



# Gallatin County 4-H L e a f l e t

January 2012

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Jan 2       | 4-H and Extension Office closed  |
| Jan 3       | Horse Committee, 6:00 pm at Jeff Green's office                                  |
| Jan 3       | Market Sale Committee, 5:30, Mackenzie River Pizza, Belg.                        |
| Jan 4       | Sheep Committee, 5:00 pm, Extension Office                                       |
| Jan 7       | Bar J Wrangler Concert, Willson Auditorium                                       |
| Jan 7       | Fundraising 4-H Horse Show, 9:00 am Circle L Arena                               |
| Jan 8       | English & Western Horse Clinic, 9 am, Circle L Arena                             |
| Jan 9       | Summer Camp Counselor Applications Due   |
| Jan 9       | 'Neet' Teens Council & Camp Counselor interview, 6:30 pm, Belgrade Middle School |
| Jan 16      | 4-H and Extension Office closed for Martin Luther King Day                       |
| Jan 16      | 4-H Leader & Volunteer training, 6:00pm, Belg Middle School                      |
| Jan 19      | Swine Committee meeting, 5:30 at Valley Bank of Belgrade                         |
| Jan 21      | Teen Camp Counselor interview and movie night 6-9:00 pm, 2304 N. 7th, Unit C4    |
| Jan 22      | Beef Weigh-in, Beef Producers Scale, north of Belgrade                           |
| Jan 24 & 26 | Market Sale Committee, 5:30, Mackenzie River Pizza, Belg.                        |
| Jan 24      | Babysitting Workshop, 6:30-8:30, Manhattan Library                               |
| Jan 26      | 4-H Foundation meeting, 6:30 at Mackenzie River Pizza                            |
| Jan 29      | Animal Quality Assurance, 2:00 pm, Gallatin County Fairgrounds                   |
| Jan 30      | 4-H Treasurer & Youth Officer training, 6:30, Belg Mid School                    |
| Feb 6       | 'Neet' Teens camp planning, 6:30, Belg Middle School                             |
| Feb 12      | 4-Health Valentines Spa, more info coming soon                                   |
| 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   |
| April       | Demonstration Day — TBA  |
| Jun 19-22   | 4-H Summer Camp  |
| July 18-22  | Gallatin County Fair, 4-H setup  |

## ??? It's a Mystery ???

Coming again in February! Don't miss it! Bring your sweetheart for a fine dinner and much mystery at the Valentine Mystery Dinner! Brought to you by Shining Mountaineers and Gateway Challengers 4-H Clubs. Details later.



## Quote to help celebrate our 4-H Centennial:

One hundred years from now,  
It won't matter what car I drove,  
What kind of house I lived in,  
How much I had in my bank account,  
Nor what my clothes looked like,  
But, the world may be a little better  
Because I was important in the life of a child.



~ Unknown

(Contributed to the 4-H newsletter by outgoing ULC President, Scott Francis)

## Training for all Gallatin County 4-H Leaders and Volunteers

All Gallatin County 4-H Volunteers and Leaders are strongly encouraged to attend a special night of training, dinner, and inspiration on Monday, January 16th, 2011 starting at 6:00pm at the Belgrade Middle School. Please RSVP by Friday, January 13th by calling the 4-H Office at 388-3213 or emailing Danica at [djameson@montana.edu](mailto:djameson@montana.edu)

- A wintery dinner menu of soup (several varieties – including gluten-free), salad, bread, and dessert will be served at no cost to participants.
- We are excited to welcome motivational speaker Lois Olmstead from Livingston, MT as our guest presenter. Lois was the hilariously entertaining and inspiring keynote speaker at the 4-H State Leadership Forum in Big Sky this past September. All the Leaders who saw her speak there wanted to bring her here to Gallatin County so the rest of you could hear her, too! (If you want even more time with Lois, she will be speaking at Park Haven Retirement Center in Manhattan earlier in the afternoon at 4:30pm.)
- Following Lois's presentation, we will provide 4-H updates and a training that will help you keep your 4-H Members excited and involved in your clubs and project groups. We hope to end the evening no later than 8:15pm. Please contact Danica if you have any questions. We hope you can make it!!!

## 4-H FOUNDATION ANNUAL MEETING

**JANUARY 26th at 6:30pm at Mackenzie River Pizza, Belgrade (back room).** Please come join us and find out how the Foundation helps support our youth, leaders and 4-H programs. All 4-H Members, Parents, and Volunteers are welcome to attend. We need 15 of you to attend so we can meet our quorum.



## Beef

**Mandatory market beef weigh-in will be held January 22, 2012** at 2:00 pm at the Beef Producers scale, north of Belgrade. We will also be having a beef workshop; the workshop will count as one of the required three workshops. Steers should be halter broke. If you need help, Lola Brogger has volunteered to help you. Contact Lola at 285-6730. Call Amber Bates at 282-7090 or Lola if you have any questions.

## Babysitting

**When:** Tuesday, Jan. 24, and Thursday Jan.26, 2012, 6:30-8:30pm

**Where:** Manhattan Community Library

**Who:** Everyone ages 11 and up.

These two workshops are a great way to work on the 4-H Babysitting Project. It is not too late to sign up for the 4-H Babysitting Project – just call the 4-H Office at 388-3213 to sign up for the project and RSVP for the workshops.

**Teacher, Caroline Dettle will help you learn how to:**

- Make a Mary Poppins style Magic Bag
- Make boo-boo bunnies
- Engage kids at their developmental level
- Keep kids safe
- Use appropriate Child Guidance techniques



## Cloverbuds - Lions & Tigers & Bears, Oh My!!!

Come join us as we explore the Wildlife Project. We will be learning about wildlife that can be found in Montana. We will learn about mountain LIONS and Grizzly BEARS, but no TIGERS. We will meet on January 31st at 6:30 at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds, Building #3.

## Dog Agility

Starting Tuesday, January 10, 2012 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](mailto:themontanadoglady@gmail.com), 209-4997

## Dog Obedience & Dog Care

Dog Obedience/Care classes are tentatively set to start on Wednesday, February 29th at 4:45 p.m. Classes will be held at Montana Murray Kennels, 27 Dollar Drive (formally the old Avis car rental shop) between Belgrade and Bozeman on the Frontage Road. Parents are encouraged to call Ron at 388-4789. Depending on how many kids we have signed up, we may add another date.

## Gardening

We are excited to introduce you to our new Gardening Project Leader – Brenda Townsend. Brenda is stepping back into a volunteer role after taking a break for a couple years. Welcome back Brenda, we appreciate having you join us again.

The first meeting for the gardening project has been moved to a later date, to be announced next month. If you have any questions, call Brenda at 284-6434 in the evenings.

## Horse

Horse Committee meetings will be held on the first TUESDAY of each month at 6pm at Jeff Green's office (from 19<sup>th</sup> Ave in Bozeman, turn directly west – across from the Law and Justice Center – onto Dickerson. 1940 Dickerson, Suite 207.)

It is required that you have 3 clinics (no exceptions) for any project you want to participate in at Fair, RSVP to [gallatinvalley4horsecommittee@yahoo.com](mailto:gallatinvalley4horsecommittee@yahoo.com)

### Upcoming Clinics:

Saturday, January 7, 2012, Horse Show, Circle Arena

Sunday, January 8, 2012, English & Western Clinic, Circle L, the cost is \$10/per person per clinic.

Saturday, February 4, 2012, English & Western Clinic, Circle L

Sunday, February 5, 2012, Ranch Horse Cow Sorting, Circle L

Tuesday, February 7, 2012, Horse Committee Meeting, Bozeman, 6:00 pm

Sunday, February 19, 2012, English & Western Clinic, Circle L

We want to invite all of you to the Horse Committee 2012 Horse show - **January 7, 2012 9: 00 AM**. This is the major fundraiser that helps support and pay for fair. Class entries are \$40 for the day - unlimited classes!

This is the major fundraiser that helps support and pay for fair. **Regardless of attendance as a participant in the show, each member of the Horse Project is asked to get at least one class sponsor for \$25 and/or a silent auction item.**

**This year we are offering a prize for the member that brings in the highest dollar amount of sponsorship money. You will get credit for the amount of the item that your silent auction item brings in. The prize is a gift card for 10% of the value of money you bring in!** Once you know your silent auction items or have class sponsor please let us know. If it is for the auction let Deb Gee know what it is and where it is from. If it is a class sponsor, how many classes did they sponsor and who sponsored it. Anyone who sponsors a class will have their name announced during the show, can setup a table, give us materials to hand out, and can hang a banner on the wall at the show. Vendor tables available for \$25 for the day.

Let's make this a better show than last year!! This horse show is open to anyone! So pass the information on to anyone you know that enjoys showing!

**Registration Due BY JANUARY 1, 2012** or \$5.00 LATE FEE. Registrations can be mailed to:

Deb Gee

P O Box 644

Gallatin Gateway MT 59730

For more information: Deb Gee (406)570-3387 - [paintedpony4916@yahoo.com](mailto:paintedpony4916@yahoo.com)

### Horse Assessments

**Due to the numerous concerns and questions about Assessing to the next level in the 4-H Horse Project, the Horse Committee (HC) collectively has tried to clarify some of these. If you still have questions, comments or concerns please let us know. Hope this helps!**

- If a Member received a blue Danish ribbon county level (fair) or blue ribbon at state level (equivalent to first place) s/he will move up one level. These are Horsemanship or Equitation classes in both English and/or Western.
- If a Member receives a High Point ribbon at county or state level they are automatically moved up a level.
- If a Member is new to a project and/or has special circumstances, s/he can ask for an Assessment Clinic.
- Assessments clinics will be scheduled - for those Members who want to assess up a level prior to fair, or for those who do not attend fair.
- An Assessment Team will be assigned by the Horse Committee to conduct Assessment Clinics as needed.
- If a Member feels they are not ready to advance they can request the HC to vote on it at their next meeting following the Member's attendance at a scheduled HC clinic. Once a decision has been made by a Member to stay in a level, it will not be reversed before the next 4-H year.
- Assessments consist of the assessor asking the Member to complete the mounted and/or dismounted skills defined in the Project Manual, answering questions covering material for that level, and a review of the Member's completed Project Curriculum Book and up-to-date Record Book.
- Project books must be up to date to be accepted to compete at the level you are assessed at, at the county level or state level. Example of expectations of books: if you are a level 4 you must have completed 100% level 3 and partially if not completely be thru level 4. The exception to this rule is level 1, you must have some work completed. Remember, in the case of a tie, your books are used for a tie breaker, so the further along you are the better.
- Members must have been assessed on the horse they bring to the fair. The horse that is taken to fair must be used at a minimum of 1 HC clinic prior to fair.
- There is only 1 level difference allowed between English and Western. For example if a member is a Level 1 in English and a Level 2 in Western and earns a high point ribbon in Western they will now be in level 2 English and Level 3 Western.



## Photography

Lets all go to Yellowstone! The Terraces at Mammoth are beautiful this time of year, with steam forming ice crystals that hang from the trees. It is amazing! Let's meet at the northwest corner of Wal-Mart parking lot on January 28, at 9am., and carpool together to Mammoth, just past Gardner. Bring lots of memory or film and a charged battery and extra batteries if possible. Bring the whole family and sack lunches. Wear proper winter clothing. Skis or snowshoes would be fun to have, but not required. It costs \$20 per car to get into the park. If the weather is too bad for travel we will still meet and photograph locally. I hope to see you all there. I will have some room in my vehicle. Call or email if you are interested in attending. Kathy 581-8763 [dokainc@bresnan.net](mailto:dokainc@bresnan.net) I will have another outdoor winter meeting in February for all of you that cannot attend this one.

## Quilting

If you have any questions or are interested in this project, please contact Sandra at [sandra.fieqi@gmail.com](mailto:sandra.fieqi@gmail.com) or 388-6906.

## Robotics

**First year robotics.** We will meet at the Belgrade Middle School Cafeteria from 6:30-8:00 on January 5, January 19, 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 January 12, January 26, 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](http://www.gallatin4Hrobotics.org)

## Poultry

Please join us on Thursday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Building 3 for your next poultry meeting. You are welcome to bring one bird (preferably your showmanship bird). We will be working on winter grooming and we will be talking about an upcoming fundraiser. We will also be discussing criteria needing to be fulfilled in order to participate in the 4-H fair next July. Additionally, information will be provided concerning showmanship and what the judge will ask of you. **The Jan and Feb meeting are very important to attend.** We will practice poultry showmanship at the Feb. meeting (February 9) in preparation for the Wild West Winter Fest Sweetheart Fur and Feather Show to be held February 18-19, 2012. Any questions please call Shawna 580-7891, Lisa 388-9422, or Valerie 548-2842.

## Sheep

Are you interested in the Market Lamb Project? Did you know that 4-H Market Lamb participants 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 Orientation - 6:30 PM on Jan 31, 2012 (Montana Wool Lab, MSU)

A workshop list will be distributed at the Orientation Meeting on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

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)

## Rabbits

For our January 5<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will meet at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds in Exhibit Building 3 from 7:00pm – 8:00pm. All future meetings 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. **Please remember to bring your Record Books (orange sheets) and Project Books (What's Hoppening? – Level 1; Making Tracks – Level 2; Leaps and Bounds – Level 3) to each meeting.**

### Contact Information:

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

### Rabbit Workshop Schedule:

01/05/2012 Bring Rabbits (one rabbit per member)  
 Caring for Rabbits pg. 14-15/Gear, Goods, & Gadgets pg. 16-17 (Level 1)  
 Administering Medicine pg. 20-21/Disease Detectives pg. 24-26 (Level 2)  
 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

## Swine Committee Meeting

January 19th, 5:30, Valley Bank of Belgrade meeting room. Everyone is welcome to attend.

## Shooting Sports

| Shooting Tournaments       |                            |   |                |
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| Date                       | Name                       | Location  | Contact        |
| December 11 - February 11  | Postal Match               | Yellowstone Gateway Sports & Big Sky Archery              | Bill Ott       |
| January 7-8, 2012          | Junior Olympics - Air & SB | Greenway Range & Yellowstone Gateway Sports               | Scarlett Wirtz |
| Saturday, January 14, 2012 | Dillon Match               | Dillon  | Jackie Sutton  |
| Saturday, January 21, 2012 | Helena Shoulder Match      | Helena, Registration due January 10th                     |                |
| Saturday, January 28, 2012 | Ennis 4-H Match            | Ennis   | Tanya Maninger |
| February 25 - 26, 2012     | NRA Air Sectionals         | Yellowstone Gateway Sports                                | Tom Everett    |
| March 2-4, 2012            | State 4-H Match            | Yellowstone Gtwy Sports & Big Sky Archery & Greenway Rang | Bill Ott       |

Contact the Extension Office for registration forms for the shooting tournaments.

### Questions: Contact the following leaders

**Archery** – Tanya Maninger – 660-1139, Terry Maninger – 660 – 1559, Kelley Phipps – 599 – 1454

**Air Rifle/Pistol** – Lee Nelson – 585-9097, Bill Ott – 209-2599, Scarlett Wirtz – 587-0575, Andy Dincau – 581-9271, Paul Lenegar - 282-6021

**Smallbore** – Tom Everett – 388-9076 or Scott Francis – 284-6843

**Shotgun & Hunting** – Scott Francis – 284-6843 The shotgun project will begin in March.

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

**Cowboy Action** – Todd Kesner – 994-6816



### Market Sale Committee Meetings

No MSC meeting in December. The next meetings will be: Tuesday, January 3rd at 5:30pm at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade and Tuesday, January 24th at 5:30pm at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade

At the November 29th MSC meeting, Members and Leaders present voted on various proposals for the 2011-2012 Fairbook Market Sale rules. If you are interested in the results, please contact the Extension Office. Additional recommendations were voted on, which the Market Sale Committee will discuss and decide upon at their January 3rd meeting. As always, all are welcome to attend MSC meetings.

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.

Only 1000 Tickets Sold

rifle RAFFLE 



Win a \$2500 gift certificate towards a **Shiloh Sharps Rifle**

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All proceeds go to Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Program 

Drawing will be held June 17, 2012 at the Quigley Shoot in Forsyth, MT  
You need not be present to Win!

**\$20 per ticket or 6 for \$100**

Questions...  
Contact Todd Kesner @ 406.994.6816

### 4-H & FFA KMON Judging Contest: Livestock, Meats, Crops, Sales and Service Contests January 20-21, 2012 at the Fairgrounds in Great Falls

Meats Contest: This will be the State contest for FFA & 4-H. 4-H team members must be 14 by October 1, 2012 to qualify as the state team and trip to Western Regional Roundup. Awards are trophies, plaques and \$100 to the top individual. Contact our office at 388-3213 for registration information. Registration due January 12th.

Friday Night Fun 4-H and FFA Dance January 20th, 2012, 9:00 pm-12:00 am at the Holiday Inn, 400 10th Ave. South, Great Falls. Admission \$4.00 per person. Sponsored by: KMON For more information contact the Extension Office.

### People Partner Grants

The purpose of this grant is to provide incentives and financial support to groups and individuals for programs that enhance the quality of living for people in their communities. This is the perfect opportunity for your club to apply for financial assistance for a community service project. Application deadline is February 1. Contact the Gallatin County Extension Office for an application.

### Awards from 4-H Award Night for Teen Leaders and Adult Volunteers

Awards (MT Centennial Gear) for Teen Leaders and Adult Volunteers are ready to be picked up at the 4-H Office. We are open M-F, 8am-12noon and 1-5pm.

## 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Applications Due January 9, 2012

All teens who are interested in being Counselors at the 4-H Summer Camp are encouraged to attend the 'Neet' Teens Council meeting on December 5th because 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Application forms will be distributed and explained at this meeting. You may also pick up application forms from the 4-H office or find them online at [www.gallatinextension.com](http://www.gallatinextension.com) after December 5th. The application forms will be due Monday, January 9th which will be the date of the January 'Neet' Teens meeting. If you have questions about being a Teen Counselor at the 4-H Summer Camp on June 19-22, 2012 (teens will need to be there 1-2 days earlier), please contact Camp Co-Chairs: Beker Cuelho at 406.600.2726 or [bekercuelho@gmail.com](mailto:bekercuelho@gmail.com) and Megan Crawford at 406.599.0747 or [powderdog95@gmail.com](mailto:powderdog95@gmail.com).

## 4-H Teens & 4-H Summer Camp Counselor Interviews

The 4-H 'Neet' Teens Council is meeting on Monday, January 9th at 6:30pm at the Belgrade Middle School Cafeteria. All teens 13+ are invited to attend. Plans for the 4-H Summer Camp will be discussed as well as upcoming teen events such as Rec Lab in March and Congress in July.

Applications for any teen interested in being a 4-H Summer Camp Counselor are due on or before January 9th. Applications can be picked up at the 4-H Office or downloaded from [www.gallatinextension.com](http://www.gallatinextension.com)

There are eight spots for teens to get interviewed for 4-H Summer Camp Counselor positions during the January 9th 'Neet' Teens meeting. Another set of 16 interviews will be conducted on Saturday, January 21st from 6:00pm-9:00pm. To schedule an interview to be a 4-H Summer Camp Counselor, please contact Jessianne Wright at [cow0girl@bridgeband.com](mailto:cow0girl@bridgeband.com). Teens are planning dinner and a movie night of fun during this time. Interviews are 15 minutes per teen. All teens are welcome to attend the Movie Night.

The 'Neet' Teens Movie Night (with Camp Counselor Interviews) on January 21st from 6-9pm, will be held at the "4-H Robotics Warehouse", which is located at: 2304 N. 7th, Unit C4, Bozeman, MT. Please enter in the corner door to the Equinox theater and we are straight down the hall. This is a slightly different location than last year. If you have any questions, please contact Danica at [djamison@montana.edu](mailto:djamison@montana.edu) or 388-3213 or Gregg at [greggswitzer@bridgeband.com](mailto:greggswitzer@bridgeband.com) or 581-0624.

## Girls for a Change Conference

The 8<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.allthrive.org).

## 2012 Ag Day Essay Contest

The Agriculture Council of America (ACA) is calling on 9th- to 12th-grade students to submit an original essay of 450 words or a two-minute video about the importance of agriculture. The theme - "American Agriculture: Feeding the Future, filling the Gaps" - presents an opportunity for students to address how the agriculture industry continues to feed a growing population. Entrants may choose to either write an essay or create a on how today's growers are overcoming challenges to provide a safe, stable food supply and sustain the significant role agriculture plays in everyday life. The national video essay Winner receives \$1,000. National written essay winner receives a \$1,000 and round-trip to Washington, D.C., to be recognized at the Celebration of Ag Dinner held at the Whitten Patio at the USDA March 8, 2012. Deadline - Entries must be received by: **February 1, 2012. Official rules are available from the web site – [www.hpj.com/agdayessay/](http://www.hpj.com/agdayessay/)**

**Montana 4-H Center for Youth Development – International Opportunities**

**Inbound** – 34 host families are needed for Japanese delegates arriving July 21, 2012. Additional host families are needed for year-long FLEX and Japanese high school program and IFYE delegates. If you are interested, contact Stephanie Davison at [sdavison@montana.edu](mailto:sdavison@montana.edu) or Beth Foster at [gbfoster-inmt@msn.net](mailto:gbfoster-inmt@msn.net). Applications are available on the State 4-H website, [www.montana4h.org](http://www.montana4h.org).

**Rockin' Roosters & Racin' Rabbits 4-H Club**

We will meet January 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 – 7:00pm in Exhibit Building 3 at the Fairgrounds. 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](mailto:cksrabbitry@q.com) or 599-1454.

**Thank you to all who donated to the Holiday Food Drive!**

The Rockin' Roosters & Racin' Rabbits 4-H Club would like to thank everyone who donated to the success of the Holiday Food Drive for the Gallatin County Food Bank. We were able to donate 65 pounds of food, totaling \$104.00 as estimated by the Food Bank. The Gallatin County Food Bank Warehouse Manager extended a heart-felt thank you to 4-H for giving back to their community and helping those in need!

**4-Health Valentines Spa – a positive body image event**

Sunday, February 12<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon (time and location TBD). Parents participating in a series of 4-Health classes came up with an exciting idea to help promote positive body image for pre-teens and teenagers. All 4-H Members age 9-19 are invited to attend a 4-Health Valentines Spa. Details are still getting worked out (and volunteers are needed), but here's what we would like to be able to offer for a minimal fee of \$5 per participant:

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!

In addition to parents willing to help out, we are looking for professional specialists to volunteer for the afternoon – educating participants on healthy, safe, and fun ways to be positive about one's body image. Willing to help? Or, know someone who might like to help? Please contact Danica at [djamison@montana.edu](mailto:djamison@montana.edu) or call 388-3213. Final details will be in the February newsletter.

RSVP SOOOOOON! We will have to limit the number of participants for this event. Call the 4-H Office at 388-3213.

**Mandatory Treasurers' Training and Youth Officer Training Meeting**

Monday, January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012 from 6:30pm-8:00pm at the Belgrade Middle School

Because of heightened oversight in all 4-H financial matters, Club Treasurers and one of their parents are required to receive training each year. If a Treasurer cannot attend, please contact the office to schedule a "make-up session".

We will be holding a training for ALL officers (Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries, Historians, etc.) on January 30<sup>th</sup> – but Treasurers and their parents will receive their special training separately. All officers are encouraged to attend – especially those who are holding their office for the first time. Experienced Teen Officers: Please consider attending as a "teacher"! If you are interested, please let Danica know at [djamison@montana.edu](mailto:djamison@montana.edu).

Dinner will not be provided, but we will offer participants healthy snacks in case it's difficult for your family to squeeze dinner in beforehand. Please RSVP by calling the 4-H Office at 388-3213.

## ANIMAL QUALITY ASSURANCE (AQA)

What is Animal Quality Assurance? – Would you like to have your name associated with an unhealthy animal that is not fit for people to eat? This program has been developed to promote Best Management Practices in the areas of herd health, livestock handling, facilities and nutrition in support of the ethical production of youth livestock projects. The program educates youth concerning their role in U.S. livestock production. Youth will learn how they fit into the food supply chain and the importance of providing a quality assured product. If you are planning to take an animal to the Livestock Market Sale at the County Fair, you must participate in the Animal Quality Assurance workshop once as a junior member (ages 9-13) and once as a senior member (ages 14-19). If you are new to this project, whether you are a junior member or a senior member, you must take AQA before you can participate in the livestock sale at the County Fair. The previous policy of taking the AQA workshop every two years no longer applies.

Two AQA workshops will be offered this year. One on Sunday, January 29th from 2:00pm-4:00pm at the Gallatin County Fairgrounds, Exhibit Building #4. The other one will be held on Saturday, April 28th from 1:00pm-3:00pm (location TBD). The January 29th AQA will cover animal health, injections, residues, and ethics and will be a repeat of the AQA workshops taught last year. The April 28th AQA will cover animal health, handling, pens and bedding, and ethics. Either AQA workshop will fulfill the requirement for those Members who need to take an AQA workshop this year. The January workshop is especially recommended for first time attendees however, and the April workshop will be more interesting to those who have already taken an AQA workshop in the past 2 or 3 years.

Please RSVP for the AQA workshops by calling the 4-H Office at 388-3213.

## 2012 MONTANAFAIR JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOW

The 2012 MontanaFair will be held in Billings in August 9-18, 2012. Any 4-H member wanting to enter a livestock animal must have that animal ear tagged in Billings on the following dates.

Beef Tagging – Saturday, February 4, 9:00 a.m. to noon at the PAYS arena  
Animal Quality Assurance Training – 10:00 – 11:30 a.m.

Sheep/Swine Tagging - Saturday, June 2, 8:00 am to 11:00 am at PAYS arena  
Animal Quality Assurance Training – 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Each exhibitor can tag three animals in each species. Animals must be tagged specifically for the MontanaFair. A market animal tagged for the MontanaFair can not be shown or sold at another 4-H or FFA Junior Livestock Show. Open shows do not pertain to this rule. Everyone will need to weigh his or her animal(s) at tagging time. A beginning weight is required for the Carcass Contest through the Ultrasound program. Steers do not need to be halter broke to be weighed. If the weather causes a problem for you to get to Billings on the tagging date or if you have questions, please contact Roni Baker at the Yellowstone County Extension Office (256-2828).

## 2012 Montana Winter Fair - A 65-Year Tradition

The Winter Fair will be held on January 27-29 in Lewistown at the Yogo Inn, Eagles' Hall, Lewistown Art Center, Brooks Market and the Fergus County Fairgrounds Pavilion. Montana Winter Fair is a state winter fair consisting of a livestock show, bull expo, youth livestock events, fiddlers contest, art swap and shop, youth educational events, commercial exhibits, farm forum, death by chocolate competition, photography, quilts, farm equipment displays, stock dog trials and clinic, cowboy church, and lots of great Central Montana scenery. 4-H members can enter the Heifer Pen Show, All Breeds Heifer Show, Livestock Judging, Beef Showmanship, Photography, Quilting and Knitting projects, and Food related entries. For more information go to [www.montanawinterfair.com](http://www.montanawinterfair.com).

## Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training

The next Montana 4-H Shooting Sports Leader Training will be held in Bozeman on January 13-14, 2012. The deadline for registration is January 9<sup>th</sup>. 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. Friday's dinner and lodging is on your own, but lunch is provided on Saturday as part of the registration. Educational materials are also included. [Watch for news of another training in Feb/March in Billings!](#) If interested in attending, please contact the Extension Office for registration forms.



## 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

## Wild West WinterFest - February 18-19, 2012

Many of you have asked – “What exactly IS the Wild West WinterFest?”. WinterFest offers opportunities for folks, young and old, to show off their special talents. Well, it's best if you go experience it in person, but here's a snapshot of what it's like.

At the Wild West WinterFest, there's a delicious chili cook-off, horse-drawn wagon rides, all breed horse sale, Battle of the Trail Horse, hockey tournaments, agricultural demonstrations, all kinds of dog events, a petting zoo, ski joring, working horse and driver contest, musical entertainment and much more! Our 4-H program sponsors the Sweetheart Fur and Feathers Rabbit and Poultry Show.

New this year! Experience the Old West 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](http://www.gallatincountyfair.com) to learn more about the Wild West Winter Fest.

## Sweetheart Fur and Feathers Rabbit and Poultry Show

The Gallatin County 4-H Rabbit members are once again hosting the Rabbit 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 Show. 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](http://www.wildwestwinterfest.org) and at the Gallatin County 4-H Website at [www.gallatinextension.com](http://www.gallatinextension.com). Rabbit Show questions can be directed to Kelley Phipps at [cksrabbitry@q.com](mailto:cksrabbitry@q.com) or 599-1454 and Nicole Kirschten at [ndpk137@gmail.com](mailto:ndpk137@gmail.com) or 406-581-2223.

Poultry events are similar and more information will be in the February newsletter

### Draft Schedule of Rabbit Events on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>:

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| 8:00am-9:00am  | Check-in at the Rabbit & Poultry Barn.  |
| 9:00am-12:30pm | Youth Rabbit Show in the Rabbit & Poultry Barn                                      |
| 1:30pm-2:30pm  | Rabbit Showmanship in the Rabbit & Poultry Barn (classes are by age)                |
| 3:00pm-4:00pm  | Rabbit Derby in the Sales Pavilion  |
| 4:30pm-6:00pm  | “You Be the Judge” 4-H Youth Rabbit Judging Exhibition in the Rabbit & Poultry Barn |

### Draft Schedule of Poultry Events on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup>:

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| 8:00am-9:00am | Coop-in for Poultry                      |
| 10:00am       | Poultry Breed Judging Begins             |
| 1:00pm        | Open Poultry Showmanship – Youth & Adult |
| 3:00pm-4:00pm | Open Poultry Show Award Session          |

2:00pm on Sunday, February 19<sup>th</sup> Poultry Show entries released for local exhibitors. **Schedule is NOT finalized and events may change. Check the 4-H and GCF websites and February 4-H newsletter for final schedules.**

## Sewing & Textiles

**Start your project...** January 6, 11, 25 and 31 and 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; 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 (underscores between "seams" and "to" and between "to" and "be") or by calling 539-1301.

### Gallatin 4-H Unlimited Leaders Council Meeting Mackenzie River Pizza, Belgrade December 13, 2011

Meeting called to order at 6:30 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, Danica Jamison (ex-officio), and Janell Barber. One guest present: Sonja Berg.

**Treasurer and Bookkeeper Reports:** Approved.

**Additional Discussion:** Approved Budget line item of donation to the State 4-H Foundation

**Notice:** Petty Cash—NEW policy—Extension Office can no longer use the petty cash to reimburse receipts. It is for making change only.

#### Committees and Leader reports:

- **Policies and Procedures** - Proposed final draft shown—additional information was requested to be added
- **Horse Committee** - Update given regarding the committee and their schedule—ULC encouraged a representative serve on ULC
- **Shooting Sports Committee** - With a lot of members enrolled, Gallatin County will be well represented at the upcoming competitions beginning mid-January.
- **Teen Leadership Program** - Report of recent activities given.
- **Ambassadors** - No report except that a Leader is needed.
- **Market Sale Committee** - Update provided of 3 recent meetings held and the outcomes.
- **4-Health** - Half way through
- **Bar J Wrangler Concert** - Ticket sales are going very well. Generous donations of advertising are showing up everywhere. Postcards have been sent to individuals who have previous purchased tickets.
- **Other** - REI request for gift wrapping attendants

#### Old Business:

- **Fair premium checks** have been sent to members and judges have been paid
- **Club Leader Information packets** have been sent out and are due December 20
- **4-H Items stored at Gallatin County Fairgrounds** including the Ice Cream machine. We will hold a day after the first of the year to finalize moving these items.
- **ULC Computer** - Policy revision to expand the usage to allow ULC officers doing ULC business to take it away from the Extension Office by checking it out.

#### New Business:

- **Election of Officers (Vice-President)** tabled until we have available ULC members. We need three more adults and four Teens.
- **Reimbursement Policy** and the writing and signing of checks were discussed. A procedure was established.
- **Leader Training** options and need were discussed. The decision was made to send a survey to Leaders to assess what is needed and the availability to attend.
- **Youth Officer Training** for Treasurers was discussed with the suggestion made to include members from the Teen Leadership program and Ambassadors to present part of the training.
- **4-H Vehicle** purchase options were discussed and tabled to continue after obtaining additional information.
- **4-H Information Night** evaluations were presented and discussed.

**Next meeting** is January 10, 2012 at 6:30 pm at Mackenzie River Pizza in Belgrade.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Janell Barber, Secretary



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## 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.

## Bar J Wranglers in Concert

Have you bought your tickets yet? Gallatin County 4-H is again hosting the Bar J Wranglers from Jackson Hole, Wyoming on Saturday, January 7, 2012 at the Willson Auditorium. The doors open at 6:00 pm and the show will begin at 7:00 pm. Reserved seating tickets are \$20.00 in advance or \$25.00 at the door. These tickets are available at Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply in Bozeman. General Admission are \$15.00 in advance or \$20.00 at the door and are available at Lee & Dad's IGA in Belgrade and at Murdoch's.

## Ushers Needed for the Concert

We are in need of adults and 6-8 kids to usher for the Bar J Wranglers concert on Saturday, January 7, 2012. The requirements are that the 4-H members must be 13 years of age and up. If you wish to have a seat, you will need to purchase a ticket. The required dress for the evening could be called formal western, much like a livestock judge, light shirt and dark pants with boots and hat optional. If you are interested in helping with this event, call the 4-H Office at 388-3213 to get your name on the list, first come - first served.

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