



2nd Annual Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp Clean-Up Day and Potluck



Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 1st as all Flathead 4-H families are encouraged to take part in the Darrell Fenner 4-H Camp clean-up day. We will be meeting at the camp lodge at 10AM. (The camp is located on Loon Like in Ferndale. Directions are available in the Extension Office) Please dress for outdoor working activities that may include painting, etc. We are asking families to also bring wheel barrows, rakes, shovels, shop vacs and other yard and/or cleaning tools and supplies that may be helpful. We will provide beverages during the day and hot dogs for lunch. Please bring a potluck dish to round out our meal, and a serving spoon. We will provide plates and all other utensils. The days activities will wrap up around 4PM. Please call the Extension Office if you have any questions and to let us know that you will be attending. 758-5553 or extension@flathead.mt.gov. We greatly appreciate all of our 4-H families for helping keep our camp beautiful. **Youth who take part in the camp clean up day will receive a \$20 credit toward their camp fees if they are attending Flathead County Camp this summer on July 19th-22nd.** Hope to see you there!

Angie's Greenhouse 4-H Partnership



Angie Olson, 4-H parent, and owner of Angie's Greenhouse, is offering 4-H families and friends an opportunity to give back to 4-H when purchasing plants. If a person comes into Angie's Greenhouse and says they are with 4-H, 10% of their purchase will be donated to either their club treasury or to the 4-H Camp at Loon Lake for renovations. The Greenhouse is located at 1722 Hwy 2, Columbia Falls. For more information regarding this generous offer please call Angie at 253-7888. A big thank you to Angie for her kind donation.

Spring Foundation Forum



This is a reminder that the Spring Flathead 4-H Forum will be held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds on Thursday, June 3rd at 6:30 pm. All clubs should have a representative at this meeting. Topics for discussion will include upcoming fair events, state congress, and county camp updates. If you have an item you would like to see added to the agenda, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.

June 1st is 4-H Add/Drop Deadline



Tuesday, June 1st is a big day in the Extension Office. It is the last day that members may either enroll/re-enroll into the 4-H program for the 2009-2010 4-H year. *(It is already past deadline for all market animal projects, and May 21st is the last day to sign up for horse projects.)*

June 1st is also the last day that currently enrolled members may add or drop a project. To do so, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553. No paperwork is required.

Lastly, June 1st is the last day horse members may turn in level assessments or horse cards. If you have any questions, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.

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AG & Horse Committee Meetings

AG Committee Meeting: The next 4-H AG Committee Meeting will be held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds on Thursday, June 3rd, 2010 at 5:30 pm. The meeting will rap 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 weighing 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.

Horse Committee Meeting: The next horse committee meeting will be held in the Extension Office on Tuesday, June 8th at 5:30 pm. A recap of the Flathead County horse camp and additional planning for Fair will be among other items on this meeting's agenda. Please call the Extension Office if you'd like an agenda item added. 758-5553

The Extension Office has a list of in and out of county lamb producers. If you or your club would like copies, please stop in.

This list is not an endorsement of any one producer over another and is not a complete list of all producers available. If you are or know someone who would like to be added or removed from our list, please contact the Extension Office at 758-5553 or extension@flathead.mt.gov

Local Veterinarian Offers Scholarship to Market Lamb

Dr. Barrett Edgren of the Big Sky Animal Clinic has offered a scholarship for the purchase price of one market lamb and one market hog. The market hog scholarship has already been awarded. ***Congratulations to Leon Allen Cook, our hog scholarship recipient.*** If you are a lamb project member and are interested in this scholarship, please submit the following information to the Extension Office:

Name

Club Name

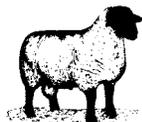
Years in the Project

Answer these two questions—

- 1) What goals do you have for your project and how will you accomplish these goals?
- 2) How will this financial assistance make a difference to you?

Letters are due to the Extension Office no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, May 14th.

We would like to thank Dr. Edgren for his continued support of the 4-H program!



Lamb Weigh-in and Tagging

The Lamb weigh-in and **tagging** will be held on the Fairgrounds, in the vicinity of the old livestock barns, on Tuesday, May 25th, 2010 from 4:30 to 6:00 pm. Be sure to know your breeder information, including name and address. Your club or your producer may be providing a weigh-in and tagging date previous to the ones posted for lamb members. Please check with your club livestock leader or your producer. Failure to have your animal tagged and weighed and your paperwork turned into the Extension Office by the posted date will result in the ineligibility of your animal attending Fair.

Members are required to wear appropriate footwear and clothing during weigh-in and/or tagging.

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 7th 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 allowed to bring their lambs to their clinic if they would like. For more information, please call the Extension Office. 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 17th. This is important for accurate ultrasounding. If your lamb is too woolly to be ultrasounded, you will be ineligible to enter the carcass competition.

Camper Spaces and Tickets for NWMT Fair Now Available



The Fair Office has announced that camper spaces, tickets for all events, and exhibitor passes are all available for purchase at the Fair Office. Tickets for events are also available on the Fair Office's website. If you have any questions, please call the Fair Office directly at 758-5810.



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 or 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.

Horse Clinic #5

“From the Judges Point of View - What Judges are Looking For”. Everyone is invited! This will be a working/interactive clinic for everyone to listen/learn - members can bring horse (only 8 slots left! Minis Welcome! Preregister is required for those bringing horses - please call number below). Bring Chairs!!

When: Saturday , May 22nd, 12:00(noon) - 2:00 pm.

Where: LaSalle Equestrian Center, 164 Pheasant Road, Columbia Falls. Directions: From Kalispell, go north on LaSalle/ Hwy 2 approx. 9.3 miles, then take right on Pheasant Road (just on south side of Bekier's Car Lot), go 0.3 miles and arena is on right. Look for balloons!!

What: Procedures/Requirements of Classes (Showmanship, Pleasure, Equitation, Patterns, Trail) Elements and Scoring Point and Deductions Question and Answer sessions after each class

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

The Golden Spurs Horse Work Meetings will be held at the Rocky Mountain Riders Saddle Club in Columbia Falls. They will be every Thursday from April 29th to May 27th from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. For more information, please call Chris at 261-9454.

Members Who Need to Attend Horse Clinic #5 to Qualify for NWMT Fair

This is a list of members who must attend clinic #5 to be eligible to participate in the NWMT Fair. If you enrolled in the horse project after April 26th, you are also required to attend this clinic. If your name was listed in error, please call the Extension Office 758-5553.

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| Cheyenne Andrews | Nicole Birk | Alyssa Blankenship-Baker | Desiree Blankenship-Baker | Hadleigh Bucher | Talli Carmalt |
| Jordyn Clare | Steven Cook | Brailynn Duval | Danielle Eskaoff | Julia Eskaoff | Savannah Gentry |
| Kylee Gibson | Katilin Hagadone | Brooke Hagler | Jordan Herron | Nicole Houston | Kelsey Hughes |
| Naesha Johnson | Jamie Jung | Maggie Jung | Quinn Kittleson | Jessica Kocks | Carissa Krueger |
| McKinnon Little | Sage Lovos | Marissa Barnes | Iris Matulevich | Lincoln May | Mariah Miller |
| Julia Morrow | Margot Myers | Amber Reiner | Kassie Rost | Shyann Siderius | Skylar Smith |
| Laura Stafford | Gabrielle Sutton | Kolbie Sutton | Krystal Sutton | Madeline Sutton | Charles Wheeler |

Horse/Mini Horse Guidelines



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

Horse Cards: The Extension Office must have a picture of the member with the horse/mini horse they intend to ride/show at the Fair. Cards are available in the Extension Office. Cards should be filled out completely and pictures attached to the back of the card. We encourage members to keep their cards up to date. Keep in mind that a back-up horse may be necessary due to unforeseen injuries etc, prior to Fair. Be sure, however, to only bring in horse cards for horses that you have experience with. These cards must be in the office no later than Tuesday, June 1st.

Project and Helmet Forms: Each member who wishes to participate in the 4-H horse/mini horse project (at any time during the 4-H year, including competition), must have a Horse Project Release Form and a Horse Helmet Policy & Acknowledgement of Education Form on file in the Extension Office.

Assessments: (not applicable for mini horse members) 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. Level assessments must be signed by a certified horse leader. Members will compete in either their highest completed level or the level they are currently working in. We encourage parents to speak with their horse leaders to determine which level would be most appropriate for their child to compete in at the NWMT Fair. You may turn in assessments to the Extension Office up until Tuesday, June 1st, 2010.

Clinics: To participate in the 4-H events at the NWMT Fair each horse/mini horse member must attend at least one 4-H sponsored horse/mini horse clinic during the upcoming year. **Details on the last remaining clinic is listed on this page.**

Golden Spurs 45th Annual Horse Show



Golden Spurs will be hosting its 45th annual horse show on Saturday May 29th, 2010. The show will start at 10:00 am at the Rocky Mountain Saddle Club in Columbia Falls. Entries must be received by Chris Scott no later than Thursday, May 27th. Forms are available at the Extension Office and should be sent to Chris Scott at 336 Cemetery Road, Kalispell, MT 59901 or brought into the Extension Office prior to the closing date. Cost is \$2.50 a class or \$15.00 for the whole day. Entries on the day of the show will be charged \$5.00 a class and those forms must be submitted to the registration table no later than 9:30 am. Classes will be based on 4-H projects with hi-points in Mini horses, 10 & Under, Juniors (11-13) and Seniors (14 & over). If you have any questions, please call Chris at 261-9454. We hope to see you there!

MSU Youth Horsemanship School



The MSU Youth Horsemanship School will be held in Bozeman, MT on June 21st-25th. 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. Activities range from roping and rodeo to ranch work and trail riding and showmanship. 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. Registration deadline is June 1st.

Horse Helmet Opportunities



The Trauma Services department at KRMC is offering to provide children an excellent opportunity to obtain helmets for a number of sporting venues, including horse helmets. They will provide the proper fitting and helmet to a child in the horse project for the cost of \$20. Other sporting events prices vary. To make an appointment or for more information, please call Heather at 751-5727.

Please also keep in mind that the Flathead 4-H Foundation is offering to reimburse the cost of one horse helmet (up to a \$25 value) during the lifetime of a child's membership. Please bring your helmet receipt into the office for reimbursement.

Mini Horse Barn Clean Up Event

All 4-H Mini Horse and horse members are encouraged to attend the Work Day planned for May 15th at 10:00 am at the Flathead County Fairgrounds, Barn G. Folks are needed to help clean up and refurbish Barn G for this year's Fair. If necessary work will also be continued and finished up on May 23rd. Questions, call Frank or Kathleen at 756-7760. We hope to see you there!

Updates in Horse Project for Fair

We will keep you updated in future newsletters as the state and local 4-H horse program coordinators make changes to this year's Fair and State Horse Show programs.



- Northwest Montana Fair 4-H Trail Class on Saturday, August 14th will start immediately after the first showmanship class and will close at 2:00 pm.
- All posters entered in the Fair by 4-H Horse project members will need to be picked up in the lobby of the Trade Center Building between noon and 4:00 pm on Sunday, August 22nd, 2010, or they will be recycled.
- The poster contest in the horse barn has been split into two categories, with no age divisions: Me and My Horse or Educational displays. Descriptions of each category will be in the Fair Book.
- Members are now allowed to compete at the NWMT Fair in either the level that they have completed (and turned into the Extension Office by June 1st) or the level they are currently working on. Parents are encouraged to discuss which level their child should compete in with their horse project leader.
- Members must have completed level three and be working in level four of their horse project to be eligible to participate in either the Green Horse or Colt to Maturity Projects. All other projects are now open to all horse project members.

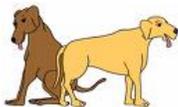
2010 State Horse Show Book Cover Contest

The Fergus/Petroleum County Horse Committee is hosting the 2010 State 4-H Horse Show in Lewistown on Sept. 17-19th. We would like to invite all 4-Hers to participate in choosing the logo and theme for the 2010 show. Entries are due by May 7th, 2010. A copy of the entry form is on the State Horse Show page on: <http://www.tein.net/~msufergus/Statehorshow/index.htm>. Just follow the link to the form or pick one up at the Extension Office. This is an opportunity for 4-H members to show off their creative and artistic skills by entering a logo design!

Horse Members Needed !!!

Herron Park Mini Event May 15th, Dressage at Rebecca Farm Show June 5-6th and the Event at Rebecca Farm July 22nd -25th are looking for volunteers. Volunteers will be running dressage tests back to the score keepers, calling out contestant's numbers to keep the show moving, and watching for refusals as horses go over the jumps. Steward, runners and experienced scribes are needed at the Dressage event. This would be a fun way to get some community service, and lunch will be provided. Call Linda Tutvedt at 249-3377 for more details.

Dog Obedience Training for 4-H



Anni Sutkus will be providing Dog Obedience Training (including canine good citizenship certifications) to all 4-H members at the reduced fee of \$25. The first class will be held at

Anni's home at 6:00 pm, on Thursday, May 27th. (1892 Columbia Falls Stage Road, Columbia Falls.) Members should not bring their dog to this first class as introductions and a video will be presented. The training will last approximately 8-10 weeks. For more information or to register call Anni at 892-5719.

LLAMA Club Hosts Summer Harvest Fest at Fairgrounds

Join us during Summer Harvest Fest on July 10th and 11th, 2010 at the Flathead County Fairgrounds. The L.L.A.M.A. 4-H Club will be hosting a Fiber Invitational to all members with fiber animal projects, as well as a youth open class for youth not enrolled in 4-H with a fiber project or those not of 4-H age. We are inviting all 4-H members/clubs to participate in our "Make It With Strawberries!" contest and are awarding cash prizes. The festival is promoting fiber classes, llama pack demos, weaving, spinning, quilt displays, bread and cheese making classes, food dehydrating and other back to the basics classes, Farmers' Market participants, MT Made products, food and family fun! For further information or to sign up please contact Angela Crenshaw at 257-4474 or visit <https://sites.google.com/site/llama4hclub/home>.

Interested in Going to State 4-H Congress???

Montana 4-H State Congress will be held in Bozeman Montana at the MSU Campus July 7-10th, 2010. All 4-H members ages 14 and up are welcome to attend. Those not competing in events are either attending or helping with fun and educational workshops. There is something for everyone.

Registrations packets will be available in the Extension Office and registrations will be due back to the Extension Office no later than June 10th. If you have questions, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553. Due to size, registration packets are not available on our website. We apologize for this inconvenience.



NEW 4-H ATV Website

4-H has developed a ATV safety website for the public use. It can be found at <http://ecms.4-h.org/atv.safety>. You can sign up to be a member and join discussion forums, submit events for calendar, and register to take the ASI ATV online e-course.

Flathead Kennel Club

The Flathead Kennel Club will be holding a match on Saturday, May 15th at Lawrence Park. Canine good citizenship will be offered to all 4-H members registered in the dog project as well as the general public. Participants should bring a dog brush or comb and may use either flat collars or choke chains. No prong collars will be allowed. Registration will be at 10:30 and costs \$10. Questions please call Anni Sutkus at 892-5719 or go to www.flatheadkennelclub.com. **The Kennel Club could use help at this event, so if you are a 4-H senior member (14-18) and would like to help please call Anni at 892-5719.**

Shooting Sports Qualifiers

There are many shooting sports opportunities coming up through out April and May for youth enrolled in 4-H as well as leaders or potential leaders. Registrations for the following are available in the Extension Office upon request.



Montana 4-H State Archery Qualifier: May 15th. Helena, MT. Registration must be postmarked by May 7th.

Montana 4-H State Shotgun Qualifier: May 22nd. Townsend, MT. Registration deadline is May 12th.

Operation Military Kids

This year's State Congress Service project is Hero Packs! Hero packs are a hands on way for youth to hand deliver a salute to military children and youth for their sacrifice while parents are deployed. Hero Packs are knapsacks filled with a variety of items intended to provide children with fun activities and ways to stay connected to their deployed parents. There are two types of packs, Kinder Packs for youth ages 3-8 and Hero Packs for 9-18 year olds. Items may include letters of support, stuffed animals toys, photo frames, etc. For more details and a complete list of items to be placed in the packs please call the Extension Office or drop by. We will be collecting items that can be placed in these packs here in the office and all clubs that are able to participate are greatly appreciated.

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



Are you a certified lifeguard? We will need a certified lifeguard 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 19th-22nd. Please contact the Extension Office for more information. 758-5553 This is a paid position.



Montana Youth Trapper Camp: This camp will be held June 11th-13th. 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/yc.htm>



Cloverbud Camp: Spirit of the Wilderness! Cloverbud Camp will be held at the Darrell E. Fenner 4-H Camp on Loon Lake on June 11th-13th. Camp begins at 5:00 pm Friday and will wrap up on Sunday 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 \$90 for one youth and one adult, with an additional charge of \$40 for each additional adult or child. Registrations are available in the Extension Office and online. Registration deadline is May 28th and registrations and fees should be mailed directly to Sanders County Extension Office. For more information please call 406-827-6934.

2010 Teen 4-H Camp: This camp is specifically designed for teens ages 13-19 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 June 15th-18th. Cost is \$95 and will include 9 meals, snacks and tons of fun. Registrations are available to members in the Extension Office and are due to the Missoula County Extension Office by May 21st. For more information, please call 406-258-4203.



Peaks and Potentials: This camp is held at the Montana State University Campus June 20th-25th. Now in its 27th successful summer, this experience is designed to give high-ability/high-potential students in grades 5-7 (in Fall, 2010) 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. Questions? Call 406-994-6683. More information can be found at <http://eu.montana.edu/peaks>

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 June 28th and lasts through July 2nd. The camp will be located in Elliston, MT at the Lion's Sunshine Camp. 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



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 11th through Friday, July 16th 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/MNRYCApplicationPackage.pdf For more information contact Martin Twer at 406-243-2775.

Southern Idaho Livestock Judging Camp: This camp is scheduled for July 13-15th in Jerome, ID. The camp is designed specifically for 4-H and FFA members to gain more experience in livestock judging with an emphasis on oral reasons. Judging Coaches and teams from Casper Community College, Oregon State, College of Southern Idaho and the University of Idaho will be helping youth improve their animal evaluation skills, build their oral reasons and learn about college livestock judging. Cost is \$75 per member and includes meals and materials. Deadline to register is June 2nd. Registrations available in the Extension Office. Questions, please call (208) 934-4417.

Flathead 4-H Camp: The World of Disney! This camp is open to all 4-H members ages 8-12 years old. The camp will take place at the Darrell E. Fenner 4-H Camp on Loon Lake in Ferndale, on Monday, July 19th through Thursday, July 22nd. Activities will include swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, camp skits, campfire activities, and much, much more. Upcoming newsletters will provide more information and registration dates. Mark your calendars now!!!



Youth History Camp: The Montana Heritage Commission is inviting youth ages 11-13 to experience the Alder Gulch History Camp scheduled for July 18th -24th. Another camp for children ages 14-16 is scheduled for August 1st-7th. Workshops include outdoor cooking, basket weaving, blacksmithing, gold prospecting and tours of historic Virginia City and Nevada City. Registration deadline is June 15th. Scholarships are available by application. Cost is \$400 per child and includes six nights stay at the Bonanza Inn in Virginia City, meals and tickets to a performance at the Virginia City Opera. 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

American Cancer Society Relay for Life Needs You

The American Cancer Societies Relay for Live will begin June 18th at 6:00 pm and last through June 19th at 8am. Get involved in this fun activity by helping set up, tear down or start a team. If you would like to take part, please call Angie Olsen at 253-7888.

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.4milliontrees.org 4H has partnered with The Arbor Day Foundation so that clubs can obtain 12 small trees with a \$12 membership. Clubs may also choose to obtain donations of trees or supporting materials. More information can be obtained by contacting your club's leader or calling the Extension Office at 758-5553.



CHALLENGE: *The Country Cousins 4-H Club would like to challenge other Flathead County Clubs to participate in the Million Tree Project with them.*



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

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



4-H Membership Discounts

- Western Outdoor- This store provides a 15% discount to members for show clothing.
- Murdoch's— This store provides a 10% discount on limited project items. Members must present a discount card to participate. If you need a 2010 discount card you can go to the store and provide them with either your current 4-H newsletter or your 2009 discount card.
- Remember that CHS offers a "Champions of Champions" program to members purchasing their feed from them.

If you would like to submit something to the June Newsletter, please turn in your information to the Extension Office no later than May 21st. Thank you!

L H Ranch Cattle Drive for "Children Bound for the Stars"

The L H Ranch, located at Gold Creek, is a 7 generation cattle ranch and home base for "Children Bound for the Stars" and it's youth programs which positively impact youth through animal interaction. Each year the ranch hosts two major Horseback Weekend fundraisers for their programs. The first event will be held July 2nd-4th when cattle are moved into the mountains onto National Forest grazing lease land. The second event is held October 1st-3rd when the cattle are moved home. If you are interested in participating in this cattle drive which includes, BBQ, dancing, campfire activities and horseback games and much more please call (406) 288-3430. 4-H families receive discounts on registration fees.

Smith Valley Boosters Give Back

The Smith Valley Boosters annual community service project this year involved adopting a family for Christmas. The club members sold wreaths for a fundraiser and then used the funds they earned (\$450) to purchase items for a needy family for Christmas and their Christmas meal. We thank Smith Valley for their hard work and community mindedness.

If you would like to highlight your club's activities in a newsletter, please contact the Extension Office at 758-5553.

Spaghetti Dinner Club Winner:

We would like to congratulate the Leaping Llamas and Marching Alpaca's 4-H Club for being the winner of the club with the highest percentage of attendance at this year's Spaghetti Dinner and Pie Auction.

Registered 4-H Leaders: To all of our registered 4-H leaders— If you have submitted your leader application to the Extension Office and you have not received any notice from the State 4-H Office, your application was approved through HireRight. We appreciate all of you working so hard to turn in those lengthy forms so quickly.

April Newsletter Correction

In April's Newsletter, on page 7, we congratulated those members who participate in the State Shooting Sports Competition in Bozeman. Within that article I misspelled Deagan Muth's name and I want to apologize for that error. Congratulations Deagan Muth for your participation in the State Shoot in Bozeman!

2010 County Congress Results

County Congress was held on April 10th at the Central Bible Church and it was a great success. We would like to say a special thank you to Julie Brubaker and Bill Prichard for heading up the event and organizing it so very well. We'd also like to offer congratulations to the following event winners:

The following items were left at the County Congress Potluck:
Clear Casserole Dish Small Tupperware Dish Birthday Hat Cheese Spreader

Photo Fair:

- Landscapes:** 1st– Nikaela Higgins, Country Cousins, 2nd– Ian Caltabiano, Trail Blazer's, 3rd– Carolyn Harms, Glacier Stars
Abstracts: 1st– Carolyn Harms, Glacier Stars, 2nd– Lauren Callan, Grandview Supreme, 3rd– Carolyn Harms, Glacier Stars
People: 1st– Krystal Sutton, Happy Hooves, 2nd– Lauren Callan, Grandview Supreme, 3rd– Shelby Sladek, Grandview Supreme
Animals, Birds,
& Insects: 1st– Lauren Callan, Grandview Supreme, 2nd– Nicole Hagler, Swan River, 3rd– Jenna Callan, Grandview Supreme
Plants & Flowers: 1st– Carolyn Harms, Glacier Stars, 2nd– Ian Catabiano, Trail Blazer's, 3rd– Jenna Callan, Grandview Supreme

Youth Speaks:

- Jr. Speech:** 1st– Colter Norick, Grandview Supreme, 2nd– Jamie Jung, Golden Spurs
Jr. Illus. Talk: (11-12 year olds): 1st– Cody Johnson, Swan River, 2nd– Bucky Nelson, Swan River, 3rd– Lia Jorgenson, Swan River
Jr. Illus. Talk: (8-10 year olds): 1st– Shae Anderson, Swan River, 2nd– Tristan Smith, Kila Rangers, 3rd– Ian Caltabiano, Trail Blazer's
Jr. Demos: (11-12 year olds): 1st– Seth Probert, Dandy Dudes and Dolls, 2nd– Damon Maitland, Swan River
Jr. Demos: (8-10 year olds): 1st– Colin Norick, Grandview Supreme, 2nd– Melissa Maitland, Swan River, 3rd– Megan Paulson, Swan River
Senior Speech: 1st– Maggie Jung, Golden Spurs, 2nd– Jemma Morrow, Glacier Stars, 3rd– Vileka Fisher, Grandview Supreme
Sr. Demos & Illus. Talks: 1st– Moriah Probert, Dandy Dudes & Dolls, 2nd– Skylar Smith/Kadin Prichard, Kila Rangers/Glacier Stars
 3rd– Lauren Callan, Grandview Supreme

Arts & Crafts:

- Fine Arts Drawing:** 1st– Eileen Crusta, Glacier Stars, 2nd– Vileka Fisher, Grandview Supreme, 3rd– Bucky Nelson, Swan River
Fine Arts Painting: 1st– Ian Caltabiano, Trail Blazer's, 2nd– Ahna Fox, Swan River/A Bit of Difference
Fine Arts Other Item: 1st– Kadin Prichard, Glacier Stars, 2nd– Madeline Sutton, Happy Hooves
Knitting/Crochet/Embroidery: 1st– Carolyn Harms, Glacier Stars, 2nd– Averie Olson, Swan River/A Bit of Difference,
 3rd– Jamie Jung, Golden Spurs
Sewing: 1st– Averie Olson, Swan River/A Bit of Difference, 2nd– Averie Olson, 3rd– Melissa Maitland, Swan River
Jewelry: 1st– Nikaela Higgins, Country Cousins, 2nd– Eileen Crusta, Glacier Stars, 3rd– Bethany Lyford, Rowdy Ropers
Miscellaneous: 1st– Brittany Howery, Montford Egan Eagles, 2nd– Tristan Smith, Kila Rangers,
 3rd– Bailey Brubaker, Open Horizon's.

Hand to Heart Awards:

- 8-10 year olds:** 1st– Ian Caltabiano, Trail Blazer's 2nd– Colin Norick, Grandview Supreme
11-12 year olds: 1st– Jayme Evenson, B&F Livestock 2nd– Colter Norick, Grandview Supreme

Free and Wanted Items

Free to Good Home: French Lop Rabbit, kept indoors. Please call Hailey at 471-3941

Ferrets Needing Good Home: Rae's Haven Ferret Rescue has four ferrets available for adoption. 1 male and three females. Some have vet fees that need to be recouped but no more than \$30 at most. For more information or to adopt a ferret call Sheila Johnson at 406-471-8813. These would make great pocket pal projects.

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