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## 3rd Annual Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp Clean-Up Day and Potluck

On Saturday, April 30th all Flathead 4-H families are encouraged to take part in the Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp clean-up day. We will be meeting at the camp lodge at 10AM. (The camp is located on Loon Lake in Ferndale. Directions are available in the Extension Office) Please dress for outdoor working activities that may include painting, etc. We are asking families to also bring wheel barrows, rakes, shovels, shop vacs and other yard and/or cleaning tools and supplies that may be helpful. We will provide beverages during the day and burgers for lunch. Please bring a potluck dish with a serving spoon to round out our meal. We will also provide plates and all other utensils. The days activities will wrap up around 4PM. Please call the Extension Office and to let us know that you will be attending. 758-5553 or [extension@flathead.mt.gov](mailto:extension@flathead.mt.gov). We greatly appreciate all of our 4-H families for helping keep our camp beautiful.

## Flathead 4-H Tree Planting Event Part of 4-H Million Trees Project



For the past year we have been advertising the 4-H Million Tree Project effort. Country Cousins 4-H club took on the mission set forth by this project and worked together to apply for a Plum Creek Timber Co. grant for our county to purchase trees. The Flathead 4-H Foundation received a grant in the amount of \$2000. Country Cousins took it a step further and are now organizing a countywide tree planting weekend. One thousand trees have been ordered and April 22nd and 23rd has been tentatively set to plant them (date is dependent on the tree's arrival). Flathead County 4-H members and their families will be meeting on this date to plant trees at Lone Pine State Park. Trees will also be planted at the Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp in Ferndale on the County Clean up Day, which is April 30th. If you and your family will be participating in this project, or if you have any questions, please call Dana Higgins at 261-3327.

**The Million Trees Project:** The project goal is to plant 1 million trees nationwide to combat global climate change. Since there are 6 million 4-H members nationwide, the hope is that 4-H will unite and the trees will be planted by the end of 2011. So far over 268,846 trees have been planted and 34,280 youth have taken part in this event, and the numbers keep growing! More information can be found at [www.4hmilliontrees.org](http://www.4hmilliontrees.org)

**UPDATE!:** Country Cousin's 4-H club recently applied for another grant through the Million Trees Project to help facilitate this major tree planting project and were awarded an additional \$1000. Way to go Country Cousins!

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## Dandy Dudes and Dolls Easter Egg Hunt



Each year the Dandy Dudes and Dolls holds a fabulous Easter Egg Hunt and this year is no exception. This year's hunt will be held at Cayuse Prairie School on Saturday, April 23rd at 10:00AM sharp. This event is open to all children from toddlers to 10 year olds. For more information call Tina at 752-3443. No registration is required.



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## Junior Superintendents Needed for Sheep and Hog Barns



If you are a 4-H or FFA member, 16 years of age or older, and are interested in being a Junior Superintendent in either the Sheep or Hog Barns, please send a letter of interest to the Flathead County Extension Office at 800 South Main Street, Kalispell, MT 59901. You may also email the letter to [extension@flathead.mt.gov](mailto:extension@flathead.mt.gov) or fax it to (406) 758-5881. The letters will be forwarded on to the Barn Superintendents. Selection will be based on multiple factors including but not limited to experience with the animals in the barn, schedule availability and previous volunteer service. Letters should be submitted no later than Thursday, April 15th.

## Horse Committee Meeting

The next horse committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 12th at the Extension Office Kitchen at 5:45 p.m. If you would like items added to the agenda, please contact Wendy Haagerup at 257-1868.



## Angie's Greenhouse 4-H Partnership

Angie Olson, 4-H parent, and owner of Angie's Greenhouse, is offering 4-H families and friends an opportunity to give back to 4-H when purchasing plants. If a person comes into Angie's Greenhouse and says they are with 4-H, 10% of their purchase will be donated to either their club treasury or to the 4-H Camp at Loon Lake for maintenance. The Greenhouse is located at 1722 Hwy 2, Columbia Falls. For more information regarding this generous offer, please call Angie at 253-7888. A big thank you to Angie for her kind donation.

## Flathead County 4-H Ambassador

A 4-H Ambassador is an official envoy, an authorized representative of our Montana 4-H program. You must be self motivated and an enthusiastic leader who promotes 4-H. You must be at least 14 years of age by October 1st, 2010 and have the ability to serve as an ambassador for two consecutive years. Applications are available for this outstanding 4-H opportunity in the Extension Office. **Applications will be due Wednesday, April 20th, 2011.**



**JCPenney After School Round-up Event:** JCPenney is a major sponsor of our 4-H after school programming. On April 13-26th, JCPenney is offering shoppers an opportunity to round-up the expense of their purchase to the nearest whole dollar. All donations are given to Flathead 4-H after school programs. Please be sure to "round-up" in April!!!

## 2011 Hand to Heart Awards



The Hand to Heart Award was created to acknowledge young 4-H members who are community minded. Applicants must fill out an application explaining what activities they have taken part in that are examples of Citizenship and Community Service. Applicants will then be required to interview at County Congress which will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell on Saturday, April 9th. You will be notified of your interview time prior to the event. Please dress as if you were going to a job interview. A Grand and Reserve will be selected in each age division (4-H ages 8-10 and 11-12) and will be awarded \$100 and \$50 savings bonds, respectively. Application deadline: Monday, April 4th at 5PM at the Flathead County Extension Office. Applications are available at the Extension Office or on our website.



## Countywide Arts & Crafts Meetings in April

Bill Prichard is once again offering Arts & Crafts monthly meetings to all Flathead 4-H members. The April meeting will be on Monday, April 18th at 6:00 pm, at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds. The project will be decorating wooden boot jacks. Members attending should bring acrylic paints, brushes and other painting supplies they would like to use. Members should also always remember to bring pencils.

**May's** meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 3rd at 6:00 pm at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds. The project will be leather craft. More information will be available to members at the April meetings or by calling Bill.

**Ceramics Participants:** The following meeting information is only valid to those members who have already signed up for the ceramics project with Bill.

Tuesday, April 5th: All members are to attend a meeting at Carol's Ceramics (235 1st Street West, Kalispell) at 4:30 p.m. Cloverbuds are **not** required to attend. Please bring money for your project and any supplies you plan on using.

Tuesday, April 19th: All ceramics members and Cloverbuds will be meeting at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds at 6:00 p.m. to paint your ceramics project. Please bring the supplies you will need.

**For questions please call Bill at 257-6209.**



# Flathead 4-H County Congress April 9th

## First Presbyterian Church, Kalispell

Flathead County 4-H Congress is going to be better than ever. Congress will be a day long event, so please be sure to read the following information carefully so that you can fully enjoy all that Congress has to offer. Congress will be held at the First Presbyterian Church in Kalispell located at 540 South Main Street.

**Events:** Members can participate in all three events if they choose. You do not have to be enrolled in a project to participate in the event. There are three age divisions for all Congress Events- Cloverbuds (5-7 years), Junior (8-12 years), and Senior (13-and older). Additionally, events may be split into novice and experienced levels depending upon enrollment. Age is determined as of October 1st, 2010. **Pre-registration is required for all three events.** Forms will be available on our website or in the Extension Office. Registration for all events is due in the Extension Office no later than 5:00 pm, Thursday, March 31st, 2011.

**Photo Fair:** Photo Fair participants must have their exhibits to the County Congress Event during the 9:00-9:30 set up time period. Judging will begin promptly at 9:30 am. Judges will place pictures in blue, red and white ribbon groups. All pictures will receive a ribbon. A Grand Champion and Reserve Champion will be selected in each category. A 4-H member may exhibit up to two (2) exhibits in each category. A single picture mounted and/or matted, shall constitute an exhibit. No Groupings. Exhibits shall be labeled on the back with name, address, club and category.

**Photo Categories:**

- Landscapes
- Abstracts
- People
- Animals, Birds, and Insects
- Plants and Flowers

**Youth Speaks:** Youth Speaks participants must be ready for judging at 9:30 am. There will be three different platforms in Youth Speaks and you must choose one platform only. Illustrated Talk, Public Speaking, or Demonstrations. We have helpful booklets in the Extension Office with rules and regulations of Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks and Speeches.

**New this year:** Members have an option of selecting a "Just for Fun" platform in which they may participate in Youth Speaks without the competitive aspect. This way members who are new to public speaking have an option of participating in this educational experience without the added pressure of competition.



**Arts & Crafts:** Arts and Crafts will be split into two divisions with sub-classes in each. Projects must be made within the last twelve months. Members may submit up to three (3) arts and crafts exhibits. Only one exhibit per class.

Fine Arts Division

Sub Classes: Paintings– includes water color, oils, acrylics, etc.  
Drawings– includes pencil, pen, charcoal, etc.  
Other- includes colored pencils, crayons, pastels, etc.



Crafts Division:

Sub Classes: Jewelry– includes bead work, metal work, etc.  
Ceramics– any ceramic item, pottery and clay work



Sewing– any item sewn. (Formerly know as Fashion Fair. These exhibits no longer have to be modeled before the judge. Patterns or other descriptions of how the item was created should be included with the enrollment, if possible.)

Knitting, crocheting or embroidery– any item

Miscellaneous– paper, fabric (non sewn), baskets, leather work, metal work (non jewelry item) wood work, etc.

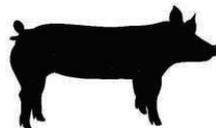
**Club Booth Displays:** We are hoping to get a public gathering to this year's Congress and we believe this is another great opportunity for our clubs to showcase themselves. Clubs are asked to contact the Extension Office by March 31st to let us know if they will be attending. Each club needs to bring their own table, (no larger than 6 ft preferably) and decorations, trophies, awards, pictures, and any other items you'd like to use. All clubs participating should also write one paragraph describing their club (charter date, # of members, community service, etc.) that will be read to the crowd during the awards ceremony. We encourage all clubs to attend.

**Potluck:** We are asking that families bring a potluck dish to share with the group for the 12:00-1:30 pm potluck. Those with a last name beginning with letters A-L should bring main dishes, and those with last names beginning with M-Z should bring desserts or side dishes. Please bring your item in a warming dish (crock pot) if it needs to be heated. Please also bring a serving utensil. Regular utensils, plates and beverages will be provided.

<b>Schedule:</b>	9:00—9:30 am.	Set up for all events
	10:00 am —12:00 pm	Judging for all Events Takes Place
	12:00—1:30 pm	Potluck
	1:30– 3:00 pm	Awards Ceremony
	3:00– 4:00 pm	Clean Up (participants are asked to help)

## Hog Weigh-in and Tagging

It's that time of year! The county wide hog weigh-in and tagging will be held at the Fairgrounds on Tuesday, April 26th from 4:30-6:30 p.m. **ALL** market hog members must have their animals weighed and tagged by this date and have paperwork turned into the Extension Office. Your livestock leader in your club may tag animals **previous** to this date. Producers will not be issued tags this year. Weigh-in forms are available in the Extension Office. Please come to the weigh-in with the breeder's name and address and a pencil or pen to fill in your forms. Also, please be dressed appropriately to handle your animals.



## Market Hog Project Seminar

There will be a hog project seminar offered to all 4-H members on Thursday, April 7th at the East Haven Baptist Church, Room 210 at 6:30 p.m. Please enter the Church through the front door. Bryan Miller and Shelli Callan will be presenting important information selecting and raising 4-H hogs as well as showmanship skills for Fair. All hog members are strongly encouraged to attend.

### Important Dates for Livestock Project Members

Steer Weigh-in: Monday, April 11th at 4:30-7:00 p.m.

Livestock Contracts Due in Extension Office: Friday, April 15th

Hog Weigh-in & Tagging: Tuesday, April 26th, at 4:30-6:30 pm.

Lamb Weigh-in & Tagging: Tuesday, May 24th, at 4:30-6:00pm.

## Steer Weigh-in

All 4-H market steers will be weighed at the Fairgrounds on Monday, April 11th, 2011 at 4:30-7:30 p.m. All market steers must weigh-in to be eligible for Fair. Please be dressed appropriately to handle your animal. All steers need to be halter trained and manageable.



**The Extension Office has a list of hog and lamb producers and flyers for market livestock sales. If you or your club would like copies, please stop in.**

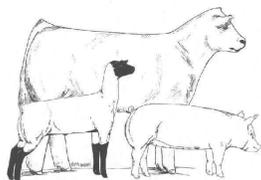
This list is not an endorsement of any one producer over another and is not a complete list of all producers available. If you are or know of someone who would like to be added or removed from our list, please contact the Extension Office at 758-5553 or [extension@flathead.mt.gov](mailto:extension@flathead.mt.gov)

## Market Sheep Project Seminar

A market sheep seminar will be held on Thursday, April 21st at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds at 6:30 p.m. Julie Brubaker and Wes McAlpin will be presenting information on market lamb selection, raising and showing. All market lamb members are strongly encouraged to attend this seminar.

## Livestock Contracts for Market Members

The Extension Office records indicate that the following members need to turn in their livestock contracts by April 15th, 2011. This list was created on March 28th. Those who have turned in contracts since this date can disregard. Please call the Extension Office if you have any questions. 758-5553



Appelt, Lane	Carmalt, Talli	Hanson, Kalle	Myers, Job	Spain, Kailey
Barnes, Brendan	Carmalt, Trey	Hanson, Karly	Myers, Noah	Spain, Kenisha
Blankenship-Baker, Desiree	Christianson-Orem, Morgan	Hellwig, Karl	Nelson, Bucky	Strouse, Lindsay
Braaten, Garrett	Deardorff, Jacob	Higgins, Nikaela	Nelson, Michaela	Stupack, Tanner
Braaten, Madeline	Drager, Robert	Jewett, Garrett	Olsen, Alison	Sutton, Gabrielle
Braaten, Victoria	Ervin, Chloe	Jochen, Lauren	Perkins, Emily	Sutton, Kolbie
Bramlet, Alison	Ervin, Todd	Lindborg, Jorgen	Perkins, Halee	Sutton, Madeline
Bramlet, Bill	Evenson, Jayme	Mackin, Kaleb	Perkins, Trey	Swindle, Paige
Bratz, Andrew	Evenson, Tia	Manning, Carlin	Potter, Jayson	Taylor, Justin
Bratz, Rachel	Fenster, Garrett	Manning, Sean	Roedel, Jenae	Tombarge, Alyssa
Brown, Kennedy	Fenster, Kiley	Moon, Benjamin	Safranski, Kaden	Tombarge, Amanda
Bush, Amanda	Floyd, Austin	Moon, Nathan	Schmid, Heidi	Wilson, Sadie
Callan, Jenna	Floyd, Austin	Moon, Seth	Siderius, Joe	Wilson, Stephanie
Callan, Lauren	Hagadone, Kaitlin	Morrow, Jemma	Siderius, Reid	Woll, Colton
	Hansen, Hayden	Morrow, Julia	Sladek, Shelby	Woll, Shelton



## 4th Annual Flathead 4-H Horse Camp

The 4th Annual 4-H Horse Camp will be held at the Flathead County Fairgrounds on Friday, May 6th- Saturday, May 7th. Each year has been better and better! Workshops and riding clinics covering a variety of topics will be presented by a large number of professional horse enthusiasts from around the valley. Registrations are available in the Extension Office and on our website. Early bird registration is \$50 plus refundable stall fees and are due in the Office no later than Thursday, April 14th. Cost is \$60 plus refundable stall fees through Wednesday, April 27th. Chaperone fees are \$25.00. All meals are provided with the fee. For more information, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.

## Horse Project Guidelines

All 4-H Horse and Mini Horse Project members wishing to participate in the 4-H Horse or Mini Horse project and/or NWMF Fair 4-H horse/ mini horse competition, must meet the following requirements:



**Horse Cards:** The Extension Office must have a picture of the member with the horse/ mini horse they intend to ride at the Fair. A card can be picked up at any time in the Extension Office. These cards must be in the office no later than Wednesday, June 1st, 2011.

**Project and Helmet Forms:** Each member who wishes to participate in the 4-H horse/ mini horse project (at any time during the 4-H year, including competition), must have a Horse Project Release Form and a Horse Helmet Policy & Acknowledgement of Education Form on file in the Office.

**Assessments: (not applicable for mini horse members)** Each horsemanship manual has level assessments included in them. Each member must turn in a copy of their assessment to the Extension Office if they would like to move into the next level. Members will compete in the highest level completed and on file in the Extension Office. You may turn in assessments to the Extension Office up until Wednesday, June 1st, 2011.

**Clinics:** To participate in the 4-H events at the Northwest Montana Fair each horse/ mini horse member must attend at least one 4-H sponsored horse/ mini horse clinic during the upcoming year. There will be several clinics offered throughout our 4-H year. Information on Clinics #4 and #5 are included in this newsletter. Clinic #5 is the last clinic offered this 4-H year to qualify for fair.

## Horsemanship Clinic #4

The Annual Golden Spurs Clinic will be held on **Sunday, April 17th, 2011\*\*** at the Hay Shed Arena west of Kalispell from 2:00-4:00 p.m. (2585 Highway 2 West, Kalispell). There will be demonstrations on basic safety of mounting, dismounting, tying, hoof care, grooming, ground driving, harnessing and basic driving. You are welcome to bring your 4-H project horses and mini horses. We hope to see you there! Watch for the balloons and signs for directions. Any questions, please call Chris Scott at 261-9454. **\*\*This clinic was formerly scheduled for a different date. Please note the change in the schedule.**

## Horsemanship Clinic #5

### LAST CLINIC OFFERED TO QUALIFY FOR FAIR

The Trail Blazer's 4-H Club is hosting clinic #5- Judge's Point of View and How to Compete in Horse Judging Competitions at the Mooring Road Arena on Saturday, April 23rd from noon to 3:00 p.m. Take advantage of insight from judges. Learn Procedures/ Requirements of Classes/Elements and Scoring. This will be a working/interactive clinic for everyone to listen/learn/ask questions - members can bring their horse (only 10 slots available!) Minis Welcome! Preregistering is required for those bringing horses - please call number below). Great refresher for beginning the show season! And new this year- "How to Compete in Horse Judging Competitions" - Learn how to score, give reasons and the rules/regulations for competing in Horse Judging Competitions. For Novice, Juniors and Seniors. Will involve hands-on and interactive judging by observing the "Judges Point of View" classes.

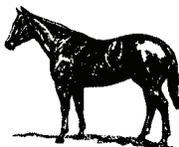
Please call Stacia McAdams at 756-8254 to sign-up if bringing a horse. Dress warmly in layers (show clothes optional) and if bringing horse, wear appropriate boots/helmet - bring both halter and riding tack (English and/or Western). Members with horses, please arrive no later than 11:15 a.m. to sign in and get ready.

**Attention Sr. 4-H Horse Members:** There will be a meeting at 11:00 a.m. at the Mooring Road Arena previous to the start of clinic #5 listed above for all Senior 4-H Horse Project Members. All Senior members (4-H ages 14-19) are encouraged to attend. For more information, please contact Moriah Probert at 257-5735.

**4-H Horse Leaders:** Please remember that you must be a certified horse leader to assess members through the 4-H horsemanship levels. If you are a new leader this year, or if you did not take part in last year's certification process, and you would like to become certified, please call Codi Sorensen at 250-6865.

## Flathead County 4-H Horse Judging

Moriah Probert and Kelsey Nostrum, 4-H horse project members and junior leaders, in conjunction with the 4-H Horse Committee, will be hosting the 1st Flathead County Invitational Horse Judging Competition. The event will be held at the Mooring Road Arena on Saturday, May 21st, beginning at noon. Cost will be \$10. Pre-registration will be required no later than May 7th. Registrations will be available online and in the Extension Office the 1st of April. For more information, please contact Moriah at 257-5735.



## Horse Helmet Opportunities

The Trauma Services department at KRMC is offering to provide children an excellent opportunity to obtain helmets for a number of sporting venues, which would include horse helmets. They will provide the proper fitting and helmet to a child in the horse project for the cost of \$20. Other sporting event prices vary. To make an appointment or for more information, please call Heather at 751-5727.

Please also keep in mind that the Flathead 4-H Foundation is offering to reimburse the cost of one horse helmet (up to a \$25 value) during the lifetime of a child's membership. Please bring your helmet receipt into the office for reimbursement.

## Leonard Rains Memorial Scholarship Application

The Leonard Rains Memorial Scholarship is an opportunity for graduating seniors who have participated in horse related events. Forms are available in the Extension Office and need to be returned to the scholarship administrator by May 15th. The scholarship is a \$500 award. Those applying must be planning on attending college as a full time student. For more information, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.

## Montana 4-H Foundation Change For the Challenge

The Montana 4-H Foundation has started a new fundraiser. Ruth and Vernon Taylor, Montana 4-H supporters, have agreed to match dollar for dollar, up to \$100,000, raised by 4-Her's collecting change throughout the state. Clubs have challenged other clubs to make donations and several Flathead Clubs have brought funds in. We have a collection jar in the office for spare change and if any clubs would like to begin collecting change they are encouraged to do so. So far the state has collected over \$20,000!!!



## State Horse Show Theme Contest

This year's 4-H State Horse Show will be held in Miles City, MT on September 30th-October 2nd. The State Horse Show planning committee would like to invite 4-H members to submit artwork for a contest to design the theme and cover for the State Horse Show Book. Entries must be postmarked by May 13th. Entry forms are available on our website or in the Extension Office. For more information, please contact Sharla Sackman at 406-635-2121.

## MSU Youth Horsemanship School

The MSU Youth Horsemanship School will be held in Bozeman, MT on June 27-July 1st, 2011. The school is open to all youth ages 9-17 years. Students must provide their own horse and tack to participate. Cost is \$300 per student and the registration includes instruction, lodging, meals and stalls. Chaperones are required and the cost is \$150 for lodging and meals. Workshops and activities cover a variety of riding interests and will provide excellent horsemanship skills and something for everyone! Activities range from roping and rodeo to ranch work, trail riding and showmanship. Registrations are available in the Extension Office and are due to the MSU no later than June 1st. For more information please call 406-994-7953.

## 4-H Working Ranch Horse Clinic

Mr. James Keyes, State Coordinator and Founder of the Utah 4-H Working Ranch Horse Program will be coming to Bozeman to conduct a workshop of 4-H leaders and members. Mr. Keyes will focus on horsemanship, teaching techniques, and the necessary skills involved in 4-H Working Ranch Horse Project. This will take place in Bozeman, Mt at the Circle L Arena on Saturday, June 4th and Sunday, June 5th. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per family. Members are to bring horses; cattle are provided. Working Ranch Horse provides activities beyond the traditional show ring where participants can learn the age-old techniques of handling livestock while on horseback, as well as the leadership and responsibility that comes with being engaged in 4-H. Enrollments for this clinic will be available soon. For more information please call Todd Kesner at 406-994-6816.

## Flathead 4-H Foundation Logo Contest

The Flathead 4-H Foundation is offering an opportunity for Flathead County 4-H members, leaders and friends to create a new logo for our organization. So put your thinking caps on. Specific regulations regarding this contest will be listed in the May newsletter.



## 4-H State Award Applications

The Montana 4-H State Awards program is in place to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of 4-H members who have reached a standard of excellence in a variety of project and activity areas. State Award winners have gone above and beyond regular project work with a focus on leadership, communications, and community service. The link for the award applications is <http://montana4h.org/#program:9> Application deadline is May 1st. There are 2 documents on the website in addition to the application form. The first is a "Tips to Completing State Award Applications". This gives some general information on how to breakdown the application and make sure youth include their most important accomplishments. The second document is "Evaluating Standards". These are the evaluation standards that each application is reviewed against. Please be sure to check these out.

## Congratulations to All of Those Who Attended the MT State Shoot

We'd like to congratulate all of the Flathead County 4-H members who traveled to Bozeman in March for the State Shooting Sports Tournament. We were represented well by all of those who took part in this event.

Levi Anderson	Hayden Falkner	Danner Shima
Carson Bauer	Conner Hagel	Skyler Smith
Cole Bauer	Miranda Lauria	Tristan Smith
Saywer Braaten	Deagan Muth	Tristin Steinward
Victoria Braaten	Dillon Muth	Cole Thorp
Bill Bramlet	Jacob Nelson	Emily Thorp
Trey Carmalt	William Nelson	Alana Townsend
Leon Cook	Levi Schmid	Kaylene Volkman
Steven Cook	Brittany Sellinger	Tyler Volkman
Jayne Evenson	Cody Sellinger	Nellie Ward
Tia Evenson	Austin Shima	

## 4-H State Shooting Sports Qualifiers for Muzzleloading, Hunting & Shotgun



We now have registrations available in the office and on our website for the following State Qualifying Shoots:

**Muzzleloading:** Sunday, April 3rd, 1pm– 5pm at Logan Range near Bozeman. Cost is \$10. Entry Deadline April 1st.

**Hunting:** Sunday, April 10th, 9am-4pm at the Bill Ott Farm in Manhattan MT. Cost is \$10. Entry Deadline April 8th.

**Shotgun:** Saturday, May 7th at the Big Sky Sporting Clay in Polson, MT Cost varies depending on age division. Entry Deadline is April 27th.

## Montana 4-H Celebrates 100 Years in 2012

We are seeking information on the history of 4-H within our County. We are gathering this information for a State Project to list the history of 4-H in each county in the state. Any and all information regarding club history, family histories, and/or where our former 4-Hers are today will be appreciated. Please submit your information as soon as possible so that we can include this in our submission.



A big thank you to Judy Somers for creating our Flathead County history display board and Julie Brubaker for delivering the board to the State Rec Lab. We'd also like to thank all of those who submitted 4-H short stories which will be displayed in the coffee book the State Office is creating as well as the State website.

## 4-H Membership Discounts

- **Western Outdoor-** This store provides a 15% discount to members for show clothing.
- **Murdoch's-** This store provides a 10% discount on limited project items. Members must present a discount card to participate. If you need a 201 discount card you can go to the store and provide them with either your current 4-H newsletter or your 2010 discount card. Murdoch's also has a new feed program for 4-H and FFA members. Please contact the store directly for details.
- **CHS-** If you're purchasing feed through CHS for your market animal, you may want to stop by CHS for details regarding their "Champion of Champions" program. They have incentives available to those who participate.
- **"Frame It" Studio and Gallery-** located at 50 2nd Street East in Kalispell is offering all 4-H Members a 50% discount on matting and shrink wrapping photos and art for the NWMT Fair.

## National 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders Training

There will be a National 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders Training held in Madrid, Iowa on May 15th-20th, 2011. Montana State will be offering partial financial assistance to those who wish to attend. Applicants will be screened through an evaluation process and not all that apply are necessarily accepted. The training will qualify individuals to become State 4-H instructors and those trained are asked to teach 2-3 trainings per year and attend the State Shooting Sports Advisory Board meetings twice a year. Fees include meals, dormitory stay and training materials and range from \$275-\$375 depending on date of entry. Travel fees not included in registration expense.

## In State Shooting Sports Leaders Trainings

The next MT 4-H Shooting Sports Leaders Training will be held in Missoula, MT on April 29th-30th. Registrations are available on line or in the Extension Office. Training in all disciplines will be provided. Fees are \$25 for teen leaders and \$50 for adults. Training will begin at 6pm on Friday, the 29th and continue at 8am-5pm on Saturday, the 30th. Free chili dinner will be served on Friday. Lodging fees are not included in registration costs. Lunch is provided on Saturday.

**Shotgun Training:** Park County is providing a shotgun only shooting sports leader's training in Livingston, MT on Sunday April 10th. Lunch is included in the registration fee. Registration deadline is April 5th, registrations are available on line and in the Extension Office. Cost is \$25 for Junior Leaders and \$50 for adult leaders.

## Trailblazer's 4-H Club

We'd like to thank the Trailblazers 4-H members and leaders for their hard work making and delivering Valentines to the residents of Whitefish Rehab and Care Center in February. The club also collected non-perishable food items for the Whitefish Food Bank in March. Way to Go Trailblazer's!

If your club would like to be highlighted in the newsletter for their community service efforts, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553 or email us at [extension@flathead.mt.gov](mailto:extension@flathead.mt.gov)

**Registered 4-H Leaders:** To all of our registered 4-H leaders— If you have submitted your leader application to the Extension Office and you have not received any notice from the State 4-H Office, your application was approved through HireRight. We appreciate all of you working so hard to turn in those lengthy forms so quickly.

If you were enrolled as a leader last year and you are not re-enrolling this year, please be aware that you will be required to pay for a new background check and dues if you decide to re-enroll in future years.

## Spaghetti Dinner & Pie Auction Fundraiser

Thank you so much for all of those who attended the Interstate Exchange Spaghetti Dinner and Pie Auction Fundraiser. We had a record attendance and profited \$5425! We would like to congratulate the L.L.A.M.A club for having the highest percentage of club attendance with a total of 80%! They will be receiving a pizza party. Once again, thank you for spreading the word and helping our exchange members fund their trip this summer.

## Shiloh Sharps Rifle Raffle for Montana Shooting Sports

The Shiloh Sharps Rifle Manufacturing Co. has donated another \$2500 gift certificate to the Montana Shooting Sports Program to be raffled off. Only 1200 tickets will be sold. Tickets are \$20 per ticket or six tickets for \$100. The Drawing will be held on June 19th, 2011 at the Quigley Shoot in Forsyth, MT. Need not be present to win. All clubs interested in selling these tickets will receive 20% of their total sales. In past years, funds from this event have helped to send shooters to the national competition and also to hold training events across the state.

For more information, please call Todd Kesner at 406-994-6816.

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## Welcome Bigfork Aeronautics, Half Moon Highlanders and Rocky Mountain Blue Ribbon 4-H Clubs

We have three new 4-H clubs in Flathead County! The Half Moon Highlanders, Rocky Mountain Blue Ribbon and Bigfork



Aeronautics are all new clubs that have started this year. We are excited to welcome new clubs into the valley as they open opportunities for even more children to experience 4-H. Pictured on the left is Dave Barnes, Bigfork Aeronautics Leader, working with a club member on a new aerospace project. Our program is made possible by the hard work of our club leaders and adult volunteers. Please take the time

at your next club meeting to thank your organizational and project leaders for working so hard to "Make the Best Better!"

## 2011 "Youth Serve Montana" Scholarships

The Governor's Office of Community Service and Montana Campus Compact announced that the 2011 Youth Serve Montana Scholarships are now available for up to 100 Montana high school seniors. The scholarship is aimed at youth who have completed at least 100 hours of community service by April 8th. Those who are accepted will receive \$1000 if attending a Montana public, tribal, private, community or technical college. Applications, proof of volunteer service and enrollment to a MT post-secondary institution must be submitted by noon, April 8th. Applications are available at <http://serve.mt.gov>

## 4-H Looking For Host Families For International Exchange Program

Montana 4-H welcomes 34 Japanese delegates this summer from July 22-August 18. We are looking for families with kids ages 10-18 to host a Japanese youth. Families with no children or younger children may host an adult chaperone. This is a great opportunity to learn about another culture first-hand. Delegates come to experience life in a typical American family so planning special activities is not necessary. They also come with health insurance and their own spending money. To apply to host, contact your County Extension office, Beth Foster at (406) 461-3014 ([gbfosterinmt@msn.com](mailto:gbfosterinmt@msn.com)) or Stephanie Davison at (406) 994-3502 ([sdavison@montana.edu](mailto:sdavison@montana.edu)).

## Wanted Items and Lost and Found

**Wanted:** Large quantities of Rabbit Manure to be used in a garden. Please contact Wendy Lauman if you can help. 257-8719

### Lost and Found:

Several jackets were found after the spaghetti dinner and other 4-H events recently. Please stop by if one of the items may belong to you.

- \*Navy Blue zip-up hoodie, American Eagle, size medium
- \*Two tone grey coat with orange piping, reversible. No tag inside
- \*Gray pullover hoody, Hanes size medium
- \*Spiderman black and gray coat, size 14
- \*Pink scarf with paisley pink and purple flowers

### Construction:

Hi Everyone. Thank you so much for your continued patience with the construction surrounding our office building. We will be experiencing congestion in the parking area and around our building for the remainder of this 4-H year, while the County works on remodeling the historic court house building. We will endeavor to remain open during our normal business hours. We appreciate your understanding.

We cannot always build the future for our youth, but we can build our youth for the future.

~Franklin Delano Roosevelt

## We Need Your Help:



The Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp is in need of new tables for the lodge. We would like to purchase light weight 8 foot tables but we need donations to make that happen. If you and/or your club would like to donate money toward the bulk purchase of these tables, we are accepting donations at the Extension Office. **We'd like to Thank Montford Egan Eagles and Swan River 4-H Clubs for their generous donation for tables!**

## Outdoor Adventure Summer Camp

The Outdoor Adventure Summer Camp, located at the Boon and Crockett Club's Theodore Roosevelt Memorial Ranch west of Dupuyer, MT, is a science based camp with a focus on conservation (as opposed to preservation) and outdoor recreation.

Little Critters Day Camp is June 20, 21, and 22nd for children aged 5-9. Camp is \$30 per day (9:30am -3:30 pm) and is created for parents and children to participate in short hikes, fishing, exploring plants and animals in the area, wildlife tracking and discovering ways to enjoy the outdoors. Registration deadline is May 30th.

Wildlife Conservation Camp is July 31st-August 5th for youth ages 14-17. Camp limit is 12 campers and cost is \$450. Registration deadline is July 11th. This camp has 5 days of wildlife related hands-on activities including, conservation ethics, species diversity, habitat management, animal and plant ID, capture and census techniques, fishing skills and hunting as a management tool.

Outdoor Skills camp is August 7th-10th, for youth ages 10-13. Camp limit is 16 campers and cost is \$350. Registration deadline is July 11th. Campers learn basic outdoor skills including knot tying, fly tying, shooting sports, hiking, campfire building, fish and wildlife ID, and tracking skills. Campers will also learn to use GPS units, maps and compasses, guide books and camping equipment including tents, backpacks, binoculars, and spotting scopes.

For more information on any of these camps please call 406-472-3311 or email [cobb@boone-crockett.org](mailto:cobb@boone-crockett.org) Registrations are also available in the Extension Office.





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