

Our 4-H Newsletter

"Growing Capable, Contributing Adults one Member at a Time"



Jarret O'Hair poses with trophies received at Achievement Afternoon that he won at the State Shooting Sports Tournament in March as Teen Leaders BreAnne Pino, Taylor Johnson, and Taylor O'Neil look on.



Find us on Facebook at

Park County MT 4-H

This is a closed group open to only 4-H members, parents, and leaders.

4-H Re-Enrollment Time is Here!

The new 2015-2016 4-H year began on October 1. To continue your 4-H membership, go online to <https://mt.4honline.com/>. Login and complete the form to re-enroll. It's that simple! Paper forms are available on request from the Extension Office. Membership fees are still \$20 per youth. This includes materials for three projects. Additional fees, like supply or clinician fees, may apply to specific projects.

Montana 4-H Youth Development

Welcome to 4-H Online

Welcome to Montana 4-H's Online Enrollment System! Montana 4-H is the youth development program of Montana State University Extension. 4-H is the largest, out-of-school, youth development program in the state, reaching about 20,000 youth across the state each year. The mission of Montana 4-H is to educate youth and adults for living in a global and ever changing world by using the resources of Land-Grant Universities and the US Department of Agriculture. 4-H strives to create environments for positive youth development using four key concepts of positive youth development including belonging, mastery, generosity, and independence through educational, learning-by-doing projects, club meetings, community service projects, events, and activities.

Returning Families:

- Starting September 15th, all 4-H members are listed as "inactive" and must re-enroll. *Enrollments must be completed by a parent or guardian.*
- If your child(ren) was active in 4-H in previous years, they already have a profile even if you have not logged in before. DO NOT use "need to setup a profile" link.
- If you do not remember the email address that you provided to the Extension Office in previous years, please contact your County Extension Office.
- If you know your email, but not your password, select "I forgot my password" below, enter your email address and click "Send my Password". A temporary password will be sent to the email account you provided.
- Make sure to double check and update any personal information including address, phone numbers, email addresses, etc.
- A re-enrollment guide for returning families can be found [HERE](#).

New Families:

- Select "I need to setup a profile" below and fill in the required fields to create a family profile. *Enrollments must be completed by a parent or guardian.*
- You are encouraged to contact your County Extension Office to express interest in joining the 4-H program to find out the details of your involvement.
- A enrollment guide for new families can be found [HERE](#).

Mozilla Firefox is the recommended browser for 4HOnline. You can download a free version [HERE](#).

I have a profile
 I need to setup a profile

Enrollment packets will be mailed out during National 4-H Week, October 4-10, 2015. Those packets will include your fair premium checks, 2015-2016 enrollment forms, new 4-H project selection guide (4-H Clover), and a club directory. All of these materials are available on our web site:

www.parkcountyextension.org. Click on the programs drop down button and select 4-H, then Join Now.

Enrollment forms are due to the Extension Office by December 31, 2015.

Sign-up for one new project this year!



4-H Theatre Arts coming to Park County

The Shane Center has graciously opened their space (rehearsal rooms, movement rooms, the stage, etc.) to anyone interested in forming a theater arts 4-H project group or club.

Theater arts project Level 1 activities include learning how to control character, try clowning around and pantomime. Level 2 activities include creating sound effects, making puppets and preparing a puppet show.

The Extension Office will actively begin recruiting members in October. If you know of any youth or adults interested in participating, please contact Mary Anne Keyes at 222-4156.

Opportunities and Announcements

Livingston Lariats Meeting

The Livingston Lariats 4-H Club will be meeting on Thursday, October 22, at 6:00 p.m. in the Extension Office classroom. Contact Kylie Purcell at 223-4730 for more information.

Beef Members

Get Ready to Pick Out Your 2016 Steers

Plan on selecting your market calf for the upcoming year this fall. If you need help with animal selection or a list of potential breeders, contact Wendy Hafer or Justin O'Hair.

Project Leaders Wanted for the 2015-2016 Year!

We are recruiting for project leaders for upcoming year. Thank you to Mary Heller for volunteering to be a county-wide rabbit leader and to Matt Long for volunteering to be the photography leader. We have a volunteer who is considering leading the poultry project. We are looking for leaders in the following areas:

- Foods;
- Arts and Crafts;
- Cat;
- Meat Goats;
- Woodworking; and
- Cloverbuds.

Club Officer Training

If you are elected as your 4-H club officer, plan on attending the county-wide club officer training on November 7 at 3:00 p.m. at the Extension Office. The training will cover running meetings, officer job descriptions, and basic leadership skills. Please RSVP to the Extension Office by November 2.

Volunteer Leader Training

If you are serving as a Park County Volunteer 4-H Leader, you are invited to attend (a.k.a. must attend) one of three trainings. The trainings will provide a basic orientation to risk management and the principles of leadership and youth development. The trainings will be offered on the following dates:

- Saturday, November 7 at 4:40 p.m. (conveniently timed so your kids can attend the movie matinee at 4:30 p.m. if you want them to);

- Saturday, December 12 at 10:00 a.m. in Bozeman at the MSU Animal Science Building;
- Thursday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m. in Livingston at the Extension Office classroom.

Using Horses as Teaching Tools Clinic - October 23, noon - 3pm

All volunteer leaders, parents, and teen 4-H members are invited to attend this FREE workshop and lunch presented by MSU professors Shannon Moreaux and Shannon Arnold, and Amy Prechter from Cedar Ridge Equines. Workshop topics include: teaching and learning strategies, using horses to teach life skills, reading and writing with horses, equine therapy programs and models, and application of horses to personal situations. For more info, contact Shannon Arnold at 994-6663 or shannon.arnold@montana.edu.

Attend National 4-H Conference in Washington, D.C.

National 4-H Conference, held April 9-14, is a working conference where 4-H teens from across the nation discuss important issues (like texting and driving, drug use, etc.) and help develop recommendations for national policy. These teens then present their recommendations to national agencies for review (like the U.S. Department of Transportation, etc.). Applications are available at: www.parkcountyextension.org, under programs>4-H>Newsletters and Information. Dalton Booth, Cassie Shepardson and Dale Booth attend from Park County in 2015.

National 4-H Week

National 4-H Week is October 4-10, 2015. This year's theme is "4-H Grows Here." It provides a great opportunity to spread the word about 4-H! The Park County 4-H Council and 4-H Sale Committee are producing a newspaper insert celebrating our 4-H program. This insert will appear in the Livingston Enterprise on October 8, 2015. Extra copies will be available at the Extension Office.

4-H: More Projects than You Ever Imagined!

ANIMAL SCIENCES

- Beef
- Cat
- Dairy Cattle
- Dog
- Dairy Goat
- Meat Goat
- Horse
- Pocket Pets
- Poultry
- Rabbit
- Sheep
- Swine
- Veterinary Science

ENVIRONMENTAL & NATURAL SCIENCES

- Entomology
- Forestry
- Outdoor Adventures
- Shooting Sports
- Sport Fishing
- Wildlife
- Wind Energy

CITIZENSHIP, COMMUNICATION AND EXPRESSIVE ARTS

- Communications
- Cowboy Poetry
- Leathercraft
- Photography
- Theatre Arts
- Visual Arts

FAMILY & CONSUMER SCIENCES

- Child Development
- Babysitting
- Family Adventures
- Home Environment
- Sewing and Textiles
- Knitting
- Quilting/Patchwork/Appliqué

LEADERSHIP & PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Centennial Project
- Citizenship
- Leadership
- Service Learning

ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

- Aerospace
- Electricity
- Robotics
- Small Engines
- Woodworking

PLANT SCIENCES

- Crop Science
- Gardening
- Range Science Management
- Weed Science

HEALTHY LIVING & HEALTH

- Bicycle
- Foods and Nutrition

OTHER PROJECTS

- Cloverbuds
- Exploring 4-H

Ever think about what a great first livestock project might be for 4-H? Choose Rabbits!

The tale of our daughter, Emma, soon to be 29, makes me believe that the Rabbit Project is an incredible choice.

Emma showed rabbits all the way through her senior year, but it was her involvement in that project that was the springboard for her involvement in so many other wonderful 4-H projects: leathercraft, photography, dogs, goats, horses and market sheep. The Rabbit Project gave her the ability to learn animal husbandry and recordkeeping at an early age (the Rabbit Project is one of the only two animal projects that Cloverbuds may exhibit in) as well as gain confidence through showmanship competition and the mentoring of younger participants as time progressed. By her senior year, she achieved so many wonderful goals with all her projects and created so many lasting memories (and that is what 4-H is all about!).

That is Emma's rabbit tale. Mine is that, throughout that time period, I was the Rabbit Project Leader for Dome Mountain and was involved with Fair as well. And, after taking a stroll through the barns at Fair this year, and ending up judging the rabbit portion of Small Animal Round Robin, I've decided I'd like to do what I can to try to develop a more robust participation in the Rabbit Project this 4-H year.

I look forward to working with the clubs, leaders and kids and plan to coordinate some rabbit care and showmanship clinics. I am developing a list of rabbit breeders in the state that I can share for potential members. Check out any American Rabbit Breeders Association shows throughout the year. There are many wonderful breeds (<https://www.arba.net/breeds.htm>).

Keep in mind your rabbit doesn't have to be purebred, there is a mixed breed class as well. Please feel free to call with any questions you might have and hope to hear from some of you soon! Mary Heller, 406-223-3879.





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Visit: Former Swandal,
Douglas and Gilbert Law
Office. Please note
there is parking in the
alley.

Upcoming Events

National 4-H Week Celebration

October 4-10 is National 4-H Week. What is your club doing to celebrate?

Park County 4-H Council Meeting: October 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Located at the Extension Office, all members, parents, and leaders are welcome and invited to attend. Agenda items include: fair book changes for the 2016 year, proposed 2016 Fair Book changes, and election of a 4-H Council treasurer.

Club Officer Training: November 7 at 3:00 p.m.

Located at the Extension Office, this training is for all club officers elected for the 2015-2016 4-H year. It will cover topics like how to be an officer, what an officer's job description is, and how to run a meeting. Please RSVP to the Extension Office by November 2 if you are planning on attending.

Volunteer Leader Training Opportunities

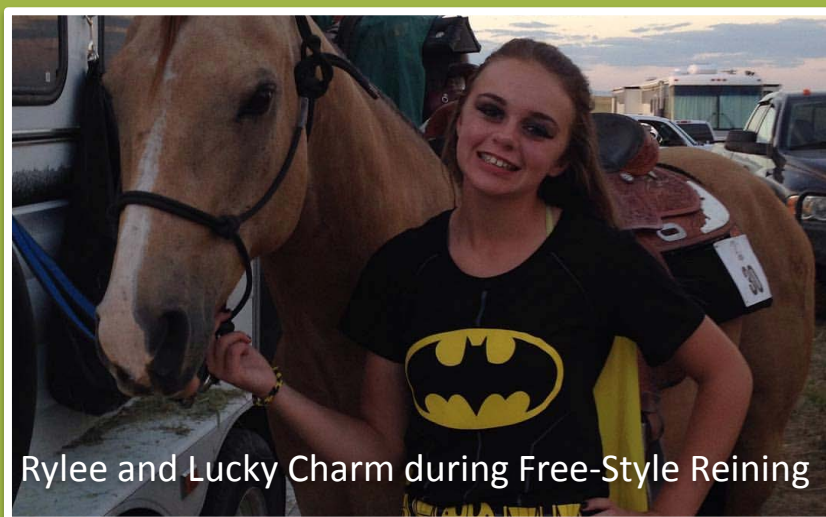
The following series of opportunities are for all volunteer leaders in the county. Plan on attending at least one. These trainings will cover basic risk management and the basic principle of leadership and youth development. Dates and locations as follows:

- November 7 at 4:40 p.m. at the Extension Office in Livingston
- December 12 at 10:00 a.m. at the Animal Science Building on the MSU-Bozeman Campus
- January 7 at 7:00 p.m. at the Extension Office in Livingston

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Congratulations!

Rylee Fisher and Brooklin Baukol competed at the Montana State 4-H Horse Show in Great Falls. Rylee placed seventh in Western Horsemanship, Level 3. Brooklin placed seventh in Junior English Equitation, sixth in Junior Bareback Equitation, and sixth in Western Horsemanship Level 2.



Rylee and Lucky Charm during Free-Style Reining



Brooklin and Kodie pause for pictures

