



Spring Foundation Forum

The Spring Foundation Forum will be held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds, on Thursday, June 5th, 2008 at 6:30 pm. District leaders, organizational leaders and parents are encouraged to attend. Topics will include interstate exchange, a wrap up of county congress, state congress planning, and the NWMT Fair. We are asking that a representative from each club attend. To add an agenda item, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553. District 3 will be hosting this forum.

Rowdy Ropers Make May Day Baskets



The Rowdy Ropers 4-H Club made and delivered 38 May Day Baskets to the residents of the Immanuel Lutheran Home, a retirement community, on May 1st. The baskets contained flowers, candy, lip gloss, pinwheels and 3 samples of perfume or aftershave. Herberger's contributed to the baskets. This is the second year that Rowdy Ropers have made May Day Baskets. It's always a pleasure to watch the youth of today interact with the elderly. 4-H is definitely making the best better!

Glacier Stars Helps the Humane Society

Soren Haagerup, a member of the Glacier Stars 4-H Club, found a magazine article regarding an idea to help local Humane Societies and he took the idea and ran with it. He headed to his club and organized and chaired a committee to make and decorate boxes that could be placed in area businesses. The club worked together and made numerous boxes and placed signs on them requesting donations of any shape and size that would benefit the Humane Society, including dog food, cat food, leashes, and toys. The club collected a very large amount of donations and delivered them to the Flathead County Human Society. The organization was very grateful and gave the members a tour of the facility. We are very proud of the Glacier Stars and of Soren Haagerup for taking the initiative to see a need and respond to it. Great job Glacier Stars!



Congratulations Lauren Callan



We would like to congratulate Lauren Callan as our new Flathead County Junior Ambassador. Lauren has been a 4-H member for three years and is currently a member of the Grandview Supreme 4-H Club. She is also a 4-H interstate exchange delegate and will be hosting a Kansas delegate this summer. Lauren is very dedicated and qualified and we are glad that she has taken on this new role.

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4-H Clover Bud "Rainforest" Camp: Clover Bud Camp is back in 2008. The camp will take place at the Darrell Fenner Loon Lake 4-H Camp on June 14th and 15th. Camp is open to 4-Hers that are 5-8 years of age. An adult guardian must accompany the child for this overnight camp. The cost is \$55 for a camper and one adult. A charge of \$25 is accessed for each additional child. Camp registrations are available in the Extension Office and can be emailed. Registrations are due by June 3rd, to Sanders County Extension Office.

4-H Camp for Military Families: Participate in a family fun camp at the Darrell E. Fenner 4-H Center at Loon Lake in Fern-dale, MT. The purpose of this camp, designed for children and adults of military families, is to offer unique camping experiences with youth, share helpful family information with adults and create positive camping memories for families. Children must attend with an adult chaperone. Cost is \$10.00 per person. Adults can chaperone more than one child. For more information and registrations please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.



Flathead County 4-H Camp: The official theme for 2008 is "4-H Stuck on You". It's a duct tape theme! Flathead County Camp is open to all 4-H members ages 8-12 years old. Camp will begin on Monday, July 21st and end on Thursday, July 24th. Cost to attend is \$70.00 per member. Karole and Sue, our camp directors, have just returned from the Virginia Camping Institute and have brought back tons of great camp activities and entertainment. This year is a camp not to be missed! Registrations are available in the Extension Office.

Montana Range Days: Montana Range Day is June 19th-21st, 2008 at Clyde Park in Park County Montana. Workshops include impacts of grazing on range land and riparian areas, plant anatomy and ID, and range planning. Range tours will be included along with many other fun activities. Fees include meals and workshop materials. This is a family orientated camp. Cost per family is \$80.00 or \$30.00 per individual. For applications go to www.montanarangedays.com or call Amy Miller at (406) 222-3701.

Montana Natural Resource Youth Camp: July 20th-25th. Natural Resources Youth Campers spend one week in the rustic setting of the Lubrecht State Forest (east of Missoula). The accommodations are comfortable, the food is great, and the instruction and friendships are the best! Campers learn about forestry, water, soils, geology, range, wildlife, and recreation, and they spend a half-day rafting the Alberton Gorge of the Clark Fork River. The camp is open to all youth ages 14-18. Campers are accepted on a first-come basis. Cost for the camp is \$175.00 which includes meals, supplies, and lodging. Campers are encouraged to contact the Conservation District for sponsorship which may cover much of the camp cost. For more information, please contact Martin Twer at (406) 243-2775 or go to <http://dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/camps/nrc/default.asp>



Montana Youth Range Camp: Montana Youth Range Camp is August 4th-8th at Hysham, MT and is open to youth ages 12-18 years. Campers will be introduced to 25 of Montana's important range plants—grasses, forbs, and shrubs—and will learn about the interaction of soils, water, plants, wildlife, and livestock on the range. This well organized, balanced, and educational program brings together range professionals and interested students to learn in the great outdoors. Evening programs and activities allow campers an opportunity to meet new friends and develop lasting friendships. For more information please call Tina Bonell at (406) 342-5466 or go to <http://dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/camps/rangecamp/default.asp>



Peaks and Potentials: Peaks and Potentials will be held at the MSU Bozeman campus on June 8-13th, 2008. This experience is designed to give high-ability/high-potential students in grades 5-7 (in Fall, 2008) the opportunity to explore special topics of interest and work with experts in various subject areas. A recommendation from an appropriate school official is required for the student's acceptance. Instructors are MSU faculty, graduate students and experienced professionals from the area. All classes emphasize personal instruction and small group interaction as well as a "hands-on" approach. Academic, recreational and social activities offer students a chance to interact with their peers and sample campus life. For more information go to <http://eu.montana.edu/peaks/>

Please remember that there are scholarships available for most of the camps listed above.
Please call the Extension Office for details. 758-5553



If You're a Lifeguard Then We're Looking For You!

Are you a certified life guard? We will need a certified life guard to work at the Flathead 4-H Camp at the Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp on Loon Lake. The camp will be held from July 21st-24th. Please contact the Extension Office for more information. 758-5553 This is a paid position.

Camp Cook Needed for Loon Lake



The Darrell Fenner Loon Lake 4-H Camp is looking for an individual to fill the camp cook helper position for the summer. The camp season begins the second week of June and runs through August. For more information regarding this position, please contact Kathleen Sutton, camp manager, at either 756-7760 or 471-0236.

County Wide Arts & Crafts Program

Bill Prichard would like to thank all of the guest artists, parents, and members who participated in the county-wide arts and crafts program. This was the first year that this program ran, and it was very successful. Bill will start the program up again in October so keep reading your newsletter for more details. The Extension Office, and I'm sure all those who participated in this project, would like to extend our gratitude to Bill for being so dedicated to his 4-H members and for volunteering both his time and talent in making this county-wide program possible. Thank You!

Local Businesses Offer 4-H Members Discounts



- Corral West Ranchwear has generously offered 4-H members a 10% discount on all regularly priced items in their store. For more information regarding this discount, please contact the store at 752-6421.
- Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply is continuing their partnership with Montana 4-H and is once again offering members discount card. These cards have been distributed to your club leaders (one card per family). Leader's will find them in their club mailboxes. If you are an independent member, please stop by the Extension Office for your discount card.

Western Outdoor is offering all 4-H members a 15% discount in store items. Western Outdoor has offered this discount to members for several years and it was a mistake that they have not been listed in the past newsletter. My sincerest apologies to our members and to Western Outdoor for this oversight.

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 2008 Northwest Montana Fair. We would like to remind our donors that Fair awards should be delivered to the Extension Office by Friday, July 11th, 2008 if at all possible. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. 758-5553

AG Committee Meeting



The next AG/Livestock Committee Meeting will be held on Thursday, June 5th, at 5:30 pm (before spring foundation forum) at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds and will begin at 5:30 pm. We are asking that a livestock committee member from each club to please attend. For more information, or to add an agenda item, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.

New Military 4-H Programs Open to EVERYONE!

This summer, the Military 4-H program has some great, new projects that are open to all 4-H members. The Hiking program is planning several hikes this summer, including the Danny On Trail at Big Mountain, a hike to Hidden Lake in Glacier National Park, and much more. This is a great way to get out as a family and enjoy the beautiful valley we live in.



The Military program is also beginning a county-wide photography project. Activities include a possible photo scavenger hunt. This project will be using 4-H photo project books and materials. This is an opportunity for members to meet shutterbugs that are in other 4-H clubs around the valley.



And last, but not least, the Military program is opening up a county-wide Aerospace project in the fall. This program will also use 4-H curriculum. The project will include guest speakers and field trips.



All of these programs depend upon your participation! Please call the Extension Office to sign-up. 758-5553. We need to order books, so please call as soon as possible. For more information on these opportunities, please call Dorothy Lynch at 892-4028.

Did You Pick Up Free Tubers at Wal-Mart?



Many 4-H members took the opportunity to pick up free tubers from the Montana Dahlia Society when they were distributing tubers at Wal-Mart. The Montana Dahlia Society would like to offer help and/or information to any of those who obtained tubers and would like help on their flower projects. Please contact Steve Evans at 755-1172. We would like to thank the Montana Dahlia Society for offering such a great opportunity to our 4-H members.

Attention Rabbit Members: The Extension Office still has several carpet squares for our 4-H rabbit members. Please stop by and pick one up for your rabbit project. If you have any questions, you can reach the Extension Office at 758-5553.



A Wrap-up on Horse Camp

We would like to say thank you to all the parents, chaperones and members who participated in the First Annual Flathead County Horse Camp. We would also like give a big thank you to all of the instructors and horse leaders that donated their time and talent to see this camp succeed. A special thanks also to Linda Tutvedt for doing such a marvelous job planning and heading up the committee for horse camp. We could not have done it without any of you. We would like to give members a chance to connect with the instructors that helped with the camp. Please call them if you need help with your horse project. **Also, we have a pair of glasses that were left at camp. Please call if they are yours. 758-5553**

Renee Caverly	837-4144
Heidi Diegel	755-4683
Margaret Herron	261-7375
Stacia McAdams	756-8254
Jamie Olson	752-3228
Sally Rohletter	249-7852
Darci Sanborn	257-0206
Chris Scott	261-9454
Codi and Shaun Sorensen	752-1008
Linda Tutvedt	257-9732

St. Jude's Trail Ride: Hilltop Riders will be hosting a trail ride fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on **Saturday, June 28th** at Heron Park. Sign in will be from 8am-10am at Heron Park. Money should be collected before the event and turned in at the sign in. For sponsorship forms go to <http://hilltopriders.giving.officelive.com/default.aspx> Prize information is also available. All 4H horse members are encouraged to attend. You can also call Janette at 752-0751.

Triple Showmanship Clinic

There will be a showmanship clinic for all three market livestock disciplines on Monday, June 9th at the Fairgrounds at 6:30 pm. This clinic is a great way to brush up on your showmanship skills, regardless if you are experienced or a beginner, and learn valuable tools for this upcoming Fair. Make sure to mark your calendar for this date.



Horse Owner's Workshop

North Valley Ag and Purina Mills Inc. will be providing a horse owners workshop at the North Valley AG Center on Saturday, June 21st, 2008 at 10:00 am-4:00 pm. North Valley Ag is located at 5613 Hwy 2 West, Columbia Falls. Clinics will cover a number of topics and lunch will be provided. For more information, please call North Valley Ag at 892-2240.

Mini Showmanship Obstacle Clinic

Frank and Kathleen Sutton will be hosting a mini horse showmanship obstacle clinic at their home on Saturday, May 31st at 10:00 am. Lunch will be provided. The Sutton's are located at 358 Smith Lake Road Kalispell. For more information, please call Frank or Kathleen at 756-7760.

Little Hooves and Harnesses Show

The Little Hooves and Harnesses are sponsoring a schooling show for mini horses, ponies, donkey's and horses. The event will be held at the Little Creek Ranch at 310 Batavia Lane on Saturday, June 28th. The event begins at 8:30 am. For more information please contact Janette at 257-7658.



Market Beef Members: You 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 people to make arrangements: Kalispell Area- Mark at 756-7710 or Fred at 756-8891, Bigfork Area- Joleen at 756-1202, 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.



Horse Cards and Assessments

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. Guidelines allow a member to have one or more back up horse cards on file. These cards must be in the office no later than Monday, June 2nd, 2008.



Assessments: 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. You must compete at the Fair in the level that the Extension Office has on file. You may turn in assessments to the Extension Office up until Monday, June 2nd, 2008.

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.

Records and Registration Forms are Due Friday, August 1st

Livestock Registration: All Livestock Registrations are due in the Fair Office no later than August 1st, 2008 at 4:00 pm. 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.



4-H Market Livestock Records and Drug Withdrawal Forms: Your market livestock records are due in the Extension Office by August 1st, 2008 no later than 5:00 pm. We suggest not waiting till the last day. Many times records are turned in incomplete and must be finished before they are checked off. You may begin to bring in your up to date records to be checked off on Tuesday, July 15th, 2008. This gives you over a three week window in which to complete your requirements.

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 will be included in the July newsletter. **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

*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. We would also ask that the ear tags on all market animals be clean and readable at weigh-in. **Horse members** may not wear Fat Baby Style Boots or tennis shoes. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office.*

Jemma Morrow and Health Rocks



4-H ■ HEALTHY LIFE SERIES

4-H Health Rocks is a curriculum based on a life skills development program for youth aged 8 to 12 years old. We would like to congratulate Jemma Morrow, a Glacier Stars member, who was chosen as the youth representative for Montana. She, along with two adult volunteers, went to Mississippi in March and became certified as a youth trainer. On Tuesday, July 15th, Flathead County 4-H program would **like two adults and two youth volunteers** to attend an all day training on Health Rocks in Missoula MT, at which Jemma will be presenting. Transportation is provided. Please call Karole if you are interested in being involved in a healthy, worthwhile curriculum project. 758-5553



Hoof Trimming: Beef project members can have their animals hooves trimmed on Sunday, June 29th, from Noon (12:00 pm) to 2:00 pm at the Flathead County Fairgrounds. Cost is \$12.00 per head. For more information, or questions, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.

Weigh-in Process at the NWMT Fair

The weigh-in for all market animals will be held on Monday, August 11th, 2008 in the main Livestock Building, also known as the Trade Center. The established weights and weigh in times are as follows:

Animal	Weights	Weigh-in Time
Lambs	110-160 lbs	8:00 a.m.– 9:00 a.m.
Lambs must be in the their stall no later than 8:00am.		
Hogs	220-285 lbs	9:30 a.m.—2:30 p.m.
Hogs must be in their stall no later than 12:00 pm (noon)		
Beef	1050– 1450lbs	4:00 p.m.—5:00 pm.
Beef must be in their stall no later than 3:00 p.m.		

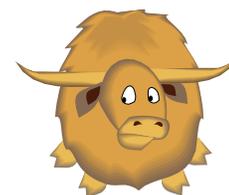
All animals will be weighed on the above time, so you must not be late. If you animal weighs-in light or heavy the animal will be removed from the scale, the scale will be checked and balanced, and the animal will be placed back on the scale immediately. If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office. 758-5553 A fact sheet about weigh-in day is also available in the Extension Office.

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 16th, 2008. The livestock are usually are moved that night or on Sunday. We need individuals with trailers that can help us with the market livestock animals due to our large numbers this year. Please call Clark Krantz, FFA Advisor, at 751-3950, if you are interested in helping.

Have You Always Wanted a Yak?

Jim Watson from the Spring Brook ranch has offered Tibetan bottle fed Yak calves at a reduced price to 4-H members. The retail price for these calves is \$1,250 each. Jim would like to offer a limited number of calves to 4H members for a much reduced price. He is willing to help with kid and yak training. For kids that want to work, he is also willing to trade. Members who purchase a yak must participate in 4H and attend the county fair with their yak.



Little and Littlest Chief Awards



Little Chief Award is sponsored by Western Outdoor and the Littlest Chief Award is sponsored by Corral West Ranch Wear.

The purpose of this award is to recognize an outstanding 4-H member who demonstrates Citizenship and Community Service. Win-

ners must demonstrate evidence in their activities and stories, that they have acquired life skills of

- 1) Taking responsibility for themselves and their choices; and
- 2) Having acquired a concern for their communities.

The winner receives a specially designed Montana Silversmith's belt buckle. Applications are available in the Extension Office. Applications are due in the Extension Office no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 18th, 2008.

Congrats 4H Senior Members



We would like to say congratulations to all of the 4-H members who are graduation this year and moving on to bigger and brighter days.

We hope that you will visit us from time to time and remember that your 4-H family is always here for you. We wish you success in all your future endeavors.

James Bailey
 Krissy Beaman
 Ashley Clare
 Jana Duty
 Austin Hagel
 Megan Lynch
 Cody Morris
 Jessica Roedel
 R.C. Sutton

Sierra Baker
 Jarek Bernt
 Sydney Cummings
 Mike Fleming
 Loretta Hemmingway
 Josie Mildred
 Nathanael Probert
 Tori Schipman
 Ethan Thacker

Northwest Montana Fair Tickets and Camp Spots are available for purchase at the Flathead County Fair Office on Monday, June 23rd, 2008 at 7:00 am.

2008 MT 4H Shotgun Postal

Junior 4-H members are to shoot one round (25shots) of Trap (5 shots from each of the 5 posts) from the 16 yard line. Seniors are to shoot two rounds (50shots) of Trap from the 16 yard line. Scores are to be shot between June 1st and August 15th. Score cards, signed by the scorekeeper, must be turned into the McCone County Extension Office at Box 200, Circle, MT 59215. A \$5.00 entry fee for each member is required. For more information, or to obtain score sheets, please call Ken Nelson at 406-485-2605.



Add Drop Project Deadline

Monday, June 2nd, 2008 is the last day that 4-H members may add or drop a project. Please call the Extension Office by 5:00 pm on June 2nd if you would like to add or drop a project. 758-5553 You should also have purchased your workbooks and picked up your record sheets for your project by this date or you will most likely be rushing to get your projects done by the end of the 4-H year.

Young, Small Suffolk Ewe: Young, small suffolk ewe free to good home. She absolutely loves people. For more information, please call Kathleen at 756-7760.

Free Rabbit: Rex buck free to good home. Black in color. Good 4-H rabbit. Call Melissa at 387-5065 for more information.

Free Rabbit: Mini Lop doe, free to good home. She is sable in color. For more information, please call Sophia at 755-2071.

Free Bantam Aricana Rooster and Golden Laced Cochin Rooster: Both Beautiful birds, about 9 weeks in age. Are handled often. Great project birds. Call Steve Martinez at 755-3392

Wanted: Rabbit hutch for two rabbits. In Good Shape. Please call Lisa McKeon at 387-5543.

If you would like to add something to the July newsletter please call the Extension Office by June 24th. Thank you.

Don't aim for success if you want it; just do what you love and believe in, and it will come naturally.

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