



# 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 and will be serving dinner between 5:00 to 7:30 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.**



## 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.

## Line Dancing Event for 4-H Members

The Columbia Falls Senior Center Line Dancers will be hosting a line dancing class open to all Flathead 4-Hers at the Fairgrounds on Tuesday, March 31st, at the Country Kitchen Building on the Fairgrounds from 6:00-8:00 pm. AGAPE Home Care will be providing refreshments and the Open Horizon's 4-H Club will be providing the goodies. We encourage members and leaders of all ages to attend. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the Extension Office at 758-5553 or Julie Brubaker at 314-0175.



## Montford Egan Eagles Valentines Day Event

Montford Egan Eagles 4-H Club provided a community service and were also able to raise a few dollars for their club treasury by providing child care on Valentines Day night. This gave lots of parents in their area an opportunity spend an evening together without the kids. The club members watched about 20 children from 5:30-9:30 pm at the Fairmont Egan School, playing games, eating pizza and watching movies. The parents were quite excited about the service being offered. This was a great idea and a fun way to help out the community and make money as well. Great Job!

**Error:** Last month we listed a notice that Kila Rangers members created 15 candy kiss angels for Meals on Wheels. The club actually created 150 candy kiss angels. We apologize for the error and want to give Kila Rangers a huge pat on the back for their hard work.

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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, **TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2009. (DEADLINE EXTENDED)**.

**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 handouts 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.

**NEW!** **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.

**NEW!** **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!!!!**

## 4-H AG Committee Meeting

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.



## 4-H Horse Committee Meeting

The next horse committee meeting will be held in the Extension Office on Monday, March 9th, 2009 at 5:30 pm. Topics will include the success of the last two clinics, discussion of upcoming clinics, and horse camp. If you have an item you would like to see added to the agenda, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.

## County-wide Arts & Crafts Meeting

To attend this month's arts and crafts meeting, you must have attended last month's meeting. This is a continuation of last month's project. The March meeting will be held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds on Monday, March 16th, 2009 at 6:30 pm. Members' homework is the following: You were to work on your idea and what you were going to use for your activity, how you can make it, and what you are going to use to make it (i.e. from nature, home, your own creation etc.). Members who would like to attend, should also bring the following:

Mod Podge	Scissors
Newspaper	Paintbrush(s)
Your project	



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



## 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.** There is one Livestock Quality Assurance Clinic remaining this year; Thursday, March 19th at the Fairgrounds Country Kitchen Building at 6:30 pm. **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.** Materials need to be prepared for each member who attends.

## Market Livestock Members Needing LQA Certification



If your name is listed below, then as of February 24th, our records indicate that you are required to attend the March 19th LQA training to be eligible to bring a market animal to the 2009 NWMT Fair. Please call the Extension Office if you have any questions. If you enroll in a market livestock project after February 24th, you must contact the Extension Office regarding your market livestock project requirements.

Tau Ke Ale Amundsen  
Krissy Beaman  
Desiree Blankenship  
Arron Burns  
Caitlin Caltabiano  
Christine Connolly  
Ben Fisher  
Nikaela Higgins  
Shyann Hughes-Siderius  
Pierre Kaptanian  
Garret Lyford  
Iris Matulevich  
Mackenna Murer  
Aaron Oberlitner  
Moriah Probert

Bryer Anderson  
Alyssa Blankenship  
Abigail Boll  
Kayla Byle  
Sam Clarin  
Patrick Connolly  
Ashley Hanson  
Nicole Houston  
Julian Kaptanian  
McKenzie Keck  
Savannah Mahlen  
Caitlin Morrison  
Michaela Murer  
Austin Oberlitner  
Seth Probert



**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.

## 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!

MEMBERS WHO  
MUST ATTEND  
LQA #2 ON  
MARCH 19TH  
CONTINUED:

Kaden Safranski  
Matthew Sampson  
Jenna Skonord  
Emily Stafford  
Caitlin Sterchi  
Meagan Wilkinson

James Sampson  
Danielle Skonord  
Alysha Smith  
Laura Stafford  
Lindsay Wendt  
Pascale Yacavone



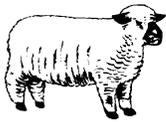
## Other Important Livestock Dates

**Hog Seminar:** There will be an informative seminar for all Hog members on Monday, March 30th at the **UNITED WAY COMMUNITY ROOM AT THE GATEWAY WEST MALL** at 6:30 pm. *(Please note location change).* Duane Braaten, owner of Farm to Market Pork, will be presenting useful and valuable information for those attending. This clinic is not a requirement, however it is strongly encouraged.

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

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

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



## Intermountain Livestock Judges' Training

The Intermountain Livestock Judges' Training will be held in Caldwell, Idaho on May 14th-16th at the Canyon County Fairgrounds and the University of Idaho District II Conference Center. Extension Educators from Colorado, Idaho, Utah, and Wyoming have teamed up for this special event. Geared to interested leaders, parents, producers and livestock enthusiasts, the training will give hands-on education in livestock selection and evaluation. This year's training will cover beef and swine with a special focus on sheep and meat goats, and is designed to help improve your livestock selection, evaluation, oral reasons, and current terminology skills. Registration cost is \$150 for adults and \$100 for youth if turned in by April 14th. Cost several meals and snacks. Registrations are available in the Extension Office. If you have any questions please contact Dawn Sanchez at 307-783-0570 or [dasanchez@uintacounty.com](mailto:dasanchez@uintacounty.com)

## 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 Clinic #4:** Will be held at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, April 18th. Dr. Esch, owner/veterinarian of Ashley Creek Animal Clinic, will be offering discounted vaccinations to 4-H members during the clinic. Golden Spurs is hosting this clinic and more information will be available in the April newsletter.

## 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 two remaining clinics offered this year. Watch the newsletter for details regarding these clinics and 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 #3:** Topic is "From the Judges Point of View - What Judges are Looking For". Take advantage of the insight of four judges - will be beneficial to members, leaders and parents. This will be a working/interactive clinic for everyone to listen/learn - members can bring horse (only five slots left! Pre-register is required for those bringing horses - please call number below).

**When:** Saturday, March 28th, 12:00(noon) - 3:00 pm.

**Where:** Mooring Road Arena (formerly Elk Park) - From Kalispell go 5.7 miles east (US 2 E turns into MT 35 E), then at "Woody's Store" go north 5.4 miles on MT 206, go right on Elk Park Rd for 0.2 miles, then take right on Mooring Rd for approx. 0.4 miles - indoor arena is on the right.

**What:** Learn procedures/requirements of classes, elements and scoring, point and deductions, and a question and answer session after each class.

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

## 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.

**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.

## 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 challenge 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.**



## 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.

**Error in You're the Chef, Level 3 Foods Book:** Pages 38-41 are not to be used, as they are unsafe instructions for food preservation. We will have an insert for those pages in one month. We apologize for the inconvenience.



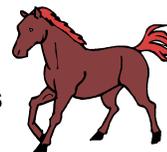
**Horse Camp:** All 4-H horse members should mark your calendars for the 2nd Annual Flathead County 4-H Horse Camp which will be held at the Flathead County Fairgrounds, on May 8th & 9th, 2009. This is a great overnight camp filled with lots of educational and fun activities. More information will be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

## Riding Opportunities for 4-Hers

Calling all 4H kids—Please pass the word. Time to start getting your horses and minds into shape. Come ride at Elk Park Arena on Saturdays between 9am and 11am. Shaun and Codi Sorensen will be around to help with your horse projects. Cost: 5.00 for kids and 10.00 for parent; if they get too overwhelmed, arena time is dedicated to the kids. Leaders feel free to also come and help out. The more time leaders can spend with the 4-H horse project members, the better they will be. This is open to all county 4H horse kids who want to spend some time riding. Questions: call 250-6865 Codi is hoping to do this through March and they'll see how the weather is the first of April. March 28<sup>th</sup> is a clinic that day at Elk Park, so there won't be riding on that Saturday.

## MSU Youth Horsemanship School

The MSU Youth Horsemanship School will be held in Bozeman, MT on June 22nd-26th. The school is limited to the first fifty students, ages 9-17. Students must provide their own horse and western tack to participate. Students and chaperones stay on the MSU campus. Students are provided useful information and skill development. Goals include increase horsemanship skills, provide knowledge and incentive to be a more effective rider, and provide an enjoyable and effective educational experiences. New this year is an opportunity for students to specialize in barrel racing. Students must be able to display certain skills with their horse before being allowed to participate in this program. Registrations are available in the Extension Office or on our website. Cost is \$300 per student and \$150 for chaperones, and includes housing and meals. For more information please call 406-994-7953.



## 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.**

**Interested in Muzzle Loading?** Randy Burns will be offering muzzle loading project orientation at Lapp Shooting Range on Sunday, March 8th. For more information and to register please call Randy at 755-1262. Open to all 4-Hers 12 years and older.

## 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

**Shiloh Sharps®** The Montana 4-H Shooting Sports program is hosting a raffle for a \$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-H College Scholarships

**Daisy 4-H Shooting Sports:** Members must have a 3.0 GPA minimum and have participated in 4-H shooting sports for at least 3 years. Scholarship is \$500. Other requirements info and applications available in the Extension Office or our website.

**NILE Scholarship:** Minimum GPA 2.5 and must have participated in NILE activities and be enrolled in either 4-H or FFA. Scholarships are \$500 each. Info and apps available in the Extension Office or online.

**Murdoch's Offers Local Scholarship:** This \$500 scholarship will be available to a Flathead 4-Her. Details regarding the application process will be released in the April newsletter.

Be sure to check out [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org) for more scholarship applications and information.

*If you would like to place an article or add in the April newsletter, please turn in your information to the Extension by March 23rd. Thanks for your help.*

## Horticulture Member Information

The Plant Land Tour was wonderful and we would like to thank Plant Land for offering such a valuable experience to our members. Plant Land also gave us this guide (dates to start seeds) for our members.

Alyssum	4/25	Geraniums for Seed	2/1
Impatiens	3/15	Lobelia	2/20 to 4/1
Marigold	3/15 to 4/15	Pansy	1/15 to 3/1
Perennials	1/15 to 3/1	Petunias	2/20 to 3/15
Snap Dragons	3/1	Broc/Caulif/Cabbage	3/15
Peppers	2/15	Squash	4/15
Tomatoes	3/20		

### Hort Tip of the Month from Amanda:

Herbs are plants that are valued for qualities such as medicine, flavor, or scent. When using herbs in cooking, the term *herb* typically means the leafy green parts of a plant and *spices* are derived from other parts of the plant like seeds, berries, bark, roots, and fruit, but can even occasionally be dried leaves. For a good alphabetical list of herbs visit the website [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_herbs\\_and\\_spices](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_herbs_and_spices). A few cooking herbs that do especially well indoors are thyme, parsley, oregano (requires lots of light), chives, and sage. Mint also does well, but plant in a separate pot because it can spread and overrun the other herbs in the container. Why not try some herbs this year? Come by the 4H office and pick up your free packet of herb seeds.



## FREE & WANTED ITEMS

**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.

**Free:** 2 Rabbit Cages & 1 Hamster Cage. For more info call Elaine at 755-1172.

**Geese:** Two African Brown Geese, likely one gander and one goose. Goose does lay eggs now and then. Very Friendly. Need to go as a pair. Please call Tanner or Melissa at 387-5065.

**Bunnies:** Free to good home. Two month old mix breed bunnies, three are black and two are caramel/buff colored. Call Amy Koch at 260-2492 or email at [amy329@centurtel.net](mailto:amy329@centurtel.net)





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