



# Flathead County 4-H News

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## Kansas/Montana Exchange Spaghetti Dinner & Pie Auction

Our Interstate Exchange members will be traveling to Kansas this June. To help raise funds for this program, the Flathead County Exchange group will be hosting the 3rd Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Pie Auction on Friday, March 6th at the Christian Center at 5:00 pm. Everyone is welcome! There will be entertainment, good food, and lots of delicious pies and other treats to bid on. Let's all show our 4-H Spirit! For more information please call the Extension Office at 758-5553. Advanced tickets can be purchased in the office, or you can pay at the door.



**Challenge:** We will pay for 5 large pizzas for the club who has the highest percentage of attendance at the Spaghetti Dinner. Encourage your club members and families to meet the challenge and win the incentive.

## Plant Land Offers Tour to 4-H Horticulture Members

Amanda Matdies, our horticulture leader, has arranged a tour for all 4-H horticulture members at Plant Land in Kalispell. The tour is scheduled for Monday, February 16th, at 10:30 am. Most members do not have school that day so it should work great. We need to have a minimum of 12 members attend, so if you are interested please call Amanda by February 9th at 212-0520.



**Hort Tip of the Month from Amanda:** We have a high altitude and short growing season here in Flathead County. Because of this, I would recommend buying seed and plants from local reputable companies that have similar season patterns. If you choose to order seeds from a company outside the valley, a list of great businesses carrying short season varieties is available in the Extension Office and Karole or Shelley would be happy to fax or email a copy to you if you can't stop by to pick one up. For more options, type short season seed companies in your search engine on the Internet.



## Flathead 4-H Foundation Winter Forum

The Flathead 4-H Foundation Winter Forum will be held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds on Thursday, March 5th, 2009 at 6:30 pm. A leader from each club, and all District Representatives should attend Forum meetings. Topics of discussion will include countywide community service project ideas, upcoming clinics and weigh-ins, Fair, etc. If you have an item that you would like to see added to the agenda, please contact the Extension Office at 758-5553. District 1 will be hosting this Forum.

### 4-H Discounts:

**Western Outdoor** and **CHS** both offer discounts to 4-H members. Check with a store clerk for details.

**Murdoch's** Discount Cards are now available, and must be picked up in the store. You will need to know your club name to obtain a card.

**Found:** One pair of glasses left at Foods Fair. Call the Extension Office to claim.

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# Spotlight 4-H

## Flathead County 4-H Congress

**Saturday, March 14th**  
**9:00 am - 4:00 pm**



**Easthaven Baptist Church**  
**2010 Whitefish Stage Road**



Spotlight 4-H: Flathead County 4-H Congress is going to be better than ever before. We are in a new location and starting a new format, while continuing with the traditional programs that make Congress so great. 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.

### Schedule:



9:00—9:30 am.  
9:30 am —12:00 pm  
12:00—1:00 pm  
1:00– 1:30 pm  
1:30– 3:00 pm  
3:00– 4:00 pm

Set up for all events  
Judging for all Events Takes Place (including youth speaks and fashion review)  
Potluck  
Special 4-H Presentation for all participants  
Awards Ceremony  
Clean Up (participants are asked to help)



### 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. If participating in both Youth Speaks and Fashion Fair, every attempt will be made to accommodate schedules so that members have an opportunity to change. There are three age divisions in Youth Speaks and Fashion Fair- Cloverbuds (5-7 years), Junior (8-12 years), and Senior (13-and older). Additionally, in Fashion Fair, platforms may be split into novice and experienced divisions. Photo Fair has only two age categories, Cloverbuds (5-7 years) and Members (8-18 years). Age is determined as of October 1st, 2008.

**Pre-registration is required for all three events.** Forms are 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, Friday, March 6th, 2009.

**Photo Fair:** Photo Fair participants must have their exhibits to Easthaven Baptist Church 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 will be given to the best photograph 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, and must have a hanger securely fastened on the back of the picture.

### Photo Categories:

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



**Fashion Fair:** Fashion Fair judging will begin promptly at 9:30 am. Members are no longer required to complete an entire outfit to participate. Members may enter apparel, accessories, and or other clothing items that are appropriate for public display, that they have created. Members are asked to wear and/or showcase their item before judges and visit with judges about how they made their item. Cloverbuds may purchase an item and model it, as long as they have created some sort of embellishment or addition to the garment. The cloverbud division is not judged.

**Youth Speaks:** Youth Speaks participants must be ready for judging at 9:30 am. There will be four different platforms in Youth Speaks and you must choose one platform only. Illustrated Talk, Public Speaking, Demonstrations, or Commercials. We have hand-outs for sale in the Extension Office for official rules and regulations of Demonstrations/Illustrated Talks and Speeches. Commercials will be short, fun and convincing speeches where you can choose to promote a product or encourage people to become involved in something. There specific regulations for this event, as it loosely follows the Speech guidelines.



**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 6th 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 strongly encourage all clubs to attend.



**Potluck:** We are asking that families bring a potluck dish to share with the group for the 12:00-1:00 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.

**Questions? Please call Julie Brubaker at 314-0175 or the Extension Office at 758-5553.**

**Can't wait to see you there!!!!**

## Horse Project Guidelines



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

**Horse Cards:** The Extension Office must have a picture of the member with the horse they intend to ride at the Fair. A card can be picked up at any time in the Extension Office. The card has a place for you to attach the picture and list the projects you are currently enrolled in. These cards must be in the office no later than Monday, June 1st, 2009.

**Project and Helmet Release:** Each member who wishes to participate in the 4-H horse project (at any time during the 4-H year, including competition), must have a Horse Project Release Form on file in the Extension Office. They must also have a Horse Helmet Release Form on file in the Office, if they choose to ride or handle their horse at any time without a helmet while working on the 4-H horse project.

**Assessments:** Each horsemanship manual has level assessments included in them. Members must turn in a copy of their assessment to the Extension Office if they would like to move into the next level. You must compete at the Fair in the level that the Extension Office has on file. Submit assessments to the Extension Office by Monday, June 1st, 2009.

**Clinics:** To participate in the 4-H events at the Northwest Montana Fair each horse member must attend at least one 4-H sponsored horse clinic during the upcoming year. There are four clinics being offered this year. Watch the newsletter for details regarding these clinics. Refer to the 4-H yearly calendar, which can be picked up in the office or found on our website, for the dates of these clinics.

**Horse Clinic #1:** Was held on Friday, January 9th, 2009 at the Fisher Home and Elk Park Arena.

**Horse Clinic #2:** Horse Clinic #2's topic is Lameness. Hilltop Rider's are presenting this clinic, which will be held at Hilltop Stables, (605 Farm View Lane, Kalispell). The clinic will begin at 10:00 am on Saturday, February 21st. Dr. Erfle from Lasalle Equine Clinic will be a great guest speaker with lots of valuable information for our members. For more information, or if you get lost please call June at 752-3706.

**Directions:** Turn west onto West Reserve Drive at the Home Depot Intersection (Hwy 93 and West Reserve). Follow West Reserve Drive past the round-about and turn right onto Farm View Lane. Hilltop Stables will be on the right hand side of Farm View. Look for the Big Wagon Wheel.

**Horse Clinic #3:** Topic is "From the Judges Point of View", what Judges are looking for. The clinic will be held on Saturday, March 28th, at the Elk Park Arena from 12:00(noon) -3:00 pm. This is a working clinic, but there is room for only 25 horses to attend. Please call Stacia McAdams if you have any questions, or to pre-register at 756-8254. Those unable to bring horses should still dress appropriately to work with an animal and will receive credit for attendance.

## Upcoming 4-H Leader Committees

**AG/ Livestock Committee:** The next AG/Livestock Committee meeting will be Tuesday, March 31st, 2009 at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds at 5:30 pm. The meeting will last approximately one hour. **Each 4-H Club's specified F.I.L.L. (first in line livestock leader) should attend this meeting.** Call the Extension Office for agenda additions, 758-5553

**Horse Committee:** The next horse committee meeting will be held in the Extension Office on Monday, March 9th, 2009 at 5:30 pm. If you have an item you would like to see added to the agenda, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.



## Teen Council Luau Meeting

The Flathead County Teen Council is hosting a Hawaiian Luau party for all Flathead 4-H teens on Thursday, February 26th, at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds, 5:00-6:30 pm. We would love to see all our teen members attend. If you will be able to join us, please call the Extension Office by February 12th at 758-5553 or email us at [extension@flathead.mt.gov](mailto:extension@flathead.mt.gov)

## County-wide Arts & Crafts Meeting

Bill Prichard, our county-wide arts and crafts leader, is offering monthly arts and crafts meetings to all 4-H members enrolled in the arts and crafts project. The February meeting will be held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds on Monday, February 16th, 2009 at 6:30 pm. The project is Busy People Mobiles, and it will take three meetings to complete. Members who would like to attend, should bring the following:

- Idea drawn on paper
- Pliable wire that has both strength and flexibility
- Wire cutters
- Masking tape

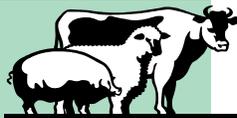
If you have any questions, please contact the Extension Office at 758-5553 or Bill Prichard at 257-6209.



**Mini Horse Project Members:** This is a reminder for all mini horse project members that you are also required to attend one horse clinic during the 4-H year if you would like to compete at the NWMT Fair. All standard horse clinics apply, as well as mini horse clinics provided by Happy Hooves this spring. Information on these mini clinics will be available in upcoming newsletters. Additionally, you must have a helmet release on file and turn in your horse cards by June 1st, 2009 to be eligible.

**Horse Camp:** All 4-H horse members should mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Flathead County 4-H Horse Camp which will be held at the Flathead County Fairgrounds, on May 8th & 9th, 2009. This is a great overnight camp filled with lots of educational and fun activities. More information will be in upcoming newsletters.

## Market Livestock Project Guidelines



To participate in a Market Livestock project, a member must be enrolled in an active 4-H Club and meet certain requirements.

**All 4-H members involved in a Market Livestock project must attend one Livestock Quality Assurance Clinic every two years.** We will be offering two Livestock Quality Assurance Clinics this year. Dates are also listed below. **If you are taking a Hog, Beef or Sheep to the Fair, and you did not take this training last year, you are required to attend a LQA Training this year.** There are no exceptions. Young members who completed an LQA training last year are allowed to repeat their training this year if they choose. **Members must call the Extension Office at 758-5553 to sign up for a session.** Materials need to be prepared for each member who attends.

**Market Livestock Contracts:** All members who are participating in a market animal project (hog, beef, or sheep) need to read and sign a Market Livestock Contract form. A parent is also required to sign the form. The contract should be turned into the Extension Office no later than April 15th, 2009. Your clubs' livestock leader has these forms for you. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Office at 758-5553.

### Livestock Quality Assurance Trainings

**#1:** Monday, February 23rd. 6:30 pm at the Country Kitchen on the Fairgrounds.

**#2:** Thursday, March 19th. 6:30 pm at the Country Kitchen on the Fairgrounds.

**Members must call the Extension Office to sign up for a session. Please remember to put these dates on the Calendar.**

## State Horse Show Logo/Design Contest

4-H members can show off their creative and artistic skills by entering a logo design contest. The 2009 State 4-H Horse Show Committee in Fergus County is asking members to submit a logo and theme for this year's show. Entries are due May 8th and the winner's artwork and slogan will appear on the official rule book, t-shirts, and promotional materials for the State Horse Show. Entry forms are available in the Extension Office or on our website. Entries should be submitted to Fergus County Extension Office. Contestants must be a 4-H member in the State of Montana. Winner's will be notified after May 15th. The State 4-H Horse Show will be held October 2nd-4th.

## Other Important Livestock Dates

**Hog Seminar:** There will be an informative seminar for all Hog members on Monday, March 30th at the Country Kitchen Building at 6:30 pm. This clinic is not a requirement, however it is strongly encouraged.

**Hog Weigh-in and Tagging:** Monday, April 27th, 2009 at the Fairgrounds. 4:30-6:30 p.m.

**Lamb Seminar:** Thursday, April 30th at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds, 6:30 pm.

**Lamb Weigh-In and Tagging:** Thursday, May 28th, 2009 at the Fairgrounds. 4:30-6:30 pm.

*More information will be available in upcoming newsletters as these dates approach.*

## 4-H Horse & Livestock Leaders Forum

The MT 4-H Horse and Livestock Forum is an opportunity for 4-H leaders and teens to further their skills in working with youth in the Horse and Livestock programs. It will be held February 28th through March 1st at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center. Carbon County has created a great list of workshops that are split evenly between horse and livestock topics. Horse topics include nutrition, management, horse camps, packing, judging teams, and tack. Livestock topics include carcass merit programs, swine selection and management, livestock quality assurance, meat goats/sheep, nutrition, record sheets, and bio-security at Fair. Registrations are available in the Extension Office and on our website. Early bird registration (before February 20th) is \$100.00 Five meals are included in the fee. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Billings Hotel and Convention Center for \$70.00 a night. Call 1-800-537-7286 to reserve your room. This event is held bi-annually.

## MT 4-H Rec Lab Take the Green Challenge

Rec Lab will be held in Forsyth on March 20th-22nd. Wally Badget, cartoonist and humorist from Miles City will keep the participants in stitches during an active, engaging presentation. Twenty different workshops are being offered over the course of five sessions ranging from paintball and art to video production and a treasure hunt. Rec Lab provides youth an opportunity to meet other youth from across the state, develop leadership skills, and learn fun recreational activities that can be used in club settings, county events, etc. You must be 13 years of age or older to attend. The fee is \$50. Please call the Extension Office if you would like to attend. 758-5553

## International Opportunities



There are numerous opportunities for 4-H families to host an inbound international exchange member. Hosting families receive further funding for members who would like to travel themselves in the future. Hosting applications are also available in the office and are due no later than Monday, March 9th, 2009.

## Shooting Sports Invitational's



It seems like the 4-H shooting sports year has just begun and we are already talking about end of season invitationals. There are three invitationals available to shooting sports members this year previous to the state shoot in Bozeman. State Shoot information is also listed below.

**February 7th:** Lewis and Clark County Invitational will be held in Helena, Montana. Registrations are available in the Extension Office and are posted to the website.

**February 14th:** Flathead County Shooting Sports will be hosting an invitational event at the Fairgrounds.

Cost is \$9 per event and registrations are due to Don Anderson at the address listed on the form by February 2nd. Registrations are available on our website and in the Extension Office.



**February 21st:** Broadwater County Invitational will be held in Townsend, MT. Registrations are available on our website and in the Extension Office. Cost is \$10 per event. Entries are due by February 13th to the address listed on the form.

**State Shoot:** The 4-H State Shoot will be held March 6-8th, in Bozeman, MT. Registrations are available in the Extension Office and also available on our website. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Jackie at 406-388-2026. Please read the registration carefully before submitting. Registrations deadline is February 20th to the Gallatin County 4-H Shooting Sports, Attn: Jackie Russell-Wahl, 995 Kodiak Place, Belgrade, MT 59714.

## 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 enthusiastic leader who promotes 4-H. You must be at least 14 years of age by October 1st, 2008 and have the ability to serve as an ambassador for two consecutive years. We have applications ready for this outstanding 4-H opportunity. Please stop by the office for more information and an application. This is an early heads up. **Applications will be due Friday, April 17th, 2009.**

## Kansas Exchange Opportunity



If you are a Flathead County 4-H member (boy or girl), who is 14 years of age or older, and interested in traveling this summer, please consider applying to be a part of the Kansas Exchange Delegation. The group will be leaving for Kansas on June 17th and returning on June 23rd. If you would like to be a part of this trip, and possibly future trips to other locations, please contact the Extension Office. 758-5553

## Shooting Sports Leader's Training

The next shooting sports leader's training will be held in Laurel, MT at the Laurel Rifle Club on May 1st & 2nd. All disciplines, including cowboy action, will be offered. Registration deadline is April 20th, and registrations are available in the Extension Office. The fee is \$50 for adults and \$25 for teen leaders. Saturday lunch is provided. For more information please call Todd Kesner at 406-994-6816.

## Shiloh Sharps Rifle Raffle

The Montana 4-H Shooting Sports program is hosting a raffle for a **Shiloh Sharps®** \$2500 gift certificate used toward the purchase of a Shiloh Sharps Rifle. The drawing will be held on June 21st, 2009 and you need not be present to win. Tickets are \$25 each or five tickets for \$100. **Only one thousand tickets will be sold.** If you would like to purchase a ticket please call Todd Kesner at 406-994-6816 or email Todd at [kesner@montana.edu](mailto:kesner@montana.edu)

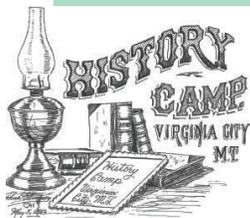
## 4, 40, 400 Montana State 4-H Foundation Fundraiser Challenge

The MT 4-H Foundation is currently challenging 4-H members, clubs, and counties to meet the 4, 40, 400 County Challenge in honor of the Foundation's 40th anniversary in 2009! The chal-



lenge is for 4-H members to donate \$4 each, clubs to donate \$40 each, and for counties to donate \$400 each to the Montana 4-H Foundation. The Foundation exists to support statewide 4-H programs and projects and gives out about \$100,000 a year in support of these statewide efforts. All clubs meeting the challenge will receive a certificate of completion that can be displayed in historian books or elsewhere. For more information regarding this event please contact our MT 4-H representative, Sandy Evenson, at 257-9038. **Congratulations to Montford Egan Eagles for being the first club to donate to this program.**

## Youth History Camp at Virginia City



The Montana Heritage Commission, a partner in the Montana 4-H Western Heritage Project, is inviting young people ages 11 to 15 to experience Alder Gulch at their hands-on History Camp scheduled for August 2-8, 2009. Workshops will include outdoor cooking on an open fire, basket weaving, campfire stories, black-smithing skills, gold prospecting, life on the frontier, daily living skills, tours of historic Virginia City and Nevada City and much, much more! History campers will also have the chance to ride the train through historic Alder Gulch, attend a play by the Illustrious Virginia City Players, and experience Virginia City and Nevada City first hand. The cost is \$400 and enrollment is limited to 20. Scholarships are available by application. Tuition includes five nights lodging at the Bonanza Inn in Virginia City, meals, a ticket to a performance at the Virginia City Opera House, a train ticket, and all activities, supplies and instruction. For more detailed information call (406) 843-5247 or visit [www.virginiacitymt.com](http://www.virginiacitymt.com).

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## Lives of Children Essay Contest

The New America Foundation is opening this essay contest up to all High School Seniors. Voice your opinion by writing and submitting an essay that answers the question "You have just been elected President of the United States. What is the most important thing you will do to improve the lives of America's children?" Essay may be no longer than 600 word and must be submitted with the official entry form which can be picked up in the Extension Office. The winning essay will receive a \$2500 cash prize.

## MT Association of Conservation Districts Scholarship

The MT Association of Conservation Districts offer two \$500 scholarships annually. The MACD High School scholarship is awarded to a current Montana High School Senior. The MACD Post-Secondary Scholarship is open to all Montana students who have completed at least two semesters at an accredited post secondary institution. Applicants must be US Citizens with Montana residency, have a minimum grade point average of 2.5 and have enrollment or plans to enroll in a course of study that allows students to explore natural resource issues. Application deadline is February 15th. Applications are available in the Extension Office. If you have questions, please call 406-443-5711.

**High School Seniors:** Remember to check the State 4-H website for information about scholarships. Most have a May 1st deadline. [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org)

## MT 4-H State Leader's Forum

The 2009 State 4-H Leader's Forum will be held in Sidney, MT on September 25th-26th. Do you have a workshop that you think would be perfect for this event? If so, please stop by the Extension Office and pick up a workshop proposal application form. Proposals must be turned into the Sheridan County Office no later than March 15th. The goal of the committee is to provide the best training ever and they need your help to make that happen. Send in your proposals today!

## Girls for a Change Conference



Mark your calendars for the 2009 conference in Bozeman, Saturday, February 28.

It will be held in the Student Union Building on the MSU campus and is open to girls in 8-12th grades. This year's theme is The Courage to Climb and keynote speaker, Dr. Luanne Freer, will inspire girls as she talks about the volunteer medical clinic she set up at the base of Mt. Everest. Workshops will focus on giving back to your world (service), protecting your world (environment), understanding your world (culture), caring for yourself in your world (self care) and expression in your world (art, crafts). The registration fee is \$15.00. For more information, contact Deborah Neuman at 406-587-3840 or go to [www.girlsforachangebozeman.org](http://www.girlsforachangebozeman.org)

There will also be a women's workshop, "Thriving Through Tough Times", held during the same time, in conjunction with the GFAC conference. Cost is \$150. Deidre Combs, author of *The Way of Conflict* and *Worst Enemy, Best Teacher*, will be presenting this workshop. Cost also includes the fee to attend the Luncheon where Luanne Freer is speaking. Registrations are available in the Extension Office, or at the website above.

## Engineer Girl! Essay Contest

The National Academy of Engineering is hosting the Engineer Girl Essay Contest. The contest is available to girls in 3rd -12th grades. Submission forms and guidelines are available at <http://www.engineergirl.org/?id=10104> Entries must be submitted by March 1st, 2009. The topic for the essay is based on three images that can be found at the above website. Cash prizes will be awarded to the winners in each division.

## Fiber Project at the NWMT Fair

The Fiber Barn will continue to offer Fiber competition to 4-H members at the 2009 Northwest Montana Fair, due to last years success. We would like to encourage members to take part in this program by holding their fiber animals at the Fair throughout the week. The goals are to educate the public about fiber animals, the fiber community, and the industry. For more information, please call the Extension Office. 758-5553



## National 2009 Youth Horse Leaders Symposium in Nebraska



The 32nd Annual National Youth Horse Leader's Symposium, presented by the American Youth Horse Council will be held on March 27th-29th, 2009 in Lincoln,

Nebraska. Over 2 dozen international and national presenters will be providing information on the keys to successful youth horse programming and horse management. A weekend program for teen leaders is also available, where teens learn many different horse disciplines, breed activities, develop leadership skills and effective horsemanship techniques. For more information go to [www.ayhc.com](http://www.ayhc.com) or call 1-800-TRY-AYHC.

## Flathead High School Rodeo Team Dinner Fundraiser

The Flathead Valley High School Rodeo Team is hosting "Bandanas and Blue Jeans", a fundraising dinner with the trimmings at the Fairgrounds Expo Building, Saturday, February 7th at 5:00 pm. The Trip Tip Steak Dinner with the trimmings, Dancing and Live Music is only \$15.00 for adults and \$7.00 for youth aged 6-12. Children under 6 are free. Silent and Live Auctions, along with kids events will round out the evening. For more info, please call Susie at 752-7644 or Kerri at 752-0586. Tickets can be purchased in advance or at the door.

**If you would like to submit an article for the March newsletter, please contact the Extension Office by Feb. 20th.**

## Club and Member News

**Bailey Brubaker:** Bailey Brubaker, a member of Open Horizon's 4-H Club, took it upon herself to collect pop tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. She challenged the 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Classes at Kalispell Middle School, asking them to bring pop tabs to their homerooms. At the end of the two week challenge, the winners would receive doughnuts on Fridays for two weeks. Albertson's and Mike Boyarski donated the funds to purchase the doughnuts. Bailey and her classmates collected over 130 lbs of pop tabs. Open Horizon's cloverbuds have been collecting pop tabs at the beginning of each meeting and Bailey is combining her collection with the clubs. All proceeds will go to the Ronald McDonald House.

**Kila Rangers:** The Kila Rangers continued their community service in December by making 15 candy kiss angels for the Meals on Wheels program. The candy kiss angels were delivered with meals to local shut-ins in our area.

**Happy Hooves:** The Happy Hooves Miniature Horse 4-H Club assisted the Little Hooves and Harness Small Equine Club with their Santa pictures and candy sales through the holidays. On December 24th, Maddie and Krystal Sutton, both Happy Hooves members, along with a couple of adult members of the Little Hooves Club visited Edgewood Vista Nursing Home and Prestige Assisted Living, distributing additional candy, singing Christmas Carols, and visiting with residents.

**Caprine Kids: Do you have a goat?** The Caprine Kids 4-H Club is actively seeking new members who would like to take part in a club that is geared toward the 4-H goat project. If you know someone in the goat project or that would like to be, please call Nicole or Lynsey Brewer at 755-7707 for more information. The goat project is expanding state-wide and this is a great opportunity to be a part of a club with invaluable resources for goat project members.

**Is there a Llama or Alpaca in your family?:** Angela Crenshaw and Diana Blair are seeking members who would like to join a llama and alpaca club in Flathead County. If you know someone who is purchasing a llama or alpaca, or would like to get more involved in 4-H with the llama or alpaca they currently own, have them call Angela at 257-4744 or Diana at 756-6767. Llama and alpaca projects go hand in hand with the fiber project that is being expanded at the Northwest Montana Fair.

### Free/Wanted Items

**Doves:** Two doves, born about five weeks ago are available to a good, loving home. They need to go together. Please call Brenda Ritter at 756-1020 or 758-4458.

**AMHR Mini Horse:** Free to approved 4-H home, nice Miniature AMHR black Appy with frosting on hips. Approximately 34-35" tall, nice quality, good minded 3 year old. Has been trimmed, etc. Needs to be gelded (preferably) and fees sent in for registration papers. Free boarding offered until spring! Contact Marian Ashley for more details at 257-7658.



## 2009 Foods Fair "A Rainbow of Flavor" Results

### Senior Members:

#### Soups, Stews & Chowders:

1st- Melissa Johnson, Grandview Supreme  
2nd- Ethan Thacker, Kila Rangers

#### Appetizers:

1st- Annie Ward, Flathead Shooting Sports  
2nd- Emily Thorp, B&F Livestock  
HM- Kadin Prichard, Glacier Stars

#### Main Dishes:

1st- Chance Ovnicek, Dandy Dudes and Dolls  
2nd- Nikaela Higgins, Country Cousins

#### Salads:

1st- Alana Davis, B&F Livestock  
2nd- Nathaniel Hemingway, Deer Park

#### Cookies:

1st- Danielle Morris, Trail Blazer's  
2nd- Victoria Braaten, Montford Egan Eagles

#### Other Desserts:

1st- Chance Ovnicek, Dandy Dudes and Dolls  
2nd- (tie) Kelsey Nostrum, Hilltop Riders  
2nd- (tie) Illyhia Birk, Trail Blazers

#### Pies:

1st- Benjamin Moon, Montford Egan Eagles  
2nd- Koya Olsen, Lasalle Boosters

#### Baked Cakes/Cupcakes from Scratch:

1st- Nikaela Higgins, Country Cousins  
2nd- (tie) Kadin Prichard, Glacier Stars  
2nd- (tie) Victoria Braaten, Montford Egan Eagles

#### Decorated Cakes/Cupcakes:

1st- Sarah Smith, Kila Rangers

#### Yeast Breads:

1st- Elora Akins, B&F Livestock  
2nd- Andrea Hemingway, Deer Park

#### Candies:

1st- Sarah Kirchner, Kila Rangers  
2nd- (tie) Sawyer Braaten, Montford Egan Eagles  
2nd- (tie) Nicole Stevens, Smith Valley Boosters

#### Quick Breads:

1st- Kyrah Kirchner, Kila Rangers  
2nd- Ethan Thacker, Kila Rangers

#### Theme:

1st- Nikaela Higgins, Country Cousins  
2nd- Illyhia Birk, Trail Blazer's  
HM- Sara Smith, Kila Rangers

#### Adults:

1st- Marie Smith, Kila Rangers  
2nd- Bill Prichard, Glacier Stars

#### Booth Display:

1st- Kila Rangers  
2nd- Glacier Stars  
3rd- Country Cousins  
4th- Rowdy Ropers

### Junior Members:

#### Soups, Stews & Chowders:

1st- Tia Evenson, B&F Livestock  
2nd- (tie) Moriah Probert, Dandy Dudes and Dolls  
2nd- (tie) Tristan Smith, Kila Rangers

#### Appetizers:

1st- Nathan Moon, Montford Egan Eagles  
2nd- Sebastian Koch, Montford Egan Eagles

#### Side Dishes:

1st- Ireland Root, Hilltop Riders  
2nd- Natasha Dutton, Country Cousins  
HM- Savannah Gentry, Dandy Dudes and Dolls

#### Main Dishes:

1st- Justin Taylor, Country Cousins  
2nd- Jayme Evenson, B&F Livestock  
HM- Averie Olson, A Bit of Difference

#### Salads:

1st- Meaghan Bradley, Montford Egan Eagles  
2nd- (tie) Cheyene Ovnicek, Dandy Dudes and Dolls  
2nd- (tie) Miranda Leese, Rowdy Ropers  
HM- Danielle Skonord, Dandy Dudes and Dolls

#### Cookies:

1st- Alysha Smith, Kila Rangers  
2nd- (tie) Brandon Hendrickson, Grandview Supreme  
2nd- (tie) Martin Griffith, Grandview Supreme

#### Other Desserts:

1st- Colton Woll, Swan River  
2nd- (tie) Madeline Braaten, Montford Egan Eagles  
2nd- (tie) Jenna Skonord, Dandy Dudes and Dolls  
2nd- (tie) Miranda Leese, Rowdy Ropers

#### Pies:

1st- Anna Kirchner, Kila Rangers  
2nd- Brandon Hendrickson, Grandview Supreme

#### Baked Cakes/Cupcakes from Scratch:

1st- Nathan Sommers, Glacier Stars  
2nd- Tierra Johnson, Grandview Supreme

#### Decorated Cakes/Cupcakes:

1st- Elizabeth Lorentz, Glacier Stars  
2nd- Alysha Smith, Kila Rangers

#### Yeast Breads:

1st- Talitha Stahlberg, Grandview Supreme  
2nd- Moriah Probert, Dandy Dudes and Dolls

#### Candies:

1st- Colter Norick, Grandview Supreme  
2nd- Cassidy Norick, Grandview Supreme  
HM- (tie) Mallory Crusta, Glacier Stars  
HM- (tie) Ian Caltabiano, Trail Blazer's

#### Quick Breads:

1st- Tau Ke Ale Amundsen, Rowdy Ropers  
2nd- Cole Thorp, B&F Livestock  
HM- Glen Paulson, Montford Egan Eagles

#### Theme:

1st- Emma Trunkle, Country Cousins  
2nd- Ireland Root, Hilltop Riders



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