



Lewis & Clark County 4-H Newsletter

December
2014



Extension Office will be closed Thursday and Friday for Thanksgiving Break.

Council Meeting

Council meeting will be **Wednesday, December 10 at 5:30 in the Bill Hamilton Building**. The meetings are open to all members, leaders or parents who want to aid in the decisions and direction of the Lewis & Clark County 4-H program. Each club is encouraged to have representation to keep your club informed and to have input on decisions.

From the Council President:

Just want to let folks know that I am honored to be the voted in as the 4-H Council President. I want to make sure that folks know that the Council makes decisions that affect your 4-H Program. I encourage all of you to attend those meeting so that you can stay up to date on what is happening with your program. The 4-H Council depends on all of you for input and those that attend the meeting are the ones that vote and make decisions. Every club has two votes at a meeting. We do the best that we can with the information that is presented to us at those meetings. Currently we are doing lots and talking about lots of different things to make our 4-H program even better than it already is. I encourage all of you to attend the meetings and let your voices be heard. . I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As always if you have questions contact David Hamilton at 431-1948 or email at davidhamilton431@gmail.com

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<http://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h.html>

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County 4-H Foundation

Lewis & Clark 4-H Foundation will hold a meeting on **Monday, December 1 at 5:30 pm in the Extension Upper Conference Room**. All 4-H members, leaders and donors are stakeholders in Foundation and are welcomed to attend.



Greytak calendars are available in the Extension Office. Cost is only \$10.00. They make great Christmas presents! Checks are to be written to: Lewis & Clark 4-H Foundation.

Clubs can call the office to sign up for gift wrapping at Murdoch's which starts the day after Thanksgiving and runs through Christmas Eve. This is a great fundraiser for clubs.



Stop in the Extension office and pick up your family 4-H discount card at Murdoch's to be used on products purchased for your 4-H projects.

INDOOR PROJECT INFORMATION

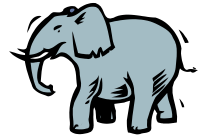
Indoor Committee meeting is Monday, January 26 at 5:30 in the Extension Conference Room. On the agenda will be fair layout of both buildings and High Point funding. Please call Dora at 475-3640 if you have any questions or suggestions for another great year.

Teen Leaders

What is the difference between TEEN LEADERS and the LEADERSHIP project? Your mission, should you choose take it, will be to find out the answer to this question. (Hopefully this message will not self-destruct) :)

The Lewis and Clark County Teens would like to invite parents and anyone interested to a teen event on **Sunday, December 14th at 4:00 pm in the Bill Hamilton Building**. This will include an inside scoop on teen leaders team building and icebreaker games.

We will be having a white elephant gift exchange game, please keep it under \$5.00 (*Dollar Store items suggested*) Beverages will be provided.



Hope everyone has an awesome Thanksgiving and I look forward to seeing you December 14th! We are working on some ways to improve communication, as always if you have any questions please call, text or email Sandy Merchen 406-465-9364 or smerchen221@gmail.com, Catherine McNeil at 439-8570 or Dora Lindner at 475-3640.

Wanted: 4-H Camp Counselors



Please check the website for the Lewis and Clark County 4-H Camp Counselor application. Youth must be 14 years old as of October 1, 2014 to apply. Preference will be given to those members enrolled in the Teen Leadership project.

Camp dates are June 23 – 26, 2015 and will be held at Loon Lake 4-H Camp just outside of Bigfork, MT. Applications are due to the Extension Office by January 9, 2015. If you have questions or need additional information please contact Catherine at 439-8570.

Cloverbuds



Come learn how to decorate cupcakes on **Wednesday, December 17 at 4:30 pm at the Bill Hamilton 4-H Building**. There is a \$25 Cloverbud registration fee or \$5 per meeting. If you have any questions, please contact Catherine at 439-8570 or Dora at 475-3640.



Shooting Sports



Join us **Tuesday evenings at either 6:00 pm or 7:00 pm** for air rifle and/or **Thursday evenings at 5:00 pm, 6:00 pm or 7:00 pm** for archery.

Each project has a \$25 fee with discounts given for having your own equipment, siblings, and/or parent being a certified coach that assists with our program. Registration form can be found on the website.

Any questions contact Susan Mitchell @ 439-3468

Leathercraft

Well, we had our first meeting of this calendar year for leathercraft with the Level 2 through Level 10 crafters meeting to get started thinking about their projects, reviewing what they have learned, going over expectations and goals for the coming 4-H year, as well as familiarizing themselves with the tools they will be using this year.



Wednesday, December 3rd at the Bill Hamilton Building from 4:00 – 6:00pm for Level 1 beginner leathercrafters. The meeting will give the introduction to leathercraft, explain expectations and goals for the coming year, begin deciding on projects, and to get familiar with leathercraft basics and tools. There will only be one more basic introduction class offered this year for beginners. Leathercraft classes will be held on Wednesdays in the Bill Hamilton Building. Consistency of times will be attempted as much as possible, but due to the late scheduling of the class it is a bit difficult.

Leathercraft **Levels 2 - 10 meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 7th at the Bill Hamilton Building from 4:00 - 6:30pm.** Members should have chosen their projects and be ready to pay for them at this meeting.

Leathercraft **Level 1 meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, January 14th at the Bill Hamilton Building from 4:00 - 5:30pm.** Members should have chosen their projects before the meeting ends. The projects will be ordered January 15th so the upper levels can begin on their projects as soon as possible.

The leathercraft fee for the classes is \$25.00 due and at the next meeting, which includes Level 1 and Level 2 projects.

I do plan to be available until the end of May for projects and possible a week or two in June. Any other questions can be answered by email, kathenut@hotmail.com, or Kathy at 475-4975.

Visual Arts

Visual arts workshops will be starting in January. We are asking for feedback from 4-H kids about what projects you are most interested in learning about. We are also looking for any local artists interested in sharing their skills with 4-H youth by hosting or helping with various mediums.



Please contact Amanda Saraco at [507-520-0290](tel:507-520-0290), or email me at asaraco@netzero.com with all of your ideas for an exciting new beginning in art!

Sewing & Handiwork Workshop

Sunday, December 7, 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m., Extension office upper conference room

Bring your sewing machine and sewing tools to practice your sewing skills, techniques and assess your sewing knowledge. Knitting assistance will be available too.

Mark your calendars for workshops from 2:00 – 4:00 at the Extension upper conference room on:

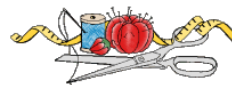
Sunday, December 7

Sunday, January 25

Sunday, February 8

Sunday, March 15

Sunday, April 26 – Sewing Revue



Questions with sewing call Janet at 458-9450; with knitting and crocheting call Trudy at 799-3254

Grand Foods/Stir Ups



I would like to announce that we have a new venue for hosting Grand Foods and Stir Ups. This year we will be hosting the event at a school that will have full kitchen setups for those that want to participate in Stir Ups. Senior members we are looking to you to consider participating in Stir Ups this year. The event will be hosted on **Saturday, February 21, 2015.**

All 4-H members and Cloverbuds are welcome to participate in this fun-filled event. You do not have to be enrolled in the foods project to participate. Grand Foods is lots of fun as all members get to prepare “themed” or fun dishes, baked goods etc. The more creative you are - the more fun it is. Please watch the upcoming newsletters for more information. Mark your calendars now to save the date so you can participate. Hope to see you there.

If you have any questions about Grand Foods and/or senior member if you are interested in Stir Ups, please don't hesitate to contact me regarding this event. Cheryl Richman at 227-2685 after 4:30 pm.

Thank You

The Canyon Creek Stock 4-H Club would like to THANK everyone that came to the 2014 4-H Halloween Party and brought an item to be donated to food share. We made a donation of 120 total pounds to Food Share.

We hope everyone enjoyed the night!!



Legislative Breakfast

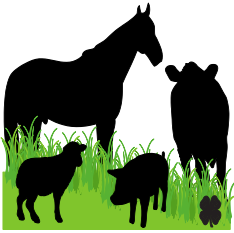
The 2015 Legislative Breakfast will be held **Tuesday, January 20, 2015** at the Colonial Hotel at 6:30am. Cost and registration information will be in January newsletter.

4-H Citizenship Seminar will be **February 21 – 23, 2015** in Helena at the Bill Hamilton 4-H Building. Each County may send two delegates who are 14 years of age by October 1. Registration is online at <http://montana4h.org/#program:3> and due by February 1. If you have any questions contact the office at 447-8346.

OUTDOOR PROJECT INFORMATION

Outdoor Committee meeting is Monday, December 8th 5:30 at the Extension Upper Conference Room. On the agenda will be white ribbon animals not being allowed to sell at the fair; the possible schedule change for bringing animals to fair on Tuesday instead of Wednesday – among other topics. The agenda for the meeting is posted on the website.

As always please read your specific project articles for more information.
Contact me if you have any questions. Dennis Deaton 461-2844



Quality Assurance Workshop will be Monday, December 15 at 5:30 pm in the Bill Hamilton Building. All members who take a market animal project are required to take Quality Assurance to market their animal at fair. Quality Assurance is to assist youth in understanding their role as producers in the food supply chain and their responsibility to produce a safe food product while caring for animals in an ethical manner.

There will be a limited number of Quality Assurance workshops. Check with your club leader to find out if you are due to attend Quality Assurance this year.

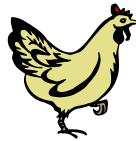
Rabbit



There will not be a rabbit meeting in December.

See you in January.
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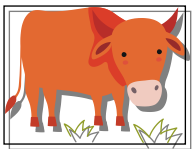
Poultry



No workshop in December. Next Poultry workshop **Sunday, January 11 at 12:30 pm in the Bill Hamilton Building.**

Any questions call Val at 475-5345

Beef Project



Market beef possession date is **January 1**. Tagging forms are available online and are **due January 2** to the Extension Office or with a \$5.00 fine paid at beef tagging. Beef tagging will be **Sunday, January 4th from 10:00 am — 1:00 pm** at the back of the Bill Hamilton building. **Bill of sale must be presented at tagging.**

PLEASE NOTE: There will only be one tagging day. If you miss this day, you will not be able to take the animal to fair. If you cannot make this day, please make prior arrangements to have your steer brought to tagging by someone else.

Please call Dennis Deaton at 461-2844 if you have any questions.

Dog Project

Just a reminder, the dog project cut-off is December 13. All dogs and handlers must be signed up and attending class by December 13, as well as have a copy of their dog's vaccination records turned in to me either via hardcopy or email.

Saturday, December 06, 2014	9 AM to 11 AM
Saturday, December 13, 2014	9 AM to 11 AM

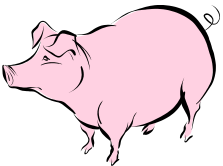


We will be taking a short break for the holidays after the December 13 meeting and start again after the New Year...Stay tuned for more details.

Although our project cut-off is December 13, I strongly encourage you not to wait until then to sign up for this project. **All dogs must be signed up and attending class by December 13, as well as have a copy of their dog's vaccination records turned in to me either via hardcopy or email to the address below.** Leaders-please take note this is the cutoff date for this project. This project will move quickly and there is a lot of information to be covered as well as hands-on time needed to work with your dog.

Wishing you all merry and safe holiday! Please contact me (Karen Bratlien) with any questions, concerns or interest in the project at 406- 459-3030 or at eatnsleephorses@yahoo.com.

Swine



Hope everyone is staying warm. I want to remind folks to start thinking about where you're going to get your pigs this year. I want to make sure you know that you are always invited to the Outdoor Committee meetings. Seems like there are a lot of things happening and it is important that we hear from the 4-H members on what they want. It is very important that you come and voice your thoughts on topics that we are discussing.

We will be looking at getting a selection workshop scheduled in January or February, a care and feeding workshop the following month. I would like to hear from you on what you might want for workshops.

Reminder: the minimum weight for pigs this year will be 210 pounds. The maximum weight has been moved to 300 pounds. The pigs over 300 pounds will still be eligible for Grand or Reserve.

I hope you all have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. As always if you have questions contact David Hamilton at 431-1948 or email at davidhamilton431@gmail.com

Helena Jackpot Show



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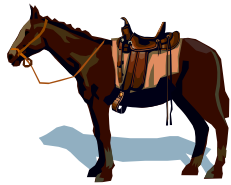
Helena Jackpot Show is scheduled for June 13, 2015 in the Multipurpose Building. This is a great opportunity for you to practice showing your lamb, steer, heifer or pig before the fair.

Any question contact Jeff Patten at 422-3796

Horse Committee

The **December 15th Horse Committee meeting is cancelled.** The next Horse Committee meeting is January 19, 2015 in the BHB. Future meetings are February 16, March 16, April 20, May 18 and June 15, 2015.

Upcoming Events



Riding Workshops 1:00 – 4:00 pm in the Multipurpose Building

Dec 7 – Open ride Apr 11

Feb 22 May 3

Mar 15 May 30

June 20 – Tentative Practice Show Date

Riding dates will be cancelled if the forecasted high for the day is below 25 degrees.

Tentative Indoor Workshops

January – TBA – Tack workshop

February – TBA – Helmet Safety and Horse Care & Safety Videos

May – TBA – Helmet Safety and Horse Care & Safety Videos – Last time for the 4-H year.

Horse Project Facebook

Please come join us on Facebook: Lewis & Clark County 4-H Horse Project

Horse Enrollment Fee

The horse program would not be able to function without an enrollment fee. A \$50 enrollment fee is due **NO LATER** than February 1st or at **FIRST** riding workshop. Horse enrollment fee's offset the cost of arena time, clinic fees and other activities and awards throughout the year. Forms are available online and at the Extension office. Please pay the horse enrollment fee at the office or at the first activity. This fee must be paid to participate in the upcoming horse events.

Helmet Safety Video

Participants in the 4-H Horse Project are required to attend a helmet education workshop and view the video "Every Ride Every Time" once as a junior 4-H member (9-13) and once as a senior member (14 and up). At the end of the video, parent can sign the Horse Project Waiver and Helmet

Policy Form. Early participation is encouraged. Viewing this video is required in order for horse members to participate in upcoming horse riding clinics and the Fair.

Horse Care and Safety Training (HCS)

All new horse members or members who didn't take HCS (formerly Horse QA) for Horse last year are required to take the Horse Care and Safety Training class this year. This training will be offered

a limited number of times, so please plan to take care of this training early.

Please watch the newsletters for the next dates on the Helmet Safety Video and Horse Care and Safety Training. May will be the last time the videos will be offered for this 4-H year.

The horse project has a new email address lc4horseproject@gmail.com

Any questions give me a call 431-1598 or email lc4horseproject@gmail.com

Vanessa .



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 Foundation Meeting 5:30 pm	2 Air Rifle 6:00/7:00 pm	3 Leathercraft 4:00 pm	4 Archery 5:00/6:00/7:00 pm	5	6 Dog Obedience 9:00 am
7 Horse Open Ride 1:00 pm Sewing 2:00 pm	8 Outdoor Committee Mtg 5:30 pm	9 Air Rifle 6:00/7:00 pm	10 Council Meeting 5:30 pm	11 Archery 5:00/6:00/7:00 pm	12	13 Dog Obedience 9:00 am
14 Teen Leadership 4:00 pm	15 Quality Assurance 5:30 pm	16 Air Rifle 6:00/7:00 pm	17 Cloverbuds 4:30 pm	18 Archery 5:00/6:00/7:00 pm	19	20
21	22	23 Air Rifle 6:00/7:00 pm	24	25 - OFFICE CLOSED - <i>Merry Christmas!</i>	26	27
28	29	30 Air Rifle 6:00/7:00 pm	31	January 1 - OFFICE CLOSED - <i>Happy New Year!</i>	2	3