



## Flathead County Camp Registrations Available!



We are excited to announce the 2009 Flathead County 4-H Camp registrations are now available on our website and here in the Extension Office. This year's camp theme is **"Wild Kingdom"**. The camp will be held at the Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp located on Loon Lake near Ferndale, MT on July 20th-23rd. Cabin names include the Buffalo, Elk, Lions, Grizzly Bears, Kangroos, Hippos, Geese, and more. We will have a variety of activities for our campers to take part in including tie-dying, canoeing, swimming, campfire and lots of other outdoor activities. Members who are 4-H age 8-12 years are eligible to attend. The cost is \$70.00 for members and \$80.00 for non-4-H members. Partial scholarships are available to 4-H members upon request.



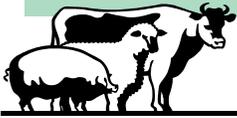
## Spring Foundation Forum Meeting

This is a reminder that the Flathead 4-H Foundation Spring Forum will be held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds on Thursday, June 4th at 6:30 pm. District 2 will be hosting this forum. All clubs should have a representative at this meeting. Topics for discussion will include upcoming fair events, state congress, county camp updates, the Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp and a recap on horse camp. If you have an item you would like to see added to the agenda, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.

District 1 will have a Market Sale Buyer's Breakfast Meeting at the conclusion of the Forum meeting, chaired by Sandy Evenson. All District 1 and 2 clubs should have a representative at this meeting: *B&F Livestock, Trailblazer's, Rowdy Ropers, Happy Hooves, West Valley Wranglers, Golden Spurs, Deer Park, Smith Valley Boosters, Country Cousins and Glacier Stars.*



## Triple Livestock Showmanship Seminar



Need to sharpen your showmanship skills or brush up for this year? Are you just starting out and not sure where to begin when it comes to showmanship? This is the clinic for you! We will be holding a showmanship

clinic at the Fairgrounds on Monday, June 1st at 6:30 pm. There will be three separate seminars taking place at once, one for hog members, one for beef, and one for sheep. Basic showmanship and grooming your animal for show will be covered in each presentation. The seminars will be held in the older barns on the west side of the Fairgrounds. Lamb members are encouraged to bring their lambs to their clinic. For more information, please call the Extension Office. 758-5553

## Add Drop Project Deadline



Monday, June 1st, 2009 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 1st 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. June 1st is also the deadline for Horse Cards and assessments for Horse members. Call the Extension Office if you have any questions.

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## A Wrap-up on Horse Camp

We would like to say thank you to all the parents, chaperones and members who participated in the Second Annual Flathead County 4-H 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 also would like to let campers know that Jeff and Jackie Jung have created DVD's of your camp experience and have left a copy for each camper in the Extension Office, free of charge. Please come by as soon as possible to pick up your copy. A big thank you to Jeff and Jackie for all of their hard work as well! **We are looking forward to 2010 and lots of fun at the Third Annual Flathead County 4-H Horse Camp!!!!**

## County-wide Arts & Crafts Meeting

The June Arts and Crafts meeting will be held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds on Monday, June 15th and will begin at 6:30 pm. **This is your last meeting of the 4-H year so there will be a pizza party!!!**

This months meeting has two parts. Those listed below are members who have attended all of the Arts & Crafts Meetings and have been given a special project: Barn Window Picture Frames:

Skylar Smith      Tristan Smith      Kennedy Brown  
Soren Haagerup      Crystal Sutton      Lauren Bridges

*We apologize that Lauren's name was listed incorrectly in last months newsletter.*

Those working on the Picture frames should bring the following:

- \* Foam Board      \* Shipping Tape      \* Hangers for Your Frame
- \* Decorations of your choice      \* Glass to put in the frame
- \* Images for your frame, matted if required.



For all others attending this meeting, you will be completing the bird houses you began working on last month. Please bring the following:

- \* Decorations of your choice: Examples include: Rocks, Moss, Miniature Items, Pine Cones, Thread Spools, Sticks, Glass, Mirror, Drift Wood, Beads, Tiles, Marbles, Etc.

Glue will be provided for both projects by Bill.

For questions, please call Bill Prichard at 257-6209.

**Please check out the art show listed in the next add to see all of the artwork our talented 4-Hers have created.**

## Thank You to Those Who Worked at the 4-H Camp Service Day

We would like to thank the following individuals who donated their time on May 16th to help spruce up the Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp on Loon Lake:

Amanda Brandt	Crystal Burnham	Pat Burnham
Lauren Callan	Chad Carlin	Val Carlin
Tina Engebretson	Vileka Fisher	Andrea Hemingway
Dawson Lynch	Dorothy Lynch	Rylin Madsen
Sheri Madsen	Gary Mahugh	Charlotte Miller
Benjamin Moon	Janae Moon	Karen Moon
Brandon Norick	Cassidy Norick	Colin Norick
Colter Norick	Tara Norick	Chance Ovnicek
Cheyene Ovnicek	Dale Sommerfield	Karole Sommerfield
Shelley Smith	Tristan Smith	Bill Stewart
Linda Stewart	Tony Stewart	Ethan Thacker

The Flathead 4-H Foundation is grateful to everyone for their long day of clearing debris from the grounds, cleaning cabins, and creating new curtains for each cabin. They worked very hard to see that the grounds look their best for the upcoming camping season.

Those who took part and are eligible to attend Flathead 4-H Camp will receive a \$20 deduction toward their camp registration fees.

## 4-H Art Show on June 27th!



You are invited to attend a 4-H Art Show at NW Hair Company on Saturday, June 27th, 2009 at 2:00 pm. (230 1st Avenue West, Kaspell) Please come and see what our talented 4-Hers have been working hard on throughout this 4-H year. **This show is open**

**to the public and we encourage everyone to attend.** For more information, please contact Bill Prichard at 257-6209.

## AG Committee Meeting

**AG Committee Meeting:** The next 4-H AG Committee Meeting will be held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds on Thursday, June 4th, 2009 at 5:30 pm. The meeting will wrap up shortly before the Foundation Forum starts at 6:30. **All 4-H Clubs with market livestock members should have a FILL Leader representative at the meeting.** Agenda items include tagging and weigh-in overviews, upcoming Fair schedules and events, and any other market animal topics that need to be addressed. To add items to the agenda, please contact the Extension Office.

## Interested In State Congress?

State Congress applications are now available in the Extension Office. Please call the Extension Office in advance and we will get your packet personalized for you prior to pick-up. You may only compete if you took part in County Congress, however there are numerous activities for those who didn't attend County Congress. Any member who is 14 years old or older as of October 1st, 2008 is eligible to attend. State Congress is a great teen opportunity and we strongly encourage members to go. State Congress packets must be completed and returned to the Extension Office by June 11th.



## Little Chief Award



The Little Chief Award is sponsored by Western Outdoor .

The purpose of this award is to recognize an outstanding 4-H member who demonstrates Citizenship and Community Service. Winners 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 belt buckle. Applications are available in the Extension Office and online. Applications are due in the Extension Office no later than 5:00 p.m. Friday, July 24th, 2009.



**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 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.

## 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 our large numbers this year. Please call Clark Krantz, FFA Advisor, at 751-3957, if you are interested in helping.

## '09 State Congress Service Project

The 2009 State Congress Community Service Project is Hero Packs for Operation Military Kids. Hero Packs are a hands-on way for 4-H youth to provide a salute to a military children and youth for their strength and sacrifice while parents are deployed.

There are two versions of hero packs: Kinder Packs (ages 3-8) and Hero Packs (ages 9-18). Each Congress participant is asked to bring one disposable camera and one photo album or frame to Congress. **In addition we will be collecting the following new/unused items in the Extension Office: Stuffed toys, stationary, cards, worry dolls, small blankets or quilts, 4-H items, stamps, gift cards, prepaid phone cards, local handmade items, art supplies, small games and books.**

All items brought into the office will be delivered to Bozeman to stuff the packs with goodies for these children. For questions, call the Extension Office at 758-5553 .

**In Your Boots:** We have a form in our office that has the picture of a boot on it. Members are asked to write a poem or short essay expressing their appreciation for military youth and their families. They can decorate their boot in any fashion they choose. We will make copies of each boot so that the member can display their project at their school or home. The original boot will go to the state for a display at State Congress. Call the Extension Office for more details and to get your "boots".

## Hoof Trimming for Beef Members

Beef project members can have their animals hooves trimmed on Sunday, July 26th, at 6:00 pm at the Flathead County Fairgrounds. Cost is \$13.00 per head. For more information, or questions, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.



### 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.

## 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. We would like to remind our donors that Fair awards should be delivered to the Extension Office by Friday, July 17th, 2009. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. 758-5553

## Horse & Mini Horse Guidelines

All 4-H Horse and Mini Horse Project members wishing to participate in the NWMT Fair 4-H Horse Show and/ or 4-H mini horse competitions, must meet these 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: (Mini Horses are Exempt)** 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.

**Clinic: The last opportunity for 4-H Horse/Mini Horse Members.** It will be held at the Flathead County Fairgrounds Main Arena on **Tuesday, June 16th, from 5:30-7:30 pm**. The clinic topic will be "Now That We Know the Elements, How Do We Teach/Train Our Horses To Do Them?" Those attending will learn how to train their horse to do the required elements of the main classes, as well as how to improve those elements if your horse is already doing them. It will be beneficial to members, leaders and parents. If a member is bringing their horse pre-registration with Stacia at 756-8254 is required. **Only the first 10 members who call and pre-register will be allowed to bring their horse.** Those who do not bring their horse will be able to observe up close and ask questions at each work station. There will be three instructors for a variety of training techniques and suggestions. All members should dress casually with appropriate footwear. Those riding need to also bring their helmets and arrive at the clinic no later than 5:00 pm.

The Montana 4-H State Horse Show book as been added to our website: <http://flathead.mt.gov/extension/downloads.php> This can be used as a resource to find rules and regulations that the Flathead 4-H horse program adheres to. As soon as the 2009 book is available, we will post it. The location of the 2009 show is not Corvallis, MT. For more information, please call the Extension Office as 758-5553.

## Horse & Mini Project Members Required to Attend Last Chance Clinic

The following is a list of members who are currently enrolled, as of April 27th, in the horse or mini horse projects and have not attended clinics 1-4. If you enrolled in the horse project after May 19th, you must also attend to be eligible for participation in the 4-H portion of the 2009 NWMT Fair. If you feel your name has been listed in error, please contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. 758-5553

Nicole Birk	Alyssa Blankenship	Desiree Blankenship
Alli Bondurant	Marriah Bradstreet	Gabriel Broughton
Talli Carmalt	Trey Carmalt	Jana Duty
Ben Fisher	Kaitlin Hagadone	Shyann Hughes-Siderius
Olivia Koczur	Carissa Krueger	Natasha McClure
Caitlin Morrison	Cassidy Norick	Sydney Pandina
Jamel Perkins	Hailey Sapa	Shelby Sladek
Nina Timmons	Brittany Williams	Trinity Williams
Pascale Yacavone		

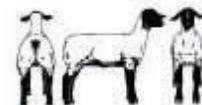
## Dr. Erfle Offer's 4-H Discounts

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!

**Northwest Montana Fair Tickets and Camp Spots are available for purchase at the Flathead County Fair Office on Monday, June 22nd, 2009.**

## Suffolk Sheep Breeders Ewe Grant

The Montana Suffolk Sheep Breeders Association is awarding one \$200 grant to be used for the purchase of a Suffolk ewe lamb or yearling ewe. This grant is for members ages 9-16. Applicants must be able to maintain and breed the ewe in a flock for two years, maintain a MSSBA membership for two years, and read provide materials from the MSSBA to gain a better knowledge of sheep health and care. Other requirements can be found in the Extension Office. Applications are to be mailed to Miles City no later than June 30th.

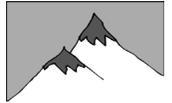


**Montana Youth Trapper Camp:** This camp will be held June 12th-14th. Campers will attend classes on trapping methods, ethics, regulations, fur handling, health and safety. Camp instructors come from the MTA Education Program, Montana 4-H, and MT Fish Wildlife, and Parks. This camp is open to all youth under the age of 18, those under 10 years must be accompanied by an adult. More on this program and registrations can be found at <http://www.montanatrappers.org/programs/ytc.htm>



**Cloverbud Camp:** World of Nature! Cloverbud Camp will be held at the Darrell E. Fenner 4-H Camp on Loon Lake on June 19th-20th. Camp begins at 10:00 am Friday and will wrap up on Saturday afternoon. This is a great opportunity for parents to share in the exciting experience of Camp with your child. Members must be 6-8 years of age to attend, and must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Cost is \$60 for one youth and one adult, with an additional charge of only \$25 for each additional adult or child. Registrations are available in the Extension Office and online. Registration deadline is June 2nd and registrations should be mailed directly to Sanders County Extension Office. For more information please call 406-827-6934.

**Peaks and Potentials:** This camp is held at the Montana State University Campus June 21st-26th. Now in its 26th successful summer, this experience is designed to give high-ability/high-potential students in grades 5-7 (in Fall, 2009) 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. Registrations are available in the Extension Office.



**Montana Natural Resource Youth Camp:** The future decisions of how our natural resources will be managed will be made by the youth of today. The Montana Natural Resource Youth Camp has been active for more than 20 years, giving youth the opportunity to study economic realities, historical heritage, scientific principles, and the social perspectives of today in an outdoor setting. This year's camp will be held on Sunday, July 12th through Friday, July 17th at the Lubrecht Experimental Forest east of Missoula. Campers aged 14-18 are eligible to attend. The full cost of the camp is \$175, which includes meals, supplies and lodging. Campers are encouraged to contact their local Conservation District for sponsorship which will cover much of the camp cost. Registrations can be found at [www.mnryc.org/download/MNRYCAApplicationPackage.pdf](http://www.mnryc.org/download/MNRYCAApplicationPackage.pdf) For more information contact Martin Twer at 406-243-2775.



**Flathead 4-H Camp:** See Page 1 For Details! Registrations are available online and in the Extension Office.

**Bozeman Teen Leadership Camp:** Leading the Adventure. Montana 4-H and Operation Military kids are sponsoring a three day Teen Leadership Camp July 21st-23rd at Lion's Ridge Camp in Bozeman. All teens 13-19 years of age are eligible for this camp. Campers will experience military culture, learn leadership and team building skills and resiliency through outdoor activities including hiking, rock climbing and rappelling. Registrations deadline is June 19th. To register contact Gregg Switzer at 406-581-0624 or Caroline Dettle at 994-6241. More information can also be found at [www.lionsridge.org](http://www.lionsridge.org)



**Montana Youth Range Camp:** Camper's age 12-18 will be introduced to 25 of Montana's important range plants at this clinic which begins July 27th and lasts through July 31st. The camp will be located at Cane Ridge West in Lincoln, MT. Other topics will include soils, water, plant, wildlife and livestock on the range. Registration is \$125. Conservation scholarships are available by contacting your local conservation office. Registrations are available at [www.dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/camps/rangecamp/default.asp](http://www.dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/camps/rangecamp/default.asp)

**2009 Teen 4-H Camp:** This camp is specifically designed for teens and is open to all 4-H teens in Montana. It will be held at the Darrell E. Fenner 4-H Camp at Loon Lake in Ferndale on Wednesday, July 29th through Saturday, August 1st. Cost is \$95 for Flathead County members. This will include 9 meals, snacks and tons of fun. Registrations will be available to members in the Extension Office and online and will be due to the Ravalli County 4-H Council by July 17th. For more information, please call 406-375-6611.

**Youth History Camp:** The Montana Heritage Commission is inviting youth ages 11-15 to experience the Alder Gulch History Camp scheduled for August 2nd-8th. Workshops include outdoor cooking, basket weaving, blacksmithing, gold prospecting and tours of historic Virginia City and Nevada City. Cost is \$400 and enrollment is limited to 20. Scholarships are available by application. Cost includes five nights stay at the Bonanza Inn in Virginia City, meals and tickets to a performance at the Virginia City Opera House, a train ticket and all other activities. For more information call 406-843-5247 or go to <http://www.virginiacitymt.com/HistoryCamp.asp>

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

## Weigh-in Process at the NWMT Fair

The weigh-in for all market animals will be held on Monday, August 17th, 2009 in the main Livestock Building, also known as the Trade Center. The documented 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 their stall no later than 8:00am.		

Hogs	220-285 lbs	9:30 a.m.- 1:30 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 your 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 and online.

## 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 5:00 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 Monday, July 13th, 2009. This gives you 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 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

## Cascade County Offers Horse Clinic

Cascade County 4-H horse program is offering an educational clinic to all 4-H horse project members on June 27th at the MT ExpoPark in Great Falls. Polish up your skills for County Shows, State Fair, and the State Horse Show. It will cost \$20 to attend and will begin promptly at 8:00 am. Registrations are available in the Extension Office and online and are due to Cascade County Extension Office by June 19th. Helmets are required.



## Fair Registrations Process Has Changed

**Livestock Registration:** All Livestock Registrations are due in the Fair Office no later than Monday, August 3rd, 2009 at **4:00 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.

**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, entomology, forestry, wildlife, cat, fishing, scrapbooks, small engines, sewing, quilting, needlework, knitting/crocheting, etc. These items need to be physically turned into their perspective barns by Monday, August 17th, at 9:00 pm. The Fair Office is requiring different registration/submittal requirements for perishable items which include food entries, floriculture, horticulture, etc. For all questions regarding this new procedure, please contact the **Fair Office at 758-5810.**

*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 Style Boots or tennis shoes. If you have questions, please contact the Extension Office.*

## 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).

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.

## Drill Team Opportunity for 4-H Horse Members



## Trail Blazer's Trail Challenge Obstacle Course

Anyone interested in forming a youth drill team should contact Deanna Able at 250-0340. Deanna is a member of the Trail Blazer's Adult Horse Drill Team and would be happy to work with 4-H members who are interested in this fun activity.

The Trail Blazer's Horse Club is hosting a Trail Challenge Obstacle Course at Herron Park on Sunday, June 28th. Registration will begin at 8:00 am on the 28th and competition will begin at 10:00 am. There will be youth and open classes, prizes and concessions. All breeds and riding disciplines are welcome. For more information please call Deanna Able at 250-0340.

## Jackpot Shows & Livestock Judging

**Montana Jr. Beef Expo**-June 11-13, 2009, Lewistown, MT.

Contact Mardi & Mike: 406-538-2164

**Beaverhead County Bonanza**-June 20, 2009, Dillion, MT.

Contact Shelly Schuett: 406-683-2406

**Blue Ribbon Preview**-June 21, 2009, Deer Lodge, MT.

Contact Dick Perkins: 406-560-0085 or Lilly Taite: 406-240-0852

**Huntley Eagles Jackpot**-June 21, 2009, Billings, MT.

Contact Trish Hays: 406-785-2152

**Rock'in Rider's Bitterroot Youth Jackpot**-June 27, 2009- Ravalli County Fairgrounds. Open pen show included. Contact Shelly Brown: 406-240-4879 or Sherry Disney: 406-777-5510

**Yellowstone Classic**- June 28, 2009, Billings, MT.

Contact Paul & Brenda Bromenshenk: 406-656-7173

## 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 found in club leader's mailboxes.



## Amanda Matdies' Horticulture Tip of the Month



When planning a garden think on these things:

1. size of plot and plants,
2. available time for taking care of garden,
3. purpose (edible or ornamental, etc.),
4. plants you want to plant
5. hardiness zone and maturity dates,
6. location-for sun exposure and shadow casting, water, fertile soil (nutrients), and crop rotation, companion planting garden features-like stepping-stones or other pathways, bird-houses, birdfeeders, birdbaths, decorative items, seating, and water features. Remember "Life is like a bowl of cherries!"



## Frank Sutton Retirement Party

The Sutton family will be hosting a retirement party/ potluck for Frank Sutton on Sunday, June 14th at the Central Bible Church (corner of 1st Avenue East and 9th Street East) from 2:00-5:00 pm. Frank has been employed with Nupac and Kalispell City Road Department for many years and is a 4-H leader. Please join the family to celebrate Frank's new adventures.



## Big Green Help

As part of National 4-H Council's ongoing partnership with Nickelodeon, Laura Webber and the 4-H Million Trees project was featured in a 20-second profile that aired on Earth Day, April 22nd. Part of their "Big Green Help" initiative, Nickelodeon will be highlighting youth who are making a huge impact on the environment.

Nickelodeon is offering grants ranging from \$2500 to \$5000 to 10 green teams. Teams consist of youth that are helping to make a difference in their home, school and community. This is a great opportunity for 4-Hers that are currently engaging in environmental projects. Youth can register their projects online until December 2009. More information and applications for these grants are available at [www.4-h.org](http://www.4-h.org)



If you would like to submit information for the July Newsletter, please turn in your information to the Extension Office no later than Wednesday, June 22nd, 2009.

## National Soil Project

You can help the National Soil Research Project at Northeastern University, Boston where students are measuring the humic and fulvic acid contents of the nation's agricultural top soils. The HA and FA are vital organic components of healthy soils. They retain water, act as pH buffers, improve soil texture/porosity and regulate many other soil functions.

The University hopes to double or even triple the number of samples to be analyzed. You can collect and mail a one pound dry soil sample to the University for analysis. Mailing costs will be reimbursed.

If you would like to participate contact [g.davies@neu.edu](mailto:g.davies@neu.edu) for complete information.

## Disney Minnie Grants

Youth Service America (YSA) and Disney know that youth of all ages can be involved in volunteer service projects. Join in the global youth service movement, and make a difference in your area. Grants of up to \$500 are available to support youth-led service projects taking place during the months of September - November 2009. Application deadline is June 15th. For more information please contact the Extension Office.

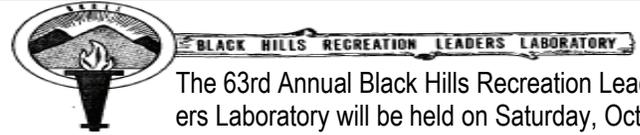
### FREE & WANTED ITEMS

**Free for Lease During Show Season:** Nice 5 yr old pinto miniature mare. For youth in the 4-H Mini program only. Feed & care required as part of lease. Call Marian for additional information at 257-7658.

**Wanted:** A breeding pair of California, Champagne or Crème D'Argent Rabbits for a 4-H project. Please call Michelle at 854-2234.

**Free to Good Home:** 6 African Grey Geese, born May 15th, 2009. Owner has had raised this flock through four generations. Please contact Charlie at 314-4049 for more information.

## Black Hills Recreation Leaders Lab<sup>8</sup>



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 other temperament types 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 \$250 and \$50 for lodging if registering by July 1st. 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)

## Congrat's To Our 4-H Seniors!



We would like to say congratulations to all of the 4-H members who are graduating this year and moving on to bigger and brighter endeavors. We hope that you will stop in and say hi from time to time. We wish you success in all your future adventures.

Makayla Darrow	Dustin DeMars
Rebecca Denning	Rebecca Fichter
Christopher Jellison	Dalton Lauria
Carmen Luke	Rachel Olson
Chad Parris	Ariana Schults
Caitlin Sterchi	Michael Stoick
Chance Stupack	Austin Styler
Ann Ward	Meagan Wilkinson

## Trailer and Wood Shed Needed at the Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp



The Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp is in need of a new wood shed and we are looking to our 4-H community for help. A three-sided, pole style, wood shed that can house approximately 4 cords of wood or more, needs to be built near the Main Lodge. Materials will be purchased by the Foundation unless a source that is willing to donate materials can be located. We are looking for someone with construction knowledge to volunteer their time in heading up this project, as well as individuals to help with the labor. This would be a great service project for a 4-H Club.

The camp is also 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.

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