



# LAKE COUNTY 4-H NEWSLETTER

# APRIL 2010

## THIRD AND FINAL QUALITY ASSURANCE TRAINING

10:00—Noon, Saturday, April 17, 2010

Ronan Community Center

This is the final Quality Assurance Training that will be offered this year. A hot dog lunch will be served at noon.



### DROP/ADD DEADLINE

Don't forget!

May 3 is the final date for dropping and/or adding projects.  
Call the Extension Office if you have changes.

### DOG PROJECT MEETINGS SCHEDULED

Dog project meetings have been scheduled and will be held at the Lake County Community Center in Ronan. Meetings will be held on Thursdays, April 8, 15, 22 and 29 and will start at 6:00 p.m. Your dog must be vaccinated before the April 8th meeting. Bring your obedience equipment to this meeting (choke chain and leash).



If you have any questions about these meetings or about the dog project, contact Jan Thingelstad, dog project leader, at 676-5183 or Nori at 676-4271.

### MARKET LAMB & SWINE WEIGH-IN MAY 1ST

Market swine and lamb weigh-in is set for Saturday, May 1, from 9:00—noon at the Lake County Fairgrounds in Ronan. All members enrolled in market lamb and swine must have their project animal weighed by the Market Committee if they want to sell at the fair's auction. Anyone needing a market lamb can call the Extension Office for names of local growers.

### Sewing Project Calendar

4:00—6:30 p.m.

April 12, 13, 26 and 27

Extension Office, Ronan  
Talk to Michal Ann if the time doesn't work for you .

### 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. Call 937-2775 or email [wallywld@northerntel.net](mailto:wallywld@northerntel.net) This program is for youth ages 10-17.

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## MARKET LIVESTOCK PROJECT RULE REMINDER—PLEASE NOTE!

Market livestock members will notice an update on the Market Rules and Regulations for weight maximums at fair:

### #23

	<u>Minimum Wght</u>	<u>Maximum Weight</u>
Hogs	210	300
Lambs	100	165
Beef	1000	1450

### #24

All market livestock will be required to meet minimum and maximum limits to be in the sale. Livestock below the minimum or above the maximum weight limits will not be allowed to sell in the Lake County Fair auction.

## ATV SAFETY RESOURCE

Visit [www.4-h.org/atvsafety](http://www.4-h.org/atvsafety) for some great interactive tools and resources.

- e-learning courses—there are three free interactive e-learning courses for adults, teens and youth;
- Safety tips—coaching tips and advice for parents and guardians to assist youths' ongoing learning process and can learn the "Golden Rules" of ATV safety.
- ATV safety videos
- Games, mapping, discussion forums and much more!

**Be Safe While  
You Ride**

## 2010 Loon Lake Teen Camp Registration

**Teen Camp Dates:** June 15-18, 2010 (Tuesday-Friday)  
For youth 4-H Age 13-19 (4-H Age is age of youth on Oct. 1, 2009)

**Registration Deadline: Friday, May 21, 2010.**  
**Refunds until May 21, 2010**

**LOON LAKE 4-H CAMP** - Bigfork - 837-5770,  
**COST: \$95.00** for Campers

Registration forms, code of conduct, media release and medical releases for Teen Camp are available at the Extension Office.

## STATE HORSE SHOW BOOK COVER CONTEST

The Fergus/Petroleum County Horse Committee is hosting the 2010 State 4-H Horse Show in Lewistown on September 17-19. All 4-Hers are invited to participate in choosing the logo and theme for the 2010 show. Entries are due by May 7. A copy of the entry form is on the State Horse Show webpage at <http://www.tein.net/~msufergus/Statehorshow/index.htm>. Just follow the link to the form. This is a great opportunity for you to show off your creative and artistic skills!

### On Your Mark, Get Set... DRAW!

Are you ready to put your designing skills to the test? Well, here's your chance! This year the Lake County Ambassadors are asking for your help in designing a logo for sweatshirts and T-shirts to be offered for sale to all 4-H members, parents, and supporters in Lake County. The shirts (and YOUR design) will give each wearer an opportunity to promote 4-H in their communities and help raise money to support our members. So, here's what you need to do. Take a normal size of printing paper, draw your design, and send it to the Lake County Extension Office by April 23. The winner of this contest will be awarded a FREE sweatshirt or T-shirt with the winning design AND bragging rights as the official Lake County 4-H shirt logo designer!



But, before you get started, there are a few things you need to remember. First, you may want to limit your design to one color in order to simplify the printing process and help keep the cost of the shirts down. Also, if you want to include the 4-H Clover in your design, remember you can NOT draw anything over the top of your clover. You are free to draw around it, but we may need to play with it slightly until it meets USDA guidelines. The Ambassadors also reserve the right to create a design of their own or use an existing design if submitted designs do not meet specifications necessary for printing. But don't let that discourage you! Remember, you can't win if you don't enter, and all the designs entered will have an equal chance of winning!

Once you get started, if you have any questions about the contest or design guidelines, please call Nori at the Lake County Extension Office at 676-4271. Good luck!

## MISSOULA COUNTY 4-H LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

8:30 a.m., April 24, 2010 (lunch at noon)  
Ag Education Center near Big Sky High School  
Pre-registration due postmarked by Tuesday, April 20  
Cost: \$8.00 (includes all classes and lunch)

Registration forms are available at the Extension Office.

## SHEEP SHEARING DATE SET

10:00—noon  
Saturday, June 26, 2010  
Lake County Fairgrounds

Cost to be determined



## LAKE COUNTY 4-H COUNCIL

The next meeting of the Lake County 4-H Council will be held Tuesday, May 4th, at 6:00 p.m. in the kitchen at the Extension Office. All 4-H members and leaders are encouraged to attend Council meetings. Many decisions that affect what you do in 4-H are made at these meetings, and your opinion matters! Some of the items to be discussed at this meeting include Fair concessions work requirements and upcoming summer events. Hope to see you there!

## CONCESSION STAND MEETING



The next Concession Stand Committee meeting will be held Thursday, April 15th, at 5:30 p.m. in Nori's office. We need a representative from every club to attend. Please make sure your club rep is there!

## CLOVERBUD CAMP

Mark your calendars for Cloverbud Camp, June 11-13, at scenic Loon Lake 4-H Camp. This year the camp is open to all Montana counties. The youth camper must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.



Contact Nori for registration forms or if you would like more information.

## Road Clean Up



Now that spring has arrived, it is time to think about our annual 4-H Road Clean Up. The deadline for completing the clean up is May 9th.

Remember you must clean your road by the May 9th deadline to get a share of the contribution from Lake County Solid Waste.

Please call 676-4271 or email lake2@montana.edu to let us know the date you will be cleaning your road and when your club has completed the clean-up. Signs & vests are available at the Extension Office but you must call & reserve them.

Remember to take photos and submit your report to the Extension Office!

## COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

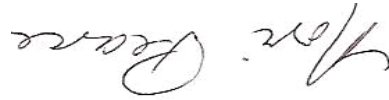
We have recently learned of an opportunity to provide community service for the Lake County Relay for Life. The item that they can use help with is the Survivor's Reception that occurs on Saturday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at



4:30. We would have the opportunity to offer the baked goods and appetizers for this. It would also consist of a few volunteers to set-up for the reception, monitor the food tables and then clean-up afterwards. The reception would last until about 6:30 or 7:00. They also have some opportunity to help with kids games, if we have enough interest. We are trying to establish if there is enough interest in our 4-H clubs that we would be able to fulfill the requirements for this event to be successful. This would not involve putting a team together to participate, just a couple of hours on Saturday, or a donation of baked goods, meat and cheese or fruit and veggie trays, warm appetizers. If there is enough interest, the warm appetizers would be prepared with a food workshop for members to participate in prior to the event.

If you are interested, please let the Extension Office know at 676-4271, or you can also contact Adele Vincent at 676-8229 or 883-8383. We need to know by the end of April if we have enough interest to carry this event off, so that we can let the organizers know one way or the other.

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