

4-H News



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4-H Drama Festival

Saturday, March 15, Potomac Community Center, 10:00 am

This is a competition between 4-H clubs. Each club participating directs, acts, makes props, etc. for the play they have selected to perform. If you are not participating, an audience is always welcome and the price is right — just \$1.00 admission fee. Plays will be judged by the Missoula Children's Theater.

Fair update

Entry form deadline:	June 30
Schedule fair interviews:	June 2-30
Fair interviews:	August 3
Horse Show	July 26 & 27
Shooting Sports Exhibition:	July 31
Dog Show:	August 2

Showmanship Contests @ Fair

4-H members need to study and learn many different topics related to raising their particular species. *4-H members must expect to be asked questions during the Showmanship Contest.*

Awards Needed for the Fair. Would you like to be an award sponsor for the Fair? The following award areas need sponsors and the cost is \$20:

Horse: Arena Trail Class, 4 awards; and Miniature Horse Horsemanship levels 2 & 3; Miniature Horse Jumping levels 2 & 3; Miniature Horse Obstacle all 3 levels; Miniature Horse Driving all 3 levels.

Rabbit: Senior and Junior Rabbit Showman (these are embroidered lawn chairs)

Llama: Senior and Junior Llama Showman (these are embroidered lawn chairs)

\$15.00 cash awards that need sponsorship:

Best Bicycle or Electricity Exhibit

Best Cat or Pocket Pet Exhibit

Dress Code: Pay attention to the dress requirements for your particular Fair Show. It's all in the 2008 fair premium book which will be out later this spring.

Livestock & Small Animals

Market lambs and hogs must be born after February 1, 2008.

Hog Weigh In: Thursday, April 17, 5:30 pm, Ag Education Center

Lamb Weigh In: Thursday, May 15, 5:30 pm, Ag Education Center

To clarify the **Quality Assurance Requirement**, here is the paragraph from the fairbook:

As of the September 19, 2007, 4-H Livestock Committee meeting, Quality Assurance (QA) videos must be watched on the member's first and third year in the project. The first-year video is "The Line in the Sand" by Jeff Goodwin. This video is the same for all first year members in all project species. The third-year video is specific to the project species (beef, swine, sheep). After the third year, there is no QA video requirement. *It is the expectation of the Extension Office that quality assurance programming is taking place in club or project meetings, and that the video serves as the minimum requirement until a more comprehensive QA program is developed.*

Livestock Judging Contest, Saturday, April 19, 8:30 am, Ag Education Center. This is a great way to practice your livestock selection and evaluation skills without traveling across Montana to another county's contest. Senior 4-Hers can earn a trip to 4-H Congress! Registration forms will be on the website soon, or call the office for a copy.

Livestock Judging Workshop, Thursday, April 10, 6:30 pm, Extension Office

Junior 4-Hers and first-time judges are encouraged to attend to learn what to expect at the contest and to receive help on giving reasons.



4-H Extravaganza, Thursday, May 8, 5:30 pm, Ag Education Center. Come enjoy a great meal sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce Agri-Business Committee, and learn from workshops - topics including showmanship (all large species, rabbits, poultry and horses), Fair interview skills, help with project records, veterinary basics and caring for your animals, promoting the livestock sale and marketing your animal, livestock judging basics, horse judging basics, and preparing for the Fair (dog, shooting sports, horse, livestock, 4-H Café and 4-H exhibit building).

Black Ear Tagger

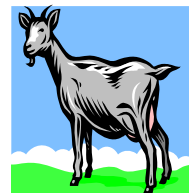
An ear tagger was lost at the 2007 Fair. If it ended up in your tack box, please return it to the Extension Office.



Calling all Poultry members! The 4-H Livestock Committee has approved revisions to the poultry project for 2008. In 2007, as in past years, it was possible to have five (5) poultry pens sell at the Livestock Sale if they met the sale qualifications.

This year the top five (5) standard laying pullet pens or meat pens will be offered for sale at the Livestock Sale during the Fair. The total number of pens for sale has not changed; we are simply adding laying pullet pens, due to the increase in interest in raising your own birds for consumption. You may only sell one pen in the auction, either a Layer pen or a Meat pen. Those pens sold will not be returned to the exhibitor.

To Qualify: Pens must contain 3 standard breed layer pullets (female chickens under 1 year of age but older than 4 months). The birds must be the same standard breed and the birds must be comparable in size. The judge will select the top pens. Only the champion, reserve and top three blue ribbon pens as designated by the judge, are eligible for the Livestock Sale. If you would like to raise an auction pen of either kind, and have questions, please contact **Laura DeNitto**, Poultry Barn Superintendent, 273-4645.



Ravalli County Offering Showmanship Clinic for Goat, Rabbit & Poultry

(included is quality assurance) Two dates offered.

Tuesday, March 11, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Hornung Arena, Ravalli County Fairgrounds

Tuesday, April 8, 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm, Hornung Arena, Ravalli County Fairgrounds

All Missoula County 4-H members are invited to attend this clinic which will be presented by some of the Ravalli County senior showmanship winners. The information presented will be extremely useful, not only for beginning members, but for more advanced members as well. The clinic offers some hands on showing as well as individual and group discussions.

4-H DOG PROJECT CLASS SCHEDULE

All classes will be held on **Monday evenings at 6:00 pm** at the Missoula County Extension Office large meeting room (enter through door on east side of the building), 2525 Santa Fe Court (behind Albertson's on North Reserve).

Your promptness is appreciated

DO NOT BRING YOUR DOG TO THESE CLASSES!!

February 25 - Breed Standards

March 3 - Obedience Guidelines

March 10 - Agility Guidelines

March 17 - Review, Questions & Graduation

Horse

Horse Fairbook Information was sent out prematurely. The Horse section of the fairbook has been changed and updated. For an up-to-date copy, please call or email Colleen.

The dates for the **4-H Fair Horse Show** are **July 26 & 27**. Three patterns will be selected for you to practice for the Fair Horse Show. Those patterns will be available to all Horse leaders next month. At the Fair Horse Show, one of these patterns, that you have been practicing, will be selected for judging.

RE M I N D E R: Your "Horse Release" form is due in the Extension Office before you begin 4-H horse practices, and "Me & My Horse" form is due in the Extension Office by **May 1st**.

Mandatory Horse Clinic, Saturday, May 3, Equestrian Park

Signup begins at 8:00 am

Bring your 4-H project horse(s) and bring a lunch.

This clinic is ***mandatory*** for all 4-H horse project members who are in their 1st year of any horse project area. The members will be evaluated in their project, tack will be evaluated for safety, and the horse will be evaluated for safety. A clinician will be on hand for horsemanship and showmanship. Any questions may be directed to **Missy Miller**, 240-3450.

MSU Youth Horsemanship School, June 23-27, Bozeman

Cost: \$300/student, includes instruction, lodging, meals & stalls

Registration deadline is **May 31**

Students spend the majority of their time in riding sessions (two per day) that are supported by educational workshops and demonstrations during non-riding times. You may find the registration on our website or call and I will mail you a copy.

One full-ride scholarship is available for the entire state. It is for students facing financial hardships who would otherwise not be able to attend. Criteria: financial need, love of horses, special needs/circumstances. To apply, the student must write an essay addressing the above criteria, include the completed registration form and the essay and mail it to: Animal & Range Sciences, ATTN: Julie, Horsemanship School, PO Box 172900, Bozeman, MT 59717-2900. Postmarked no later than **May 1**. *If you want to attend but don't have \$300, come to the Phon-a-Thon, make calls and get \$600 in pledges, and your trip is paid for!*

4-H Camp

Cloverbud Camp, ages 5-8, June 14-15, 4-H Camp @ Loon Lake near Bigfork

Camper must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Camp is sponsored by Sanders County Extension Office. Fee: \$55 for one youth camper and one adult, add \$25 for each additional youth or adult. See website for registration which is due **June 3**, or call for a copy to be mailed to you.

Multi-County Camp looking for Counselors and Counselors-In-Training

Mineral County is in charge of camp this year and they are in the process of accepting applications for camp counselors and counselors-in-training (CIT's). The deadline to apply is **March 7**. The application and details are on the website or call and I will mail you information. Dates you must commit to are: April 12 for camp planning and June 23-27 for camp. Fees for camp counselors are waived. CIT's must pay the fee charged campers as they are in-training.

4-H Ambassador

We are looking for Missoula County 4-H Ambassadors: senior, junior and two prospects. You will find the application and guidelines on the website or call me and I will mail them to you. Deadline to apply is **March 21**. To apply you must be in grades 9-12, and be at least 14 years of age as of October 1, 2008. Your rein in office is from 4-H Congress 2008 to 4-H Congress 2009. Mark your calendar for July 6-8 (pre-Congress), and July 8-11 (regular Congress).

Our 4-H Ambassadors will be participating in a Kids Fair at Southgate Mall on March 8th, from 10am to 7pm, promoting 4-H to the community.

General Information



Recreation Laboratory (Rec Lab), April 4-6, MetraPark, Billings

Meet 4-H teens and adults from across Montana! This event provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication and team building skills in an action packed and interactive setting. Rec Lab programming is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp and community leader. The event is open to current 4-H members age 13+ as of October 1st, 2007. Registration packets are available on our 4-H website, or by calling the Extension Office. Also, please call if you would like to speak to Missoula 4-H teens who have attended in the past. They'll be glad to tell you if it's worth your time and money! Campbell will be attending this year and can take up to 5 others with him. We will work with families to arrange for transportation beyond that point. **The cost is \$80**, and includes 2 nights lodging at the Holiday Inn Express, meals and program fees.

Registration is due by March 14th. *If you want to attend Rec Lab but don't have \$80, come to the Phon-a-Thon, make calls and get \$160 in pledges, and your trip to Rec Lab is paid for!*



4-H Demonstration Day (includes Illustrated Talks & Public Speaking) April 12th

Time & location to be announced. Why try to squeeze countless demonstrations into your already busy 4-H Club meetings? Come out on the 12th and let's get everyone's demonstrations and public speeches done at once. Enjoy learning from 4-H members from other clubs, and have a chance to share your demo or speech with 4-Hers outside your own group. The top scoring Senior 4-Hers in Public Speaking, Demonstration, and Illustrated Talk earn a trip to 4-H Congress paid for by the 4-H Council. If clubs would like for someone to speak at your meeting to promote this event or even do a workshop for you, please call the Extension Office.



4-H Phon-a-Thon, April 23 & 24, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Extension Office

Many of the events you see advertised in the Newsletter have registration fees associated with them. One great way for you to get these events paid for is to help with the Missoula 4-H Phon-a-Thon. At this event, 4-H members call potential donors who have given money to 4-H in the past, or they can call from a list of people they know who they think will donate to 4-H (business owners, family members, etc). **Half of the money pledged stays in an account to be used by the member for any 4-H event, and the other half goes to the Missoula 4-H**

Council. If you want to attend 4-H Congress but don't have \$200, come to the Phon-a-Thon, make calls and get \$400 in pledges, and your trip to Congress is paid for! Clubs whose members participate in the Phon-a-Thon are exempt from the \$5 per member fee that goes to support the Montana 4-H Foundation. *If clubs choose not to participate in the Phon-a-Thon or the Pig Raffle at the Fair, they are expected to pay \$5 per member to the Missoula County 4-H Council.*



District 1 Teen Retreat, May 2-4, Loon Lake 4-H Camp, near Big Fork: Join us for a weekend at our beautiful 4-H Camp on Loon Lake. Meet 4-H teens from across District 1 (Lincoln, Flathead, Sanders, Lake, Mineral, Missoula, & Ravalli County). Learn about 4-H opportunities for teens, participate in a service project at the camp, have fun at the dance and movie, and if it's warm, go for a swim in Loon Lake. Registration information will be available soon on the website, or call the Extension Office to be added to the mailing list. If you would like a Missoula 4-H teen who has attended before to speak to your 4-H club about the event, contact the Extension Office. Campbell will be attending and can take up to 5 others with him. We will work with families to arrange for transportation beyond that point. The **cost** will be approximately **\$10**, and registrations will be due **approximately April 18th**.



4-H Congress, July 8-11, MSU Bozeman Campus

While many Missoula 4-Hers earn a trip to 4-H Congress through competitions (Demonstration, Illustrated Talk, Public Speaking, Quilt Review, Horse Judging, Livestock Judging, etc.), ***you don't have a to win a contest or compete at Congress in order to attend Congress.*** Any 4-H member who was 14 or older on October 1st, 2007, can attend Congress in 2008. The **cost** is generally around **\$200**, and includes lodging and meals while at Congress. Please call if you would like to speak to Missoula 4-H teens who have attended in the past. They'll be glad to tell you if it's worth your time and money! Campbell will be attending this year and can take up to 5 others with him. We will work with families to arrange for transportation beyond that point. If clubs would like for someone to speak at your meeting to promote this event, please call the Extension Office. *If you want to attend 4-H Congress but don't have \$200, come to the Phon-a-Thon, make calls and get \$400 in pledges, and your trip to Congress is paid for!*



Aprons for the 4-H Café

During Christmas Break we had some very devoted 4-H kids, leaders and moms sewing aprons for the 4-H café. B-I-G thanks goes to **Paige Holmes** and her mom, **Michele, Alisha Wiley** and her mom, **Candace, Campbell Barrett**, and to **Teresa Friede** and her Seeley Lake 4-H'ers for taking part in the 4-H Café Apron project.

Do you still want to get in on the fun? We are going to have another sew date on **Thursday, March 27, 9:30 am- 12:00 pm** at the County Extension Office Conference room. Please join us for assembly style sewing, refreshments and door prizes. Call Kathy Revello at 258-4206 for details and to sign up.

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Members, want to learn how to make a pie?

Apple pie, cherry pie, blueberry pie, peach pie...what's your favorite? Get ready for the fair by joining us for a **Fruit Pie Workshop** at the County Extension Office on **Tuesday, June 17, 10 am to 12:00 pm**. All you have to bring is enough fruit filling for one pie and a pie pan so you can take it home. We will supply the rest. Class is limited to **4** people, so sign up early by calling Kathy Revello at 258-4206.

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4-H Scholarships . . . Seniors, watch your mail for the 4-H scholarship application form. The deadline to apply is **Friday, April 25**. Please pay close attention to the requirements to insure that you provide all the necessary documentation with your application.

For Sale or Give Away

Horse to give away: 26 year old AQHA Bay gelding; up-to-date on all shots, worming and hoof trimming; great pasture companion; possible light riding; very sociable — gets along with other horses; easy to catch, shoe, and trailer. **TO APPROVED HOME ONLY**. Contact Pat at 273-2265 or 721-5857.

Horse to give away: 12 year old Quarter horse mare needs a good family to love her. Current owner halter broke and trained her. Cannot be used as a mountain horse any longer due to navicular syndrome. This owner will handle the nerve block surgery needed. She loves this horse and wants to see her go to a loving home. For more info, call 544-8419.

Horse for Sale: Great kid's horse. Gentle, shoes easily, receives shots easily, trail rider, has done endurance, easy keep, 24 year old Arabian mare, \$800/obo. 258-6679.

Pony Mare For Sale: Beautiful white miniature pony mare, 20 years old, very sound & healthy, very gentle, loves children, saddle broke for lead line, former show horse, \$500.00 firm, includes child's saddle. Call Paula, 240-3590.

Pony Filly For Sale: Coming 2 year old quarter pony filly, sorrel with flaxen, halter broke, handled mostly by kids, mature at about 14 hands, \$400.00 firm. Call Paula, 240-3590.

Bunnies for sale: Netherland Dwarf bunnies, great 4-H project rabbits. Call for more information: 244-0993.

March 2008		
3	Dog Project classroom session	6:00 pm
5	4-H Council Meeting	7:00 pm
6-9	Western Region 4-H Leaders Forum - Boise, ID	
7	Multi-County 4-H Camp Counselor/CIT Applications Due	
8	Kids Fair at Southgate Mall	10am-7pm
10	Dog Project classroom session	6:00 pm
11	Ravalli Co. showmanship clinic - small animals	6:00 pm
12	Horse Committee Meeting	7:00
15	Drama Festival at Potomac Community Center	10:00 am
17	Dog Project classroom session	6:00 pm
19	Livestock Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
21	4-H Ambassador Apps due	
29-April 3	Nat'l 4-H Conference, Maryland	
31	Dog Project Outdoor Training Begins	
April 2008		
2	4-H Council Meeting	7:00 pm
4-6	Rec Lab in Billings	
8	Ravalli Co showmanship clinic - small animals	6:00 pm
9	Horse Committee Meeting	7:00 pm
12	Demonstration Day	
12	Multi County Camp Planning, Ronan	10 am
16	View Swine QA video, Extension Office	6-8 pm
16	Livestock Committee Meeting	7:30 pm
17	Hog Weigh In, Ag Education Center	
19	4-H/FFA Livestock Judging Contest, Ag Center	
21	Ambassador Interviews, Extension Office	
23 & 24	Phonathon	
25	Msla County 4-H Scholarship Apps due	
27-May 3	National Volunteer Week	
May 2008		
1	Breeding animals must be in the ownership & care of 4-H member	
2-4	Teen Retreat - Loon Lake 4-H Camp	
3	Mandatory Horse Clinic, Equestrian Park	8:00 am
7	4-H Council Meeting	7:00 pm