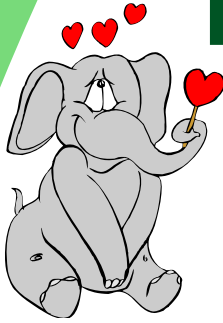




Gallatin County 4-H Leaflet

February 2012



UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 6	'Neet' Teens camp planning,
Feb 12	4-H Valentines Spa, Belgrade Middle School, 2:00pm-4:00pm
Feb 14	Leaders Council Mtg, Mackenzie River Pizza, Belgrade
Feb 18-19	Wild West WinterFest, Gallatin County Fairgrounds
Feb 29	Dog Obedience/Dog Care, Montana Murray Kennels, 4:45
Mar 16-18	Rec Lab, Lewistown, MT
April 28	Animal Quality Assurance workshop
April 21	Demonstration Day — Belgrade Middle School
Jun 19-22	4-H Summer Camp
July 18-22	Gallatin County Fair, 4-H setup begins July 16th
Sep 28-29	State Leaders Forum — Billings
Sep 28-30	State 4-H Horse Show, Miles City

2012 Rec Lab “100 Years of Green”

2012 Rec Lab will be held at Lewistown on March 16-18th. Rec Lab provides an opportunity for youth and adults to enhance their leadership, communication and team building skills in an action packed, interactive setting. Rec Lab programming is designed to provide participants with tips and tricks for being a better club, camp and community leader. Members must be at least 13 years old as of October 2011. Registrations are now open and available on our website or in the Office. Financial assistance may be available upon request. If you have questions, please feel free to call us at 388-3213. Early Bird Registration Due Feb. 7, regular registration due Feb. 14

Beginning beekeeping workshop offered at MSU

Montana State University will present a beginning beekeeping workshop on Saturday, Feb. 25, 2012. New beekeepers, including youth, can learn how to get started, first year management strategies and integrated pest management of honeybee pests and diseases. Participants will also learn about honeybee biology and beekeeping equipment. The workshop runs from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and takes place at the Plant Bioscience Building room 108 on the MSU campus in Bozeman. The cost is \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 18 and under. Registration is due by Feb. 18 and is limited to 50 people. Send payment made out to Montana Agricultural Experiment Station along with your name, address and phone number to: David Baumbauer, Plant Growth Center, P.O. Box 172060, MSU, Bozeman, MT 59717. Workshop information is available at <http://ag.montana.edu/plantgrowth/> or contact David Baumbauer at (406) 994-2231 or beekeeping@montana.edu.



Teen Meeting: Monday, February 6, 2012, 6:30-8:15pm at the Belgrade Middle School Cafeteria. Camp planning meeting. Questions? Please contact Camp Co-Chairs Beker Cuelho at beker-cuelho@gmail.com or Megan Crawford at powderdog95@gmail.com or the 4-H Office, 388-3213.

Who Stole the Clover?

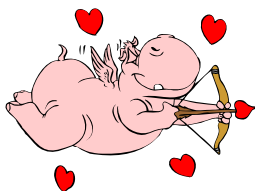
Come join us for a Mystery Dinner and help us find the 4-H Clover! Treat your family to a fun filled evening of dinner and entertainment! Fun food and mystery can be found at the Lindley Center, Friday, February 10 at 7pm! Tickets will be \$5.00 per person, or maximum of \$25.00 for a family. If possible, pre-purchase your tickets before the dinner through the Extension Office or Kathy 581-8763 dokainc@bresnan.net. This will help with planning the meal. See you February 10!!!

Unlimited Council Meeting

The next Unlimited Council meeting will be February 14 at 6:30 PM at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade. All are welcome to attend!

Public Presentation Day

Start practicing your demonstrations or speeches now. Get experience by giving your club a preview of your demonstration/speech. Demo Day will be held on April 21. Watch for more details.





Project Sign-up Deadlines

If you are in a Market Animal Project (Beef, Sheep, Swine, Goats, Rabbit, Poultry) you must be signed up for that project by the required animal possession date. Contact your project leader for those dates. Signing up after possession date? You will not be able to sell your animal at the Market Sale during Fair.

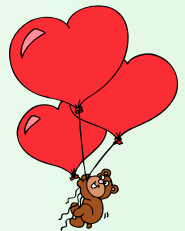
Before participating in any workshops or clinics, you must be enrolled in that project. Drop/Add deadline for non-market animal projects is **May 1st**. Signing up for a project after May 1st? You will not be able to participate in the Summer Fair.

Cloverbuds - Art You Creative?

Come join us as we get artsy and crafty and make puppets and other stuff. We will meet on Tuesday, February 21st at Belgrade Middle School at 6:30.

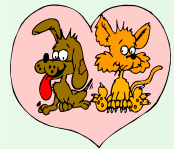
Future Cloverbud Meetings - Save the dates:

- March 28 - Theatre - Belgrade Middle School
- April 30 - Gardening - Belgrade Middle School
- May 31 - Food & Art (Edible Art) - Belgrade Middle School
- June - Farm Animals - Date to be determined
- July - No Meeting - See you at the Summer Fair
- August - Cloverbud Day Camp - more details to come



Dog Agility

Agility with Jeannie Biggers will begin on March 8th this year! This session will be held on Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. – 7 p.m. We are in an indoor coverall arena off of Harper Puckett Road. This barn does have a fee for use so there is a \$40 fee per participant for 8 weeks. Once the weather turns nice we will return to my backyard at no cost. We need a minimum of 4 participants to sign up! Please contact me before February 29th so I know we have enough to hold the class!!



For directions and more info you may visit www.bardotagility.com and click on 4-H Info. You may also contact me at jeannie@bardotagility.com or 580-8098.

Requirements for this class:

- Dogs must be 12 months or older
- Dog and participant must have already taken the 4-H obedience class, been a past 4-H agility participant, been to some other agility class, or be pre-approved to join.
- Dog must be able to be under the participants control while on a slip leash.

What to bring:

- Your dogs favorite toy or better yet their favorite treat and lots of them!! Cheese, hot dogs, etc. are great treats. If you bring hard treats please bring small ones.
- 3 poop bags! 1 for when your dog potties, another for when they decide they weren't quite done the first time, and the 3rd for your friend that forgot to bring poop bags!
- Warm clothes, hat, gloves, etc.... this is a barn and can get quite chilly.

Basic rules of the barn: Drive slow as you come into the owners place. Park along the barn on the south side. ALWAYS pick up after your dog. Dog must always be on leash.

If the temperature falls below 20 degrees, the class will be canceled. I look forward to seeing you all this year!!

Jeannie Biggers jeannie@bardotagility.com www.bardotagility.com (406) 580-8098

Agility with Anne Dixon: Tuesdays from 4:30-5:30pm at the Fairgrounds, Livestock Building #1. The training year will meet continuously until the 4H Fair Trial in July. We will not meet the week of Holidays, school breaks, or if the weather at noon is 10 degrees or colder. Bring your dog, LOTS AND LOTS (at least twice as much as you think you may need) of meat based treats, at least 3 poop bags and an attitude of fun and energy! Dogs need to be on leash when not working, on a flat (normal buckle) collar or in a crate. So, lets get ready to play with our dogs! Anne Dixon - The Dog Lady, themontanadoglady@gmail.com, 209-4997

Babysitting Project

Did you miss out on the last babysitting workshops? or just didn't get enough? We will be offering monthly meetings February through June/July. We will have guest speakers, great information, and hands-on fun all while making our way through your 4-H/Army Child & Youth Services Babysitting Course workbook. Here is the tentative schedule:

Date	Time	Location	Lesson	Contact
February 11	10-12am	486 Dan Rd	Intro and 1	Amber Sartain- 282-6065
February 25	10-12am	548 Dan Rd	2	Joanne Fowler - 282-7805
March 24	10-12 am	Amsterdam School	3	Codie Severson-282-7117
April 14	10-12am	7375 Thorpe Rd	4	Lisa Russell - 388-9422
May TBD	10-12am	TBD	5&6	Any of the above
June/July TBD		TBD	7, 8 & Graduation	



For any questions, including directions, contact any of the above volunteers. Please try and read ahead before each lesson and fill out any worksheets that you are able, so we will have more time for hands-on fun.

Clothing and Textiles

February 8 and 22, 5:30 - 8:30 pm, basement of Valley Bank, 98 N Broadway, Belgrade

Pick the project of your choice and use these meetings to work on it and receive help. There will be many more work meetings in the coming months to continue working on this project along with additional projects.



Remember to bring ALL of the following to EVERY work meeting: fabric suitable to project and skill level; extra fabric left from cutting out; pattern and instructions; sewing machine and necessary accessories (electric cord and foot pedal); extension cord; sewing tools including large headed straight pins, cloth tape measure, hem gauge, removable marking pen or pencil, sharp fabric scissors, and seam ripper; extra new sewing machine needles; 100% polyester thread to match project fabric, all notions (interfacing, zipper, buttons, elastic, etc) as listed on the back of the pattern envelope or project list.

Beginner members: do not pick any knit fabric (stretches in all directions) and no plaid or horizontal line prints. Mid-weight woven fabrics are the best choice to start with.

Help selecting a project and additional information can be obtained by contacting Janell Barber at seams_to_be@hotmail.com or by calling 539-1301.

Dog Obedience & Dog Care

We will be meeting on February 29th at 4:45 p.m., at the training facility. Or address is 27 Dollar Drive, just outside Belgrade. If you need directions or have questions regarding the class please call Ron at 388-4789. For our first meeting, **PLEASE DO NOT BRING YOUR DOG WITH YOU.** DO BRING the following, a copy of the dogs current vaccination's (I will keep a copy for myself so please make sure it is a copy), something to take notes with, and your sense of adventure! The dogs need to be current on Bordetella, Rabies, and DHLPP boosters. I encourage all parents to attend this first meeting, depending on how many participates we have we may be adding additional classes and we need to know what times will work best. I hope everyone is as excited as we are here at MMK. If any parents are interested in helping monitor the class please let Ron know as soon as possible.

Gardening

The first meeting of the year for the gardening project will be Tuesday, February 7th in the basement of Valley Bank in Belgrade at 6:30 p.m.. Please bring an empty 2 or 3 liter pop bottle and we will make terrariums. I will provide the soil and plants. Please RSVP so I know how many plants to get. Think about your goals for the year as we will be making those. Do you need a gardening spot? I can get one in Manhattan and if you need one closer to you let me know and I'll see what I can work out. Call Brenda (284-6434) with any questions.

Horse

English/Western Clinic & Helmet Clinic

Please RSVP to gallatinvalley4horsecommittee@yahoo.com if you plan on attending the English & Western Clinics on Saturday February 4, 2012 at Circle L Arena - (First riders will start at 9am). Please indicate which clinic (or both) you will be participating in and your level in each class. If you are unsure of the level you are at please ask --- and we can clarify for you! If you are not signed up for that project at the 4H Extension office you will be required to do so prior to the clinic.

If you have NOT taken a helmet clinic it will be offered at 12pm on Feb 4th, you can sign up for the clinic and will be scheduled to ride in the afternoon after the helmet clinic. Please indicate if you need to take this when you respond.

The cost is \$10/per person for the day. Helmets are required.

Please note that everyone must attend 3 clinics in for each class you plan on competing in this summer at the Gallatin County Fair --- there will be NO exceptions made so make sure you get your clinics in. You are also required to use any and all horses at least once at a clinic prior to fair. If you have a time preference please indicate as well and we will try our best to accommodate you. The clinic will be held in the same format as the last one with a brief in between classes to change out your tack.

Colt to Maturity or Green Horse Project: Saturday Feb. 4th from 3:30pm-5:30pm. at the Circle L Arena following the English/Western Clinic. Cost is \$10 per person. RSVP to gallatinvalley4horsecommittee@yahoo.com by Feb 2nd, Please remember 3 clinics are required for fair participation in these projects. **What you need to bring:** Colt or Green Horse, flag if you have one, notebook with 5 goals for the year, rope halter if you have one, tack, Project Books.

To participate in C2M you must have a green horse and be at a Level 4 and up . C2M first year has to be yearling. Green horse can be any age just never touched before. Please make sure you are registered in either the Colt to Maturity or Green Horse Project at the extension office. Questions about the clinic should be directed to Jess Woodring by email at cjdwoody3@yahoo.com or call [406-580-6707](tel:406-580-6707)

Ranch Horse Clinic: The next Ranch Horse Clinic will be Sunday Feb. 5th at the Circle L Arena. It will be split into a morning and afternoon session. Class size is limited so sign-up ASAP - you must be registered in the Ranch Horse project to attend. These spots are on a first come - first served basis. No shows will pay for the clinic regardless; as per the Horse Committee rules. As the clinics fill, it is rude to reserve a spot, not show up , and then leave someone who wanted to attend sitting at home. If you have to cancel a 24 hour minimum notice is required. That way other people on the stand by list can fill your spot.

A. The morning session - 8:30am - 12pm -- cost \$10 -- will consist of groundwork practice as close to real life situations! No need for a horse for this session. Just your rope. This session will be done in a similar fashion as the first clinic, but with more advanced situations. All kids welcome. Class limit 30.

Lunch Break 12-12:30

B. The afternoon session --- cost additional \$5 -- 12:30pm - 4pm Kids who can control their horses, neck rein, have the horse gentle with the rope around it, and have mastered a smooth swing. Will consist of pulling from the horn, dallying, running rope, practice from your horse, throwing break-away shot at live cattle. . If you don't fit this profile.... KEEP PRACTICING....AT HOME. Don't show up ONLY at these clinics to practice. Class limit 15 and you must attend the morning session to be considered for the afternoon session.

Remember this is ranch roping. Know and practice the difference between this and other "sporting events" using cattle. Ranch roping is not a speed event!!! This type of roping requires a skill set that requires practice.

Reply to gallatinvalley4horsecommittee@yahoo.com make sure to note if you are interested in attending session B - this sessions attendance is by horse and rider pre-approval only. A confirmation list will be sent out the a few days prior to the clinic so you are aware ahead of time if you need to trailer a horse or not.

Any questions about the clinic can be directed to Scott Schuster at ranchroper713@gmail.com

Horse Packing: Sunday February 5th, Circle L Arena, 11:30ish-12:30: Introduction to the 4-H Horse Packing Project

Immediately following the morning session of the working ranch horse project, 4-H members and parents are welcome to attend this 45 minute +/- introduction to the Gallatin County 4-H Horse Packing Program. It will be a 30 minute presentation (while you eat your lunch) regarding the objectives of the program and project outline with time at the end for questions. Questions and discussions are encouraged regarding what 4-H members desire to learn from the program and how we can fit each 4-H member's goals into the program. Since the program has not been offered in Gallatin County for several years members will start learning level one skills an accelerated option for any advanced 4-H kids that have some experience packing and/or the horsemanship skills will allow kids to select more advanced Horse Packing Projects.

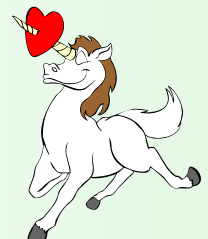
12:30-2:30 – Hands-on Exhibit to the 4-H Horse Packing Clinic

The early afternoon session will consist of an introduction to the basic equipment used for horse packing. No horses or equipment by 4-H members will be needed. The project leader will bring all the equipment necessary for the exhibit. The session will focus on allowing 4-H members the opportunity to get some hands-on experience with the basic equipment, discussions regarding why members may want to transport equipment on their horses and/or mules and how the packing equipment is used to carry different loads. The goals for this session is to foster some interest of the 4-H members in the art and science of Horse Packing and for each member to leave this session with information to decide if they want to participate in the upcoming Horse Packing Clinics.

Please RSVP to gallatinvalley4horsecommittee@yahoo.com if you plan on attending so that enough materials can be brought to the sessions. **This is an introductory clinic so you do not have to be signed up for the project to attend.** There is no cost for this initial clinic. Please direct all questions to Greg Benjamin either via e-mail (gbenjamin@seaeng.com) or phone (580-9574)

Get your clinics in watch for updated emails for more clinics... they are a requirement to participate in Fair!

Saturday, February 4 – English & Western & Helmet Clinic, Circle L, 9:00am-4:00pm
Saturday, February 4 – Colt to Maturity & Green Horse, Gallatin County Fairgrounds, 3:30pm-5:30pm
Sunday, February 5 – Ranch Horse & Packing Clinic, Circle L, 9:00am-4:00pm
Tuesday, February 7 – Horse Committee Meeting, Bozeman, 6:00 pm
Sunday, February 19 – English & Western Clinic, Circle L, 9:00am-4:00pm
Sunday, March 4 – English & Western Clinic, Circle L, 9:00am-4:00pm
Tuesday, March 6 – Horse Committee Meeting, Bozeman, 6:00pm



Poultry Project

There will be two opportunities for Gallatin County 4-H Members to learn "Poultry Showmanship" in February. All youth in the poultry project are encouraged to attend at least one of these two workshops. If you are new to the project, you may wish to attend both! Poultry Members may count either one of these workshops as one of the three workshops needed to attend Fair (but you cannot count attending both workshops as 2 of the 3 needed workshops for Fair.) ALSO: youth who are NOT in the poultry project, but who would like to become more comfortable showing poultry as practice for Round Robin, may attend these workshops as well!

The two workshops are being presented by two separate entities within our 4-H program. Please RSVP accordingly. If you have any questions, call the 4-H Office at 406.388.3213 or contact the workshop leaders directly. Thank you!

Poultry Showmanship Workshop on Feb. 2nd: The Rockin' Roosters & Racin' Rabbits 4-H Club will be conducting a county wide Poultry Showmanship Workshop. The Workshop will take place Thursday, February 02, 2012 from 6:00pm – 7:00pm in Exhibit Building 3 at the Fairgrounds and will count toward your required workshops to show at the Summer Fair. Please bring one bird with you to practice with. **The Club is asking anyone who would like to attend to RSVP with Kelley at cksrabbity@q.com or 599-1454 so that we can have enough materials on hand.** Hope to see you there!

Poultry Showmanship Workshop on Feb 9th: POULTRY FLOCK: Please join 'our flock' each second Thursday of the month.

The Gallatin County 4-H Poultry Committee will be conducting a county wide Poultry Showmanship Workshop on Thursday, **February 9th at 6:30 p.m.** We will meet again at the fairgrounds in Building 2. You are welcome to bring one bird (preferably your showmanship bird) and there will once again be extras for young people who do not have birds. This month we will be working on **"Preparing for Poultry Showmanship" for Wild West Winterfest and this is an excellent opportunity for new 4-H kids to practice their skills in preparation for next summer's fair. We also will choose topics and organize the poster presentations for later this spring.**

Parents, we will plan for the bake sale at WWWW and will discuss another upcoming fundraiser. We will also be discussing criteria needing to be fulfilled in order to participate in the 4-H fair next July.

February 18-19, 2012: Wild West Winter Fest 'Sweetheart Fur and Feather Show'

Planning is underway for March....., when, besides the regular poultry project meeting where we will discuss **"Raising Healthy Chicks"**, we will participate in **'Chick Days'** at Murdochs as well as taking a field trip to learn **"How Dinosaurs are Related to the Humble Chicken"** at the Museum of the Rockies.

Any questions please call Shawna 580-7819, Lisa 388-9422, or Valerie 548-2842.



Rabbit Project

For our February 2nd meeting, we will meet at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds in Exhibit Building 3 from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. **Please remember to bring your Record Books (orange sheets) and Project Books (What's Hopping? – Level 1; Making Tracks – Level 2; Leaps and Bounds – Level 3) to each meeting.** All future meeting will be on the first Thursday of each month at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds. In the winter months, we will meet in Exhibit Building 3, and when the weather turns nice again, we will meet in the Rabbit & Poultry Barn.

Contact Information:

Meeting Questions:	Kelley	599-1454 or cksrabbity@q.com
Animal Health Issues:	Kelley	599-1454 or cksrabbity@q.com , Rae 285-4566
Level 1:	Kelley & Sarah	599-1454 or cksrabbity@q.com , Rae 285-4566, Nicole 581-2223
	Dave	581-2110, Katy 285-3732
Level 2 & Level 3:	Kelley & Sarah	599-1454 or cksrabbity@q.com

Rabbit Workshop Schedule:

02/02/2012	Bring Rabbits (one rabbit per member)
	Handling & Showing pg. 8/Parts are Parts pg. 9 (Level 1)
	Assist with Handling & Showing/Parts are Parts (Level 2)
	Fill out Sweetheart Fur & Feathers Show Forms & Pay for Show Entries (All Levels)
02/18/2012	Sweetheart Fur & Feathers Rabbit & Poultry Show





Robotics

First year robotics. We will meet at the Belgrade Middle School Cafeteria from 6:30-8:00 on February 16, March 1. Both 1st year and 2nd year will meet together on March 29th, April 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th.

Second year robotics. We will meet at the Belgrade Middle School from 6:30-8:00 on February 23, March 8. Both 1st year and 2nd year will meet together on March 29th, April 5th, 12th, 19th, and 26th.

For up-to-date progress of our robotics program and a copy of this schedule, please visit our robotics web site at www.gallatin4Hrobotics.org

Sheep Project News:

Are you interested in the Market Lamb Project? Did you know that 4-H Market Lamb participants only own their animals for about 75 days and it costs about \$75 to feed out a lamb? Most of our workshops are on weekday nights. This year we will have approximately 6-8 different workshops to help you with project beginning in January. Interested...Call Lisa Surber (581-7772) for more information about the Market Lamb Project. Sheep project participants MUST attend 3 of the 6-8 scheduled workshops* in order to show at the fair.

*Substitutions (must be approved by the sheep committee):

- Participating in one Jackpot show will count as one workshop (Limit 1)
- Attending an out-of-county lamb sale will count as one workshop (Limit 1)



Shooting Sports

Airgun will only shoot the 5:00 pm Relay on Sunday, February 5, 2012. The schedule will continue the next week. With the Super Bowl this coming weekend, that is the reason for the 5:00 pm Relay for airgun for this weekend. All normal scheduled times are normal starting next week. Have a great day!!

Hunting Project, Manhattan High School, 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm

- Wednesday – February 1, 2012
- Wednesday – February 15, 2012
- Wednesday – March 7, 2012
- Wednesday – March 21, 2012
- Wednesday – April 4, 2012
- Wednesday – April 18, 2012

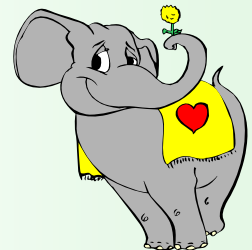
Shotgun Project, Manhattan Wildlife Association, Logan, MT, 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

- Sunday – March 11, 2012
- Sunday – March 18, 2012
- Sunday – March 25, 2012
- Sunday – April 15, 2012
- Sunday – April 22, 2012
- Sunday – April 29, 2012

For More information; contact Scott Francis @ 284-6843

Bitterroot 4-H Archers Invitational February 18, 2012

Entry Form—due February 10, 2012. You may shoot in an event, such as **Bare Bow** only once, but you may shoot in as many events as you wish or as time allows. Shooting times will be assigned in the order in which they are received. We are limited for space so shooting times will fill up. **For more entry form contact the Extension Office. For questions, please contact Maggie Weber at 406-369-2031 or email at magweb68@gmail.com**



C2M & Green Horse

- Meissner Reining Horses is putting on a reining schooling show at the Gallatin River Ranch Equestrian Center on February 11. This is a great opportunity to learn more about reining. You will have the chance to sit with a judge, hear the comments about what the judge is looking for and get a firsthand experience of what reining is. **If you are interested in attending, please call Jess at 580-6707.** Find Jess at the show and sit with a judge.

Swine Workshops

February 25: Carcass Evaluation, Meat Identification, and Cuts of Pork
Presented by Merle Farrier on Saturday, February 25, 10 a.m. at the Gallatin Gateway Community Center.

March 8: Swine Breeds, Animal Selection, Pens & More
Presented by Dale Dykema on Thursday, March 8, 6:30 p.m. at Belgrade Middle School Cafeteria.

March 26: Types of Feed, Feeding, Cost of Food: Single Bags Vs. Pallets, & More
Presented by Garth Isbell on Monday, March 26, 6:30 p.m. at Belgrade Middle School Cafeteria.



Swine Project Guidelines:

- Members must attend at least 3 workshops before fair. Several workshops are scheduled between February 25 and fair, with varying days, so no exceptions will be made. AQA and Pig Pool will not be considered workshops.
- Animals must be in member's possession by April 19, the tagging deadline. According to fair rules, members must have their animals in their possession 90 days prior to the fair. Plan accordingly.
- Members must present a signed contract to the 4-H Office, or to a swine committee member by the tagging deadline, April 19.

Rockin' Roosters & Racin' Rabbits 4-H Club

We will meet February 2nd from 6:00 – 7:00pm in Exhibit Building 3 at the Fairgrounds. Our Club voted to host a county wide Poultry Showmanship Workshop this month, so we will not be holding our regular business meeting but we will be back to holding our regular business meetings in March. As a reminder, the Club will meet on the 1st Thursday of each month from 6:00pm – 7:00pm at the Fairgrounds. During the winter months we will meet in Exhibit Building 3, and when the weather turns nice again, we will meet in the Rabbit/Poultry Barn. If you have any questions, please contact Kelley or Sarah at cksrabbitry@q.com or 599-1454.

4-H International Programs

We are entering the time of year that we are looking for host families for our summer Inbound programs. The largest of these programs, of course, is the Japanese program and we need 34 host families. In addition to the Japan programs, there are opportunities for a few families to host delegates from Argentina and/or Finland. I am attaching the host family application forms here. They can be emailed or sent to me. Program dates:

Japan: July 22 - August 18

Argentina: July 9 – August 7

Finland: July 2 – July 30

Host family applications for Finland and Argentina are due February 15, 2012.



In addition to the summer youth programs, we also need host families for the IFYE program. These are 18+ youth primarily from European countries who would like to work on a farm or ranch in Montana. Hosting periods are about three weeks long and being mid-June. Finally, we have about four high school students coming to Montana next year through the Japanese organizations (LEX and Labo) as well as through the FLEX (Eurasian countries) program. These kids arrive late July to mid August and stay through the school year. See our website for application materials for IFYE and high school programs (www.montana4h.org).

The deadline for all hosting applications is April 1, 2012.

Please let Stephanie Davison, 4-H Center for Youth Development, know if you have questions. She can be reached at 994-3502.

Starter Flock Program

Are you interested in starting your own flock of sheep? The Montana Columbia Association is awarding a starter flock consisting of 4 ewes of various ages. If you are interested, please call Luanne Wallewein at 937-2775 or email her at wallywld@northerntel.net. This program is for youth ages 10-17.



Girls for a Change Conference

The 8th Annual Girls for a Change conference, “**100% Possible, Contents May Settle but Never for Less**”, will take place **Saturday February 25, 2012**. Any girl, grades 8-12, is invited to attend. The planning committee is thrilled to have President of Montana State University, Dr. Waded Cruzado as this year’s keynote speaker. Conference registration will be available in January and is \$20, with limited scholarships available. Questions? Call 406-587-3840 or visit www.allthrive.org.

The State 4-H Center for Youth Development is pleased to announce that the Shiloh Sharps Rifle Company has donated another \$2500 gift certificate for 2012 and raffle tickets are now available.

All county 4-H clubs, projects, councils, etc. interested in participating will receive 20% of the funds they obtain through their tickets sales. Tickets are \$20.00/ticket or 6 tickets for \$100. Some 4-H clubs made over \$400 last year. Only 1000 tickets will be sold in 2012, so contact me soon.

If interested, please contact Todd Kesner, Montana 4-H Associate Specialist for Ag and Nat. Resources, 994-6816.

The funds raised at the state level will help support the shooters representing Montana 4-H at the National Championships, subsidize our leader training workshops, and provide some funding for materials and supplies. Thank you for your great support last year and I hope your counties will benefit more on the local level this year. Please feel free to contact Todd with any questions or concerns.

Sweetheart Fur and Feathers Rabbit and Poultry Show

The Gallatin County 4-H **Poultry Flock project** and **Rabbit project** members are once again hosting the **Fur and Feathers** Show. The show is open to all youth across Montana. You do not have to be a 4-H member to be an exhibitor in the Rabbit **or** Poultry Show.

Would you like to try your hand at raising backyard poultry? Come visit the 4-H youth and leaders to have your questions answered Saturday AND Sunday. If these grade school kids can raise and show animals, maybe you could too! The variety of beautiful birds is amazing and you can get ideas for starting your own flock.

Have you ever wondered what you could possibly do to have fun with rabbits? If you have, please stop by the Sweetheart Fur & Feathers Rabbit Show on Saturday, February 18, 2012 to see what's hopping! Returning this year is our Non-Sanctioned Open Youth Rabbit Show with Pet Class, Showmanship, and the very popular Rabbit Derby. What if you don't have a rabbit and would love to experience the Rabbit Derby? You still can! The Gallatin County 4-H Rabbit members will have extra rabbits on hand so you can experience why this event is so much fun. So get those Racing Rabbits out for a chance to be crowned champion! New this year is the "You Be The Judge" 4-H Youth Judging Exhibition and will feature an education workshop with 4-H youth judging rabbits.

Entry forms are available on the Gallatin County Fairgrounds website at www.wildwestwinterfest.org and at the Gallatin County 4-H Website at www.gallatinextension.com.

Poultry questions should be addressed to Shawna Oostema (580-7891 or fclashawna@hotmail.com) Valerie Otto (548-2842 or planetvotto@yahoo.com) or Lisa Russell (388-9422 r4russells@yahoo.com).

Rabbit Show questions can be directed to Kelley Phipps at cksrabbitry@q.com or 599-1454 and Nicole Kirschten at ndpk137@gmail.com or 406-581-2223.

Murdoch's Discount Cards for the 2011-2012 4-H Year

The new 2011-2012 Murdoch's 4-H discount cards are now available at all Murdoch's locations. Murdoch's is asking members to stop by the store with their old cards to exchange for new ones. If members are new, lost their card or did not have a card previously, they can simply show their latest newsletter or other proof of membership to receive one. Any questions, please call the Extension Office at 388-3213

**Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting
Gallatin County Extension Office, Belgrade
January 10, 2012**

Meeting called to order at 6:50 pm by President Lola Brogger followed by pledges to the flags.

Roll call taken with the following members present: Lola Brogger, Amy McAuliffe, Scarlett Wirtz, Scott Francis, Cyndi Suhr, Leia Miller, Danica Jamison (ex-officio), and Janell Barber. Three guests present: Sonja Berg, Kristen Ebbert-Moore and Diana Griffing.

Minutes: Approved as printed in January newsletter. No correspondence.

Treasurer and Bookkeeper Reports: Approved as reported.

Committees and Leader reports:

- **Policies and Procedures** - Printed drafts were distributed for members to review and provide feedback.
- **Horse Committee** - No report
- **Shooting Sports Committee** - Multiple shoots throughout the next several months. Check the Leaflet monthly newsletter for dates.
- **Teen Leadership Program** - Camp planning is underway along with initial interviews for camp counselors began. Along with being a camp counselor, there are many upcoming opportunities for Teen Leadership training such as Rec Lab. Funding is available to encourage attendance.
- **Market Sale Committee** - No updates.
- **Bar J Wrangler Concert** - Very well attended. Just over 50 unsold tickets. Radio (9Country) and television (KBZK) ads were exceptional. They are willing to promote other 4-H events throughout the year. Allen Wilcox and Barry Francis had the top ticket referrals for sold tickets and will receive \$75 each. Motion was made and passed to allow Scott and Ginny to proceed with planning for January 5, 2013.

Old Business:

- **4-H Items stored at Gallatin County Fairgrounds** including ice cream machine – Information is being gathered about getting the Ice Cream machine working. A motion was passed to allow Lola and Janell to go through file cabinets to sort the contents accordingly with discretion to discard. Efforts will be made to save documents to be used in 4-H Centennial displays.
- **Council Members and Election of Officers (Vice-President)** – Motion was passed to add Kristen Ebbert-Moore to ULC. Kristen nominated to fill Vice-President position. Motion passed.

New Business:

- **Danica's maternity leave plan** – Danica gave a tentative maternity leave schedule.
- **Leader Training** – Lois Olmstead, January 16 at 6:00 pm with dinner
- **Youth Officer Training** – As many Treasurers and other Teen officers should attend January 30
- **4-H Valentines Spa** – February 12 for all youth ages 9 and up
- **Demonstration Day** – format and dates were discussed; committees and/or host clubs will need to be designated to help with organization, set-up and clean-up
- **Farm Fair** – May 8, 9, 10
- **Gallatin County 4-H Foundation requests** – reviewed and approved to be presented at the January 26 meeting. Members requesting funds should be present.

Other:

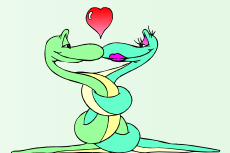
Fair theme – pending

Buck Brannaman Clinic – July 29—4-H members will be able to watch free of charge but must show proof as 4-H member

Next meeting is February 14, 2012 at 6:30 pm at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted by Janell Barber, Secretary





Open Horse Show

If you enjoyed horse showing and would like to do it again.... here is another local opportunity at Circle L. This is not 4H related, this is just forwarded information and something extra you can do if you enjoy showing. If you have any questions please contact the show manager: Maria Jerome, 455 Bluegrass Drive, Belgrade, MT 59714 or email lazy4paints@yahoo.com. Feb 18, Circle L arena, Open Horse Show

Montana 4-H Foundation Scholarships

The deadline for applications to be mailed to the State 4-H Foundation office is April 1st.

Note that there are three new 4-H scholarships:

- Anton and Helga Sunsted Pioneer Scholarship (*Ag-related major; financial need considered*)
- Montana 4-H Council Scholarship (*college or university undergraduate in good standing*)
- Cedric and Elfriede Maurer Memorial Scholarship (*community volunteerism; north central Montana preference*)



The new 4-H scholarship application form has minor changes. Applicants are encouraged to use the new form found at www.montana4h.org.

The new application for the Montana Association of Conservation Districts Scholarship is on the State 4-H website (Other 4-H Scholarships, Other Scholarship Opportunities). Note that the **application deadline is February 17th**.

WANTED:



Montana State University will celebrate its 30th International Street Food Bazaar with this year's gala event, set for 4-7 p.m. Saturday, Feb 18 in MSU's SUB Ballrooms. More than 25 countries will be represented at the fair. MSU international students will prepare native foods, which will be available for purchase in a market-like atmosphere. Food costs will range from \$1-\$3 a serving. Admission will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for students ages 10-18. For more information, contact the Extension Office.



Experience the Old West at the Wild West WinterFest with an 1840's Western Rendezvous Encampment with activities and demonstrations in the midway. Also The Montana Heritage Commission 1860's Living History with Historic Interpreters and interactive exhibits will be joining us in Exhibit Building 3. Look for: Storytelling, elk bugling, flint knapping, tanning, ax throwing, Dutch oven cooking, black powder shooting, quilt and rag rug demonstrations, dancing, mercantile, saloon and historic character portrayals.

Go to www.gallatincountyfair.com to learn more about the Wild West Winter Fest.

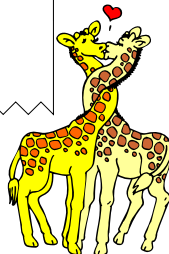


Attention 4-H Members: Design the official 2012 State 4-H Horse Show Book cover. Entries must be received in the Prairie County Extension Office post-marked no later than May 11th. Entries should include artwork and theme (not artwork alone). Please include a 4-H clover and the year 2012 in your design. For complete details, contact the



4-H Million Trees Project

This is a great time to celebrate the success of the 4-H Million Trees Project this past year. Since the project started in Spring, 2007, over 41,000 youth have planted more than 340,000 trees. For both veteran and new clubs, please think about planning a 4HMT tree planting event in 2012. Earth Day (April 22), Arbor Day (April 27), and Global Youth Service Day (April 20-22) are excellent target dates when 4-Hers can make a BIG impact. For more information contact the 4-H office.



Who Stole the Clover?



**Come join us for a Mystery Dinner
and help us find the 4-H Clover!**

Treat your family to a fun filled evening of dinner and entertainment! Fun food and mystery can be found at the Lindley Center, Friday, February 10 at 7pm!

Cost of the dinner will be \$5.00 per person, or a maximum of \$25.00 for a family. IF POSSIBLE, pre-purchase your dinner tickets at the 4-H office or call Kathy at 581-8763 or email dokainc@bresnan.net.

See you February 10!!!



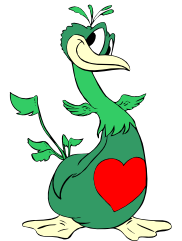
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4-H Staff Out of the Office

As most of you know, Danica Jamison our 4-H Agent is expecting her first child sometime in late February or the first part of March. She will be out of the office on maternity leave for 6 weeks after the baby is born and then return part-time for a couple more weeks. It will be likely that she will be out of the office during the months of March and April. Any questions that you have can be directed to the office. Call the office at 388-3213 or email gallatin1@montana.edu and Cyndi will either assist you or will be in contact with local agents that will help with various situations.

Cyndi will be out of the office during the week of spring break, March 12-16. There will be limited staff on hand to answer your questions. If you need assistance, please try to contact our office before March 12th or after March 16th.

Valentines Day Spa – *a positive body image event*

Join us on Sunday, February 12th, 2:00pm - 5:00pm at the Belgrade Middle School Cafeteria. All 4-H Members age 9-19 are invited to attend a Valentines Day Spa.

For a minimal fee of \$5 per participant, you will experience facials with cucumbers, foot soaks and scrumptious foot crèmes, hand treatments and fingernail decorating, shoulder and neck rubs, healthy stretching, delicious and nutritious fruit smoothies and other snacks, valentine-card-making (make one for yourself admiring all your wonderful attributes and make one for a friend!), and of course – chocolates!

RSVP SOOOOOON! We will have to limit the number of participants for this event. Please wear comfortable, loose clothing and bring: a dishpan (or other shallow pan) to soak your feet in. Also, please come with your fingernails and toenails "polish-ready" OR bring your own nail clippers with you. Call the 4-H Office at 388-3213.