

**Leader Council Minutes** - none available at press time. Copies will be available in the office.

## Summer Camping Opportunities

There are lots of camping opportunities for 4-Hers and their families this year!

**Youth Trapper Camp - June 10th-12th.** The Annual Youth Trapper Camp sponsored by the Montana Trappers Association, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and Montana 4-H will be held June 10-12 in Beaver Creek Park south of Havre. The Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks offers a \$20.00 scholarship for the first 60 youth who send in their applications and YTC, Inc. provides for the additional applicants who request help prior to April 15. The campers attend classes on trapping methods, ethics regulations, fur handling, health and safety. To request an application, visit the following site: <http://www.montanatrappers.org/programs/ytc.htm>

**Montana Range Days - June 13-15, Deer Lodge, Montana:** The three-day event will be packed with fun, hands-on workshops for all ages. More details on the web site: <http://cartercd.org/MRD%20page%201.htm>

**Montana Natural Resources Youth Camp - July 17th-22nd, Missoula, Montana:** This is a wonderful opportunity to bring the kids outside where learning and recreation come together, to foster understanding and instill appreciation for the natural amenities of Montana that provide resources like clean water, wood products, recreational opportunities, and wildlife habitat. Link to the camp website: <http://www.mnryc.org> . **For more information please contact Martin Twer, MSU Extension Forestry (phone 406-243-2773 or email [martin.twer@cfc.umd.edu](mailto:martin.twer@cfc.umd.edu)).**

**Montana Youth Range Camp - June 27-July 1:** Campers age 12-18 will be introduced to 25 of Montana's important range plants-grasses, forbs, and shrubs-and will learn about the interaction of soils, water, plants, wildlife and livestock in the range. Please visit the Natural Resources and Conservation website at <http://dnrc.mt.gov/cardd/camps/default.asp> for more information and applications.

## Parkhaven Retirement Community Dog Show

April 16, 1-4 pm. Contestants and spectators wanted. For more information contact Leia Miller at 282-7488

## Notes from the Fairgrounds Meeting about Parking, RV/Camping, and More

Sue Shockley and members of the Gallatin County Fairgrounds (GCF) staff and Fair Board met with about 25 4-H parents, youth, and leaders on March 29th to discuss plans for the 2011 Fair. As many of you know, camping and parking will be different this year. There will be no driving allowed on the Fairgrounds from 10pm on Tuesday night through 5pm on Sunday evening (with very few exceptions such as emergencies and food vendor deliveries in the early morning). There are also fewer camping spots this year with electricity - but many camping spots available in the West Annex Parking Lot off Oak where you can bring a generator. That parking lot will not be open to the general public which will really help improve parking for 4-H families, vendors, and contestants. Official notes from this meeting are available for you to pick up at the 4-H Office if you are interested. And if you have any questions or further comments about the meeting, feel free to contact Danica at [djamison@montana.edu](mailto:djamison@montana.edu) or by calling 388-3213.

## State 4-H Horse Show Book Cover Art & Theme Contest

Attention all 4-H members. Help design the official 2011 State 4-H horse show book cover. Entries must be received in the Prairie County Extension Office postmarked no later than **May 13<sup>th</sup>**. Entries should include artwork and theme (*not artwork alone*). Please include a 4-H clover and the year 2011 in your design. Contestants must be 4-H members in the State of Montana, and all entries must have a parent's signature. The winner will be notified by phone after May 31<sup>st</sup>. The winning design will also be used on official State 4-H Show t-shirts and sweatshirts. There is no limit on entries per person. If you are interested please contact the 4-H office for the entry form.