



## Dandy Dudes and Dolls Dinner

The Dandy Dudes 4-H Club cooking group volunteered their time by preparing and serving dinner for 30 at Camp First Descents, a camp for children battling cancer, located near West Glacier. Headed up by 4-H Leader Vicki Robins, the following members took part in this very worthwhile event:

Courtney Rufenach- Tu Alyssa Rufenach-Tu  
Jenna Skonord Cheyenne Ovnicke  
Kayla Mitchell



**Congratulations to these girls on their commitment to their community!**

## MT 4-H State Congress Wrap-Up

We would like to thank and congratulate all of the Flathead 4-H State Congress delegates, who included Chris Jellison, Lauren Callan, Maggie Jung, Annie and Nell Ward and Nikaela Higgins. We also want to thank Jackie Jung for volunteering to help by driving and chaperoning. We truly appreciate her hard work and her wonderful pictures.

All delegations were asked to bring items for Hero Packs during Congress. Due to the generous donations from the counties around the state, the MT 4-H Foundation was able to put together boxes and boxes of Hero Packs for military youth. There are a few packs that were incomplete and the Foundation would like our help. Each pack should contain a personal letter for the recipient thanking/ showing support for them. Please consider writing a letter of support for a military youth during a 4-H meeting, community service event, or at home. We have a letter template available on our website and in our office. Please send completed letters to: Montana 4-H Youth Center: c/o Operation Military Kids, 210 Taylor Hall, Bozeman, MT 59717



## To All Our Generous Fair Sponsors

We would like to thank all of those who have very generously contributed to the 4-H and FFA Fair award program for the 2009 Northwest Montana Fair. Please remember that Fair awards should be delivered as soon as possible to the Extension Office. Feel free let us know if you have any questions or concerns. 758-5553



## Sale Flyers Are Now Available at the Extension Office

Market Livestock Members should pass out market sale flyers to the businesses that they and their families frequent. It's a great way to get the word out about the sale to buyers who may not have heard about it or to invite previous buyers to come back and support 4-H and FFA again.



**Help your local 4-H by participating in the Afterschool Round-Up at JCPenney!**

Round up your JCPenney store purchases to the next whole dollar from **August 5-16**, and the JCPenney Afterschool Fund will donate the difference to support your local 4-H Afterschool program. Your spare change could change the life of a child in need!



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## Help Needed at NWMT Fair

4-H and FFA will be looking for help this year when hauling hogs, beef and sheep to the processor after the Large Livestock Sale, which is held on Saturday, August 22nd, 2009. The livestock are usually moved that night or on Sunday. We need individuals with trailers that can help us with the market livestock animals due to the large number of animals. Please call Clark Krantz, FFA Advisor, at 751-3957, if you are interested in helping.



## Club Booth Displays in the General Projects Building

This year's Fair Theme is "**Bustin' Loose**". Every year clubs put together booths in the General Projects building that exemplify the Fair theme. On Tuesday, after all of the judging has taken place, clubs can put together their club display booth from 2:00PM to 8:00PM. You can bring your club banner for identification and all the decorations you wish to use on your display. All entries from your specific club will be displayed in your club's booth.

Country Cousins 4-H Club has sponsored a \$25.00 cash award to be presented to the club who's booth has displayed the Fair's theme the best. In the last seven years the club booths have been awesome and a wonderful way to jazz up our general projects building with a burst of 4-H Club pride and spirit. If you have any questions, please call us at 758-5553.



## Fair Registrations Process Has Changed

**Livestock Registration:** All Livestock Registrations are due in the Fair Office no later than **Monday, August 3rd, 2009 at 4:00PM**. These forms must be submitted on time; there are no exceptions to this rule. Livestock includes all animals that are shown at the Fair including, horses, dogs, llamas/alpacas, market livestock, and small livestock such as goats, poultry, rabbits, pocket pals, etc.

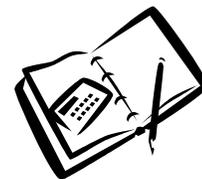
**General Projects:** All non-perishable general project entries must be pre-registered with the Fair Office by **Noon, Friday, August 14th**. **Non-perishable general projects** would include arts and crafts, electric, woodworking, photography, fine arts, forestry, wildlife, cat, fishing, needlework, knitting/crocheting, etc. These items need to be physically turned into their perspective barns by **Monday, August 17th, at 9:00PM**.

**Perishable items**, which include food entries, floriculture, horticulture, etc., are required to pre-register with the Fair Office by **9:00 PM, Monday, Aug. 17th**. All items need to be physically turned in to their prospective barns by 9:00PM as well. For questions regarding this new procedure, please contact the **Fair Office at 758-5810**.

## 4-H Market Animal Record Check Off Procedure (Hog, Beef, Sheep)

Your market livestock records are due in the **Extension Office by Monday, August 3rd, 2009 no later than 5:00PM**. We suggest not waiting until the last day. Many times records are turned in incomplete and must be finished before they are checked off.

You will also need to complete a Drug Withdrawal Form and a Youth Livestock Program Commitment to Excellence Form. These forms are available in the Extension Office and on our website. **Both forms need to be signed by the member and either your parent or 4-H leader**. Please contact the Extension Office if you have any questions. 758-5553



## Openings Available for Interstate Exchange Program

Are you interested in going on an interstate exchange? Will you be 13 or older next 4-H year (beginning October 2009)? The 2010-2011 Flathead County interstate exchange has been set and we are looking for you. We will be hosting delegates from Pennsylvania the last week in June, 2010. The following year we will be traveling to Pennsylvania at approximately the same time of year. For more information, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.



## Silent Auction at the Market Sale Supports 4-H Interstate Exchange

The Flathead County 4-H Interstate Exchange program will once again be hosting a silent auction at the 2009 NWMT Fair Market Sale which will be held on Saturday, August 22nd. The Auction will begin at 8:00AM and close at 1:30PM and will take place in the Trade Center Foyer. Exchange members are asked to bring their items to the foyer of the Trade Center no later than 6:30AM, sale day, so they can be displayed properly. If you, or someone you know would like to donate an item to the auction, please feel free to contact the Extension Office at 758-5553. All proceeds from the auction support the travel and hosting costs of the 2010-2011 4-H interstate exchange program.



## Fair Book Corrections



It's that time of the year again and the Fair Books are out and looking better than ever. Unfortunately, with the amount of information that this book must cover, it is almost impossible not to have a few inconsistencies. Here are a few that we found thus far.

Dairy : The correct 4-H Dairy show time is **Noon on Wednesday, the 19th.**

Rabbits: Rabbit exhibits will be accepted from **3:00PM to 8:00PM, Monday, August 17th.** The 4-H rabbit show will be held at **8:00AM on Tuesday, the 18th.** In addition, the Open Show will begin shortly after the 4-H/FFA show ends. The Open Show will continue through **Wednesday, August 19th.** Contact Tonia at 253-1819 with any questions.

Pocket Pals: Pocket Pal exhibits will be accepted at **9:00AM- 11:00AM** and judging will begin at **Noon, Thursday, Aug. 20th.**

Swine: Weigh-in will be held on **Monday, Aug. 17th,** from **9:00AM—1:30PM.**

Mini Horse: The 4-H Mini Horse show will be on **Monday, Aug. 17th, at 1:30 PM** in the CHS Arena.

Horse: Green Horse Class numbers were missing from this year's fair book. **Green Horse English— 17 Green Horse Western is 30.**

### Perishables Pre-registration deadline:

The official deadline for pre-registration of a perishable item is **Monday, Aug. 17th, at 9:00PM.** Items must also be turned into their perspective barn by the same time.

## Volunteer's Needed at General Projects Building

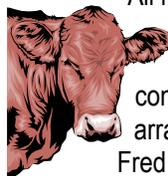


We will be needing volunteers for the General Projects Building at the Fair again this year. Linda Stewart and Marcia Burns have graciously agreed to once again be Superintendents and organize this huge part of the Fair. We need parents and volunteers to get the building ready and take in entries on Monday, August 17th, of Fair week. We get numerous entries so we can use lots of help. Please call Linda Stewart at 837-5091 or Marcia Burns at 755-1262.

**Attention rabbit members:** All rabbits brought to the NWMT Fair must be permanently tattooed for identification. The tattoo must be completely healed previous to showing the rabbit so be sure to take that into consideration.



## Attention all Market Beef Members<sup>3</sup>



All market beef members need to make sure you have your blue brand inspection livestock paper **before** Fair. If you don't have it already, please contact the following State Brand Inspectors to make arrangements: Kalispell Area— Mark at 756-7710 or Fred at 756-8891, cell 253-8286, Bigfork/ Lakeside Area— Joleen at 756-1202, cell 261-5162, and Columbia Falls/ Whitefish Area— Lorell Reese at 250-1490. If you purchased your steer from a family member you need to have a bill of sale with you at the Fairgrounds.

## Attention Market Animal Members



Market animal member should be prepared to set up their animal's pen or stall at this year Fair **prior** to placing the animal in the pen or stall. There will be **NO SHAVINGS** in place. Please allow yourself enough time to set up your pen and be aware that it is easier to bring in shavings **without** your animal in the pen or stall. This may cause a traffic jam so we ask that everyone be patient and schedule your animal's drop-off time with this new procedure in mind. Thanks!

### Slick Shorn Sheep Requirement for NWMT Fair:

This is a reminder to all 4-H members that your animal must be slick shorn within 5 days before show day, August 18th. This is essential when doing the ultra sound on your lamb for carcass evaluation, and it continues to be a requirement to compete in the showmanship and market show.



## Attention Horse Project Members and Parents

**Members:** It is strongly suggested members wear helmets at all times. It will be enforced in all Northwest Montana Fair 4-H Horse Classes. Otherwise you must have a helmet waiver on file. Also, please be aware that it is now 4-H State Policy that all members must wear helmets when participating in speed events.

**Parents:** For the safety of your child and horse, you are required to be present when your child is participating in any 4-H horse event, whether a clinic, show, Fair, or open riding etc. If for any reason you must leave, you must make arrangements with another parent or leader to be responsible for your child.



*We are requiring that all **Market Livestock** members wear appropriate foot wear (i.e. close toed, sensible shoes) when handling their animal at all times during the NWMT Fair. Please note that ear tags on all market animals must be clean and readable at weigh-in.*

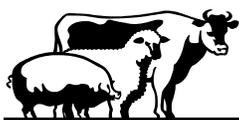
***Horse members** may not wear Fat Baby Fashion Boots or tennis shoes. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office.*



## Round Robin Pre-Training

The Junior and Senior overall winner of the showmanship contest in each of the following barns compete in the Round Robin Contest: Hog, Beef, Sheep, Dairy, Rabbit, Poultry, Horse, and Dairy Goat. There will be pre-training session at 11:30 am, Thursday, August 20th, 2009 at the Livestock Trade Center. In the spirit of positive competition and risk management purposes, each winner will show all other contestants how to safely handle and show their animal. All contest participants will receive this training to ensure the safety of each member and the animal participating in the contest. The round robin event will take place in the Trade Center at 1:30 pm.

## A Tip for Market Animal Sales



Please remember to not put any type of color or dye on your market animal. Market animals will be going to slaughter and should not have anything used on them

that could possibly penetrate into the meat or fat layers. Presenting a clean, clipped, fitted, and trimmed market animal is what sale ethics encourages. Thank you for your cooperation. In addition, please remember, if you have tagged two animals you must declare on your August 3rd pre-registration form which animal you will be bringing to Fair. This is the animal we will be expecting at weigh-in. Please do not bring your additional animal to the Fair. You may only bring your additional animal if they are pre-registered and will be shown in breeding class.

## Market Sale Runners and Servers

**Runners:** This privilege and service is expected of everyone who is participating in the Market Sale. From the start of the sale at 8:30AM until the end of the sale at approximately 12:30PM, we need plenty of help to take clipboards with paperwork to the buyers in the stands. Sale runners wear 4-H vests (yes you look official) that we provide. You are posted at various corners of the stands and when you are the closest to the buyer who just purchased an animal you deliver the paperwork he/she will fill out. Wait for the paperwork to be completed and bring it back to the sale table and get a new clipboard with a blank form for your next buyer. If you are selling your animal first, middle, or last,

**HELP!:** We are looking for a family or club to take on one of the duties on Sale Day. Each year during the sale, as the morning warms, we provide water to the buyers in the stands. We will recruit 4-H members to carry it through the stands and serve it to the buyers. We need someone to take on the overall distribution of the refreshments. Please call the Extension Office if you can help

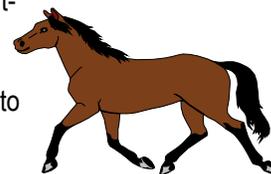


Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply has discount cards available to all 4-H members. Please go to Murdoch's front counter and let them know what club you are affiliated with to receive your discount card. Please call the Extension Office if you have any questions. 758-5553

Also, please remember that Western Outdoor and CHS provide discounts to our 4-H members as well.

## Dr. Erfle Offer's 4-H Discounts

Dr. Erfle of Lasalle Equine Clinic has generously offered to provide 4-H horse members a 10% discount for their 4-H project horse each year. This discount is limited to one project horse per member. To receive the discount, please bring your 4-H horse project records to your vet appointment to verify that you are actively involved in the 4-H horse program. We very much appreciate Dr. Erfle's efforts to support 4-H members in their projects. Thank you!



## End of Year Celebration Potluck and Carcass Awards Night

We'll be hold the 4H and FFA End of Year Celebration and Potluck at the Fairgrounds Expo Building on Tuesday, September 1st, at 6:00PM. We will also be presenting the awards and distributing results for the carcass entries at the Northwest Montana Fair. All 4H and FFA families who take part in the Northwest Montana Fair are welcome to attend. Please bring what you would like to drink and a food dish with a serving spoon or fork. We will have barbequed pork, so bring side dishes and desserts to fill out the meal. We are looking forward to seeing you there!



## Montana 4-H State Horse Show

The Montana 4-H State Horse Show will be held in Fergus County at the Fergus County Fairgrounds in Lewistown, Montana. The dates of the show will be October 2nd- 4th, 2009. Entry forms are currently unavailable, but will be out fairly soon. For questions, please call Fergus County Extension Office at 406- 535-3919 or email [fergus@montana.edu](mailto:fergus@montana.edu). Also, Amy Sterchi and Linda Tutvedt have let us know that the Yogo Inn in Lewistown is offering great deals to show participants. There are a limited number of rooms available so you should make your reservations as soon as possible. Their number is 1-800-860-9646.



## Thank You Procedure for All Large Livestock Members

After the sale is over and the things have calmed down we can't forget to thank our livestock buyers. When members come into the Extension Office or the FFA office, after the Sale, for their photo, they will find a form attached to the back of the photo. This form will have a place for your buyer to sign and date, as well as a place for the buyer to list what they received for a thank you. It is the members responsibility to have your buyer fill out and sign the form, and it is the members responsibility to return it to the Extension Office or your FFA Advisor by December 1st, 2008. Those who do not have their form returned to the Extension Office or a FFA Advisor by December 1st, will not be allowed to take an animal to the Fair the following year. **"There will be no exceptions to this guideline"**. If you receive your payment in the mail, it is still your responsibility to take a thank you and your photo to the buyer and have your form filled out. If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 758-5553. It is important that we thank those who are so generous to our organizations. The success of the Livestock Sale depends on the kindness of those businesses and individuals in our community.

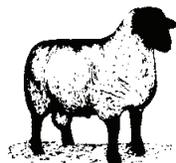


We are creating a list of biographies of former Little Chief award recipients. We would like to follow-up on their lives and accomplishments.

If you know of any way to contact the following people, please get in touch with us at the Extension Office at 758-5553.

Bonnie McLean– 1989 recipient  
Allison Nestegard– 1990 recipient  
Melissa Griffith– 1992 recipient  
Thanks!

## 2009 Make It With Wool



The 2009 "Make It With Wool" District One contest will be held on Saturday, October 31st at the Ronan High School library at 1:00PM. This competition is open to pre-teens (12 and under), juniors (13-16), seniors (17-24), and adults (25 and up). Fabrics used must be 100% wool or wool blend ( minimum 60% wool or specialty wool fiber). Also included in this years event is a quilt / afghan contest. For all rules and contest descriptions please stop by the Extension Office at 800 South Main St. District winners will have the opportunity to participate at State and National levels.



## Reis Ranch Universal Horsemanship Coming to Kalispell

Dennis Reis's 2009 No Dust Tour will be coming to Kalispell on Saturday and Sunday, August 8th and 9th, at the Majestic Valley Arena. This two day event covers a variety of topics including working with young horses, problem horses, herd dynamics, trust building, and overcoming fears. Tickets for this seminar are usually \$25.00 each but for 4-H members and leaders, tickets are free. For tickets, please call the Extension Office and we will provide them to you. More information about Dennis Reis and his tours can be found at [www.reisranch.com](http://www.reisranch.com).

## Trailer Needed at the Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp

The Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp is in need of a trailer to haul garbage. Ideally, we are looking for a single horse trailer or other durable trailer that will meet our needs. If you have one that the camp may purchase, or if you know someone who does, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553. The Board and 4-H volunteers are working diligently to improve the quality of our facilities by improving "first impression" appearance as well as addressing wildfire fuel mitigation needs. If you have any opportunity to assist in these endeavors, please contact the Extension Office, so that we may connect you with camp staff.



## Black Hills Recreation Leaders Lab



BLACK HILLS RECREATION LEADERS LABORATORY

The 63rd Annual Black Hills Recreation Leaders Laboratory will be held on Saturday, October 3rd, 2009- Friday, October 9th, 2009, at the Outlaw Ranch near Custer, South Dakota. This event is held for 4-H leaders, junior members 16 years of age or older, parks and recreation staff, personnel managers, educators, therapists, etc. The goal for attendees is to learn how to effectively interact with a variety of personalities to build healthy relationships, both within the family and the workplace. Workshops include rappelling, junior master gardener, appliqué, teambuilding, equine assisted learning, black powder rifles, stained glass, song leadership and much, much more. Cost to register is \$275 and \$50 for lodging. For more information, please contact Karen Ward at 406-932-6747 or Susan Michalakes at 401-294-7209, or go to [www.bhrrl.org/default.aspx](http://www.bhrrl.org/default.aspx)

## Lost and Found

We have some items that were left behind at the 2009 4-H camp this year:

Hiking Boots	Sneakers	Flip Flops
3 t-shirts	1 pair of Shorts	1 Jacket
Hair Brush	Toiletry Pouch	

Please let us know if any of these belong to you. 758-5553



# Market Livestock Weigh-in Fact Sheet

Monday, August 17th, 2009

The following is a simple breakdown of what to expect on weigh-in day at the Northwest Montana Fair. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact either your FFA advisor or your 4-H Agent. It is our goal to make this process as smooth and as easy to understand as possible.

Animal	Weights	Your animal <b>must</b> be in it's pen or stall no later than:	Weigh-in Time
Lamb	110 lbs - 160 lbs	8:00 am	8:00 am- 9:00 am
Hog	220 lbs – 285 lbs	12:00 pm (noon)	9:00 am- 1:30 pm
Beef	1050 lbs- 1450 lbs	3:00 pm	4:00 pm- 5:00 pm

**The animal that will be expected at the scales will be the animal you registered with the Fair Office as of August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Ear Tag numbers will be checked at the scale.**

- You (or a representative) must pay your livestock fee of \$20.00 if enrolled in the Market Beef or Sheep projects, and \$25.00 if enrolled in the Market Hog project, at the Chamber business table located inside the trade center before your animal can be weighed. They will give you a card that must accompany the animal to the scale. The animal will not be weighed until this transaction has taken place. Please verify the information on the card is correct.

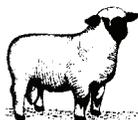
- At the scale, your card will be collected, and you will select a random slip of paper from a container. The number on this slip will determine your order in the Market Livestock Sale on Saturday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>.



- If your animal is underweight or overweight, you will be refunded (\$20.00- beef or sheep, \$25.00-hog), of your livestock fee. Please take the card you were given when you paid your livestock fee back to the Chamber business table for your refund. Refunds will only be available on weigh-in day.

- When it is your animal's time to weigh-in a person must accompany the animal through the weigh-in process. This person does not have to be the project member. The project member may appoint another responsible person to accompany the animal if they are unable to attend. We will not handle your animal for you.

- The scale is zeroed out before each animal steps onto the scale. If your animal weighs-in either underweight or overweight, your animal will be immediately removed from the scale, the scale zeroed out again, and your animal will be brought back on the scale. This second weight will be the official weight of the animal.



- Once weighed and ultra-sounded, hogs and sheep will be released back to the project member, or representative of that member, to take back to the animal's pen or stall. Beef will be released back to the project member or representative once the animal is weighed and a hip height is recorded.

- Those FFA, 4-H, or Chamber members involved in recording weights and ultra-sounding will be happy to give you the weight of your animal and ultrasound scores, after the process is over. Please do not disturb these individuals during the weigh-in process. It is our goal to clearly announce the weight of each animal as it is processed.

## AG & Horse Committee Meetings

**AG Committee Meeting:** The next 4-H AG Committee Meeting will be held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, 2009. Items for discussion will include Fair wrap-up, next year's programming, and other future items that effect the livestock program. All clubs should have their livestock leader's in attendance.



**Horse Committee Meeting:** The next 4-H Horse Committee Meeting will be held at the Extension Office at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, September 15th. Items for the agenda will include an overview of Fair events and awards, the upcoming state horse show, and any other pertinent items for the horse project. All clubs with horse membership should have a representative attend this meeting.

If you have an item that should be added to either agenda, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.

## Foundation Budget Meeting

There will be a budget meeting for the Flathead 4-H Foundation on Wednesday, August 26th, in the Extension Office. The meeting will begin at 5:30 PM. All that are interested in attending are welcome. For more information, please call the Extension Office. 758-5553

## 4-H Foundation Summer Forum



This is a reminder that the Flathead 4-H Foundation Summer Forum will be held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds on Thursday, September 3rd at 6:30 PM. District 3 will be hosting this forum. All clubs should have a representative at this meeting. Topics for discussion will include a wrap-up on Fair Events, end of year awards, Project Award Interviews, Leader's Banquet, and much, much more. If you have an item you would like to see added to the agenda, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.

## Project Award Interviews

All 4-H Members who have completed record books for the 2008-2009 4-H year are eligible for county project awards.



**Here's how it works:** Applications can be found on our website and in the Extension Office. You may select as many as **four** project areas to interview in. An example of project areas would be sheep, beef, swine, foods, sewing, woodworking, etc..... Therefore, you will not specify both market lamb and sheep breeding if you do both, you would simply list sheep as the project area. Next, fill out the form and turn it into the Extension Office by Monday, October 26th, 2009. Interview will be held on Wednesday, November 4th from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. Bring your 4-H Books and Records to the Extension Office during the interview times designated and we will have one on one interviews on a first come first served basis. Remember to dress as if you were going to a job interview. Volunteer 4-H Leaders will be interviewing the members. This is a great chance to talk about your project accomplishments and show off your record keeping skills. If this is your first time doing project interviews, you will receive a 4-H sash, to keep your project pins on. The first time you interview in a project you will receive a project pin, then in following years you will receive a year patch signifying each additional year that you do award interviews. Remember, this is an opportunity for all 4-H members. Please call the Extension Office if you need further information, 758-5553.

## Shooting Sports Leader's Training

The next State 4-H Shooting Sports Training will be held in Bozeman on Friday evening and Saturday, September 25-26, 2009. With enough attendance, we will offer all disciplines in Bozeman. As usual, the cost is \$50.00 per adult and \$25.00 per teen. Lunch will be provided on Saturday. We will begin on Friday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and train all day Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Lodging is not provided and needs to be arranged by the participant. Registration forms are available online and in the Extension Office.

## Littlest Chief Award Update

The Little Chief award was established as a memorial award for a senior 4-H member to apply for and be recognized for exemplary documented service and citizenship that is evident in the award winner's actions and devotion in giving back in a selfless manner to his or her community, and is awarded in five Western Montana counties. Western Outdoor sponsors a very special belt buckle in each county since they established the award in 1989. Their continued support of the 4-H program and the many awards they so generously give is greatly appreciated. The next time you are in the store please thank the owners and staff for supporting our program in so many ways and for so many years (long before the Little Chief award was established). The Flathead County 4-H program inadvertently added the Littlest Chief award in later years that mirrored the Little Chief Award. In regard to the Littlest Chief award (8 – 12 year old members) the award is no longer available. Volunteers will be recruited at our September Foundation meeting to be on an awards committee to assess and evaluate current award needs while considering age appropriate and youth development guidelines. Thank you in advance for your volunteerism and commitment to the excellence of our local 4-H program. Sincerely, Karole

## 4-H Shotgun Postal Match

McCone County has again graciously offered to administer the 4-H Shotgun Postal Match this year. Scores are to be shot between July 1st and August 31st. Trap score sheets should be dated, signed by the scorekeeper, and then mailed to the McCone County Extension Office, along with a \$5.00 entry fee. Their address is McCone County Extension Office, Box 200, Circle, MT 59215. All questions should be directed to Ken Nelson at (406) 485-2605.



“Ride, shoot straight, and tell the Truth.”

## Youth Leadership Opportunities



The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development is recruiting energetic, involved 4-H members to serve on three different governing bodies: (1) the Montana 4-H Council, (2) the Montana 4-H Foundation, and (3) the Montana 4-H

Youth Cabinet.

The application and information is located on the Montana 4-H Website <http://montana4h.org/>. The information is under the Youth Leadership Opportunities link under the Programs tab on the top left of the homepage or contact Cody Stone at (406) 994-3503 for more information.

## 4-H Million Trees Project

Last year, a national large scale service learning project, 4-H Million Trees, was launched. Members in Belmont, CA launched the project with the goal of planting 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 2011. So far over 26,000 trees have been planted and 9,800 youth in 35 states have taken part in this event. To enter your club in this project, go to [www.4hmilliontrees.org](http://www.4hmilliontrees.org) 4H has partnered with The Arbor Day Foundation so that clubs can obtain 12 small trees with a \$12 membership. Clubs may also choose to obtain donations of trees or supporting materials. More information can be obtained by contacting your club's leader or calling the Extension Office at 758-5553.



## FREE & WANTED ITEMS

**Free Horse :** 23 year old mare; great 4-H horse; Champion show horse; good 1st year project. Has had great care all of her life. Please call Lori Botkin at 249-1572 for more information.

**Free Ride Available:** Nikki Wallner is going to the BLM Mustang weanling sale in Hines, Oregon in early August and has room in her horse trailer to bring back another weanling. If you're interested in purchasing one but need transportation for it, call Nikki at 756-5473.

**Puppies free to good home:** 5 lab cross, 8 week old puppies. Call Lisa at 212-2830 for more information.

**Free Female 4-H Show Clothing:** 6 white dress shirts available in girls sizes. 4- small, 1- medium, and 1- extra large. Available at the Extension Office courtesy of the Wortman Family.

**Free for a 4-H Club:** 10' 4-H Pennant Banner. You clean, you keep. Would be great for a barn display. Available at the Extension Office 758-5553.

**Free Nubian Goats:** Free Dairy Goats for a good home. Yearling Nubian Does. Please call Lisa Rianda at 257-2177.

**Three Free Rabbits:** With Cages. Extra cages also available. Two Holland Dutch crosses. One Mini Lop. Call Dick at 755-1156.

## Clipping Your Own Animals

The Northwest Montana Fair Board would like to stress to our members the importance of cleaning and clipping your own animal for show purposes. Competitors may not employ anyone else to clip, clean or otherwise prepare your animals for show, Nor may another participant, family member, etc., consistently care for your animal. This regulation is posted in your Fair Book on page 75, #14.



**“There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love...” - anonymous**





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