

YELLOWSTONE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER- AUGUST 2025

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HIGHLIGHTS FROM RONI BAKER

If your member cannot attend an event or activity that you have registered or RSVP'd for, it is important to notify the Extension Office immediately. If we know before the event/activity, we can adjust the purchase of supplies, food, staff and other elements. We appreciate your cooperation helping us save council funds.

Everyone attending Congress had an enjoyable time and learned more about 4-H. The results show our members worked hard this year - congratulations.

MontanaFair 4-H Office phone numbers:

Department A 4-H fair office in the Expo Center large bay: 406-869-5203

Department N 4-H fair office in the Montana Pavilion: 406-256-2468

Roni Baker

Yellowstone County 4-H/Youth Agent

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CONGRESS ATTENDEES AND RESULTS

The following members represented Yellowstone County at 4-H Congress in Bozeman. A great learning experience for all.

Member	4-H Club	Competitive Event or Committee
Tate Ackerman	Hesper Hustlers	Public Speaking
Carson Adkins	Shepherd Tumbleweeds	Delegate
Molly Arnold	Shepherd Pioneers	Quilting
Wade Bekkedahl	Hesper Hustlers	Stir-Ups Team – 1 st place
Saydee Boone	Yellowstone Mavericks	Delegate
Wesley Browning	Project Rockin Wranglers	Demonstration/Illustrated Talk
Evan Cass	City Kids	Delegate
Naomi Cass	City Kids	Career Communications – 2 nd place
Virginia Hullinger	Yellowstone Mavericks	Delegate
Brooklyn Kuhr	Hesper Hustlers	Quilting – 2 nd place
Airel Petersen	Hesper Hustlers	Stir-Ups Team – 1 st place
Lauren Petersen	Hesper Hustlers	Quilting – 1 st place
Heaven Reed	Big Sky Thunderbolts	Delegate
Erin Robertson	Yellowstone Mavericks	Career Communications
Hazel Russell	City Kids	Quilting
Mae Russell	City Kids	Demonstration/Illustrated Talk
Grace Sedlacek	Hesper Hustlers	Livestock Judging
Cadence Sims	Ruff Riders	State Award Winner in Leadership

EVERYONE PRACTICE THE 4-H PLEDGE DURING MONTANAFAIR

We reminder members and leaders to embody the 4-H Pledge during this busy time at MontanaFair. Council, (2) the Montana 4-H Foundation, and (3) the Montana 4-H Youth Cabinet. I pledge my head to clearer thinking, my heart to greater loyalty, my hands to larger service, and my health to better living for my club, my community, my country, and my world.

4-H EXHIBITORS PICK UP MONTANAFAIR PACKETS AUGUST 4

Remember to pick up your MontanaFair packets on Interview Judging Day, **Monday**, August 4, between 9:00 am to 7:00 pm in the **Montana Pavilion at MetraPark**. Even if you are not participating in Department N Interview Judging, you can stop by the Montana Pavilion and pick up your MontanaFair packet. Be sure to read all information carefully.

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 7:00 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
Club Name	Club Name

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 @ 248-1425 prior to August 4 if you cannot make your club's scheduled time.

PROCEDURE FOR INTERVIEW JUDGING

1. **REGISTRATION TABLE:** Pick up your entry blanks and tags during your clubs' assigned time. If you did not complete all the items you listed on your entry blank, be sure they are crossed off at the registration table and the tags for those items are discarded.
2. **TAGGING:** Pins, staples and tape will be available at the tagging tables. You will need to securely attach each tag to your exhibit.
3. **JUDGING:** Choose a project to be judged and stand in that specific project line (e.g., photos are judged in the Photography category. Each waiting line is identified.) until you are directed to a judge. Once judging is done, get your next project and repeat the process until all your projects have been judged.
4. **RIBBONS:** When the judge has finished marking your entry blank and tag with the placing, you will take the project to the ribbon area where a ribbon will be attached.
5. **DISPLAY:** Once ribbons have been put on your projects, take them, and display them in your club's booth.
6. **Please take all food items to the "Food Display Area" in Dept. N.** Food items will be displayed on shelves, risers, tables, in glass cases and in refrigerated cases.

PARENTS please note: The interview judging process is a wonderful learning opportunity for your member. It takes time to communicate with the judge the new skills learned and for the judge to evaluate and teach. Please plan for your member to be involved with the judging for 1-2 hours. This will be a great opportunity for you to assist where needed

and visit with other 4-H families.

CHECK OUT OF EXHIBITS

ALL exhibits must be removed from the Montana Pavilion on **Sunday, August 17 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm**. If you are unable to pick up your exhibits, please arrange for someone else to do so. Be sure to provide a list and description of each item to the person picking them up. *Items not picked up may be discarded.*

TIPS FOR BLUE RIBBON INTERVIEWING SKILLS

Read and practice these skills before your interview at MontanaFair.

Why should you develop good interviewing skills? Interview skills are a necessity of life. As you grow up you will be interviewed for scholarships, jobs, committees, etc. You will also want to interview other people you wish to hire to do jobs for you. Some examples are babysitter for your children, or a person hired to mow your lawn or paint your house.

Tips for Making a Good First Impression. How to Introduce Yourself.

1. Dress appropriately
2. Look at the interviewer
3. Shake hands with the interviewer
4. Smile!
5. Introduce yourself. "My name is _____."

What to do after the Introduction

1. Sit down
2. Lean slightly forward
3. Look at the interviewer

The Actual Interview – At some point you will be asked about your project. This is your big chance to impress the judge! Be excited about your project. Explain why you chose this project and why it interests you. Tell the interviewer about any problems you encountered, and how you overcame them. Be prepared to talk about your project for at least 3 minutes. Make a list of things you can talk about, and practice talking about them before the actual interview.

Remember, if YOU are not excited and enthusiastic about your project, how can you expect the interviewer to get excited about it? It is okay to be nervous-most people are. The judges understand-they have been there before themselves. Don't let the nervousness ruin your chances for a good interview.

Closing of the Interview-Wait for some indication from the interviewer that the interview is finished. Thank the interviewer, smile, shake hands again, and exit.

Role Play-Practice shaking hands and introduce yourself. Practice telling someone else about your project. Practice will help you to be more comfortable at your interview.

What's Not Cool? Believe it or not, all of these have happened during the 4-H interviews:

- *Thumb sucking or fingernail biting.
- *Gum chewing.
- *Bad grooming...dirty hands or fingernails, unwashed or uncombed hair, dirty clothing.
- *Hair twirling.
- *Wimpy handshake...but a wimpy one is better than none.
- *Eating food or drinking pop.
- *Avoiding eye contact with the interviewer.
- *Holding your head up with your hand.
- *Looking bored or disinterested.
- *Not knowing why your project is neat, special, great or exciting. If it was not interesting to you, why would you bother to spend so much time doing it?

You may be asked questions like:

- *What did you like best about this project?
- *Why did you choose this project?
- *Have you taken this project before?
- *What other things did you make or raise this year?

- *What makes this a good project?
- *What did you learn from this project?
- *How much did it cost?
- *Did you receive help making (raising) your project?
- *Do you plan to take this project again?
- *If you don't like this project, what will you try next year?

ICE CREAM BOOTH COUPONS AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

How about a special treat for your 4-H leader, 4-H members, grandpa and grandma, a special neighbor, or someone who helped you with your 4-H project? You can purchase and give ice cream tickets to family and friends and let them enjoy our ice cream at the MontanaFair. The ice cream booth is located in the Montana Pavilion

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 the Department N 4-H fair office at 406-869-5206.

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-Her's 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.

ACTIVITIES & OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXHIBITORS DURING MONTANAFAIR

In Department N (Montana Pavilion) we want to have as many activities going on as possible. If you are interested in doing a presentation, workshop, talk about the 4-H program, trips, or activities, please contact Roni at the Extension Office at 406-256-2828. A list of activities being held in Department N will be posted each day in the department. Come learn about 4-H Congress, Citizenship Washington Focus in Washington D.C., National Congress in Atlanta or one of the other many opportunities available in 4-H.

DAILY SCAVENGER HUNT IN DEPARTMENT N AREA

Visit Department N each day during MontanaFair to participate in "The Hunt". There will be a list of 10 items which are hidden in various club booths. The items will be moved to different booths each day. Complete a form identifying when where you located the items, and your name will be put into a daily drawing for prizes. Prizes include night show tickets, ride tickets and 4-H items.

POTENTIAL JUDGES FOR MONTANAFAIR 2026

Your input on names of people who are qualified to be judges in all areas of the MontanaFair is needed. Bring the names and full contact information for potential livestock judges to the Department A Livestock Meeting on September 3, 2025. These dates are set early so judges can be contacted early. Names of potential judges can be given to the Extension Office at any time, but we will discuss and recommend livestock judges at the September meeting. Names and contact information for Department N judges need to be brought to the Department N meeting on September 4, 2025. Your input is very important.

OUTSTANDING MEMBER AWARDS

A committee is beginning to work on Outstanding Member awards. Your help is needed. Contact Roni at the Extension Office if you want to give input to the committee or serve on the Outstanding Member Awards Committee.

4-H YOUTH LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development is recruiting energetic, involved 4-H members to serve on three different governing bodies: (1) the Montana 4-H Council, (2) the Montana 4-H Foundation, and (3) the Montana 4-H Youth Cabinet. Requirements follow:

- You must be at least 14 years of age by October 1, 2024.
- You must not have served as a state 4-H ambassador officer.
- You must have been involved in the Montana 4-H program for at least 3 years.
- You must be willing to serve a 2-year term if a junior, a 1-year term if a senior this fall in high school.
- You must be willing to actively participate in all meetings-both virtual and real time.
- You must have the approval of your county agent.

For more information and applications, contact the Extension Office.

MONTHLY CLUB MINUTES HIGHLIGHTS

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

Blue Creek Jumping Bucks: Members signed up for ice cream booth duties and booth decoration.

Huntley Eagles: Club members planned a river float and signed up for fair booths.

Lockwood Humble Bs: Members planned for all fair events and will turn in record books early September.

Shepherd Pioneers: Member discussed final fair plans and were reminded to practice good sportsmanship.
 Worden Riverdale: Members submit officer nominations and planned for the Beef, Beets, and Barley event in Worden.

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 tell them “thank you” 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
Cornerstone Financial	225 N 23 rd , Billings MT 59101
Fauth Agency	623 Lake Elmo, Billings MT 59105
K2 Civil Inc.	6513 Tradecenter Avenue, Billings MT 59101
Tvetene Turf	6844 South Frontage Road, Billings MT 59101
Farm Bureau Financial	2810 Central Avenue, Billings MT 59102
Montana Veterans Meat Locker	2341 Hycinth Dr, Billings MT 59105
Stockman Bank – Billings	PO Box 80850, Billings MT 59108

DEPARTMENT N (non-animal) POST MONTANAFAIR MEETING

The Post MontanaFair meeting for Department N will be held on **Thursday, September 4, at 5:30 pm** in the 4-H Building.

DEPARTMENT N CLERKS

4-H has an outstanding group of clerks this year! If you have any questions, look for one of the following people:

Department N Clerk

Dawson Seibold
 Sherri Horsman
 Jazmyn Brelje
 Hope Goodburn
 Sarah Robertson
 Jeff Martin
 Ethan Leeson

Department N Clerk

Jorden Trupka
 Cass Kronewitter
 Erin Robertson
 TJ Martin
 Ella Rollins
 Madi Simons
 Heaven Reed

Department N Jr. Coordinator

Lukas Arkell
 Keona Muessig

Department N Jr. Coordinator

Brooklyn Kuhr
 Grace Sedlacek

DEPARTMENT A (livestock) POST MONTANAFAIR MEETING

The post-MontanaFair meeting for livestock will be held **Wednesday, September 3, 6:00 pm** in the 4-H Building.

ADVICE FOR HORSE MEMBERS EXHIBITING AT MONTANAFAIR

For MontanaFair, follow the dress code on the Yellowstone County Horse Supplement and in the Exhibitors Handbook, not the dress code in your project book. Be sure to read the rules in your packet at check-in.

WORDS OF WISDOM

Borrowed from Dr. Doug Householder, Texas A&M University

One family has this set of rules hung in the dressing room of their horse trailer:

When I compete, I

- Have a performance goal...never a “beat someone else” goal.
- Evaluate my own performance.
- Respect and learn from other competitors more skilled than myself.
- Don’t criticize other exhibitors, officials, or judges.
- Do my best today.
- Enjoy my friends and become more skilled through today’s competition.
- STAY HOME IF I CAN’T FOLLOW THE RULES!

HORSE HELMETS AVAILABLE IN EXTENSION OFFICE

You can purchase white Troxel horse helmets through the Extension Office for \$20.

MANDATORY HORSE MEETING AND HORSE MIXER INVITATION

A mandatory meeting for all horse members and parents participating in MontanaFair will be held in the SuperBarn at 3:00 pm on Thursday, August 7. A Horse Mixer will be held at 6:30 pm, Thursday, August 7 at the SuperBarn. There will be food! Come help us celebrate the opening of MontanaFair. All 4-H members are invited.

REEDS SKIPPA DANDY VERSATILITY AWARD

The Reeds Skippa Dandy Versatility Award will again be awarded following the MontanaFair 4-H Horse Show this year by the Taylor and Marcotte families. The traveling trophy and ribbon metal are awarded to the **High Point Horse** in memory of Reeds Skippa Dandy, who spent 18 years in the 4-H program with three separate 4-H'ers; Joey Lynn (Taylor) Henry, Jay Taylor and Amanda Marcotte. Dandy was the pure definition of "Versatility".

To qualify for this award, a one-horse/one-rider combination must compete in at least four different disciplines from the following: showmanship, western, english, trail, bareback, hunter hack, pleasure driving, ranch horse, reining, games, and team penning. Good luck to you all. ~ From the Taylor and Marcotte Families

PROCEDURE FOR REPORTING EXCESSIVE ADULT INVOLVEMENT

Please use common sense in all situations. Know the whole story and do not make assumptions about what is going on in the incidents you are observing. For example, excessive adult involvement does not include a parent holding an animal for the next class when the exhibitor is in the ring showing another animal or when a parent is helping lead a steer to tie-outs. Examples of excessive adult involvement include a parent cleaning a pen or a professional fitter grooming an animal.

At the time of the incident, the **4-H/FFA member or adult** needs to:

- A) Contact the Division Chairperson and discuss the incident they observed. The Division Chairperson will then visit with Roni Baker, Extension Agent and/or the Dept. A Superintendent(s), about the incident. OR
- B) Contact Roni Baker, Extension Agent, and
- C) discuss the incident they observed. This can be done through the 4-H Fair Office in the Expo Center. Roni will then visit with the Division Chairman in that species and/or Department A Superintendent(s). OR
- D) Contact the Dept. A Superintendent(s) and discuss the incident they observed. This can be done through the 4-H Office in the Expo Center. The superintendent(s) will then visit with the Division Chairman in that species and/or Roni Baker.

First Infraction

The youth and adult need to talk to the person(s) involved in the infraction. The division Chairperson needs to write up information about the incident as reported, time, date, species, witnesses, etc. This document will be filed in the fair Livestock Office. The incident will be investigated. The people involved (member(s), adult(s), leader(s), witnesses, Division Chair(s), Extension agent and Superintendent(s) will discuss the incident.

Second Infraction

A written warning will be given to the person(s) involved-either youth or adult. Depending on the seriousness of the infraction, the Fair Livestock Committee can determine the extent of the consequences for the second infraction. Consequences can include just a warning, no participation in the sale, loss of premiums, adults will be expelled from the barn for the remainder of the fair, etcetera. The letter from the 2nd infraction must include two signatures. One signature from the Extension Agent and one from a Livestock Committee Chairman or Superintendent.

Third Infraction

If a third infraction occurs, the consequences for the adult(s) and youth may be serious and have a lasting effect. Consequences may include expulsion, loss of sale proceeds, losing the option to sell at the fair, expulsion from future fairs or any other consequence determined by the committee.

The Fair Livestock Committee will consist of the 4-H Extension Agent, Dept. A Superintendent(s), Division Chairperson(s), Jr. Chairperson(s) and the Sale Committee President.

ROUND ROBIN TRAINING CLINICS AT MONTANAFAIR

Want to brush up on your showmanship techniques? The Small Animal Round Training Clinic will be held on Tuesday, August 12, at 4:00 pm, Expo (meet outside the Dept. A office). The Large Animal Round Robin Training Clinic will be held Thursday, August 14, at 7:30 pm, in the Expo large arena.

MONTANAFAIR ANIMAL HEALTH REQUIREMENTS

Be sure your animals are healthy when coming to the MontanaFair. Animals need to be lice free, in good condition and healthy overall to come to the MontanaFair.

EXHIBITING SPORTSMANSHIP AT MONTANAFAIR

Parents, please show good sportsmanship and respect to the judges at the MontanaFair. DO NOT argue with the judge; their word is final. Please set a good example.

ENTER YOUR ANIMAL IN THE 4-H COSTUME ANIMAL PARADE

Anyone can enter in the Costume Animal Parade with an animal that is entered in MontanaFair. The parade is Wednesday, August 13 at 6:30 pm. You can get entry forms from the 4-H Office in the Expo. You did not have to enter it in your MontanaFair entry.

MARKET ANIMAL EXHIBITORS

Market Animal Alert! If **any** medication **or** medicated feed has been used, **make sure** that withdrawal times have been met **before** your animals are taken to the MontanaFair. If you have any questions on withdrawal time, read the label on feed sacks, bottle of medication, or consult a veterinarian. If an animal tests positive, **it may be condemned** and that could affect our livestock sale in the future.

4-H-FFA MONTANAFAIR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE

It is in everyone's best interest to contact buyers for the MontanaFair Junior Livestock Sale on Saturday, August 16, at 12:30 pm. This could include your relatives, doctor, dentist, veterinarian, grocery stores, gas stations, banker, insurance agent, etc. If you know of someone you would like the Sale Committee to contact and/or send tickets for the buyer's dinner, please contact any of these committee members:

Sale Committee Member & phone number
Trish Hays at 406-671-7493
Bill Cook at 406- 670-0689
4-H Extension Office at 406-256-2828

DEPARTMENT A CLERKS

This year we have great team of clerks. If you have any Department A questions, ask the following people:

Department A Clerk

Shelby Shaw

Coreen Cook

Connie McQuire

Cadence Sims

Department A Clerk

Lacie Crowder

Terri Gabel

Alma Longmire

Grace Sedlacke

Department A Clerk

Cathy Muessig

Julie Fisher

Wade Bekkedahl

Brooklyn Kuhr

MONTANAFAIR PREMIUM CHECKS

Premium checks will be voided 120 days after issue date. MetraPark will be enforcing the 120-day cancellation notice. Any checks not remitted for deposit/cash will be null and void after check issue date has expired.

MONTANAFAIR PREMIUM ERRORS

If there is a problem with your premium dollars for the MontanaFair, call the Extension Office by **October 31**. All errors must be resolved before this date because the MontanaFair accounts are closed out until the next year.

JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE CHECKS

Checks from the sale of market animals will be mailed 45-60 days after MontanaFair, PROVIDED the Yellowstone County Extension Office has received notification that your buyer's thank you has been mailed to them. Some clubs will notify their animal volunteer who then notifies the Extension Office. If a club volunteer does not gather the information collectively from members, YOU are responsible for contacting the Yellowstone County Extension Office at 406-256-2828.

SHOWMANSHIP TIPS

Tidy Up-Waiting to go into the ring? Make sure your animal is clean and you are neat, too. Spit out the gum!

Dress Nicely-You and your clothes should be neat and presentable. Remember you are selling yourself and your skills; your appearance and salesmanship are very important to the Auction.

Smile-You will look like you are enjoying yourself. A smile is also a good tool to mask frustration if your animal is not doing what you would like it to do.

Brush-After the judge touches your animal, remember to brush the hair back. You might not think the judge is looking, but they are! Besides, why are you carrying that brush around? Use it!

Look at the judge as you enter the ring and frequently as you show; remember to smile.

Footwear-For your safety, wear sturdy leather, hard soled shoes. If an animal steps on your foot, your injury will be less serious.

MONTANA HEREFORD ASSOCIATION (MHA) HEIFER GRANT

The MHA wants to help young breeders grow their own herd, so they have set up a fund to award two applicants a chance to win a \$500 grant to purchase a Hereford heifer. This heifer must be purchased from a current MHA member.

For specific grant requirements and to download the application visit the [MHA](https://montanahereford.org/heifer-grant) at <https://montanahereford.org/heifer-grant>. Application deadline is September 15, 2025. Questions? Please reach out to informontanahereford@gmail.com

AUGUST 2025 4-H CALENDAR



4-H Building Cleaning Schedule

Yellowstone Silver Spurs: August 29-September 12
Kountry Kritters: September 13-26

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Interview Judging Day in the <i>Expo Center</i>	5	6	7 MontanaFair ←—————→	8 MontanaFair	9 MontanaFair
10 MontanaFair ←—————→	11 MontanaFair	12 MontanaFair	13 MontanaFair	14 MontanaFair	15 MontanaFair	16 MontanaFair
17 11 am-1 pm Dept. N exhibits check out	18	19	20	21	22 September Newsletter Articles Due	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	1 Office Closed for Labor Day	2	3 6:00 pm Dept. A Post Fair Meeting <i>4-H Building</i>	4 5:30 pm Dept. N Post Fair Meeting with 4-H Council to follow. <i>4-H Building</i>	5	6