



Achievement Day - October 6th

Welcome Sidney Stratton!

Hello Judith Basin Co community!

My name is Sidney Stratton, and I am thrilled to be joining the MSU Ext. team as the new JB Co. 4-H & Ag Ext. Agent. I am excited to bring my expertise in 4-H and passion for agriculture to this wonderful county.



I am originally from western Washington where I grew up being involved in the 4-H & FFA communities. I bred, raised & showed many species of animals including sheep, pigs, horses and junior rodeoed on the side.

I attended Montana State - Go Cats!, where I got my B.S. in Animal and Range Sciences and then moved on to get a M.S. in Animal, Veterinary and Food Sciences from the University of Idaho. During my time at UI, my research focused on nutritional practices to improve cow/calf production, specifically cow and heifer reproduction and pre-weaning calf growth. I am passionate about the agriculture industry as well as improving our youth 4-H programs. I am genuinely excited to be part of the JB Co. community! I look forward to meeting many of you and contributing to the growth and success of our 4-H program and agricultural development!

I would love to connect and get to know the community better! Feel free to reach out to me at sidney.stratton@montana.edu or stop by the Ext. office! Thank you for welcoming me into your community, and I look forward to a wonderful journey together!

Sidney



Geyser Club is hosting this year. We will send out the time and location as soon as it's finalized. Join us to celebrate a year of hard work and achievements. This will be a great time to meet Sidney!

Club News

Stanford - Record Books can be dropped off at the Stanford School after Labor Day. On Sept. 11th 5:30-6:30 you can drop books, pick up premium checks and Livestock Sale checks.

Utica - Sept 10th 6:30 at Hobson School will be the last mtg of the year. Please bring COMPLETED record books including project records, My 4-H Year and stories. Premium and Livestock Sale checks can be picked up as well as Fair Buckles. Pizza and drinks will be provided.

Geyser - No Club mtg in Sept.

Important Reminders

Completed and signed off **Record Books** are due to Ext. Office no later than **Sept. 18th**. See your club leader with questions about completing your Record Book. Forms can be found on our website.

Fall Leadership is Nov 1-3. You must be 14 by Oct 1 to attend. Register in ZSuite. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in growing leadership skills, making connections with other MT 4-H members and learning to promote 4-H. If you have questions contact our office. We highly encourage everyone to attend!

Enrollment for the new 4-H year begins October 1. Spread the word to anyone you may know who might want to join 4-H!

Fall Fairgrounds Clean Up Sunday Sept. 8th 4pm. We need 5 members from each club to help complete fair take down and clean up the fairgrounds before it is closed up for winter. Please coordinate with your club leader if you are able to attend.



Interested in becoming a 4-H Youth Leader in 2025?

There are many opportunities for 4-H members to grow leadership skills and serve the 4-H community.

Fall Leadership happens in late fall each year.

Being a **County Ambassador** has many perks. Ambassadors must be 14 by 10/1 and applications are accepted through Dec. 31st. Contact the Ext. Office for details.

MT 4-H Congress is held annually in July. Congress is open to all members 13 + by 10/1 who do a Demonstration at our County Demonstration Day, typically held in the fall or early winter. Congress is about connecting with other MT 4-H members, learning and growing.

Here is what Stanford Scrambler Katelyn Mikkelson had to say about her Congress and Ambassador experience: "At congress you get to meet new people and learn new things. You can compete in competitions there like livestock judging, quilting, video shows, and much more. If you don't want to do competitions they have workshops for you to do. Congress is a great way to make new friends and learn things to bring back home and help out your club. As an Ambassador, I have enjoyed helping out with whatever. I have helped with setting up for interviews, livestock judging, the art show, and organizing ribbons. I have also enjoyed helping the younger kids with their projects".

As an Ambassador, Katelyn assisted the Ext. Office in many areas of fair prep as well as during fair week. Thank you Katelyn, for working hard to serve your 4-H community! We'd also like to extend a thank you to Heidi Fiedler for all her help with fair this year!



Fair Premium Checks have been given to your Club Leaders.

Livestock Sale Checks will be available after September 5, 2024. Lucky Clovers can pick up their checks at the Ext. Office after that date. Scrambler & Sapphire checks will be distributed by your Club Leaders.



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