



Council Meeting

I would like all clubs to attend the October meeting to ensure that you all get heard. The **October Council meeting is Wednesday, October 14th at 5:30 at the Bill Hamilton Building**. We will be voting on the new officers for council as well as approving the Indoor and Outdoor Chairs for each of those committees.

If you have any changes that you would like to bring up, those will need to be presented at the October meeting to ensure we meet the time frames to vote on them at the November Annual Meeting. One of the items of discussion will be the Operations Guidebook that has been put together so there is a reference on how things are done throughout the year. Your input is greatly appreciated.

November meeting will be moved to the 3rd Wednesday, November 18. Please put this date on your calendar.

I look forward to working with all of you on making this year another successful year within our 4-H program. As always if you have questions contact David Hamilton at 431-1948 or email at davidhamilton431@gmail.com

Leadership 101

Every 4th Monday, October to May 6:00pm to 7:30pm in the Extension upstairs conference room. I respect your time and effort to attend so we will start and end on time. Snacks will be provided.

OBJECTIVES:

- To explore the Life of a Leader (who we are as leaders)
- To utilize ideas, concepts to help understand leadership and how to apply it to your life
- To provide tools for a variety of leadership situations.- Opportunity to learn from each other.

Agenda is posted on the website. Hope to see you at the **first class on Monday, October 26th**
Any questions please contact Sandy Merchen at 465-9364.

Welcome to the 2015-2016 4-H Year! We had two great 4-H Club Leader Updates! Please share these dates with your new leaders and families. If you would be willing to help at either Orientation please let me know. It would be great to pair current leaders up with the new leaders and families. If these dates are bad for your club let me know and I can come to your club meeting or schedule more. We have so many amazing 4-H Leaders planning such great learning opportunities for all ages! Read on to find out more and thank you for being involved! Come visit us at the office or call 447-8346 or email mary.meyer@montana.edu

- ▶ New 4-H Leader Orientation – Welcome to 4-H
 - ▶ Monday, November 2, 2015, 6:00 PM in the Upper Conference Room
- ▶ New 4-H Family Orientation – Welcome to 4-H
 - ▶ Wednesday, November 4, 2015, 6:00 PM in the Bill Hamilton Building

Planning a Club Officers Training in early December. If you are a club officer, please pick a date that works for you! <http://doodle.com/poll/v7hk2i35phfhwyz>

Planning a Carcass Evaluation Training in February

Lewis & Clark Foundation

Foundation will be meeting on Monday, October 20 at 5:30 pm in the lower conference room. Agenda will include follow-up on the Dream Big Fundraiser.



Shea Sullivan represented Lewis & Clark County in the Champion of Champions Invitational Dog Show in Livingston on September 26th. Shea and his dog JoJo competed against other competitors from various counties around the state in three dog disciplines, agility, obedience, and showmanship. Shea was the Grand Champion in Agility and Obedience. Shea was also the recipient of the Senior Division Overall Winner award. Congratulations, Shea!

Logan McNeil has earned the opportunity to travel to Atlanta, Georgia for National 4-H Congress. Logan has received this award for his leadership in Lewis & Clark County. He worked with various organizations to write grants and receive funding to plant the trees along both sides of the Fairgrounds Exhibit Building. He worked to upgrade the lighting in the Bill Hamilton Building to enhance the lighting while reducing the cost of electricity for the 4-H program.

Look around the county this week for the following window displays:

- Augusta Livestock 4-H Club at the Augusta Youth Center.
- Baxendale Beavers 4-H Club at Murdoch's
- Big Sky 4-H Club at both McDonald's
- Birdseye Outs and Abouts 4-H Club at Helena Orthodontics
- Farm Kids 4-H Club in Christians pasture
- Golden Livestock 4-H Club at FireTower CrossFit
- Kountry Bumpkins 4-H Club at the East Helena Library
- Last Chance Livestock 4-H Club at the South window of the GoodKind Building
- Montana City Mavericks at the window between Montana City Store and Elkhorn Hotel
- Silver Creek Stock 4-H Club at Murdoch's
- Sweet Clovers 4-H Club at Helena Industries
- Treaters & Feeders 4-H Club at Hair Affair Salon



4-H Open House

Saturday, October 10, 2015

**Come any time from 1:00—3:00 pm at the
Bill Hamilton 4-H Building**



4-H enables youth to have fun while learning. The 4-H program provides hands-on opportunities to learn life skills such as setting goals, building self-confidence, learning responsibility and making decisions.

Ron Schatz Project Award

This award will support two (2) 4-H members in the Lewis and Clark County 4-H programs to continue with a project or to initiate a new project. 2015-2016 will have one anonymous additional award \$250 award – that makes a total of 3 awards to be awarded. Each award recipient will receive \$250.00.

Eligibility:

Youth must enroll as a member in the Lewis & Clark County 4-H program for the current year.

Member has been an active participant in the county program for a minimum of two (2) years.

Member that has at least one (1) year remaining in his/her 4-H career

Application is due to the Extension Office **October 15, 2015**. Application is on the county web site.

www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/forms.html

4-H Awards Banquet “SCOOBY DOO WHERE ARE YOU?”

Sunday, November 1, 2015 at the Bill Hamilton Building starting at 4:00pm. Let's join Scooby Doo and those meddling kids to unmask the celebration of our 4H kids. Everyone has worked so hard all year long and now is the time to Recognize, Encourage and Share in celebration for those efforts.

We will start with a potluck dinner so bring your favorite dish to share. This will be followed by a great awards program. We will end with Trunk or Treat! What in the world is Trunk or Treat? Well, there will be designated cars just outside that will have mysteries, games and /or treats (bags will be provided). Please call Sandy Merchen (465 9364) if you would like to provide a trunk of fun.

Scooby knows this is a school night and homework and sleep are very important so this will not be a late night. Get your TYE DYE on, grab your magnifying glass lets follow the clues to unmasking the FUN!

We are asking that clubs please provide a centerpiece. (I am always so amazed at the creativity and think we should be doing something special with these. It's a mystery as to what, any ideas?)



INDOOR PROJECT INFORMATION

Next Indoor Committee Meeting is Monday, October 19th at 5:30 p.m. in the Extension Conference Room. On the agenda will be Indoor High Point Awards

Looking for volunteers to fill Superintendent positions for Cloverbuds, Robotics, Vet Science, Exploring Nature, and Gardening. If interested, please call Dora Lindner at 475-3640



Calling all Clubs.....We are asking that all 4-H Clubs vote whether your club is interested in having **Club Booths or Project Areas** for indoor project displays at the 2016 fair. Please call or send an email to the Extension Office by the end of November. 447-8346 or lewisclark@montana.edu

If you have questions contact Dora at 475-3640 or the office at 447-8346.

Cloverbuds



We will kick off the new 4-H year at the Carousel on Wednesday, October 21st from 5:30 to 6:30p.m. If you have a camera, please bring it for photography opportunities. Anyone who attended Cloverbuds last year but is moving up as a 4-H member this year is welcome to attend the workshop at the Carousel.

The cost is \$5.00 for each Cloverbud workshop or \$25.00 for the year.

Please RSVP Dora Lindner at 475-3640 by Monday, October 19th.

Parents: Is anyone interested in helping out with Cloverbuds? I am looking for someone to volunteer as a superintendent. Please contact Dora if interested at 475-3640. Thanks!

High School Students

Scholarship & Financial Aid Workshop

November 14th 1:00 pm in the Bill Hamilton Building

High School Age (Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors) of the 4-H and Montana National Guard Child & Youth Program – **PARENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!**

Carroll College, UM Helena and Student Assistance Foundation will also be represented.

For information contact Catherine at 439-8570, Karen Bratlien at 459-3030 or Sara Cease at 324-3925.



Teen Leaders

4-H Teens. - ages 13-18 please join us after the open house on **October 10** to help make decorations for the Awards Banquet. Then on **October 18**, we will meet at the Bill Hamilton Building at 1:00 pm to finalize the schedule for the year, as well as finish plans for the Awards Banquet.

If you have any questions, please contact Dora at 475-3640 or Catherine at 439-8570.

Leathercraft



Leathercraft workshops will be the first Tuesday of the month September through May in the Bill Hamilton Building at 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm. **October workshop will be Tuesday, October 6th.**

Awards Committee

Anyone interested in 4-H awards, including fair grand and reserve ribbons, is welcome to attend a meeting to help plan and organize Lewis and Clark County Awards. We will meet **Wednesday, October 7th in the Bill Hamilton Building at 5:30pm**. Please download the award applications from the website, so you are prepared to discuss them. <http://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/forms.html>



For more information, please contact Catherine at 439-8570.



Shooting Sports

Registration: Tuesday October 13th at the Bill Hamilton Building 5:30 to 7:30.

We will also have registration forms at the 4-H open house on Sat Oct 10th. If you can't make either of these pre-registration times, registration can be done on your first night of shooting.

Air Rifle: meets on Tuesday from 6 pm - 7 pm or 7 pm - 8 pm starting October 20th in the Bill Hamilton Building.

Archery: meets on Thursday evenings 5 pm - 6 pm, 6 pm - 7 pm or 7 pm - 8 pm starting October 22nd in the Bill Hamilton Building.

If this is your first year in archery there will be an **introductory class on Thursday, October 15th** with 2 sessions. Session 1 will meet from 5 pm to 6:30 pm. Session 2 will meet from 6:30 pm to 8 pm in the Bill Hamilton Building

Air Rifle and Archery will meet every week on Tuesdays and Thursdays respectively thru mid-March unless the day falls on a holiday. Cost for each of these projects is \$25 with discounts given if you use your own equipment, additional siblings, and/or have a certified coach in the family.

For information contact: Susan or Cody Mitchell, shooting sports coordinators at 439-3468 or c_s_mitchell@msn.com

OUTDOOR PROJECT INFORMATION

Outdoor meeting is October 12th @ 5:30 in the Bill Hamilton Building and will be the election meeting. Current open positions on the Outdoor Committee include; Overall, Sales, Rabbit, Round Robin and Security. The Overall position will be the first position filled, nominations will be taken from the floor and the current members of the Outdoor Committee (standing superintendents and junior superintendents in attendance) will vote on the new Overall Superintendent. The newly elected Overall Superintendent will be confirmed by the Council at their October 14th meeting. The Outdoor Committee then hopes to fill the remaining open positions on the committee following the Overall Superintendent election. If you are interested in joining the outdoor committee, I hope you are able to attend the October meeting.

In addition to the election we will be further discussing tagging multiple market animals in each species. Any such change would not change the number of market animals members are currently allowed to bring to fair.

Swine



The swine project is pretty calm right now and I really don't have any news to share. I am working to get one of the state vets to come and do a workshop in December or January. As always look back at how last year went in your project and find ways to improve this year.

I ask that if you have comments on how the last year went please don't hesitate to call or email me so that we can look for ways to improve this year.

David Hamilton at 431-1948 or email at davidhamilton431@gmail.com

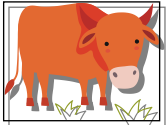
Poultry



Poultry meeting in Bill Hamilton Building **October 11th at 12:30pm**. We will be doing 1/2 dozen eggs as well as work book on eggs. Bring 1/2 dozen eggs with colored pencils for drawing in work books. If you have done that segment of your book then bring questions on other area in the book we can cover. Hope to see you at the meeting.

If any question contact Val at 333valwilliams@gmail.com

Beef



Hope everyone is enjoying fall and excited for the beginning of a new 4H year! Producers are getting calves in and weaned so if you have not done so already, now is the time to make connections with producers so you are ready with your selected animals for the new 4H year. If you are considering a market steer or breeding heifer project this year but don't know where to begin, please give me a call and we can discuss your goals and plans for 2016.

Many producers have begun networking with 4H kids on cattle they have available that are suited for beef projects. I wanted to share a few beef resources for those looking for cattle for your 2016 Beef Project. These people have a lot of knowledge and enjoying helping 4H kids. This list is by no means comprehensive and I would encourage you to share other resources that you may also have with one another.

Two Creek Ranch annual sale including Herefords, Maine Cross, Angus and Black Baldy will be held October 4th in Ovando. Please call or email for more info: Wayne Slaght: 406-793-5532 or 7962@blackfoot.net; Ben Slaght: 406-793-0057. Facebook: Two Creek Ranch Club Calves

Lucky U Cattle annual sale is scheduled for October 6th. For sale details or to discuss scheduling a preview of cattle please contact Lucky U Cattle directly: 406-799-2973 or updates on cattle check out their Facebook page: www.facebook.com/events/472106299618038/

NILE – Northern International Livestock Expo in Billings October 10-17. Breed shows and sales throughout the week. Please see the website for more info: www.thenile.org

Sunny Slope Ranch – Jim Forseth for info on private treaty cattle call: 406-590-2955. They are located in Fairfield, MT and have a Facebook page: Sunny Slope Cattle

Next month the Northern International Livestock Expo will host several sales for a variety of breeds for prospect steers and heifers. For more info please check out the NILE website: www.thenile.org

Again please let me know if you have any questions or if I can help you in any way.

Shane Tamcke
Beef Superintendent
406-560-5470

Dog Project

The Dog Project will kick-off on **Saturday, October 24, 2015, at 9 am**. (Please DO NOT bring your dog to this session.) If you are interesting in the project or are a returning project member, please be sure to come to this meeting to meet the project team, hear about exciting upcoming events and workshops, and learn more about the project for the coming year.



Project sign-up forms will be available at this meeting as well as project fee information. Project form will also be available at <http://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/project-areas/outdoor/dog.html> prior to the kick-off meeting.

It cannot be stressed enough that there is a BIG level of commitment to the dog project. Obedience sessions will begin on November 7. We ask that all new dogs and handlers plan on attending this first “block” of training as we will be building our training foundation from what is learned during this sessions. Please keep in mind that obedience is the foundation where the 4-H'er and the dog build the teamwork needed to be successful, not only in obedience, but also in other disciplines such as agility and herding. The dog and 4-H'er must be training in obedience to train in the other disciplines.

All dogs must be signed up and attending class by December 1, as well as have their dog's vaccination records turned in to me. **This is the cutoff date for this project (leaders – please take note!).** Starting after this date puts the teams (dogs and 4-H'ers) too far behind in the training cycle and it is difficult to catch up.

As always, please contact Karen Bratlien with any questions, concerns or interest in the project at eatnsleephorses@yahoo.com or 406-459-3030

Horse Project

2015 State Horse Show: Congratulations to Landry Scoles, Virginia Meador, Kendal Perry, Jordan Perry, Megan Goroski, Brooke Whitney, Savannah Schneider, Wyatt Schneider, Clancy Olson, Moriah Olson, Isabel Hansemann, and Elosie Hansemann, for competing at the 2015 Montana State 4H Show in Great Falls. What a great group of kids representing our county at the State Show!!! You all showed beautifully!!!



4H Open House: October 10th from 1:00 - 3:00 in the Bill Hamilton. Horse project members will be at the open house to answer any questions you might have about the project and to help get you enrolled.

Horse Committee Meeting: If you would like to be involved in the horse project, please plan to attend the next Horse Committee meeting - **October 19, 5:30 pm** at the Bill Hamilton Building. Everyone is welcome. We will be talking about the upcoming year and tentative schedule of events. Future Meeting dates: THIRD Monday of the Month at 5:30 pm, Bill Hamilton Building

November 16

December 21 (date to be confirmed at the October meeting)

January 18

February 22

March 21

April 18

May 16

June 20

July 18

Junior Superintendent: Each year we look for senior member(s) interested in being a Junior Horse Superintendent. This person serves as a mentor to the younger members and can assist with clinics if needed. Applications are on the website. Forms are due by October 31, 2015.

Horse Project Facebook and E-mail: Join us on Facebook: (<https://www.facebook.com/Lewis-Clark-County-4-H-Horse-Project>). You can find updates regarding the Horse Project on the Facebook page.

The Horse project also does a lot of communication via e-mail. If you would like to be added to the E-mail listing, please contact us via lc4horseproject@gmail.com.

Ranch Horse: We are very excited to be adding Ranch Horse to the Horse Project. Amie Goroski will be heading up this portion of the Horse Project. More information will be available as the project is

developed for our County. Please watch your e-mails, Facebook and come to the Horse Project meetings to learn more!

Pack Horse: We are looking for someone to head up the Pack Horse portion of the Horse Project. If you are interested in taking this on, or know of someone who would like to head this up, please contact Dawn Schneider at 458-4877.

HORSE PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS:

Horse Enrollment Fee: The horse project offers many clinics throughout the year to help members fine tune their horsemanship and learn showing techniques. We are very proud to be able to bring in top-notch trainers and educators to instruct our kids. The horse project would not be able to continue this amazing learning opportunity without an enrollment fee. The enrollment fee helps offset the cost of arena time, clinic fees and other activities and awards throughout the year. The \$50 enrollment fee is due NO LATER than February 1st OR at the first riding workshop. This fee must be paid prior to participating in horse events. The Horse Enrollment Forms are available online and at the Extension office. <http://www.lccountymt.gov/extension/4-h/forms.html>

Helmet Safety Video: Participants in the 4-H Horse Project are required to attend a Helmet Education Workshop once as a junior 4-H member (9-13) and once as a senior member (14 and up). Parent participation is required by signing the Horse Project Waiver and Helmet Policy Form after the workshop. This training will be offered a limited number of times so early participation is encouraged. **Viewing this video is required in order for horse members to participate in upcoming horse riding clinics and the County Fair in July.** Dates for the Helmet Safety Video will be posted on the Facebook page and in the November newsletter.

Horse Care and Safety Training (HCS): All new horse member 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. Dates for the Helmet Safety Video will be posted on the Facebook page and in the November newsletter.

2015 Horse Show Opportunities: October 17 Butte Special Riders Benefit Show – please see the post on the Lewis and Clark 4H Horse project Facebook page for additional information.

*Check the calendar on the website for additional events or changes.

October 2015

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6 Leathercraft 4:00	7 Awards Committee 5:30	8	9	10 4-H Open House 1:00
11 Poultry 12:30	12 - OFFICE CLOSED – Outdoor Mtg 5:30	13 Shooting Sports registration 5:30	14 Council Mtg 5:30	15 Archery Introduction 5:00	16	17
18 Teen Leaders 1:00	19 Horse Mtg 5:30 Indoor Mtg 5:30	20 Air Rifle 6:00 Foundation Mtg 5:30	21 Cloverbuds 5:30	22 Archery 5:00	23	24 Dog Kick Off 9:00
25	26 Leadership 101 6:00	27 Air Rifle 6:00	28	29 Archery 5:00	30	31