



Gallatin County 4-H Newsletter



EXTENSION

April 2016

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Changes to Montana 4-H Congress

The Montana 4-H Congress will be held July 13-16 in Bozeman on the Montana State University Campus. This conference is a great way for youth to meet other 4-Hers from across the state of Montana while exploring new projects and practicing their leadership skills. There are some exciting changes to Congress this year.

The first change is the age requirement has been lowered to 13 years old by October 1st. This is a great change that will allow younger youth to attend and start learning about leadership and the other opportunities 4-H has to offer.

The other change to congress is two new contest have been added. The new contest are Video and Career Communication. Both of these contest can also be done at the county level.

The Career Communication contest includes filling out a job application, cover letter and resume. Then the participate will have a job interview with judges. This is a great contest for teens to prepare and practice the skills that are needed to enter the workforce.

The Video contest can be done both as a team or individual. The 4-H member(s) will create a message using a video they made. Video's will can be between 30 seconds to 5 minutes. The members will also have an interview with the judges to talk about the message and how they made the video. A lot of teens are exposed to video editing either in school or as a hobby. This contest allows teens to showcase their talents using new technology to spread a message.

The Gallatin County Communication Day is April 30th @ MSU Ag Bioscience building. Please see page 2 of the newsletter for more information about signing up for Communication Day.

Kelton Jensen
4-H Agent



Upcoming Local Events

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, April 30th** for the
2016 Gallatin County Communication Contest!



All 4-H Members are invited to participate
Cloverbuds to Senior Members

The Gallatin County ULC is providing this opportunity for members to gain experience in public speaking and to polish their skills by “Learning by Doing.”

Communication Contests available in Gallatin County to compete:

- Demonstration and Illustrated talk (Individual or Team)
- Speech
- Career Communication**
- Video** (Individual or Team)
- Promotional Package (Individual or Team)
- Commercial (Individual or Team)



**new contest this year!

Why Should I Compete? All members will be given the opportunity to practice their public speaking skills or show off the cool video they made! **Senior members can earn a trip to Montana State 4-H Congress by competing in the contest above.** There will be trophy's given to the top presenters as well awards for everyone that competes in the contest.

I have never done this and need help! On **March 9th 6:00-7:00pm at Belgrade Middle School**, we will host a **Communications Help Day** . We will give tips on how to research and build a good presentation. We will review the details and issue more information on the different contests. A mock demonstration will be given so members can see how it is done. There will also be food and drinks provided.

Are there any other resources available? There is lots of information online from topics to pointers in giving a 4-H Presentation. Also, keep an eye on the **Gallatin County 4-H Facebook** page as we will highlight each of the contest and provide examples. As always, you can contact the Extension Office or your Club Leader for help.

Fair: There are some dry camping spots still available during the week of fair if you are interested contact the Gallatin Fairgrounds

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Parent's Night Out 

hosted by: 4-H Teen Leaders

SPiRE
CLIMBING FITNESS 

"Send us thy little mountain goats and climbing dragons for a medieval good time at Spire Climbing Center!"

Schedule:
 6:30-7:00 sign ye in and partake in games
 7:00-8:30 climb thy walls
 8:30-9:30 snacks & movie
 9:30 home to thy castle

\$25

\$35 SIBLINGS

\$45 SIBLINGS

SATURDAY APR. 16



6:30 - 9:30pm

Spire Climbing Center
13 Enterprise Blvd.

Ideal for ages 6-12. Please call **388-3213** by **APRIL 13** to sign up. Space is limited! Funds support our 4-H summer camp!



4-H Volunteers

Save the Date!

The 2016 Montana 4-H Leader's Forum planning committee would like to invite you to SAVE THE DATE for the 2016 Montana 4-H Leadership Forum. Participants will have an opportunity to learn together with volunteers and staff from across Montana and beyond through workshops and activities that promote, encourage, and educate 4-H volunteers to become extraordinary leaders in their 4-H programs.



The forum provides a weekend retreat for all of our 4-H Volunteers, Youth Leaders and 4-H staff across Montana to come together for networking, education, relaxation, and fun. Participants return with a deeper understanding of the 4-H mission, a stronger sense of how to accomplish it, and an expanded toolbox to make it happen.

Some of the best, most practical learning for 4-H leaders happens here. You'll come home loaded with ideas and activities and a better idea of how to implement them. Your County's 4-H program becomes stronger through your participation and dedication to its Youth!

Forum attendees will have the opportunity to self-select workshop tracks pertaining specifically to their area of leadership. We are currently soliciting workshops that will provide education in these following areas:

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|--|---------------------------------|
| Livestock/Horse Track | Family & Consumer Science Track |
| STEM (Science, technology, engineering, and mathematics) Track | |
| Outdoor Living Track | General Track |
| Youth Track | |

For more information stay tuned to the Montana 4-H website, <http://montana4h.org/#program:24> and email updates from committee members as it becomes available.

Volunteers Do You Want a Free Pass to the Fair?

The Unlimited Leaders Council has agreed to pay for one adult fair pass for all leaders that attend 2 or more trainings throughout the 4-H year. The trainings need to be at least an hour long to count as 1 training. We are working on offering some online trainings as well that would count towards the two trainings. Attending trainings at WRLF, State Leaders Forum, Shooting sports training or other county trainings can count as well. If you have any questions about having a training count towards earning your fair pass please call the Extension Office.

4-H Committees

Leader Council Meeting

The next Unlimited Leaders Council meeting is **Tuesday, April 12** starting at 6:30 pm at the **Belgrade Chamber of Commerce** All 4-H members and volunteers are invited to attend.

Horse Committee

Next Horse Committee Meeting will be Monday April 18 at the Mossy Oak Properties at 6pm.

4-H Foundation

Seeking community members to be a part of the foundation. This Committee meets 4 times a year and they are geared towards allocating funds for youth in 4-H. Please pass the word on to interested community members. The next meeting is April 21st @6:30 at the Belgrade Chamber of Commerce

State/National Events

Montana State Award

The state award is Montana's highest award recognizing the 4-H'ers for their work in a project area. The award recognizes the youth that have gone above and beyond the requirements of their project. State winners are recognized at Montana 4-H Congress and are awarded an opportunity to represent Montana at 4-H National Congress in November in Atlanta, Georgia. For information on the application process visit <http://www.montana4h.org/#program:9> Applications are due May 1, 2016

Western Heritage Shooting Sports Training

There will be a Western Heritage Shooting Sport Training in Joliet, MT on April 8-10. The registration deadline is April 4th. If you are interested in the training please contact the Extension office at 388-3213.

Congratulations Gallatin County 4-H Shooting Sports Members

Gallatin County was very well represented at the Montana 4-H State shooting sports contest. Many Gallatin County youth took home top prizes and will represent Montana at the 4-H National Shooting Sports Contest. Congratulations to all the Gallatin County youth that participated this year and all the hard work you put into your project.



Club Corner

Highlight key events your club is doing like field trips, community service, club parties, fund raisers and anything you would like to share about your club. Please submit those articles and pictures to gallatin@montana.edu

Dag Nabids

Dag Nabids will be meeting April 12th at the Animal Bioscience Building from 6:00 to 7:00 pm.

Remember to bring your answers for the Club Trip information. We will also have kiddos doing presentation on their 4-H Projects.

Any questions please contact Jolene 406-600-9939 or jmrandall99@gmail.com

Gallatin Gallopers

The last Gallatin Gallopers meeting was held Monday March 21st, at MSU. Kelton Jenson visited the club to share about 4H and also mentioned 4H Communication Day coming up on April 30th. He encouraged everyone to give it a try! Club member Chloe Harrington gave a presentation on the famous horse Snowman. Club leader Amy Prechter gave a presentations on horse health and maintenance. The club discussed the field trip to All West Vet where we learned about caring for all animals and watched them clean a horses teeth. GG4H is doing a Butter Braids fundraiser in April, please get in touch with us if you are interested in purchasing Butter Braids from us. The club will be participating in horseback and on the ground horsemanship lessons in May. Our next club meeting will be held Monday April 18th 6:00-7:30pm at the MSU Bioscience building, Room 138. The clubs April field TBA.



Manhattan Tater Gems

At our last club meeting on March 1, 2016 we had several of our members do their club demonstrations. We also conducted our annual community service activity of hosting a petting zoo and having pony rides during the Manhattan Easter Egg Hunt in Taylor Park on March 26, 2016. Our club is currently selling raffle tickets for a black standard rifle cover or a gift certificate for a custom cover as our club's fundraising event. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket please contact Leia Miller at littleblessingsranch@gmail.com. Our next club meeting will be held on April 5, 2016 at the Manhattan Bible Church at 6:30pm.



Submitted by: CJ Oostema, Reporter

Shining Mountaineers

At our March club meeting, we focused a lot on demonstrations. We broke up into groups and did a short team demonstration on how to eat an Oreo cookie. Then we had a guest speaker, Mrs Lila Beard, retired Belgrade High School Speech & Debate Coach. She came and talked to us about the components of public speaking; things like good posture, good volume, eye contact and making sure signs/posters can be read from a far distance. She reminded us to be sure that our presentation is geared towards the person in the back row. If they can see and hear everything, then everyone else can too.

We also took a field trip over Spring Break to the Emerson. We learned about ledger art and multi media art. Most of the art we saw was native American art. Good exhibit. Afterwards, we made ledger art using old pages from maps/atlasses, phone books and recycled paper.

In April we have a tour at Montana Instruments planned. Our next meeting is Friday, April 1st from 6-8 pm at Belgrade Middle School cafeteria. We would love for you all to come check us out.

Submitted by Ben M, reporter

Willow Creek Wranglers

Annual Easter Egg Hunt!





4-H Projects

Looking for 4-H Project Leaders or Co-Leaders-

These are popular projects in 4-H and we hope to be able to get a project leader to plan some activities for youth enrolled in: Please contact Kelton at the office to get more information. You do not need experience in these fields but just finding a meeting location and bringing in guests to help teach.

Sewing
Pocket Pets

Leathercraft
Robotics/Co Leader

Co-Teen Leadership

And of course any other 4-H Project!

Arts & Crafts

The Arts & Crafts project has a new leader. The first meeting will be April 14 from 6-7 pm. Please RSVP to Dani for the location of the meeting, her email is Danielle.Jensen@wellsfargo.com

Baby Sitting

We are still looking for new members for this project. If you are interested in making some extra money babysitting or you care for younger children please consider adding this project.

Some of the topics to be covered are:

- *Learning CPR and basic first aid
- *Discussion of how to handle various situations
- *Developing a support group and emergency contacts
- *Creating fun, structured activities to do with the kids you babysit
- *Making an activity bag to take to your jobs
- *Creating a flyer for neighbors and prospective clients

Baking

New Leader! Information will be sent out to those enrolled in the Baking Project. You can still join the baking project!

Cloverbuds "Spring is in the Air"

Come join us on Monday, April 25 from 6:30-8:00 at the Belgrade Intermediate School cafeteria. Details are being finalized. Questions, please call Cyndi after 6:00 pm at 388-1585 or email at forsuhr@msn.com.

Save the date for future meetings: Tuesday, May 24, Belgrade Intermediate School from 6:30-8:00. Plans for June are still in the works.

Beef

Spring weigh-in & showmanship workshop

Date: April 10th at 2:00 pm

Location: Indoor Arena at the Fairgrounds

This is our last weigh-in for the beef project until the fair. It is very important to know a current weight on your animals. This will help you determine how to achieve your final target weight for the fair. At this workshop, we will weigh the animals, and then tie them up while we go over some showmanship basics. Then you will have an opportunity to practice a little with your animal and ask questions. It's a great idea to attend this workshop! Not only is this a chance to weigh your animal, but it is very good to get your animals exposed to new places and people before the fair.

Please watch the newsletter and your beef project emails for any updates and information. Thank you to those who attended the record book workshop. EVERYONE will be required to have an up to date feed and financial journal, as well as 7 new activities completed in their project book for this year. You will need to have your record book approved and signed by a beef leader BEFORE your interview. I WILL NOT approve record books at the fair, so please plan ahead!!

AQA is quickly approaching and some of you are required to attend this. Watch for news on this....It is only offered one time! This does not count as one of your 3 required workshops. If you are using a jackpot show, a stock show, or some other elective as one of your required workshops, you will need approval from one of the beef committee members. You can send a detailed email to one of us that explains what the event was, how you participated, and what you learned from it.

We hope to see you all at the April Weigh-in!

Beef committee members: Melanie Duffin 209-1978, Jake Callantine 581-4764, Lola Brogger 285-6730, Brandi Elfland 539-8883

BEEF: April 16th for Animal Quality Assurance (AQA)

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Dog Agility

We have a leader!! Please make sure you are enrolled in the Dog Agility project and you will receive email information regarding time and place!

Dog Obedience

Classes start at 4 and 5 o'clock sharp, if you are going to be more than 5 minutes late please skip the class, and try and make the next one. Each class will last about 35-45 minutes, make sure your ride knows this. These first 5-7 weeks are crucial, this is the imprint stage and we need 100% participation. If you have any questions please ask any one of the adult volunteers.

Ron Murray ~ Montana Murray Kennels ~ 406-388-4789



Food - Cooking

Our 4th Installment of Cooking will again meet at the MSU Food Lab (located at Herrick Hall Food Lab, off South 7th and Cleveland). We will meet on Tuesday, April 26 from 6-8pm. Parents are encouraged to stay and help with meeting and cleanup. Upcoming dates are May 24 and June 28.

Jolene & Elizabeth

Goat

The goat project has met, but it's not too late for signing up. Please contact one of the project leaders if you would like to sign a contract/register.

Your child must have possession of your goat by April 15 if you want to compete in fair. Pick up your project books at the Extension office. They are very helpful there! You must interview to show at fair as well as bring your completed project book to your interview.

Also, to compete your child must attend 3 workshops.

A trip to a meat goat farm! April 16 at 10 AM we will meet at Half Moon Acres on 158 Pheasant Lane, north of Belgrade, in Dry Creek. Turn and head north at Dry Creek church. You can Google the directions.

Farm Fair is May 3-5. This counts as a workshop. Your child can work a half or whole day.

The fair this summer is July 19-24 Thanks, and have a great kidding season!

Your project leaders:

Dan Holland: phone 388-0878

Char Seger phone [815-980-0888](tel:815-980-0888) cseger62@gmail.com

Kristi Jacobs email: kqbj01@gmail.com

Kelly Dawes phone: [406-580-5355](tel:406-580-5355).

GOAT: April 16th for Animal Quality Assurance (AQA)

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Horse

-Next Meeting will be April 18th, 6pm at Mossy Oak Properties

-Project Clinics for April — Clinic are \$10 rider. *Each clinic has a limited number of spaces.*

Please contact project leaders to reserve a spot in each clinic.

April 3rd – Working Ranch Horse - Saddle Peak Arena

Contact Scott Schuster, ranchroper713@gmail.com

April 9 – Reining - Gallatin River Ranch

Contact Jess Woodring, cjdwoody3@yahoo.com

April 9 — Jumping & Dressage – Fairgrounds Indoor Arena

Contact Sue Lemmon, mlemmonmt@yahoo.com

April 23 – Packing & Trail - Anderson Arena Fairgrounds

Contact Greg Benjamin, gbenjamin@seaeng.com

April 30 - Jumping Dressage #3 - Fairgrounds Indoor Arena

Contact Sue Lemmon, mlemmonmt@yahoo.com

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Fair is just around the corner. It's time to start preparing!

Things you should be doing now!!!:

Record Books – You can be working on these now! All horse record books must be completed at time of interview in order to show.

Project Books - *Now is the time to ask for help if you need it.* They must be completed and *signed by a leader* through the level that 4-Hers are completing at, by the time of interview in order to show.

Clinic Attendance requirements - It is mandatory for each 4-H Horse member to participate in a minimum two (2) riding clinics of any type to be eligible to compete at fair. Pre Fair counts as one general clinic. Project clinics count towards the general clinic requirement, however each project has specific attendance requirements for fair eligibility. Check with your leaders.

Alternate Horse Clinic requirement– Each horse, including alternate or bac-up horses, must be ridden in at least once clinic before fair to be eligible to show.

Important Calendar Dates:

June 25th – Pre Fair –at the Anderson Arena at the fairgrounds. ***This will be the last Horse Committee clinic and your last chance to complete the 2 required clinics to be eligible to compete at fair.*

June 1st – Entries are due (a late fee will be charged for entries received June 1st – June 15th)

July 18th – 20th – Fair Horse Show (Check in Sunday July 17th)

Things to think about in the future: more details will be coming in future newsletters.

Parent Volunteers for Fair– Horse Show at fair requires a many hands to make things run smoothly, on time, and to keep our kids and judges safe. This year the horse committee is asking parents to volunteer for a show shift in addition to the mandatory barn duty. We will need help with gate keeping, ring attendants, ribbons, setting up and tearing down courses, to name a few.

Vet Inspections – are mandatory. We encourage members to get theirs before they come to fair if possible, to streamline the process. Vet inspections must be completed no earlier than 72 hours prior to arrival at fair.

Stall Posters – each 4-Her is required to make and display a stall poster for to tell passers-by about themselves and their horse/s. There is a new name and theme for the Fair this year to be announced later.

Barn Duty & Parent Volunteers – Each family is required to do Barn Duty. Additionally, parents are being asked to volunteer to help run the show.

Horse Show Awards Picnic – will be held Wednesday after the horse show, before horses load out. More details will come later.

Horses Training – Horses to be shown at fair may only be ridden by the 4-H member or immediate family member after June 1st

New Member Liaison – Heidie Donnelly has graciously volunteered to answer questions and help families navigate the details of Fair Horse Show. Find her at mrs_donnelly@hotmail.com

Horse Project Leaders

Green Horse/Colt to Maturity - Don Funke

Jumping and Dressage - Sue Lemmon

Horseless Horse - Amy Prechter

Pack Horse and Mountain Trail Riding - Greg Benjamin

Reining - Jess Woodring

Working Ranch Horse - Scott Schuster

English - Sue Lemmon

Western - Peggy Lucas



4-H Projects

Photography

We will not meet in the month of April. Keep working on your workbooks and we will see you all in May. Any questions please contact Jolene 406-600-9939 or jmrandall99@gmail.com

Poultry

The poultry FLOCK will meet Thursday, April 14 at 6:30 in Building 3 at the Fairgrounds. We will be focusing on chick ID, breed selection, record books, poster project and showmanship. Please bring your RECORD BOOK and a BIRD to practice with. If you have market birds be aware of the required AQA training in April. All members must attend a minimum of 3 meetings to show birds at Fair.

Shawna 580-7819 **Rachel** 548-1915 **Val** 388-8244 **Lisa** 406-388-9422 Jen & Leia

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Quilting

Here are the upcoming meeting dates.

Apr 10th June 12th July 10th.

Those are Sunday's and we'll meet from 1pm-4pm at 3156 Catkin B, Bozeman—Whitney Holmes

wevh24@yahoo.com

Rabbit

The rabbit project will have the next meeting on Thursday, April 21 at 6:30 in Building 3 at the Fairgrounds. Information will be covered concerning the Rabbit Show which will be held on Saturday, April 23. Registration sheets will be emailed out to the 4-H members for the show. Bring your rabbits to the meeting as we will practice showmanship and the jumps will be set up for practice. Other activities will also take place. If you have any questions please call Larry at 586-5791.

RABBIT: April 16th for Animal Quality Assurance (AQA)

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Robotics

New Robotics Schedule for both 1st and 2nd Year:
April 7, April 14, April 21 and April 28 (Family Night) 6:30-8:00pm at the Belgrade Middle School.

Gregg Switzer 581-0624

Sheep

2016 Sheep Project Workshops

Lamb Selection Workshop

1 PM April 10th, 2016 (Smith's, 3155 Leah Drive, Belgrade)

Marketing: Marketing, Posters, and People Skills. Get the tools you need to make a great poster, learn how and who to market your project to, and practice the skills to talk to potential buyers and go through the project interview process.

May 2nd **Starts PROMPTLY at 6:30 p.m., Belgrade Middle School Cafeteria.**

Slick Shearing Workshop

6:30 PM June 9th, 2016 (Swan's, Manhattan)

Lamb Camp will be June 11th and 12th at the Lewis and Clark Fairgrounds Helena, MT. Champions Choice Lamb Camp, formally Big Sky Lamb Camp will still be instructed by Tracy Dendinger from Ohio. Register online at this site, www.championschoicelambcamp.com for more information contact Buck Smith 406-580-3249

Pre-fair/Showmanship Workshop

6:30 PM June 29, 2016 (Gallatin Co. Fairgrounds)

Sheep project participants **MUST** attend **4 of the 8 scheduled workshops*** in order to show at the fair.

*Substitutions:

- Senior member mentoring (**NEW**)

Senior member (driving age) can mentor a 1st or 2nd year member. They can assist with numerous tasks such as halter breaking, showmanship skills, slick shearing, etc. Must perform 3 separate tasks on different days. These tasks for one mentor relationship will count for **ONE** workshop credit.

- Participating in the Lamb camp (June 11-12, 2016)

- Participating in one Jackpot show will count as one workshop (Limit 1)

•Attending a county-wide workshop (i.e. AQA, if needed, or Marketing Workshops; Limit 1

Reminders!

Weigh-In and Tagging: May 1st, 2016 from 3 - 5 PM (Wash Barn at the Gallatin Co. Fairgrounds)

Sally Smith, Buck Smith, Lisa Surber, Ruth Carr, Craig Carr Scott Riffle, Nancy Chesterfield, and Leia Miller

SHEEP: April 16th for Animal Quality Assurance (AQA)

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Shooting Sports

Questions: Contact the following leaders

Amber Sartain – 580-8957

Air Rifle/Pistol – Lee Nelson – 579-0612, Bill Ott – 209-2599

Smallbore – Tom Everett – 388-9076, Scott Francis – 284-6843, Lee Nelson – 579-0612

Shotgun, Hunting & Wildlife – Scott Francis – 284-6843

Muzzle-loading – Bill Ott – 209-2599, Scott Francis – 284-6843

Western Heritage—Todd Kesner - 994-6816

Shotgun - Manhattan Wildlife Association - Logan - Sundays

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time</u>
	Skeet & Sporting Clays TBD	
April 23-24	Competitions TBD	

Hunting Project - Manhattan High School - Thursdays

Hunting project has been cancelled

Archery - Big Sky Archery - Sundays

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Time</u>
	State Match	TBD
April 3rd	Awards and Fun Shoot Remember to bring record book and shooting log. If you read this, please bring an apple to this event	1:00 and 2:00

Shooting Sports- Western Heritage

The 4-H Western Heritage Project will meet twice per month indoors January through April 2016. The first meeting per month will be an optional book work meeting where members can advance in the 4-H Western Heritage Youth Activity Guide and remain current in their record books. The second meeting each month will be an activity night related to frontier history. The book work and activity meetings will assist members in their history exam and clothing interview held at the State and National competition.

Indoor meeting dates are as follows

April 14 and 28

Shooting dates are set at the Manhattan Wildlife Association range in Logan, MT:

Monday – April 11, 2016 – 2 bays, 5:30 – 8:30

Monday – April 25, 2016 – 2 bays, 5:30 – 8:30

Monday – May 9, 2016 – 2 bays, 5:30 – 8:30

Monday – May 23, 2016 – 2 bays, 5:30 – 8:30

Monday – June 6, 2016 – 2 bays, 5:30 – 8:30

Monday – June 20, 2016 – 2 bays, 5:30 – 8:30

Monday – June 27, 2016 – 2 bays, 5:30 – 8:30

Monday – July 11, 2016 – 2 bays, 5:30 – 8:30

Monday – July 18, 2016 – 2 bays, 5:30 – 8:30

Monday – August 8, 2016 – 2 bays, 5:30 – 8:30

Our Fundraising Shoot to support travel to nationals will be held on Tuesday, June 14, 2016, from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm.

Small Engines

Anyone interested can stop by and check out what they do!

April: 9th and 23rd, 10:00am

May: 14th and 28th, 10:00am

June: 11th and 25th, 10:00am

July: 9th and 23rd, 10:00am

The project meetings are all at my shop in Belgrade.

The Address:

GarnasTech, LLC 75 Astor Ave. Belgrade MT, 59714

Aaron Garnas

Swine

-The Pig Pool is MOVED TO APRIL 9. RSVP by Friday, April 1.

PIG POOL: Saturday, April 9 at the Swine Barn at the Fairgrounds. Pig pool viewing will begin at 9:30 a.m., Workshop at 10:00 a.m. (in the old sale barn) Pig Pool to follow directly after the workshop.

The Pig Pool is a private sale between 4-H Members and Dykema Feeds. To reserve your animals, contact Dale Dykema at 282-7272 or dsdykema@yahoo.com no later than APRIL 1. Reserving your animals requires a \$25/per animal deposit, mail to Dykema Feeds, 6477 Stagecoach Tr., Manhattan, MT 59741. Pig pool pigs will already have a 4-H tag.

Contact Dale with any questions regarding the Pig Pool.

Upcoming Workshops:

- Saturday, April 9: Raising Pigs for the Beginner. Dale Dykema will provide an overview of what it takes to raise pigs for 4-H. **Old Sale Barn at the Fairgrounds, 10:00 a.m.**

-Tuesday, April 26: Life cycle of hogs, we will be exploring the life cycle of the market hog from conception to processing. **Starts PROMPTLY at 6:30 p.m., Belgrade Intermediate School Cafeteria.**

-Monday, May 2: Selling Your Project: Marketing, Posters, and People Skills. Get the tools you need to make a great poster, learn how and who to market your project to, and practice the skills to talk to potential buyers and go through the project interview process. **Starts PROMPTLY at 6:30 p.m., Belgrade Middle School Cafeteria.**

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Tagging/Contracts:

This year's deadline for having the animals tagged and in your possession is April 20, 2016. This will also be the deadline for having your project contract in as well. You can turn it in at the Pig Pool Workshop, or drop it off/mail it to the 4-H Extension Office. The contract is located on the Gallatin County Extension webpage under 4-H, Forms.

Tagging Procedures will include 3 options:

PREFERRED METHOD: Members can check out a tagger from the 4-H Extension Office, take a digital photo of the animal with the tags, and return the tagger to be disinfected before being checked out again. **Tagging MUST be done in the right ear, and cut out any other tags the animal has to prevent confusion at the processor.** Email the photo to Merle Farrier (farrier@littleappletech.com).

SECOND PREFERRED METHOD: Members can make arrangements (ahead of time) with a committee member to meet them with the animals in a trailer (preferably when the animals are being transferred from the breeder to the member's home facility). Contact Merle at 580-8850 or Lee at 599-0601 to make arrangements.

LAST OPTION: A Committee member will personally tag the animals for you. Again, contact Merle at 580-8850 or Lee at 599-0601 to make arrangements.

Opportunities for Swine Project Members with 4+ years in the project: Help plan & present workshops, help wrangle the pig pool pigs, and help with work days. Please contact Lauri if you want to step up your participation in the swine project! We appreciate your experience and input!

As always, your Swine Committee is here to help in any way we can! Contact us with any questions or concerns.

Swine Committee Point of contact:

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President: Merle Farrier, farrier@littleappletech.com

VP: Amber Sartain, amber@gvelevator.com

Lee Nuss, Shawn McGinley, Jake Callentine, Andrea Wass, Dave Kirschten

SWINE: April 16th for Animal Quality Assurance (AQA)

The Gallatin County Animal Quality Assurance workshop will be held on Saturday April 16th from 10:00am to 12:00pm at the Belgrade Middle School cafeteria. All youth that are taking a market animal (planning to sell their animal at the auction) for the first time need to take AQA. Youth must attend AQA once as a Junior (ages 8-13) and once as a Senior (ages 14 and older).

Teen Leadership

Teen Leadership is a great project for youth ages 13 and older. Please see the schedule for monthly meetings at the Belgrade Middle School Cafeteria. Gregg Switzer (581-0624) is the Leader. Looking for a co-leader.

Mondays Apr 11 and 25

Mondays May 9 and 23 and 30

Mondays Jun 6 and 13

Vet Science

We will be holding our Vet Science meeting at the Belgrade Chamber of Commerce. The time for the meeting is at 6 on April 18. This meeting will be to catch up on our books. Please bring your books and a pencil. Any questions or problems please contact me at 539-0095 or email pets2poniesv.s@gmail.com.
Becky

Summer 4-H Camp:

Summer is coming and with it brings our annual 4-H Summer Camp for campers 9-13 on **June 14-17, 2016!** This 4-day, 3-night adventure at the scenic Hyalite Youth Camp is hosted by your Gallatin County 4-H Teen Leaders and they have been working hard for months getting prepared. This year's theme is "Medieval Times" and it is jam-packed with renaissance themed activities fit for young royalty like: building a trebuchet and using it to siege a castle, jousting practice, how to train your knight, ride a dragon, sorcery and hunting for secret dragon eggs. Other high energy activities include a full ropes course, hiking, canoeing, fun games, dancing, campfire entertainment and more.

Please sign up by May 1st to receive our early registration fee of \$125 (or \$145 non 4-H members).

Come meet a few of our Teen Leaders at our booth this **Thursday April 7th from 4-7pm at the Gallatin Valley Mall** during Montana Parent's annual "Summer Camp Round Up". You can get even more information about our camp and other camps happening this summer in our area!

Special thanks to the Gillhousen Foundation and our sponsors who help us keep our camp affordable so every young knight and fair maiden can attend.

Partial scholarships are available upon request. Please contact our 4-H office for information.





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To request disability accommodation or to inform us of special needs, please contact the Extension Office at 406-388-3213 five (5) working days before the event.

National Volunteer Week April 10-17



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