp Nurse

Dixie Osborne
Roni Baker
Amber Elliott
Levi Osborne
Carrie Guderjahn
Francisco Gamboa

Haley Barker
Luke Miller
Sarah-Jane French
Becca Sedlacek – Nurse
Kim Ackerman – Nurse

OPEN SHOWS AT MONTANAFAIR

We encourage all members to enter the Open Class Shows at MontanaFair. Open Class Exhibitor handbooks, entry forms and deadlines can be found on the [MontanaFair website](http://www.montanafair.com) at www.montanafair.com. Questions can be directed to MontanaFair at 406-256-2400. DO NOT contact the Extension Office with Open Show questions.

BLACK HILLS RECREATION LEADERS CONFERENCE

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/>.

DEPARTMENT N MEETING

There will NOT be a Dept N meeting in July. Department N Post Fair meeting will be Thursday, September 4, in the 4-H Building at 5:30 pm.

DEPARTMENT N INTERVIEW JUDGING DAY MONDAY, AUGUST 4

Everyone who enters Department N (non-livestock) for fair will need to be at Interview Judging Day, Monday, August 4. Bring all non-livestock entries to the Montana Pavilion. 4-H clubs are scheduled either for the morning or evening.

Please note: there are restrictions for check-in times.

If you come at a time other than your scheduled time, you will wait until all scheduled clubs are finished being judged - unless special arrangements have been made prior to August 4, with Roni Baker and/or the Department N Superintendent Chris Martin. **If you have more than 25 exhibits**, you ARE REQUIRED to come in the morning, even if your 4-H club is scheduled for the afternoon shift.

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

Big Sky Thunderbolts
Hesper Hustlers
Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
Laurel Roadrunners
Northern Lights
Pine Ridge Red Ryder

Club Name

Project Rockin Wranglers
Ruff Riders
Shepherd Lonestars
Worden Riverdale
Yellowstone Mavericks
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.

ABSENTEE EXHIBITOR FORM FOR INTERVIEW JUDGING DAY

If you entered Department N, but are not able to attend Interview Judging Day on Monday, August 4, you need to:

- Fill out one "Absentee Judging Form" per project, (not per entry).
- Find a 4-H member who is willing to bring your entries and the Absentee Judging Form(s) to the fair and take them to the specific project judge. They need to take and the forms to each project judge.
- Absentee members may choose to talk to a judge via a phone call or FaceTime. Absentee member is responsible for coordinating call(s) or FaceTime with their 4-H member helper. When the helper reaches a judge, they will use their own phone to place the call or use FaceTime to reach the absentee member.
- Arrange to have your entries picked up from MontanaFair.

You can get the Absentee Interview Judging Form(s) from the Extension Office or on the county 4-H website.

INTERVIEW JUDGING DAY INFORMATION FOR CLUB VOLUNTEERS

Department N requires each club to have one adult member assigned to work on Interview Judging Day during their club's session in one of the areas listed below. We have received the name of each club's adult volunteer.

- Directing members to the registration table, tagging, and holding area.
- Sit at tagging and ribbon tables to monitor and assist Junior Coordinators.
- Sit in foods area to monitor and assist organization of food in refrigerators.
- Take carts back and forth between the entrance and tagging area and help with loading and unloading.
- Making sure kids are not leaving the assigned area.

Each club's adult volunteer must check in when they arrive. Please remember, this job is to help things run smoothly so the kids get the most out of judging day! A lot of the work will simply be helping the Junior Coordinators as well as the clerks. Thank you for your willingness to help.

MONTANAFAIR COMMUNICATION CONTEST

4-H members who sign up to do a demonstration at MontanaFair can hold their demonstration anytime between noon and 8:00 pm Saturday, August 9-Friday, August 15. On Saturday, August 16 your demonstration must be finished by 2:00 pm. Tell a Department N clerk when you arrive, and they will help you get set up. You must have been judged at your County Communication Day to enter the Fair Communications Contest.

ALL CLASS JUDGING

You do not need to be enrolled in a specific project to enter All Class Judging. In All Class Judging, participants will judge any Department N category. This will take place on Friday, August 15, from 12:00-2:30 pm.

QUIZ BOWL

This year the date and time for Quiz Bowl is Sunday, August 10, at 6:30 pm in Department N. Members use a buzzer to answer 4-H related questions presented by a moderator. You must have signed up in your fair entry to participate.

MONTANAFAIR SHOWCASE & AWARDS IN THE EXPO

The MontanaFair Showcase will be held on Tuesday, August 12, at 6:30 pm. We will be using the scripts from the County Showcase. Outfits to be modeled in Shopping In Style must be included in your entry and taken to Interview Judge Day. You must have been judged on the outfits at your County Showcase to enter MontanaFair Showcase.

The Annual Awards Program and refreshments will be held on Tuesday, August 12, at 6:30 pm. Showcase and the Awards Program will be held in the Expo Large Bay Arena.

4-H DEPARTMENT N BEST OF CLASS NOMINATIONS

Buy a Piece of 4-H: Anyone nominated for Best of Class during Interview Judging and who would like to sell that item can put it in the Buy a Piece of 4-H area in Department N.

Members must price their item to be sold during the week. The fair clerks will keep track of items as they sell. Each 4-H member can sell two items. Purchased items must be picked up by the buyer on Saturday or Sunday or by the 4-H member.

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Small Animal Committee meeting will be held on July 23, at 6:00 pm in the Expo Center. We will begin stuffing the invitations at 4:00 pm. MontanaFair details will be the main topic of business. Sale Committee will meet at 6:30 pm followed by the Livestock Committee. The Department A Post MontanaFair Meeting will be Wednesday, September 3, at 6:00 pm in the 4-H Building.

SWINE CLINIC FOR NEW MEMBERS JULY 9

Swine clinic for new members will be held Wednesday, July 9, at Swine leader Lisa Mosher's home. Bring your pig if you want hands on help before MontanaFair. The intention of this clinic is for new members to understand their first show and what is required or if you have not shown before. **RSVP is required** to Lisa at 406-698-6730.

POULTRY, CAVY, AND RABBIT WORKSHOPS JULY 24

We will be holding our last workshops on July 24. Meet at the front doors of the Expo Center at MetraPark. We will start with poultry at 5:30 pm. The rabbit agility workshop will start at 6:30 pm. At 7:00 pm, a rabbit/cavy showmanship class will start. Members have to participate in the rabbit agility workshop to do it at MontanaFair. Please call Tenille Bomar with any questions at 406-698-5683.

COSTUME ANIMAL PARADE

The Costume Animal Parade will be held on Wednesday, August 13, at 6:30 pm. All are encouraged to enter. Forms to write your narratives are available at the 4-H Junior Livestock Office. These are due at the 4-H Junior Livestock Office in the Expo by 6:00 pm on Wednesday, August 13.

SMALL ANIMAL EXHIBITORS

On Thursday, August 7, Poultry and Rabbit (cavy optional) check-in at the Expo from 10:00-12:00 and 3:00-4:00 pm. They may also check in on Friday, August 8, 10:00 am-12:00 pm and 3:00-4:00 pm. Cavy check-in on Saturday, August 9, from 7:00-7:45 am. Pocket Pets check-in on Friday, August 8, from 1:00-3:30 pm. You may check in your animals and decorate your club space or just decorate your club space.

Poultry and rabbits must be in their cages by 4:00 pm the day they check-in to be eligible to show. Cavy must be in their cages by 7:45 am on Saturday, August 9, to be eligible to show. Pocket Pets must be checked in and in their cages by 3:30 pm on the day of check-in to be eligible to show. Please have your animals ready to be inspected and **KNOW which animal is registered for each class**. This will make the check-in process much easier and faster for everyone. The small animal mandatory meeting is at 4:00 pm, Friday, August 8, in the Expo followed by the Pocket Pet show at 5:00 pm.

MontanaFair has guidelines for everyone's safety; most are common sense and common courtesy. NO SMOKING in barns; NO PUBLIC PARKING inside the fairgrounds; keep barns clean and neat; NO DUMPING of water outside of barns or doorways. Use DRAINS provided. Use dumpsters provided for dirty sawdust.

You will have to provide your own containers. (Tuna cans work well, paper cups do not). Bring your own feed, grooming supplies, buckets, or containers for water. EACH CLUB OR FAMILY should bring; a short-handled hoe, (works for cleaning cages), broom, flat shovel, and wheelbarrow for cleaning and hauling sawdust. A first aid kit for animals and humans, for those minor scrapes, bruises and headaches is also recommended. PLEASE MARK your items with a family name or club name.

The MontanaFair gates open to the public at 12:00 am. For your convenience and less interference from the public, your animals and cages need to be taken care of before 10:00 am. If possible, the animals should be checked again in the afternoon and late evening. They should always have fresh water. Not necessarily because they need it all the time, but the public thinks they do, and they let us know immediately when an animal is out of water, whether it needs water or not.

SMALL ANIMAL REMOVAL will be as follows:

Pocket Pets: Friday, August 8, after the show.

Cavies: Saturday, August 9, after the show.

Poultry and small animals: Sunday, August 10, after the poultry show or by 6:00 pm.

Everyone is to help clean the area as they check out.

STATE WORKING RANCH HORSE FINALS

Registration is now open for the 2025 Working Ranch Horse Finals will be held September 12-14, 2025, at the 406 Arena in Vaughn, MT. Registration is now open on the [state 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/index.html) at https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/index.html (BKW/12/19/10)

STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW

The State 4-H Horse Show will take place September 25-28, at the 406 Arena in Vaughn, MT. Registration is now open on the [state 4-H website](https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/index.html) at https://www.montana.edu/extension/4h/programs_and_events/index.html

APPLY FOR A SHEEP STARTER FLOCK

The Montana Columbia Sheep Breeders Association has a Starter Flock program that is again available to youth interested in starting their own flock. Youth must be between the ages of 11–16 and complete an application available from the [Montana Columbia Sheep Breeders Association website](http://www.mtcolumbiasheep.org/starter-flock.html) at <http://www.mtcolumbiasheep.org/starter-flock.html>. Applications must be postmarked no later than August 1. Selected recipients will receive 4 registered ewes. For questions, please contact Luanne Wallewein at wallywld@notherntel.net.

HORSE & COLT

Horse changes will be discussed and made at the July 16 meeting at 6:00 pm in the Expo. Club fair assignments will also be done at this time.

On Thursday, August 7, after Showmanship has finished, the arena will be open for riding horses for 15-20 minutes per rider. However, each horse and rider must be accompanied by their guardian or horse leader. It is important to know that this is for 'easy' warm-ups. Due to the potential for high traffic, there will be no patterns being run or loping.

ATTENTION HORSE LEADERS

For the MontanaFair Horse Show to run smoothly all clubs are required to help in areas including ring stewards, clerks, working the gate, ribbons, etc. Please call Gina at 406-855-9381 now, to sign up for your club duties.

HERDSMANSHIP AWARDS AT FAIR

Watch for Herdsmanship scoring information that will be sent via email to everyone prior to MontanaFair.

MONTANAFAIR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE CHECKS

Sale checks will not be mailed until a Thank You Note to the Livestock Sale Buyer(s) has been written, stamped, and delivered to your Club Organizational Leader or a designated club leader. That leader will notify the Extension Office. Only when the Extension Office has confirmation a Thank You Note has been sent will your Junior Livestock Sale check be mailed.

Out of county participants will need to deliver or mail your buyer's Thank You Note (or notify via a phone call 406-256-2828) to the Yellowstone County 4-H Agent, Roni Baker, to receive your sale check.

TIPS FOR THE MONTANAFAIR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE

- Start working with your animal early so you can safely handle it.
- Remember to work on getting buyers for your animal for the county Livestock Sale.
- Have the dates and times for events handy.

Ideas to keep in mind when marketing your animal:

The person's time is limited so have your sales pitch ready. Call ahead and make an appointment, businesses are busy, and it is a courtesy to ask for time. Invite them to the buyer's lunch. Check with the Extension Office to see if they are on the buyers' list. Encourage them to check out the animals. The point here is that you ask the individual for support of the sale. If you pressure the person to buy your animal, it is likely you will alienate them as a potential buyer.

You have a quality product to offer at a very good price! Be sure to list those qualities. If there is time, share a summary of your financial journal and project book to show what you have done with your animal this year. Be sure to thank potential buyers for their time and support. It would be a good idea to follow up with a written note.

If a Buyer purchases your animal, remember to give them the buyer's picture at the sale or afterwards and include a personal thank you note!

RIMROCK JACKPOT RESULTS

Thank you to the people who helped make the show happen. Jacque, Owen, Trigg, and Eva Rouse, Justin, Stephanie and Jordyn Whitmus, Lukas and Heather Arkell, Wendell Hays and Saphron Myers. We appreciate our jackpot sponsors-Agri Industries, Town & Country Supply in Laurel, and the Yellowstone County 4-H Council.

Lamb Jackpot – Yellowstone County Winners

Class 1: 1st-Rex Koivu; 4th-Paige Hauge; 5th-Emma Tempro

Class 2: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd-Rex Koivu; 4th-Eva Rouse; 5th-Reid Hauge

Class 3: 2nd-Scarlett Preble; 3rd-Addison Vogel; 5th-Cale Hauge

Class 4: 1st-Trigg Rouse

Class 5: 2nd-Owen Rouse; 3rd-Walter Wehrman; 4th-Trigg Rouse; 5th-Eva Rouse

Class 6: 3rd-Owen Rouse; 4th-Addison Vogel

Class 7: 2nd-Sarah Wehrman; 5th-Rex Koivu

Goat Jackpot – Yellowstone County Winners

Class 1: 3rd-Colton Preble

Class 2: 1st-Rex Koivu; 2nd-Sarah Wehrman; 4th-Robert Valenzuela; 5th-Madison Turner

Class 3: 1st-Walter Wehrman; 3rd-Oscar Wehrman

Class 4: 1st-Jacob Myers; 2nd-Beau Myers

Sheep Showmanship Beginner: Grand-Eva Rouse

Goat Showmanship Senior: Reserve-Sarah Wehrman

Goat Showmanship Junior: Grand-Rex Koivu
Goat Showmanship Beginner: Reserve-Beau Myers

ROCKIN' THE PROJECT FEEDER SHOW RESULTS

Open Goat Showmanship

PeeWee Class: Grand-Paige Hauge; Reserve-Emma Teter
Beginner Class: Grand-Cale Hauge
Junior Class: Grand-Rex Koivu; Reserve-Reid Hauge

Market Goat

Class 1: 1st-Oscar Wehrman; 3rd-Wesley Browning
Class 2: 1st-Rex Koivu; 2nd-Colton Preble; 3rd-Sarah Wehrman
Class 3: 1st-JayLei Selle; 2nd-Walter Wehrman; 3rd-Walter Wehrman; 4th-Rex Kovi
Class 4: 1st-Beau Myers
Top Five: Grand-JayLei Selle; Reserve-Beau Myers; 3rd-Rex Koivu; 4th-Walter Wehrman; 5th-Oscar Wehrman

Market Lambs

Class 1: 3rd-Rex Koivu, 5th-Paige Hauge
Class 2: 1st-Rex Koivu, 4th-Emma Temprow
Class 3: 1st-Rex Koivu; 2nd-Eva Rouse; 3rd-Rex Koivu; 4th-Reid Hauge
Class 4: 1st-Kora Selle; 2nd-Reagan Nydegger; 4th-Scarlett Preble
Class 5: 3rd-Trigg Rouse; 4th-Owen Rouse; 5th-Trigg Rouse
Class 6: 1st-Kora Selle; 3rd-Owen Rouse; 5th-Sarah Wehrman; 6th-Presley Walker
Top Five: Grand-Kora Selle; 4th-Kora Selle; 5th-Reagan Nydegger

Market Lamb Showmanship

PeeWee Class: Grand-Brody Selle; Reserve-JayLei Selle
Beginner Class: Grand-Kora Selle; Reserve-Presley Walker
Junior Class: Grand-Reagan Nydegger; Reserve-Rex Koivu
Senior Class: Grand-Sarah Wehrman

JULY 2025 4-H CALENDAR



4-H Building

Yellowstone Silver Spurs: August 29-September 12

Cleaning Schedule

Kountry Kritters: September 13-26

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		July 1	2	3	4 OFFICE CLOSED 5:00 pm MontanaFair <u>LATE</u> Online Entry Deadline	5
6	7	8 4-H Congress in Bozeman July 8-11 ←————→	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 6:00 Horse & Colt meeting @ Expo	17	18 August Newsletter Articles Due	19
20	21	22 Cloverbud Camp 4-H Building	23 6:00 Small Animal 6:30 Sale Committee followed by Large Animal @ Expo	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		