



SHOOTING SPORTS PRACTICES

Shotgun—Sundays, 3:00 p.m., Big Sky Sporting Clays Range
Air Rifle and Archery—Tuesdays, 6-8 p.m., Jeff Nelson’s warehouse, Polson
Air Rifle and Archery—Thursdays, 6-8 p.m., Leon Community Clubhouse



If you have questions or need directions, just give us a call at the Extension Office, 676-4271.

AWARDS & RECOGNITION PLANNING MEETING

Here’s your chance to have input in the awards and recognition process! A planning meeting has been scheduled and all are welcome to attend.

5:00—6:00 p.m.
Tuesday, February 15
Extension Office Meeting Room, Ronan

990 FILING DATE

990’s are to be filed by the 15th day of the 5th month after the fiscal year ends and that date for clubs is **FEBRUARY 15th**. The March 15 date previously stated is incorrect.

MARCH 4-H COUNCIL MEETING

The next 4H Council meeting will be held Tuesday, March 1st, at 6 pm in the Extension Office meeting room.

The Council meeting is a great way to keep up-to-date on what is happening in 4H! It’s also a great time to share ideas with other leaders and members. Please join us!

STEER WEIGH-IN HELD

Steer weigh-in was held January 8 with a total of 32 steers weighed. The lightest steer was 555 pounds and the heaviest 940 pounds. Average weight was 775.

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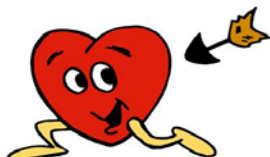
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BACK COUNTRY HORSEMEN FIELD DAY

Back County Horsemen are having a field day on Saturday, April 9, at the fairgrounds in Ronan. They will have Dutch oven cooking, leave no trace camping, horse safety and packing demonstrations. We were asked to get this in the 4-H newsletter for everyone but especially Packing, Wildlife, Cooking, Outdoor Activities and Horse project kids. Bonnie Kiser is probably the best contact and her phone number is 253-0177.



GRANT OPPORTUNITY

Blackfoot Telecommunications Group is once again offering its 4-H grant program to groups within its service area. To apply for a grant, your club needs to present detailed plans for the completion of a community or other worthwhile project. The Blackfoot Board has two preferences they consider when reviewing applications for funds: projects that benefit the entire community and projects in which the club also provides support either by cost sharing the expenses or by providing labor for the project.

Proposals need to be submitted to Mary Kelly at Blackfoot Telecommunications Group, 1221 North Russell Street, Missoula 59808 by April 22. If you have any questions, please call her at 406-541-5111.

JAPANESE YOUTH LOOKING FOR A HOME



Montana 4-H welcomes 34 Japanese delegates this summer from July 22-August 18. We are looking for families with kids ages 10-18 to host a Japanese youth. Families with no children or younger children may host an adult chaperone. This is a great opportunity to learn about another culture first-hand. Delegates come to experience life in a typical American family so planning special activities is not necessary. They also come with health insurance and their own spending money.

To apply to host, contact us or Beth Foster at 406-461-3014 (gbfosterinmt@msn.com) or Stephanie Davison at (406) 994-3502 (sdavison@montana.edu).

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 and the deadline to apply is July 15.

BIG SKY QUILT RETREAT

2011 is the year of the Big Sky Quilt Retreat in Billings, Montana. The retreat will be held March 9-12. One of the fun aspects of the retreat is the quilt show and within the quilt show there is a youth category. Of course, there are other categories if you, the leader or parent, would also like to enter! The \$5/\$10 entry fee has been waived for youth entrants.



To enter, go to www.bigskyquiltassociation.com and fill out the Quilt Show Entry Form. Once your completed entry is received, an entry number will be emailed back to you. If you have any questions, contact Tanith Daugherty at tanithjh@hotmail.com or 406-208-7755.



*4-H CAMP WILL ROCK YOUR WORLD
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**MULTI COUNTY CAMP
9 TO 12 YEAR OLDS**

JUNE 21-24, 2011

**COST OF CAMP IS \$120
YOU PAY \$60 AND COUNCIL WILL PAY \$60!**

**Applications available soon.
For more information, contact Nori at 676-4271
or npearce@montana.edu**

4-H CLUB NEWS



Trailblazers

The Trailblazers 4-H club meeting was called to order at 3:15 pm by President Madisen Wheeler. This month's meeting was held at the Stones' house. Hannah Vaughn led us in the 4-H pledge and Cassie Carlyle led us in the Pledge of Allegiance. Marisa resigned her position of secretary and Natalee was voted in as new secretary. Natalee did roll call with 8 members, 2 leaders and 3 parents present. Hannah read the treasurer's report that showed a balance of \$643.77.

Tracey explained the recorders' report and she led us in an educational game. Natalee read last meeting's minutes and they were corrected and approved. We talked about fundraisers and Benjamin Stone suggested we have a fancy dinner. Hannah suggested that we host a dance with refreshments. Also, the idea that we could sponsor a child in a foreign country came up. Mrs. Stone said that instead of having a fundraiser, maybe we could just do a dinner and/or fun thing for our club. She also explained that we could use our time to help the needy and that we didn't need to use our money. Benjamin motioned to table all fundraising talk to our next meeting and Brianna seconded it.

Club will have a party at the next meeting. Everyone will bring a treat and valentines to exchange. Decided to have a record/project book day on Feb. 2. Hannah talked about the council meeting and our club will be organizing the food and décor for the Achievement Dinner. Our club will also be making a picnic table.

Talked a little bit about guest speakers and demonstrations. Philip will talk to Lucas and a few other foreign exchange students about coming and speaking to our club. Marisa and Benjamin will do demonstrations. The next meeting will be held at the Carlyle's house on February 14 at 3:00 p.m.



ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

The Montana Association of Conservation Districts announces that two scholarships are available for high school seniors or students already in college.

There are two \$500 scholarships for Montana students.

Eligibility requirements include: US citizenship, Montana residency, minimum GPA of 3.0 and enrollment or plans to enroll in a course of study that allows students to explore natural resource issues.

Application deadline is Tuesday, February 15, 2011.

Application instructions may be seen at www.macdnet.org

NEW LEADER ORIENTATION



Orientation for new 4-H leaders in Lake County will be held February 16th. If you have just applied to become a leader for the first time and/or have not completed this orientation in the past, you must attend one of these two sessions to become a certified leader.

The session will begin at 6:00 p.m. at the Lake County Extension Office. There will be a light dinner for those attending. Please plan on two hours for the session.

If you know someone who is "just thinking" about becoming a 4-H leader, please invite them to attend one of these programs. It will answer many questions they might have about becoming a leader.

FOUNDATION LAMB & SILENT AUCTION

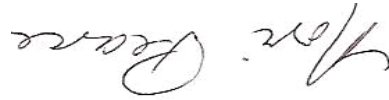
District 3 (Charlo) is responsible for the Foundation market lamb and District 2 (Ronan) is responsible for the silent auction at the 2011 Lake County Fair.

Anyone interested in providing and/or taking care of the Foundation lamb should contact Jack at the Extension Office. All silent auction items should be delivered to the Extension Office the week before fair.

DROP/ADD DEADLINE

The add/drop deadline for any 4-H project is May 1. If you would like to add or drop a project, you should fill out a form at the Extension Office before the deadline.

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