



# Flathead County 4-H News

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## 4-H Exchange Spaghetti Dinner & Pie Auction



Flathead County 4-H is in a 2 year exchange rotation with Kansas 4-H. We will be hosting members from Kansas this year, and next year our members will be traveling to Kansas. To help raise funds for this program, the Flathead County Exchange group will be hosting the 2nd Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Pie Auction on Friday, April 18th at the Christian Center, 5:00 - 8:00 pm. All Flathead County 4-H Families and Friends are encouraged to attend. 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 or to purchase tickets in advance, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553. **Challenge: We will deliver 5 large pizzas to 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.**



## Sheep Seminar Offered to Members

Meghan Phillippi, Sander's County 4-H and FCS Agent, will be presenting a sheep seminar for all Flathead County 4-H members on Tuesday, April 15th, 2008. The clinic will begin at 6:30 pm and will be held in the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds. She will covering areas such as selection of market animals, feeding, grooming, and showmanship. We strongly encourage all market lamb members to attend. Those who are interested in taking a lamb to Fair next year may also be interested in this program. For more information or questions, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.



## Country Cousins Community Service Projects

Country Cousins have been an extremely busy club with their community service in the past few months. During the Christmas season they adopted two needy families through Northwest Montana Human Resources. Then they hosted a bingo party for the residents of the Veterans Home in Columbia Falls. 25 men and 1 lady participated and the members had a great time visiting with the residents. Country Cousins also raised \$250 through the Herberger's Community Day's Program. This money was given to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in honor of Christopher Wells. The club also helped the Birch Grove Willing Workers provide refreshments for the Flathead Electric Meeting which was held in March. We appreciate all the hard work Country Cousins has done. You guys are definitely proving that 4-H is "Making the Best Better". If your club has information about projects or community service you would like to see listed in the newsletter, please let me know.

## Lasalle Boosters Show Off 4-H "Green" in Parade



Lasalle Booster's 4-H Club participated in this years Kalispell St. Patrick's Day parade and they did a fabulous job. Their float featured a big pot of gold and lots of 4-H clovers. We love to see 4-H clubs interacting with the community and showing that 4-H is fun for families and friends. Great Job Lasalle Boosters!

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# Flathead County 4-H Congress

Saturday, April 12th, 2008

Vo-Ag Center– Off Willow Glenn



All 4-H members are invited and encouraged to participate in the Flathead 4-H County Congress. This is a great opportunity to share what we are proud of as 4-H members and be involved in constructive competition. The day will offer three separate competitions: Photo Fair, Fashion Fair, and Youth Speaks. You may enter all three events if you choose.

The day will begin with **Fashion Fair Judging at 9:00 a.m. sharp**. You will model an outfit you made for the judges and they will visit with you about the outfit while you are wearing it. Fashion Fair is divided into four divisions: Senior, Junior, Novice, and Clover Buds. Clover Buds please note, you may model something you made or purchased (this applies only to the Clover Bud Group).

**Photo Fair entries must be in place by 10:00 a.m.**, as judging will begin shortly thereafter. Rules regarding Photo Fair are listed below.



**Youth Speaks will begin at 11:00 a.m.**, and will be finished by approximately 12:30 p.m. Youth Speaks platform division will be Senior, Junior, Novice, and Clover Buds. There will be four different platforms in Youth Speaks and you must choose one platform only. Illustrated talk, Public Speaking, Demonstrations, or Commercials. Commercials will be short, fun and convincing speeches where you can choose to promote a product or encourage people to become involved in something. Hand out information and regulations are available in the office for your review for all four platforms.

Awards Presentation round out the day with refreshments and time to socialize. **Awards will be presented at 1:00 p.m.**

During all Congress events, 4-H Leader, Sue Schmidt, has volunteered to take pictures for Fashion Fair and Youth Speaks members who would like a photo. The cost is \$1.00 per member. Additionally, we will make larger photos of the winners and display them in the General Projects Building at the Northwest Montana Fair. Entry/Registration Blanks for Fashion Fair and Youth Speaks are available at the Extension Office. **Forms will be due in the office by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 3rd, 2008. 758-5553**

## 4-H Photo Fair Guidelines:

### Policy and Procedure:

- \* Pre-registration is not required
- \* The show is open to all 4-H members whether enrolled in photography or not.
- \* Photo exhibits, mounted and ready for display should be brought to the 4-H Photo Fair area in the Vo-Ag Center between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 12th, 2008.
- \* Judging will begin promptly at 10:15 a.m.
- \* Pictures will be on display with ribbons at the 1:00 p.m. ceremony.

### Exhibits:

- ◇ 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.
- ◇ Exhibits must have a hanger securely fastened on the back of the picture.
- ◇ A 4-H member may exhibit up to three (2) exhibits in each category.

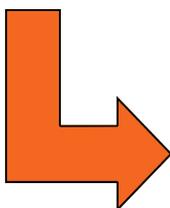


### Show Categories:

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

### Awards:

The Judges will place pictures into 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.



**We are asking that each member competing in County Congress to please bring some sort of snack item for our awards gathering at 1:00 pm. ie. Cookies, fruit, cheese n' crackers etc.**



## Capitol Christmas Tree Project Ornament Count

At this point I am sure that most everyone is aware of the Capitol Christmas tree project. Currently, A Bit of Difference, Grandview Supreme, Smith Valley Boosters, Glacier Stars, Country Cousins, Rowdy Ropers, Montford Egan Eagles, B & F Livestock, Golden Spurs and the Dandy Dudes and Dolls have all volunteered to make ornaments. The Diegel family has also volunteered ornaments. This is a great turnout. The deadline has been extended for when these ornaments are due so perhaps more clubs may be interested in participating. Please call the Extension Office at 758-5553 with the number of ornaments your family or club would like to make. Ornaments must be brought in to the Extension Office by Friday, May 23rd, 2008. For more information on this project please call the Extension Office or go to [www.fs.fed.us/r1/bitterroot/](http://www.fs.fed.us/r1/bitterroot/) and follow the link to the *Capital Christmas Tree 2008- Sharing Montana's Treasures*.

## 2008 Montana 4-H Photo Contest

Any Montana 4-Her under 18 years old, can enter a photo of him/herself or of friends and leaders involved in experiential learning through Montana 4-H, and win \$100.



**One \$100 prize and two \$50 prizes** will be given for favorite photos that show pictures of kids *learning by doing* through Montana 4-H. All entries may be used in the 4-H Clover magazine and project selection guide or kept for use in other 4-H publicity materials.

Photos will be judged on how well they express the Montana 4-H **"Learn by Doing"** theme and on the overall quality of the photo. Don't forget photos that *show 4-H'ers with adult or teen mentors*. (Parents count!) are preferred. Entries are due **May 1, 2008**.

Entry forms and full contest rules are available at <http://extn.msu.montana.edu/youthdevelopment.asp> (right hand column) and will also be in the Extension Today section.

## County Wide Arts & Crafts Program

All 4-H arts and crafts project members are encouraged to attend arts and crafts countywide meetings. April will have two meetings; the first will be held at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds on Monday, April 14th, 2008 at 6:00 pm, and the second will be held on Monday, April 28th, 2008, at 6:00 pm. The project will be Mosaics. Guest artist, Vicki Rinky will be teaching. Required items for the April 14th meeting are broken bits of glass, tiles, and rocks to create your mosaic. The mosaics will be finished up on the April 28th meeting. For all questions regarding lists of required items and projects, please call Bill Prichard at 257-6209. Next months project and required items list will be available at the April meetings.

## '08 Congressional Art Competition



Montana's Congressman, Denny Rehberg, is inviting high school age 4-H students from Montana to enter the 2008 Congressional Art Competition, where winners from each U.S. Congressional district will have their artwork displayed in the United States Capitol Building for one year.

The annual competition is an opportunity for the nation's students to showcase their artistic talents. Entries are accepted in seven different categories, paintings, drawings, collage, prints, mixed media, computer generated art, and photography. The artwork is judged locally on originality, creativity, visual impact, expression of idea or theme, and use of technique in medium. One grand prize winner will be selected from Montana.

The grand prize entry winner and a guardian will receive complimentary airfare to attend the artwork's unveiling ceremony in Washington, D.C., in June, and be eligible for a \$5,000 a year scholarship. The first runner-up's entry will be displayed in Rehberg's Washington, DC office. Entry submissions are due by Tuesday, April 15, and can be made electronically or by submitting the artwork to any of Rehberg's District Offices. For more information and a student entry form, visit the Art Competition section of Rehberg's congressional web site (<http://www.house.gov/rehberg/art>), or contact Sheila Rath in Rehberg's Billings District Office, 1-888-232-2626.



## Free Tubers to 4-H Members

The Montana Dahlia Society will be offering 4-Hers 6 free tubers on Saturday, May 3rd, outside of Wal-Mart from 8:00am-2:00pm. Kids can pick out colors, size, and shapes of the flower they would like to grow. Helpful hints will be given on how to grow them as well. Premium show-winning varieties are available. The general public can purchase these tubers for 6 for \$5.00.

## AG Committee Meeting

There will be an AG Committee meeting at the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds on Monday, April 7th, 2008 at 5:30 pm. We are asking that a livestock leader from each club please attend this meeting. Independent leaders are also welcome to attend. Items of discussion will be exemption letters and preparation for the 2008 Northwest Montana Fair. To add an item to the agenda, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553.

## Horse Committee Meeting



There will be a horse committee meeting on Tuesday, May 6th, 2008 at the Extension Office. The meeting will begin at 5:30 pm and topics will include horse camp, up-coming fair items, and policy suggestions. All 4-H horse leaders are welcome to attend.

## Basic Animal Health & Agro Security Meeting

Whether you own one or one hundred head of livestock, horses, or poultry, please join us for an educational meeting about animal bio-security. Thomas Bass, Livestock Environment Specialist from Montana State University will be presenting information on basic animal health and agro-security. The meeting will take place on Tuesday, April 7th, 2008 at the Library Basement meeting room at 5:30 pm. Learn ways to keep your animals and yourself safe; around fairs, visiting farms, and on group rides, among many other areas of concern. Door prizes will be given and snacks provided. Hosted by Wesley Gwaltney.

## 4-H Scholarship Opportunities

The Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development has numerous college scholarships listed on their website, that are available to all Montana 4-H members. These scholarships include the Murdoch's Ranch and Home Scholarship, the Wilcox Family Scholarship, the Douglas A. Dear Memorial Scholarship, the Montana Meat Processors Association Scholarship, and the Montana Agri-Business Scholarship. Most of these scholarships are set up with a deadline of May 1st, 2008. Applications can be obtained by contacting the Extension Office or by going to the following website:

[http://www.montana4h.org/index.php/montana\\_4\\_h\\_foundation/forms/scholarships](http://www.montana4h.org/index.php/montana_4_h_foundation/forms/scholarships)

## Clover Bud Camp: Meet in the Rain Forest



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

## Camp Cook Needed for Loon Lake



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

## 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, 2007 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 Thursday, April 10th, 2008.**



## Montana 4-H State Award Apps

The Montana 4-H State Award program recognized the outstanding accomplishments of 4-H members who have reached a standard of excellence in project and activity award areas. All applicants must be 14-19 years old prior to October 1st, 2007. State award winners are recognized at Montana 4-H Congress and receive a certificate of achievement and a medal. Winners are also eligible to attend National 4-H Congress. Applications for this award are available in the Extension Office. Completed applications are due in the Extension Office no later than April 29th, 2008. Examples of previous award winners and a "general tips" information sheet are also available for members to review upon request. 758-5553.

## District 1 Teen Retreat

District 1 Teen Retreat will be at the Darrell Fenner Loon Lake 4-H Camp on Friday May 9th through Sunday May 11th, 2008. Those attending must be 13 years of age as of May 11th. Cost to attend is only \$10.00 and this is the only "Teens" only camp provided. Registrations can be picked up at the Extension Office. This camp is offered to all counties in District 1 so this is a great opportunity to meet up with teens from other counties and just be a camper.

## Flathead County 4-H Overnight Horse Camp



The first annual Flathead County 4-H Overnight Horse Camp for you and your horse will be held at the Flathead County Fairgrounds on Friday, May 9th and Saturday May 10th, 2008. We are extremely excited to be offering this camp and want all members to attend. Activities include games, trail, showmanship, patterns, tack, etc. Cost to attend will be \$45.00 for early bird registration. T-shirts and meals are included in the registration fee. Please call the Extension Office for details and registration forms. 758-5553

## New 4-H Member Programs

The new 4-H Military Grant Project has openings in several programs. If your child is interested in the following, please call Dorothy at 892-4028.

**Robotics:** The 4-H robotics program is open to 4-H members who have family members who are active or reserve status military. The robotics program uses the Lego Robotics system to teach children about computers and robots. Children build and program their robot to do numerous tasks.

**Hiking:** The 4-H Hiking program is open to all 4-H members in Flathead County. The goal of this group is to learn safe hiking techniques and to take part in actual hiking activities, including a possible over night trip.

**Aviation:** The 4-H Aviation program is open to all 4-H Members in Flathead County. Members will take tours and learn about aviation and rocketry. If you would like to learn more about aviation please contact Dorothy at the above number.

## Pig Wrestling at 2008 NWMT Fair

As you may already know, the 2008 NWMT Fair Official Theme is "A Squealin' Good Time". As part of this year's new festivities the Fair Office has decided to include Pig Wrestling as an entertainment. During two nights of the 08 NWMT Fair, there will be a Pig 'N Mud Wrestling event before the Rodeos. Teams consist of four members have one minute to place a pig in a barrel butt first. Costs for teams vary. PeeWees: 5-8 yrs old, Juniors: 9-15 yrs, and adults: 16 & up. Adult teams are not co-ed. There is a limit to how many teams may enter so contact the Fair Office soon for an entry form. Business sponsorships are encouraged.

## Fiber Festival at the Fairgrounds



There will be a Fiber Festival at the Fairgrounds this summer on July 12th and 13th. This festival will have animal showmanship, displays for education, authentic Navajo rugs, Christmas in July, and much, much more. 4-H members interested in

entering any of the competition classes will receive entry into one class free of charge and pay only 1/2 price in the alpaca/llama showcase. Also, clubs may be interested in helping run the Christmas in July event. Clubs will receive 50% of the proceeds if they participate in manning the event. The Christmas in July event is open to anyone who has handwork to sell. Individual 4-Hers do not have to pay booth fees if they would like to set up their own booth as well. For more information regarding this event, or to sign up for Christmas in July, please call Diana Blair, Going to the Sun Fiber Mill, at 756-6767. More information about the Fiber Festival can also be found at [qttsfibermill.com](http://qttsfibermill.com)

## Local Businesses Offer 4-H Members Discounts



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

## 4-H Dog Obedience Program

Anni Sutkus, a long time 4-H leader, will be offering dog obedience training at her home starting Wednesday, May 21st, 2008, at 7:00pm. Her home is located at 1892 Columbia Falls Stage Road, Columbia Falls.



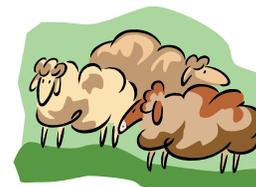
The first training will be held without your dog. Canine good citizenship, basic dog obedience and basic groom and health topics will be discussed. The cost is only \$25.00 for 4-H members. Please reserve your slot by calling Anni at 892-5719.

## MSU Youth Horsemanship School

The MSU Youth Horsemanship School will take place in Bozeman on June 23rd-June 27th, 2008. Cost per student is \$300, which includes instructions, meals, lodging, and stalls. Instructions are hands on, where the students spend most of their time in riding sessions. The school is limited to 50 students, so class size remains small, with lots of personal attention to each student. Students must provide their own horse and western tack. Sandy Gagnon, MSU Equine Specialist will be heading up this project. For more information contact Sandy at (406) 994-7953. Registrations are available in the Extension Office. Deadline for registration is May 31st, 2008.

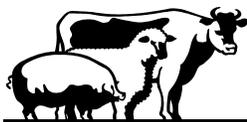
## Columbia Sheep Start Program

Are you interested in starting your own flock of sheep? The Montana Columbia Association is awarding a starter flock consisting of 4 ewes of various ages. If you are interested, please call Luanne Wallewein at (406) 937-2775. The program is for youth aged 10-17 years.



## Market Livestock Project Guidelines

To participate in a Market Livestock project, a member must meet contract obligations. All first year members must attend a market orientation seminar. At this time, we have finished offering this seminar, therefore we can no longer accept new market livestock members.



**All 4-H members involved in a Market Livestock project must attend one Livestock Quality Assurance Clinic every two years.** There is only one LQA training left, which will be held on Wednesday, April 2nd, 2008 at the country kitchen building. Below are the registered 4-H livestock members who are still required to attend this training. This list is an attempt to inform members of their requirements but it is ultimately the members responsibility to attend clinics and to keep informed of other requirements.

**Market Livestock Contracts:** All members who are participating in a market animal project (hog, beef, or sheep) must read and sign a Market Livestock Contract form. A parent is also required to sign the form. **The contract must be turned into the Extension Office no later than Tuesday, April 15th, 2008.** Your livestock club leader should have these forms for you. Independent members are required to pick up the form from the Extension Office. 758-5553 Your name is listed in the adjacent list if you must still turn in your contract. This list is an attempt to inform members of their requirements but it is ultimately the members responsibility to attend clinics and to keep informed of other requirements.

## Members Who Need LQA Training

Emma Andrews	Dakota Berry	Hunter Berry
Illyhia Birk	Nicole Birk	Jazzmin Block
Teressa Brandt	Bailey Brubaker	Elise Byle
Kayla Byle	Tanner Byle	Jordyn Clare
Lucas Cummings	Erika Hill	Erin Hill
Chris Jellison	Tehl King	Zane King
Ann Koenig	Cameron Longfield	Michaela Longfield
Carmen Luke	Iris Matulevich	Jemma Morrow
Bucky Nelson	Michaela Nelson	Ashlyn Nicholson
Brayden Nicholson	Hunter Nicholson	Alison Olsen
Candice Olsen	Koya Olsen	Bailey Pike
Jessica Roedel	Kassie Rost	Royce Schlegel
Levi Schmid	Courtney Seward	Joe Siderius
Reid Siderius	Sarah Smith	Chance Stupack
Tanner Stupack	R.C. Sutton	Nina Timmons
Bart Tobiason	Justin Wallace	

If your name is listed in error please contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. Your name has been listed even if you have already pre-registered for the last LQA training.

## Members Who Need Contracts

Rebekah Allen	Emma Andrews	Krissy Beaman
Dakota Berry	Hunter Berry	Jazzmin Block
Teressa Brandt	Kayla Byle	Jordyn Clare
Abigail Connolly	Christine Connolly	Logan Connolly
Lucas Cummings	Rebecca Denning	Elizabeth Diegel
Lillian Diegel	Bryant Eickert	Evan Eickert
Jack Evans	Sofia Evans	Suzannah Evans
Kiley Fenster	Conner Hagel	Christopher Joy
Matthew Joy	James Keck	Matthew Keck
McKenzie Keck	Anna Kirchner	Sarah Kirchner
Jemma Morrow	Julia Morrow	Mackenna Murer
Michaela Murer	Ashlyn Nicholson	Brayden Nicholson
Hunter Nicholson	Colter Norick	Candice Olsen
Koya Olsen	Bailey Pike	Kadin Prichard
Keegan Reese	Kelsey Reese	Jenea Roedel
Jessica Roedel	Austin Scott	Ariana Shults
McKinze Shults	Kaitlyn Shults	Joe Siderius
Reid Siderius	Alysha Smith	Chance Stupack
Tanner Stupack	Nina Timmons	Bart Tobiason
Veronica Tobiason	Daniel Topp	Matthew Topp
Shane Topp	Megan Tutvedt	Justin Wallace
Harris Weigum	Walker Wise	

If your name has been listed in error, please contact the Extension Office as soon as possible. 758-5553.

## Market Animal Weigh-in & Tagging

**Steer Weigh-In:** The second Steer weigh-in will be held on the Fairgrounds, behind the old beef barn, from 5:30– 7:30 pm, on Monday, April 14th, 2008. **This is a mandatory weigh-in for all market steers.**

**Hog Weigh-In:** The Hog weigh-in and **tagging** will be held on Thursday, April 24th, 2008 from 4:30-7:00 pm. The weigh-in and tagging will be in the vicinity of the old livestock barns. Be sure to bring your breeder information, including name and address, and something to write with.

**Lamb Weigh-in:** The Lamb weigh-in and **tagging** will be held on the Fairgrounds, in the vicinity of the old livestock barns, on Thursday, May 29th, 2008 from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Be sure to know your breeder information, including name and address, and bring something to write with.

Your club or your producer may be providing a weigh-in and tagging date previous to the ones posted for hog or 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 above posted dates may result in the ineligibility of your animal attending Fair.

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

The Extension Office has a list of out of county hog producers. If you or your club would like a copy of this list, please let us know.



If you are purchasing a hog(s) from Fonda and Karen Fisher, please stop by the Extension Office before picking up your animal for a Hog Tag-in Form. Fonda has asked that all members have this form filled out as much as possible in advance.

## 43rd Annual Golden Spurs Horse Show



The 43rd annual Golden Spurs 4-H Horse Show will be held on Saturday, May 24th, 2008 at the Flathead County Fairgrounds. Registrations for this show will be available in the Extension Office in April. A few new classes are being added, as are new price schedules including one fee for all day riding, as well as individual class prices. Competition in this show does not count as attendance of a horse clinic under the 4-H horse guidelines. However, members are strongly encouraged to take part in this show, as it is a great warm up for the upcoming Fair. For more information about this show, please call Chris Scott at 261-9454.

**St. Jude's Trail Ride:** Hilltop Riders will be hosting a trail ride fundraiser for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital on Saturday, June 7th at Heron Park. More information regarding this event will be found in upcoming newsletters.

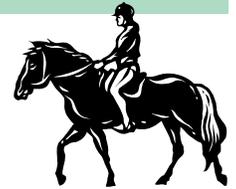
## Horse Clinic #5 and #6

**Horse Clinic #5** is the Horse Trails Clinic. Hilltop Riders is sponsoring this clinic and it will take place on Saturday, April 19th at Hilltop Stables, which is located at 1445 West Reserve Drive. The clinic will begin at 11:00 am and end around 12:30 pm. Please do not bring your horse. The clinic will cover information regarding common obstacles and how to complete them. A horse leader will demonstrate how to complete a novice course on a horse and members will be given a pattern to learn and practice completing. For more information, please contact Jeanette Nostrom at 752-0751.

**Horse Clinic #6** is the Horse Patterns Clinic. Trail Blazer's is hosting this clinic at the Fairgrounds on Saturday, May 3rd, 2008 at 10:00 am. **This is the last opportunity for horse members to attend a clinic to meet Fair requirements.** Members will be working on patterns for all ability levels and are asked to please bring their horse to this clinic. Since this is a working clinic, you must wear appropriate riding boots (no Fat Babies) and helmet (unless you have a current signed waiver on file at the Extension Office). Any questions? Call the Sterchi's at 257-1058.

## 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 2nd, 2008.

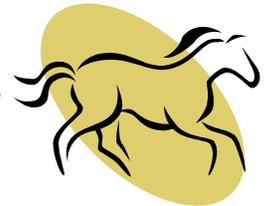
**Project and Helmet Release:** Each member who wishes to participate in the 4-H horse project (at any time during the 4-H year, including competition), must have a Horse Project Release Form on file in the Extension Office. They must also have a Horse Helmet Release Form on file in the Office, if they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

**Assessments:** Each horsemanship manual has level assessments included in them. Each member must turn in a copy of their assessment to the Extension Office if they would like to move into the next level. You must compete at the Fair in the level that the Extension Office has on file. You may turn in assessments to the Extension Office up until Monday, June 2nd, 2008.

**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 three clinics remaining this year. Ads for each clinic are on this page.

## Annual Golden Spurs Horse Clinic

The annual Golden Spurs 4-H Horse Clinic will be held this year on Saturday, April 5th, 2008. This clinic will take place in the 4-H Building on the Fairgrounds, and registration will begin at 9:00 am. The clinic itself will begin at 10:00 am and will last until approximately 3:00 pm.



Various workshops will be presented include Show Dress (presented by Lucky T's), Rodeo Royalty, Proper Knot Tying, Vaccination Information, Equine Dentistry and Hoof Trimming. Lunch will not be provided. There is no charge to attend this clinic. **This clinic is 4-H clinic #4** and will be counted toward clinic attendance for a member. (see the horsemanship project guidelines for details) If you have any questions, please call Chris Scott at 261-9454.

## NWMT Pro Rodeo Pageant Clinic

Elise Anderson is offering a Pro Rodeo Pageant Clinic on Saturday, April 19th, 2008 at the Country Kitchen Building on the Fairgrounds. The clinic will begin at 10:00 am and last until about 4:30 pm. It is open to all young women between the ages of 8-23. All experience levels are welcome. Topics will include interview, horsemanship modeling, speech, appearance and much, much more. Cost is \$30 for participants and \$5 for each attending parent. This fee includes lunch and information materials. For more information, please contact Elise at 253-1695 or 257-1870.



## New Interactive 4-H Records

The Montana 4-H Center has created interactive 4-H records so that members can work on their records on computers now. If you are interested in these interactive records, please call the Extension Office at 758-5553 or email us at [4hweb@flathead.mt.gov](mailto:4hweb@flathead.mt.gov). We will be happy to email these records to you. Our goal is to make them available on the website too. They look identical to the hard copy versions, and it's a great way to create neat and easy to read records.

## Montana Shooting Sports Information

The following members did an outstanding job competing at the 2008 Montana State 4-H Shoot which was held in Bozeman on February 29th-March 2nd. We are very proud of how well each and everyone of our members did. State shoot results can be found by visiting [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org) Go to 4H Center, Projects, Shooting Sports, 2008 State Shoot.

Levi Anderson	Dakota Berry	Hunter Berry	Cory Braaten	Teresa Brandt
Shaughn Carda	Nic Cramer	Alana Davis	Jayne Evenson	Leland Fabel
Justin Gibson	Kylee Gibson	Conner Hagel	Ed Hynes	Jake Johnson
Chelsea Koski	Dalton Lauria	Carmen Luke	Iris Matulevich	Josette Mildred
Adam Moniz	Halee Jo Mossman	Jacob Nelson	Chance Ovnicek	Caitlyn Parsons
Matthew Probert	Moriah Probert	Nathaneal Probert	Seth Probert	Heidi Schmid
Levi Schmid	Skylar Smith	Michael Stoick	Austin Styler	Ethan Thacker
Cole Thorp	Emily Thorp	Tyler Volkman	Douglas Ward	Tanaia Wise
Walker Wise	Cody Woods			

The following members have awards in the Extension Office from the Flathead County Shooting Sports Invitational. Please stop by to pick them up:

Brennan Berquist	Sam Burch	Kyle DiMeo	Susannah Haskin
Jake Johnson	Drew Kittelson	Quinn Kittelson	Damon Maitland
Colt Paris	Kalen Reed	Rachel Reimnitz	Randal Reimnitz

### Shooting Sports Leader's Trainings:

- Victor, MT on April 18th and 19th. Archery only. The Training will be held at the Elusive Moose Archery and Hunting Center on Hwy 93 between Hamilton and Victor. Registration fees are \$50.00 per person. Saturday's lunch is provided. Registrations are available at the Extension Office.
- Great Falls, MT on May 2nd and 3rd. Friday's training will begin at 6:00 pm and end at 9:00 pm. Saturday will conclude at 5:00 pm. Saturday's lunch is provided. Cost is \$50.00 and all disciplines will be provided (Rifle, Archery, Pistol, Muzzle Loading, Shotgun, Hunting, and Coordinator) Registrations are available by contacting the Extension Office.

**Lionhead Rabbits:** Kate Lamm has Lionhead rabbits that are 3 years old. Both rabbits are males. One is white with a star on his bottom, the other is heather gray. They both have a great temperament. If you are interested, please call Kate Lamm at 755-0705.

**Dutch Rabbit:** Free Dutch rabbit that is 1 year old. He is tattooed and was in the fair last year. Very good temperament. Please call Danette at 212-7637.

### FYI:

- The Newsletter deadline for May's newsletter will be April 22nd, 2008.
- Club Leaders: Please check club mailboxes. There is important information regarding new tax filing dates and requirements for your club.
- Karole and Shelley will be out of the Extension Office March 25th-31st. Please hold questions until April 1st if possible.**

Karole Sommerfield  
Flathead County 4-H/ Youth Extension Agent



Shelley Smith  
Flathead County Extension Support Staff



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