



Gallatin County 4-H Newsletter



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UPCOMING EVENTS

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May 19	Record Book Training
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June 8	4-H Foundation Meeting
June 14-17	Summer 4-H Camp (see pg 3)
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Giving Back

The fair is quickly approaching this summer. For some the prep work is routine after years in a project. For others that are in their first year it can be over whelming and sometimes even scary. Who or what can help first year members through this process? Yes 4-H leaders and volunteers are great resources along with the Extension Office, but sometimes our senior members get overlooked. Most senior 4-H members fall into the routine category, after they have been in the project for more than 4 years and have valuable experience and knowledge.

I still remember the senior 4-H member that helped me at the fair during my first year with a market beef project. She gave me tips on showing, fitting, and overall help on my beef project. No one made her help me and I did not even ask for her help. She just saw an opportunity to pass on her knowledge and in turn help a younger 4-H member in the process. I'm indebted to that person and felt a responsibility to pass along my knowledge and experience when I was that senior 4-H member.

As a senior 4-H member you have a responsibility to pass along what you have learned from other members and leaders to the younger members. The younger 4-H members look up to you as a senior member and follow your lead. It is important to set a good example for the younger members and set a high standard for them to strive for.

I challenge all the senior 4-H members in all the projects to be that example for a younger member. Don't wait to be told or asked to help someone, just go and do it. Even if they are your competition or its out of your way. Whether it is at workshop, club meeting, or in the barn at fair, step up and make an impact. You may never know just how much you helped that person. If you are lucky you will find out in ten years or more when someone comes up to you and thanks you for helping them. That is worth more than any ribbon or buckle you will ever win.

Kelton Jensen
4-H Youth Development Agent



Upcoming Local Events

Gallatin County 4-H is now offering half-day camps for Summer 2016!

Camp prices run from \$15-\$25 and cover a variety of topics. You do not have to be a 4-H member to attend, so invite your friends too! Multiple dates to choose from, and they do not interfere with congress, camp, or fair. These camps will be fun, hands on, and educational. You can find the Summer Day Camp Boucher at gallatin4h.org (in the sliding photos)

Some of this summers topics include:

- Life Skills and Horses
- Basketball
- Natural Resources
- Cooking
- Robotics
- Animal Science
- Sewing
- Music
- and crafts!

Come by the office soon to register, as slots will fill quickly! Please call our office at (406) 388-3213 for any questions.

Youth Volunteers Needed

With the upcoming **Summer 2016 half day camps**, Gallatin County 4-H is looking for 4-H members **14 and older** to be volunteers. This would be a great opportunity to not only get some volunteer hours, but also to have a great time participating in fun and exciting camps! The volunteers would be assisting leaders and helping with younger youth while having a great time. **These kind of experiences look great on college applications and job resumes.** If you are interested please call our office and ask for Hayley. (406) 388-3213

Pet Expo Help Needed

On June 4th the Bozeman Chronicle is hosting a pet expo at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. Gallatin County 4-H will have a booth at the event. The event is from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. We are looking for a few individuals that would like to either help man the booth or even bring a small animal. Please call the Extension office at 388-3213 if you would like to help out.

Stop by and check out this event

Some 4-H youth are presenting animal care and information here!

**2nd Annual Bozeman
Seed, Plant, and Scion Exchange**

14 May 2016
12:00pm - 2:00pm
Bozeman Public Library

This is a **FREE** event!

For more information: blackrobin.org • 406.551.6494
blackrobinfarmandorchard@gmail.com

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 6th** to receive our early registration fee of \$125 (or \$145 non 4-H members).

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.



Countdown to Fair!

To get Up-to-date Fair Information

Over the next 2 months there will be information popping up and we would like to keep you all updated without sending multiple emails that you have to go digging through. Please follow this website as we will post All fair related information to here:

<http://www.msuextension.org/gallatin/4hfair.html>

Fairbook and Entries

The fairbook is done and can be found at the website listed above or you can pick up a copy at the Extension Office. We will start taking Fair Entries on Monday, May 2nd. Please make sure you read the rules in each project that you plan to compete in as rules are added or changed.

Camping: There are some dry camping spots still available during the week of fair if you are interested contact the Gallatin Fairgrounds at 582-3270.

Changes:

-Poster Requirements– All INDOOR Posters **must** be self standing (trifold)

Premiums– Youth can enter as many exhibits in a class, but only your top five (5) highest entries will be paid on premiums in each class. Premiums will not be paid for educational options or posters.

Theme:

 **4-H GROWS HERE**

You can visit <http://www.4-h.org/resource-library/4H-marketing-online-resource-center/>

to get logos and excellent photos.



Record Book Help Workshop

On May 19th at the Belgrade Chamber of Commerce we will have a record book workshop at 6:00pm until 7:30pm.

We will go over the basics of a record book and provide examples of a completed record book. There will be time at the end to ask questions and even work on your record book if you would like.

State/National Events

Montana 4-H Congress

July 13-16 on the Bozeman campus of Montana State University. Prepare to step back in time to the age of lords and ladies, knights and chivalry. Come and defend your county 4-H crest by participating in state contests, workshops, and many social engagements. Exciting new adventures have been arranged for you! The Congress schedule will include:

Opening speaker COMETRY (www.cometry.org)

- Hands on workshops with a variety of topics to peak all of your interests.
- Scholarship and Awards Recognition.
- A 4-H Renaissance Fair with medieval games and activities.
- Dances and Games to fill those evening hours with a dance workshop for those that want to work on their move.



Montana 4-H Congress
July 13-16 . MSU Bozeman



4-H Committees

Leader Council Meeting

The next Unlimited Leaders Council meeting is **Tuesday, May 10** 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 May 16th 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 June 8th @6:30 at the Belgrade Chamber of Commerce

Bylaw changes:

On April 21st the Gallatin 4-H Foundation met and voted upon editing the Gallatin 4-H Foundation Constitution and Bylaws. Attached with the newsletter is the drafted changes. Please contact the 4-H Office if you have any thoughts or questions regarding the edits. The purpose behind the changes are to define the number and type of members on the Foundation as well as define the officer term limits. Vice President was also changed to President-Elect as that office will become the president when the president's term is expired.

New 4-H Foundation Scholarship!!! Applications due August 1, 2016

\$500 scholarship to a graduating high school senior who:

- 1- Active 4-H Enrollment status all through high school (4 years)
- 2- 4-H club member all through high school (4 years)
- 3- Must turn in record book with application
- 4- Reference letters from two (2) community members and two (2) 4-H leaders.
- 5- Must complete the Gallatin County 4-H Scholarship form

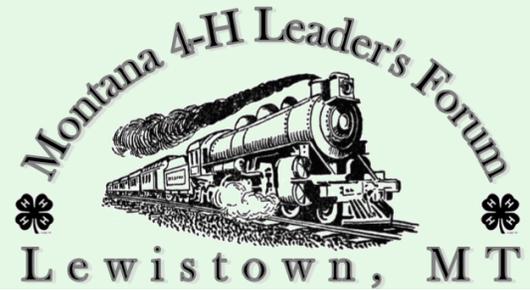
Funds will be awarded after applicant has completed 1st semester of higher education and is enrolled for 2nd semester (proof of enrollment will be required).

We are very excited to offer this new scholarship for youth who have dedicated their high school years to also be an active 4-H member!

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.



ON TRACK TO 4-H VOLUNTEER SUCCESS

September 30 - October 2, 2016

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:

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.



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 not meet in the Month of May, we will meet again in June. Any questions please contact Jolene 406-600-9939 or jmrandall99@gmail.com

Gallatin Gallopers

The Gallatin Gallopers met on April 18th from 6:00-7:00 pm at MSU. Guest Speaker Jenna Marx from the Shining Mountaineers 4-H club gave a presentation on "How to give a Demonstration/illustrated Talk for 4-H". Next the club watched a video on Helmet Safety. We also did a quick demonstration by dropping an egg with and without helmet protection to see what would happen. The egg in the helmet survived! Watching the video was necessary if members want to participate in any future riding events the club has to offer. The field trip in April was to Hardaway Vet Clinic to hear talks about horse vaccinations, spring feeding, and to watch an equine chiropractic demonstration. Club members will have a chance to take riding/horsemanship lessons in May and attend Horse Camp in August. Butter Braid orders were distributed and prizes awarded to the top sellers. The Butter Braid sales were up from last year and considered a success. Our next meeting will be held May 16th, 6-7:30pm at the MSU Bioscience Building.



Gallatin Valley Livestock

Gallatin Valley Livestock 4-H Club held their last meeting of the year in April. The next time we will gather will either be a club potluck at a members home or at fair.

This month we volunteered for two community service projects. The first one was organized by Ruby Stenberg at the Churchill Retirement Home. We had several members and parents attend to help clean up the yards of the retirement home. We raked pinecones, pulled weeds, and cleaned up debris from winter. It was a very successful morning! The next Saturday we helped at the Heart of the Valley Animal Shelter in a fun activity organized by Kylee Ann Botsford. We had members show up for a fun tour of the shelter and then we made toys, from old clothes that the members donated, for the shelter pets. Tons of fun was had by all! Thank you to Ruby and Kylee Ann for organizing!

Manhattan Tater Gems

Excellent job Tater Gems for your participation in demos! They were fun and creative! Our next meeting will be a farewell to the Cole family. We will gather at the Miller house for Navajo Tacos on May 3rd at 6:00. Please call if you have any questions.

Manhattan Clever Clovers

The Manhattan Clever Clovers completed a spring service project last week, cleaning the irrigation ditch that runs through town. The reason we did it was because a beaver came and chomped down a bunch of trees during winter break and left them in the ditch. We cleaned for a couple hours and once you got the hang of it actually got easy to do. We filled a bunch of trash bags and filled two big trucks full of sticks and brush. The town of Manhattan was very thankful we did it because it will help the ditch from flooding this year.



The Manhattan Clever Clovers took a club field trip to a local Dairy Farm in April. We learned first about their farm and how they feed their cows. Then the most fun part was feeding the baby calves. There were over 50 of them so we all got to feed a

couple. After that we saw bigger calves and some of the bigger cows. We then took turns to see them milk the cows. The machines they use are cool to watch and they store the milk in a huge tank that is really cold. It looks



Saddle Stars

The Saddle Star 4-H club met Monday, April 4th at the Fairgrounds.

Most 4-Hers received their club t-shirts which are awesome. They are grey with a black Saddle Stars logo and 4-H pledge designed by Ash Lee Schumacher. Tea Love gave a demonstration on hot shoeing horses with the help of her farrier who made a shoe from rod of metal. Erica Berger gave a talk on some of the breeds of horses with Q&A. Erica Knappenberger gave an illustrated talk on the Leopard Spotted gene in horses.

A friendly reminder to club members to be working on their record books now and to not wait until fair to start them. Kids should also be working on project books and should ask leaders for help if they have any questions.

Upcoming date:

May 2 –club business meeting – 6pm at the Fairgrounds

Club Rides

May 7 – Club ride on equitation both English and Western– Indoor Arena Fairgrounds

May 14th – Club Ride, showmanship practice and individual help, help with fair entries, project books and record books – Indoor Arena Fairgrounds

May 21st – Club trail ride – TBD – Probably Headwaters State Park

June 1st – Fair Entries are due

June 4th – Club Ride – Jess Woodring – reining and effective use of the arena – Anderson Arena Fairgrounds

June 6 – club Business Meeting – 6pm at the Fairgrounds

June 25th – Pre Fair – Anderson Arena Fairgrounds Submitted by Erica Knappenberger

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Club Corner

Shining Mountaineers

April was a busy month for the Shining Mountaineers! We all met on a Friday night for demonstrations and appetizers. There were 15 club members who did a fabulous job teaching us. In



between presentations, we played some fun communications games while the next two presenters setup.

Montana Instruments opened up their facility to give us a tour on April 12. They are a scientific instruments engineering company, so we learned about cryogenics and engineering. Our club participated in "Montana 4-H Week of Service", giving back to our community. We took a Sunday afternoon and partnered with Family Promise to do some much needed spring cleaning around their day center by weeding, mowing, cleaning out flower beds and raking.

We also cleaned out a storage garage and a back porch toy area. Then, we prepared and served dinner for some homeless families participating in the program. We left Family Promise with some "Birthday Party Kits" so families can celebrate a child's Birthday while in the program. In May we have a fun afternoon of obstacle courses and games planned during the first annual "Shining Mountaineers Olympics". If you don't have a club, we would love for you to join us on May 6th from 6-8 pm at the Belgrade Middle School Cafeteria. If you have questions, or want to learn more about our club, contact Millie Veltkamp at 570-2554 or shiningmountaineers@gmail.com Submitted by Ben M., reporter



4-H Projects

Beef

Our last scheduled workshop is on May 15th for the hoof trimming at the Beef Producers Scale. We will start at 1:00 and I have already sent out a tentative time schedule. I will send a finalized one closer to the workshop. Please arrive 15 minutes before your allotted time in case we are running ahead of schedule. You will only receive credit for this workshop if you bring your steer for trimming.

Please remember that EVERYONE is required to attend 3 approved workshops or you will not be allowed to participate in the fair!! Just a reminder to be working on your record books - everyone is required to have 7 new activities completed in their Project Book, and your record book must be signed by a Beef Committee member BEFORE the fair.

If you have any questions, please email me bobbyduffin@aol.com.

Please watch your email for information about the Fair changes this year. There will be a Jackpot show beginning Saturday of the fair this year and I will get those details out in an email as well.

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

Cloverbuds "Knock on Wood (with a hammer)"

April showers brought May flowers and at our last meeting, the Cloverbuds made a flowerpot with their handprint and fingerprint petals for the flowers. They were very colorful and very creative.

Please join us on Tuesday, May 24 as we explore the Woodworking Project. **Please bring a hammer and a screwdriver.** Hope to see you at either the Belgrade Middle School cafeteria or the Belgrade Intermediate School cafeteria from 6:30-8:00. Questions, please call Cyndi after 6:00 pm at 388-1585 or email at forsuhr@msn.com. Plans for June are still in the works - no date set yet.

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

Dog obedience is up and going, please start working on your books, we will be working on the books together after our initial first 7 weeks of training are complete.

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



4-H Projects

Food - Cooking

Our 5th Installment of Cooking will be at the MSU Food Lab (located at Herrick Hall Food Lab, off South 7th and Cleveland). We will meet on Tuesday, May 24th from 6-8pm. Parents are encouraged to stay and help with meeting and cleanup. Upcoming date is June 28.

Jolene & Elizabeth

Goat

On May 10, 11, 12 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday), is the Farm Fair and the chance you all have to share your goat knowledge with all of the fourth graders in the Gallatin Valley (at a farm east of Manhattan.) Over the course of those three days we will conduct forty-eight different 15 minute milking demonstrations to roughly twenty students in each group. You can sign up to work as much or as little as you want. The sessions are broken down into morning and afternoon shifts on each day. You will need to be there by 8:30 for a morning shift, and 11:30 for the afternoon shift. Conversely you will be done at noon and 3 PM. In either case, Dan will buy your lunch, which he can confidently tell you will consist of a freshly grilled hamburger, an orange wedge, three baby carrots, four pretzels, a cookie, and a milk.

In order to sign up just shoot Dan an e-mail indicating what your preference for shift (or shifts) assignments is. If you have flexibility, please indicate that as well, because we may have to move some of you around if there are holes that need to be filled. I should also point out that there are a number of different roles you can assume, and Dan will attempt to place you in a role you are comfortable with (although once you get the hang of it, we may switch things around to keep it interesting.) Some of you are old pros at this, but for others this will be your maiden voyage. We try to make this experience fun, educational, and confidence building.

Dan's email is: djhollandcpa@mindspring.com

Your project leaders:

Dan Holland: phone 388-0878

Kristi Jacobs email: kqbj01@gmail.com

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

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

Gardening

Gardening- Next meeting is May 7, 2016 at 10:30. We will meet at a local nursery (TBD) to look at plants and discuss our Fair projects. If you have any questions, please call or email Sarah at: 406-581-7121 or s_brechbuhler@msn.com

Horse

Next Horse Committee Meeting will be May 16, 6pm at Mossy Oak Properties

Project Clinics for May — Clinic are \$10 rider. These are the remaining clinics that count towards Fair.

Please remember that you need to participate in a minimum of 2 riding clinics of any type to compete. If you have not be able to complete your clinics so far please contact horse committee. *Each clinic has a limited number of spaces. Please contact project leaders to reserve a spot in each clinic.*

May- date TBA – Jumping & Dressage Contact Sue Lemmon, mlemmonmt@yahoo.com

June 4 – Reining – Fairgrounds Anderson Arena Contact Jess Woodring, cjdwoody3@yahoo.com

June 25 — PRE-FAIR – Fairgrounds Anderson Arena Contact Sue Lemmon, mlemmonmt@yahoo.com

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FAIR news

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

***June 1st Deadlines

- Fair Entries are due June 1st**. A late fee is applied if after June 1st. All entries close on June 15th.
- horse lease agreements are due** to the 4-H office if you are leasing a horse from someone else a
- After June 1st, horses may not be ridden or trained by any persons other than the 4-H member and their immediate family.
- Assessments to move up levels must be scheduled and completed before the June 1st Fair entry deadline. Contact the horse committee to schedule an assessment.

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 Fair interviews in order to show.
- Project Books** - must be completed and *signed by a leader* through the level that 4-Hers are completing in, by the time of Fair interviews in order to show.
- Clinic Attendance requirements** - Check with your leaders about clinic attendance and requirements. PreFair will be the last eligible clinic before Fair.
- Alternate Horse Clinic requirement**– Each horse, including alternate or back-up horses must be ridden in at least one clinic before fair to be eligible to show.
- Stall posters**– Each member must make and display a Stall poster during fair that tells visitors about themselves and their horses. This year's theme is **"4-H Grows Here"**
- Project levels** – make sure that you know which levels you are enrolled in before you complete your project entries. The Horse Committee has placed 4-H members in their appropriate levels based on their Danish placings from last year's fair or assessments for the general English and Western projects. Check with your project leaders if you have questions about your current level in each project.

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.
- 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



Photography

We will not meet in the Month of May. Please keep working on your workbooks and we will meet in June. Any questions please contact Jolene 406-600-9939 or jmrandall99@gmail.com

Poultry

The poultry FLOCK will meet Thursday, May 12 at 6:30 pm at the Fairgrounds in Building 3. We will have a guest speaker, practice showmanship and work on record books. We may also have time for a couple poster presentations.

Please bring a bird, and your record book. Please remember to sign in and to sign a contract if you plan to have your birds at fair this summer. 4-H members are required to be at 3 club events in order to participate at fair.

Important: We can still take a couple more members to help at farm fair on May 10 & May 12. Please contact Leia Miller if you want to participate. It will count towards as one of your 3 club events.

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

Quilting

Here are the upcoming meeting dates.

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 meet Thursday, May 19 at 6:30 at the Fairgrounds. Please bring your rabbits for tattooing. Cost will be \$2/rabbit. We will also work on record books and cover information on rabbit breeding and taking care of baby rabbits. Any questions, please call Larry at 586-5791.

Robotics

Thank you to all robotics participants this year! We all made self-driving robotic cars successfully! Remember to come to the fair on Saturday afternoon to show off your robot!

Thanks to all those who helped at the Murdoch's Fundraiser in Four Corners on April 16th!

Keep your batteries charged for next year!

Gregg Switzer 581-0624

Sheep

2016 Sheep Project Workshops

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

Small Engines

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

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



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

State Archery Awards

A few of the archers who placed at State Competition.

Brody Ireland-Age 15-18 Unlimited 3D - 3rd place

Hailey Prester-Age 11-12 Limited 3D - 1st place,

Limited Target - 1st place, Primitive Target - 1st place

Gus Sartain-Age 9-10 Bow Hunter 3D -2nd place,

Bow Hunter Target 2nd place,

Check this website for more details on all archers.

<http://montana4h.org/#program:29>

Looking forward to next year!



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.

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

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.

Swine

Upcoming Workshops:

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. 6:30 p.m., Belgrade Middle School Cafeteria.

Monday, June 13th: Showmanship, our speaker will discuss the process of showing your project at the fair. 6:30 p.m. Location To Be Determined

Thursday, June 23rd: Show Preparation, Cleaning, Clipping & Fitting, learn how to present the best of your pigs. Loading your pigs for fair. 6:30 p.m. Location To Be Determined

Monday, July 11th: Getting Ready for the Fair. We will cover the 2016 Fair Schedule, the vet check and unloading process, wash rack schedule, and basically go over what to expect at the fair. 6:30 p.m., Location To Be Determined.

Fair Requirements:

Because the project is so large, we need to plan ahead. Please reply to the email sent, or if you did not see that email, please reply to lolsen@live.com with the following information:

How many pigs are you bringing to the fair? (each member can bring up to 2 animals, but some choose to bring one)

How many pigs do you plan to sell at the fair? (each member can sell up to 2 pigs, but some sell without going through market sale)

How many pigs do you plan on selling, but retaining to take to other shows? (some members take their animals on to State Fair, Montana Fair, or other shows).

This information helps us arrange pens, transport, and processing after the market sale. It's important for us to get accurate information to maintain relationships with the processors.

As always, please contact the committee if you have questions!

Merle Farrier, Lauri Olsen, Lee Nuss, Dave Kirschten, Jake Callantine, Shawn McGinley, Amber Sartain, Andrea Wass.

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 May 9 and 23 and 30 Mondays Jun 6 and 13

Thank you to all of those who helped at the dance at the Ridgeview Elementary School on April 23rd. Your service to the community helped kids learn how to swing in style!

Camp Cleanup June 4-5 Keep your schedules open for these days. Times will be announced at our next meeting.

Camp dates for Teen Leaders will be June 11-17 with preparation and actually camp. Make sure to complete your camp registration form and turn into office.



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