

4-H NEWSLETTER-JULY 2024

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4-H FOLKS IN FOCUS

I am excited about the upcoming Montana State 4-H Congress that will be held in Bozeman July 9-12. Seventeen Yellowstone County 4-H members will be attending.

Congratulations to Anna Dumas who was awarded a State 4-H Foundation Scholarship.

The MontanaFair online entry submission deadline is Friday, June 28 by 5:00 pm. Get your entries done early!

There is a correction to the Cat Show winners: In Junior Showmanship Rex Koivu with the Project Rockin' Wranglers was the Grand Champion and Madeline Felder with the Hesper Hustlers was the Reserve Champion. Congratulations to both.

Roni Baker, Yellowstone County 4-H/Youth Agent

MONTANAFAIR ENTRIES ARE COMPLETED ONLINE- PLEASE READ

Department A and Department N MontanaFair Handbooks can be found online at www.montanafair.com and on the County 4-H website. For those of you without internet capabilities you can come to the Extension Office and use a computer to complete your online entry.

All 2024 entries must be completed and submitted online before 5:00 pm Friday, June 28 to avoid an additional late fee of \$50 per exhibitor. Late entries must be completed and submitted online before 5:00 pm Friday, July 5.

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 12.

There are no exceptions to any above deadline.

MontanaFair will assess a \$20 exhibitor fee when you enter online. This \$20 fee will be paid online with a credit or debit card. Cloverbud do not pay a fee. Cloverbuds need to enter the code "Cloverbud" in the payment section under the coupon code.

Parents of exhibitors need to purchase gate admission tickets online as they enter the exhibitor in classes. Tickets are \$6 each and will be paid before submitting the entry. Tickets will be printed by MetraPark and included in the exhibitor packets at 4-H/FFA check-in starting on August 5 at Department N Interview Judging Day in the Expo. 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 Entry 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>

Completing the worksheet in advance can help make your online entry quicker.

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

Open Class entries and other Department entries must also be completed online. Those classes have separate deadlines and fees.

Be sure you have entered what you want to before you send your entry form electronically. Please write down your exact sign on information - you will need it if you need 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 items they entered.

Please visit the Yellowstone County website for the Department N and A schedules for both departments. Some things 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) online entry. If your pre-fair county events are not listed on 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.

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 5, between 8:30 am and 7:00 pm in the Expo building at MetraPark. This will enable you to have your wristband ahead of time.

CLUB BOOTH SET UP

Clubs can set up on Monday, August 5 during Interview Judging from 8:30 am to 7:30 pm and Wednesday, August 7 from 4:00 to 8:00 pm. (FOZ/6/21/17)

*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 flame spread rating and are NOT acceptable for backdrops.

JUNIOR COORDINATORS NEEDED FOR DEPARTMENT N AT MONTANAFAIR

Are you looking for something to do at fair that is fun and allows you to learn a new skill? Being a Junior Coordinator during fair might be the answer! You will have the privilege to work with others on coordinating big events such as fair Showcase, Quiz Bowl, Food Festival, Awards, and Class Judging (all are tentative). Plus, helping behind the scenes with Department N set-up and many more fun activities. If you have any questions, please call Chris Martin at 406-248-1425. Sign up online under Department N Division 97, Class 1.

HOSPITALITY CLASS AT MONTANAFAIR

Everyone is encouraged to participate in the Hospitality Class at the fair. Sign up for this class in your online entry. (Reference page 16 in the Department N Handbook). 4-H members signed up in the Hospitality class can come to Department N to bake pre-mixed cookies, microwave popcorn and trail mix. Members provide ingredients and other necessary items to prepare trail mix or popcorn. An oven and sink are available. Be sure to sign up for a time slot during Department N Interview Judging Day (Monday, August 5).

Members do not need to be in a foods project and can be any age. 4-Her's sign up for the time they wish to come to the fair to bake. Members need to make enough to serve approximately 20. Food will be served to people visiting the 4-H department.

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 2024: 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 5 and in Department N during fair. Questions: Call Chris Martin at 406-248-1425.

MONTANAFAIR DEPARTMENT A AND DEPARTMENT N ENTRY HELP

Do you need help filling out your fair entry forms? Do you have questions about the schedule or what different activities are all about? Your club leaders, fair clerks and Extension Agent, Roni Baker, can help you.

4-H DANCE AT FAIR

The dance will be held at the fair on Wednesday, August 14 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 include night show tickets, ride tickets and 4-H items.

BLACK HILLS RECREATION LEADERS CONFERENCE

September 21-27, are the dates for the 2024 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.

Black Hills Recreation Leaders Lab, for 78 years, has cultivated leaders who have become widely known experts in their fields of leadership, youth development and recreation. Often referred to as Rec Lab, BHRL is an experiential learning environment, offering relevant, marketable knowledge and skills that positively influence your impact on the world.

BHRL provides life enhancing skills and wisdom to make wholesome recreation choices regarding personal, professional, and family leisure time. The unique camp setting and group living atmosphere provides participants with opportunities for personal growth, enhanced self-esteem, group unity, and professional connections.

The conference is an excellent leadership education opportunity and can be a unique life experience for many. Registrations are accepted on a first come, first served basis. Information and registration forms are accessible at the [Black Hills Recreation Leaders Laboratory website](https://www.bhrl.org/) at <https://www.bhrl.org/>

4-H SUPPORTERS

Many businesses and organizations in our community support 4-H. Each month we have been listing several of those supporters in the newsletter. We encourage you to tell them thank you and support their business. If you would like to submit names for this article, please send them to Roni.

4-H Supporter	Mailing Address
Montana Equine & Surgery Center	2312 Kimble Dr, Billings MT 59101
Premier Land Company	1800 Minnesota Avenue, Billings MT 59101
Yellowstone Bank Laurel	PO Box 7, Laurel MT 59044

Ashley Saddle Horses	4779 Sanctuary Trail, Billings MT 59101
North 40 Ag	2150 South 14 th Road, Ballantine MT 59006

4-H CAMP

4-H camp was a great success! Thank you to all Adult Chaperones, Counselors and CIT's. The Adult Chaperones, Counselors and CIT's were:

Counselor

Cadence Sims
 Jordan Trupka
 Sara Ackerman
 Kerstin Luhman
 Lauren Petersen
 Grace Sedlacek
 Ariel Petersen
 Brooklyn Kuhr
 Madelynn Albin
 Emily Peck
 Kayden Shivar
 Anna Dumas
 Ella Dumas
 Saphron Myers
 Elizabeth DeVries
 Danielle DiOrio
 Ally Knutson
 Alanna Puett
 Justyce Bickel
 Cloee Blain
 Harleigh Donnelly
 Emma McKittrick
 MiKayla Stringari
 Makenna Tobel

Counselor

Andi Hollar
 Danika Dexter
 Abigail Robertus
 Emma Short
 Eli Broadbrooks
 Tanner Stott
 Wade Bekkedahl
 Wyatt Duey
 Tyson Muilenberg
 Wyatt Johannes
 TJ Martin
 Tyler Keenah
 Carson Adkins
 Keegan Kennedy
 Walt Lindeen
 Clay Stott
 Samuel Duey
 Cale Hockhalter
 Brett Petersen
 Peyton Roascio
 Wyatt Roascio
 Cooper Fry
 Wade Kramer
 Casey Thiel

Counselor in Training (CIT)

Naomi Cass
 Breahna Lewis
 Heaven Reed
 Ember Solberg
 Rain Indreland
 Laramie Indreland
 Isabella Walter-Beckman

Counselor in Training (CIT)

Molly Miller
 Rayne Emmett
 Westin Broadbrooks
 Everett Hammond
 Carson Atkins
 Logan Gibbons
 Kanyon Krook

Adult Chaperone

Dixie Osborne
 Roni Baker
 Amber Elliott
 Levi Osborne
 Carrie Guderjahn

Camp Nurse

Kim Ackerman
 Becca Sedlacek

DEPARTMENT N MEETING

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

DEPARTMENT N INTERVIEW JUDGING DAY MONDAY, AUGUST 5

Everyone who enters Department N (non-livestock) for fair will need to be at Interview Judging Day, Monday, August 5. Bring all non-livestock entries to the Expo Building Small Bay. 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 5 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.

2024 DEPARTMENT N INTERVIEWS-CLUB JUDGING SCHEDULE AUGUST 5

***Important* 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
City Kids	Northern Lights
Shepherd Pioneers	Project Rockin Wranglers
Shepherd Firecrackers	Yellowstone Mavericks
Lockwood Humble B's	Whips & Sticks
Big Sky Thunderbolts	Cool Clovers
Worden Riverdale	Shepherd Tumbleweeds
Huntley Eagles	

EVENING JUDGING SESSION

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

Club Name	Club Name
Ruff Riders	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
Shepherd Lonestars	Project Longhorns
Hesper Hustlers	Pine Ridge Red Ryder
Explorers	Yellowstone Silver Spurs
Laurel Roadrunners	Compass AllStars
Kountry Kritters	Shepherd Wranglers
Out of County exhibitors	

Contact Chris Martin @ 248-1425 prior to August 5 if you cannot make your club's scheduled time.

ABSENTEE EXHIBITOR FORM FOR INTERVIEW JUDGING DAY

If you entered in Department N, but are not able to attend Interview Judging Day on Monday, August 5, 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 entries in each project(s) along with the form 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 on 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 at the Expo. Please remember, this job is to help make the day 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 to 8:00 pm Saturday, August 10-Saturday, August 17. On Saturday, August 17 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 be judging any Department N category. This will take place on Friday, August 16, from 12:00-2:00 pm.

QUIZ BOWL

This year the date and time for Quiz Bowl is Sunday, August 11, at 6:30 pm in Department N. Members use a buzzer to answer 4-H related questions presented by a moderator. You must sign up on your Fair Entry Form to participate.

MONTANAFAIR SHOWCASE & AWARDS

The MontanaFair Showcase will be held on Tuesday, August 13 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 online entry and you must take them 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 13 at 6:30 pm. The 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 who is nominated for Best of Class during Interview Judging and wants to sell that item can put their item 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. Items will be picked up by the purchaser on Saturday or Sunday or delivered to the buyer by the 4-H member.

LIVESTOCK COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Small Animal Committee meeting will be held on July 24, at 6:00 pm in the Expo. 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 4, at 5:30 pm in the 4-H Building.

Sale Ethics and Sale Promotion:

Do you realize that some businesses have as many as 20 or 30 youth asking the owner or manager to attend and support the sale? It is obvious these businesses cannot purchase all the animals. There are many other businesses that are not approached by any 4-H sellers at all! Ask a new business for their support this year. You never know, they just might say yes! Remember, ask the owner or manager to SUPPORT THE JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE by attending and bidding. This leaves a positive, lasting impression of the 4-H program on the potential buyer.

SWINE CLINIC JULY 10

Come to a “hands on” clinic to learn how to show your hog in a ring setting. We will meet Wednesday, July 10 at 6:00 pm at the Perkerewicz Farm, 1797 Milam Road, Huntley, MT. Please bring your whips and brushes but NO animals. Questions? Call the Perkerewicz at 406-671-9475.

MONTANAFAIR DOG SHOW RESULTS

Congratulation to the 4-H members that placed at the MontanaFair Dog Show & Showmanship:

Beginner Showmanship

Place	Member	Club
1 st	Paige Trudnowski	Hesper Hustlers
2 nd	Harleigh Anderson	Ruff Riders
3 rd	Morgan Ready	Hesper Hustlers
4 th	Gannon Grice	Pine Ridge Red Ryder

Junior Showmanship

Place	Member	Club
1 st	Isabelle Brito	Shepherd Pioneers
2 nd	Rex Koivu	Project Rockin' Wranglers
3 rd	Lily Watson	Shepherd Pioneers
4 th	Mae Russell	City Kids
5 th	Jubilee Waskow	Shepherd Pioneers

Senior Showmanship

Place	Member	Club
1 st	Lyndin Marble	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
2 nd	Ella Romeijn	Lockwood Humble Bs
3 rd	Heaven Reed	Explorers
4 th	Brooklyn Sims	Ruff Riders

Beginner-Novice Obedience

Place	Member	Club
1 st	Brooklyn Sims	Ruff Riders
2 nd	Gannon Grice	Pine Ridge Red Ryder

3 rd	Paige Trudnowski	Hesper Hustlers
4 th	Lily Watson	Shepherd Pioneers
5 th	Morgan Ready	Hesper Hustlers

Pre-Novice Obedience

Place	Member	Club
1 st	Lyndin Marble	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
2 nd	Isabelle Brito	Shepherd Pioneers
3 rd	Jubilee Waskow	Shepherd Pioneers

Novice Obedience

Place	Member	Club
1 st	Ella Romeijn	Lockwood Humble Bs
2 nd	Heaven Reed	Explorers

Novice Rally

Place	Member	Club
1 st	Lyndin Marble	Blue Creek Jumping Bucks
2 nd	Lily Watson	Shepherd Pioneers
3 rd	Jubilee Waskow	Shepherd Pioneers
4 th	Paige Trudnowski	Hesper Hustlers
5 th	Brooklyn Sims	Ruff Riders

Intermediate Rally

Place	Member	Club
1 st	Ella Romeijn	Lockwood Humble Bs

COSTUME ANIMAL PARADE

The Costume Animal Parade will be held on Wednesday, August 14 at 6:30 pm. You 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 14.

SMALL ANIMAL EXHIBITORS

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

Poultry and rabbits must be checked-in and in their cages by 4:00 pm the day they check-in to be eligible to show. Cavy must be checked-in and in their cages by 7:45 am on Saturday, August 10 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 9 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.

As soon as the barns open in the mornings, people start coming through them. The MontanaFair gates open to the public at 11:30 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 9 after the show

Cavies: Saturday, August 10 after the show

Poultry and small animals: Sunday, August 11, after the poultry show or by 6:00 pm

Everyone is to help clean the area as they check out. We need everyone helping to clean the area, so everyone can finish quickly and enjoy the fair.

STATE WORKING RANCH HORSE FINALS

Registration is now open for the 2024 Working Ranch Horse Finals will be held September 13-15, 2024, at the 4-6 Arena in Vaughn, MT. Registration forms will be available on the state 4-H website soon.

STATE 4-H HORSE SHOW

The State 4-H Horse Show will take place September 20-22 at the 406 Arena in Vaughn, MT. Registration forms will be available on the state 4-H website soon.

OPEN MARKET SHOWS AT MONTANAFAIR

We encourage all members to enter the Open Class Animal Shows at MontanaFair. They offer good prize money and a chance for additional competition. Open Class Exhibitor handbooks, entry forms and deadlines can be found on the [MontanaFair website](http://www.montanafair.com) at www.montanafair.com

Select the "Exhibitors" link and open the appropriate Open Class handbook.

OPEN CLASS HANDBOOKS

Department B-Open Beef Cattle	Department H-Open Horse
Department C-Open Sheep	Department S-Open Swine
Department D-Open Wool	Department T-Open Crops
Department G-Open Goat	

Open entries must be completed online. Questions can be directed to MontanaFair at 406-256-2400. DO NOT contact the Extension Office with Open Show questions.

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@northerntel.net.

HORSE & COLT

Horse changes will be discussed and made at the July 17 meeting at 6:00 pm in the Expo. Club fair assignments will also be done at this time.

On Thursday, August 8 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 by July 1, 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 your Thank You has been received. Only when the Extension Office has confirmation a Thank You Note has been sent, can your sale check be mailed.

An out of county participant 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 down pat. 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!

CLUB MINUTES

Blue Creek Jumping Bucks: Club members will be taking a dairy farm tour. Community Service project was discussed, fruit sale prizes were distributed, and fair plans were made.

City Kids: Club may hold their July meeting at a park. Members were encouraged to brainstorm ideas for MontanaFair.

Laurel Roadrunners: Club t-shirts were ordered. Members will have a bake sale at a local car show. They plan a Community Service project helping paint at a church.

Lockwood Humbe Bs: The club put the new picnic tables together at the 4-H Building. Members planned our club booth decorations, signed up for ice cream shifts, and asked members to finish their club scrapbook page for fair.

Pine Ridge Red Ryder: Members have been weighing their animals on a regular basis. Fruit Sale prizes were distributed. The club will have a booth and parade float at Homesteader Days.

Ruff Riders: Members gave project reports. The club planned booth decorations and set a budget for them. They discussed Interview Judging Day time, had sign-ups for the ice cream booth, and had cupcakes for member birthdays.

Shepherd Pioneers: Club members gave project reports. Members decided on their booth theme. The recreation committee is planning a KOA campout. We will go shopping for items to donate to the Tumbleweeds Program.

Shepherd Tumbleweeds: Members planned their butter braids fundraiser. The club will be cleaning the lanes for the firing range and then will have the opportunity to practice shooting. Members need to turn in club scrapbook pages.

