

August 2011

Gallatin County 4-H Newsletter

Fair Congratulations!!!

Congratulations all ribbon winners and participants at the 2011 Gallatin County Fair. Because of the large number of entries, we are unable to include a list of all the winners in this newsletter. You can access the winners list on our website at: www.gallatinextension.com

SPECIAL THANK YOU- For your generous donation for Fair ribbon sponsorship:
**Northwestern Energy &
NW Farm Credit Services**

Attention All Kids Who Sold Animals at the Market Sale

4-H MEMBERS - PLEASE REMEMBER TO THANK YOUR BUYERS!!!! Before market sale checks will be issued, the 4-H office needs to know that you sent your buyer a THANK YOU. Stop by our office and show us your Thank You to get your name checked off the list. If you have already delivered a thank you, call us and let us know that. Any questions, call us at 388-3213.

Doney College Scholarship Available

The Frank and Vera Doney Scholarship was established in December 2005 and is available for distribution at the 4-H Awards Banquet each fall. Eligible applicants must have been a 2011 graduate, were enrolled in Gallatin County 4-H during the 2010-2011 year, and plan to study an agriculturally related major in higher education (including equine science and vet medicine). Interested 4-H members may apply for the \$500 award by filling out the scholarship application found on our website at gallatinextension.com or by calling 388-3213. The application is very straightforward and the deadline is September 30th. Get yours in soon! This scholarship is made possible through a generous donation by Ellis and Bette Doney, Robert and Kathy Doney, and Arleene Doney Wepler in memory of Frank and Vera Doney.

Cloverbud Day Camp - "Having a Grizzly Day"

24 Cloverbuds and Military Kids traveled to the Grizzly and Wolf Discovery Center in West Yellowstone. We started our morning by taking a school bus ride to West Yellowstone (we only had a few "are we there yet" questions). We then went on a guided tour of the Discovery Center and learned about why the animals are there and how they have adapted to a different environment and some of the emotions those animals display. One of the activities the kids participated in was to become different wolf packs and go on a search for food (no talking was allowed, only body signals could be used to find the hidden, pretend food). After our tour, it was lunch time (with real food). The kids all made their own sandwiches, had fruit, cheese, finger jello shaped like jelly beans and juice.



After lunch we made our way to the Visitor Center for activities. We talked about emotions and practiced making emotional faces in a mirror. Everyone was assigned an emotion and pictures were taken of the kids displaying those emotions. All the pictures were compiled into a memory book of the camp. Then we made a decorated mirror frame using a lot of glue and tissue paper. We also made fortune tellers and stress balls.

It was a long but fun day and we learned about some of the emotions and feelings that Military Kids experience while having a loved one in the Military and having a parent away from home.

We hope all Cloverbuds can join us next year for the Cloverbud Day Camp (new location next year).

Cloverbuds

Games, food, prizes....Come join us for an end of the year celebration. We will be meeting on September 19 at the Lewis & Clark Park (by the Fire Station) in Belgrade at 6:00 p.m. We will be providing dinner. Other events are still in the planning stages but it should be lots of fun. **Please RSVP by calling Cyndi at 388-3213 by September 14th so that we make sure there are enough hot dogs for everyone.**

CONTEST!!!

Gallatin County 4-H Flag Contest: Gallatin County 4-H does not have a county 4-H flag. We are looking for creative, appropriate flag designs that showcase what Gallatin County 4-H is all about. The flag must say "Gallatin County 4-H" and "Founded in 1920" on it. The flag will eventually be made 4 feet x 6 feet - as a horizontal flag. The designer of the winning flag design will win \$50 from the Unlimited Leaders Council. Any youth, parent, or volunteer may participate in the contest. Designs are due to the 4-H Office by September 30th, 2011. Keep in mind that if you are using the 4-H Emblem - there are strict rules about how it can be used - it must be shown in the vertical position only, in that exact shade of green with the four white "H's" on it, and nothing can alter its shape or layout. Your flag design should be in color, and be clearly labeled with your name and contact information on the back. You may use any media - paint, markers, crayons, colored pencils, or computer design programs, etc.

Gallatin County 4-H Newsletter Name Contest: We are looking to "spice" up our county 4-H newsletter and are looking for a newsletter name. Anyone may submit ideas and you can turn in as many newsletter name ideas as you wish. Make sure your name and contact information is included. Winner will receive a free 4-H Membership Enrollment. Newsletter Name ideas are due to the 4-H Office by September 30th.

Market Sale Thank You!!!

- All Buyers!
- The Auctioneers - Garth Isabell, Cory Vellinga, Scott Perkins & Sale Clerk Arlene Haugland for donating their services
- Dale Dykema for catering the BBQ dinner
- The Gallatin County Fairgrounds for the facilities and for their staff support
- Judges: Scott Nash (beef and sheep market and showmanship judge + swine market judge), Virginia Knerr (swine showmanship judge), Sonvje Ryen (goat judge), Sarah Olivo (rabbit judge), Beau McLain (poultry judge)
- The veterinarians for donating their animal vet checks at the beginning of the Fair
- Meat Processors
- Photographers
- Bill Brewster for photographing and writing about the Market Sale and other 4-H events
- Checkout volunteers & Sale Ring setup and ringmen volunteers
- 4-H Market Animal Project Leaders and 4-H Market Sale Committee Members and- 4-H Marketing Workshop Leaders
- Gallatin County Commissioners for supporting youth programs at the Gallatin County Fair

A special thank you to the following buyers who purchased animals and donated the meat to the Gallatin Valley Food Bank: Right Corp (Leslie Wright), Bridger Feeds (Marcia Anderson), Scan Services Corporation, 1st Interstate Bank, Copper Springs Ranch, and Bozeman Deaconess Hospital. Altogether, these buyers purchased 3,059 lbs of product (1 beef and 8 hogs), which is being processed and the meat will then be donated to the Food Bank!

Another special thank you to the 4-H Goat Project and their Project Leader Dan Holland for donating a goat to the market sale. The meat from the goat is being donated to the Food Bank and Amsterdam Meat Shop is donating the processing. Donations totaling more than \$2,600 were collected in "honor" of the goat to support the Gallatin County 4-H Foundation.

Pig Wrestling at the Summer Fair

Congratulations to the Manhattan Tater Gems Pig Wrestling Team, "The Big Bad Wolves". They won first place and put their pig in the barrel in 30 seconds. Members of the team were: Miles Miller, Cody Hess, Cory Hess and Kale Monnett.

Fair Feedback

We are still collecting your Fair Feedback forms. If you didn't get one, we have them in the office for you. OR, you can simply answer these questions and send your feedback to us either by mail or by email to djamison@montana.edu.

1. What is your name?
2. What projects did you participate in at the Fair?
3. What is your email address? (so we can reply to you if we need further clarification)
4. What went well?
5. Changes for next year?

Thank you for your feedback!!

**Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting
Mackenzie River Pizza
June 14, 2011**

The meeting was called to order at 6:29 p.m. by President Scott Francis. Following pledges to the flags, roll call was taken. Members present were: Scott Francis, Ginny Francis, Scarlett Wirtz, Laura Lee Harvey, Lola Brogger, Janelle Barber, Kathy Cheney, and Danica Jamison (ex-officio). Guest present was Sonja Berg.

Minutes: were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Laura Lee and Scarlett presented the Treasurers report using the new format. The report was approved with 2 negative balances and 2 outstanding checks to be investigated. Some additions and changes were suggested for the current reimbursement form, those changes were approved. Danica presented a bill to reimburse the County Extension office for the purchase of Fair wristbands. That bill will be paid from the Fair account.

Committee and Leader Reports:

- **Budget committee:** will meet again in September.
- **Policies and Procedures:** the final draft will be finished in September or October. The final policies and procedures will be finished by November 1.
- **Shooting Sports:** Teams will be headed out this summer to the NRA match, Junior Olympics, and the national shoot.
- **Market Sale Report:** Lola reported that the fair publications are being worked on and that there is a BBQ scheduled for the last day of fair.

Old Business:

- **Tax Exempt Status:** The council has decided that Option 2 will be the best option for our county. With this option, the Montana State 4-H Foundation will be responsible for filing 501c3 status for Gallatin County. Our county will pay the Foundation 1% of our total balance each year for this service.
- **2011 MT Leaders Forum:** Planning for Leaders Forum continues. A request for reimbursement for the deposit to secure Bucks T4 was submitted to Lewis and Clark County who is handling all the financials.
- **4-H Camp:** Camp details are being finalized. The nurse is in place. A lifeguard will be required for all water activities. 69 kids have signed up for camp as of this date, with several more expected to sign up. 22 scholarship requests were made. It was moved and seconded that \$800.00 would be taken out of camp profits for scholarships.
- **Prepaid debit card:** Janelle will look into Danica being able to get a P Card through MSU. In the mean time as fair approaches and there are more expenses, it was moved and seconded to increase the petty cash fund, for Danica to use as she needs.
- **Cotton candy machine:** Discussion will be tabled until the August meeting. Kathy will find previous use agreement established by the council.
- **ULC Computer Use Policy:** JoLynn will be using another office laptop.
- **Congress:** There will be 14 members and 2 chaperones attending Congress in July. 1 fashion review winner, 2 demonstration winners, 2 public speech winners and a Gavel Games team of 5. The registration for these attendees and 2 1/2 time chaperones will be paid in full. All other attendees will pay ½ of their registration costs. We will pay \$150.00 for a shared male chaperone. Funding for Congress will come from Member Development.
- **4-H Flag:** discussion about the flag will continue in August. Danica will price flags.
- **County 4-H logo, flag, and newsletter name:** tabled to August meeting.
- **Mid-month emails:** as we get closer to fair we will be seeing emails. Important information will be included!

New Business:

- **Fair:** A lot of help will be needed for fair! Set up, clean up, judges, judge orientation. Talk with the 4-H office for a list of volunteer projects. We will need daily pies and volunteer workers for the concessions stand.
- **Petty Cash increase:** A petty cash increase request was made during the discussion of the prepaid debit card for Danica. See above

Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

Kathy Cheney, Secretary

State 4-H Horse Show

Custer County is hosting the Montana 4-H Horse Show in Miles City on September 30 - October 2, 2011. Check out the information on the Custer County MSU Extension website at <http://www.msuextension.org/custer/>. If the above link doesn't go through, copy and paste the web address in your browser's address line. **Entries need to be postmarked by 9/9/11. No late entries will be accepted after 9/16/2011**

Shooting Sports Training

The next Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training will be held in Great Falls on September 9th and 10th. The deadline for registration is September 6th. We will be offering all disciplines if there is adequate interest. Leaders must be trained before they can serve as 4-H Shooting Sports key leaders in a county program. Assistants do not need training, but must work under a trained leader who is present and involved anytime shooting occurs.

The registration fee is \$60 for adults and \$25 for teen leaders (teens may only assist a 4-H shooting sports program if under the direct supervision of a trained and certified 4-H shooting sports adult leader of the same shooting discipline).

The training will begin at 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. on Friday night and continue from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. (Cowboy Shooting trainees are required to stay late on Saturday or into Sunday morning depending on class size). Educational materials are included. Lodging is on your own.

Contact the Extension Office if you are interested in attending this training.

Would You Like to Help at the Leadership Forum???

6th District Meeting to Finish Planning the Leadership Forum

We will be meeting on Wednesday, August 31st at 4:30pm at Wheat Montana in Three Forks. All are welcome to attend and help!

Auction Items Needed for Leadership Forum

Our county has been assigned with the task of organizing a silent auction to raise money for the Leadership Forum. Our goal is to raise \$1,000+. Please consider helping in one or more of the following ways:

1. Donating an item, service, basket of goodies
2. Soliciting donations from others
3. Helping plan how we are going to set up the silent auction (bidding cards, checkout process, arrangement of goods, etc.)

Volunteers Needed to help with the Leadership Forum

Gallatin County is one of the counties hosting the Leadership Forum and we will need a lot of volunteer help!

1. Going down early to help decorate
2. Silent auction (see other note)
3. Help teaching a Skill-a-thon station. We would love your help if you have expertise in one of the following areas: school enrichment, foods, videography, horse, and teen leadership.

If you would like to help, please contact Danica or JoLynn at the 4-H Office - 388-3213.

Grant Funds Available

Your Gallatin 4-H Foundation has funds available for 4-H purposes in Gallatin County. Grants may be awarded for member/leader training, new project development, existing project improvements, new club start up, community service projects, and much more. Applications are available in the Extension Office and on-line. The Quarterly deadlines are: September 30th, December 31st, March 31st, June 30th.

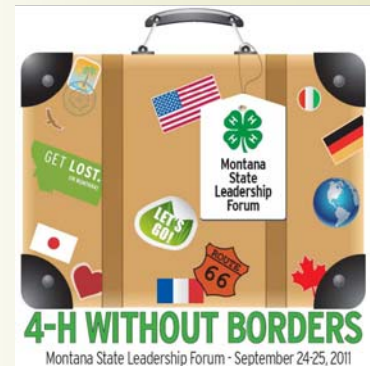
Hello Gallatin County 4-H volunteers, parents, adults, club/project leaders and teens!!! I hope you are thinking of joining a whole, huge group of us for the:

Montana 4-H Leadership Forum

September 23-24, 2011 Bucks T-4 Lodge, Big Sky MT

Join 4-H District 6 (our District - YES - WE are hosting!!!) for an event you don't want to miss! The early bird registration deadline (Aug. 24th for Gallatin County folks) is fast approaching for Montana 4-H Leadership Forum on September 23-24 at Bucks T-4 Lodge in Big Sky.

The event will feature keynote speaker Lois Olmstead from Livingston who will have you rolling with laughter and leave you inspired. You'll also take part of the celebration to kickoff the Montana 4-H Centennial, learn about new project areas, attend interactive workshops and network with others across the state.



Gallatin County 4-H Foundation and the Unlimited Leaders Council will be paying the total cost of your \$90 registration fee for the first 20 adults, volunteers, leaders, and teens from our county - if you register by August 24th. They are also paying \$55 toward your lodging costs (which, if you plan to share a room with another attendee - might mean you only will end up paying \$25 for this awesome weekend of workshops, fun activities, great food, AND lodging!)

Register by August 24th for a super duper reduced fee: The official early bird registration date used by state 4-H is August 26th (\$90 fee). After that, the fee increases to \$110. Special room rates have been set aside at Bucks T4 Lodge. After September 1st the room rates almost double so make reservations and register today! **But because our Leaders Council and Foundation here in Gallatin County really want to encourage and support you to attend the Forum, they are offering you the huge discounts I described above in bold IF you register by August 24th.**

Another great deal - For those of you who have never been to the 4-H Leaders Forum before: Through a grant from Monsanto, we are pleased to be able to offer scholarships for first time attendees to the Forum. The first 22 people to register, please complete the attached form and attendees will be reimbursed for the fees. Mail or bring it to the 4-H office in Belgrade, please. Please take advantage of this opportunity - this will help our county possibly send even more attendees with our county's huge discount.

Additionally, we are offering Leaders' College II in conjunction with Leadership Forum. It will be held on Friday before the Forum kicks off. Registration for Leaders College is due to Cody Stone by September 15th. We in Gallatin County would appreciate it if you could sign up for this sooner and give this registration form to the 4-H Office in Belgrade and we will mail it in to Cody for you.

Here's how you register:

1. As soon as possible (and before August 24th) - Go to www.montana4h.org and register online. (If you have trouble, call us at the office 388-3213 and we will register you online for you.)
2. Let our office know immediately after you have registered online, so we can pay for and mail your registration fee of \$90 for you.
3. Call Buck's T-4 Lodge at 800-822-4484 and reserve your room.
4. If you want to fill out the First Time Attendee form, they need to be signed by Danica, we have some of those available in our office. Stop by and fill one out.
5. Be sure to let us know if you signed up for Leaders College Level II.
6. Keep your room/lodging receipt. We will collect it from you before you leave on Sunday and will write checks to reimburse you \$55 of it the following Monday or Tuesday.

Note for Teens: You must have been enrolled in Gallatin County 4-H as a Member for a minimum of 1 4-H year in order to take advantage of the \$145 that the Gallatin County Unlimited Leaders Council and 4-H Foundation are giving to the 20 attendees toward registration (\$90) and lodging (up to \$55 will be reimbursed for lodging costs).

Important Record Book and Awards Information

Record Books:

MEMBERS: Your **record books and curriculum books** are due to your CLUB LEADER OR PROJECT LEADER for review. They will view them for completion and sign off on them and attach a gold seal. Record books can be turned into your leaders at anytime before September 30th. Don't forget to fill in your fair activities.

CLUB LEADERS & PROJECT LEADERS: Please review record books and curriculum books from your 4-H members and attach a gold seal (available at the office) if the record book is complete. If youth have completed an Awards Checklist, please turn it in with the 4-H member's record book, curriculum book and other award checklist materials to the office by September 30th.

Awards— What are some of the awards I can win?

Member Awards: Project Award Winner. 4-H members may apply for awards in all project areas they worked on throughout the past 4-H year by completing an Awards Checklist (www.gallatinextension.com) and turning it in with their completed record book and curriculum books—first to their 4-H Club or Project Leader and then to the 4-H office by September 30th.

What is the Project Award Application? - The project award application forms will be used for determining the project award winner. If you do not meet all the criteria listed but feel you are deserving of consideration of a project award, turn in the award form along with you record books.

Outstanding 4-H Club Member of the Year Award & Outstanding 4-H Member of the Year Award. 4-H Members may also apply for two special awards: 4-H Member of the Year and 4-H Club Member of the Year (each receive a monetary award of \$300) by completing the 4-H Achievement Journal also found on our website.

What is the Achievement Journal? - This journal will be a record of your involvement in 4-H and other organizations and activities. The journal will be used to determine the outstanding 4-H member/club member of the year awards based on a point system. We would like to encourage everyone to fill out the journal and submit it along with the completed record book to your club leader or project leader. The Journal will help you complete your record book, apply for scholarships based on your involvement and help you remember the fun times you had in 4-H.

Leader Awards: 4-H Leader of the Year, Outstanding 4-H Club Leader, Outstanding 4-H Project Leader, Outstanding 4-H Leaders Council Member Award, Outstanding 4-H Foundation Board Member, New Project Recognition Award, Outstanding 4-H Alumni Award, Partner In 4-H Award, Lifetime 4-H Achievement Award

Award nominations must be in the 4-H office on or before September 30th. The Recognition Committee will meet and make final decisions. All awards will be announced at the Awards Night banquet to be held in October. Watch for more information in next month's newsletter.

4-Health

Parents of preteen kids (ages 8-12) are welcome to participate in a new education and research project that provides healthy living information. Beginning this fall (2011), you and your family can help educators and scientists increase their understanding of: nutrition, physical activity, positive body image, effective parenting. The 4-Health program builds on the strengths of 4-H families to discover how these topics combine to improve the health of families. By participating in the 4-Health program you can help improve the health of your family, schools, and rural Montana communities.

4-Health Program will be Sept 2011 - May 2012: Parents can participate in the 4-Health education and research program. The program consists of ten interactive sessions and two assessment sessions. Participants will receive travel compensation, data collection session stipends, and a monetary award upon completion of the program. The first session will be on September 1st. Location TBD. Please contact Danica at the 4-H Office if you are interested - 388-3213.

By-Laws to be Amended

The Unlimited Leaders Council By-Laws will be amended at the September ULC meeting to include the following changes required by the IRS and MT 4-H:

Article: Compensation and Conflicts of Interest:

- All persons associated with this chartered group are volunteers.
- No adult or youth will use their position with 4-H or the knowledge gained from their position in 4-H for personal financial benefit.

Article: Whistleblowers Protection: To maintain the highest standards of conduct and ethics, the Gallatin County 4-H program will investigate any suspected fraudulent or dishonest use or misuse of resources. Any allegations of dishonesty will be handled with sensitivity, discretion and confidentiality to the extent allowed for by law. The 4-H organization will use its best efforts to protect whistleblowers against retaliation.

Article: Document retention and destruction: The following procedures for the retention and destruction of Records will be followed.

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| • Charter | permanent |
| • By-Laws | permanent |
| • EIN Paperwork | permanent |
| • 990 tax returns | 7 years |
| • Annual and Audits | 7years |
| • Bank Records | 3 years |
| • Donor Records and Acknowledgement Letters | 3 years |
| • Grant paperwork | 3 years after completion |
| • Minutes | 3 years |
| • Correspondence | 3 years |
| • Yearly Program Plans | 3 years |

Copies of all permanent records will be kept on file at the local Extension office. The Extension offices in collaboration with organizational leaders are the designated persons to identify the records that have met their required retention time and will oversee the destruction. All destruction will be by shredding.

All are invited to attend the September ULC meeting for a discussion of these changes.

Teens - Counselors' Camp Review Meeting

Tentatively scheduled for Monday, September 12th at 6:00pm for a potluck dinner. Location TBD. Teen Counselors - please let Jessianne or Danica know whether this meeting day/time will work for you or not - email either Jessianne at cow0girl@bridgeband.com or Danica at djamison@montana.edu. We can change this if most of you can't make it.

2011 NILE Merit Heifer Program

The purpose of the project is to help youth get a start in the beef cattle business by awarding heifer calves to project participants chosen on the basis of merit, need, future goals and ability to care for the animal. Any youth ages 13-17 (as of September 15, 2011), who is a 4-H or FFA member may enter. Entries are not limited to Montana. Entries will be made in the form of an application, (think of this as applying for a live animal scholarship) with a deadline of September 15, 2011. Project participants will be selected by October 1, 2011, will be recognized at the NILE Stock Show October 19-22, 2011. Enrollment forms can be found at www.meritheifer.com. Entry deadline is September 15, 2011.



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Danica is Out of the Office from Aug 16-24

Danica will be out of the office for two work-related trips from August 16th through August 24th. She will not have access to the internet/email or her work cell phone. If you have a question, please call the 4-H Office at 388-3213. Thank you!

Market Sale Committee Meeting - Aug 30th

Many, many thanks to the hard work of the Market Sale Committee Members for a successful Market Sale! Next meeting will be on Tuesday, Aug 30th at 5:30pm at Mackenzie River Pizza, Belgrade to review this year's Market Sale, the finances, and wrap up other Fair/Sale related details.

Anyone who would like to propose changes for the 2012 Market Sale may do so in writing at the September and October meetings. All 4-H volunteers/Leaders and 4-H Members "in good standing" may vote on these changes at the November Market Sale Committee meeting if they also attended the September and/or October meetings to participate in the discussions about the proposed changes. If you have any questions about this procedure, please call the 4-H Office at 388-3213.

Your Help is Needed - Wanted Leaders Council and Committee Members

As we approach a new 4-H year, we are in need of your assistance. Can you spare a few hours in the evening once a month? The Leaders Council meets on the second Tuesday of the month at 6:30 at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. We are looking to fulfill some vacancies on our Councils and Committees. **We are looking for 4-H Leaders Council members (adults and teens).** If you are interested and would like to be a part of helping these councils and committees for the betterment of 4-H, please consider being on a council or committee. Contact the 4-H office at 388-3213 to let us know.