



# Lewis & Clark County 4-H News



August 2014

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## 4-H Community News

### Special Thanks to Bob’s Valley Market & Bob Burns

Thank you Bob for making and donating the Wood Tractor to sell at our Livestock Sale. And thank you Bob’s Valley Market for your purchase of it for \$1500. The donated money will go into a Bob Burns Scholarship. Thank you both for your everlasting support of our 4-H youth!

### Record Books & Project Books Due

Don’t forget, record books and project books are due to your club leaders by **August 31**. If you don’t have record forms for each project, copies can be obtained through the Extension Office for 25¢ or you can download them from the [4-H website](#) for free. Downloaded versions are fillable so you can do them on the computer. Record book covers are available from the Extension Office for \$3.00 or you can make your own.

### Project Awards

Applications are due September 20<sup>th</sup>. You can find the applications for the project awards on our website under [Forms](#). Here are some guidelines to follow when filling out the applications:

1. The project award is earned when you go above and beyond the basic project requirements.
2. Members apply for the project award, not parents or leaders.
3. Must earn a gold seal on record book.
4. The application must be filled out completely, accurately and honestly to be considered for a project award.
5. The length of the write-up should be age appropriate. For example, a teen is expected to write several sentences.
  - a. List the title of the workshops, presentation or activity.
  - b. Date means month and year.
  - c. Attach a write-up means stapling the additional paper to the application.
  - d. Signing the application is required.
  - e. Adult initials can be a parent, project leader or club leader and



*What a great Fair!*

*I want to thank each and every one of our volunteers for working so hard to make sure we all had a great Fair experience! I’m most impressed by the comraderie and people treating each other the 4-H way! I’m proud and honored to know you all!*

*Now with the Fair over, I’d like to hear your suggestions. The superintendents and I will meet to discuss what worked well and what things we can look at for improvement. If you have some input, please let one of us know by August 15<sup>th</sup> so we can discuss your ideas.*

*Judy Siler*  
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is required for all electives completed.

### County Awards

Lewis & Clark County 4-H offers a wide range of awards to recognize members and leaders for hard work and a job well done during the 4-H year. You can find the applications for these awards on our website under [Forms](#). The awards are:

**Cloverbud Award:** A quick application recognizes Cloverbuds for participating in multiple activities throughout the 4-H year.

**Young Achievers:** For Junior 4-H members (4-H age 8-13 years old) who have been involved in a variety of club and county activities. Application is required.

**Overall Achievement:** Can be awarded once as a Junior member and once as a Senior member. Award is a \$250 scholarship! Applicants must have been involved in a variety of Indoor and Outdoor projects for multiple years. Application and Record book required.

**Overall Agriculture & Family Consumer Sciences:** Similar to Overall Achievement but specific to an area. Award is a \$250 scholarship! Applicants must have been involved in a variety of Indoor and Outdoor projects for multiple years. Application and Record book required.

**Julie Paulson Achievement Award:** Awarded to a senior member who has shown tremendous achievement and growth through the 4-H program throughout the years. Awarded a plaque from the Paulson Family. Nomination or application required.

**Club Secretary & Club Scrapbook Awards:** Two separate awards submitted by club officers for the current 4-H year. Books must be submitted. Gift cards awarded.

### Club Leader Needed



Special thanks to Courtney Crowell and Justin Smith for their work as the Blackfoot Valley 4-H club leader. We appreciate all you have done. If you are interested in becoming the leader for this club, please contact the Extension Office so we can ensure the proper paperwork and training are completed.

### **Fair Follow-ups – Please Read**

#### Foundation Donations from Livestock Sale

Thank you to Audrey and Caswell Bloomquist for donating 10% of their earnings from our Livestock Sale to Foundation. If you'd like to donate a portion of your check to Foundation, please let the Extension office know by Friday, August 8th.

#### Indoor Project Missing

Please check your indoor projects. One of our young 4-Her's archery project board is missing. Please contact the Extension office if you find it.



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## **Special Kudos**

Wow what a great Fair. There are so many to thank for making the Fair run so well. A special thanks to all the Superintendents and Jr Superintendents for putting in countless hours before and during the fair, thank you judges for donating time and taking time to encourage our 4-Hers to strive for more. And thank you members and parents for helping with set up and tear down, keeping the barns looking good, and being ambassadors for 4-H to the public.

Overall I saw a great spirit of generosity amongst the members, kids helping each other out, making each other feel welcome and especially saw many Sr members helping their Jr counterparts. I was proud to hear comments from the public about it as well. It was great to see the barns and indoor almost completely done by 10 am on Sunday, giving the kids and some good-sport-superintendents some time for a little water fight. Fantastic job everyone. Thank you.

Teresa KelleyBrewer  
Council Vice President

## **County Happenings & Other 4-H Opportunities**

### **Helena Youth Philanthropy Council Grant Opportunity!**

Want to make a lasting, positive difference in the Helena area? Partner with friends or classmates and apply for a Helena Youth Philanthropy Council grant of \$250-\$1,000 to fund your service project idea! Apply by 10:00PM Friday, September 12th at [www.mtedp.org/hypc-grants/](http://www.mtedp.org/hypc-grants/)!

### **4-H National Youth Summit Series – Register Now!**

The National Youth Summit Series brings together some of the best and brightest students to focus on aerospace, robotics, maker, healthy living, and agri-science. Designed for high school students (grades 9 - 12), the Summits provide opportunities to learn technical skills, participate in hands-on activities and workshops, learn from leaders in the field, and visit professional and academic sites. Students attend in teams comprised of two to eight youth and are accompanied by an adult mentor/chaperone. For more information, check out <http://www.nationalyouthsummit.org/home/>.

### **Retreat and Reconnect by the Lake – September**

The 2014 Montana 4-H Leadership Forum - "Retreat & Reconnect by the Lake", hosted by District 1, will take place September 26-27, 2014 at the Flathead Lake United Methodist Camp in Rollins, Montana. Go to the Montana 4H website and click on [Montana 4-H Leadership Forum](#) under Programs/Events for more information.



### **Global Leadership Summit – August 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>**

There is an awesome opportunity happening right here in Helena August 14th and 15th. The GLOBAL LEADERSHIP SUMMIT will be Telecast right here in Helena, MT at Life Covenant Church. There is an awesome line up of speakers, actor/comedian (Tyler Perry), CEO's, and best selling authors. Very powerful and dynamic information for all kinds of leaders. This is a Leadership Summit and some business's will give you Professional Credit for attending (Certificates will be given) It will also look great on Resume's and Scholarship

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applications. Students have a special price of \$79 and there are group rates for adults of 14 or more. If you have any questions please feel free to Contact Sandy Merchen 465-9364. go to Global Leadership summit 2014 sign up for the Host site here.

### **Marysville Horseback Fun Ride & Poker Ride**

Where: Marysville, MT

When: Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Registration 8am – 10:30a.m. Last card 3:30pm. No pre-registration required.

For more information see the flyer in the Extension office, or see this website:

<http://southwestmt.com/listings/19600.htm>.

### **Women's Hunter Education Program (WHEP)**

The eighth annual Women's Hunter Education Program (WHEP), hosted by Montana Fish, Wildlife, and Parks, will be held August 15th and 16th at the Boone and Crockett Club's Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch West of Dupuyer, Montana.

This course is designed to involve participants with modern wildlife conservation practices, safety in the outdoors and simple yet effective survival skills plus shooting 22 rifles in addition to 20 gauge shotguns.

Registration is limited to the first 25 women, the WHEP board of directors wish to provide an educational experience of quality not quantity.

Registration for the course is on line at [www.fwp.mt.gov/education/hunter/hunterEd.html](http://www.fwp.mt.gov/education/hunter/hunterEd.html) scroll to Aug 15 and sign up.

Award winning meals prepared by the Big OX will be featured Friday night, Saturday breakfast and the noon meal on Saturday.

The course is free. The \$ 75.00 fee is for Friday night lodging and meals.

### **Host Families Still Needed**

We are still looking for two host families to host kids for the 2014-2015 school year. Please let me know if you are interested (asap). The kids receive \$125/month for their personal expenses. They are motivated and speak English very well.

### **Calling all Military Families!**

American Wanderer Summer Camp has a few open slots for their last session of the summer, August 5-18! Session 4: Lakota Path - starts in Billings, Montana, and ends in Denver, Colorado. Come explore 8 National Parks and go on an adventure of a lifetime! Don't miss this amazing opportunity. They offer a military discount and have grant funding available to offset costs. Parents need to secure round-trip transportation to the start/end point because transportation is not included. For more information or to register: [www.AmericanWanderer.com](http://www.AmericanWanderer.com). If interested please contact the Owners/Directors Lyn & Chris Kimberly at: 203-557-3339 or email: [Lyn@AmericanWanderer.com](mailto:Lyn@AmericanWanderer.com).

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### **Military Family Resiliency Camp**

Where: Darrell Fenner Loon Lake 4-H

When: September 5-7

Camp is free and open to families from all branches of the military. The forms for our camp are available on the website under Forms – Event Forms.

## Indoor Committee News & Projects

If you still haven't picked up your Indoor project, please stop by the Extension Office. We have a few left in the BHB we want to be sure they are claimed.

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### Cat

It was a Purrfect fair for our lovely little fur faces. Excellent job Crystal, Abby and Anne for your wonderful cat projects. A special thank you to our judges Lisa and Bobbie from Wild About Cats cat rescue. Our next cat meeting will be August 17th - 2:00 at the Luehr's. If you have any questions please call Alice at 449-3480

### Cloverbuds

We are in need of a new Cloverbud Superintendent! Please contact the Extension office if you are interested!

### Gardening

First of all, let me say how amazing you gardening kids are! Fair projects were creative, fruitful, and educational well beyond our judges' expectation. Your projects have encouraged members of our community and other 4Her's to 'get their hands dirty' next year and give gardening a try. Thank you!

This month we are exploring the Farmer's Market in Helena to find out what people do with all their extra produce. We will meet at the corner of Fuller and Placer in front of the Blue Cross buildings at 10:30 am on Saturday, August 16. Everyone is invited to join us, hope to see you there!



Next month we will be volunteering out at Tizer Gardens, so get your gloves out and be ready to work. This will be a hands-on experience and an excellent opportunity to see the gardens up close and personally. I will have more details in next month's newsletter after scheduling our date and time.

If you have any questions or comments for gardening, please call Amanda Saraco at [507-520-0290](tel:507-520-0290), or email me at [asaraco@netzero.com](mailto:asaraco@netzero.com).

### Pocket Pets

Dr. Blandford with Apex Animal Hospital is giving a presentation on Pocket Pet care and health on Saturday, August 9 at 4:00 pm. The presentation will be at Apex Animal Hospital, 9195 N Montana Ave. Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP by 8/7 so I have a head count on the number of members attending. You can text me at 431-1598 or email [2qtrcircle@gmail.com](mailto:2qtrcircle@gmail.com)

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Everyone did a great job at Fair. Congratulations to all of you for a job well done. Please contact me at 431-1598 or 2qtrcircle@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Vanessa, Superintendent.

## Outdoor Committee News & Project

### From the Committee:

Thank you to all of the kids and volunteers for all your help we had at Fair! If you have suggestions for improvements, please send these to me so we can discuss them at our wrapup meeting.

The wrap-up meeting will be Monday, August 18<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 at Wendy's house. It is a potluck BBQ. If you'd like to come, please RSVP to me and I'll make sure you have directions. My number is 461-2844.

Thanks again and enjoy the rest of your summer!

*Dennis*

### Jump to Outdoor Projects:

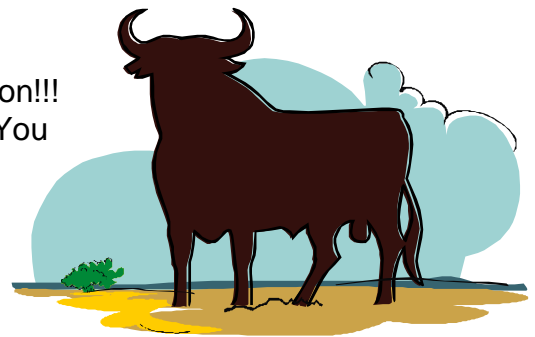
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### Beef

Hello Beef kids!

Congrats to Aly for Grand and TateLynne for Reserve Champion!!! Congratulations to all of you for your beef projects this year. You all did well and should be proud of what you accomplished with your project. We had a number of breeding projects as well which was great to see. Keep up the good work! Also, thank you to all the kids and parents that helped at the fair this year. Seems like things went very well!



Hard to believe, but it's time to start thinking of next year's project already. The beef market is at an all time high right now. You may be looking at \$1400-\$1700 for a market steer calf so you'll need to budget accordingly. With these high calf prices, you can't afford to not feed it out properly as well. So be sure to factor adequate feed into your budget. Also, contact your breeder soon to line up a steer for this fall.

We will attempt to have a hand's on workshop to go over steer selection. If we do it at our place, it won't be till the middle of November, which may be a little late for some of you. If you need help

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or ideas, let us know. We could possibly do a workshop with photos to give you ideas of what to look for in early Oct. Stay tuned for more on this.

Lastly, be sure to thank your buyers as soon as you get your photos. Take a little extra effort to meet with them, shake their hands and give them a sincere “thank you”.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!

*Karl & RaeLynn Christians*

### Dog

It's hard to believe fair has been here and gone! Thank you everyone for your continued commitment to your dog project, assistance with fair set-up and tear down, and being more interesting than dirt. Everyone did a wonderful job showing their dogs and what they have learned with their projects this year. A GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Wendy Brenden for her years of leadership, project vision, dog and 4-H knowledge, and commitment to a very worthwhile project. We will miss seeing her next year and are hopeful that she will be checking in from time to time. I'd also like to take a moment and thank Bill and Laurie Sullivan, Peggy Duezabou, Deirdre Kane, Thea Sperline, Rita Munson, and Catherine LeCours for volunteering their time and canine expertise over the past year and look forward to working with them this coming year.

Please stay tuned for upcoming dates for an End-of-Year Dog Project Potluck as well as we will need help with the return of the agility equipment to the BHB in the coming weeks via email.

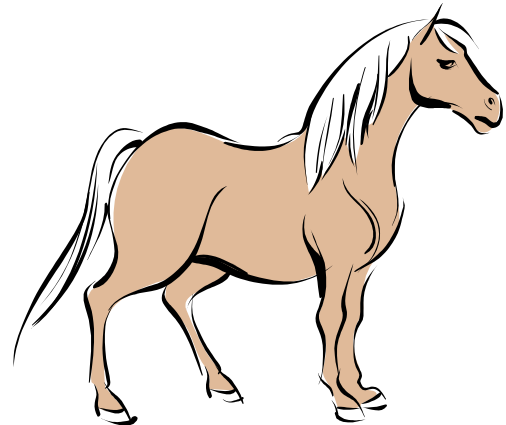
Please email Karen Bratlien at eatnsleephorses@yahoo.com with any questions or concerns. I look forward to leading the project next year and getting to know all of you better. Thank you again for your support and commitment to the project!

### Horse

**HORSE COMMITTEE MEETINGS:** We will have no Horse Committee meeting in August. The next Horse Committee meeting will be September 15th , at 5:30 at the Bill Hamilton Building.

I would like to congratulate our Horse Hi Point Winners from the 2014 Lewis & Clark Horse Fair

<b>Walk/ Trot</b>	Grand Champion	Payton Sprague
	Reserve	Marissa Money
<b>Junior</b>	Grand Champion	Landry Scoles
	Reserve	Kendell Perry
<b>Senior</b>	Grand Champion	Kelsey Brozovich
	Reserve	Tana Waddell





I also want to thank all the volunteers that made the show run smooth this year : Stephanie Brandenburger, Schneider Family, Olsen's, Spraque's, Scole's, O'Brien, and Sophie Ferst and Micheala Stewart

**Year End Awards:** We would like to encourage horse and horseless members to apply for the Lewis & Clark County Horsemanship Award. The horsemanship award was developed to recognize a 4-H horse member's dedication and commitment through participation and achievement in the county 4-H horse and horseless projects.

Horse and Horseless Horse members are eligible to apply. The requirements for the award are not due until August 30. Applications can be found on the 4-H website.

If you have questions please contact KeaSmith or email at: [waddelltraining@yahoo.com](mailto:waddelltraining@yahoo.com)

### Rabbit

There is no rabbit meeting in August. All the kids did good!!! A BIG thank you to all my parents, I couldn't have done it without you!!! Everyone enjoy the rest of summer !!! See you in fall



### Round Robin

Round Robin results are posted on the website under the Fair tab.

### Swine

With the fair now over I just wanted to drop you all a note and say THANK YOU! I had lots of folks come up to me during the fair and say that the barn looked good and even smelled good(well as well as a pig barn can smell). I will be the first to admit that it was all of you that did that and I let those folks know that as well. I also wanted to thank all of you for showing up both at set-up and at tear down making both of those tasks go quickly. You should all be proud about the outstanding good you all did on your pig projects. Now that fair is over let's make sure we get our books done and turned in. Now I say we enjoy the rest of summer. Thanks again for all of your hard work this year. As always if you have questions contact David Hamilton at 431-1948 or email at

